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FROM THE EDITOR

Another 'Gathering' has come and gone, a considerably smaller one than usual but, as a consequence, much more enjoyable for me personally as I was able to get round and talk to everyone and even help some to locate themselves on the trees. I also had a great deal of help from members of the Council which made the whole thing much easier. The new system of pre-payment certainly eased the administration and did away with that dreadful queue at the entrance that we have had in the past.

I, like everyone else there I think, was fascinated by Mrs Margery Thomas's talk on her experiences on the Eastern Front in 1916 and was full of admiration for her total recall of events that happened over 70 years ago! I am hoping that I can persuade her to write it down as part of our 'Project 90' (of which more anon).

We have just celebrated the Anniversary of the outbreak of another World War on 3rd Sept.1939. For me, as for many others I am sure, this war was the great divide. I am apt to say without thinking 'before the War' or 'after the War' as life changed so totally between 1939 and 1945 but my young folk cannot comprehend this. After all, this was 50 years ago!

Robb Wilton used to say "The day war broke out....." and go on to relate some humorous anecdote of that day. Can you remember what you were doing that day? It has been a most interesting subject of conversation at many Family History Conferences and meetings this year.

I can remember vividly what I was doing and I have written a little note of it later in this Journal. Would you like to send me a little paragraph of what you were doing? This would be a vital contribution to the history of the family.

A WARNING!

One or two members of the family have reported that they have received a letter from a company called Family Heritage International, Bath, Ohio offering a book called 'THE SWINNERTON NEW WORLD REGISTRY' and saying that they have done extensive work in Austr - alia and North America on people who share the Swinnerton name and "YOU are listed in it".

These letters are circulating in America, Canada, UK and Australia and similar letters have been sent to many other people using a different surname.

An order form is enclosed inviting you to send your money for a copy (\$39.90 plus \$3 post and handling).

HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!

All it is is a standard word-processed book on how to trace your family with a few lists of names from telephone directories and electoral registers. This has been going on for years, the firm have been in court on several occasions in America and have had injunctions taken out against them but they still go on and in this country, although we have tried, we cannot stop them as they are not transgressing our laws. It is, not to put too fine a point on it, a rip-off and I know people who have paid up and been terribly disappointed.

One would have expected them to have contacted me on the subject of Swinnerton Family Records as I am supposed to be the world-wide expert on the family but, of course, they haven't. The danger is that one of your relatives might fall for it thinking it would make a nice birthday/Christmas present. Please warn them. If anyone has got one, I would just love to see it!

MY FIRST SWINNERTON GATHERING Patricia Holmes

"Shall I go to the Swinnerton Gathering?" I asked my husband. I was not really sure. My surname was not Swinnerton and my descent was not direct from a main branch. I was only a Twiglet on the family tree.

"Scottish Clans have Gatherings" replied my husband, "you'll probably have to toss the caber or throw horseshoes at a stake". We discussed collective nouns - a 'Gathering' had a nice friendly ring to it. "I'll go", I said.

I had discovered the Swinnerton Society entirely by chance two years ago. I was researching my family history on my mother's side. Her great-grandmother bore the name Swinnerton and we had gone to the village of the same name in Staffordshire to trace links. There I met the old church-warden (who I was sorry to learn has since died) and he told me of the Society and that its secretary, Col. Iain Swinnerton would be able to tell me more.

Indeed the Colonel did when he invited my husband and I to see him. I was introduced to the computer and its store of Swynnertons past and present and told of the 'Gatherings' every 3 years.

On the 9th September then we set out to drive the 55 miles to Swynnerton. With some trepidation I entered the village hall (I was 10 minutes late!) and was immediately offered a cup of coffee. Colonel Iain greeted us both warmly. I looked at the assembled Swinnertons over the rim of my coffee cup. There were about 60. They were all my relations! The phrase 'the extended family' took on a whole new meaning.

I became a keen student of physiognomy. Was there a standard face? There were several long faces (physiologically speaking, of course) but then my husband has a long face. Would they think he was the Swinnerton and not me? Canadian accents mingled with those from Lancashire, the Midlands and the South. What a cosmopolitan lot we are!

After coffee we moved to the church where the AGM was to be held. The vacant positions on the Council were quickly filled and new officers elected. We learned that the Society's funds had improved after the heavy expenditure on the new doors for the church and that there was now money available again for research.

Afterwards, there was just time for a browse around the church before we returned to the village hall for a buffet lunch with some diverting to the Fitz-Herbert Arms for quick refreshment en route!

Lunch over, we retraced our steps to the church for the service. I enjoyed the short service which was completely inter-denominational and was able to admire the new doors which the Society had provided.

The final session of the day was held back in the village hall, tea and a talk given by Mrs Margery Thomas - a surprisingly fit and alert 95 year old who recounted her experiences as a nurse in India and on the Eastern Front in 1916. A remarkable performance that was very much enjoyed by all.

I looked at the family trees on the wall, browsed through the books, newspaper clippings and mementos which were on display. I bought a wall plaque, a Swinnerton plate and won a prize in the raffle.

I felt fully part of the Swinnerton family by the end of the day.

TIMES INDEX

1846 November 7, 9 & 10

Details of a Civil Action HERRING v. SWINNERTON

FROM FOSTERS YORKSHIRE PEDIGREES

Pedigree of Pilkington, now of Chevet

Sir William Pilkington of Chevet married 25 June 1825 Mary daughter and co-heiress of Thomas SWINNERTON Esq., of Butterton, co. Stafford, by his wife Mary, daughter and heiress of Charles Milborne, Esq., of Wonaston, and of the Priory, Abergavenny, by Lady Martha Harley, his wife, daughter of Edward, 3rd Earl of Oxford.

Son - Sir Lionel Milborne Swinnerton Pilkington of Chevet Hall, co. York, b. 7 July 1835 succeeded his brother as 11th bart. in 1855 took by royal licence the names of Milborne Swinnerton mar. 3 February 1857 to Isabella Elizabeth Georgiana only child of the Rev. Chas. Kinleside rector of Polling, co. Sussex. High Sheriff of Yorkshire in 1859 (had issue).

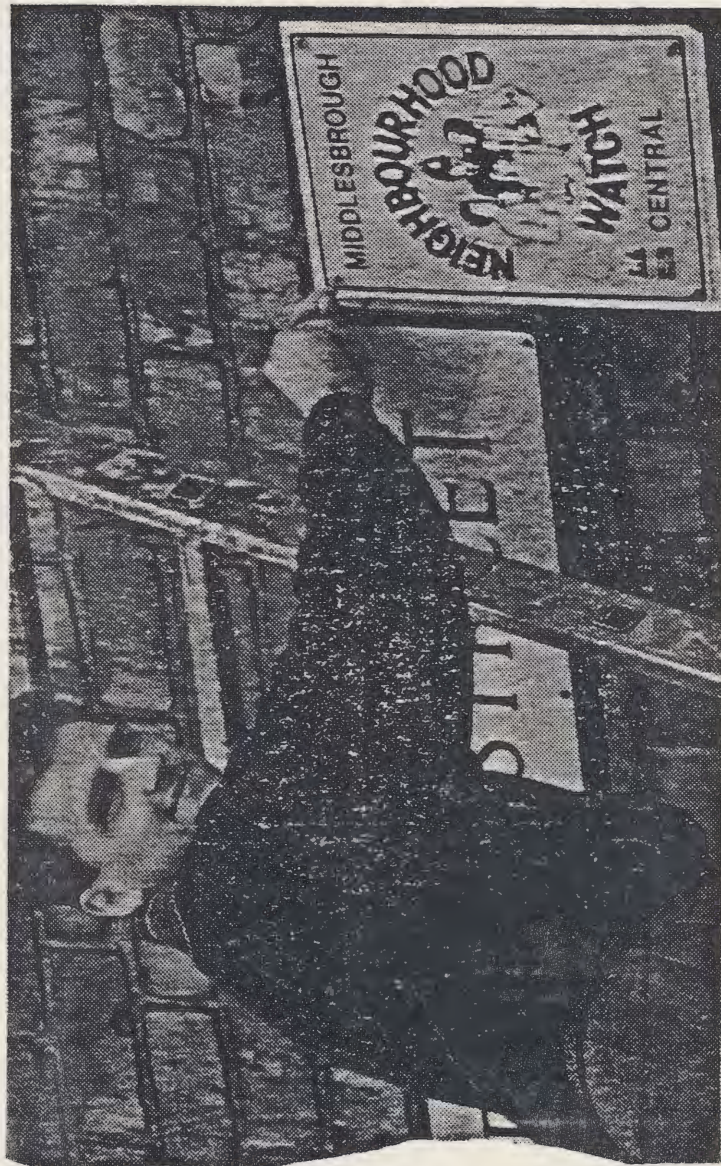
GLOUCESTERSHIRE NOTES & QUERIES

CCCXLCIII - Numismata Gloucestriensia 1650-70.

As the first of a series of articles on the coinage of Gloucestershire, the following list is reprinted (with some slight changes from Collectanea Glocestriensia; or A Catalogue of Books, Tracts, Prints, Coins, etc. relating to the County of Gloucester, in the possession of John Delafield Phelps, Esq., Chavenage House (privately printed, London 1842); and additions, and likewise corrections (if necessary), are hereby, united for insertion.

"Humismata Glocestriensia, or a Collection of Tokens, issued in the seventeenth century from 1650-1670, by Tradesmen and Tourism the County of Gloucester" (pp. 238-51) (followed by A-Z list of names, etc.)

144. Antipas Swinnerton (a woolpack) - of Tedbury, Wollman.



Carl Swinnerton, co-ordinator for the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, puts up the first of the new signs

Warnings to rogues posted

THE writing is on the wall for town centre thieves and burglars in Middlesbrough.

Rogues are being warned by special Neighbourhood Watch signs that local residents are taking extra precautions to protect their property.

They aim to stamp out problems on their patch, said a council spokesman.

The district neighbourhood watch has received grants to buy new-style signs which will be erected on every street corner.

The "watch" covers houses in terraced streets between Woodlands Road, Abingdon Road, Borough Road and Southfield Road.

The £430 cost of the signs was met by the central area community council and the Middlesbrough Task Force.

Former teacher's gifts for children

Children are to benefit from the generosity of a Sandwell Soroptimist.

Miss Lucy Swinnerton, a member of the West Bromwich Soroptimists Club, has donated £1,000 between two causes in memory of her close friend Miss Jane Phillips.

Miss Phillips, a former local headmistress, of Arlington Road, West Bromwich, died about 12 months ago.

She had been a life-long Soroptimist.

From the Newspapers

Miss Swinnerton is also a former local headmistress now living at The Shrubbery Retirement Home, in Wood Green Road, Wednesbury.

Club president Miss Iris Reynolds said: "She gave the cheque for the use of children in the borough, in memory of her friend."

Half of the money was used to buy a climbing frame which was presented to the NSPCC last month.

The other £500 was presented to representatives from the Save the Children organisation.

Miss Reynolds said: "Both women were so fond of children and this is a very nice gesture by Mrs Swinnerton."



Doug hits 50-mark

DOUG SWINNERTON, most unsung member of the redoubtable local cycling family, has his own claim to fame. He has just completed 50 years on the table tennis scene.

Mr. Swinnerton, of Higherland, Newcastle, will be 70 by the time the next Potteries and District League season is in full

By Sportsman

swing and he has every intention of re-registering.

"It all began in the messroom at Whieldon Sanitary Pottery at lunchtimes, he says. We used the old benches for a table and I took along a net and some bats.

"I started the family in cycle racing, but my brother, Roy, was better than me so, at the age of 18, I was playing table tennis with Mount Pleasant St. Paul's in what was the Stoke-on-Trent League at the time."

Mr. Swinnerton also played for the Mount Tabor Church club, who overlooked the fact that he is a Roman Catholic, and

in 1948 he began his long association with M.E.S.C., after joining the company as an electrical fitter.

The M.E.B. Sports Club presented Mr. Swinnerton with an inscribed tankard to mark his half century in table tennis, a feat he chiefly attributes to his fitness.

He is a non-smoking former Royal Marine Commando, who prefers to walk or take a bus rather than drive.

"It is not that I cannot afford a car," he says. "I simply don't want one."

Mr. Swinnerton has had more enjoyment than reward out of the game. He says: "I have represented the Potteries and District secon team and the over-40s veterans team, but there are few trophies at home.

"I play in the lowest of the M.E.S.C. teams and turn out once a week during the winter season. As I tend to perspire a lot, I only play in summer when they need me."

Mr. Swinnerton has seen the tempo of the game change alarmingly, along with the equipment.

"It is much faster now and a bat that would cost me 2s. 6d. can be as much as £50 today to achieve all the spin," he says.



Doug Swinnerton, still playing table tennis after 50 years.

A HISTORY OF LONDON
p.148

Robert Gray 1978

1602 The Marquess of Winchester sold his plot in Austin Friars to "one Swinnerton, merchant". The Countess of Shrewsbury, who had been a tenant received a letter of sympathy from a friend - 'of course she would be moving now as one would not willingly become a tenant to such a fellow'.

Pledge.

Will thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Will thou love her, comfort her, honour, and keep her in sickness and in health; and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her so long as ye both shall live?

"I WILL."



Pledge.

Will thou have this man to be thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of Matrimony? Will thou love him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health, and forsaking all other, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

"I WILL."

Marriage Certificate

I hereby Certify that on the 8th day of October 1901 the Rite of ~~Holy Matrimony~~ was solemnized by me, by authority of Licence between Joseph Swanton of the Village of Bolton in the County of Peel Province of Ontario Dominion of Canada, and Adeline Allen of the City of Toronto in the County of York Province of Ontario and Dominion aforesaid.

Witness my hand at Hamilton this 8th day of October 1901

In Presence of John. J. L. Louis Doughty

H. T. Kilson
Officiating Minister.

No.

Registered at

LETTERS

Mr Douglas Stewart McNeice of Redcliffe, Queensland, Australia saw our entry in the International Genealogical Directory and wrote to say that one of his great-grandparents was MARY ANN SWINNERTON who was born at Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland in 1811. She married Stewart McLeary at Lurgan in 1827 and died from fever on 25 April 1856 on board the ship "Ocean Monarch" en route from the UK. to Australia. She was buried at sea.

At the moment, despite searching all our Irish Trees I am unable to find out who she was.

* * *

Mr Russ French of Harrisville, New Hampshire USA says he found our name in the "Genealogical Helper" an American publication. His maternal grandfather's paternal grandmother was ROSETTA SWINNINGTON who he believes was born on 7 January 1827 in Lyndeborough, New Hampshire. He said that he knew little of the family's origins except that her father's name was Job.

This was easier as this branch of the family was well documented due to the sterling work done by our Honorary Member, Bill Swinarton of Canada some years ago. Rosetta was the 4th child of Job Swinington and Elizabeth H. Clark (Betsy) and married Asa Blake. She has a direct line of descent from JOB SWINERTON, one of the founding fathers of Salem Colony who has featured in these pages many times. It appears that her grandfather was the one who changed the spelling of the name, he was born Josiah SWINERTON but his children were all recorded as SWININGTON.

Mr French also very kindly sent some photocopies from some printed books giving information about other members of the family.

Mr Nigel Sabell wrote to say that he was researching his wife's ancestry and had found that she was descended from ELIZABETH SWINNERTON who was married to William Harding at Betley on the 9 Sept. 1790.

Mr Sabell said that William and Elizabeth were Mrs Sabell's 4 x great grandparents which was very easy for me as they were also mine, their daughter Sarah having married my 3 x great grandfather John Swinnerton.

Unfortunately, Mr Sabell had picked up the baptism of another Elizabeth Swinnerton at Betley, a very easy thing to do with so few christian names then in use, and so had the wrong 5 x great grandparents but I was able to easily correct that.

This descent is listed in Collections for a History of Staffordshire, Volume VII Part II page 165.

CHANGES IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SOCIETY

As you will see from the minutes of the AGM the Society now has some new officers and the work previously done by myself as Secretary has been divided up. The new Secretary, DAVID BROCK, a descendant of the Warwickshire Family has been on the Council for 3 years and has been actively engaged in typing up all our massive trees. He will now be responsible for organising meetings of the Council and Society, producing the minutes etc.: for the stocking and sales of our books, ties, binders and badges and for the general running of the Society.

All MEMBERSHIP matters - the sending out of renewal notices for subscriptions, chasing up the slow or non-payers, and mailing of the Journals will now be the responsibility of Mrs C.F.M. (Katie) Swinnerton and as she is the wife of our new Treasurer, Mr Peter Swinnerton, this will be a joint, and I am sure, a very efficient operation.

THE DAY WAR BROKE OUT

In August 1939 the family had gone to Prestatyn for the annual holiday. My father was not then in the family firm but working for the Great Western Railway so, of course, we had gone by train. Our trunks were sent in advance and what excitement when the horse-drawn dray of Messrs Thomas Bantock arrived about 2 weeks in advance of THE DAY to collect them!

For a boy, a great attraction of Prestatyn was that it was on the main line from Holyhead to London and twice a day, I used to slip away and stand on the bridge to see the famous Irish Mail steam through.

My father had been following the worsening crisis on the wireless and we knew that things were getting very serious when he decided he had to return home - before the end of the holiday! When the rest of the family eventually did return, he was in uniform and in the field at the back of our home was a search-light battery complete with machine guns on tripods and a barrage balloon.

On the 3rd September, I went to the bridge as usual to see the famous train but before I could leave, it was followed by another and another! I could not tear myself away and seem to remember standing there for most of the day watching train after train go by packed to the doors with Irish and North Wales Territorials on their way to their war camps.

Where were you on that day?

ISS

ROLL OF HONOUR 1914-1918
Walsall & District

Swynnerton, Pte. E.	D.L.I.	Walsall
Swynnerton, Dvr. Hy.	R.F.A.	Walsall

THE SWINNERTON SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General meeting held at Swynnerton on the 9th September 1989.

The Chairman opened the meeting by extending a welcome to all those attending and in particular to Bill, Anne and Laurie Swinarton from Canada and Bob and Diana Cunningham from Texas.

APOLOGIES were received from The President, Sir Roger Swynnerton who was recovering from an operation, the Reverend Edward and Mrs Doris Swinnerton, Mr and Mrs Bill Swinnerton of Melbourne and Mrs V.M.Leighton.

There were 65 members and family present.

THE MINUTES of the last Annual General Meeting held on the 24th September 1988 were approved and signed. There were no matters arising from these minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Treasurer presented the Annual Accounts for the year ending 30 June 1989 (see attached).

Although we had suffered a nett loss of 52 members over the last 2 years, the increased subscriptions and the husbanding of our resources had resulted in a much improved financial position and we would now have the funds to continue with research and we had been able to return to a quarterly journal.

The adoption of the accounts as presented was proposed by Peter Swinnerton, seconded by Nigel Watts and approved by the meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

The Chairman said that he did not have a great deal to report this year as we did not currently have any fund-raising project for Swynnerton Church due to lack of funds. He was happy to note the improvement in our financial position and that we would be able now to progress with some more research. Council had met twice during the year and, amongst other matters, had considered the reorganisation of the administration of the Society to take some of the huge workload off the present secretary thus freeing him to fulfil his preferred role of Genealogist and Archivist.

This reorganisation included a new secretary who would organise the meetings of the Council and Society and take minutes etc and a membership secretary who would deal with all subscriptions and mail the Journal.

He expressed the Society's thanks to J.R.Swynnerton who was retiring from the onerous job of Treasurer after 5 years and to the Reverend Edward Swinnerton who was retiring from Council having been a member of that body since it was formed some 14

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The secretary said that he was delighted that this would be his last administrative report to the Society and that he would now have the opportunity to get back to doing some Family History which was what he really started out to do. He had been Secretary for 15 years and also Treasurer for the first 8 years and the growth of the Society had meant that he had had less and less time to devote to research into the history of the family.

The Society was founded with 4 members, reached its peak in 1986 with 225 members and had now settled down to 173 as of today. Sadly we had lost a number of members again this year who had failed to renew their subscription despite several reminders. These took a great deal of time and effort to send out and he appealed to all members to pay their subscriptions promptly on receipt of the renewal notice.

He expressed his and the Society's gratitude to our Honorary Member Bill Swinarton who he was delighted to see present and to Marjorie Nightingale in Australia both of whom took delivery of the Journals for Canada and America and Australia and New Zealand respectively in bulk and mailed them on to members in those countries at their own expense thus saving the Society a very considerable sum of money and him a lot of work.

One of those founder members and a former chairman was the late Ken Armitstead who died very shortly before he was due to retire when he had planned to revise and bring up to date the 1881 history of the family.

In his memory, therefore, the secretary announced PROJECT 1990, the production of a history of each of the branches of the family from 1880 on. He would write the historical introduction to each and he hoped the rest would be contributed by members of the family themselves writing or dictating their own memories and of what they remember being told by their parents and grandparents. He would be circulating more details of the project with the Journals.

SHAWBURY PARISH RECORDS, Shropshire

Bastardy Papers

EDWARD SWINNERTON & Francis Massey.

Bound to indemnify the Parish of Shawbury in maintaining Elizabeth Peplow.

Ed. Swinnerton is the father.

(ex Mrs Sally Riley nee Peplow)

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

In accordance with notice given at the last AGM and circulated with those minutes, the following amendments to the constitution were proposed by J.W. Swinnerton and seconded by C.L. Swinnerton.

1. Membership (Clause 3)

Add:

Honorary members.

Members who are judged by the Council of the Society to be rendering or have rendered distinguished service to the Society or its objectives may be invited by the Council to become honorary members of the Society.

4. Administration.

Delete entirely and substitute:

(a) The Society shall be administered by a Council consisting of the Officers who shall be elected for 1 year only and 6 other members who shall be elected for a term of 3 years and 2 of whom shall retire annually.

(b) The Officers shall include the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Chaplain. The term of the Officers and members of Council shall commence immediately after the declaration of the results of the election at the Annual General Meeting.

(c) All members of the Council shall be elected by Hon & full members of the Society whose subscriptions are fully paid and who are present and voting at the Annual General meeting. Nominations for membership of the Council may be submitted in writing beforehand.

(d) Casual vacancies may be filled by co-option by the Council and the Council shall also have the power to co-opt additional members at will.

(e) All members of the Council shall be eligible for re-election on completion of their term of office subject to a maximum of 6 years after which a member must retire for 1 year.

(f) A quorum of a Council meeting shall consist of at least 5 members of the Council.

(g) The Council shall have the power to appoint a President and such Vice-Presidents as are deemed from time to time to be appropriate by virtue of their status or work for the Society. Such President and Vice-Presidents shall have the right to attend Council Meetings and when present to vote as members of the Council.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1989-90

The re-election of Colonel J.C.A. Swynnerton OBE as Chairman of the Society was proposed by Nigel Watts, seconded by Jack Swynnerton and carried unanimously.

The following were proposed en bloc by J.W. Swynnerton, seconded by Frank Swynnerton and were also carried unanimously.

Secretary:	D.G. Brock	
Treasurer:	P.R. Swynnerton	
Council:	L.W. Swynnerton	(1989-1990)
	J.E. Swynnerton	(1989-1990) (PRO)
	Mrs V.M. Leighton	(1989-1991)
	T.F. Swynnerton	(1989-1991)
	N.W.R. Watts	(1989-1992)
	Mrs C.M.F. Swynnerton	(1989-1992) (Membership Secretary)

Auditors: J.R. Swynnerton & N.W.R. Watts

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This was arranged for 1st September 1990 and would be held in the Isle of Man, considerable support for this venue having been indicated by a show of hands. The new Secretary and Treasurer agreed to try and put together a "package deal" for ferry and hotel.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Colonel Iain Swynnerton, the Society's Archivist, was co-opted to the Council by those Council Members present.

RECORDS OF QUEEN ST. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, CHESTER.

Hannah daughter of William Denson and of Elizabeth his wife (formerly Swynnerton) baptised 18 Jun 1829 (born 5 April).

Ruth, daughter of the same, baptised 29 Mar 1833, (born 5 Dec 1832)

REGISTER of ALEHOUSES. Chester DRO 1743-58

p.29 1751. Bucklow Hundred - Sutton
JOSH. SWINERTON

(ex Mrs Anne Cole)

THE SWINNERTON SOCIETY

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 30 June 1989

1988 £	INCOME	1988 £	1988 £	EXPENDITURE	1988 £
479.54	Subscriptions	445.85	10.25	Subscriptions to Societies	9.30
15.00	Saloo at Gathering/AGM	130.00		International Directory entry	15.00
30.93	Sale of books	2.00		Costs of Gathering/AGM	184.05
27.50	Sale of binders	25.00	10.00	Research	21.00
53.48	Sale of ties	25.00	251.50	Printing of Journal and Directory	412.00
38.55	Donations to Church Doors		133.00	Postage, photocopying and stationery	252.33
297.98	Donations to Research Fund	420.10	17.10	Ties, binders, badges etc	
10.39	Building Society interest	3.00		Bank interest and charges	10.00
	Movement in stocks of binders, pendants, stick pins and ties	-40.29	217.00	Depreciation	217.00
-53.79			407.70	Balance of cost of Church Doors	
140.05	Excess of expenditure over income			Excess of income over expenditure	303.30
1049.83		1424.80	1049.83		1424.80

Balance Sheet at 30 June 1989

1988		1989		1988		1989	
£		£		£		£	
	Excess of income over expenditure:-				Fixed assets:-		
899.90	At 1st July 1988	753.85		1203.20	Cost of typewriter and computer	1203.20	
-140.05	Add for the year to 30th June 1989	303.38		-984.20	Less accumulated depreciation	-1201.20	
753.85	At 30th June 1989	1057.23		219.00	Net book value at 30th June 1989	2.00	
197.42	Creditors	213.25			Stocks of binders, pendants, stick pins and ties	247.87	
				288.10			
				84.32	Debtors	100.41	
				80.70	Building Society deposit account	83.70	
				298.49	Balance at bank	858.50	
951.27		1270.48		951.27		1270.48	

Report of the Auditors

We have examined the above Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet and find them to be in accordance with the records and vouchers submitted.

Auditor

Auditor

FAMILY NOTES

I am glad to say that our President, Sir Roger Swynnerton, is now feeling much better following his operation and he has asked me to thank all those who attended the Gathering for their card and good wishes. He says that he will prize the card with its tremendous collection of family names.

Our sympathies go to our member David K.S. Swinnerton who lost his father Kenneth Shaw Swinnerton (KS.32) the 13th June 1989 but with them also go our best wishes and congratulations on the birth of his grandson RICHARD ANTHONY SHAW SWINNERTON on the 10th October 1989 at Cleveland. He becomes RS.250 in the family index.

THE FAMILY NUMBERING SYSTEM.

I was asked at the Gathering by one or two people how this worked and did it have anything to do with how long you had been in the Society?

The answer is No. ALL Swinnertons who we know of in any period and anywhere have a number, it is simply to make identification easier on the trees and in correspondence. The first letter is the initial letter of the first Christian name (although one is encouraged these days to say 'forename') and the 'S' is for Swinnerton.

Ladies who married into the Swinnerton family do NOT have a number but in the Society's Directory of Members or if it is necessary to identify them they would have their husband's no. in brackets.