



Welcome to the mid July 2019 emailinfoservice, the NWKFHS fortnightly information service, comprising the latest information about the Society and its events, and other items of interest for family historians.

Today's Photo

Today's headline photo was sent in by Maureen Holden who bought it at a sale.

She says "We bought a large picture frame in a jumble sale and kept the photo that was in it.

The mount of the photo is width 18", depth 14"

The mounted photo is width 12" depth 9.5"

The label on the back (below) is width 5", depth 3.75"



It looks a very stylish wedding which would seem to have taken place in Greenwich area - unless the photo was posted to a friend or relative in Greenwich who then had it framed.

If you recognise anything about it Maureen would love to hear from you and she'll even let you have it if you are a descendant. email her at yearhold4@gmail.com

I (Stella Eames) welcome photos of people or places (specially historical or family history) in the North West Kent area with a story about them as I like to start each newsletter with a photo and story. Please email me at emailinfoservice@nwkfhs.org.uk with your contributions. Any photos must be your own copyright.

If I don't receive any I will have to use my own which may not be as interesting.

The family history show RootsTech London will be at the Excel Centre London England 24 – 26 October 2019

RootsTech is a 3-day event with over 150 breakout sessions / lectures, an exciting line-up of celebrity speakers, and a gigantic exhibition hall. RootsTech sessions include topics such as DNA, how to restore photographs, recording family memories, and how to research your family in historical records. It has attracted world-famous speakers such as Donny Osmond (who will also sing some of his songs), Nick Barrett and many more.



Would you like to win free entry?

As I (Stella Eames) have volunteered to serve as an ambassador for RootsTech London 2019 I have been given a free pass to give away in a competition, which gives the winner free entry on all three days. The pass includes free admission to all the speakers and sessions (but does not include travel or food and drink.)

If you win but have already paid for admission to RootsTech London 2019, you can get a full refund.

Be in to win it:-

Anyone can enter, but please only do so if you are serious about coming to RootsTech. This competition closes at midnight (London, UK time) on 1 August 2019. ALL entries will go into a random draw to be drawn during the first week of August and the first name drawn will receive a Winner Certificate emailed from me with instructions on how to redeem the free pass - which must be claimed via the RootsTech website - by 16 August.

The winner's name will be published on the NWKFHS Facebook pages and in this e-newsletter.

How to enter:

1. **Either:** Join the North West Kent Family History Society Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/767236786758351/> Family history news, old photographs, NWKFHS events, interesting websites and enquiries from out of town researchers wanting local knowledge. All this and more is on the NWKFHS Facebook Group page. Group members can ask questions, post useful genealogical news, photos and interesting topical info for the benefit of others. The immediacy of Facebook can be used to publicise urgent information such as a late change of speaker.

You can join Facebook without posting a personal photo (many people use pets or woodland scenes etc for their photo).

After you've joined the Group send me a quick email to say you've done so. Use interstellae@hotmail.co.uk The reason for the email is that new members join the Facebook Group every week and some may not wish to enter the competition, so I need to know those who do.

2. **Or :** Already in the Facebook Group or have very strong reasons for not joining? Email me with your name and location (town and country) and answer the following question in 50 words or less: *What makes a family history society great?* My email address is interstellae@hotmail.co.uk

Best of luck!

<https://www.rootstech.org/london> for more info about RootsTech

[The latest branch newsletters and back issues of this e-newsletter can be found HERE You will be taken to a screen where you can then click on the newsletter you want to read.](#)

Click on our other links [Blog](#) [Facebook](#) [Flickr](#)

[What's On - A reminder of NWKFHS Events during the next few weeks](#)
[\(Click here to see the entire Talks, Workshops and Events programme so you can book your diaries well ahead\)](#)

Our meetings are interesting mix of speakers and workshops. The Branch meetings with speakers are held at venues in Bromley, Dartford and Sevenoaks and the workshops are in the Society Library in Joyden's Wood, which we have sole use of on Wednesdays.

Branch meetings are free to NWKFHS members and no booking is required. *Visitors are welcome and are invited to make a contribution towards costs of hall hire and the speaker. Returning visitors are invited to join the Society only £10 a year or £12 total for two members at the same address.*

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/about/our-membership>

The 2-hour workshops are limited to 10 members and are very popular. Even if full, reserve lists are kept and a second workshop on the same topic is arranged if there is demand. Sometimes reserves are invited to join the workshop at short notice. Please note that **booking is essential for workshops** and we invite a donation eg £5 towards the costs of maintaining the library.

Go to the Society website and you can see all the workshops until about March 2020. Just hover your cursor over the event entry for further info. Workshops do fill up quickly and are only open to members. Not joined yet? - don't dine in for £10 - join the Society until 31 December for £10 instead.

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/community/events>

To join NWKFHS and come to the library, all our meetings, house groups and workshops please just click [here](#) or email Membership Secretary Mrs Christina Barnett, on membership@nwkhfs.org.uk **Membership is only £10 per year or £12 for two people at the same address. Value of family history news and help you can receive priceless.**

Membership benefits: members get free access to all our meetings with speakers PLUS a quarterly journal packed full of articles and useful information, monthly workshops on topics requested by members and the benefits of our library and research centre, open Wednesdays. The website has a members - only area with back journals and other data.

The Library at 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joyden's Wood, Bexley DA5 2EE is open to members and visitors every Wednesday from 10am to 4pm. Our volunteers can help you with your research and you can use the library computers with free Find My Past and Ancestry access.

We welcome all new members whether experienced at family history or novices. Our library volunteers can help you get started or possibly overcome a brick wall. Come to the library on a Wednesday between 10am and 4pm, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joyden's Wood, DA5 2EE. You can join the Society at the library.

**Wednesday 17 July 10.30am - 12.30 Workshop at the Library
Living and working on the water - led by Jean Stirk**

This workshop will cover the working man's way of life - whether working on streams or rivers and when working on ocean liners, or ships which work commercially along our various coasts.

Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact workshop.booking@nwkhfs.org.uk
There is no charge for workshops but they are only open to Society members. Attendees are invited to make a contribution, suggested £5, towards costs.

Held at the Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley DA5 2EE
Park in nearby side roads. Doors open 10am.

Friday 19 July 2pm - 4pm DNA Group at the Library

Meets every third Friday of the month.

Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact workshop.booking@nwkhfs.org.uk
There is no charge for workshops but they are only open to Society members. Attendees are invited to make a contribution, suggested £5, towards costs.

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Saturday 20 July Speaker at Bromley 10.30am

Tom Doig will talk about Old Photographs, their identification and dating

In earlier times photographs were expensive, and so only taken, if taken at all, on important occasions, such as coming of age, engagement, to show off a uniform, emigration or wedding anniversaries. Tom will explain how we can look for clues to help identify and date them.

Tom Doig is a qualified engineer, teacher and social historian researching rural life in the 19th and 20th centuries. He has written books on local history, has been in radio and television programmes and has lectured widely in the UK and abroad.

Doors open 9.45am, meeting starts 10.30am. The venue, Bromley Methodist Church, College Road, Bromley BR1 3NS has a free car park (although this can fill up) and is close to Bromley North Station and is on or near many bus routes.

Visitors are welcome and are invited to make a donation towards the hall and speaker costs. Returning visitors attending more than one meeting are asked to join the Society (£10 per calendar year)

Wednesday 24 July 10.30am - 12.30 Discussion Group at the Library Led by Carolyn Sekulowicz-Barclay with input from attendees.

Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk
There is no charge but only open to Society members. Attendees are invited to make a contribution, suggested £5, towards costs.

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Saturday August 3 Speaker at Dartford 10.30am Guest speaker Jerry Dowlen

Author of *Who could have guessed insurance could be as exciting as this?* Local speaker and author Jerry Dowlen will talk about his 45 years working in the Lloyd's and London Insurance Market. Lloyd's Insurance is 300 years old.

Doors open 9.45am, meeting starts 10.30am. The venue, Dartford Science and Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford DA1 2LY, has a large, free car park via the Heath Lane entrance.

Visitors are welcome and are invited to make a donation towards the hall and speaker costs. Returning visitors attending more than one meeting are asked to join the Society (£10 per calendar year).

Dartford Science and Technology College asks: *due to having a pupil with a severe allergic reaction to nuts and aerosols, we have had to ban these two items to ensure the pupil's safety. Please do not bring any products that are aerosol based, or foods which may contain nuts, onto site. I do hope that you all will understand the importance of this request, and we thank you for your understanding.*

Wednesday 14 August 10.30am - 12.30 Computing Group at the Library

Self help with input from library experts.

Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk

There is no charge for workshops but they are only open to Society members. Attendees are invited to make a contribution, suggested £5, towards costs.

Held at the Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley DA5 2EE

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Friday 16 August 2pm - 4pm DNA Group at the Library

Meets every third Friday of the month.

Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk

There is no charge for workshops but they are only open to Society members. Attendees are invited to make a contribution, suggested £5, towards costs.

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Wednesday 21 August 10.30am - 12.30 Workshop at the Library

Dating old photographs - Part 1 (Theory) led by Hilary Waters

This will include a brief overview of the history of photography, especially in the 19th century when photography as we know it developed.

We will look at the format / size / style and general look of the image and what can help you date it.

Before Part 2 (Practical - 30 October) participants will be asked to select a photo from their own collection and, by applying information gained from Part 1, analyse and write down their own conclusions and how they arrived at them.

Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk

There is no charge for workshops but they are only open to Society members. Attendees are invited to make a contribution, suggested £5, towards costs.

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Wednesday 28 August 10.30am - 12.30 Writing Group at the Library

Led by Pauline Heathcote

Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk

There is no charge for workshops but they are only open to Society members. Attendees are invited to make a contribution, suggested £5, towards costs.

Held at the Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley DA5 2EE

Park in nearby side roads. Doors open 10am.

Anyone can attend a talk at the locations in Bromley, Dartford and Sevenoaks; but if you are a non member a donation is requested towards the cost of the hall and speaker. £1- £2 suggested. Non members asked to join if attending more than one meeting.

For NWKFHS events further ahead just look at the website, events are listed til March 2020.

NWKFHS Membership is just £10 and lasts til 31 December 2019.

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PS I am a volunteer creating this e-newsletter in my 'spare time' but, if you do notice any errors, please tell me, so that they are not carried forward to the next emailinfo. No-one's ever offered to proof read it and to be honest there would probably not be time as I often complete it fairly last minute.

Editor's note: I often get asked to publicise family history fairs, new books on genealogy and small genealogy businesses. I use my discretion in including ones which are local to our area or which I think may interest readers. It does not mean that I or NWKFHS has any personal knowledge, or makes any recommendation, about the event or business.

If there is anything else I should be aware of, to give you maximum benefit from this emailinfoservice, please let me know. I do receive many suggestions and requests for external events to be included, but there is only room for so much and I am conscious that the longer this email is, the less likely it is to be read. Some external events I publish on our Facebook page instead. But I'd welcome your opinions on the length and content and whether there is anything additional you'd like included. Please mention it to others and encourage them to sign up so that we can keep society members and anyone interested in family history informed of NWKFHS activities.

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