

INTRODUCTION

This is the third and long overdue edition of The Folker Phyles. Although the research continues, the direction tends to change suddenly and sharply to suit the availability of material and time to follow it.

The Folker branch of my family receives much of my attention but I also spend time on other branches which is what has been happening in recent months. I have been working on the Parker family in conjunction with a distant cousin who emigrated to America. This branch of the family includes an engineering father and son who were at the forefront of the development of electrical supply and traction, especially relating to the automobile.

I am conscious that by being a 'one man band' the information that I glean is not easily available to others unless they know of my work. Consequently I have made up a folder which I have lodged with the Guild of One Name Studies. This folder contains the raw research information on that I have gathered being registrations of birth, marriage and death; parish registers of baptism, marriage and burial; family trees; etc. I believe the folder has subsequently been placed in the library of the Society of Genealogists.

PROGRESS

There have been no recent major discoveries with regard to the Folker family. However, I have been able to add some detail to various members of the family.

Horace Shepherd Folker was probably the most illustrious member of the branch

of the family to which I am related. Because of his involvement in public life

there is a considerable amount of information available about him in record offices.

Horace was deeply involved with the Fire Brigade, particularly in Guildford. In this respect I have been in correspondence with the Fire Brigades of Surrey Preservation Trust whom have been most helpful. They have informed me of some items in the Guildford Museum which relate to Horace.

By way of interest, I have attached to this newsletter a profile of Horace. I have a particular regard for this man as it was he who commissioned a family tree in 1926. I inherited a copy of this tree and it is one of the factors which encouraged me to continue with research into the family.

I have sent a copy of the profile of Horace Shepherd Folker to Guildford Library as much of the research was done there and it may be of interest to others.

I continue to look for items of detail to enhance the notes that I have on the family.

One recent find was at a visit to Highgate cemetery where Horace Folker and his wife are both buried. I found that the adjacent graves belonged to relatives of his wife Margaret and this gave me useful information on her family.

Whilst travelling through London recently, I decided to look at the area where my Grandfather lived around 1915. Having found the house I saw that it was up for sale. I contacted the Estate Agents with the hope of looking over the house but unfortunately it had been withdrawn from sale and I was unable to get in.

DOCUMENT PUBLICATION

I am in the process up upgrading my computer to enable me to produce booklets which include photographs and images of original documents.

As I indicated earlier, it would be a pity if the information I have stayed with me alone. I am, therefore, happy to pass it out to any member of the family who has an interest. Hopefully, when I have mastered the new computer, the output will be more presentable than that which is currently produced.

One of the interesting aspects of the new computer system is that it can store photographs. This means that I will be able to print copies immediately. More importantly it means that copies will always be in good condition whereas the originals fade or become damaged.

MY ARCHIVES

Sounds very grand doesn't it? In fact I refer to the storage system in which I keep items relating to my family history study and research.

I have a filing cabinet containing a folder for each surname that exists in the family tree. This folder contains any items relating to that family such as photographs, newspaper cuttings and the like. In some cases I have a folder for an individual person where a large amount of information exists.

Once there is enough information on a particular individual, I write a profile which includes details of birth, marriage and death and lists siblings, children, parents and grandparents. If there is sufficient detail available I will write a potted biography. This will include photographs, certificates, newspaper cuttings or any-

thing similar. These biographical notes are kept in loose leaf binders so they can be adjusted as and when more information comes to light.

I also have the sea-chest of Samuel Folker, my 4 x great-grandfather, which I use as the family chest. Samuel was a midshipman in the latter part of the 18th century. In this chest I keep the various momentos, photograph albums and other large items which have come my way

Research into family history is becoming more popular all the time. One tangible advantage of this popularity is that Records Offices and Local Study Libraries are more inclined to cater for such interests. These places are being made easier to access by having larger study rooms and longer opening hours. Furthermore, many are now cataloguing the names that appear in their stock for ease of reference by researchers.

I have found that the Open University are running a course on family history studies. It is only to be available for a few more years so I have applied for a place in the hope I can get in before the final date. I am hopeful that I can learn much more about seeking out information and presenting it.

OTHER FAMILIES

Below is a list of all the surnames that appear in my family tree at present and therefore relate to the Folker family :

ALEXANDER ANDERSON APPEL
ARCHBALD ASHWORTH
ASPINALL AVERY BAKER
BALDWIN BANKS BARNES
BARRATT BARTLETT BARTON
BASSE BAYLY BEALES
BINSTEAD BIRD BLAIR BLOOD
BLYZINSKYJ BODLEY BONSER
BOOTH BOURNE BRADBURY
BRAUND BRIGGS BROCKBANK
BROSMAN BROUGHTON BROWN
BROWNE BROWN-WESTHEAD
BUNN BURROWS BUSTARD
BUTCHER COOK COOKE
COOPER COWDERY COWLEY
COX CRISP CULSHAM DANCOCK
DARBY DAVIS de la HAY de
la MATER DERHAM DEXTER

DIBLEY DIRON DOE DRAKE
DUCKWORTH DUNTON EYLES
FABER FALKER FALKNER
FAULKNER FIELD FIFOOT
FIGEAT FITZGIBBON FLETCHER
FOKER FORD FORDHAM
FOURDRINIER FRAPWELL
FULLERTON FYSH GENT GEORGE
GIBBONS GILES GILFOY
GOLDBERG GOOCH GREATOREX
GREENE GRINTER HADDON
HALL HALSALL HARDING
HARGROVE HARMAN HARRIS
HATCH HAVERSON HAVEY
HAWTHORNE HAZEL HEALEY
HEALY HENSBY HESTER HICKS
HINSON HODGSON HODSON
HOGAN HOLLAND HOLLINGSHEAD
HOLMES HORNE HOWE
HOWGATE HUDYMA HUGHES
HUMBLE HUMPHREYS HUSBAND
HUTCHINSON ISGRIGG JAMES
JEFFREY JONES JOY KEEN
KEEVIL KEEVILL KIMBER
KIRKPATRICK KNIGHT KOPASZ
KOPPEL LANE LANGLEY
LAWRENCE LEAVEY LENNARD
LODGE LOVELADY LUPTON MANN
MARTINDALE MAYHEW McDON-
ALD McEVOY McEWAN Mc GALIN
McLAREN McClure McPHERSON
MELLSON METTEWS MILLS
MONCTON-MAYES MOODY
MOORE MUNDAY NEALE
NEWTON NOAKES O'CONNOR
OSMENT PAGE PARKER PARSONS
PAULEY PAULL PEACOCK
PEARSON PENDLETON PERCY
PHILLIPS PISHORN PITCHER PITT
PLATER POCOCK PORSON
POTTAGE POTTER PRITHER
PUPSE REYNOLDS RICHARDSON
RIDELL RIDGLEY RIMMER
ROBERTS ROBINS ROBERTSON
ROCK ROGERS ROLFE RUCK
RUSSELL RYDER RYLANCE
SAYLOR SCOTT SEAKINS
SHEPHERD SHEPHERD-FOLKER
SMITH SOWDEN SPENCER
STAMP STAPFORTH STEELE
STEVENSON STOKES STUART
STURT SWINNERTON TATE
TAYLOR THOMAS THORN THORP
THOMAS TRASH TRULL TURNER
TYE TYLER VALENTINE
VALENTINE-MOODY VALLANCE
van DILLEN VINSENT VOSE
WADEY WAITE WALES WALKER
WALLER WALTER WALTERS
WATTS WELLS WESTON
WHITEHEAD WHITEHOUSE
WHITALL WICKES WILKERSON
WILLIAMS WILSON YATES
YSEBAERT

Do any of the above names appear anywhere else in your family tree ?

Of those names in the list, I have detailed information on the following which are some of the main branches of my immediate family tree : Cook/e Dexter Fourdrinier Greatorex Humble Parker Parsons Smith Swinnerton Smith Thorp.

My work still takes around the country quite frequently and I try to use these trips as opportunities to visit places where ancestors lived or worked.

Visiting records offices at these locations is often fruitful both for references and also contemporary photographs, histories and reports of events. I also find it interesting to find the houses, schools or places of work and try to get a feel for the locality and what life may have been like when the ancestor lived there. Photographs of the places, even in modern times, are of value and helps to illustrate the biographical notes

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