

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this ninth edition of The Folker Phyles, yet again over one year since the previous edition.

A sad year, however, as I have to report that my mother, Dora Emily Smith (née Folker) but known to all as Doady, passed away in October. It was because of the large amount of family memorabilia that she had accumulated that I became interested in the family history and decided to continue and expand it.

PROGRESS

Very little I am afraid, as I predicted in the last newsletter. I thought when I took early retirement that I would have lots more time to work on the family tree but the opposite is the case.

I did use some professional assistance in trying to trace the burial of sailor Sam Folker in Kings Lynn around 1824. This proved no more fruitful than my own searches so that will remain a mystery.

I have also yet to complete my searches about the family in Stoke on Trent. This really requires a visit to the town and professional help may also get results.

I did make the proposed trip to Surrey to trace places connected with the family, but found that every single building except one had been demolished and redeveloped.

I have been able to make up a photo album during the course of the year so at least something has been achieved.

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MEETING THE FAMILY

I have had the pleasure of meeting two more members of the family for the first time during the past year.

A cousin visited me at around this time last year and brought many photographs with him. He travels the world and makes a point of visiting any family members in his vicinity.

I was able to visit an aunt earlier this month and learned a good bit more about parts of the family of which I previously knew little.

I also received a letter from a member of another branch of the family. He kindly sent me some information he had found regarding an uncle of mine, and as it happened, it tied in nicely with information from my aunt

TO MAKE CONTACT

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