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From the Editor's desk

The change of date and venue for the Annual General Meeting was obviously a help to many of our members as 43 of them attended on the 5th November

instead of the 8 who were all that had said they could come to Birmingham in September.

It was a happy day with lots of old friends mingling with several members attending for the first time. These included Mrs.Jean Currie (nee Swinnerton) and her husband who had driven all the way from Glasgow and Mr. Cyril Swinnerton from Blackpool who met his cousins Roy and Douglas of the cycling family for the first time for some 35 years.

The business side of the meeting was dealt with very speedily - the necessary changes in the Constitution voted through to allow us to apply to become a registered charity, the audited accounts approved and the new Officers elected for the coming year. Three changes have occurred - Mr.Colin Swinnerton has resigned as Treasurer and I shall do the job for the time being; the Rev. Brian Swinnerton did not seek re-election to Council and Mr.Leslie Swinnerton of Beaconsfield was elected in his place. Mr.Joe Swinnerton of Aldridge, who has been co-opted at their last meeting by Council, was elected a full member and has agreed to take on the job of P.R.O. for the Society. Mr.John Swinnerton of Rickmansworth was elected the Society's first Chairman.

After an excellent buffet lunch we were entertained by Mr.Jeffrey Packe with a film showing how the Mormons set up their vast genealogical record centre in Salt Lake City, Utah. This showed the actual work of photographing and microfilming records going on all over the world, the construction of their vast underground caves where all the records are held and obviously caught the interest of the audience judging by the questions asked at the end.

A good day and now time to start to think about the next meeting - 5th September 1981 - I do hope you will be there.

HOW WE/YOU TRACE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY (1)

I promised in the last issue to try and answer your oft-repeated question - "How on earth do you find out so much about the family ?" I hope this series of articles will encourage you also to become family historians and to help us with our research.

The first and very basic step may seem obvious but so many people omit it - talk to your family. Gather as much information as you can from your grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc. and don't forget your godparents - they are usually old friends of the family of long standing and will often remember details about the older members (due to their special relationship with the family) that others may have forgotten.

Then have a good hunt around the house - you will be surprised at what is to be found in the average house that will help you in your search - remember we are not just after a list of names and dates but also details of occupations, hobbies, service to the community, etc. Look for birth, marriage and death certificates, Family Bibles (in the front of which are often listed several generations), Birthday Books, Memorial Cards (a sort of Thank You card sent out after a funeral), Wedding and Christening Invitations or orders of service, Wills, Certificates of Ownership of Burial Plots, 21st Birthday cards, old letters and bills, certificates of War Service, Educational Certificates, clocks or similar with presentation plates on them, etc. etc. etc. You may think of more ! You won't necessarily find all of these but I am sure you will find some.

Extract all the information you can from them and enter it into a notebook of some sort and SEND A COPY TO ME. That way, if you lose yours, all your work won't have been wasted and it helps me to complete your 'tree'.

(To be continued)

THE FIRST FLEET

A list of the **FOUNDERS OF THE NATION OF AUSTRALIA** who landed at Sydney Cove 26th January 1788.

The list was compiled by Bryan Thomas in Sydney in 1976 and is in the form of a most attractive chart listing the ships, Masters, Mates and seamen, Official Party, Marine Officers, Sergeants, Corporals, Drummers and Privates; Staf Officers, Male and Female Convicts, Marines' Wives and children and convicts' children.

There is also a list of the livestock, equipment and foodstuffs they took with them and the chart is captioned :-

'In 1783, Britain ceased her colonisation of America leaving the problem of the overflow of convicted criminals in the hulks and gaols.

On the 23rd of January 1787, it was announced in Parliament that Lord Sydney agreed to direct the convicts to New South Wales.

Under the command of Captain Arthur Phillip of the Royal Navy, eleven ships carrying nearly 1200 persons (among whom were 780 convict men and women) - set sail from Portsmouth on the 13th of May 1787.

The journey took 8 months to negotiate over 15,000 miles, until the lead ships reached Botany Bay on the 18th of January 1788.

Phillip soon discovered that Botany Bay was unsuitable for initial settlement but after prompt investigation settled for Port Jackson 9 miles to the north.

A quiet little cove with a fresh water stream was chosen and given the name "Sydney" - thus the cornerstone was laid to build the Australian nation - and her character.'

Among the Marine Privates is listed **THOMAS SWINNERTON**.

Who was he ? Did he stay in Australia or did he return ? Odd questions we would love to answer.

(ex Mrs. P.A. Saul)

CHARLES SWINNERTON HEAP

We have made mention previously of the great chorus-master and friend of Edward Elgar.

Our member Joe Swinnerton has now discovered on the wall of the main hall of Walsall Town Hall a memorial comprising a bust down to the waist some 3-4ft. in height inscribed :-

CHARLES SWINNERTON HEAP Music Doc.Cantab.
Born April 10 1847 Died June 11 1900

For upwards of 30 years, Conductor of the Walsall Philharmonic Union. This memorial was erected by his friends in appreciation of his beneficent influence in the cause of music.

Joe has taken some splendid photographs of the memorial which are now in the Society's collection.

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"A Record of the Volunteer Cavalry in Derbyshire"

Lt.Col.Colville 1868

Appendix B. Roll of Officers

Milnes. Ernest Swinnerton of Radbourne Troop 1856
(Cornet) of Alton Manor, Wirksworth.

(ex S.K.Armitstead)

HARLEIAN SOCIETY MISCELLANY. Vol.3

The Arraignment and Acquittal of Sir Edward Mosely, Bart.
Indicted at the King's Bench Bar for a Rape, upon the
body of Mrs. Anne Swinnerton. (1647)

SHROPSHIRE PARISH REGISTERS (8)

ASTLEY

(A Peculiar Royal Free Chapel of Shrewsbury St.Mary)

1779	19	MARY, daughter of EDWARD SWINNERTON and ELIZABETH	Bap.
1781	Jan. 6	THOMAS, son of EDWARD SWINERTON & ELIZABETH	Bap.
1792	Mar. 4	CATHERINE, daughter of JOHN SWINNERTON & ELIZABETH	Bap.
1793	Nov.19	JOHN, son of JOHN SWINNERTON and ELIZABETH	Bap.
1797	Feb.21	JOSEPH, son of JOHN SWINNERTON & ANNE	Bap.
1799	Aug. 4	RACHEL, daughter of JOHN SWINNERTON & ANNE	Bap.
1811	Feb.10	JOHN, son of EDWARD SWINNERTON & ELIZABETH	Bap.

Note:

JOHN SWINNERTON is recorded as being assigned a pew in Astley Chapel when it was re-opened in 1828.

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RAGS OF GLORY

Stuart Cloete

Once again it occurred to her that pedigrees were nonsense unless traced through the female line.

Only a woman knew the father of her children and the only pedigrees worth a damn were those of Blood horses because the mares were always watched.

Turks and Arabs might know their sons but this was seldom certain of the Orient.

(Surely the quote to end all quotes on Family History !)

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31 March 1803 SWINNERTON Thomas of Trentham, Staffs.
 & Mary Milborne married at St.Mary, Marylebone

AN UNUSUAL MEMORIAL (3)

Bill Swinarton of Canada has reminded me that he told me in one of the first letters he wrote in 1977 that he told me of such a medallion WITH SCROLL in St. Paul's Church, Toronto. I must confess I had overlooked this amongst the wealth of material he has sent me over the last 3 years. It is to the memory of Lt. **AYSCEAU FRANCIS ROBERT WILLIAM SWINNERTON** (Queen's Own Rifles of Canada) who was killed in action at Vimy Ridge on the 1st March 1917.

He was born at Bolarum in India, the son of **ROBERT WILLIAM SWINNERTON** (a civil engineer with the Indian Public Works Dept.) and Thurza Frances Johanna Cullen Craig.

His name is apparently commemorated on the monument at Vimy among "those who have no known grave" and is commemorated several times in Toronto.

St. Thomas' Church in Toronto has a panelled wall in the Baptistery. One of the panels reads "Francis Aysceau R.W. Swinnerton, Lieut. 75 Bn. C.E.F., March 1 1917".

St. Paul's Church, Bloor St., Toronto has several memorials to Aysceau, one of these is a large stone on the east wall and appears to be marble. There is a form of boar's head at the top and is inscribed:

Avauncex Et Archez Bien

In honoured memory of
Aysceau F.R.W. Swinnerton
Educated at Dean Close - Cheltenham
and the University of Toronto
Lieutenant 166th Battalion
(Queen's Own Rifles) C.E.F.
Killed in action near Vimy Ridge, France
March 1 1917, aged 24 years
Elder son of
Robert W. Swinnerton
Indian Civil Service
"We two see through the one window"

Immediately below is a letter and plaque, enclosed in glass. The letter reads :

Buckingham Palace

I join with my grateful people
in sending you this memorial
of a brave life given for others
in the great war.

(signed) George R. I.

Bill's letter goes on to say :

"As I remember it, the plaque would be perhaps 6" in diameter and perhaps made of bronze. I am afraid I do not know the proper name but there is the form of a woman and lion that usually represents the British Empire. Around the edge reads, "He died for freedom and honour". Also inscribed is the name of "Aysceau Francis Robert William Swinnerton".

A church memorial is also to be found in St. Paul's and it reads :

To the glory of God & ingrateful & honoured
remembrance of those from this congregation
who served their King & country in the Great
War of 1914-1918.

The following two names are found in the list :

Swinnerton, A. A.
Swinnerton, A.R.W. Lt.

Aysceau was the brother of our member, Mr. **AYLMER ABERFRAW SWINNERTON** of Ontario.

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DIRECTORY OF STAFFS.

William White 1834

Woodland Division. SUGNALL MAGNA

SWINNERTON Miss Mary.

(published incorrectly in SFH.1 No.8 p.28 as Nancy)

American Miscellany

(2)

All contributions of W.R.Swinerton of Ontario unless otherwise stated

ROLL OF BARNSTABLE SHIPMASTERS

This roll of Barnstable Shipmasters contains more than eight hundred names. It was compiled principally by Henry C.Kittredge. Substantial additions were made by Dr.Charles E.Harris and others. Their knowledge of the mariners of Barnstable's yesterdays made it possible to add, correct and check names. The roll has twice been published in "The Patriot". The list includes :-

SWINERTON. David E. (Master of a Deepwater Sailing Vessel)



Swinerton Street in New York photographed by Bill Swinerton who assures me he was not responsible for bending the sign ! Presumably named after one of the early settlers.

LAWYERS OF THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY

In his interesting work 'Old Virginia and Her Neighbors', Dr.Fiske, while passing a eulogy on the great lawyers of the eighteenth century, expresses a poor opinion on the legal talent of the Virginia lawyers during the first half of the eighteenth century. He states that "the legal profession was sometimes recruited by white freedmen, whose careers of rascality as attorneys in England had sometimes ended in penal servitude". I do not know his authority for this statement but records appear to give an unqualified denial. I am ignorant of the name of any lawyer to whom the remark would apply. William Sherwood, who flourished in the last half of the century, had in his youth committed some offence (not necessarily criminal) in England, but he was not a convict and his career in Virginia did not begin in servitude. It was in fact highly honorable to him, and he was highly respected.

The business of the courts was, of course, at first of a very simple character. There was but little encouragement to trained lawyers, and the causes were pleaded by the more prominent merchants and planters, acting for the parties to suit. Rural communities are ever jealous of special classes and the laws of the time reflect prejudices rather than good reasons.

Taking York county, for instance, we find among the lawyers in 1646 William Hockaday, Karbry Kiggan, Francis Willis, Thomas Bushrod, Dr. Robert Ellyson.

About 1660 we find John Holdcroft, James Bray, Thomas Ballard, John Page and Daniel Parke.

In 1675 WILLIAM SWINNERTON, William Sherwood, Gideon Macon.

All of these were trusted and prominent men. Willis, Bray, Ballard, Page and Parke became members of the Virginia Council. Hockaday, Bushrod, Ellyson and Macon were at different times members of the House of Burgesses. With the possible exception of William Sherwood who was bred to the law, John Holdcraft and WILLIAM SWINNERTON, all were merchants or planters well informed, but not trained to the law.

From the William & Mary College Quarterly
Historical Magazine Vol.VIII 1900
(ex Richard de Swynnerton)

A CONJECTURAL TREE

for the ancestry

of

JOB SWYNNERTON

the early emigrant to America

*and one of the Founding Fathers of
Salem Colony*

THOMAS SWYNNERTON (alias Beane)

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|--------------------|---|--------------------|---|---------------------|
| (1) Elizabeth Horn | = | JASPAR | = | (2) Kathryn Birt |
| 21 Oct.1600 | | SWYNNERTON | | 2 Aug.1612 |
| Eastington,Glos. | | (alias Beane) | | Shipton Moyne,Glos. |
| d.before 1612 | | b. c.1580 | | bur.3 Aug.1616 |
| | | (administration | | Tetbury |
| | | of goods of Thomas | | |
| | | 23 Feb.1615) | | |

JOB(E)
SWYNNERTON

b.circa 1601

emigrated to Massachusetts
admitted an inhabitant of
Salem 30 May 1637
d.11 Apr.1689 Salem
aet 88

Elizabeth
.....

ANTI-PAS
SWINNERTON

b.
d. 1679
(will 26 Dec.1679)

= Margaret (Mary)
Huntley
16 Apr.1638 Tetbury
alive in 1692

JESPER
SWINERTON
bp.25 Sep.1628
Tetbury

=
Mary England
20 Sep.1649

JOB
SWINERTON
b.circa 1630
(to America)

JOHN
SWINERTON
b. circa 1633
(to America)

JOHN
SWINNERTON
bp.2 Oct.1638
Tetbury

JASPER
swinnerton
bp.12 Nov.1640
Tetbury

ANTI-PAS
SWINNERTON
bp.4 Mar.1651/2
Tetbury
d.after 25 Jul.1685
(Will 4 May 1685)

Ann
Webber
7Sep.1677
Staplegrove
Co.Somerset

MARY
bp.10 Apr.1661
Tetbury
d.before
21 Jan.1692

=
John
Marshall
after 1685

MARTHA
SUSANNA
b.

=
John
Corrock
24 Dec.1674
Taunton-
St.Mary

KATHERINE

d.25 Jul.1685

INVITATION TO BOSTON

A. C. Lyons

The graveyard is still there too, the oldest one in Salem and known for centuries as the Burying Point or Charter Street Ground. The only known grave of a Mayflower Pilgrim, Richard More, is in it, and Cotton Mather's young brother, whose epitaph tells you he was "An Aged person that had seen but Nineteen Winters in the World". Perhaps even nineteen winters as a Mather could age one enormously.

Governor Bradstreet lies here and Judge Hathorne of the witchcraft madness, who was the author's ancestor. For a long time poor Nathaniel thought his bad luck came from a hex on the descendants of the stern old judge who helped condemn so many innocents to death. Samuel McIntire is in Charter Ground too and **DOCTOR SWINNERTON** of the House of the Seven Gables, and as the city's tablet assures you, "others whose virtues, honors, courage and sagacity have nobly illustrated the History of Salem".

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SALEM POSSESSED.

Paul Boyer & Stephen Nissenbaum

The coming of Lawson, attended by such full deliberation and consultation, inaugurated a period of at least outward calm in the Village. In 1686, however, controversy broke out afresh. The precipitating issue seems to have been the decision of one group of Salem villagers to press for the establishment of a full-fledged covenanted church at Salem Village, and also for the ordination of Lawson as its minister. (Neither Lawson nor his two predecessors had undergone the ceremonial rite by which a man assumed the full privileges and duties of the Christian ministry). The Village Committee then in office, including Captain John Putnam and his nephew Thomas Putnam, Jr., supported, if it did not actually initiate, this move. The opposition to Lawson's ordination was led by four men whom we shall encounter again: Joseph Hutchinson, **JOB SWINNERTON**, Joseph Porter and Porter's brother-in-law Daniel Andrew. In January 1687 these four men requested the Salem Village inhabitants to name a committee to confer with them about their "grievances relating to the public

affairs of this place". Hutchinson expressed his dissatisfaction in a still more direct fashion: he began to fence in and farm part of the meetinghouse land which he had given to the Village in the more tranquil year 1673, a gift entered with his own hand in the Village Book of Record.

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THE FIRST AMERICANS, 1607-1690 (A History of American Life. Vol.II)

Thomas J. Wertenbaker

The medical profession should have been foremost in pointing out the folly of the belief in witchcraft, but unfortunately it often lent its support to the delusion. Many a physician, when his concoctions failed to bring relief, excused himself by complaining that the patient had been bewitched. Few seem to have had any conception of the real nature of insanity or epilepsy, and the ancient theory of demoniacal possession was generally accepted. **DR. JOHN SWINNERTON** of Massachusetts was a notable exception to the rule, and throughout the Salem witchcraft craze used his influence on behalf of the victims. Other doctors fully concurred with the ministers and the judges in diagnosing the troubles of the Goodman children and the "afflicted" girls of Salem as magic.

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SHIPMASTERS OF CAPE COD.

Henry C. Kittredge 1971

In the later fifties Captain Baxter went into steam in the employ of George Low of New York, running packets between New York, Aspinwall and New Orleans, and **CAPTAIN DAVID SWINNERTON** of Barnstable, took over the Flying Scud. 'I regard him', writes George Low of Captain Baxter, 'as one of the best merchant captains I had in the employment of the line, and I know of no man in the merchant service I would select before him to command a steamship or a sailing ship.'

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Somersetshire

NAME	ENGLISH PARISH	NEW ENGLAND TOWN
SWINNERTON JOB	Taunton	Salem, Mass.

Various Refs.
Banks MSS

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VIRGINIA SETTLERS & ENGLISH ADVENTURERS

N.Currer-Briggs 1970

Wilts. Part III

WILLIAM SWINNERTON is a witness to the will of Jeffrey More, 28 Feb.1672/3 and a beneficiary (20/-) and a witness to the will of Edward Wade, 24 April 1677. (Presumably this is the lawyer mentioned on p.73 of this journal).

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HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CORNISH, New Hampshire
1763-1910

Wm.H.Child

Vol.II GENEALOGY SWINNERTON

BENJAMIN AND ELIZABETH (Hall) SWINNERTON came from Croydon and lived in town a few years. He served in the War of the Revolution. He lost his life about 1785, by drowning in the Connecticut river which he was attempting to swim. (See Fatalities). His wid. m. April 20 1788 Loring Thompson of Cornish (his second wife) and by him had three children. (See Thompson). Children of Benj.Swinerton, b. in Cornish:

- i. ASA, b.Dec.20 1776
- ii. BETSEY, b. Nov.16 1785

Great strides have been made with research into this branch. Firstly, we have now tied in a large branch of the family who lived in Liverpool and who were descended from a **GEORGE SWINNERTON** who had married Sarah RILEY.

I had long suspected that this couple was identical with the George Swinnerton who had married Sarah ROWLEY at Stoke on Trent on the 18th April 1842 but had been unable to prove it.

I am greatly indebted, once again, to Mrs. Pauline Litton who turned up the vital entry in the 1851 census of Liverpool which revealed that George had been born at High Offley and proved the connection. Obviously the 'Rowley' had been transformed by the famous Liverpool agent to Riley. This was a second marriage for George - his first marriage was to Margaret Sheldon (see Swinnerton of Adbaston Table 2).

This branch includes our American Vice-President **HAROLD NORMAN SWINNERTON** and our new Council member, **LESLIE WILLIAM SWINNERTON** and his two brothers who have recently rejoined the Society.

Mrs.Litton has also provided the answer to the confusing entries for **MARGARET SWINNERTON** (SFH.3, No.6 p.35). She says (and I should have realised this myself but you can be too close to a subject) - "I didn't realise the 1833 baptism for Margaret was a Catholic one. This surely explains everything. She would have had to be baptised a R.C. to marry one (in those days) so was presumably re-baptised at 18 and the Adbaston marriage wouldn't be Banns only because pre-1837, a Catholic Marriage alone was not sufficient. (Hardwicke's Marriage Act).

Two other branches have also now been tied in - both start with a lady, the third to do so in the Adbaston family - it must be something to do with the Adbaston air !

One stems from another **GEORGE SWINNERTON**, blacksmith and farmer, son of **Mary Swinnerton (MS.86)** the youngest daughter of William of Adbaston. The family stayed very local in the Eccleshall area, George having married Elizabeth Lowe at Eccleshall on the 28th January 1851. Present-day descendants who are members of the Society include our auditor, **Mr. RONALD FREDERICK SWINNERTON** of Sheffield, sisters Miss **LUCY SWINNERTON** and Mrs. **NORAH SCOTT**, Mr. **FRANK CECIL SWINNERTON** and Mr. **MICHAEL ROBERT SWINNERTON**.

The other stems from **CHARLES SWINNERTON (CS.42)** son of **ELIZABETH (ES.94)** He was a Blacksmith like all the rest and married Alice Walton at Cheswardine on the 29th October 1834. His descendants still farm extensively on the Staffordshire/Shropshire borders and include our member, **Mrs. ROSALIE PRICE** who has been so helpful with research over the last few years.

Perhaps the most exciting development, however, has been the discovery of the parentage of William of Adbaston, himself. Curiously, I had known of this family for many years but had not connected the two as there was a discrepancy of 5 years between the date of baptism and the age of William at death. Once again, we are indebted to Mrs. Pauline Litton for providing the vital clue who comments that ages given at death are notoriously suspect - after all, the person himself wasn't available to verify it !

The story is then :-

MARRIAGE BOND 1745

Edward SWINNERTON, p. of Drayton in Hales, **Blacksmith**, and Richard Townend p. Drayton in Hales. Ironmonger. Edward Swinnerton to marry Mary Lowe of p. of Drayton. Single woman aged 22 at Norton in Hales (Edward actually signed the bond Swinerton)

EDWARD married Mary Lowe at Norton in Hales, Salop on the 24th June 1745. Norton in Hales is N.E. of Market Drayton and the next parish to Mucclestone which is over the border in Staffs. They went to live a couple of miles away in the hamlet of Almington in Staffs. but right on the Staffs/Salop border and in the Registers of Market Drayton Parish we find :-

27 Jun.1746	John, son Edward SWINNERTON of Tirley	bap.
26 Dec.1747	Anne, dau. Edward SWINNERTON of Amington (sic)	bap.
19 Jan.1749/50	Mary, dau. Edward SWINNERTON of Amington	bap.
17 Mar.1752	Thomas, son Edward SWINNERTON of Amington	bap.
31 Aug.1755	Elizabeth, dau. Edward SWINNERTON of Tyrley	bap.
8 Aug.1759	Edward, son Edward SWINNERTON of Amington	bap.
		bur. 20 Dec.59
2 Jan.1761	Wm. son Edward SWINNERTON of Armington	bap.
25 Jan.1769	Martha, dau. Edward SWINNERTON of Armington	bap.
18 Jan.1776	Edward SWINNERTON of Tyrly	bur.
18 Oct.1781	John SWINNERTON otp & Sarah FERRINGTON otp married by Lic. He signs (SWINERTON). Wits. James RAY (x) and William HOPE	
4 Jan.1782	William SWINNERTON otp and Mary CRUMP otp married by Lic. Both sign (SWINERTON) Wits. John SMITH & John PRESTON	

5 Jun.1804	John SWINERTON of Tyrley, aged 57	bur.
26 Mar.1808	Mary SWINERTON of Tyrley, aged 85	bur.

The vital clues turned up by Mrs. Litton now follow :-

Will of **JOHN SWINNERTON** 14 Apr.1804 of Sandy Lane, late **Blacksmith** but now Husband Man.
All to wife Sarah.

Will of Sarah Swinnerton, 26 Nov.1809, widow of Sandy Lane Head, p. Drayton in Hales.
Messuage and tenement, etc. to Richard Wainwright of Sarnbrook, co. Salop, Farmer, and **William SWINNERTON of Knighton**, co. Staffs. **Blacksmith**.
(Lease from Samuel Harding, gent).
Brother - Richard Ferrington

Obviously, John and Sarah had no children so the land went to her brother William and Richard Wainwright who was probably the husband of one of her sisters.

So we now have another generation of the Adbaston family taking us back to about 1720. Another Edward Swinnerton married Susannah Hand at Cheswardine on the 27th April 1711 - these may or may not be Edward's parents - time and further research will tell.

FAMILY NOTES

We welcome the following new members :

Mrs. R. Eller,

Mrs. Mabel Grey Eller is the daughter of **FRED WILKINSON SWINNERTON** and Marion Allaydyce. Mrs. Eller who joined the Society within a few days of her 80th birthday was born in the USA, her father was also born in America but her mother came from Scotland.

Mrs. Hodgden

Mrs. Joan Hodgden has a very interesting connection with our family through her husband's ancestor Nicholas Pearsall who went to New York (then New Amsterdam) in the early 1600's. Nicholas was a descendant of Humphrey Peshall of Horsley who married Hellina or Elena SWYNNERTON in the time of Edward IV in the middle 1400's. Quite a descent !

Mr. P. Swinnerton,

Mr. Peter Swinnerton is the brother of our members **LESLIE WILLIAM SWINNERTON** and like his other brother **RICHARD WASHINGTON SWINNERTON** has rejoined the Society having been a member in the early days. He is a son of the late **WILLIAM LESLIE SWINNERTON**, our former heraldic artist.

Mrs. O. M. Stocks

Mrs. Olive Mary Stocks, (nee Swinnerton) is the sister of Mrs. M. E. Houghton, a new member noted in our last issue - the daughter of **ALBERT EDWARD SWINNERTON** and Laura Jane Jones. I have made quite good progress with research into this family and so far have got back to **John Swinnerton**, Nailmaker of Wrexham who married Mary Marsden in the mid 1850's.

Miss J. H. Swinnerton

Miss Jane Heather Swinnerton has appeared in our journal several times before - yes, she is the famous hockey player about whose exploits we have so many cuttings in our files. She is the daughter of **JOHN GERALD SWINNERTON** and Betty Barbara Sutcliffe and is a member of the Warwickshire Branch.

Mrs. N. Wood,

Mrs. Florence Wood (nee Swinnerton) is another sister of Mrs. Houghton and the third member of this new little branch of the family who were located in and around Wrexham.

Mr. F. Swinnerton

I met Fred and Betty at Stratford in October when they were on their first visit to this country and were doing the American 'Heritage Tour' which is so popular and includes Cambridge, Oxford and Bath as well as Stratford. They had been in correspondence with Bill Swinarton of Canada and I hope to have details of their ancestry soon.

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A NEW ARRIVAL

LINDSAY ELLEN SWINARTON, daughter of Harold Lloyd Swinarton and Patricia Isabella (nee Milligan) born 19 Sept. 1980, a niece of our member Bill Swinarton of Canada.

and sadly - A DEPARTURE

We were very sorry to hear of the death on the 13th October 1980, at the age of 73, of **MATTHEW SWINNERTON**, brother of our member Mr. Jack Swinnerton of Blackpool, and send our sincere sympathy to his family.

We send our congratulations and best wishes for the future to **ANITA HELEN SWINNERTON**, eldest daughter of our member Mr. Peter Swinnerton of Manchester, on her marriage to Mr. James Morse on the 27th September 1980.

Mr. Swinnerton, himself, has been forced to leave the Fire Service after suffering very bad burns from having been covered with hot oil from a bursting drum when dealing with a fire in October 1979. He had served with the Fire Service for 26 years and had reached the rank of Sub-Officer. He was given a wonderful retirement party by all his colleagues and we wish him every success in his new career. The newspaper described him as a very brave officer and your Council sent him a special message of admiration for the great courage he displayed in overcoming his injuries. His new address will be **35 Riverside Avenue, Irlam, Manchester.**

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THE PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION

This was displayed for the first time at the AGM and aroused a great deal of interest. It is being arranged as a continuous 'tree' with parents on the left-hand page and children on the right, then each child takes its own left-hand page, etc. and we are most grateful to Mr. Jack Swinnerton for all the work he has done on this - we now need more photographs. However old they are, he can copy them so please let us have your contributions.

FAMILY POTTERY

Mr. Joe Swinnerton has produced a most attractive range of plates, mugs, beakers and ash trays all bearing a picture of St. Mary's Church, Swynnerton and the name of the Society. These were also on show for the first time at the AGM and proved to be very popular sellers for Christmas presents, etc. He is very kindly donating the profits to the Society's funds - we are most grateful to him and do hope you will support him.

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