

ISSN 0736-802X

The Livermore Roots Tracer



Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society

P.O. Box 901, Livermore, California 94551-0901

<http://l-ags.org> & <http://facebook.com/Livermore.Amador.Genealogical.Society/>

Membership Report

January 2022

Patrons

Anonymous, Lois Barber, Susan Davis, Richard and Wanda Finn, Richard and Jean Lerche, Doris Matthews, Thomas and Natasha Mathews, Duncan Tanner and Shirley Terry

Benefactors

Kristina Ahuja, Denise Barr, Matthew Berry, Annette Breingan, Linda Driver and Walt Crawford, Barbara Hemphill, Cindy McKenna, and Peggy Weber

L-AGS Members

98 active memberships and 112 members

Meeting News

All face-to-face meetings are suspended indefinitely due to Covid-19.

General Meetings — Monday, February 14th, 2022, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Glenda Lloyd: The ABCs of Land Records - Land records are one of the most important genealogical tools. Understanding the terms make them easier to use. The goal of this lecture is to explain some of the terms and make your land records research more successful.

Monday, **March 14th**, 2022, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Richard Finn: Cowboys and Ranchers in the Livermore Area

Livermore City Historian Richard Finn will tell tales from the bygone era of cowboys and ranchers in old Livermore during a virtual presentation.

Let's Talk AND Write Genealogy When: Sundays at 3:00 p.m. REMOTE via Zoom Chair: Debbie Mascot - Our theme will be the National

Genealogical Society 2022 Conference 24-28 May 2022 in Sacramento. Location: Contact talkgenealogy.chair@L-AGS.org

The Master Genealogist Group — Due to Covid-19 meetings via Zoom on the 2nd Friday and 4th Saturday of the month, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The Friday meeting is because the Roots User Group in Virginia meets on the 2nd Saturday. TV-TMG Forum Topic: Reports and Problem Assistance; Location: Contact TV-TMG Chair (Duncan Tanner) <mailto:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org>; March dates: 11 and, 25, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

Pleasanton Genealogy Center — is jointly supported by L-AGS, the Friends of the Pleasanton Library, and the Pleasanton Public Library. A L-AGS genealogy docent will be available by appointment, Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue Pleasanton, California, request a mutually agreeable appointment via e-mail: docents.chair@L-AGS.org

L-AGS Leadership for 2021

President*	president@L-AGS.org	Julie Liu
First VP & Program Chair*	program@L-AGS.org	Tom Mathews
Second VP & Membership Chair*	membership@L-AGS.org	Denise Barr
	info@L-AGS.org	
Corresponding Secretary*		Marilyn Glass
Recording Secretary*	business.manager@L-AGS.org	Duncan Tanner
Publicity	publicity@L-AGS.org	Sandra Condreva
Queries Manager	queries@L-AGS.org	Richard Finn
Roots Tracer Editor	rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org	Patrick Loftt

Contents

Membership and Meeting News.....2	What Happened to the Assets of the Missing Alder Brothers?..... 7
L-AGS Leadership for 20212	English Cousin Finds <i>Roots Tracer</i> Article On-Line 10
President's Message from Julie Liu3	Seeking Information on Geo Budworth, Tesla 13
The Mystery Salved! Finally found furtive families!.....4	In Memoriam, Ed O'Donnell..... 14
	Book Review: The Foundlings 15
	Membership Renewal Form..... 16

President's Message

Roots Tracer Feb 2022

So, what has the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society been doing? Our membership has remained steady, and our speaker schedule has featured a wide range of genealogical topics over the last year. Which brings us to 2022. How will we be doing our meeting presentations for 2022. While I was initially optimistic last summer that we would be quickly moving to a hybrid type meeting, that hope is dwindling for now. With Covid resurging again, we will be following the remote model at least until summer. The L-AGS board feel this is the best way to continue to provide excellent subjects and keep us all safe. As the year develops, we will reevaluate what is best for our organization.

Our new slate of officers was voted on at our December 13th meeting.

Julie Liu	President	Sue Davis	Recording Secretary
Tom Mathews	1 st VP(Programs)	Marilyn Glass	Corresponding Secretary
Denise Barr	2 nd VP(Membership)	Duncan Tanner	Business Manager

All board members are eager to continue with the job of keeping our members informed and hopefully motivating members in their genealogical pursuits. Having said that, some of us have been in this board position for over 2 years, with some having served 3 or 4 years. I would love for a L-AGS member (or two) to step up and join us on the board next year. Please consider it.

Upcoming conferences	
Roots Tech Conference Mar 3-5, 2022, 100% virtual and <u>FREE</u>	National Genealogical Society May 24-28, 2022, Sacramento, CA
Registration: www.familysearch.org/rootstech/next/	www.conference.ngsgenealogy.org

Renewal of Dues

I was reminded that not all L-AGS members may have noticed the opportunities to renew. There has been a link in the e-Bulletin. Just click on that and it will take you to the page on our website you can also use your credit card if you click on the PayPal link OR you can print it out the last page of the Root's Tracer and mail it in. Your membership of \$18.00 allows us the budget that we need to put on an awesome schedule of speakers. For a single membership fee, that is a quality speaker for \$1.50/meeting. Such a deal!!! So, if you have not renewed your membership yet, please do. It is a real bargain.

Deep Histories, Deepening Connections: The National Archives UK and Ireland's Lost Records Digitally reconstructing Ireland's lost archive

Nearly 100 years ago, on 30 June 1922 the [Public Record Office of Ireland](#) was destroyed by fire in the

President's Message
Continued on page 15

The Livermore Roots Tracer

The Roots Tracer is the quarterly publication of the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society. The mission statement of the Roots Tracer is: **"Instruct. Inspire. Inform."**

We encourage members to submit articles for publication. Material can be e-mailed to: rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org or mailed to L-AGS, P.O. Box 901, Livermore, CA 94551-0901. Want ghostwriting help? Just ask!

The Roots Tracer Staff

Editor..... Patrick Lofft
Contributors.....
 Christine Jacobi, Jean Lerche & Richard Finn,
 Patrick Lofft, Nancy Rodrigue, Shirley Terry
Composer..... Andi Winters
Printing and Distribution..... Sue Davis,
Jean Lerche

The Mystery Solved! Finally found furtive families!

By Nancy Helms Rodrigue

I have had many successes over the years with finding ancestors, their homes, their families, their careers. But the one family I couldn't find was the one whose surname I shared: Helms. I knew this family was from Ostfriesland, Germany; where they settled in the U.S.; and even the ship they came on in 1852. Their history in the U.S. was also known to me, and I still have connections with relatives in Illinois springing from those first immigrants.

Most of us have never heard of Ostfriesland¹, their homeland, being in the remote upper northwestern - most part of Germany along the North Sea. The only records I had were those that came from the town of Wittmund², about a half hour south of the North Sea. In 2005, I decided to go there to see for myself where they lived and find the records that would show their parents, grandparents, cousins and uncles. Not so easy! Northeast Ostfriesland is mostly country with farms and villages scattered from Wittmund in the south to the North Sea in the North. Many family records of land ownership, births and deaths are kept in local churches and agencies and not found in the larger cities such as Oldenburg³, with civil registries and church records.



The Amaranth that carried the Helms to their new home in America.

I went home and over the years, I hired a couple of genealogists both here and in Ostfriesland to no avail. No one could find this family. This is not unusual due to the patronymic method of naming. Historically, last names in Germany were not com-

mon before Napoleon. Coupled with that, the Helms name turned out to be Helmst. So, a form of that name was the first name of a father and then a second name with the first-born son or sometimes daughter. Searching through my notes last year, I came across a name of someone that I had overlooked at the time. Her name was Kay, and I emailed her to see if she could still help me find this family. Kay turned out to be a man, and he was raised in Wittmund by his parents and grandparents. He has a long history of ancestors that were anchored in the region for several hundred years, and he knew them all. As it turns out, we share a common ancestor.

And, Kay found my ancestors: their villages, their births, marriages, and death records. Through the tax records, he found those that were owners of farms and those who worked for owners. Sometimes, the records revealed the cause of death. My great-grandfather 5 times, for example, died in a fire. By locating the villages and marriage records, it became clear that this family stayed within a few miles of Wittmund for several hundred years. The villages or smaller hamlets are located close together and can be best visited by bicycle. Some of the village names are Hohenkirchen, Wiarden, Aukens, still rural and little populated. Kay sent me a map from the 1600's identifying a couple of old family farms.

My great-great-grandparents, Behrens (Bernard) and Gesche Catherina (Catherine) Janssen left their homeland in Ostfriesland and immigrated to the United States in 1852 on the ship, Amaranth. They landed in New York with one or two children, a daughter, Maria, age 5, and an infant son. The son does not show up in their destination state of Illinois, so he either died on the ship or shortly after. We will never know why they left, but Behrens was the youngest Helmst son, so was not in line to inherit the family farm in Ostfriesland. There may also have been political and economic reasons. As far as Kay could determine, no other

¹East Frisia or Eastern Friesland (German: Ostfriesland; East Frisian Low Saxon: Östfräisland;) is a coastal region in the northwest of the German federal state of Lower Saxony.

²Wittmund is a town and capital of the district of Wittmund, in Lower Saxony, Germany.

³Oldenburg is an independent city in the district of Oldenburg in the state of Lower Saxony, Germany.



Helms barn



The old Helms farmhouse in Whiteside County Illinois.

family members joined them before or after their journey.

In 2005, I visited northwestern Illinois where Bernard and Catherine Helmst (now Helms) settled in the mid-1800s. Their imprint on the land still exists. Their 1800s farm, barn and house are stand-



The school their American born children attended.

**Helms: - Ostfriesland, Germany;
Descendant Chart**

<p>1. Onneke Reemts (or Reemts Onneke) b. 1558 Sillenstede, Ostfriesland, Germany</p>
<p>2. Onnken Hohle (or Onnken Hohle) b. 1585 Sillenstede, Ostfriesland, Germany d. 22/AUG/1674 Sillenstede at 89 years old m. Rammte Folkerts 05/FEB/1621 (Her father was Folkert Helmts.)</p>
<p>3. Hohlen Helmt d. 06/DEC/1680 Sillenstede, Ostfriesland, Germany Geschke Hummelts b. 28/JUL/1644 m. 17/JUN/1666 Sillenstede, Ostfriesland</p>
<p>4. Hummelts Helmt b. 15/APR/1697 Waddenwarden, Ostfriesland, Germany d. 28/NOV/1741 Wuppels Ostfriesland; (He died in a big fire.) Buried 4/DEC/1741. m. 5/JUN/1734 Aukens, Ostfriesland Adelheit Westdendorff b. 15/APR/1697 Waddenwarden, Ostfriesland d. 28/NOV/1741 Wuppels, Ostfriesland</p>
<p>5. Helmts Hummelt (also Hummelt) b. 17/AUG/1737 Wuppels, Ostfriesland, Germany (It's close to Wiarden.) d. 20/NOV/1819 at 82 years Wiarden m. 11/JUL/1775 Anke Isebrand b.17 AUG 1750 Wiarden; Daughter of Berend Isebrands d. 1808 Wiarden They had 5 children, 1 died early. Helmts became the family surname with him. The Napoleonic code stipulated that people should be known by their given name(s) and a family name that would not change from generation to generation. Before this, most Ostfrieslanders did not have a surname. Married twice, 1764 first marriage. He had 4 children.</p>

ing and occupied. The church of which they were charter members is still standing and has occasional services. The school where their three American born sons and their daughter, Mary, attended has been converted into a house and is occupied. The rolling verdant farmland has not changed much and is to this day, like their homeland.

Mary died at the age of 18, but I have not yet found out why. She wasn't buried in the church cemetery as was the rest of the family. My sister, Carol, and I found another very old cemetery close by and walked around reading every tomb-

stone. Finally, under a large old tree, we found Mary's tombstone among other 150-year-old burial sites. It had to be traumatic for her parents-losing their only daughter and only connection to the old country. Behrens, Catherina and Mary spoke German, or the Ostfriesland dialect at home it seems, and the three American born sons spoke both German and English.

When Bernard died in 1882 at the age of 64, Catherina went with her sons to the lawyer to settle the will. The lawyer wrote that she did not speak English and was so distraught over the death of her husband, that she couldn't stop crying. He wrote that her sons were very kind and loving to her, trying to console her through her grief. She passed away in February 1900 at the age of 77.



Henry, one of the three American born children of Behrens and Caterina, and his wife Caroline Janssen.

My ancestral line comes from one of the three brothers, Henry, my father's grandfather. He had 8 children, and Henry, the second youngest, would have been my grandfather if he didn't die at the age of 36. Nevertheless, this is a clannish type of family, and my immediate family attended Helms family reunions in Northwestern Illinois for years. Recently, through DNA, I have found other cousins from the other two brothers that I never knew, although, we agree that we probably met as children at the reunions. About 7 years ago, my older sister and I flew back to a Helms family reunion held at one of the old farms. We reconnected with some of our first cousins, met second and third cousins and were surprised by a visit from our last surviving aunt.

Helms: - Ostfriesland, Germany; Descendant Chart, Continued

- | |
|---|
| <p>6. Eilt Humts
 b. 15/JUN/1778 Wiarden, Ostfreisland, Germany
 d. 8 MAR 1828 48 years,1 month, 19 days.
 Buried Kirchdorf.
 He married late.
 m. 24/FEB/1811 Maria Elizabeth Becker
 b. 1778 Kirchdorf, Ostfreisland
 d. 12/MAR/1828 Wiarden *</p> <p>Elizabeth's name Bekker/Becker means baker and was one of the few surnames at this time.
 He owned a house; no longer a farmer. He couldn't work on the farm so moved to the village.
 Farmers had to have money.
 The owners had to provide security for workers.</p> |
| <p>7. Behrens Eilts Helmts
 First immigrant from Ostfriesland, Germany to the United States with his wife, Gesche Catherine Janssen, Marie Catherina, 5 years and Johann Behrends, 10 months.
 They immigrated to the United States in 1852. Three American born sons: Bernard, Henry and John.
 He was 34 and she was 29 years old. Bernard (Behrens) was listed as a farmer.
 b. 19 NOV 1817 Wiarden, Ostfreisland, Germany.
 d. 18 FEB 1882 Jordan Township, Whiteside, Illinois
 m. 6 SEP 1846
 Gesche Catherina Janssen
 b. 18 JAN 1823 Wittmund, Ostfreisland
 d. 1 AUG 1900 Sterling, Whiteside, Illinois</p> |
| <p>8. Henry Helms (second son) great-grandfather of Nancy Helms Rodrigue.
 b. 1856 in Jordan Township, Whiteside, Illinois).</p> |
| <p>9. Henry A. Helms grandfather of Nancy Helms Rodrigue,
 b. 1895 in Jordan Township, Whiteside, Illinois</p> |
| <p>10. Robert Allen Helms father of Nancy Rodrigue.
 b. 28/JAN/1914 in Rock Falls, Whiteside, Illinois</p> |

It wasn't just curiosity that motivated my search for the Helms. It was the feeling of warmth of knowing the now complete family; the connection to relatives and ancestors both current and past. Who were they, why did they leave their home country, and what of them is in me handed down over five generations.

This has been a long journey and a mystery that is finally solved. My next task is to move on to Northern Ireland to see how far I can go back to my Gaelic ancestors. I hope to find another "Kay."

What Happened to the Assets of The Missing Alder Brothers?

By Christine Jacobi

Sitting in the dark, secluded recreation room, a crackling image appeared on the television. Pictured on TV was a man with rounded spectacles and balding head, reading from a sheet at the Nuremberg Trials, acting as the lead British delegation to the judicial group. The gentleman's name was announced as Sir Geoffrey Lawrence, son of Lord Trevethin¹. Out of the silent air, Herbert shouted, "That's my cousin!" and excitedly started to rant about days gone by. A small prick was felt on his arm, as orderlies ran over and wrestled him back into his solitary bleak hospital room, and as he lay on his bed drifting out of consciousness, Herbert dreamed of what was and what could have been.

Herbert Lawrence Tristram Alder was born on 22 March 1874 and his brother, Randal Rhys Lawrence Alder, was born on 25 July 1876, the second and third sons of the Rev. Herbert Alder, and his wife, Theresa Annie Alder, formerly Lawrence. As boys, the brothers spent their time between their grandfather, the Rev. Gilbert Alder's home in Hurstbourne Tarrant², an hour and a half west of London, and their father's home in Caynham³. As sons and grandsons of vicars in the 1800s, both boys enjoyed a fulfilling life, and were educated. The young men attended the Kings School in Canterbury⁴ where they excelled in long distance running.

In 1894, the brothers decided to move to the Fresno area of California to learn about fruit growing. Between the years of 1894 and 1900, a steady flow of letters filled with exciting adventures of their time in California, and dreams and hopes of future endeavours, were sent by both men to their parents address in England. Marked with the address, Orange Hill, St George's Ranch and Loomes⁵, the men's parents and siblings read excitedly about these ventures.

Herbert had left California and settled within New Westminster⁶ at a fruit ranch in British Columbia. Sometime during 1900, Herbert who was affectionately known as "Jack," met up with his father in Kamloops⁷, British Columbia, expressing a desire to return to England, and conveying a concern that he had not heard from his brother, Randal. It was also realised that all letters, that had been so frequent, had stopped.

After this meeting with his father, Herbert travelled to South Africa and enlisted with the South African Constabulary in 1901 within the Detail Troop, A Division, Krugersdorp⁸, having been recruited in Westminster on 25 October 1901. He was enlisted for 3 years. While serving with the constabulary, Herbert received a wage of 5 shillings per day and held the rank of 3/c Trooper. On his recruitment papers, Herbert describes himself as a rancher, and is physically described as having light brown hair, grey eyes, a smart appearance with a ruddy complexion, a chest of 36.25" and being physically fit. It describes the fact that he has been vaccinated willingly, can ride a horse, is able to shoot, and can swim. It also goes on to state that he has not served in an army before nor has he had any sort of conviction against his name. Another brother, Captain Ralph Herbert Lawrence Alder (1886-1960), decided to join him. Sometime in 1904, Herbert decided, with persuasion from his father, to travel back to California to find Randal, who had now not been heard from in 4 years.

For 3 years, Herbert travelled through California, visiting all haunts where he knew Randal had been, but no one had apparently seen or heard from him. Feeling despair and failure, Herbert left California and travelled to Australia and then New Zealand, working on a railway. Again, a steady stream of letters arrived at the Alder home includ-

¹Geoffrey Lawrence was the youngest son of Lord Trevethin, briefly Lord Chief Justice of England in 1921–22.

²Hurstbourne Tarrant is a village and civil parish in Hampshire, England. It lies to the north of the county in the Test Valley. The Tarrant part of the name originates from 1226, when the village was given to the Cistercian Tarrant nunnery.

³Caynham is a village and civil parish in south Shropshire, England. The parish lies on the River Teme.

⁴The King's School is a public school (English independent day and boarding school for 13 to 18 year old pupils) in Canterbury, Kent, England.

⁵Loomis is an incorporated town in Placer County, California

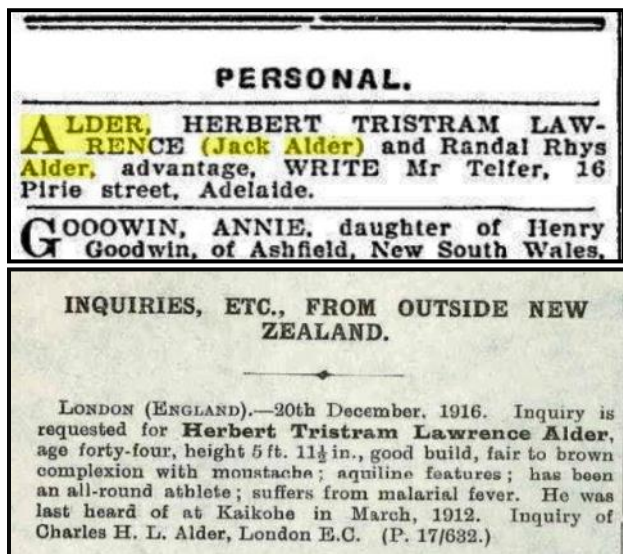
⁶New Westminster is a city in the Lower Mainland region of British Columbia, Canada, and a member municipality of the Metro Vancouver Regional District.

⁷Kamloops is a Canadian city in British Columbia, where the North and South Thompson rivers meet.

⁸Krugersdorp is a mining city in the West Rand, Gauteng Province, South Africa founded in 1887 by Marthinus Pretorius. Following the discovery of gold on the Witwatersrand, a need arose for a major town in the west of the reef.

ing in Feb 1908, from Horopito, M.T.R (Wellington, New Zealand) in January and November 1912 from Kaikohe Post Office in Auckland, New Zealand, in August 1912 from Wellington, New Zealand, in October 1912 from Nelson Post Office and in November 1912 from Greymouth, New Zealand. He was last confirmed to be physically seen in Kaikohe, New Zealand in March 1912.

In 1912, suddenly all letters from Herbert, also stopped, and he was never seen or heard from again.



Newspaper adverts were taken out in the USA, UK, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand.

In 1911, The Rev Herbert Alder died, never knowing the fate of his son, Randal. In 1912, another brother of Herbert and Randal's, Charles Herbert Lawrence Alder (1871-1959), a solicitor in London, decided to take on the challenge of locating his brothers, after Herbert also disappeared. Newspaper adverts were taken out in the USA, UK, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand. A small fortune was spent visiting California, trying to locate Randal, but every lead led to a dead end. Between 1921 and 1922, the men's maternal uncle, Lord Trevethin, Alfred Lawrence⁹, became the Lord Chief Justice of England, and contributed time and money in the effects to locate his nephews.

As years passed, and relatives died, it was assumed that the brothers had both died, and the search was significantly scaled back. Stories were passed down generations differing from them just

losing contact, to accusations of kidnap and murder; until memories faded, and stories became fairy-tales.

It wasn't until 2019 that this mystery was solved, and the true fate of the missing Alder brothers surfaced through an advance of records being made available on the internet.

On 30 March 1901, Randal was admitted to Stockton Hospital¹⁰ in San Joaquin, California having lived with Hugh Price in Loomis, Placer County, California. According to medical records, he had been having troubles for the past 6 weeks. It was recorded that his brother and mother, as well as members of her family, had previously suffered from mental health issues. It was claimed that Randal was deemed to be suicidal, that he was both noisy and restless, as well as being violent and dangerous. The doctors diagnosed him as suffering from hysteria-mania¹¹, which they believed was hereditary. It was recorded within these documents that Randal behaved and spoke in an irrational manner, and that he raved and shouted whilst in his bed at the top of his voice for four hours

⁹Alfred Tristram Lawrence, 1st Baron Trevethin PC (24 November 1843 –3 August 1936) was a British lawyer and judge. He served as Lord Chief Justice of England from 1921 to 1922.

¹⁰San Joaquin General Hospital, originally established in 1857, is a general acute care facility, French Camp, California

¹¹Hysteria and Mania are attempts to control an uncontrollable environment. In both, the individual appears to be much more highly reactive to either the external environment or internal states than those observing them think is justifiable.

Sarah Elizabeth Alder b. Littlehampton, England m. 1853 Andover Rev. James Murray Richard Rawlins d. 1873 Wandsworth, London, England	Gilbert Alder Esq. b. 1829 Littlehampton, England m. 17 March 1864 London Annie Colby Lambert d. 23 April 1916 Stansted Mountfitchet, England	Will son, m. 1 Eng Emi d. 1 Eng
Hurstbourne Tarrant is a village and civil p name originates from 1226, when the villa Littlehampton is a town, seaside resort and lies on the English Channel on the eastern Wandsworth is a London borough in south main settlements are Battersea, Putney, To Stansted Mountfitchet is an English village According to the 2001 census it had a popu railway station. Littlehampton is a town, seaside resort and lies on the English Channel on the eastern		
Lord Trevethin Alfred Tristram Lawrence b. 1844 Trevethin, Wales m. 1875 Jessie Elizabeth Lawrence d. 3 Aug 1936 Builth, Wales	Theresa b. 1847 m. 1868 bert Ald d. 1920	
Trevethin is a suburb of Pontypool in Torfa		
Geoffrey Lawrence 3rd Baron Trevethin 1st Baron Oaksey b. 2 Dec 1880 Kensington m. 22 Dec 1921 Marjorie Frances Alice Robinson	Herbert Randal	

Alder Lineage Chart

Rev Gilbert Alder

b. 5 May 1800 Alnwick, Northumberland, England

m. 26 April 1827 St Giles, Camberwell, Surrey, England to Elizabeth Davey

Liam Alder Esq. 831 Littlehamp- England 859 Tonbridge, land ly Jane Sopwith 899 Lymington, land	Lieutenant Francis Alder b. 1833 Littlehamp- ton, England m. Never married d. 6 October 1854 Scutari, Anatolia, Turkey	Henry Brooke Al- der Esq. 16 March 1836 Kelvedon Hatch, England m. 1859 Lambeth, England Isabella Mary Lester Field d. 4 March 1894 London, England	Rev. Edward Alder b. 1839 Kelvedon Hatch, England m. 1875 Andover, England d. 6 Jan 1901 Hants, England	Captain Charles Alder R.N. b. 27 August 1842 Kewidon, England m. Never married d. 16 Nov 1903 Wellington, Eng- land	Katherine Elizabeth Alder b. 1844 Kelvedon Hatch, England m. 1869 Andover Thomas Blake d. 1884 Poole, Dor- set	Rev. Herbert Alder b. 1844 Kelvedon Hatch, England m. 1868 Pontypool, Wales d. 22 Aug 1911 Shropshire, England	
parish in Hampshire, England. It lies to the north of the county in the Test Valley. The Tarrant part of the ge was given to the Cistercian Tarrant nunnery. The civil parish includes the village of Ibthorpe. l pleasure harbour, and the most populous civil parish in the Arun District of West Sussex, England. It bank of the mouth of the River Arun. west London; it forms part of Inner London and has an estimated population of 329,677 inhabitants. Its oting and Wandsworth Town. e and civil parish in Uttlesford district, Essex, near the Hertfordshire border, 35 miles north of London. ulation of 5,533, increasing to 6,011 at the 2011 census. The village is served by Stansted Mountfitchet l pleasure harbour, and the most populous civil parish in the Arun District of West Sussex, England. It bank of the mouth of the River Arun.						Herbert Tristram Lawrence Alder b. 22 March 1874 Bath, England m. Never married d. 25 Sep 1952 Avondale, New Zealand	Randall Rhys Law- rence Alder b. 1876 Basing- stoke, England m. Never married d. 7 June 1915 Stockton, Califor- nia, USA

The Lawrence Family Tree

Dr. David Lawrence

b. 1813 Penthur Caerleon, Monmouthshire, Wales

m. 28 July 1842 Glamorgan Wales to Elizabeth Williams

Annie Lawrence Treveithin, Wales Pontypool, Wales Rev Her- er Wales	Florence Maria Nightingale Lawrence b. 1850 Treveithin, Wales m. 1880 Pontypool, Wales Arthur Evans d, 13 Feb 1947 Sutton, England	Leopoldino Margaret Adams Law- rence b. 1851 Treveithin, Wales m. Hopton A Williams d. 27 Feb 1936 Kensington, England	Harold Robert Lawrence 1853 Treveithin, England d. 1908 Carmarthan, Wales
---	--	--	---

men, Wales in the historic county of Monmouthshire.

Tristram Lawrence Alder Rhys Lawrence Alder	straight, whilst declaring that if anyone were to touch him or the bed in which he lay, that they would most certainly drop dead that instance. Randal appar- ently sounded like a crazed preacher and declared that he had been hypno- tised by the Almighty.	The family were never informed of where Randal was or what had become of him. The hospital had details of both Randal's medical history, and fa- ther's name and address. On committal papers, Randal was said to wrongly be called Richard, <p style="text-align: right;">Alders, continued on page 14</p>
--	--	---

English Cousin Finds ROOTS TRACER Article On-Line

By Shirley Siems Terry, L-AGS 1st President

Three months ago, I received an e-mail from Christine Jacobi of England asking if I was the Shirley Siems Terry who had written "From the Tin Mines of England to the Coal Mines of Pennsylvania" published in the August 2020 issue of our *Roots Tracer*. She found my e-mail address in her deceased uncle's research. She had done a Google search for her 3rd great-grandfather, John Samuel Finn, and found my article and recognized my name. Credit for this connection goes to Roots Tracer editor, Patrick Lofft, who insists that *Tracer* articles include a family lineage chart. I'm afraid I had viewed doing the chart as a waste of time and space but this proved me wrong as John Samuel Finn was just in the lineage chart and not in the article. I have apologized to Patrick. Christine shared her uncle's research notes with me which got me researching problem areas. The attached FINN Family Lineage is an up-dated version of my previous chart.

Christine and I are not related, so I asked my daughter, Lori Terry Washburn, to check the DNA and learned that Christine and my husband's sister, LaVonne (Terry) Karsten, are 4th cousin DNA matches who along with my husband share John Samuel Finn 1811-1894 as their 3rd great-grandfather although Christine descends through his second wife, Eliza. My three children and another tested sister evidently don't carry enough matching DNA to show up as matches.

Although the Finn family is not one of my direct lines, it is more interesting to me than most of my husband's lines because my husband's work with Chevron took us to England for about eight months in 1985. This was the first time I was able to get my husband interested enough in his ancestors to do a little research. We went to the General Register Office in London looking for the marriage record of his 2nd great-grandparents, Frederick and Grace (Carpenter) Finn as well and their children's birth records and some pertinent death records. The information given me via his Grandmother Grace Carpenter (Finn) Fisher (named for her grandmother) was that her grandparents had been married in a **white church near Lovestock, Devonshire, England**. I had never been able to find a Lovestock anywhere in England on maps available to me before the internet, so when we moved to England, I bought several large maps of Devon and England and was able to borrow a cou-

ple of books on Devon. I soon noticed one of the larger towns in Devon was Tavistock and saw it was possible the handwritten "Ta" could have been mistaken for an "Lo." The "white church" ended up being the small **village of Whitchurch located very close to Tavistock**. This was verified by the marriage, birth and death records we found at the Register Office and gave us additional information on the parents of both Fred and Grace. Grace's death certificate gave her father's name as William Carpenter and his death certificate gave his occupation as miner and death by falling down a mine shaft.

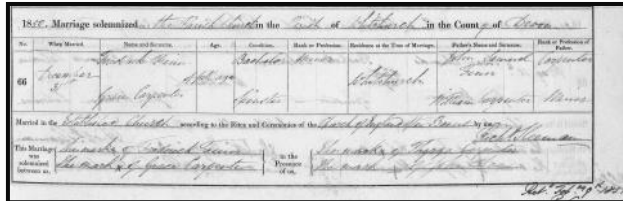


St. Andrew's Church, Whitchurch, Devon, England – Site of 1850 Finn-Carpenter marriage.

As mentioned above, Wayne's Grandma Fisher was given her grandmother's name, including the maiden name, Grace Carpenter Finn. Grandma's sister was named Rebecca White Finn leading me to look for White ancestors until I found a Rebecca White living next to the Finns in the 1880 census¹ and surmised Rebecca and their mother Amelia were good friends.

Since Fred and Grace Finn's oldest son, our Frances "Frank" Finn, was said to have been born 17 March 1851, we surmised the parents were married in 1850. We were surprised to find they

¹"United States Census, 1880," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MWXR-JVM:4 January 2022>), Rebecca White in household of Robert White, Centralia, Columbia, Pennsylvania, United States; citing enumeration district 172, sheet0174, NARA microfilm publication T9 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), FHL microfilm



1850 Marriage certificate - Frederick Finn - Grace Carpenter

were not married till 31 December 1850 at the “Parish Church of Whitchurch in the County of Devon.” Rather than being a “white church near Lovestock,” we found the Church of St. Andrews to be stone and listed in an 1850 city directory which even listed Rev. Richard Sleeman who signed said marriage certificate in Whitchurch Parish just outside of Tavistock in the county/shire of Devon. Wayne and I attended a Sunday evening church service in that same old stone church when we visited Tavistock in November 1985. Within a few steps of the church building stands the equally old Whitchurch Inn built for the convenience of the church goers. We have pictures of both buildings. We enjoyed looking at the old tombstones but found no Finns. We did find some Carpenters of the same time period but don’t know if they were related.

The Church of St. Andrews was listed as early as 1850 in White’s City Directory. It was said to have been an old stone building of perpendicular style in good repair having aisle, chancel, porch and a square tower with six bells. Rev. Richard Sleeman (signer of Fred and Grace’s marriage certificate) was listed in the directories as having been the vicar from 1823-1870. He graduated from Baliol College, Oxford. His father, Peter, and grandfather Richard Sleeman had preceded him as vicar and also as schoolmaster.

The marriage certificate gives us only the couple’s fathers’ names, not their mothers. It gives Frederick’s occupation as “miner.” His father is given as John Samuel Finn whose occupation was “carpenter” and Grace’s father as William Carpenter whose occupation was “miner.” John, the schoolmaster, died of “natural decay” 11 Oct 1864 with age given as 83 years, eight years older than the age given in the 1851 census, A mistake must have been made one time or the other. We later determined this to be the father of the miner who in the 1841 census was living in Taylor’s Square. It’s interesting that today’s search for Taylor’s Square in Tavistock shows 3-story row houses which may well be 180 years old!

FINN Family Lineage

Robert Finn b. ca 1745 Ireland m. Ellen
Stephen Finn b. ca 1768 Ireland m. 17 Jun 1787 Brighton, Sussex, ENG Elizabeth Saunders
John Samuel FINN b. 1789 Brighton, Sussex, ENG d. Dec 1864 Tavistock, Devon, ENG m. ca 1810 Frances ‘Fanny’ Sarah Cheeseman b. ca 1790 d. 1840 Tavistock, Devon, ENG
John Samuel FINN b. Apr 1811 d. 11 Oct 1894 Tavistock, Devon, ENG 1 st m. 3 Apr 1832 in Tavistock, Devon, ENG Jane Lang Rundle b. ca 1812 Tavistock, Devon, ENG d. Jan-March 1860 Stoke Damerel, Devon, ENG
Frederick FINN b. 12 Nov 1831 Tavistock, Devon, ENG d. 12 Jul 1898 Centralia, Columbia, Pennsylvania m. 31 Dec 1850 Whitchurch, Devon, ENG Grace CARPENTER b. 12 Jul 1833 Bristol, Gloucestershire, ENG d. 23 Jul 1908 Centralia, Columbia, Pennsylvania
Francis ‘Frank’ FINN b. 17 Mar 1851 Whitchurch, Devon, ENG d. 21 Dec 1920 Lovewell, Jewell, Kansas m. 9 Apr 1874 Bloomsburg, Columbia, Pennsylvania Amelia Atta QUICK b. 27 Mar 1856 d. 11 Oct 1939 Mitchell, Scotts Bluff, Nebraska
Grace Carpenter FINN b. 27 Dec 1884 Centralia, Columbia, Pennsylvania d. 3 Dec 1974 Mitchell, Scotts Bluff, Nebraska m. 26 Dec 1906 Mankato, Jewell, Kansas Harvey FISHER b. 20 Jul 1885 Kalkaska, Kalkaska, Michigan d. 18 Jan 1954 Scotts Bluff, Nebraska
Carrie Etta FISHER b. 30 Jun 1910 Callaway, Custer, Nebraska d. 23 Dec 1973 Salem, Marion, Oregon m. 10 Nov 1928 Holyoke, Phillips, Colorado Sylvester “Buck” TERRY b. 16 Dec 1908 Chase, Nebraska d. 14 Nov 1992 Salem, Marion, Oregon
Sylvester Wayne TERRY 1938-2010 m. Shirley Jean SIEMS

The English birth records only go back to 1837 so both Frederick Finn and Grace Carpenter were born too early. I reasoned that since they were born in 1831 and 1833 they could have younger brothers and sisters whose births would be listed. The indexes didn't give much information, I didn't see a Carpenter surname that I thought would tie in but would like to check again looking for the town of Chagford as I was probably looking for Tavistock or Whitchurch. At any rate, we did find one Finn birth and ordered the birth record which gives John Samuel Finn as the father and lists his occupation in 1838 as Blacksmith. The mother is given as Jane Finn formerly Rundle. So, I believe Frederick had a sister, Mary Jane, born 26 May 1838 in Tavistock.

We found Frederick and Grace Finn living in Whitchurch village in the 1851 census. Frederick is listed as a Copper Miner having been born in Tavistock. Grace is listed as a dressmaker and was born in Chagford, Devon. Their son, Francis Finn, whose birthday I had as 17 March 1851 is listed as having been one month old which proves out. We found his birth certificate confirming the day and both parents' names with father's occupation given as miner. Susanna Carpenter, aged 50 and also born in Chagford is listed as a boarder. We believe she was Grace's Mother though it seems strange the relationship is given as boarder; her occupation is given as "miner w" which substantiates the theory of her being Grace's Mother as we found a death certificate for William Carpenter who died in an accidental fall down the shaft of Wheal Anderton Mine in Whitchurch on 11 Dec 1850. The only discrepancy is that his age is given as "about 40 years" but was probably just an estimate by the coroner which could easily explain a difference of 10 years. White's 1850 Directory lists the Wheal Anderton Tin Mine as the largest in Whitchurch. A James Carpenter living at Anderton Cottage was listed in 1850 as the "mine agent." By 1856 Anderton Cottage was being run as a boarding house by Mrs. Carpenter and as apartments in 1870. We saw Anderton Cottage when we visited the area in 1985 and believe it to be the same house. We took a picture and believed the mine was in the hill behind the house.

We learned that mining near Tavistock reached its peak in the mid-19th century with Devon Great Consol Mines along the banks of the Rives Tames producing large amounts of copper. In 1840 there were about 138 mines in the Tavistock area.

Tavistock Canal was built in 1817 for barges to



Anderton Cottage, Tavistock

carry minerals from the nearby mines to the port of Morwellham on the banks of the River Tames. The canal was forced to close in 1859 owing to the failure of the mines and the coming of the railway.

My husband's Grandma, Grace Carpenter (Finn) Fisher, gave us the names of Frederick and Grace Finns six children as Francis 'Frank' Paul born 17 March 1851, Mary known as Polly, born 22 October 1859, Anne born 5 April 1862, Frederick born 8 March 1864, Harry born 1 January 1870 and Mattie born 25 April 1872. The last two were born in Centralia, Pennsylvania and both were said to have been named after children that had been born and died in England.

We were particularly interested in infant mortalities in the family because of a rare bleeding disease of one of our own children and a nephew of my husband. Grandma and Grandpa Fisher's second son, Earl Harvey born 30 August 1917, lived only 36 hours bleeding to death. We tried to track down the Harry and Mattie who died in England. We didn't find either but did find two death certificates for children of Frederick Finn, copper miner; Caroline, aged 2 years, died 31 Dec 1956 and Frederick Field Finn, aged 5 years, died 10 October 1852. Both died of "effusion on brain." My husband and his oldest sister, grandmother of the nephew, as well as several of her children, tested as carriers of a Factor II Deficiency, prothrombin, which has affected several family members.

Seeking information on Geo Budworth, Tesla

By Jean Lerche and Richard Finn,
an email conversation with K. Acosta, Jean Lerche, Richard Finn

Another genealogy researcher recently found useful information on the L-AGS website.

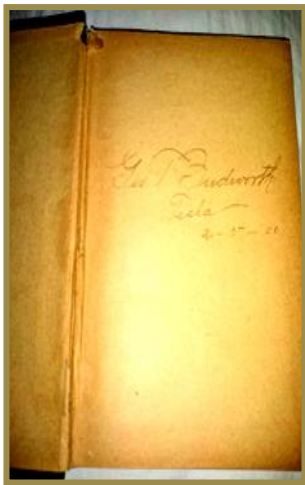
"I [**K. Acosta**] found you [*L-AGS publications manager*] through a web search for a name I discovered in an antiquarian Sappho¹ book that I purchased which was authored by Daudet².

I am trying to find out who this person [Budworth] was and your website gave me the closest hit. I might be completely off the mark, but I thought perhaps it was worth asking if you did indeed know anything about this signature?

Thank you for your time. **K. Acosta**"

The following email message dated Fri, 12 Nov 2021 was to: Hello **Richard [Finn]**,

"Received the preceding email yesterday. Have done a little "digging." One conclusion: George T. Budworth of Tesla is the author of the signature in the book shown at the end of this email.



Front flyleaf - Geo T Budworth Tesla 2-5-00

Here is a list of references for George T. Budworth from the L-AGS Master Index of local names. There are quite a few Budworth people listed. I have not checked any of these references for George T except Tesla Web. NOTE: Richard, there are some Budworth people with Finn listed as the reference publication. Perhaps you are familiar with

Sappho; c. 630 – c. 570 BCE, was an Archaic Greek poet from Eresos or Mytilene on the island of Lesbos. Sappho is known for her lyric poetry, written to be sung while accompanied by music. In ancient times, Sappho was widely regarded as one of the greatest lyric poets and was given names such as the "Tenth Muse" and "The Poetess". From: Wikipedia.com.

Alphonse Daudet was born in Nîmes, France. His family, on both sides, belonged to the bourgeoisie. His father, Vincent Daudet, was a silk manufacturer — a man dogged through life by misfortune and failure. Alphonse, amid much truancy, had a depressing boyhood. From: Wikipedia.com.

this name.

Budworth, Geo. T. — Freitas

Budworth, George T. — Freitas

Budworth, George T. --- Tesla Book

Budworth, George T. --- Tesla Web

Budworth, George Thomas — Finn

Budworth, George Thomas --- 1890

On 11/12/2021 8:36 AM, **jmlerche** wrote:

Hello Richard,

"From Tesla web:

I found a George T. Budworth, worked in electrical department and resident of Tesla in 1900 on <https://www.teslacoalmines.org/TeslaA.html> . (a Dan Mosier website)

Also residents of Tesla were John W Budworth, a driver and resident of Tesla in 1898 as well as Wesley Budworth, a swamper and resident of Tesla 1897-1900.

I checked Ann Homan's book, Livermore A-Z. On page 173 Ben F. Budworth is listed as member of the fire department.

Also googled Sappho and Daudet. Sappho apparently was a woman poet of Ancient Greece. Alphonse Daudet (1840-1897) was a French novelist, dramatist, and short-story writer.

I am passing the baton to you, Richard, in hopes that you (or any of the other folks on this email) can perhaps do further research and put together an answer to K. Acosta's query. I would be most appreciative."

Best regards, **Jean Lerche**

Richard's reply: "We have the Budworth family in our database. I will see what else I can find about George. I also will email **K. Acosta** and relay what we know about George. Note George

Budworth, *continued in middle of page 14*

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Ed O'Donnell, age 94 (August 15, 1927 - November 3, 2021). Born in Livermore, California. Ed attended St. Michaels, Livermore High School and was a graduate of San Jose State University, earning a BS degree in business with a minor in economics.

Ed was extremely well read, constantly reading about many subjects from history and politics to sociology and astronomy. Ed was very involved in genealogy. He loved learning about, sharing and publishing about those who came before him. He was a great storyteller and an astute observer of the human condition with all its glory and foibles.

Ed is survived by his loving wife Elizabeth Peterson O'Donnell, son Joe O'Donnell, daughters and

son in laws Chris Romero (Bob), Cece McCarthy (Brian), Cathy O'Donnell (deceased), his beloved brother and sister-in-law Jim and Audrey O'Donnell, his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many friends.

A Funeral Mass was held on November 18, 2021 at Star of the Valley Catholic Church, Santa Rosa. A Celebration of Life will also be held in Danville, CA at a future date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Leukemia And Lymphoma Society, <https://www.lls.org/who-we-are> in honor of his daughter Cathy. [Published by Press Democrat on Nov. 14, 2021.]

Budworth, *continued from page 13*

was born in Nottenham, an early name for Livermore.”

Richard

Jean's reply: “Thank you, Richard. Appreciate your taking time to email **K. Acosta** as well as doing research.

“I was wondering about the town name of Notten-

ham—now I know. Appears the Budworth parents (William and Margaret) started out in the East but the offspring were born and raised and lived as adults in this area of California.

“Was curious, too, if you are related to the Budworth family or just worked on a project to develop the family descendent outline.”

Jean

Alders, *continued from page 9*

and later was known as just simply “RR”. Randal had everything taken away from him. His freedom. His dignity. His family. Even, his name.

On 7 June 1915 Randal died of tuberculosis, aged 39, and was laid to rest within the hospital grounds, without any notice forwarded to his family. Unfortunately, there are current investigations that are ongoing regarding the treatment of mental patients at Stockton Hospital, and how they buried bodies in mass graves.

It is unclear where Herbert was between 1912 and 1917 and why he stopped sending letters to his family. In 1917, Herbert appears in Koheroa, Mercer, New Zealand, working as a farmer, where he unfortunately gets in to difficulties with his mental health, and is committed under court order, and his property becomes under the control of the council. Unfortunately, no notice was ever sent to his fami-

ly regarding this, even though there is evidence to suggest that they were aware of Herbert's family address.

Herbert lived the remainder of his life within mental health hospitals, eventually residing at Kingseat¹², Auckland, New Zealand, where, on 23 September 1952 he died of toxemia brought on by gangrene of the foot. Batterby's Funeral Services laid him to rest at Waikumete Cemetery and Crematorium in Auckland, New Zealand in Nonconformist Division C, Row 29, Plot 37, in an unmarked grave. One question remains... what had happened to the assets and personal belongings of these quite affluent men?

¹²Kingseat was originally part of Patumahoe and was not actually recognised as a specific area until a mental hospital known as Kingseat Hospital was built there in February 1931. The local area around it then became generally become known as Kingseat.

The Foundlings, A Genealogical Crime Mystery

Review by Patrick M. Lofft

Author, Nathan Dylan Goodwin, was born and raised in Hastings, East Sussex. Schooled in the town, he then completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Radio, Film and Television, followed by a Master of Arts Degree in Creative Writing at Canterbury Christ Church University. His interests include reading, writing, photography, genealogy and travelling. As I enjoyed Nathan's prior Forensic Genealogist series, I was eager to read his current novel in the Forensic genealogist series.

[2nd col. top: placement for: The Foundlings cover 002.jpg], Caption: A Red and White checkered bag!

I was halfway through "[The Foundlings](#)" and was very caught up in the emotional journey! Kudos to Nathan Dylan Goodwin for the thoroughly detailed descriptions of the genealogy processes much appreciated by readers who learn by following along as Morton seeks the parents of these foundlings.

Forensic genealogist, Morton Farrier, agrees to take on a case to identify the biological mother of three foundlings, abandoned in shop doorways as new-born babies in the 1970s. He has just one thing with which to begin his investigation: the three women's DNA, one of whom is his half-aunt. With just six days of research time available to him, his investigation uncovers some shocking revelations and troubling links to his own grandfather; and Morton finds that, for the first time in his career, he is advising his clients not to read his concluding report. "The facts of the case, however, are much worse than I had warned you to prepare for."

Readers initially meet Morton with his seven-month pregnant wife, Juliette, and two-and-a-half-year-old daughter, Grace, shopping for the absolutely perfect Christmas tree. Next week Morton will visit his Aunt Margaret and disclose his findings.

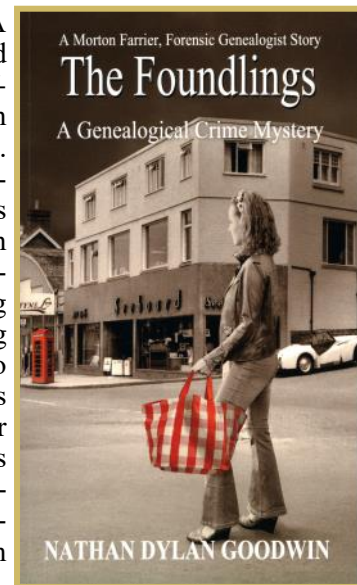
Aunt-Margaret's half-sister, Vanessa Briggs,

uploaded her DNA to *Gedmatch* and discovered two half-sisters who share an unknown mother. Unlike many genealogical researchers Morton uses an available investigation wall for posting his accumulating research notes to visualize those facts as a timeline. Author Goodwin delivers excellent descriptions of careful genealogical research techniques.

Opportunely Morton exploits and introduces the reader to many research websites: Ancestry.com, FindMyPast.com, MyHeritage.com, FindAGrave.com Free UK Genealogy (<https://www.freeukgenealogy.org.uk/>), DNAquest (<https://www.dnaquest.org/>), Funeral-Notices (<https://funeral-notices.co.uk/>).

Goodwin delivers many instances of folksy family references to soften the tale of genealogical research on various websites. He capably leaves the reader hanging at the close of most chapters as the tale skillfully uses flashbacks between current 2019 events and the 1970's.

Disclosure: Author, Nathan Dylan Goodwin, sent me a copy of this book to review. The reviewed copy will soon be available for circulation at the Pleasanton Public Library. You may purchase this book through Amazon, Target and other sites in paper-back or Kindle versions under \$15.



A Red and White checkered bag!

President's Message

Continued from page 3

opening engagement of the Irish Civil War. Historians have long considered the 700 years of records that the building contained as tragically lost to history. https://beyond2022.ie/?page_id=2997

A special podcast episode explored how nearly

100 years later five core archival partners are collaborating on the **Beyond 2022 project** to reconstruct virtually the Public Record Office of Ireland and its contents by hunting for replacement documents around the world, and by using ground-breaking technology.

To find out more about the Beyond 2022 project look at their website: <https://beyond2022.ie/>.

Membership Renewal Form

L-AGS annual membership dues are due and payable on or before January 1st.
 Please complete this form, attach your check, or pay with a credit card using [PayPal](#) or mail to:

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society
 P.O. Box 901
 Livermore CA 94551

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

eMail: _____ Telephone: _____

Please check a box below to indicate your membership choice and circle whether: Renew, Rejoin, New

	Patron	\$100	Renew,	<i>The Livermore Roots Tracer</i>
	Family Benefactor	\$40		
	Individual Benefactor	\$40	Rejoin,	_____ e-mail (full color)
	Family (2 or more people at same address)	\$25		
	Individual	\$18	New	_____ U.S. Mail (black & white)

The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society is exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3)(public charity) of the Internal Revenue Code and California Taxation Code 2301g.

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society

P.O. Box 901
 Livermore, CA 94551-0901

Address Service Requested

FIRST CLASS

ing in Feb 1908, from Horopito, M.T.R (Wellington, New Zealand) in January and November 1912 from Kaikohe Post Office in Auckland, New Zealand, in August 1912 from Wellington, New Zealand, in October 1912 from Nelson Post Office and in November 1912 from Greymouth, New Zealand. He was last confirmed to be physically seen in Kaikohe, New Zealand in March 1912.

In 1912, suddenly all letters from Herbert, also stopped, and he was never seen or heard from again.

PERSONAL.

ALDER, HERBERT TRISTRAM LAWRENCE (Jack Alder) and Randal Rhys Alder, advantage, WRITE Mr Telfer, 16 Pirie street, Adelaide.

GOODWIN, ANNIE, daughter of Henry Goodwin, of Ashfield, New South Wales.

INQUIRIES, ETC., FROM OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND.

LONDON (ENGLAND).—20th December, 1916. Inquiry is requested for Herbert Tristram Lawrence Alder, age forty-four, height 5 ft. 11½ in., good build, fair to brown complexion with moustache; aquiline features; has been an all-round athlete; suffers from malarial fever. He was last heard of at Kaikohe in March, 1912. Inquiry of Charles H. L. Alder, London E.C. (P. 17/682.)

Newspaper adverts were taken out in the USA, UK, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand.

In 1911, The Rev Herbert Alder died, never knowing the fate of his son, Randal. In 1912, another brother of Herbert and Randal's, Charles Herbert Lawrence Alder (1871-1959), a solicitor in London, decided to take on the challenge of locating his brothers, after Herbert also disappeared. Newspaper adverts were taken out in the USA, UK, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand. A small fortune was spent visiting California, trying to locate Randal, but every lead led to a dead end. Between 1921 and 1922, the men's maternal uncle, Lord Trevethin, Alfred Lawrence⁹, became the Lord Chief Justice of England, and contributed time and money in the effects to locate his nephews.

As years passed, and relatives died, it was assumed that the brothers had both died, and the search was significantly scaled back. Stories were passed down generations differing from them just

losing contact, to accusations of kidnap and murder; until memories faded, and stories became fairy-tales.

It wasn't until 2019 that this mystery was solved, and the true fate of the missing Alder brothers surfaced through an advance of records being made available on the internet.

On 30 March 1901, Randal was admitted to Stockton Hospital¹⁰ in San Joaquin, California having lived with Hugh Price in Loomis, Placer County, California. According to medical records, he had been having troubles for the past 6 weeks. It was recorded that his brother and mother, as well as members of her family, had previously suffered from mental health issues. It was claimed that Randal was deemed to be suicidal, that he was both noisy and restless, as well as being violent and dangerous. The doctors diagnosed him as suffering from hysteria-mania¹¹, which they believed was hereditary. It was recorded within these documents that Randal behaved and spoke in an irrational manner, and that he raved and shouted whilst in his bed at the top of his voice for four hours

⁹Alfred Tristram Lawrence, 1st Baron Trevethin PC (24 November 1843 – 3 August 1936) was a British lawyer and judge. He served as Lord Chief Justice of England from 1921 to 1922.

¹⁰San Joaquin General Hospital, originally established in 1857, is a general acute care facility, French Camp, California

¹¹Hysteria and Mania are attempts to control an uncontrollable environment. In both, the individual appears to be much more highly reactive to either the external environment or internal states than those observing them think is justifiable.

Alder Lineage Chart

Rev Gilbert Alder
b. 5 May 1800 Alnwick, Northumberland, England
m. 26 April 1827 St Giles, Camberwell, Surrey, England to Elizabeth Davey

Sarah Elizabeth Alder b. Littlehampton, England m. 1853 Andover Rev. James Murray Richard Rawlins d. 1873 Wandsworth, London, England	Gilbert Alder Esq. b. 1829 Littlehampton, England m. 17 March 1864 London Annie Colby Lambert d. 23 April 1916 Stansted Mountfitchet, England	William Alder Esq. b. 1831 Littlehampton, England m. 1859 Tonbridge, England Emily Jane Sopwith d. 1899 Lymington, England	Lieutenant Francis Alder b. 1833 Littlehampton, England m. Never married d. 6 October 1854 Scutari, Anatolia, Turkey	Henry Brooke Alder Esq. 16 March 1836 Kelvedon Hatch, England m. 1859 Lambeth, England Isabella Mary Lester Field d. 4 March 1894 London, England	Rev. Edward Alder b. 1839 Kelvedon Hatch, England m. 1875 Andover, England d. 6 Jan 1901 Hants, England	Captain Charles Alder R.N. b. 27 August 1842 Kewidon, England m. Never married d. 16 Nov 1903 Wellington, England	Katherine Elizabeth Alder b. 1844 Kelvedon Hatch, England m. 1869 Andover Thomas Blake d. 1884 Poole, Dorset	Rev. Herbert Alder b. 1844 Kelvedon Hatch, England m. 1868 Pontypool, Wales d. 22 Aug 1911 Shropshire, England
--	--	--	--	---	--	--	--	--

Hurstbourne Tarrant is a village and civil parish in Hampshire, England. It lies to the north of the county in the Test Valley. The Tarrant part of the name originates from 1226, when the village was given to the Cistercian Tarrant nunnery. The civil parish includes the village of Ibthorpe.

Littlehampton is a town, seaside resort and pleasure harbour, and the most populous civil parish in the Arun District of West Sussex, England. It lies on the English Channel on the eastern bank of the mouth of the River Arun.

Wandsworth is a London borough in southwest London; it forms part of Inner London and has an estimated population of 329,677 inhabitants. Its main settlements are Battersea, Putney, Tooting and Wandsworth Town.

Stansted Mountfitchet is an English village and civil parish in Uttlesford district, Essex, near the Hertfordshire border, 35 miles north of London. According to the 2001 census it had a population of 5,533, increasing to 6,011 at the 2011 census. The village is served by Stansted Mountfitchet railway station.

Littlehampton is a town, seaside resort and pleasure harbour, and the most populous civil parish in the Arun District of West Sussex, England. It lies on the English Channel on the eastern bank of the mouth of the River Arun.

The Lawrence Family Tree

Dr. David Lawrence
b. 1813 Penthur Caerleon, Monmouthshire, Wales
m. 28 July 1842 Glamorgan Wales to Elizabeth Williams

Lord Trevethin Alfred Tristram Lawrence b. 1844 Trevethin, Wales m. 1875 Jessie Elizabeth Lawrence d. 3 Aug 1936 Builth, Wales	Theresa Annie Lawrence b. 1847 Trevethin, Wales m. 1868 Pontypool, Wales Rev Herbert Alder d. 1920 Wales	Florence Maria Nightingale Lawrence b. 1850 Trevethin, Wales m. 1880 Pontypool, Wales Arthur Evans d. 13 Feb 1947 Sutton, England	Leopoldino Margaret Adams Lawrence b. 1851 Trevethin, Wales m. Hopton A Williams d. 27 Feb 1936 Kensington, England	Harold Robert Lawrence 1853 Trevethin, England d. 1908 Carmarthen, Wales
--	--	---	--	--

Trevethin is a suburb of Pontypool in Torfaen, Wales in the historic county of Monmouthshire.

Geoffrey Lawrence 3rd Baron Trevethin 1st Baron Oaksey b. 2 Dec 1880 Kensignton m. 22 Dec 1921 Marjorie Frances Alice Robinson	Herbert Tristram Lawrence Alder Randal Rhys Lawrence Alder
--	---

straight, whilst declaring that if anyone were to touch him or the bed in which he lay, that they would most certainly drop dead that instance. Randal apparently sounded like a crazed preacher and declared that he had been hypnotised by the Almighty.

The family were never informed of where Randal was or what had become of him. The hospital had details of both Randal's medical history, and father's name and address. On committal papers, Randal was said to wrongly be called Richard,

Alders, continued on page 14

ing in Feb 1908, from Horopito, M.T.R (Wellington, New Zealand) in January and November 1912 from Kaikohe Post Office in Auckland, New Zealand, in August 1912 from Wellington, New Zealand, in October 1912 from Nelson Post Office and in November 1912 from Greymouth, New Zealand. He was last confirmed to be physically seen in Kaikohe, New Zealand in March 1912.

In 1912, suddenly all letters from Herbert, also stopped, and he was never seen or heard from again.

PERSONAL.

ALDER, HERBERT TRISTRAM LAWRENCE, (Jack Alder) and Randal Rhys Alder, advantage, WRITE Mr Telfer, 16 Pirle street, Adelaide.

GOOOWIN, ANNIE, daughter of Henry Goodwin, of Ashfield, New South Wales.

INQUIRIES, ETC., FROM OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND.

London (Berks.)—30th December, 1916. Inquiry is requested for Herbert Tristram Lawrence Alder, age forty-four, height 5 ft. 11 in., good build, fair to brown complexion with moustache; agrilic features; has been an all-round athlete; suffers from malaria fever. He was last heard of at Kaitoko in March, 1912. Inquiry of Charles H. L. Alder, London E.C. (P. 17/688.)

Newspaper adverts were taken out in the USA, UK, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand.

In 1911, The Rev Herbert Alder died, never knowing the fate of his son, Randal. In 1912, another brother of Herbert and Randal's, Charles Herbert Lawrence Alder (1871-1959), a solicitor in London, decided to take on the challenge of locating his brothers, after Herbert also disappeared. Newspaper adverts were taken out in the USA, UK, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand. A small fortune was spent visiting California, trying to locate Randal, but every lead led to a dead end. Between 1921 and 1922, the men's maternal uncle, Lord Trevelin, Alfred Lawrence⁹, became the Lord Chief Justice of England, and contributed time and money in the effects to locate his nephews.

As years passed, and relatives died, it was assumed that the brothers had both died, and the search was significantly scaled back. Stories were passed down generations differing from them just

losing contact, to accusations of kidnap and murder; until memories faded, and stories became fairy-tales.

It wasn't until 2019 that this mystery was solved, and the true fate of the missing Alder brothers surfaced through an advance of records being made available on the internet.

On 30 March 1901, Randal was admitted to Stockton Hospital¹⁰ in San Joaquin, California having lived with Hugh Price in Loomis, Placer County, California. According to medical records, he had been having troubles for the past 6 weeks. It was recorded that his brother and mother, as well as members of her family, had previously suffered from mental health issues. It was claimed that Randal was deemed to be suicidal, that he was both noisy and restless, as well as being violent and dangerous. The doctors diagnosed him as suffering from hysteria¹¹, which they believed was hereditary. It was recorded within these documents that Randal behaved and spoke in an irrational manner, and that he raved and shouted whilst in his bed at the top of his voice for four hours

⁹ Alfred Tristram Lawrence, 1st Baron Trevelin PC (24 November 1843 – 3 August 1936) was a British lawyer and judge. He served as Lord Chief Justice of England from 1921 to 1922.
¹⁰ San Joaquin General Hospital, originally established in 1857, is a general acute care facility, French Camp, California
¹¹ Hysteria and Mania are attempts to control an uncontrollable environment. In both, the individual appears to be much more highly reactive to either the external environment or internal states than those observing them think is justifiable.

Alder Lineage Chart

Rev Gilbert Alder
b. 5 May 1800 Alwrick, Northumberland, England
m. 26 April 1827 St Giles, Camberwell, Surrey, England to Elizabeth Davy

Sarah Elizabeth Alder b. 1829 Littlehampton, England m. 1853 Andover	Gilbert Alder Esq. b. 1829 Littlehampton, England m. 17 March 1864 London	William Alder Esq. b. 1831 Littlehampton, England m. 1859 Tonbridge, England	Lieutenant Francis Alder b. 1833 Littlehampton, England m. Never married	Henry Brooke Alder Esq. 16 March 1836 Kelvedon Hatch, England m. 1859 Lambeth, England d. 4 March 1894 London, England	Rev. Edward Alder b. 1839 Kelvedon Hatch, England m. 1875 Andover, England d. 6 Jan 1901 Hants, England	Captain Charles Alder R.N. b. 27 August 1842 Kewidon, England m. Never married d. 16 Nov 1903 Wellington, England	Katherine Elizabeth Alder b. 1844 Kelvedon Hatch, England m. 1869 Andover d. 1884 Poole, Dorset	Rev. Herbert Alder b. 1844 Kelvedon Hatch, England m. 1868 Pontypool, Wales d. 22 Aug 1911 Shropshire, England
Murray Richard and Rawlins d. 1873 Wandsworth, London, England	Annie Colby Lambert d. 23 April 1916 Stansted Mountfichet, England	Emily Jane Sopwith d. 1890 Lymington, England	Scutari, Anatolia, Turkey	Isabella Mary Lester Field d. 4 March 1894 London, England				

Hursbourne Tarrant is a village and civil parish in Hampshire, England. It lies to the north of the county in the Test Valley. The Tarrant part of the name originates from 1226, when the village was given to the Cistercian Tarrant nunnery. The civil parish includes the village of Ithorpe. Littlehampton is a town, seaside resort and pleasure harbour, and the most populous civil parish in the Arun District of West Sussex, England. It lies on the English Channel on the eastern bank of the mouth of the River Arun. Wandsworth is a London borough in southwest London; it forms part of Inner London and has an estimated population of 329,677 inhabitants. Its main settlements are Battersea, Putney, Tooting and Wandsworth Town. Stansted Mountfichet is an English village and civil parish in Uttlesford district, Essex, near the Hertfordshire border, 35 miles north of London. According to the 2001 census it had a population of 5,533, increasing to 6,011 at the 2011 census. The village is served by Stansted Mountfichet railway station. Littlehampton is a town, seaside resort and pleasure harbour, and the most populous civil parish in the Arun District of West Sussex, England. It lies on the English Channel on the eastern bank of the mouth of the River Arun.

The Lawrence Family Tree

Dr. David Lawrence

b. 1813 Penthur Caerleon, Monmouthshire, Wales
m. 28 July 1842 Glamorgan Wales to Elizabeth Williams

Lord Trevelin Alfred Tristram Lawrence b. 1844 Trevelin, Wales m. 1875 Jessie Elizabeth Lawrence d. 3 Aug 1936 Buith, Wales	Theresa Annie Lawrence b. 1847 Trevelin, Wales m. 1868 Pontypool, Wales Rev Herbert Alder d. 1920 Wales	Florence Maria Nightingale Lawrence b. 1850 Trevelin, Wales m. 1880 Pontypool, Wales Arthur Evans d. 13 Feb 1947 Sutton, England	Leopoldino Margaret Adams Lawrence b. 1851 Trevelin, Wales m. Hoplon A Williams d. 27 Feb 1936 Kensington, England	Harold Robert Lawrence 1853 Trevelin, England d. 1908 Carmarhan, Wales
---	--	---	---	--

Trevelin is a suburb of Pontypool in Torfaen, Wales in the historic county of Monmouthshire. Geoffrey Lawrence
3rd Baron Trevelin
1st Baron Oaksey
b. 2 Dec 1880 Kensington
m. 22 Dec 1921 Margorie Frances Alice Robinson

The family were never informed of where Randal was or what had become of him. The hospital had details of both Randal's medical history, and father's name and address. On committal papers, Randal was said to wrongly be called Richard, Alders, continued on page 14