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## Foreword – The Chairman

June has been a very busy but enjoyable month for Elizabeth and I. The Gathering at Swynnerton on the 22<sup>nd</sup> was, of course, very important. We seemed to have more problems to face than usual; the date was changed because of the Jubilee. Some who would have come were unable to come on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. But others who could not attend on the first date were able to come on the second. The Revd. Brian Swynnerton was unable to take our service in the church, but the Revd. Ernest Swynnerton stood in, and helped by Lay Reader Keith Livesey, gave us a very happy service. On the day, everything seemed to turn out successfully. At the AGM, we were very pleased to appoint Alan Jones to be Treasurer for 2003 to replace Geoffrey Swynnerton, who had to retire through illness, and also to fill all the vacancies for council members.

After lunch, our Patron, Lord Thomas of Swynnerton gave an informative and amusing talk on genealogy and history, which was followed by John Titford, who talked about the way the English language had developed, illustrated by his remarkable vocal demonstrations. I discovered, both to his and my surprise, that we had both been to the same school in London. Our President, Iain Swynnerton, had brought with him new Swynnerton family trees, which had been produced for us, using the latest computer technology, replacing our earlier ones, which had become rather worn. Everyone thought the day had been a great success.

Elizabeth and I have visited many art galleries in June. At the start of the month, we visited Tate Modern to see the Picasso and Matisse exhibition. Later we spent a week in Nice, with a group, visiting the many lovely galleries in the area. We saw more Matisse at the Musee Matisse, and visited the Fondation Maeght at St Paul de Vence and the Musee de L'Annonciade at St Tropez, among others.

After the Gathering on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Elizabeth and Keith Livesey invited us to stay with them in Altrincham, outside Manchester. This provided us with an opportunity to visit the newly re-opened Manchester Art Gallery, where two paintings by Annie Swynnerton are on display. One is a portrait of the Unitarian minister, the Rev. William Gaskell, husband of the well-known writer, Mrs. Elizabeth Gaskell. Annie Swynnerton was born Annie Robinson in Salford, and it was to Salford we also went to see the new Lowry Art Gallery. Unlike Annie Swynnerton, L.S. Lowry never went far from his native Salford, and delighted in painting and drawing the landscape

and people of this very industrial town. For many years his work went unappreciated, but in his later years, his genius became recognised, and the Lowry Gallery has a very fine collection of his pictures arranged in chronological order.

It is strange that Salford has produced two such brilliant but very different artists.

It appears that Annie Swynnerton had a sister, Emily Robinson, who was also a painter, but, so far, I have been unable to find out much about her. If you know anything, please let me know.

*Roger Swynnerton*

## A GIFT TO SWYNNERTON CHURCH

I mentioned in the Foreword to the April Journal that we had been in discussions with St. Mary's Church as to how we could make a contribution for some improvement to the church. The second of the objects of the society in our constitution is to support St. Mary's and this was the main reason why we were granted charitable status. The PCC have asked for an Aumbry – a cupboard in the chancel where the Sacraments can be kept so that they are available to be taken out to housebound parishioners.

St. Mary's is, of course, a Grade I listed building and therefore any additions to it must be of the highest possible quality. It will be carved in oak and has to match the existing old paneling in the chancel. The enclosed form shows what it will look like.

It is going to cost £800 in all: we can pay for part of this out of our existing funds but we are asking members of the family if they will contribute as well to help defray the cost and so that those, in particular, who live far away and have never had an opportunity to visit St. Mary's will be able to feel they are helping to maintain our family church. If you are a UK resident and would be kind enough to sign the Gift Aid Declaration as well, your contribution will be even more valuable.

## SWINNERTON FAMILY GATHERING JUNE 2002

How did I come to be writing about the Swinnerton Society Triennial Gathering ? Back in May, at the Society of Genealogists' Annual Fair in London I plucked up the courage to approach a distinguished looking gentleman on the stand taking queries on military matters, who I thought was Iain Swinnerton. I proved to be correct, however my question was not on army regiments or personnel etc. but about my maternal great, great, grandfather Jeremiah Swinnerton.

I subsequently wrote to Iain and received information on Jeremiah and also details of the Swinnerton Gathering, which was to be held at Swynnerton. This chance to meet with a number of people interested in researching the same family name was obviously a golden opportunity too good to miss!

After a few telephone calls to Roger and Elizabeth Swynnerton and persuading a friend to let me look up the Swynnerton web site, my sister and I were ready to set out from Essex northward to Swynnerton in Staffordshire early on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

Due to easy driving conditions and much to our surprise we arrived in time for the start of the day's programme. On our arrival at the village hall car park we were greeted by Elizabeth and Roger.

Over coffee, looking at the various name badges and listening to the various accents it was evident that the Swynnerton/Swinnerton family had travelled far and wide; some were linked paternally with the family, others maternally. All had stories to tell of their research into the life and times of their ancestors.

After coffee the A.G.M. took place in the beautiful rose coloured stone Church of St. Mary's. I had already seen some of the details of it from the excellent web site e.g. the Norman and Saxon arches and had some idea of the burial ground surrounding it. It was interesting to hear how the Swinnerton Society, through its members are able to support the work of the Church and the community living in the Area.

After the A.G.M. the Family Service followed with hymns, prayers and a short address from the Revd. Ernest Swinnerton on 'Family and Mankind'; the extended family to which we all belong.

Strolling back to the village hall we were soon talking genealogy. Inside the tables were laid out with very impressive Family Trees from some branches of the family; it has spurred me on to confirm the parentage of Jeremiah and how he came to be living in London. The family albums and newspaper cuttings, which were on display, were fascinating. I am always very envious of people who have beautiful photographs of their ancestors whether the formal posed studio variety, those taken on a day out or in a work setting.

The Banner that was made for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Swinnerton Society was also on display and as one of my hobbies is cross stitch I appreciated the time and effort taken by members to complete this excellent visual reminder of the international Society connection with this area. It also fitted in well with Lord Thomas of Swynnerton's talk "Genealogy and History". I had not appreciated how the Swynnertons had influenced four continents over the centuries.

The second speaker, John Titford, both entertained and educated us on the subject, "Ay up me Duck". Having been acquainted with most of the accents he used in his illustrations on English dialects, I think I understood most of the jokes and was even able to remember one of them enough to repeat it to an elderly uncle now living in Birmingham.

The old English was more difficult, but I would be interested to see a Shakespeare play performed in old English by an all male cast!

Although the official programme ended after tea the family fun continued in the evening when all those staying at the Holiday Inn met up for Dinner and you guessed it, more family history talk!

I would like to thank everyone for making my first visit to a Swynnerton Family Gathering such an enjoyable, welcoming occasion and look forward to meeting with you in the future.

*Brenda Crouch*

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Swinnerton Society held in Swynnerton on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2002

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The Chairman Roger Swynnerton welcomed forty-eight members to the meeting. Special mention was made of Diana and Bob Cunningham, and Phyllis and William Swinnerton, from the USA and Hans and Valerie Dall from Denmark..

- 1.02 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from the Revd. Brian Swynnerton, the Revd. Edward Swinnerton, James Swinnerton, Roy and Douglas Swinnerton, Col. Jeremy Swynnerton, Timothy Swynnerton, Carole and Geoffrey Swinnerton, and Ron and Margaret Swinnerton
- 2.02 MINUTES of the last AGM, which had been circulated in the Journal, were taken as read and signed
- 3.02 MATTERS ARISING. The Treasurer's report was not available at the last AGM in 2001, due to the illness of the Treasurer, Cynthia Howe but the report was presented at the following Council meeting in October 2001.
- 4.02 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. Roger Swynnerton reported that there had been two resignations of council members during the past year. Roy Talbot had qualified to take part in the 2002 World Chess Championship and would be unable to continue with the extra commitment of being a council member. Geoffrey Swinnerton, the Treasurer and Membership Secretary, had resigned due to ill health. The Society had agreed to contribute the cost of installing a decorated aumbry in St. Mary's Church, and would be making an appeal to members in the next Journal.  
An aumbry is a secure place for consecrated sacraments that lay ministers would take out to the community. It will have a hand-carved decorated door, made by a local craftsman..
- 5.02 TREASURER'S REPORT. In the absence of a Treasurer, Keith Livesey presented the accounts for the year. A copy of these is attached to the minutes. On his advice, it was agreed by the meeting to increase the annual subscription to £10 per annum from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2003.

- 6.02 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT. Iain Swinnerton, who was standing in until the end of the year, reported that we have 134 paid up members of the Society, but we have lost 36 members since last year, most had had to be taken off the membership roll because they had not paid a subscription for two years or more.
- 7.02 ARCHIVIST'S REPORT. Iain Swinnerton reported that we now have a locked cupboard installed in Swynnerton Church Hall for storing the society's archives.  
The council members are cataloguing these and they will be available for members to consult. Iain commented that we still need contributions to the archives, eg, photographs and articles.
- 8.02 ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Rosemary Swinnerton proposed that Roger Swynnerton should continue as chairman, and this was seconded by Angela Swinnerton. Mareta Jarrett proposed that Elizabeth Swynnerton be re-elected as Secretary, and this was seconded by Barrie Swinnerton. William Swinnerton proposed Alan Jones as Treasurer to replace Geoffrey Swinnerton, and this was seconded by Keith Livesey. There were three vacancies for council members. To fill these vacancies Barrie and Margaret Swinnerton, and Shelagh Swinnerton were proposed by Angela Swinnerton, and were seconded by Dave Brock, Ray Swinnerton to be in attendance
- 9.02 ANY OTHER BUSINESS. Keith Livesey said that he had some spare computer equipment which was available to be used by any member for the benefit of the Society. He also mentioned that two pictures by Annie Swinnerton were now on display in the newly re-opened Manchester Art Gallery.
- 10.02 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT AGM. The next AGM would take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2003. The place to be announced

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A most unusual occurrence took place during the AGM. Elizabeth Livesey spoke to a motion from the front of the church and Valerie Dall seconded her from the back. In fact these two ladies had not met for some 40 years since they were at school together and neither realised the other was in the church!

REVENUE ACCOUNT	Y/E 2001	Y/E 2000		Y/E 2001	Y/E 2000
Opening Stock	817.90	277.97	Closing Stock	801.00	817.90
Subscriptions:			Subscriptions, sales etc.	1129.33	1061.84
GOONS	12.00	12.00	Xfer from USA	nil	300.00
FFHS	30.00	61.80	IT Repayments	nil	nil
GRD	20.15	18.70	Bank & B.S. Int	4.08	5.53
Archive Material	nil		Donations	nil	343.56
Journal: Printing and Postage	692.37	563.53	Sales	nil	29.00
Research	39.00	45.50	Gathering Receipts	nil	nil
Donations	nil	60.00			
Wreath and Gift	nil	54.47			
Purchases	149.32	361.67			
Other printing	23.49	nil			
WWW Site licence	47.95	13.50			
Working software	102.23	1119.69			
SURPLUS	1934.41	2557.83		1934.41	2557.83
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	Y/E 2001	Y/E 2000		Y/E 2001	Y/E 2000
Surplus b/f	4226.23	3106.54	Computers b/f	1140.77	932.08
surplus of year	102.23	1119.69	additions	nil	208.69
Surplus c/f	4328.46	4226.23	Fiche Printer	100.00	100.00
			Flag	125.73	125.73
			Bibles	55.00	55.00
			Stock	801.00	817.90
Loan			1881 Census	564.80	522.95
			Topogr Dictionary	95.00	95.00
			Tapestry	394.23	394.23
			Balance: Bank	(28.97)	971.75
			Building Society	1052.67	51.05
			Petty Cash	1.85	1.85
			Archive Cupboard	76.38	nil
				4378.46	4276.23

## A 16<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY WILL

Abstract from the will of James SWYNNERTON of OULCOTT, yeoman (JS.545) 1 x A4 sheet.

Made 20 June 1583. Probate 5 Sep 1583.

Body to WOLCESTON Church 'near my one forme' (*his own seat or pew*).  
To wife Jois, half of goods moveable & unmoveable, quick or dead,... after funeral expenses & debts are paid.

To Robert SWYNERTON of the NEWCASTLE - 1 cow

To every one of Robert's children - a sheep

To John MEIRE, otherwise John SWYNERTON, -1 lesser ox

To Richard SWYNERTON of KIDSROVE [sic] - 1 cow

To Blance & Elizabeth, Richard's daughters, -1 sheep each

To Jone (?Jane) SWYNERTON, Richard's LAST daughter, & Elizabeth Swynerton, Richard's daughter, -1 cow ea

To William SWYNERTON, son of RANDULL SWYNERTON of CHURCH LAWTON, - 1 twinter heffer

To the rest of Randull SWYNERTON's children - 1 sheep each

To servant Elizabeth RATHEBON - 1 twinter heffer-

To servant Elline SWYNERTON - 1 twinter heffer

To Margaret TUNSTALL, wife of Richard TUNSTALL - 1 cow

To Lawrence Hancokes' two children - 12d each

To James COULKOW (Godson) - 1 sheep.

Rest & residue to John SWYNERTON of CHURCH LAWTON

Executors: wife Jois & John SWYNERTON of CHURCH LAWTON

Overseers: Richard COULKLOW of the brode fold

Richard TUNSTALL of the brok house

Witnesses: Antonye BECHE

Lawrence HANCOKE et al.

Debts owing: JAMES ROWLEY of GILL BANKE

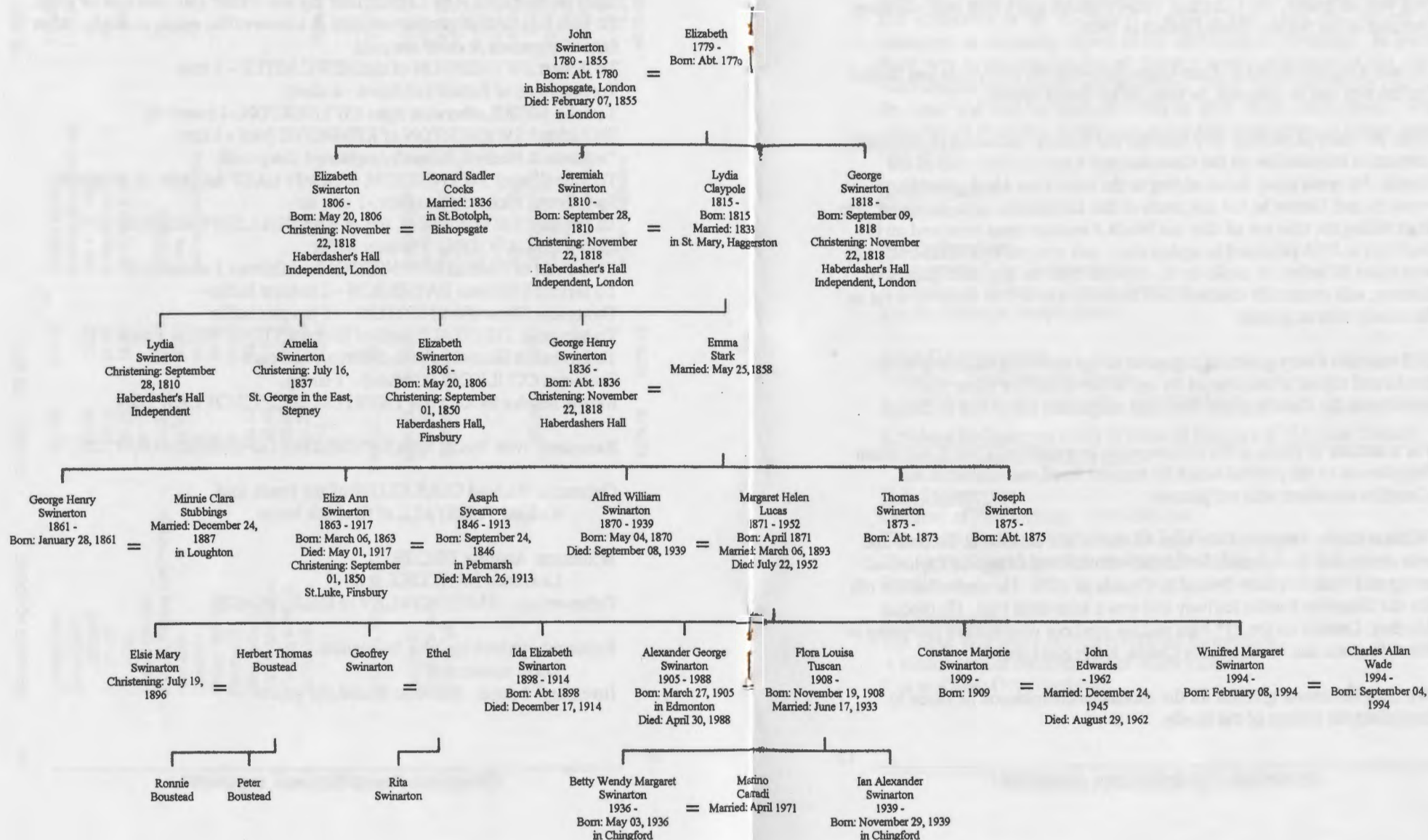
Endorsed: proved by John Swynerton.

Relict renounced

Inventory: 1 page. Animals; household goods.

***Descendants of John Swinerton of London, flower sellers  
and artificial flower makers for several generations.***

Members descended from this family include Robin Wade and Brenda and Iris Crouch.



# Bill Swinarton

I am very sorry indeed to inform you that Bill has died after a long illness. Bill was, of course, our Canadian Vice-President and a very long-standing member of the Society having joined in 1978.

He was a regular attender at our Gatherings with his wife Anne and indeed, for the first one he attended, he brought his whole family.

Over the years he worked very hard for the Society, garnering an immense amount of information on the Canadian and American branches of the family. He spent many hours adding to the basic trees I had given him to work on and I know he has put much of this information onto computer. He kept telling me how out of date our North American trees were and on his last visit in 1998 promised to update them and send me new disks but, sadly, was taken ill before he could do so. Anne assures me that their grandson, Jeremy, will eventually continue Bill's work but it will be some time yet as he is only nine at present.

Bill was also a very generous supporter of the society: purchasing many books and copies of documents for our archives and for many years distributed the Canadian and American magazines for us free of charge.

For a number of years, at his own expense, he produced a North American Supplement to our Journal which he sent out to all our American and Canadian members with our journal.

William Robin Swinarton was born on the 17 March 1934 at Toronto and was descended from Joseph Swinarton who married Margaret Taylor and emigrated from Northern Ireland to Canada in 1831. He worked all his life for the Canadian Pacific Railway and was a keen train buff. He died at Lindsay, Ontario on the 21<sup>st</sup> June and we send our very sincere sympathy to his wife Anne and his daughters Carole, Kelly and Laurie.

We shall be forever grateful for the enormous contribution he made to compiling the history of the family.

## SWINNERTON AUTHORS

In 1995 I published a list of the books by Swinnerton authors that I had collected over the years and had in my library.

The great majority of these have now been, or are being, transferred to our new archive in Swynnerton Church Hall. Since 1995, I have acquired a lot more and, in the case of Frank Swinnerton, the collection is now quite large. The collection is by no means complete (see end) and we are always interested in acquiring copies to try and make it complete. In particular, there was a uniform edition of Frank's books published in the 1930s by Hutchinsons which were very attractive. They were blue with a gold title on the spine and had his signature, also in gold, on the front cover. We only have two of these and would very much like some more so please keep your eyes open.

### A.R.Swinerton

Rocky the Cat 1981

### B.T.Swinerton

Swynnerton & the Swynnertons 1971  
A History of St.Peter's Church, Norbury 1973  
The Swynnerton Steeplechase 2002

### Revd.C.Swynnerton

Romantic Tales From the Punjab 1908  
A Medley of Occasional Verse, Grave and Gay 1925

### E.Nelson Swinnerton (with William G.Keeper & G.Lynne Lackey)

Ugandan Asians in Great Britain 1975

### H.H.Swinerton

Outlines of Palaentology (2nd Edition) 1933  
The Geology of Lincolnshire (with P.E.Kent) 1949  
The Earth Beneath Us (Pelican Paper Back Edn.) 1958  
Fossils 1960

### J.E.Swinerton

The Boer War Diary of Albert Edward Swinnerton 1987  
A History of the Swinnertons of Warwickshire 1991  
Fire and Fury Over England 1992

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**Hugh (Swynnerton) Thomas**

The World's Game	1957
The Story of Sandhurst	1961
The Suez Affair (Heron Collector's Edition)	1967
The Spanish Civil War (3rd.Edn.)	1977

**I.S.Swynnerton**

267 - 1864-1964, A History of the Worcestershire Artillery	1964
Heraldry Can Be Fun	1986
Basic Facts about Heraldry for Family Historians	1995
Basic Facts about Keeping Your Family Records	1995
Basic Facts about Sources for Family History in the Home	1996
An Introduction to the British Army – its History, Traditions and Records	1996
The Location of British Army Records 1914-18 (with Norman Holding)	1999
Identifying Your World War I Soldier from Badges and Photographs	2001

**Frank Swynnerton**

The Happy Family	1912
On The Staircase	1914
R.L.Stevenson – a critical study	1914
Nocturne	1917
Shops and Houses	1918
Tokefield Papers	1927
Sketch of a Sinner	1929
The Georgian House	1932
Elizabeth	1934
The Georgian Literary Scene	1935
Swynnerton: an autobiography	1937
Harvest Comedy	1937
The Two Wives	1940
Fortunate Lady	1941
Thankless Child	1942
A Woman in Sunshine	1945
Modern Fiction	1947
Faithful Company	1948
The Doctor's Wife comes to Stay	1949
A Flower for Catherine	1951
The Bookman's London	1951
Master Jim Probity	1952
The Summer Intrigue	1957

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The Woman from Sicily	1957
Authors I Never Met	1958
The Grace Divorce	1960
Figures in the Foreground	1963
Death of a Highbrow	1964
Quadrille	1965
A Galaxy of Fathers	1966
The Bright Lights	1968
Reflections from a Village	1969
On the Shady Side	1971
Nor All Thy Tears	1972
Rosalind Passes	1973
Some Achieve Greatness	1976

The dates given are the dates the books were published not necessarily the dates of the editions we have.

I thought we had almost a complete set but not so, we appear to be missing a good many so please keep your eyes open in second hand bookshops, flea markets etc. We need *The Merry Heart* (1909), *The Young Idea* (1910), *The Casement* (1911), *The Chaste Wife* (1916), *September* (1920), *Coquette* (1921), *The Three Lovers* (1922), *George Gissing: A critical study* (1923), *Young Felix* (1923), *The Elder Sister* (1925), *Summer Storm* (1926), *A London Bookman* (1928), *A Brood of Ducklings* (1928), *Sketch of a Sinner* (1929), *Authors and the Book Trade* (1932), *The Cats & Rosemary: a book for children* (1948), *English Maiden* (1948), *Londoner's Post* (1952), *An Affair of Love* (1953), *A Month in Gordon Square* (1954), *Background with Chorus* (1956), *A Tigress in the Village* (1959), *Sanctuary* (1967), *The Bright Lights* (1968), *Arnold Bennett: a last word*.

There will, I hope, be two new additions by next year as I am currently engaged in preparing a revised edition of Norman Holding's *World War One Ancestry* and also writing a new book in the *Introduction to..* series on the *Militia, Yeomanry and Volunteers*.

## *Ann Bagot's Diary (continued)*

1825.

March 8<sup>th</sup>

Went to Dagham. Sir Thomas sent his carriage all the way and his horses Half I found him, my kind old friend Digby, Caroline and Charlotte all as Friendly and cordial as ever.

5<sup>th</sup>

Dined at Rocketts. When Lord North was told by somebody at the ancient musicke that he did not attend it as frequently as his brother did he answered "I am not half as deaf as he is" When he, Lord North saw Mrs. Digby put down her trumpet at the concert he said to her "How I envy you, you can take a spoonful when you like".

12<sup>th</sup>

Lady Neave brought me a beautiful gown from London. Lady N. ill with an attack which though she will not own it I think is the gout.

29<sup>th</sup>

Left Dagham in Sir T's coach with Caroline Neave - took leave my dear old friend. I was landed at No. 17 Lower Brook St. where I was timely glad to find Levett, Lou Frances and Dico well and happy. A good deal has happened some how or other since we had parted.

30<sup>th</sup>

Called in Berners St. Found Martha and William. Went first to church with Louisa in the Howard seat in the Curzon chapel.

### An Infant school set up in Lichfield

April

1<sup>st</sup>

Good Friday. Went with the Levetts - Staid the sacrament twice to church in Curzon chapel - I went to Berners St. the Levetts sent their carriage for me.

4<sup>th</sup>

Late in the morning took leave of the Levetts and Martha and came to Walthamstow where I found Mrs. Bagot, Jane, Agnes, and Wm. Legge.

10<sup>th</sup>

Went to church twice at Walthamstow. Mr. Tom Robinson called - his admiration of Agnes very apparent.

11<sup>th</sup>

Left Walthamstow and went to Shiplake where I found Elizabeth - John G and the 4 younger boys.

12<sup>th</sup>

John went to Oxford by the coach and to our surprise and rather fright returned again at night upon the back of an Oxford hack - he found on his arrival he had gone there a day too soon.

16<sup>th</sup>

I left Shiplake at 7 and arrived at Pipe by 9 in the evening having had tired horses from a run on the road - Found Egerton, Mary and Caroline at Pipe.

20<sup>th</sup>

Mary Caroline and myself went to Lichfield. I found my house looking very forlorn, ill painted and stain'd.

23<sup>rd</sup>

My neighbours all called upon me after an absence of nearly 5 months.

Ad ogni ucello suo nido è bello.

28<sup>th</sup>

Ralph came to fetch Mary and Caroline to his new abode at Wolstanton.

29<sup>th</sup>

Went to the Infant school just setup - Mrs. Gresley - Miss Mills and Furnival and I the only people belonging to it as many of our neighbours object to it.

May

10<sup>th</sup>

Heard of George Legge's marriage to Miss Augusta Bowyer (?) May they be happy - heard also of Mary Swinnerton's marriage, from herself to Wm. Pilkington. May she receive the reward of her upright and exemplary conduct.

### A Fête champêtre at Tutbury Castle

16<sup>th</sup>

The express arrived with the account of the Lords having thrown out the Catholic Bill - general if not universal joy.

29<sup>th</sup>

Gathered a branch of oak from a Blithfield acorn I had myself sown in my garden here.

June

4<sup>th</sup>

Went to dine at the Palace to meet the Bishop and Dean the Bishop did not come till half past 9 - the Dean not at all on acc: of the death of the Dean of Canterbury.

12<sup>th</sup>

My birthday. Went to the Cathedral. Drank tea at Stowe.  
18<sup>th</sup>

Gave a little prize - a silver pen holder to be shot for by the young people.  
Mr. Petit won it. He and his sister, Probys and Whites came to drink tea with me afterwards. They had a very merry evening.

27<sup>th</sup>

Went to Yoxall and then to Sudbury. Frederick's carriage meeting me at Yoxall - found Anne and her 8 children all well and flourishing.

July

3<sup>rd</sup>

Went to church twice called at the Hall. Walked with Lady Vernon and Mrs. Anne Vernon.

4<sup>th</sup>

Mr. and Mrs. Okeover and their little girl came.

15<sup>th</sup>

Staid to go to Tutbury castle on the 16<sup>th</sup>, where Mrs. Vernon gave a Fête Champêtre archery etc. probably the castle has not seen such another scene of Festivity since the days of John of Gaunt and perhaps, never seen 3 generations of its leaseholders under the Crown at once under its roof.

17<sup>th</sup>

The heat so intense I did not go to church.

18<sup>th</sup>

Left Sudbury after a pleasant friendly visit of 3 weeks. Frederick sent me to Yoxall.

20<sup>th</sup>

Went to Brereton where I found Bess and Harriet Sneyd well. Levett met me there and drove me to Milford where I found dear Lou and her beautiful child very well.

#### Archery at dearly loved Blithfield

22<sup>nd</sup>

We called at Shugborough but they were out. At Bishton we were let in, also at Wolseley hall by Lady Chetwynd. I had not been inside that house since the Howards left it 36 years ago!

24<sup>th</sup>

Went to church at Baswich.

26<sup>th</sup>

Went to Blithfield to call on Lord Bagot - the Levetts lent me their carriage found him though still very thin looking better than in London - he was on

a couch in a little tent erected at the top of the slope the place malgré the extreme draught looking beautiful - the little Park full of the sweetest hay. I shot 2 arrows and put them both in the butt - Louisa and Agnes pleasant and good nature'd dear Blithfield - how indelible are the feels (?) attach'd to it.

31<sup>st</sup>

The heat so intense I did not like walking to Baswich and did not go to church. Levett doing duty at Ingestre he and Lou went there.

August

2<sup>nd</sup>

Return'd home - Mrs. Anne Levett came for me and we went together to the archery meeting at Dunstall - We met about 140 people. Levett won a set of chess men came home about one o'clock in perfect torrents of rain.

15<sup>th</sup>

Went to the Infant school which I had not seen since my return much pleased with the children's pleasure at seeing me.

17<sup>th</sup>

At 12 o'clock Charlotte (Neave) and I and Wm. Richard Gresley in another carriage went to the Archery at Blithfield and a very magnificent fête it was there were about 160 people - After the new born heir<sup>1</sup> of Shugborough was drunk - we had a most prosperous and pleasant day and arrived at home about 2 o'clock on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

18<sup>th</sup>

Mrs. Mary Gresley called to visit Charlotte and in the evening joined a party of 17 to hear her and various other of my neighbours sing and play. The ev: went off sociably and pleasantly.

#### More Archery Meetings

23<sup>rd</sup>

Called on Mrs. Mary Gresley and planted a noisette rose. We came to Milford by dinner - called on Bess and Harriet Sneyd by the way. Found the 4 Levetts well - We took a long donkey range on the hills.

28<sup>th</sup>

Did not go to church as the carriage was full. George Legge married Miss Bowyer on Tuesday May they be happy

<sup>1</sup> Thomas George 2nd Earl of Lichfield

## Family Notes

A warm welcome to the latest member of the family – David Simon Swinnerton born at Trowbridge on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September to Kristyan and Nicola and grandson of our member David Kenneth Shaw Swinnerton.

I am delighted to be able to welcome no less than five new members.

Miss Brenda Crouch of [redacted]

Miss Iris Crouch also of [redacted]

They are descended from the London family of flower sellers whose tree is shown on the centre pages.

Mr Peter J. King of [redacted]

Peter is the son of our late member Eunice and nephew of Roy Swinnerton of the cycling family.

Penny Cook of [redacted]

and Harold M. Swinnerton Cook of [redacted]

[redacted] I have not yet received back their questionnaires so cannot yet say where they fit into the family.

The last two obviously visited Swynnerton Church and picked up one of our publicity leaflets on which is an application form for membership. We have a stock of these and if any members would like to send some to other members of their family and perhaps get them interested in the society, please write to me and I will send you some.

We also have a new website which has a very much simpler address - <http://www.swinnerton.org> – but in practice all you have to type in is swinnerton.org and it comes up. It has an email link to our secretary for people to enquire about the society and has a link to Swynnerton Church on which you can do a virtual tour of the church. We are most grateful to Steve Parkhouse of Swynnerton Church for arranging all this for us.

### AND FINALLY

This is the first issue of Volume 12 and the 105<sup>th</sup> journal I have produced since I started them in 1974. I am now 70 and I need some help. I have lots of items of family interest which are very suitable for publication in the Journal but need typing onto disk in a suitable format. Any offers?

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