

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this tenth edition of The Folker Phyles. Although there has been a long interval since the last edition, I have been in touch with many of you during that intervening period.

During the past year, much of my time has been devoted to selling our previous home. That having been achieved, we had to find a new home and that proved quite complicated. However, it was finally accomplished and we are now settled in.

Those items which were not immediately needed were stored in the loft and remain there still. Included are all my genealogical papers.

I then broke my collarbone and am only now getting back to normal operation. I have yet to convert one of the spare bedrooms into an office after which I can return to family history matters.

THE INTERNET

It has been encouraging that I have received a number of new contacts via the internet. Some have been enquiries seeking connections but a good few either have the Folker name or are closely related.

I had three enquiries from U.S.A. regarding the Folker name but these had no connection of which I am aware to our family branches.

I heard from John Seakins in New Zealand who was descended from Gladys Sylvia Folker and Henry James Seakins who were married in 1930.

I also heard from Jean-Marc Figeat from Canada whose grandmother was Elsie May Folker.

It has been rewarding to have made these new contacts and exchange information.

Another contact has been Adrian Bridge whose wife connects via the Ford family back to Robert Folker who died in 1906. I have had previous correspondence with Monica Jeffery who has done much work on the Ford family so I have put Monica and John in touch with each other.

A reminder that my website is titled **Malcolm Smith** and is to be found at <http://www.malcolm-smith.com> There have been no additions to the website in recent times.

OTHER CONTACTS

I have had correspondence with several members of the Folker family, keeping up-to-date with changes.

A new contact was Carl Folker from whom I was pleased to hear.

I have been in touch with Marcus Folker for some years now. It was a great pleasure to be invited to meet all his family at a gathering at his son's home last year. It was one of those occasions which seem to be over far too quickly.

GIVE & TAKE

Besides gathering information, I also look for tangible memories of the family. This includes any sort of keepsake and especially photographs.

I am always willing to send on request copies of anything I have available. I consider it essential to spread the information around the family as much as possible.

I would love to have individual or group photos of your families. It would be nice to try to produce a family tree with pictures.

Something that all genealogists would find wonderful is if everyone wrote their own biography, even if only in brief. Think how following generations would relish that.

TO MAKE CONTACT

My new home address is :-

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This is the mid-shipman's sea chest which belonged to Samuel Folker who went to sea at the hands of the Press Gang in 1777.

I use it to keep the Folker family heirlooms.

