

**Peterborough and District  
Family History Society Newsletter  
November 2023**



**From the chair...**

Pauline and I were in Boots the other day. Looking to pay for our purchases we could only find machines – no staff to serve us. People serving are becoming fewer in stores. This led us to reflect on the changing face of shopping and triggered memories of shopping when we were young and of our families before that.

Formerly the retail trade offered many jobs to people. My mother and her siblings and cousins all worked in shops – several in Department Stores which sometimes afforded accommodation for its workers above the shop. The grocer and the butcher had delivery boys with bicycles so that the customers did not have to carry home their wares. Even our cat in London had its meat delivered and pushed through the letter box! Food shopping was a frequent event until fridges became affordable. Pantries had a cold slab and muslin covers to keep flies off meat. In my village of Warboys the local dairy farmer delivered milk daily via his horse and cart and customers took their own jug to get milk from his churn. The co-op baker delivered bread via horse and cart: at a certain lamp post in our street the horse would be given his food bag, and neighbours with roses could scoop up anything the horse left to use as a fertiliser.

Please send any memories to Sadie for the Journal.

Michael Kennelly

**From the editor...**

I have been privileged to give two talks recently on the expansion of Fletton, one at St. Margaret's church and one to the Werrington Local History Society. After both talks individuals were only too keen to share their memories of working at the London Brick Company and living in and around Fletton. These are memories that will ultimately fade from view as the older generation die.

Memories, or oral history, should be recorded for the next generation before it is too late. So I urge you take time to strike up a conversation with parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, and work colleagues. See what they can remember and record it for the next generation.

Please share with members what methods you found best for doing this. Did you make a recording or just take notes? How did you tease those memories out? Did it provoke your own memories? Just a few questions to think about!

**Sadie McMullon**

**A reminder that the society has a booth at the Family History Federation's Really Useful Show in just a few weeks time. We hope that you will 'drop in' and say 'hi' to us.**

**ONLINE EVENT: Participate from Home - WORLDWIDE!**

**2023**

**FHF REALLY USEFUL  
Family History Show**

Explore Your  
Genealogy



**Friday 17th November 10 am - 10 pm GMT and  
Saturday 18th November 10 am - 6 pm GMT**

### **Zoom Talks**

All meetings are currently being held by zoom. Joining instructions will be sent in the week prior to the meeting.

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| Wed 1st Nov | 7.30pm | 'The Broken Branch' Ian Waller   |
| Wed 6th Dec | 7.30pm | 'Cribs, carols and Christingle - origins of Christmas traditions and customs' Mark Lewis |

### **Journal**

Thank you to the members who generously answered my call and sent in articles, tips and memories. However an editor can never have too many articles!

My stock of articles could be bigger. So, if you haven't done so already, please consider putting pen to paper.

The article need not be long. A brief memory, or a hint and tip, or a useful website you have found is enough to spark conversation.





## Mystery Location

Unfortunately, although I received some good suggestions, no-one guessed the mystery location correctly.

The ceiling, under which Michael has spent a lot of time recently is in the Nat West bank in Peterborough.

If you have come across an unusual location then please send me a photo and we will include it in a future newsletter.

## Royalist Parents

I think I am a royalist in as much as I like to watch the royal weddings on television and if an article about the royal family is in a magazine I have been known to purchase a copy. However the parents of James Crane must have been ardent royalists. James' full name, as recorded on his marriage certificate, when he married Edith Trudgett on 6th June 1925, was James Victor Diamond Jubilee Crane.

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| When Married.  | Name and Surname.                      | Age.        | Condition. | Rank or Profession.       |
| Sixth<br>June. | James Victor Diamond<br>Jubilee Crane. | 28<br>years | Bachelor   | House Furnishers<br>Agent |

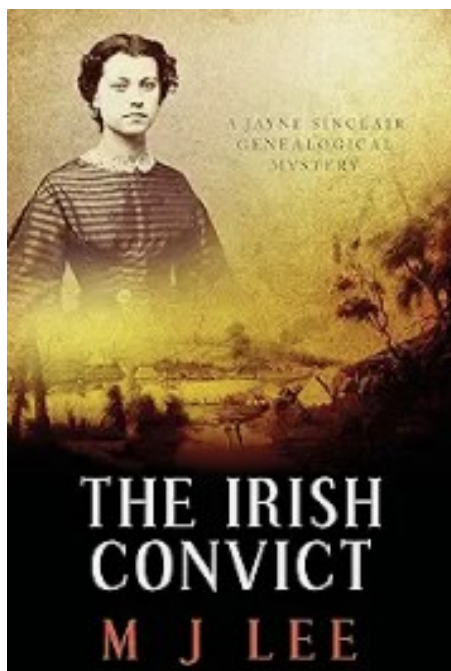
But this is not the only family who celebrated Queen Victoria's longevity on the throne. Charles and Sarah Tridgett welcomed their son Ernest into the world on 22nd June 1897. He was baptised on 1st August 1897 Ernest Diamond Jubilee Tridgett.

*Have you come across any unusual census or parish register entries? Members would love to hear about them.*



## Book Reviews

Now the nights are drawing in you might want to stock up on your reading. Here are two books for you.



*The Irish Conflict* is the tenth book in the Jayne Sinclair genealogical mystery series. This book is set in Australia during COVID and is a strong reminder of the measures we had to go through.

But as usual family history is at the core of the book. Jayne sets out to unravel the mystery of the Irish Kelly family and the legacy of convicts being transported to Australia.

An excellent read.

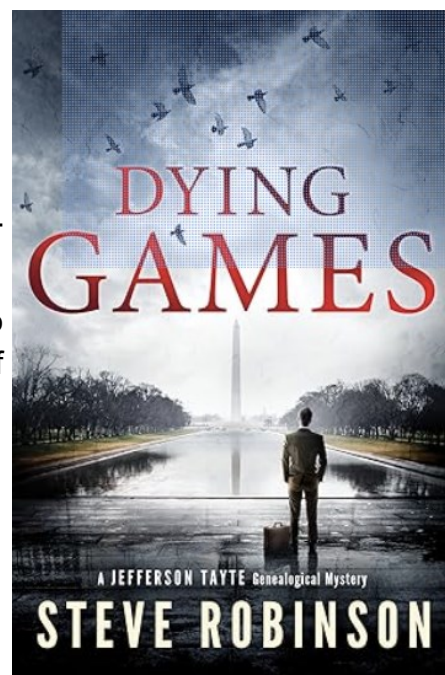
Currently available on Kindle.

*Dying Games* is the sixth book in the Jefferson Tayte genealogical mystery series.

Set in the USA Jefferson Tayte is in a race against time to save his previous clients from experiencing the same kind of death as their ancestors.

This story will capture you from the outset.

ISBN: 1477848266



### Remembrance Day Blog

Today we take acts of remembrance as part of our lives. But of course these traditions have taken time to establish. In this blog, on the British Library website, Liam Markey, a PhD student looks at how the act of remembrance has changed over the years.

[How Remembrance Day has Changed - UK Web Archive blog](#)

