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Mr. H. L. Rutley }
Mrs. E. M. Rutley } July 1866
Taken at Sevenoaks

Welcome to the 1 September enews

Today's photo has been sent in by Matt Ball.

Matt says: "I purchased this Carte de Visite recently and wondered if it would be of interest for the email newsletter. Someone has dated it to July 1866 and the sitters are named - though I can't find anyone who fits yet.

It appears to have been taken at the Stanger studio in Sevenoaks, as, although not stamped, the floor and background is identical to others that are.

I wonder if any readers will have a connection to the family?"

If you have please contact Matt on matthewjball@btinternet.com

I couldn't resist doing a bit of research before I posted Matt's item, but I didn't get much further.

I read the man's name as N L Rutley, and, although there certainly were Rutleys in the Sevenoaks area - freebmd.org.uk has the marriage of an William Rutley and Emily Young in Lewisham June quarter 1857 with their children's births registered in Sevenoaks - I could not find an N L Rutley.

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Free Useful Sources of Information - 1

Pam Goddard has let me know of two useful sources which may be useful if your ancestors emigrated to Australia or New Zealand:

"I recently found a wonderful resource which is free and may be useful for people researching in the New South Wales archives in Australia. It is a series of free webinars.

You can register for upcoming ones if you want to stay up late (currently there are 5 in the pipeline). However you can wait until they are on the website and then look at in your own time. I have done a few and they are very good. Currently there are 34 mini webinars (up to about 30 minutes) and 40 more in depth webinars which are longer at 50-60 minutes.

Here is the link <https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/webinars>

I also found an interesting website in NZ that may interest some people. It relates to a post WW1 scheme for helping children (both boys and girls), of British Seaman who died in in the war. They went out to NZ to learn farm work.

It lists both boys and girls who went to NZ with some basic details including ship and year they travelled. It has some interesting background information as well. The institution was called the 'Flock House' . Obviously it is quite a specific resource but it may be of interest. It is actually on someone's own website rather than a specific website. Here is the link <https://genebug.net/flock.html> "

Free Useful Sources of Information - 2

Our President, David Cufley, recently blogged about a new addition to our online resources: stray BMD certificates which have been donated to the Society.

Have you ever purchased a certificate only to discover it is not of your family and does not add to your family tree?

Members who have certificates that they don't want have donated them to the Library.

These certificates are on the Library open shelves under the ID Location reference BGR0023 in three volumes.

We have listed all these certificates on the web site with the full details of each certificate.

Perhaps you have a family member that is on one of these certificates?

See our Library Catalogue page for the full Birth Marriage and Death index.

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/resources/library-catalogues> and click on the headings on the right hand side: Stray Birth Certs; Stray Marriage Certs; and Stray Death Certs. These indexes are freely

available to the public, you don't have to be a logged in Society member to view the indexes.


CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE
GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE
Application Number COL 842929

No.	When Married	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	State or Province	Residence at the time of Marriage	Entry's Name and Surname	Rank or Profession of Entry
1864	5/9	Henry William Madams	22	Bachelor	England	Sheepway	Henry William Madams	Labourer
1864	5/9	Sarah Ann Jessup	19	Spinster	Kent	Sheepway	Sarah Ann Jessup	Coal Merchant

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Mr. [Signature] at the [Signature] by me, [Signature]
The Marriage is solemnized between us, [Signature] and [Signature]
In the Presence of us, [Signature] and [Signature]

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a register of Marriages in the Registration District of Isle of Sheppey
Given at the General Register Office, under the Seal of the said Office, the 13th day of March, 2008
MXD 698942
CAUTION: THERE ARE OFFENCES RELATING TO SUPPLYING OR ALTERING A CERTIFICATE AND USING OR POSSESSING A FALSE CERTIFICATE. A CRIME COMPROMISE
WARNING: A CERTIFICATE IS NOT EVIDENCE OF IDENTITY.


Please note, the volunteer cataloguers have a lot to do so can only accept original certs or those purchased from the GR) as certs, not PDFs or scans. I incorrectly bought the one above and will be donating it.

My 'stray' cert is the marriage of Henry William MADAMS and Sarah Ann JESSUP 5 Sept 1864 on the Isle of Sheppey, Kent.

Free Useful Sources of Information - 3

blog.myheritage.com/2022/08/free-u-s-census-records-for-labor-day-learn-your-ancestors-professions/?fbclid=IwAR2UaxNcds6Ck7CdG9EGnH2b_uqUyBSrhPJ3rHXWdVJJNdRvguayuEAQAIM

<https://www.myheritage.com/research/collection-11006/1950-united-states-federal-census>

From the MyHeritage blog: We're pleased to announce that in honor of Labor Day, from August 30–September 6, 2022, we are offering free access to all U.S. census records.

Stella's note: on conducting my own search, the free access US censuses included in the first link above are 1850 to 1940. Use the 2nd link for free access to the 1950 US census.

Medals with Glen Jones

**Saturday 3 September: a Dartford Branch meeting
at Dartford Science and Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford Kent DA1 2LY
Doors Open 9.45am meeting starts 10.30am and will end by 12.30pm**

Glen Jones leads the Kent Branch of the Orders and Medals Research Society (OMRS). <https://www.omrs.org/branches/kent>

OMRS exists to promote a general interest in the study of orders, decorations and medals and to actively encourage and publish research into all aspects of civil and military medals, with a particular focus on those issued by Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries.

Glen's talk covers medals issued for gallantry, campaigns, long service, jubilee and coronation and will include interesting historical facts and stories.

He will offer some advice on research and also *Dos and Don'ts* regarding those family medals which you may be lucky enough to possess.

The meeting will be led by Janet Rose.

The Society is a registered charity and membership fees and donations are an important part of our income. The Talk is free to members but guests and visitors are asked to make a donation towards hall hire and speaker's fee. There will be a donations box at the venue.

There is a large, free car park but it is shared with other users and can be busy at times.

No booking, just turn up.

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Making Do - Wartime Fashions 1939 - 1945 with Carol Harris

**Saturday 10 September: a Sevenoaks Branch Meeting
at Otford Memorial Hall, 28A High Street, Otford TN14 5PQ
Doors open 10.45am Meeting starts at 11am**

Our speaker this morning, Carol Harris, is a freelance journalist, speaker, and social historian. For the past 20 years, she has written and spoken on a range of historical themes, generally around feminism, fashion and fighting.

Her first book, *Miller's Collecting Fashion and Accessories*, was followed by several telling the previously untold stories of women in WW2.

Carol is currently Social History Editor at Coram, the UK's oldest children's charity, and on the interaction team at the Imperial War Museum.

What was it like to 'Make Do and Mend'? By looking at the lives of ordinary people Carol will present us with a vivid picture of daily life on the Home Front in wartime Britain.

All members and guests very welcome.

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There is a large, (£1 for 3 hours, payment required) car park but it is shared with other users and can be busy at times.

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Birth and Death, the hidden secrets of registration with Guest Speaker Antony Marr

Zoom Talk Thursday 15 September 7pm for 7.30

Please log in from 7pm and enjoy an informal talk between attendees before the talk starts at 7.30pm

Antony Marr is a retired police officer with many years training and experience, and former deputy registrar of births, deaths and marriages. Now a professional genealogist and Chair of AGRA (Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives). Specific interest in the records of civil registration.

Why can the same birth be registered more than once and in different years? Why does a single death registration involve three different certificates?

This talk will look at the complex rules of registering birth and death events, uncovering the

complexities and hidden information these essential records of civil registration can contain.

The Society is a charity and membership fees and donations are an important part of our income. So, if you are not a North West Kent FHS member, please consider making a donation via our [web shop](#) towards the cost of the speaker and our Zoom licence.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2799524396?pwd=ZTM4V0E4R2ZqbTZubXpXZ1dDZGdRQT09>

Meeting id 279 952 4396 Passcode 533032

Logging into Zoom: We recommend register with Zoom (google Zoom US) before you are going to join your first meeting and to make sure you have the latest version on your computer if this is not your first zoom talk.

Click on the 'Download' button which says version 5.11.4 (7185) (64-bit) unless you have a 32-bit client in which case that download is shown below the button in blue lettering.

A 'Basic' licence is free and you can also get it from the [Zoom.us/pricing](https://zoom.us/pricing) web site.

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NWKFHS members who missed a *ZOOM* talk, perhaps because you are not in our timezone, note that **some** speakers have allowed their talks to be recorded and recorded talks are saved here -

<https://nwkfhs.org.uk/resources/all-other/zoom-talk-videos> note this link only works for paid up members logged into the website. Sometimes speakers have given permission for their talks only to be recorded for a specified amount of time, so members please do check the link.

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Workshops, Special Interest and Discussion Groups

Workshops (including Discussion Groups and Writing Groups) whether in person or via **Zoom** have a maximum number to allow all participants to be involved, **and are restricted to paid up North West Kent FHS members only**. They generally last for about 2 hours.

Please note that booking is essential.

If any Society members missed a workshop which they would have liked to attend, or it filled up, see here for videos of some past workshops: <https://nwkfhs.org.uk/events/workshops/past-zoom-workshop-videos>

Note the above link will only work for Society members logged into the website.

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7 September ZOOM How can we be better genealogical sleuths? with Carolyn Barclay

10am, workshop finishes 11.45am

Numbers are restricted to enable all participants to ask questions, share knowledge and engage with other members.

Please reserve a place with workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk including the event, title and date together with your name and membership number.

Workshop leaders freely give their time, but a donation via the web shop is appreciated. <https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/shop/nwkfhs-shop/services/society-donation>

21 September LIBRARY Scottish Interest Discussion Group 10.30am - 12.30pm

with Pam Goddard and Carolyn Barclay

A group for discussing aspects of Scottish genealogy and records which help to research Scottish ancestors.

At this meeting we'll be talking about Scottish law as it relates to land.

Numbers are restricted to enable all participants to ask questions, share knowledge and engage with other members.

Please reserve a place with workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk including the event, title and date together with your name and membership number.

Workshop leaders freely give their time, but a donation in the donations box at the library appreciated.

Kent County Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley, Kent, DA5 2EE (which the Society has sole use of on Wednesdays).

Parking in nearby roads.

21 September ZOOM DNA Discussion Group with Laura Lincoln

10.30am to 12.30pm

Numbers are restricted to enable all participants to ask questions, share knowledge and engage with other members.

Please reserve a place with workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk including the event, title and date together with your name and membership number.

Workshop leaders freely give their time, but a donation via the web shop is appreciated. <https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/shop/nwkfhs-shop/services/society-donation>

29 September (Thursday) Zoom Workshop - Woolwich Arsenal Place and Paper Study with David Cufley 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Please log in a few minutes early, ready for the 2.30pm start.

This is an interactive workshop using documents left to the Society by Ray Fordham.

Ray left a number of documents and databases that he had rescued from the Arsenal when it closed. The final collection we have received are a number of documents and maps relating to the bombing casualties of WW2. Among the files are lists of names without date or source, but they give addresses within the Arsenal boundary.

The idea of this workshop is to discover the sources that may provide more information as to who these people were and what happened to them.

The files also contain a number of lists of the bombs that fell on the Arsenal and the surrounding borough and parishes. The names and location of these casualties will eventually become databases on our web site.

During the workshop these lists will be compared with the names on the address lists.

As this period 1939 – 45 is difficult to research a record of the sources discovered will be produced to help other members of the society in their research.

Handouts for the workshop are:-

- 1) Article on 'Police W. D. Constabulary (prior to 1967)'
- 2) Map of the Woolwich Parish area of Arsenal (undated)

3) Personnel living in married quarters (undated)

4) Officers' quarters (undated)

5) Street No 5 (undated)

6) Police quarters Harrow Manorway (undated)

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Sunday 11 September Bexleyheath Cricket Club Funday 1pm to 4pm

NWKFHS volunteers will have a stand (and probably a gazebo!) and will be there to engage with any visitors who are interested in family history.

Park View Road, Welling, DA16 1SY (beside Welling Football Club)

Saturday 17 September Bexley Archive Centre (at Bexleyheath Central Library) 10am - 1pm

NWKFHS volunteers will be present to answer questions and talk about how to research family history with visitors.

NWKFHS Members please see <http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings> for October workshops and discussion groups.

Many, many thanks to workshop coordinator Carolyn Sekulowicz-Barclay for arranging our exciting programme of workshops, and to the workshop leaders who all give their time freely.

Society members please book by emailing Carolyn for the link / code to enable you to attend any of the above Workshops and Discussion Groups. workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk including your name and membership number.

Carolyn would like to hear from you if you have topic requests for workshops or want to suggest different dates or times. (Or have some expertise on a topic which you think would interest others and would be willing to lead a workshop).

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Society Library: opening hours and booking

At present the library is open and staffed by library volunteers on Wednesdays from midday to 4pm.

To prevent overcrowding users must, please, phone our Librarian Janet on 01322 384836 in advance to check there is space for the time period you would like to come.

Janet has told me that most people come about midday and stay til 3.30pm or so. At the moment there is plenty of space for everyone who has booked.

There are three PCs for any NWK member to use for research; or you can use your own device - but if using your own device you need to join Kent Libraries to be able to log in to the library edition of Ancestry, FindmyPast and other resources.

If you cannot get there in the afternoon but can make the morning, please phone Janet to discuss as a library Volunteer may be able to open up early for you.

Library at: 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Kent DA5 2EE

Parking in nearby roads.

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The Society has received an email from Sheila Sweetinburgh, Vice President of Kent Archaeological Society as follows, which may be of interest:

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN KENT Friday 16 September at 5pm

From the Jutes to Tracey Emin

This is a story of Kent to take us back sixteen hundred years. The story involves accents, dialects and pismires. What happened to Royal Kentish? There was a chance that it might have become the international dialect of printed English. That did not happen. Why not? The answer involves Saint Augustine, William Caxton and Tracey Emin.

Professor Bill Lucas of the English Project and the University of Winchester will introduce the lecture

Professor Christopher Mulvey of the English Project and the University of Winchester will give the lecture.

The Arc, Jewry Street, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8SB

Book your seat at the Arc:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-english-language-in-kent-from-597-to-2022-tickets-376890318087?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

The lecture will also be live-streamed via Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/winchesterhods>.

On another topic, I am thinking of holding another History Forum meeting of zoom either late October/early November, sorry I shall be too snowed under before that, if people are interested.

I thought I would try doing another series of 5 workshops online over 5 weeks from say late September/early October on palaeography using documents in English from the 15th and 16th centuries if anyone is interested. I will stick to wills because they are a good way into a family/community. If anyone is interested, please email me. sheila.sweetinburgh@kentarchaeology.org.uk

Items for the mid September enews should please reach me as soon as possible, and by 13 September latest.

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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 enews@nwkfhs.org.uk with your contributions. Any photos must be your own copyright.

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I am a volunteer creating this e-news in my 'spare time' but, if you do notice any errors, please tell me, so that they are not carried forward to the next edition.

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 enews service, 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.

Stella Eames, Editor

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