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FOREWORD

The Chairman

Many of you will remember that some years ago I sent out a form entitled 'They served their King and Country' on which members were asked to give details of any service in H.M.Forces.

I have the returned forms in a special file and my interest was re-awakened the other day when I completed my last stint of entering data in the 'Soldier's Index' database being compiled by the Friends of the PRO (Public Record Office) and I looked to see if we had any members of the family who were likely to appear in that database.

The index is to all soldiers (no officers) discharged to pension between 1760 and 1854 and is on-going but what has been done so far is available on open shelves at the PRO and is regularly updated.

I only know of one Swinnerton at the moment who served in this period but it did stimulate me into making a list of all the ones we know about so far and this follows this foreword. As I have now undertaken to carry on the research work formerly done by Erik Gray, a noted authority on military records, who sadly died in June, I shall be able to keep a special lookout for any Swinnerton Soldiers as I look for others for clients.

Erik will be a hard man to follow: he was a meticulous researcher, a prolific writer of letters and articles on military subjects and there are many family historians throughout the world who are greatly indebted to him for help with their research. As a tribute to his outstanding work over many years, I dedicated my latest book which was published in August (*An Introduction to the British Army: its History, Traditions and Records*) to him.

In future editions of this journal, I will try and give an outline of each person's career - I say person because, of course, some of our ladies served in each of the two world wars.

Sadly, I have had no response whatsoever to my appeal in the last journal for photographs of last year's Gathering. Surely some of you must have taken a few and could spare one or two for the album. We have a photographic record of every Gathering since 1974, it would be a pity to miss out on this one. Please search your albums and try and find us some.

As I type this, we are preparing for our Autumn Council Meeting which is being held in the Lake District over a weekend. We had a very successful one in Colchester two years ago so we thought we would repeat the experiment - it does give us much more time to relax and get to know each other as well as get through a lot of business.

Iain Swinnerton

THEY SERVED THEIR KING & COUNTRY

List No.1 1642 - 1913

Captain SWYNNERTON
Captain of a Royalist Troop of Horse.
Captured at Chirk Castle

Captain THOMAS SWINNERTON
Captain of a Parliamentary Troop of Horse
With Cromwell in Ireland 1649
A 'Forty-Niner'.

Private THOMAS SWINERTON
Royal Marine Light Infantry
Served as Guard on convict ship to Australia 1788

Private WILLIAM SWINNERTON
Xlth Hussars
Fought at Waterloo

Gunner John SWENERTON
East India Company Artillery
Enlisted at Liverpool 16 Oct 1829
Parish of Workington, Cumberland

Gunner ALFRED SWINNERTON 5070
Royal Artillery E/B
Killed 27 Jul 1880 Maiwand

Hon.Major WILLIAM SWINNERTON
Commissariat
Enlisted circa 1840

Trooper T.SWINNERTON
5th Dragoons
Enlisted circa 1851

The Reverend CHARLES SWYNNERTON
Chaplain
Enlisted 1873

(continued overleaf)

WILLIAM SWINNERTON

64th Regiment

Enlisted at Wolverhampton 16 June 1880 aged 19. Miner

Parish of Dudley Port

Private WILLIAM HARRY SWINNERTON

Regiment not yet known.

April 1882 Clerk

Parish of Wolverhampton, Staffs

Died Peshawar, India 1888

Private SAMUEL SWINNERTON 5563

4th Bn North Staffordshire Regiment

Enlisted 28th January 1898 aged 18. Potter

Parish of Stoke on Trent

Sapper STEPHEN JOSEPH SWINNERTON 7705

Royal Engineers

Enlisted 1 April 1901 at Liverpool aged 23. Telegraphist

Parish of Liverpool

Private HENRY SWINNERTON 6054

King's Shropshire Light Infantry

Enlisted at Chester 10 July 1899 aged 18. Butcher

Parish of Betley

Trooper ISSAC HENRY (Harry) SWINNERTON

50th (Hampshire) Squadron. Hampshire (Carabineers) Yeomanry Cavalry.

17th Battalion Imperial Yeomanry

Enlisted at Christchurch January 1900 aged 25.

Parish of Caldwell

Trooper EDWARD ALBERT SWINNERTON

50th (Hampshire) Squadron. Hampshire (Carabineers) Yeomanry Cavalry.

17th Battalion Imperial Yeomanry

Enlisted at Christchurch 6 February 1900 aged 21. Butcher

Parish of Caldwell

THE RACING WORLD

I have recently spent time going through about eight year's worth of newspaper cuttings about members of the family which my daughter Jo is going to sort into order and add to the archives. The last ones I put in were dated 1987! Viewing them all together, I have noticed that we seem to be building up a connection with horse racing of which I was not previously properly aware.

The Times of Monday, March 23 1987 in the 4.00 Stretton Novice Hunters Chase (Amateurs. £630;3m 1f) lists a horse called Forlorn Prince owned and trained by Mrs D.Swinnerton, no rider is given.

In The Field for June 1989 there is a piece about the Members' Race at the Atherstone point-to-point accompanied by a number of pictures of people at the meeting amongst whom is Mrs Norman Swinnerton.

In the Daily Telegraph for 21 Oct 1991 in the 5.00 Kegworth Handicap (6f 15yds; £3141) there is a horse called Atlantic Clear owned by D.Weeden, trained by J.Banks and ridden by J.Swinnerton. According to Tim Swynnerton, who sent me this cutting, the jockey did not come in the first three and Tim thought he was possibly an amateur riding for a local farmer. Tim says he, himself, rode in a horse race on the flat on Coronation Day at Jos in Nigeria and he managed 3rd!

In The Times for Wednesday May 8 1996 in the 2.40 Evelyn Delves Broughton Maiden Stakes (2-Y-O colts and geldings; £7113; 5f 16yd) there is a horse called Swino9 owned by Swinnerton Transport Ltd, trained by P.Evans and ridden by K.Fallon.

Now, all this is new to me - can any of you enlighten us further?

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St.Clement's Church, Sandwich Kent

Notice Board listing all the Rectors includes:

1543 Dom Thomas Swinnerton M.A.

(Dom is short for Dominus, in the clerical world of the time meaning Sir, but not a knight, or Master)

MORE SWINNERTON MEMORIALS

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS IN CAWNPUR CANTONMENT CEMETERY, INDIA

No.14 Recumbent cross:-

Sacred to The Memory of/ Amelia Heneritta (sic)
the dearly beloved wife of
Major WILLIAM SWINNERTON
who went to her rest 20th July 1891
aged 60 years and 8 days.

Plot XVII-Church of England (Adults)

No.33 Plain marble recumbent cross on cross-shaped stone tomb with marble tablets:-

Sacred to the memory
of WILLIAM SWINNERTON
honorary major
who went to his
rest on the 2nd August 1895
aged 76 years

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ISLEHAM, Cambridgeshire

There is a brass in the church of ELLEN SWYNNERTON, daughter and heiress of Sir John Mallory. 1451....

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BANGOR CATHEDRAL, Caernarvonshire

GEORGE SWINNERTON
Bookbinder
and for several years Verger
of this Cathedral.
Died 28 March 1841.
Aged 41 years.

PART OF JUDICIAL HISTORY!

ARCHBOLD - Pleading, Evidence and Practice in Criminal Cases.

This great textbook and reference work of the legal profession which has gone through very many editions is to be found in every court room in the country. In the 38th Edition in 1973 we find:

No.1258. Exceptions to rule as to proof by attesting witnesses

The rule as to proof of exception by an attesting witness besides the limitations above stated is also subject to the following exceptions.

1. Where a deed (and the same as to a will, *Doe d. Oldham v. Wooley*, 8 B.& C. 22) is twenty years old or upwards, the court will presume that it has been duly executed, and will not require it to be proved. (*Evidence Act 1938, s.4*), provided possession has followed the deed, or some satisfactory account is given of it, and provided there is no erasure or interlineation in it, and that it does not import fraud; otherwise it must be proved as in ordinary cases, either by the attesting witness, or by evidence of his and the party's handwriting: 2Bac.Abr.Ev.(F.); and see *Swinnerton v. Marquis of Stafford* (1810) 3 Taunt 91. When an ancient obligation for the payment of money is given in evidence, proof should be available of the payment of interest within the last twenty years, or of other circumstances sufficient to rebut the presumption which the law will otherwise raise of such obligation having been satisfied. See *Forbes v. Wale*, 1 W.Bl.532

HELPING WITH THAT JUSTICE

SHREWSBURY CHRONICLE 22 Aug 1952 p.5

J.W.Swinnerton, Bridgnorth, Policeman Shropshire Constabulary.
Transferred to Shrewsbury.

Descriptive Register of Members of Staffordshire County Police Force.

Staffordshire Record Office: C/PC/1/6/1

1 March 1884 - 13 June 1885

No.2356 SWINNERTON, James.

Stafford. Parish of Eccleshall

22 years 4 mths. 5 Feet 9 inches. Grey Eyes; Brown Hair; Fresh Complexion.

Butcher. Single

3rd Constable 1 March 1884

2nd Constable 1 Sept 1884

Taken off the strength 13 June 1885. Dismissed.

SWINNERTONS IN BUSINESS

As a family, with a few notable exceptions, we don't seem to have been very proficient in business as the following entries show.

Gazette Sept.9 1856

Bankruptcy

William Swinnerton (Aug.26) late of Nuneaton, now of Chilvers Coton, cordwainer and builder. Trustee - Thomas Dewes, of Coventry, solicitor. Sol.-T.Drewes of Coventry.

1 February 1857 xxxii 374 117

Insolvent Estates vested in Provisional Assignee - Prison Cases

Gazette - Jan 20, 1857.

Insolvent Court, 17 Jan. - On their own Petitions

SWINNERTON William, of Allesley, near Coventry, shoe-maker and grocer - Warwick

1858 xxxiii 385 19

1 January 1858

Gazette - Dec.11,1857

SWINNERTON, Elizabeth, victualler,dl.& ch., Stoke-upon-Trent, co.Stafford. sur.24th Dec.16th Jan.half past eleven.

Court - Birmingham. Com.Balguy. Off.assig. - Whitmore. Sol.- J.Smith Birmingham. Pet. dated Dec.9.

1858 xxxiii 388 304

1 April 1858

CERTIFICATES

Gazette - Mar, 10 1858

SWINNERTON Elizabeth, victualler, Stoke-upon-Trent. -2d class.

The Times 28 November 1868

BANKRUPTS

To Surrender in the Country

SWINNERTON, T., Birmingham, grocer - Dec 11, Birmingham

(continued overleaf)

London Gazette 23844 1714 29 March 1872

The Bankruptcy Act 1869

In the County Court of Lancashire, holden at Bolton.

In the matter of Proceedings for Liquidation by Arrangement or Composition with Creditors, instituted by William Walter Swinnerton (trading as Swinnerton and Co.) of No.44, Market-street, Chorley, in the County of Lancaster, Bookseller and Stationer.

Notice is hereby given that a First General Meeting of the creditors of the above-named person has been summoned to be held at the offices of Mr Thomas Morris, Town Hall Chambers, Chorley aforesaid, on the 12th day of April, 1872, at one o'clock in the afternoon precisely. - Dated this 27th day of March, 1872.

Thomas Morris, Town Hall Chambers
Chorley, Attorney for the said Debtor

London Gazette 23867 2784 14 June 1872

The Bankruptcy Act 1869

In the County Court of Lancashire, holden at Bolton.

A FIRST and final dividend of 1s.6d. in the pound has been declared in the matter of proceedings for liquidation by arrangement of the affairs of William Walter Swinnerton (trading as Swinnerton and Co. of No.44, Market-street, Chorley, in the county of Lancaster, Bookseller and Stationer) and will be paid by me, at my office, Cunliffe-street, in Chorley aforesaid, on and after Tuesday, the 18th Day of June instant. - Dated the 10th day of June, 1872 Peter Hodgkinson, Trustee

1895

The Times 22 May 1895

In the country

ADJUDICATIONS

Swinnerton, Arnold, Hasley, lithographic artist, late lithographer.

SHROPSHIRE JOURNAL 6 March 1939 p.3 col.6

Mr George Swinnerton (The Elder) variously described as Blacksmith, Farmer, Licensed Brewer, Retailer of Beer and Tobacco.of Shebden, parish of High Offley in Eccleshall, Staffs.

"Prisoner to be brought before court for insolvent debts".

SWINNERTON STREETS and HOUSES

Bill Swinarton of Canada and Dr Ian Bloore of Stoke have been having a competition over the Internet to see who could find the most streets or places named after their respective families. So far, Bill is losing by a large margin because there appear to be a host of Bloor(e) places everywhere.

So far we have:

Swynnerton Way, Lunts Heath, Widnes, Merseyside

(on a new development and nearby are Wedgwood Ave, Tuscan Drive, Trent Crescent so it looks as if these are names based on Pottery Manufacturers).

Swinnerton Street in Crewe, Cheshire

Swinnerton Street, Hackney, London

Swinnerton Street, Staten Island, New York, USA

Swinnerton Road in Hibbing, Minnesota, USA

We have Swinnerton Lodge in Dartmouth and we used to have the Alderman Swinnerton High School in Nuneaton.

Any more in your area?

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THE GREAT GAME

Playing Monopoly first the time for many years at Christmas, reminded me that George Swinnerton Parker was the founder of Parker Brothers, game manufacturers who first produced the game.

He was born on the 12th December 1866 at Salem, Massachusetts where, of course, the Swinnertons were one of the founding families. His parents were George Augustus Parker and Sarah Maria Hegeman. Bill Swinarton has made extensive enquiries to try and find out the connection with our family but has not been able to find a link. His grandson, Randolph P. Barton, President of Parker Brothers, said his mother, George's daughter, 'thought her father had been named for a friend rather than a relative'. Intriguing!

BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID.

I am sure you all know this most engaging film. In Ripley's 'Believe It Or Not' article in a newspaper, October 20th, 1986, we find:

"Western Badman Butch Cassidy sentenced to prison in Wyoming in the 1890s requested a pardon from Governor William A. Richards but would not promise to go straight ... However, he did promise never to commit a crime in Wyoming .. and the pardon was granted."

I know you are wondering what this has to do with us - well, William Alford Richards, Governor of Wyoming from 1895-1899 who was born on the 9th of March, 1849 at Hazel Green, Wisconsin was the son of Truman Richards and ELEANOR SWINNERTON.

There is an excellent biography of him in *The Biographical Directory of Governors of the United States 1789-1978*.

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RECORDS OF THE BIRMINGHAM & MIDLAND INSTITUTE

1871 Council Certificate for Latin 3rd Class
W.T.Swinerton

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RECORDS OF JOSAH MASON ORPHANAGE BIRMINGHAM

1886 Walter Swinnerton Prize for Reading and Arithmetic Std.IV
1888 Walter Swinnerton 1st Prize in History & Arithmetic
1892 Henry Swinnerton Distinguished himself in all the 8 subjects in which he was examined - Reading, Composition, Handwriting, Algebra, Geography, Arithmetic, Grammar, Shorthand.
1893 Henry Swinnerton - Top in Reading
1894 Scarlatina epidemic - no examinations.

Walter Swinnerton	30 Mar 1876	31 May 1886	1 Nov 1890
Henry W.Swinerton	27 Apr 1880	22 Aug 1890	24 Oct 1896

Lord and Peasant in Staffordshire in the Middle Ages

Probably not all the disturbances which involved the local gentry would have the simple explanation of conflict over property. Some episodes which appear in the courts, usually as a result of presentments by local juries, give the appearance of being part of ancient feuds between families whose original cause was perhaps forgotten, but whose momentum was maintained by assaults, killings and revenge outside the law. Inevitably, at periods of more general political disturbance, the feuding families tended to line up on opposing sides.

Such seems to have been the case in the reign of Edward II, when the Swynnerton family supported by the King and the Staffords (of Bramshall and Sandon) lined up behind the Earl of Lancaster. It is to be doubted, however, whether the Staffords were committed Lancastrians, though the Swynnertons naturally profited from their 'loyal' connection by acquiring profitable offices and immunities. The feud was recognized locally as such by the jury of presentment of the hundred of Tatmanslow, for in 1324 they referred to the support given by the late Countess of Lincoln to Sir William of Stafford and his allies in his quarrel against Sir Roger of Swynnerton. Her support was given, so it was said, in the dispatch of a band of armed men under the leadership of two knights (Sir Peter of Lymesy and Sir Thomas Blauncfront) to lay waste the parks of Sir William of Stafford's enemies.

The Swynnerton clan was by no means innocent in these battles with the Staffords or in other matters. Some of them were accused in 1315 by the widow of Robert of Essyngton of the murder of her husband, possibly arising in this case from a dispute about land in Essington. Others, aided and abetted by Sir Roger, the head of the family, were involved in the abduction of a woman of the Gresley family in 1324. Sir Roger's son, Roger, killed a royal forester in Cannock, and got a royal pardon in return for service in the king's army in Aquitaine. The Swynnertons in fact, were well able to look after themselves, by stopping the county court in 1314 and threatening the sheriff and Sir William of Stafford who were present. This was done by Sir Roger in the company of some 28 relatives and allies. The incursion into this court was matched by another Swynnerton gang's interruption of the assize justices at Clifton Campville two years later. Roger, who at the beginning of the reign was alleged to have forced the coroner and witnesses against him in a murder charge to pay some £130 for their temerity, nevertheless was employed in various ways by the crown. For example he was placed on a commission to sentence the king's Lancastrian enemies, and was even made Constable of the Tower of London.³⁸

³⁸ C.H.S., x, 1889, 3-75 passim, for Swynnerton and Stafford rivalries.

HISTORY OF ST. CHAD'S, SLINDON, ECCLESHALL 1894-1944

by
JANE BENTON of Slindon

THE SALT FAMILY AS SLINDON PROPERTY OWNERS AND BENEFACTORS

The first known reference to the Salt family in connection with property in Slindon is contained in the will, dated 3rd February 1777, of 'John Stevenson of Stafford, Banker':

I devise to John Williamson Esquire of Stafford and my son-in-law, Thomas Salt, and their heirs... all my manor and estate in Slindon in the County of Stafford, except the Catchells and the Old Parks, containing together about 50 acres, and two cottages at Cat'shill Cross.....

The Slindon estate mentioned in the first devise consists of the Manor of Slindon and divers messuages and lands in Slindon containing 202 acres 1 rood 23 perches in the several occupation of Jas Hadderton, Robt. Williams, John Glover, Thomas Boulton, Thos. Service and John Swinnerton..... (These men are later referred to as 'cottagers')

This was not the only marriage between the two banking families of Salt and Stevenson. The parents of Thomas Salt (born 1802), John Salt (born 1806 and the father of the founder of St. Chad's) and William Salt (born 1808 - after whom the William Salt Library in Stafford is named) were John Salt and Sarah Stevenson; a number of their descendants took the name of Stevenson Salt. Whether or not these were 'marriages of convenience' is not known but certainly they led to the merger of the two family banks to create the Stevenson, Salt and Sons Bank in Lombard Street, London. In 1866 the bank merged with Lloyds Bank; John Charles Salt, founder of St. Chad's and Slindon landowner, had by 1893 become a director of Lloyds, whilst his cousin, Thomas Salt M.P., owner of Standon Hall, was Chairman of Lloyds.

By 1854 the larger part of Slindon was in the ownership of John Salt. This is clearly apparent from a ledger entitled *Rental of Estates in Slindon, Standon, Tillington and Walford, 1854-1874*.

An entry for 1860 reads as follows:

Half a year's rental due to John Salt Esq. at Lady Day

Slindon	£.	s.	d.
Aston, George	150.	0.	0
Keen, John	1.	10.	0
Lawton, Henry	6.	0.	0
Haywood, Matthew	2.	10.	0
Moore, William	30.	10.	0
Swinerton, George			3d
Swinerton, Thomas	4.	0.	0
Mrs Key	5.	0.	0
Waller, James	1.	15.	0
Williams, Thomas	86.	0.	0
Worrall, James	11.	10.	0
Williams, Elizabeth	1.	10.	0
Williams, Joseph	9.	0.	0

(George Ashton is known to have been the tenant of Slindon House: Thomas Williams is referred to as the tenant of Villa Farm in John Salt's will of 1864.)

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THE INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX

The latest (1993) version of the IGI (the International Genealogical Index produced by the Mormons) is proving something of a disappointment. This version separates Marriage searches from Individual. The index is very large because, for the first time, entries have been allowed from individuals (without any verification) in addition to the microfilmed records. This means that there are many duplicates and a lot of inaccurate information caused by wishful thinking. However, we must bear in mind that any index, including our own, is only an aid and one should always check back to the original record.

Our member Edythe Seeley kindly gave me a list of submitters of Swinerton information to the IGI in the early days which included the name of Heber Grant, a President of the Mormon Church but what his connection to our family was I do not know.

PALATINE OF CHESTER RECOGNISANCE ROLLS

(Trans.PRO) ii Henry V - Henry VII

1484 14 Dec

Edward Duncalf, HUMPHRY SWYNARTON, John Worthe, son & heir of Thomas Worthe, Thomas Shrygley & Thomas Falowes to the King. Recognisance for 200 marks that the said Edward keep the peace toward Thomas Masey. [1 & 2 Ric.3 m.5(2)]

FAMILY NOTES

Congratulations to:-

Our member Mrs Rebekah Hunt and her husband Warren on the birth of their daughter Holly on the 21st April this year in New Zealand, a sister for Ruby.

Alastair and Julie Swinerton on the birth of their daughter Eleanor Mary on the 27th June in London, a sister for Freddie.

Emma, daughter of our Secretary Elizabeth and Treasurer Keith, on her marriage to Alan Campbell Greenlees on the 10th August.

Congratulations of a different sort to Emma's sister Rachel who has been awarded a Distinction in her Master's Degree in Business Administration. She came 3rd overall out of 300 and was awarded a prize of £200.

Welcome to a new member Barbara Lesley Molley of
Barbara is the great grand-daughter of John Ratcliff and Sarah Swinerton, born 5 June 1845, of the Warwickshire Branch.

Finally, a few changes of address.
Mrs M.D.E.Martin to
Miss C.A.Swinerton to

The Revd. E.G.F.Swinerton to
Miss Felicity Watts to
and two corrections:
Mrs R.Hunt should be
and Richard E.Swinerton is

NEWS FROM SWYNNERTON

The Summer Fayre

The weather smiled on us again and everyone had a very enjoyable afternoon. The total raised was £1585.75

The next important date for your diary is **November 23rd** when the **Christmas Fayre** will be held in Yarnfield Village Hall.

"Sussex by the Sea"

4-6 April 1997

*Federation of Family History Societies'
Conference, AGM and Council Meeting*

hosted by the

Sussex Family History Group

in its

25th Anniversary Year

at Bishop Otter College, College Lane,

Chichester, West Sussex

There are a variety of booking options for conference delegates, with prices ranging from £28 to £175. Send SAE for booking form and further details to:

Mrs. Doreen Hayes,

*People who take no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors
will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered by remote
descendants.*

Lord Macaulay

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Swinnerton Society held at Swynnerton on Saturday 22nd June 1996.

1.96 APOLOGIES were received from Julian and Elaine Hawley, Mrs. Elizabeth May, Mrs. Brenda Morgan, Kay Sabell, Geoff Swinnerton (Liverpool), Leslie and Catherine Swinnerton, Mrs. Margaret Taylor.

2.96 MINUTES of the last Annual General Meeting were read, approved and signed.

3.96 MATTERS ARISING The chairman commented that no new kneelers had been produced for some time and the church were in need of a good many more.

4.96 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Iain Swinnerton.

Iain reported that Council had met twice since the last Annual General Meeting to discuss routine business.

In the absence of Kay Sabell it was not possible to report yet on the response to the appeal for members to participate in the production of a Swinnerton tapestry.

On the whole the Society is functioning well; there is still a vacancy for one more Council Member but all the new members of Council elected last year were actively participated in the running of the society.

5.96 TREASURER'S REPORT - Keith Livesey.

A copy of the Accounts was produced and is attached to this report. The accounts will be audited shortly. Keith explained that 'US remittance' should read 'Canadian remittance' and that the figures under 'Secretary's expenses' were a typing error.

Keith reported that there was a surplus of £48 this year whereas last year there was a deficit of £602. This was explained by the number of subscriptions being up slightly, expenditure had been lower and there had been a profit from sales at the Gathering. Keith forecast that funds could be short in the near future and recommended giving consideration to this matter. Although we are not a profit-making organisation we are charity-supporting. Keith urged members to covenant their subscriptions. He then explained some new acronyms and at Joe Swinnerton's request reminded the meeting what GOONS stood for (Guild of One-Name Studies).

The chairman informed the meeting that he would be retiring as a printer on 23rd April 1997 and that in future, printing would have to be contracted out; costs will therefore inevitably increase. In view of this, consideration should be given to increasing income to the Society as from the beginning of 1997.

It was agreed that an increase in subscription would be necessary and a figure of £10 was suggested. It was felt that such a large increase could be counter-productive and may result in members not renewing their membership. Sir Roger Swynnerton proposed an increase to £7 or £8. Rev. Brian Swynnerton proposed an amendment:- reduced subscription for OAPs and under 30s and £10 for everyone else. Keith Livesey felt that we need to aim ultimately for a £10 subscription, but not immediately. Expenditure on the 1881 Census will be reduced as only two more counties are outstanding. It was suggested that the number of Journals might be cut to three per year.

The Motion was that:-

From 1997 subscriptions should be increased to £8.00

Proposed - Sir Roger Swynnerton

Seconded - Rev. Brian Swynnerton

Carried unanimously.

Angela Swinnerton suggested putting a note in the Journal encouraging members to covenant their subscriptions and apologising for the increase. Keith Livesey intends addressing the advantages of renewing or initiating covenants. Joe Swinnerton asked how much we currently receive from covenants. Keith Livesey reported £120 per year.

It was suggested that members be asked to listen out for possible small printers who might be used to print the Journal in future. Rev. Brian Swynnerton will approach a printer in his village and obtain a quote for printing around 200 Journals with three or four issues per year.

6.96 ARCHIVIST'S REPORT - Iain Swinnerton.

Iain gave an explanation of the 1881 Census on microfiche and commented on its usefulness in family research. He felt the money used for this project had been well spent. He thanked Elizabeth Livesey for her work in entering the whole of the 1881 Census into the computer and thanked Council Member Roger Swynnerton for his work at St. Catherine's House. Roger has made invaluable connections and solved several problems. He is now starting to enter earlier Censuses into the computer. Iain reported that we have a blanket coverage of the 1841 and 1851 Censuses for Staffordshire.

He paid tribute to Rev. Brian Swynnerton whose great wealth of local knowledge has helped to identify places appearing on the Censuses. Many requests have been received for a printed version of Brian's 'Swynnerton Steeplechase' and this is now ready for publication.

Computerisation is progressing satisfactorily. David Brock has done much work in this area on trees and archival sources.

There are still a few small branches of the family which cannot yet be tied into the main branch.

7.96 ELECTION OF OFFICERS No Council Members to be re-elected on this occasion.

Chairman - Iain Swinnerton Proposed - Sir Roger Swynnerton

Seconded - Elizabeth Swynnerton

Carried unanimously.

The Chairman then proposed that the Secretary and Treasurer (Elizabeth and Keith Livesey) should continue. This was seconded by Joe Swinnerton. The above Officers were elected.

Rev. Brian Swynnerton proposed either Mr. or Mrs. Douglas Hawley to fill the vacancy on Council. Douglas accepted. Seconded by Keith Livesey. Carried unanimously.

Auditor - Nigel Sabell Proposed - Keith Livesey

Seconded - Elizabeth Livesey

Carried unanimously

8.96 ANY OTHER BUSINESS Rev Brian Swynnerton proposed that deputies for Officers should be appointed. Iain Swinnerton agreed in principle but felt that it might be difficult to find enough members willing to undertake such duties. It was felt that Officers might try to find their own substitutes. Douglas Hawley immediately appointed his wife Kathleen as his deputy!

Joe Swinnerton proposed the Rev. Brian as deputy to the Chairman but this was inappropriate as Brian is already on Council. It was agreed that the idea should be borne in mind and hopefully implemented in the future.

Rev. Brian Swynnerton then exhibited his 'any year' Swynnerton calendar and described documents and gifts he would be donating to Swynnerton Church on the following day. He also gave a short preview of the exciting and interesting 'finds' he would be disclosing to Swynnerton parishioners on the Sunday.

The next Council Meeting would take place at the Hazledean Hotel in Keswick on 28th September 1996. Keith Livesey extended an invitation to other members who might like to join with Council for the week-end.

9.96 DATE OF NEXT MEETING This was fixed for Saturday 7th June 1997.

The meeting closed with Sir Roger Swynnerton offering a vote of thanks to everyone for all their hard work.

THE SWINNERTON SOCIETY

ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1995.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.

OPENING STOCK	651.82	(715.70)	CLOSING STOCK	370.47	(651.82)
PURCHASES	99.00	(nil)	SALES	165.50	(60.50)
SUBSCRIPTIONS: GOONS	8.00	(8.00)	SUBSCRIPTIONS	552.00	(540.00)
FFHS	31.40	(29.20)	US REMITTANCE	265.00	(nil)
GRD	16.75	(nil)			
PUG	5.00	(nil)			
BAIS	15.00	(nil)	IT REPAYMENT	nil	(283.55)
JOURNAL:					
..... publication	545.45	(384.00)			
..... mailing	195.85	(nil)	GATHERING		
OTHER POSTAGE	72.30	(296.24)	SURPLUS	291.49	(nil)
STATIONERY	47.20	(nil)			
REPAIRS	nil	(68.16)	INTEREST:		
SECY'S EXPENSES	nil	(nil)	BLDG. SOCY (E)	25.00	(26.59)
26.59)					
BANK CHARGES	nil	(0.73)	BANK	6.21	(0.92)
KNEELER COSTS	nil	(80.58)	DONATIONS:		
RESEARCH COSTS	314.66	(433.44)	.....RESEARCH	226.75	(145.00)
CHURCH DOOR	nil	(654.47)	.....CHURCH	nil	(220.00)
ST. PETER'S GIFT	nil	(100.00)	.....GENERAL	184.00	(240.04)
CHARITY GIFTS	55.00	(nil)	.....BIBLE (E)	20.00	(nil)
SURPLUS IN YEAR	48.99	(nil)	DEFICIT IN YEAR	nil	(602.10)
	2106.42	(2770.52)		2106.42	(2770.52)

BALANCE SHEET

SURPLUS B/F	1139.31	(1741.41)	NET ASSET VALUE:		
CURRENT YEAR	48.99	(-602.10)	COMPUTER AND		
C/F	1188.30	(1139.31)	TYPEWRITER	2.00	(2.00)
CREDITORS:			FLAG	125.73	(125.73)
JOURNAL	116.00	(91.50)	BIBLES	55.00	(35.00)
STATIONERY	5.00	(nil)	STOCK	370.47	(651.82)
BAIS	9.00	(nil)	DEBTORS AND		
PURCHASES	40.00	(nil)	PREPAYMENTS	74.20	(nil)
POSTAGE	74.37	(42.17)	BALANCES: BANK	326.08	(9.24)
			CASH	5.00	(nil)
			BLDG SOCY	474.19	(449.19)
	1432.67	(1272.98)		1432.67	(1272.98)

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