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A message from the President

On July 4, 2006 whilst many of my friends and family were celebrating Independence Day in America, I had the honour and privilege to dine with Dr Gordon Wright at Clare College's high table. Naturally, one could imagine that I had many questions about CUHAGS' past. Among them, I asked Gordon, "Am I the first lady president?" His response was swift, "No" as he looked up in the air, "I believe you are the fifth". I couldn't resist narrowing it down as I probed to be the first at something, "Surely then, I must be the first *American* lady president." He responded with a wry smile, "No, you are the second".

So I suppose that I'm simply another drop in the bucket, which coincidentally is more about heraldry and genealogy than I would confess to believe. Nevertheless, in Cambridge I am truly impressed at the inspiration and influence that this small city has had on America.

Witness the genealogy of Cambridge University: names, deeds, and the intelligence of people who have contributed to a rich tapestry of meaning and dedication between Great Britain and America. On the second floor of the Fitzwilliam Museum – a place we visited this term with a small group of CUHAGS Members – is a remarkably simple, yet beautiful marble sculpture of a man called John Horne Tooke (1736-1812). In the Museum, it's explained that Horne read law at Cambridge before taking holy orders, and received a curacy in Brentford. In 1782 he adopted the surname of his friend William Tooke. A radical reformer in politics, he founded the Constitutional Society, and favoured American Independence. The sculpture by Sir Francis Chantrey has been described as 'the busts of all busts', reminiscent of busts by Roubiliac, and is a stunning portrait of a man with a confident vision of the future.

It is in this spirit, for our Eve Logan speaker meeting, that we were visited by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The DAR Regent for the Walter Hines Page Chapter, Janet Nicholls, together with DAR member and Cambridge Alumna Molly Ker Hawn gave an enthusiastic talk about their history, the application process, and the daunting challenge of filing genealogical records of over 168,000 members. Of course, this is just a glimpse of what we've explored this term. I hope that you enjoy reading about this term's events as much as we have in trying to create them.

Sending all my very best wishes,

Monica L. Morrill



The President's Table at the St Nicholas' Feast

THE 2006 ST NICHOLAS' FEAST

On 2nd December, 2006, 42 members and guests sat down to an excellent Dinner in the Small Hall at Clare. The President, Monica Morrill, addressing the assembled company, expressed her personal appreciation for the level of support for the event. She said that it was a great pleasure to be able to welcome so many visitors from many countries: "There are some from Italy, the US, we even have someone from Wales with us tonight [laughter]. We've filled the room to full capacity and I'm pleased that we are able to dine in this rather intimate setting."

She then contrasted the British and American traditions in celebrating the Christmas Season. "You have the Goose we have the Turkey, although I was rather shocked to learn that the American culture creeping in with Thanksgiving. Last week I went to a Thanksgiving lunch in Cambridge where the British outnumbered the Americans! [laughter]. You have the Mulled Wine, we have the Egg Nog. For those who are not aware of this drink, it is an innocuous mixture of cream, rum, egg yolk, and nutmeg. One must dribble the rum slowly into the cream so that it doesn't curdle. You have the unusual Christmas pudding, traditionally served with silver coins, I must confess we don't have anything quite as interesting. Traditionally you opened gifts on Boxing day, we open gifts on Christmas Day, we could go on – but now back to CUHAGS.

As many of you might already know, the College of Arms has indicated that it is now appropriate for Armorial Bearings to be granted to CUHAGS. We've received the appropriate blessing from both the Junior Proctor and the Vice Chancellor's Office to move ahead. Several members have been generating draft shields and crests and we would welcome others to do the same. I must emphasise that CUHAGS cannot incur any expenditure on the grant but if several individuals choose voluntarily to donate funds to such a cause then this is in order. Thus far, thanks to several very generous donations I am pleased to announce that we've raised just over £5,000 in voluntary donations out of the necessary £8,000. As a personal appeal rather than a formal Presidential request, I would be happy to hear from you later tonight about any advice you might kindly offer [chuckling]. After all CUHAGS is about preserving tradition, preserving a culture and an identity. Heraldry can provide a symbol of that corporate identity, and also remind us of some of the real gems in our glorious heritage.

Most of all I think it is the love and association this time of year that reflects the celebration of St Nicholas tonight. And in the spirit of creating our OWN tradition, Berthold will be attempting to preserve a rather NEW tradition at CUHAGS by preparing the flaming punch for us this year." [applause]

Although Berthold Kress explained what would be happening, CUHAGS Member, d'Arcy Orders, wrote down his own personal record of the evening's events:-

Anyone passing through the Old Court of Clare at about 10.30 p.m. on 2nd December last would have been somewhat puzzled to notice a gentleman, resplendent in Tails, crouching over a simmering saucepan. That gentleman was Berthold Kress, a worthy member of CUHAGS, who had offered to introduce to those present at St Nicholas' Feast a custom of his native Germany, that of celebrating a special occasion by serving, after dinner, a liquid concoction the essential ingredients of which he had personally smuggled from Germany.

As the insurers of Clare's property are unhappy with members heating liquids in the Small Hall, the operation had to be conducted just below the steps outside the entrance. After describing the drink in German Berthold stated that the equivalent English would be "fire water in (what sounded like) a bowel". After laughter it was clear he had said "bowl!" the hearing of those dining having been seriously impaired by the rich food and fine wines.

The special drink was duly tasted by all, although those driving thought it prudent to limit their sample to a sip. However it did ensure that the evening concluded most satisfactorily.



CONFERENCE REPORT

Antti Matikkala

The 27th International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences held at St Andrews over the period 21–26 August 2006, was opened by its Patron, H.R.H. The Princess Royal, LG, LT, GCVO, in a splendid opening ceremony. Her Majesty's Scottish and English officers of arms (Clarenceux, Rouge Dragon, and Fitzalan) in their uniforms (only Lord Lyon in tabard), four Scottish private pursuivants and several heralds of other nations in their new purpose-made tabards provided spectacular heraldic pageantry when they processed through the Royal Burgh of St Andrews after the opening.



In the actual lecture programme several excellent papers highlighted various aspects of the congress theme ‘myth and propaganda in heraldry and genealogy’. Among the most interesting papers were ‘Penyston, Hatton, and three English Kings of Arms in search of quarterings’ by Clive Cheesman, Rouge Dragon; ‘Heralds, myths, and legends in 16th and 17th century England and Wales’ by Adrian Ailes; ‘Royal Propaganda: Snowdon Herald and the cult of chivalry in late Medieval Scotland’ by Dr Katie Stevenson; ‘Confirmation of Irish arms’ by Micheál Ó Comáin, Chief Herald of Ireland; and ‘Myth and fraud in peerage claims’ by Hugh Peskett.

The congress delegates also had the opportunity to view many fine examples of modern heraldic art in the heraldic artists’ workshop. Marco Foppoli, probably best known for his striking armorial bookplates (www.marcofoppoli.com), and Ronny Andersen, Danish Royal Herald Painter, deserve a special mention among the younger generation of heraldic artists.

Family history and heraldry fair offered a good opportunity to get some more weight to one’s luggage. In scholarly terms perhaps the weightiest ‘must buys’ were the

handsome and moderately priced volumes of the new Heraldry Society of Scotland armorial series: *Scots armorials from earliest times to the start of the eighteenth century or Aspilogia Scoticana* by Alex Maxwell Findlater; *The Dunvegan Armorial* (1582), edited by John and Eilean Malden; and *The Dublin Armorial of Scottish Nobility* (1592–3), edited by Leslie Hodgson. Clearly the Heraldry Society (of England) must do something drastic if it intends to keep up with pace of the Scottish industriousness!

The small, but informative and well-illustrated book, *Who do you think you are?: Heraldry and genealogy in modern Scotland*, edited by Gordon Casely and published by the Congress, accompanied the exhibition of the same name in St Andrews Museum. Besides various essays the book includes the exhibition catalogue. One of the highlights of the exhibition was undoubtedly the new crown of the Lord Lyon King of Arms – normally exhibited in Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh – which replaced in 2002 the English kings of arms’ crown, used by the Lord Lyons after the disappearance of the original in the early eighteenth century. Among other items of interest was the premature hatchment of Peter Drummond-Murray of Mastrick, Slains Pursuivant, who remains very much alive, but wants ‘just to be prepared’.

The non-academic programme included Edinburgh Military Tattoo (though otherwise a splendid spectacle, its proper military character was somewhat disconcerted by a Chinese Kung Fu martial arts group with their red flags and a gospel choir comprising of African orphans), another separate excursion to Edinburgh, whisky tasting, and Scottish country dancing.

For those of us whom the six congress days did not offer enough heraldry, the post-congress tour, organised by Alex Maxwell Findlater and Leslie Hodgson, offered a perfect opportunity to see not only a great number of ruins but also some better preserved parts of Scotland’s heraldic heritage, including a number of heraldic ceilings via the route Dundee-Aberdeen-Elgin-Perth-Edinburgh. Among the heraldic highlights of the tour were the heraldic ceiling of St Machar’s Cathedral in Aderdeen (1520) and the monument of the first Marquess of Atholl (d. 1703) in Dunkeld Cathedral; other senses were treated at a reception given by the Lord Provost of Aberdeen and during a visit to a Highland whisky distillery. The best parts of Scotland were united at the end of the tour at Broomhall where Lord Elgin not only showed us his heraldic family treasures but also offered us special single malt whisky.

Special thanks for a successful congress are due to Mark D. Dennis, Secretary General of the Congress (and the newly elected Secretary General of the Bureau Permanent of the Congress) and Charles J. Burnett, Ross Herald, Congress President, and all the volunteers. The next congress will be held in Quebec City, 23–28 June 2008, and the theme will be ‘The Meeting of Two Worlds: Quest or Conquest’. For information, see:

http://www.sgq.qc.ca/congres_2008/home_anglais.htm

ARMORIAL BEARINGS FOR C.U.H.A.G.S.

Later this year the Society will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the amalgamation of The Cambridge University Heraldry Society and The Cambridge University Society of Genealogists. Several members were of the opinion that this event should be celebrated by seeking a Grant of Armorial Bearings. Following a number of enquiries to the appropriate authorities including the University of Cambridge and the College of Arms it is now clear that the necessary proceedings can be initiated.

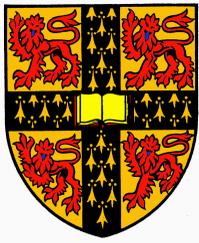
Several members of the Society have pledged substantial donations towards the not insignificant costs involved, but, so far, the sum promised is somewhat short of the necessary total. Making a generous donation is an opportunity to demonstrate one's support for a well-established society which directs our attention to those aspects of our heritage which we tend to take for granted.

Hand in hand with the need for more pledges, is the need for ideas on specific elements to be incorporated into the Heraldic Achievement. So far about fifty or so preliminary designs for Shields and Crests have been submitted together with a few suggestions on suitable combinations including Mantling. There has been at least one proposal for a motto.

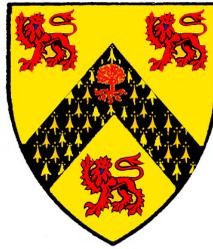
A few examples are shown overleaf : A is based on the University Arms but with transposition of tinctures and the substitution of Pean for Ermine. B retains these tinctures but introduces a chevron in lieu of the cross, has three lions and a family tree, adopted by many genealogical societies, placed in the centre. C and D feature in one case a crane and the other a tree each surrounded by a Pean bordure. The word pedigree is derived from "pied de grue" meaning crane's foot whilst Pean is and has been the livery used by the Society for many years on both ties and the Presidential sash.

E, F, G and H illustrate Crests linking Pean with lions which occur in the University Arms and in the Armorial Bearings of past and present patrons. The demi-lion in H has a collar of Forget-me-nots, which allude to memories of ancestors and also provides a reference of the light blue traditionally associated with the University

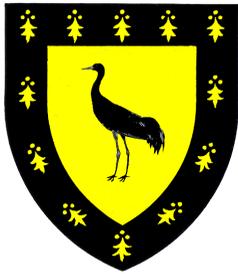
I, J and K set out some possible configurations and styles of completed achievements incorporating some of the allusions already noted. They explore the effect of varying the tinctures to reflect those in the University Arms and reproduced in the Society's striped scarf. There are some slight variations in the stance of the crane to emphasise the "pied de grue" which is lifted up and, as an option to a collar of forget-me-nots around the neck of the lion, the crane holds a sprig of this light blue flower in its bill. The motto is loosely translated as "Let light blue prevail".



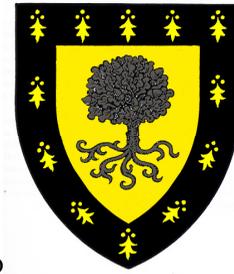
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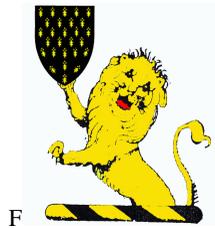
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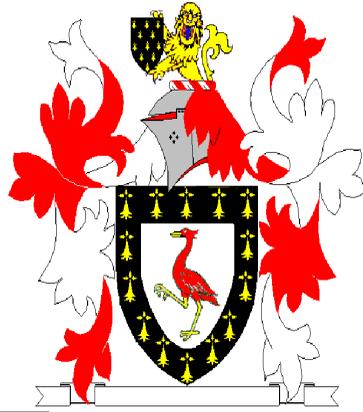
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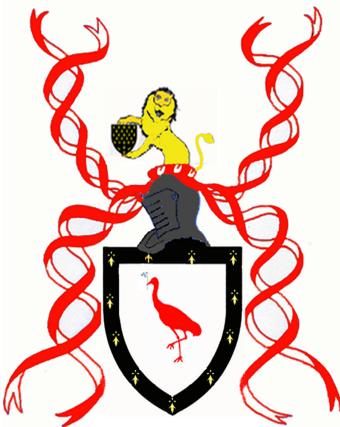
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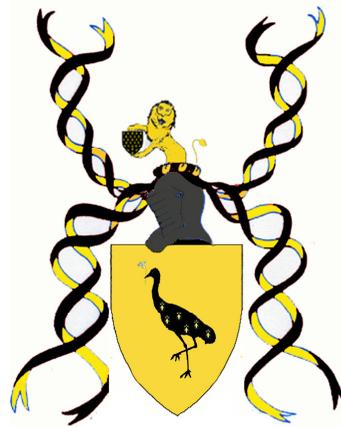


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CAERULEUS CANDIDUS VINCET

J



CAERULEUS CANDIDA VINCET

K

Traditional mantling is shown in I, but in J and K the interpretation is based on the strands of DNA, the double helix structure of which was discovered in Cambridge by Watson and Crick. This event is celebrated in a sculpture in the grounds of Memorial Court at Clare, the College where C.U.H.A.G.S. normally holds its meetings.

A DATABASE FOR A CHURCHYARD – PART 2

Harold Hopkins

In the Easter Term **Escutcheon of 2004** I wrote a short article about setting up a database for our local churchyard in **Haslingfield**. Two years later the project is almost complete, consisting of just over 3480 names, and has proved immensely useful in servicing the visitors' enquiries.

Earlier this year, after many requests, I set up a **Family History Corner** within the church, and the first thing the visitors see on the notice board, is a **Flow Chart** (figure 1), where they are directed first to the **Surname Index** for the period 1599 to 1999. If the name they are looking for is not on there, they are then tactfully told that they are in the wrong church! If the name they are searching for is on the index, then they are encouraged to look at **Previous Ancestors Traces** (research that I have done for other people). Then they are directed to look at the **Memorial Inscriptions of All Saints', Haslingfield**, (See Figure 2) and associated paperwork, the fourth edition of which was published in June this year.

This fortyeight page tome includes all the memorials within and without the building, even the bells inscriptions have been included, as well as information about those listed on the **War Memorial**, describing their service numbers, place of birth and killed etc. It also includes plans of the stones and maps to aid finding. For further information they are encouraged to put their contact details in the Visitors' Book so that I can contact them by whatever means.

That, however, is not the end of the story. Two other projects have grown out of the **Burial Database**, the first is a **Quick Access Listing of the Memorial Inscriptions**, this uses some of the fields of the **Burial Database** combined with all the memorial inscriptions pasted into a large field. A paper listing in name order is permanently displayed in the Family History Corner, and consists of just over 600 memorials in all.

The other project that has emerged from the Burial Database, which I am just embarking on will be a **Surname Database** of all the records from **1599 to 1901**. The end year of 1901 is set to keep pace with the **Census Security Rules**. This will complement the existing **Surname Index** and will be effected by re-arranging the Burial Database fields in a different order to provide the date of birth, baptism, marriage, to whom, date of death, burial, age, burial database reference number where applicable, date of parents' marriage and the names of parents. I am aware that this project will be a large one, as at the first count there are just over 7,000 names in the surname index. However by the time I have eliminated all those already recorded, that number should hopefully be reduced.

LOOKING FOR YOUR ANCESTORS'

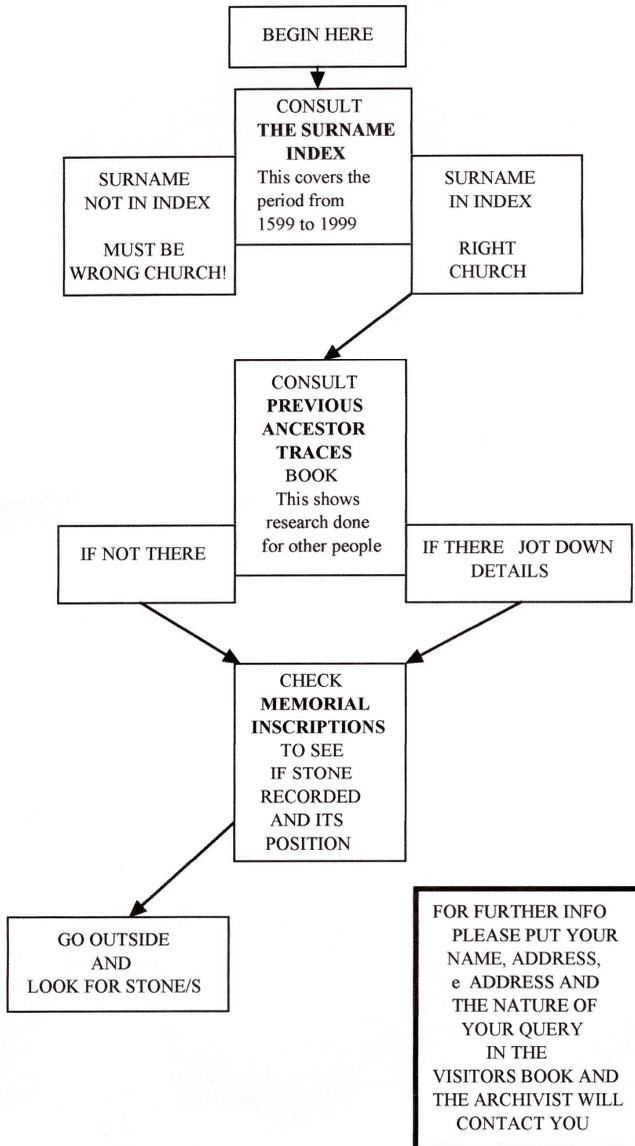


Figure 1

All Saints', Haslingfield - Surname Database Page 1
1599 - 1900 (including those who have died since then)
Data taken from Transcripts and Registers, also from other sources
- Dates prefix N not at this church - Without Bur Reg No=Buried elsewhere

Surname, & others	Born	Bapt	Marr.	Married to/Maiden Name	Died	Buried	Age	Br-Reg No	Pnts Marr	Parents names
Wendy, Dr Thomas	13/6/1552			Margaret Arkys	11/5/1560	22/5/1560	62	0001X		John & 7 of Clare
Wendy, Elizabeth	11/9/1540	23/12/1560		Thomas/Arkans	3/8/1592	1592	52	0002X		Thomas & Margaret dan of William
Martin, Ruth						5/4/1599		0003		dan of same William
Dice, Nicholas						8/4/1599		0004		dan of same William
						5/5/1599		0005		

All Saints', Haslingfield - Memorial Inscriptions Database Page 1
Data taken from the 2006 edition of Memorial Inscriptions and Burial Database

Names at Death	Reg No.	Died	Buried	Mem No.	Inscription
Allan, Edward John	4078	9/5/1975	14/5/1975	N22	A IL/RO/our parents/EDWARD JOHN ALLAN/died 9th May 1975/aged 81 years/and/VERA DOREEN ALLAN/died 26th Dec 1990/aged 68 years/Happy days and bygone days/are never lost/in truth they grow more/wonderful within the heart/that keep them"
Allan, Vera Doreen	4192	26/12/1990	4/1/1991	N22	A IL/RO/our parents/EDWARD JOHN ALLAN/died 9th May 1975/aged 81 years/and/VERA DOREEN ALLAN/died 26th Dec 1990/aged 68 years/Happy days and bygone days/are never lost/in truth they grow more/wonderful within the heart/that keep them"
Allen, Susan	2313		18/4/1850	84	A STTMO/JOHN CHAPMAN/ / / / also their daughter SUSAN ALLEN/died April 16 1830 aged 17(or 12?)years (Bur 10.9.1820 aged 70)
Angell, Ann	2358		10/6/1853	11	A S/TTMO/SARAH the wife of WILLIAM ANGELL who departed this life/ SARAH May 1st 1833 aged 36 years/also of SARAH daughter of W/ ANGELL / / also ANN ANGELL (buried June 10th 1853 aged 82)

All Saints', Haslingfield - Churchyard Burial Database Page 58
Data taken from Transcripts and Registers - Marriages prefix N not at this church - (P) = Parents

Names at Death	Reg No.	Died	Buried	Mem No.	With Reg. No.	Age	Born	Bapt	Parents/Roms	Spouse/Nce
Rule, Sarah	2139		22/3/1840			25				Marr.
Bateson, Josiah	2140		22/4/1840			8			of Triplov as above	
Beard, Ann	2141		11/6/1840			86				
Poole, James	2142	13/6/1840	13/6/1840	109	2145	5			lythus	
Scott, David	2143	25/6/1840	28/6/1840	110	2299	51		2/6/1789	intemperance Thos/Sarah	3/3/1812
Bland, William	2144	4/7/1840	9/7/1840	16	2588	50				Susannah Bond

Figure 2
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The first part which I have just dealt with were all those names that were included in the Burial Database, next I will go on to inserting the Baptisms, then Banns and lastly Marriages. I envisage that publication will be produced in name order and run to some 300 pages.

As far as the Family History Corner is concerned it has been immensely popular with no fewer than 15 known enquiries and I have made many friends in the process.

Members of CUHAGS are especially welcome to view not only The Family History Corner but the Heraldry in the church as well, and having viewed that, I recommend you raise your eyes to view the Heraldry of the Saints, a uniquely painted chancel ceiling, adequately explained in the red guide book, which is for sale at £2.

WHAT IS A GENTLEMAN? *Tim Cockerill*

According to the *Dictionary of Genealogy* by Terrick FitzHugh (Alphabooks, 1985), the term, “gentleman”, came into use in the 15th century to signify a condition between a knight and a yeoman. In an Act of Parliament of 1429 a gentleman was further defined as a man having freehold property worth 40 shillings per year or more.

From the 16th century the distinction between a gentleman and a yeoman lay more in their relative ways of life than in their property. A gentleman had servants to work for him whilst a yeoman did most of the work himself or employed people more of his own standing as assistants rather than servants.

By the 19th century the gentry were a recognised class often featuring in *Burke’s Landed Gentry*. They were armigerous, landowning or with private incomes, educating their sons at major public schools such as Eton, Harrow and Winchester and then at Cambridge or Oxford. They practised primogeniture ensuring that their eldest sons inherited their estates.

However my favourite piece of gentry lore is contained in the 1729 Act “for the better regulation of Attorneys and Solicitors” which laid down that they could henceforth describe themselves as “gentlemen” giving rise to the jibe that Solicitors are gentlemen by Act of Parliament!

The website www.answers.com displays the following quotes:

A gentleman is any man who wouldn't hit a woman with his hat on.
(Fred A Allen)

The word of a gentleman is as good as his bond; and sometimes better.
(Charles Dickens)

A gentleman will not insult me, and no man not a gentleman can insult me.
(Frederick Douglass)

*So may you lose your arms: if you strike me you are no gentleman
And if no gentleman, why then no arms.*
(Shakespeare –The Taming of the Shrew)

CURRENT AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

20 January, 2007

East of London F H Fair
Barking, Essex

11 February, 2007

Sussex & S London F H Fair
Crawley, Sussex

25 February, 2007

Oxford & Bucks F H Fair
Kidlington, Oxfordshire

11 March, 2007

Dorset Family History Open Day

31 March, 2007

FFHS Annual General Meeting
Wisbech, Cambs

13-15 April, 2007

**Guild of One-Name Studies
Annual Conference**

21 April, 2007

Scottish Assoc of F H Societies
Culloden, Inv

5-7 May, 2007

Soc of Genealogists F H Show
Olympia, London

16-19 May, 2007

National Gen Soc Conf & Fair
Richmond, Virginia, USA

30 June, 2007

York Family History Fair
York Racecourse

8 September, 2007

National Family History Fair
Gateshead

For full details of the events listed above please visit <http://geneva.weald.org.uk>

BOOK REVIEWS

New Publications from the Federation of Family History Societies

The Publications Arm of the Federation has just published three slim booklets by Phil Tomaselli, dealing respectively with **The Crimean War**, **The Zulu War** and **The Anglo-Boer War**. Each has five short chapters providing a general overview of the military campaigns, advice on how the reader can determine if he or she had ancestors who participated, individual military service records including those for naval and marine ancestors and the potential of other sources. Both have Appendices with advice on further reading, lists of participating military units and an overview of the relevant National Archives at Kew.

In the light of this publisher's earlier series of booklets on World War I Army Ancestors written by Norman Holding, these new publications have little to commend them. They are further marred by misprints on the covers. However it is

good to note that new editions of earlier Federation publications are still appearing such as Pauline Litton's **Family History Research in Yorkshire** in the Basic Facts Series.

THE CRIMEAN WAR 1854-56, Phil Tomaselli, FFHS, 2006 A5 pp 48 ISBN 1860061958 - £4-95

THE ZULU WAR 1879, Phil Tomaselli, FFHS, 2006 A5 pp 48 ISBN 186006194X - £4-95

THE ANGLO-BOER WAR 1899-1902, Phil Tomaselli, FFHS, 2006 A5 pp 48 ISBN 1860061974 - £4-95

BASIC FACTS ABOUT FAMILY HISTORY IN YORKSHIRE, 2nd Ed,

Pauline Litton, A5 pp16 ISBN 186006199 - £2-50

NOTICES AND GENERAL NEWS

Appeal for funds

As most of you are aware, members of CUHAGS, at the beginning of December, decided to apply to the College of Arms for a Coat of Arms and to launch an Appeal to meet the estimated cost of £8,000. This amount represents a substantial reduction of the normal fee.

To test the reaction of members and to ascertain to what extent such an Appeal would be supported, members were invited to complete Pledges of the amount they were prepared to contribute. The amount of Pledges received to date totals £5,360 from 27 members and Past Presidents. Whilst this is most gratifying, there is still some way to go. Some members who have indicated that they intend to support the Appeal have yet to return their formal Pledge. CUHAGS needs these and any other Pledges by early February 2007 when the decision, whether or not to proceed with the application, ought to be made.

CUHAGS is most grateful to those members and Past Presidents who have already sent Pledges and hopes that others will feel moved to help to make up the short-fall to enable CUHAGS to become the proud possessor of one of those imaginative Coats of Arms illustrated on pages 8 and 9.

d'Arcy Orders

Accommodation in College for those attending Dinners

Members are reminded that a limited number of College rooms are available for those wishing to stay overnight after attending a Society Dinner. It is advisable to make early reservations. Members are advised to liaise with the Society Secretary, Ambrogio Caiani, at Peterhouse [email: aac39@cam.ac.uk].

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