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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This issue brings us to the end of Volume Five and is our 50th issue.

The Tenth Anniversary issue was very well received and I would like to say thank you to those who took the trouble to write and comment, your letters were very much appreciated.

By popular request, I will try and include more photographs in future numbers but it does increase the cost considerably so it will only be occasionally.

As I mentioned two issues ago, this has been quite a year for the Family History movement. Our parent organisation, the Federation of Family History Societies, celebrated its Tenth Anniversary too and interest in the subject increases all the while.

I have tutored two ten week evening classes for the WEA this Autumn on Tracing your Ancestors and I know there are hundreds of similar courses being run up and down the country.

Now, in addition to the dozens of magazines and journals that are produced by Regional Family History Societies and Family Societies like ours, there is a new National 'Glossy' magazine called 'Family Tree' which will appear for the first time in November.

Do support it if you can.

SWINNERTON & CO. (STOURBRIDGE) LTD.

IN 1773, a year which saw ever increasing unrest in the American Colonies leading to the famous "Boston Tea Party" early the next year, William Swinnerton was a young Blacksmith serving his apprenticeship around the border villages of Staffordshire and Shropshire.

Today, 200 years later, his direct descendants are still actively involved in the Blacksmithing trade owning one of the few remaining "family" firms specialising in the production of hammer forgings.

The Blacksmith of 200 years ago was a man of standing in the local community, ranking after the Squire and Vicar and served his community not only as Blacksmith but also as Agricultural Engineer, Vet (or cow-leech as it was often called), Wheelwright and Farrier. He forged his products entirely by hand in a hearth blown by hand bellows and given a bar of iron could, and would, make virtually anything.

Today some of the products are still made by hand in the same type of hearth, now blown of course by powered fans, but the advent of foot hammers ("Olivers"), power hammers, forging presses, upset forgers and oil fired furnaces has increased the range and scope of the products allowing continuous production of a wide range of forgings some of which, however, are the same articles made by William Swinnerton 200 years ago.

By 1783, the year of the Treaty of Versailles recognising the independence of the United States of America, William had married and was in residence at the Smithy (which still stands) in the village of Knighton near Adbaston in Staffordshire. Here he lived for the next 45 years raising a family of seven sons and two daughters of whom six sons followed his profession of Blacksmith, the other dying young.

In time the sons gravitated to other villages to set up on their own but the third son, John Swinnerton, attracted perhaps by the lure of a large works (or perhaps as a result of a domestic dispute as he appears to have contracted a runaway marriage with a kinswoman, the daughter of the North Staffordshire Coroner whose wife was herself a Swinnerton), moved to Wellington and entered the employ of the well known Lilleshall Iron Works. Here he worked as a Blacksmith but soon rose to the important post of Furnaceman.

At least two of his sons also became Blacksmiths and the eldest of these, James Harding Swinnerton the First, having served his apprenticeship at Much Wenlock moved to Dawley in Salop where he also entered the employ of the Lilleshall Iron & Steel Co. and eventually rose to a position of considerable responsibility.

His son, James Harding Swinnerton II succeeded him in his post but about 1880 received an offer of employment from Crowthers, the Kidderminster mill owners and moved to Whittington near Kinver where he became forgemaster of the Whittington Ironworks and was also responsible for the Swindon Ironworks.

The Whittington Ironworks became the Whittington Nail Company, a manufacturery for Horse Nails and in 1887 he was joined by his second son, John Henry Swinnerton. He later transferred to Crowthers' Church Street Office at Kidderminster as a representative thus acquiring the tremendous knowledge of the horse trade which was to stand him in such good stead later when he went into business on his own.

The Whittington Ironworks was, unfortunately, the victim of a disastrous fire; today only a few foundations remain half buried in the grass but the Ironmaster's house, now three cottages, still stands.

James Harding Swinnerton, after the closure of the Whittington Ironworks, moved to Kinver and entered the employ of Messrs. Jones & Attwood of Stourbridge as maintenance engineer at which post he was

succeeded by his son, Benjamin Swinnerton, who was unfortunately involved in an accident there involving the big steam engine which subsequently proved fatal.

Meanwhile, John Henry Swinnerton had entered the employ as General Manager of John Perks & Son, Lye, with the original John Perks himself, some time before 1900 but about 1908 he decided to go out on his own. He left John Perks & Sons and joined Lunt Bros. the Coal Merchants as a representative but also set himself up as a manufacturer and merchant for the horse trade, selling Horse Shoes, Horse Nails, Frost Cogs and general farriery tools from premises in Wheeler Street.

From . . .

John H. Swinnerton,

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and MERCHANT.**

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Stourbridge,

Worcs.

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FROST SCREWS, FROST NAILS.

HORSE SHOES, &c., &c.

—+—

—ESTABLISHED 1886.—

HALL STREET,

STOURBRIDGE,

By 1913 he had built up a good connection and therefore left Lunt Bros. and together with two of his brothers, George Frederick and James Robert Swinnerton purchased on the 29th July the existing manufacturing firm of Thomas Skelding & Co., Hall Street, Oldswinford, changing the name to Swinnerton, Skelding & Co.

An account of the firm of T. Skelding & Co. is given in a contemporary Business Directory of Stourbridge of 1903 and reads:—

T. SKELDING & Co.

Manufacturers of Frost Nails and Cogs.

"Twenty years ago nail making in Oldswinford was what may be termed a cottage industry, a number of men working in their own little forges. Today the trade is chiefly in the hands of one man, Mr. Thomas Skelding, who has literally "forged" his way to the position which he now occupies.

He established himself eighteen years ago in a small forge in Corser Street, which he still carries on for the making of gate nails. Realising that the old methods were not efficient enough to maintain the trade against competition, Mr. Skelding was the first man who introduced machinery. He also specialised in the manufacture of frost nails. Those he made were so great an improvement upon the old-fashioned iron nails that they found at once an enormous sale, and it is owing to this invention and his foresight and energy, that the firm of T. Skelding and Company find themselves today at the head of this particular industry.

However, progress at first was very slow, for Mr. Skelding depended for his success solely upon his own efforts. But his perseverance told. A few years after starting business on his own account he took over a second forge in Corser Street; in 1892 he made a further step forward by taking extensive premises in Hall Street, and to provide for the steady increase, he is now erecting a warehouse, the necessity for which has long made itself felt. Eighteen years ago he was working on his own, today he employs eighteen men.

The output of frost nails, cogs, etc., which is made possible by the introduction of special machinery, is really astounding. Almost every day arrive drays with steel rods and bars, which are rapidly converted into frost nails, and are, in their turn, sent to every part of the kingdom.

The firm also make a speciality of horse-shoes, from the lightest racing shoe, weighing half a pound, to those for heavy cart horses, weighing as much as five pounds each. In addition, Messrs. Skelding and Company sell all kinds of drilling machines, bellows, hammers, and, in fact, every requisite for smiths' shops.

Their frost nails have their own trade mark, an "S" in a diamond stamped on them as a guarantee of their genuineness and their excellent workmanship.

The history of this firm is interesting from more than one point of view. Mr. Skelding, the head of the firm, is not only a self-made man who worked his way step by step, now controlling a business of considerable extent, and with every prospect of further growth, but it is also due to his foresight and determination that an industry which was threatened with ruin has been kept in the district. The success which he has achieved is but a just reward for his efforts."

TELEGRAMS:—"SWINNERTON, SKELDING, STOURBRIDGE."

ESTABLISHED 1868.

SWINNERTON, SKELDING & CO.,

HALL STREET,

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.

INCORPORATING—

T. SKELDING & CO. AND JOHN H. SWINNERTON

MANUFACTURERS

—OF—

VAN. CART, COACH AND MOTOR
BUILDERS' WROUGHT IRON FITTINGS
FROST STUDS,
SCREWS, NAILS, ETC.

TRADE



MARK.

During the Great War many millions of Cogs and Screws for horse shoes were made on the firm's premises and by local outworkers and sent to the Western Front.

The system of outworkers was very prevalent in this area, nearly every house had its own forge at the bottom of the garden and the firm still possesses agreements made at the time giving full details of the price to be paid to the outworker and the terms of service which make fascinating reading today. The firm provided the steel and the coke and the cogs were brought in from the homes every Friday to be counted and paid for.

After the War the Horse Trade declined (although it is currently enjoying a revival again) and the firm branched out into the Building and Agricultural Trades producing for them innumerable ironwork products. During the Second World War production was mainly of steel medical pannier fittings for the services but since 1945 the accent has again been on blacksmith forgings, hinges, nuts and bolts, etc.

One specialist trade covered by the firm is the manufacture of special Split or Skip Nails and fittings for the Basket industry. These large wicker baskets or hampers are nearly all made by blind people although there are still a few sighted basket makers and some are also made by occupants of H.M. Prisons. The firm are now the only manufacturing company left producing these special fittings and also export them to the Continent and Eire.

In 1972 the firm of H. Blunt & Co. of Cradley Heath, manufacturers of Meat Hooks and Shipping Tackle, was acquired. Mr. Harry Blunt had started this firm and employed blacksmiths and general machinists to produce a wide range of products for the shipping, agricultural and butchery trades. Many of the products made were similar to those made by Swinnertons and with almost identical manufacturing processes so the two businesses harmonised very well and provided fresh outlets for the products.

The following year the old established firm of Samuel Tromans & Sons also of Cradley Heath was acquired. A contemporary description of this firm from the same Business Directory previously mentioned reads:—

S. TROMANS & SONS
Manufacturers of Chains and Hooks

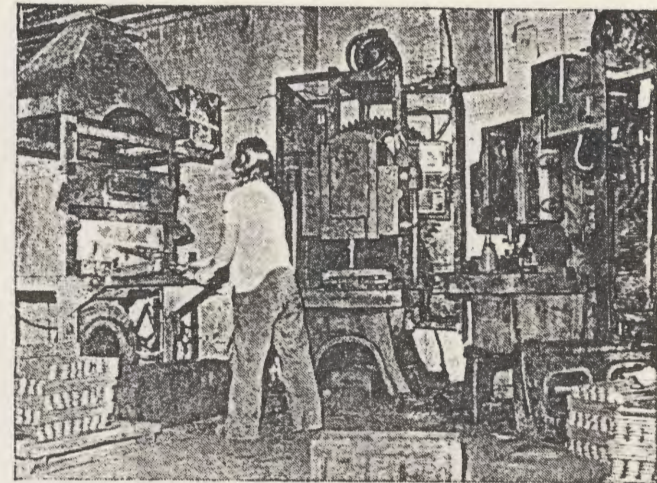
“The ‘Forward Works’, owned by Messrs. Samuel Tromans and Sons, 4 Meredith Street, Cradley Heath, were established in 1890.

Messrs. Tromans and Sons contribute some articles or other to almost every trade in the country, and many of those small things that are so essential to our domestic comfort emanate from their works. Among the goods they manufacture are round and square staples, gas hooks, pipe hooks, meat hooks, wall hooks, line hooks, flashing hooks and casement hooks, shelf brackets, holdfasts, coffin rings and snipes, manger rings, rivets and nails, dog and manger chains, back bands, coil chains, basket rods and loops and many other things. In fact, they lay themselves out for the manufacture of all kinds of small odd work, and take orders for any special articles that may be required for a particular purpose.

Mr. Tromans has had a wide experience in this direction, and his knowledge of everything pertaining to the trade has qualified him in the highest degree for this class of work. His progressive methods and skill call for no comment from us, for he is well known as a thoroughly reliable manufacturer far and wide, and his sons share the responsibility with him in a creditable manner.”

Today Swinnertons produce a wide variety of steel forgings and pressings for a number of trades and their vehicles maintain an almost country-wide delivery.

Swinnerton Forges



AN INDUSTRIAL GENEALOGY

250 years of Blacksmiths and Engineers.

EDWARD SWINNERTON = Mary Lowe
b.circa 1720 24Jun1745 Norton in Hales
bur.18Jan1776 b.circa 1723
BLACKSMITH bur.26Mar1808 Market Drayton
(ES.4)

|
WILLIAM SWINNERTON = Mary Crump
(4th son) (dau.of a Blacksmith)
bp.2Jan1751 Market Drayton 4Jan1872 Market Drayton
bur.19Mar1829 Adbaston b.
BLACKSMITH bur.21Jun1837 Adbaston
(WS.32)

|
JOHN SWINNERTON = Sarah Harding
(3rd.son) (dau of William Harding and Elizabeth Swinnerton of Yewtree)
bp3Jan1789 Adbaston 19Nov1809 Burslem
bur.26Feb1855 Dawley bp.15May1791 Madeley,Staffs
BLACKSMITH d.26Oct1866 Shifnal
(JS.7)

|
JAMES HARDING SWINNERTON = Sarah Bumfrey
bp.8Dec1810 Wellington 2May1830 Kemberton,Salop
d.12Dec1880 Dawley bp.12Oct1806 Worthen
BLACKSMITH & ENGINEER d.1Mar1885 Smethwick
(JS.6)

|
JAMES HARDING SWINNERTON = Jane Blocksidge
(3rd.son) 26Dec1868 Madeley,Salop
b.9Jun1849 Dawley b.26Oct1846 Dawley
d.6Dec1910 Stourbridge d. 1924 Stourbridge
ENGINEER
(JS.5)

|
BENJAMIN SWINNERTON = Alice Cownley
b.27Jan1875 Dawley 13Nov1899 Kingswinford
d.6Jan1928 Stourbridge b.4Feb1874 Wordsley,Staffs
ENGINEER d.23Dec1924 Stourbridge
(BS.1)

|
JAMES PERCY SWINNERTON = Lilian Spencer
b.18Sep1902 Wordsley 29 Jan 1927 Kidderminster
d.11Sep1977 Stourbridge b.27Aug1903 Bacup
ENGINEER d.21Sep1935 Birmingham
(JS.4)

|
IAIN SPENCER SWINNERTON = Angela Sellers
b.23Apr1932 Wordsley 1Feb1958 Buntingford, Herts.
ENGINEER
(IS.1)

WHO'S WHO IN THE SWINNERTON SOCIETY

D. K. SWINNERTON

[REDACTED]

DOUGLAS KINGSLEY SWINNERTON is the son of Godfrey Joseph Swinnerton (1885-1945) and Claire Jeanette Creeth. Godfrey was a nephew of the Rev. Charles Swynnerton, the first historian of the family, and emigrated to America at the beginning of this century. Mr. Swinnerton is the father of our member Capt. R.H. Swinnerton and a cousin to member Mrs. M. Thomas. He is a descendant of Joseph, the 4th son of William Swinnerton of Betley.

Mrs. J. E. BYFIELD

[REDACTED]

Eunice Dorothy Byfield (nee SWINNERTON) is the daughter of Fred Swinnerton (1882-1945) and Rose Bowley who emigrated to Australia in the early part of the century.

A descendant of the Betley family, she is a cousin to our Chairman - John Swinnerton.

Mrs. M. E. CARROLL

[REDACTED]

Mrs. Marjorie Elizabeth Carroll (nee SWINNERTON) is the daughter of Edward Albert Swinnerton (1878-1940) and Mercy Madelaine Harper, sister to our P.R.O. Joe Swinnerton and a member of the Warwickshire Branch.

Mrs. S. A. ELLIOTT

[REDACTED]

Mrs. Shirley Anne Elliott (nee Swinnerton) is a member of the Warwickshire branch and the daughter of Joe Swinnerton above.

Mrs. D. BARNES

[REDACTED]

Mrs. Amy Jane Barnes (nee SWINNERTON) is the second daughter of George Frederick Swinnerton (1887-1953) and Amy Louisa Greenfield and a cousin of the Secretary. A member of the Adbaston Branch, she is married to the deputy-Editor of the Newbury Advertiser and is a trained nurse.

Mrs. F. W. P. FIRMIN

[REDACTED]

Mrs. Audrey Firmin is a descendant of John SWINNERTON (1707-1743) and Elizabeth Coten. We have recently been able to tie John in to our Yorkshire branch which now commences with another John Swinnerton who was buried in 1680 at Handsworth Woodhouse.

Mrs. F. B. HALL

[REDACTED]

Mrs. Phyllis Joy Hall is the daughter of William Edward St. Clair Davey and Maud Alice SWINNERTON (1881-1976) and first cousin to our late Vice-President, Mr. Frank Swinnerton. Before retirement, she was proprietress of a restaurant.

LT. E. C. SWINNERTON AM. JP. RANEM.

[REDACTED]

EDWIN CHARLES SWINNERTON is the son of Frederick Swinnerton (1882-1945) and Rose M. Bowley, and a member of the Betley Branch (see SFH.1 p.10). He is a cousin to our Chairman and brother to member Mrs. Byfield. Mr. Swinnerton is in the Royal Australian Navy and was one of the first Australians to receive the Australia Medal when it was instituted. His son is also serving with the RAN.

LETTERS FROM FAMOUS PEOPLE fetch quite a lot of money these days. This one to the Rev. Charles Swynnerton came into my possession some years ago and, of course, I would not part with it for anything!

Dear Mr Swynnerton

3.4.1911

I have come across some D.D.s, which I want to print at once. I think I copied them from copies you supplied to Gen Wrottesley & enclose my copies.

✓ Will you check these for me, & add anything that I have not embodied.

I have also annotations & dates of some other deeds of yours, but no deeds. I want to have these & print them too. They are:-

- (a) Hugh de Glindor's grant 1205-10
- (b) Hawise de Verdon to her husband 1153/4
- (c) H^{ts} de Verdon & Thos. de Bideulif c. 1245
- (d) Eudo de Verdon & H^{ts} de Verdon c. 1249
- (e) Alina ~~de Verdon~~ Pantulif to Thos c. 1190
- (f) Roman Pantulif to H^{ts} de Teltun c. 1205

These last are no so important as 1/; if you can add approximate dates to those in 1/ that I send you, I should be much obliged.

I am putting in about 50 pages of deeds of 1216 - 1327, from Doxdale, the B.M., & other sources I should like to include them.

The Vol. will contain.

1) diluvial Roll Hen. III.

2) Trial Concord 1272 - 1327

3) Reg. p. mortuam, ad quod damnum &c 1223 - 1327

4) Teste de Nevill, union fee, 1211 - 1251.

5) Your Swynnerton Papers 1080 - 1100.

6) Your deeds, 1216 - 1327

All good solid useful early stuff with no humbug about it & 500 printed pages.

I have got 12 p. 300 already.

Yours

Joseph C. Ingram

SWYNNERTON, Humphrey (by 1516-62), of Swynnerton and Hilton, Staffs.

STAFFORD 1554 (Apr.)

b. by 1516, 1st s. of Thomas Swynnerton of Swynnerton and Hilton, by Alice, da. of Sir Humphrey Stanley[†] of Pipe Ridware and Clifton Campville. m. by 1540, Cassandra (bur. 7 Jan. 1570), da. of Sir John Giffard* of Chillington, 2da. suc. fa. ?1541.¹

Bailiff, former estates of Brewood priory, Staffs. by 1537; steward, Cannock forest, Staffs. 24 June 1541-d.; escheator, Staffs. 1559-60.²

In June 1541 Humphrey Swynnerton entered upon a landed inheritance of which the chief component, at Hilton north of Wolverhampton, was assessed for subsidy four years later at 40s. on an annual value of £20. He also added a number of his father's local offices to his own as bailiff of Brewood, one which he had retained after the purchase of that priory by (Sir) Thomas Giffard*, whose sister he had probably already married. Of his outlying properties, he sold the manors of Great and Little Barrow, Cheshire, in 1555 to Sir John Savage, who had long claimed them.³

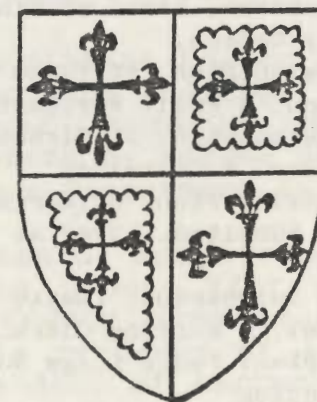
It was the Giffard connexion which gave Swynnerton his only spell in the Commons: the sheriff who returned him was his brother-in-law and his fellow-Member was his youthful nephew John Giffard. He shared the Giffards' religious conservatism and doubtless supported the Catholic restoration. His piety found expression in his rebuilding of Shareshill church and in his preservation of a breviary disposed of by Lichfield under Edward VI and returned there by him on Mary's accession.⁴

It was as 'late of Swynnerton *alias* of Hilton' that Swynnerton sued out a general pardon in January 1559 but at Swynnerton that he made his will on 6 July 1561. He invoked the aid of the Virgin Mary and the company of heaven to attain salvation,

asked to be buried, if he died at Swynnerton, in the lady chapel before the place where her image had stood, or if at Hilton (where he was to die) in the chancel of Shareshill where the image of St. Luke had stood, and left 3s. 4d. to the priests at Hampton to pray for his soul. After the expiry of his wife's life interest in his lands and goods they were to be divided equally between his daughters, whose husbands Henry Vernon* and Francis Gatacre he remembered with rings. According to the inscription formerly at Shareshill, Swynnerton died on 25 Aug. 1562. No inquisition has been found, although a writ was issued on 17 Oct. 1562, but the will was proved on 9 Feb. 1563 and the deed allotting Swynnerton to Elizabeth Gatacre (the widow of William Fitzherbert*) and Hilton to Margaret Vernon was drawn up on 8 May 1564.⁵

¹ Date of birth estimated from first reference. J. C. Wedgwood, *Staffs. Parl. Hist.* (Wm. Salt Arch. Soc.), i. 340; *LP Hen. VIII*, xvi; *Wm. Salt Arch. Soc.* vii(2), 56, 59. ² *LP Hen. VIII*, xvi. ³ NRA 6242, p. 28; *LP Hen. VIII*, xv, xvi, xxi; E179/177/137; *Wm. Salt Arch. Soc.* vii(2), 57. ⁴ *VCH Staffs.* iii. 168-9; v. 179. ⁵ *CPR*, 1558-60, p. 163; 1560-3, p. 448; *Wm. Salt Arch. Soc.* vii(2), 57; 1926, pp. 119-20; PCC 8 Chayre; Pevsner, *Staffs.* 234.

A.D.K.H.



The Aims of Humphrey Swynnerton of Swynnerton and Hilton

FREEMASONS

J.E.Swinnerton

I have searched the old records of the United Grand Lodge of England at Freemason's Hall, London and the following is a list of SWINNERTONS who have been Freemasons since the time that records are available until 1920.

Year joined

- 1765 John Swinnerton. Lodge No 203 Met in Chester
A Turner
- 1777 Joseph Swinnerton. Lodge No 304. Met in London
No occupation
- 1801 Thomas Swinnerton. Lodge No 171. Met in Chester
A Turner
- 1879 William Swinnerton. Abbey Lodge No 624. Met in
Burton on Trent. A Malster.
- 1888 Francis Swinnerton. Menturia Lodge No 418. Met
in Hanley. A Confectioner.
- 1897 George Isaac Swinnerton. St.Margaret's Lodge No.
1872 Met in Surbiton. Lived at Kingston on Thames
A Clerk in Holy Orders.
- 1899 Oscar Thomas Swinnerton. St.Tudno Lodge No 755
Met in Llandudno. A Fruit Merchant.
- 1903 Tom Williams Swinnerton. St.Michael's Lodge No
2487. Met in Stone. A Traveller.
- 1904 George Ernest Swinnerton. St.Margaret's Lodge
No.1872. Met in Surbiton. Lived at Kingston
An Accountant
- 1906 Stephen Joseph Swinnerton. Temple Lodge No 1094
Met in Liverpool. A sorting Clerk.
- 1907 Herbert Swinnerton. Peace Lodge No 60. Met in
London. A Solicitor
- 1919 Noel William Swinnerton. St.Tudno Lodge No 755
Met in Llandudno. A Surveyor.
- 1920 Francis Swinnerton. Josiah Wedgwood Lodge No
2214. Met in Stoke on Trent. A Confectioner.

As reported in my recent circular letter, I am very sad to have to tell you of the sudden death of our Chairman, Ken Armitstead whilst on holiday in France. Ken was one of the four founder-members of our Society, had served on the Council since its inception and was elected Chairman at the A.G.M. last year.

Ken was born on the 6th June 1921 and was a son of William Kenrick Armitstead and Maria Gezina Swinnerton. He was educated at Felsted School and from there went into the Royal Regiment of Artillery with whom he served in North Africa and Italy reaching the rank of Captain and was Mentioned in Despatches.

After the war, he went up to Hertford College, Oxford where he gained a BA in 1946 and an MA in 1948 in Classics and Modern Languages (Hons.)

He was an Assistant Master at Repton School from 1951 to 1956 and then joined the staff of the Royal Britannia Naval College, Dartmouth where he became Head of the Modern Languages Department in 1964.

Ken was a man of many interests including sailing, Sea Scouts (for whom he was an Assistant County Commissioner), Amateur Dramatics (a producer of some note), was a Past President of Dartmouth Rotary Club and was very keen on Music and Photography.

He died on the 24th August and will be sadly missed by us and all his many friends.

FAMILY NOTES

I regret to report the death of our member Fred Hall on the 5th June. Fred had been a member, with his wife, since the early days and attended several gatherings. Through his wife, our member Joy Hall, he was a member of the family of our late Vice-President, Frank Swinnerton. Our very sincere sympathy to his family.

NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Doris Whipple Jones Baker MA. PhD. FSA. of [redacted]
[redacted] Dr. Baker is a genealogist of long standing with a descent from our early emigrant Job Swinnerton, another collateral one from Maud de Swynnerton (daughter of Sir Robert de Swynnerton d. circa 1395) and no less than 12 of the 25 Mayflower Pilgrim Families are her ancestors.

* * *

Mrs Zoe Watts of [redacted] is a sister of our late Chairman, Ken Armitstead. She is a daughter of William Kenrick Armitstead and Maria Gezina Swinnerton and a member of the Warwickshire branch of the family. Her daughters, Felicity Zoe, Claudia Maria and son Nigel William Roland have also joined the Society.

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Corporal David Swinnerton RAF. to [redacted]
[redacted] David has now sent in his family Record Form which reveals him to be a member of the Yorkshire branch and a great-nephew of our member Jack Swinnerton of Blackpool.

Mrs Nancy Gregg to [redacted]

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(The Journal of the Society)

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