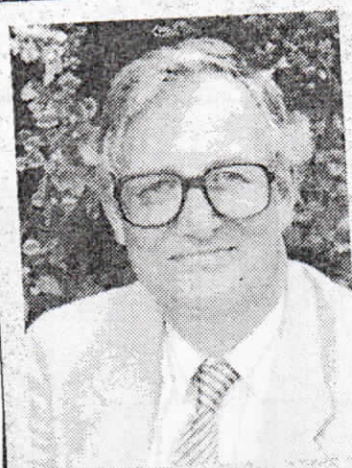


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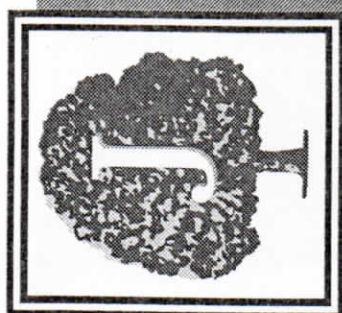
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# MM

Welcome to the first Josselin Journal of the new Millennium, and to signal the beginning of the new century we are pleased to announce a change in direction regarding content. From this issue No 18 we are attempting to put a greater emphasis on family history research and information

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# RESEARCH PRESENTATION BY RICHARD PATRICK JOSCELYNE

Gosfield Essex 28 November 1999

# MM

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When we first started producing this Journal in 1990 the society was not the size that it is now, we knew that we had to communicate with the small (at that time) membership in some form or another and this magazine was the obvious method.

We encouraged members to send in any information about themselves whether it be family history research, articles of interest or personal profiles, after all any family history society or organisation is about it's people if nothing else.

Over the past ten years membership has grown and extensive research has been carried out, in recent years we have received the results of research from more and more members wishing to publish their findings in the journal.

This is a development which we heartily welcome and although some members may have felt slightly impatient or frustrated at not seeing their information appearing in the past two issues we can only apologise for the delay. This is because we needed to re-think the magazine format somewhat to accommodate what was proving to be quite heavy reading material and also to complete a series of articles that had been serialised, there was also a large amount of material that had been either hand written or supplied as printed text which had to be typed onto computer, quite a considerable job for our stalwart hero of an editor Bill Joscelyne.

We hope you enjoy the result

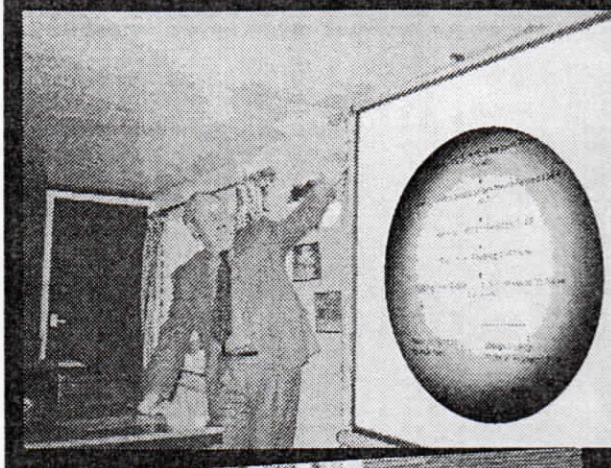
An enlightening and entertaining presentation by society president Richard Patrick Joscelyne (No 38) took place at the close of 1999 at Gosfield in Essex.

Richard presented an excellent thesis aided by well illustrated overhead projection slides, his talk was based on his extensive research and findings from the parish records and wills of Josselins by all spellings.

Richard acknowledged the help he had received from Essex County Record Office who were able to supply him with microfiche copies of parish registers etc. so he could record them in detail at his home in Australia.

The family connections in the Rayne and Briantree areas of England are part of his search for his ancestors who settled in New England in the 1600s.

The society members who gathered for the presentation enjoyed an excellent Sunday lunch at the Green Man public house and were rounded up for the customary photo call by our photographer Peter Walter Joslin (No 29).



Top left and right: Josselin Society President Richard Patrick Joscelyne in his element during the presentation also shown is an example of the overhead projections used.

Above: society members gathered outside the Green Man.

All photographs by Peter Walter Joslin





# LAND GIRLS FALL IN FOR FIRST TIME AT CENOTAPH PARADE

By John Hibbs Political Correspondant, Daily Telegraph

**F**ollowing the publication of Joan Bongilli (No 51 pictured below)'s interesting story of her years in the land army in issues 16 and 17 of the Josselin Journal the following has come to our notice.

Surviving members of the Second World War's unofficial army of 'land girls' are to be invited for the first time to join in the march past at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday.

Representatives of the Women's Land Army will be among a number of other civilian organisations joining the parade for the first time next year to mark the Millennium.

It will include men and women who served with fire brigades and civil defence volunteers who in the past have not been allowed to take part in the predominantly military ceremony.

The move follows all-party pressure for representatives of the Women's Land Army to be

allowed to march alongside surviving ex-miners known as Bevin Boys who joined the parade for the first time last year.

More than 75 MPs signed a commons motion urging the government to allow the former land girls 'to march in the ceremony of remembrance in future years in order that they be officially recognised for their tremendous dedication to ensuring that Britain did not starve during the war'.

The campaign was inspired by the recent film *Land Girls* starring Anna Friel of *Brookside* and *Rogue Trader* fame which paid tribute to the young women recruited from all walks of life to work on farms during WWII.

Traditionally participation in the Cenotaph march past has been restricted to former members of the armed forces or other organisations under military command which

supported the national war effort in either 1914-18 or 1939-45.

Last year the home office granted a special dispensation to the Bevin Boys named after Ernest Bevin the Minister of Labour whose idea it was to send 16 and 17 year olds down mines to replace men drafted for active service in the Second World War.

Now ministers have changed the rules completely to encourage a much broader participation in future marches.

Jack straw, the Home Secretary, has warmly welcomed proposals put forward by the Royal British Legion for expanding the march past and ordered his officials to draw up detailed plans.

These are thought likely to add a further 1,000 marchers to the 90,000 former service men and women whose parade follows the wreath laying by the Royal Family and political leaders.

*This article was First published in the Daily Telegraph on 11 November 1999*

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH



Joan Bongilli

## BAGS FOUR DEER IN 15 MINUTES

Jack Joslin has good luck while hunting near Bear Lake

The story of how Jack W. Joslin of Washago shot four deer in 15 minutes while hunting with the Lake Point Hunt Club near Bear lake was told today by a fellow member of the club, John S. Drinkwater of Northbrook.

Mr Joslin came across the deer near a clearing in the bush shortly after rowing across the lake. A crack shot, he pulled the trigger five times and brought down four deer. A fifth deer was shot about five minutes later by Thomas E. Joslin of R.R.2 Orillia.

It was on the third day we were there that Jack ran across the deer. Mr Drinkwater said explaining that the members obtained their full quota after 12 days.

While Mr Joslin proved the most successful hunter, the largest animal shot was a 223lb buck which was brought down by Bill Cooper of the Ontario Hospital Staff, Orillia. Mr Cooper killed the buck with his first shot.

Another member of the club, Charles Speedie of the R.R.1, Washago also shot a buck after chasing it into the lake and following it in a row boat. He caught up with the swimming animal in the boat but had to let it go for fear of capsizing. After the buck reached the shore Mr Speedie got a shot at it just as it was making for the bush and brought it down.

Others in the club were Jack Joslin Jr, Washago, B.G. Parsons, Oshawa, Harold Joslin of Hawkestone, Roy Joslin of Hamilton, Harold Rodgers of Toronto and Robert Cordick of Oshawa.

Mr Drinkwater said that Jack Joslin has been hunting for 30 years and has never failed to get a deer. He was captain of the club.

Bear lake is about 30 miles north of Washago.

*First published in a November 1943 edition of the Orillia, Ontario Newsletter, kindly supplied by Doug Joslin Member No 112*

## The late ARTHUR L. JOSLIN

Simon and Yvonne Joslin would like to thank all members of the Josselin Society for their kindness and sympathy at the time of Arthur Leslie Joslin's sudden death on February 14th 2000.

Some of you may know that Arthur - member No 14 - had been very ill for quite some time however he started to show some genuine improvement at the beginning of the year and as a result his death came as a great shock to Simon, John his brother and the rest of the family.





# DR JAMES O'DEA

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS THE FIRST INSTALMENT WHICH HAS BEEN SENT TO ME BY Dr JAMES O'DEA, (member No 106) LIVING IN THE U.S.A. AND IS IN THE FORM OF SEPARATE LETTERS SINCE SEPTEMBER 1997. I FEEL THE RESULTS OF HIS RESEARCHES ARE INTERESTING AND ARE WORTHY OF PUBLICATION TO OUR READERS.

THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION HAS BEEN NOTED IN MANY INSTANCES, BUT OTHER CASES ARE WELL CONSIDERED THEORIES PUT FORWARD BY THE WRITER.

ANY READER WHO CAN SUPPLY FURTHER INFORMATION, WHICH MAY CORRECT OR CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING, PLEASE SEND IT TO Dr JAMES O'DEA, P.O. BOX 1192, TRACYTON, WA 98393-1192, U.S.A. WITH A COPY TO "THE EDITOR, JOSSELIN SOCIETY JOURNAL" SO THAT OUR "FAMILY TREE" MAY BE AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

W.F. JOSCELYNE (02) EDITOR

*From Captain Earl of Roden R.N. (ret.) to Dr James O'Dea (106) dated 25 January 1985.*

Dear Dr O'Dea,

Thank you for your letter of 15th January. My family history book was written in 1835. It is fairly accurate from your 1005 date when Gilbert was granted the Lordship of Sempringham and Tynnington. The name of Jocelyn is, of course of French origin and I have no reason to doubt that we originally lived in the town of Josselin in Brittany where a Chateau Josselin exists to this day on the banks of the River Oust. My history like yours quotes the connection with Dukes of Brabant.

Our two histories follow each other quite closely and may well have used the same sources.

I attach a separate sheet with cross references to your own M/s in red — a tick where the histories agree and note from my history where there is some divergence. Apart from some confusion with the name of Thomas repeated so many times, there is very little divergence.

Having originally settled in Hyde Hall in mid 1200's in the County of Essex, just north of London, courtesy of Maude Hide, we stayed there until 1739, Robert Jocelyn became Lord High Chancellor of the Irish Parliament in Dublin. He acquired a house near his job and his son married into the Hamilton/Clanbrassil Family to acquire property in Ireland when the wife (Ann Hamilton) inherited it from her brother (2nd Earl of Clanbrassil) who died with no male heir. Hyde Hall remained in the family until the death of the 5th Earl of Roden in 1897. He left that place to his widow. She died in 1916 leaving the property to her nephew, who sold it together with a great many family portraits.

I quoted two monuments in the church of Sawbrideworth (John Jocelyn 1525 and Sir Thomas 1603). There are 2 others in the same church — Geoffrey and Catherine 2 January 1470 and Sir Ralph the Lord Mayor of London 25 October 1478.

I do hope that some of this will be useful to you. I am no historian myself having been a professional sailor from the age of 13 when I entered the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth until my retirement in 1959. Most of my sea service was in Destroyers. First Lieutenant in H.M.S. Ashanti (Tribal Class) for the first 6 months of the last war then Command in H.M.S. Achates, Panther and Quality except for a 6 month mid term break in a shore training appointment. My young brother (John) was not so lucky. He was some 17 years younger than myself followed me into the Royal Navy and was drowned in his first operational sortie as a Midshipman when his ship H.M.S. Barham was sunk by a German Submarine in the Mediterranean. After my retirement I became involved with 4 years of hospital management, another four as County Scout Commissioner, (which was much more to my liking) and 20 years of responsibility as Hon Secretary for operation and administration of the local Royal Lifeboat Institutions lifeboat, so time has gone quickly for me. I am now at 75 too old for such activities, but looking for a rest.

*(Captain the 9th Earl of Roden [Bill Jocelyn] above died aged 83, and was reported in Issue No 8 of the Josselin Journal. Ed.)*

*Letter to Dr JAMES O'DEA (No 106) from the Duc de Rohan of Chateau Josselin, Brittany.*

Dear Mr O'Dea

I have received your letter of March 4th 1991.

We have already corresponded with many Jossely's or Joslin's who believe in good faith: they are related to the Chateau de Josselin.

Actually Josselin is a christian name.

A bishop of Bath bore this name in the XIII th century. But there are no connections of any kind with the Chateau for the reason that the place took this name because it was the property of Josselin, or Goscelin, son and heir of the Viscount de Porhoet Guethenoc.

The surname of the lords of Josselin was Porhoet, and the present owners, the Rohan's are the forbears of the Porhoet.

Josselin is a rather common name in France and even in Wales, and is not particularly related to Brittany.

The Bishop of Amiens in Picardy (north of France) was ... Josse which lead to Josso...n a family nickname of Josse.

So I am sorry to perhaps dissappoint you, but I feel I should tell you the truth.

Yours sincerely,

Josselin Duc de Rohan



19th October 1992

Dr James E. O'Dea  
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West Point  
NY 10994-1197  
USA

Dear Dr O'Dea,

I have now spent two hours on the question of Josselyn heraldry and in particular the first two quarters recorded at the College of Arms in 1901, namely

1. Azure a circular wreath Argent and Sable with 4 hawks bells conjoined thereto in quadrangle Or (for Josselyn)
2. Argent a demi lion rampant Sable ducally crowned Or (also for Josselyn).

These are part of a scheme of eight quarters recorded under the reference Norfolk 21,10-13. The quarters are (1) Josselyn (2) Josselyn (3) Chastelain (4) Hyde (5) Battaille (6) Enfield (7) Patmer (8) Baudé. This pedigree links with one recorded at the Heraldic Visitation of London in 1633-4 (College of Arms MS 2024,45b) where the same eight quarters appear in the different order (1) Josselyn (2) Josselyn (3) Chastelain (4) Battaille (5) Enfield (6) Hyde (7) Patmer (8) Baudé.

Quarters should follow a logical order with the arms of the first heiress married preceding those of subsequent heiresses. The pedigree in Burke's Peerage and in Volume 71 of the NEHRG supports the 1633-4 entry as the correct order and the 1901 scheme seems to be based on the earliest Josselyn pedigree that I have found here. This is not a Visitation record, but in a book of pedigrees written in about 1550. It is numbered 22 and the pedigree is on folio 15. It comes down to Sir Thomas Josselyn who was knighted in 1547 and who married Dorothy Gates and I suspect contains a number of mistakes. The pedigree commences with James Josselyn father of Henry who married Jane Castelain parents of Thomas who married Maud Hide parents of Thomas who married Katherine Battell parents of Thomas who married Alice Liston parents of Ralph who married Maud Sutton parents of Jeffery who married Margaret Rokelle parents of Ralph who married Penneil Patmer parents of Thomas who married Alice Dux parents of George who married Maud Bardolfe parents of John father of Sir Thomas Josselyn.

The earliest reference I have found to the arms in the first quarter is on a seal of Geoffrey Josselyn apparently relating to the sale of the Manor of Hyde in 1424. This seal was noted by T.D. Tremlett (1906-1972) in a seventeenth century manuscript book of transcripts and seals attached to medieval charters. In 1950 this manuscript belonged to Dr Harold Bowditch. The Victoria County History of Hertfordshire Volume III (1912) page 141 refers to Geoffrey Josselyn or

Received from Dr. James O'Dea, U.S.A.

No 106. Dated Sept; 1997

Family tree of Kay Josselyn O'Dea wife of Dr. James O'Dea member No 106.

01. Goscelin, Gilbert  
(Saint Gilbert of Sempringham)
02. Geoffrey/Jeffrey b. ca. 1091 mar; dau;  
of John Bisset
03. William mar; Oswalda Goushull
04. Robert Mar; dau of John le Fleming
05. James of Essex (ca. 1201) mar;  
Joan Throckingholden
06. Henry mar; Jane Chastelyn
07. Ralph mar; Beatrix Boswell -  
Appletree and Easton
08. John mar; Katherine Battel (held The Hyde  
from Earls of Essex).
09. Thomas mar; 1248 Maud Hide  
(Hide/Hyde Hall came from Earls of Essex  
in early 1200s.
10. Thomas (1249-1284) mar; 1 Alice Liston.  
& mar; 2 Joan le Blount.
11. Ralph b. 13 Dec. 1275 d ca 1316  
mar; Matilda Sutton. mar; 2. Roger  
de Bemero 1331.
12. Jeffrey (living in 1360.)
13. Ralph (d.ca.1383) mar; Margaret  
de Palmer.
14. Jeffrey (d.ca.1425) mar; Joan ?????
15. Jeffrey (d.1470) [brother of Thomas ???????]
16. John (ca. 1440-1513) of Sheering, Essex.
17. Ralph of Much/Great Canfield, Essex.  
(1465/75-1525).
18. Ralph (1503-1546).
19. John of Fyfield, Chignal Smealy and  
Roxwell, Essex. (mar; 1544)
20. Ralph of Roxwell (1556-1631/2).
21. Thomas of Roxwell, Essex and Burham?,  
Suffolk. (1591) went to Mass; 1635.
22. Abraham eldest (1619-1669).
23. Henry (1652-1730). [namesake of Dep; Gov;  
Henry Josselyn of Maine] under Georges  
Patent, and 5th cousin of Thomas. 21.
24. Henry (1697-1734).
25. Charles (1739-1812).
26. Josiah Sn; (1778-1864).
27. Josiah Jn; (1799-1892).
28. Calvin Topliff (1836-1900).
29. Horatio Seymour (1863-1945).
30. Donald Kirls? (1908-1980).
31. Kay Ellen Josselyn (1933-.....)  
wife of Dr; James.E.O'dea.
32. Gregory Spencer (no sons)

Dr James E. O'Dea Coll. 19th October 1992

Jocelyn's will as being dated 1424 and I wonder whether the seal was attached to the will, as the family did not dispose of the Manor of Hyde. The Victoria County History refers to Harleian Manuscript number 4944 in the British Library as the source of some of its Josselyn pedigree. In the 1808 Catalogue of Harleian Manuscripts Harl. Ms. 4944 items 14 reads 'Grants & Seals of Jn. de Sutton Kt. of the Manor of Hyde in Salwettesworthe parish, 327. Jn Goldington Lord of Nunston, Etc. Thos G. Josseline the Manor of Hythehall, etc. Salw. ridgeworth Co Hertf. Do 984 etc Wm. de Say, etc.' It is possible that this manuscript may therefore illustrate Josselyn seals.

I have not found these arms attributed to a family of any other surname. A Scottish family named Hain used arms in the fifteenth century of a chaplet charged with 4 quatrefoils in cross. This is, however, distinct from a wreath with bells attached.

Similarly, I have not found a demi lion rampant crowned in any tinctures attributed to a family of any surname or to the Josselyn family in any medieval rolls of arms or seal collection. In medieval heraldry branches of a family often varied arms by reversing tinctures or making other alterations. I have found no instance of Argent a demi lion rampant Sable without a crown. Argent a demi lion rampant Gules without a crown appears in a number of. medieval rolls attributed to Malory. The coat of which it might be a variation is Argent a lion rampant Sable crowned Or. This appears in the Great Parliamentary Roll of 1312 (shield number 99) as the arms of Sir Edward Burnel and in the Boroughbridge roll of 1322 as the arms of Sir Roger de Morle (shield number 37). A number of other medieval sources attribute the arms to Burnel and Morley. The Matthew Paris shields of circa 1244 are considered to be the earliest English roll of arms and it is consequently difficult to find pre Norman Conquest genealogical links using heraldry.

I have looked in the index to E. Warlop's The Flemish Nobility before 1900 published in four volumes in English by G. Desmet-Huyman (1975-76) and can see no reference to Josselyn or any obvious variant spelling. I hoped there might be some brief reference under Ghent.

Dr Neil Thompson is in my opinion correct in his general assertion about Visitation pedigrees. He is also right when he says there was no 1612 Visitation of Essex, although the Harleian Society published a manuscript in 1878 in the British Museum (now British Library) purported to be one. There was a Visitation of Essex in 1614 (College of Arms MS 1513) and the Josselyn pedigree which is on page 93 is headed by Sir Thomas Josselyn (husband of Dorothy Gates)'s father John.

I must finally apologise for the delay in writing. It is always tempting to dispose of straightforward matters quickly and more challenging work keeps on falling to the back of the queue particularly when there are no satisfactory answers.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Woodcock

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## DR JAMES O'DEA (Contd)

Received from Dr; James O'Dea. U.S.A. (No 106) — 1998.

This article was submitted in typed form with hand written comments (indicated here in italics) Ed;

(From Documents Box Feb, 1992- Society of Genealogists- London. Via a genealogist in England).

Egidius Joscelinus (or Galfridus/Geoffrey/Godfrey). bn; ca 1005 Chateau Josselyn (Gosselies ?) in Brabant.(raised with ? ,Edward the Confessor to Neustria with mother and sister 1016 after birth and fathers death).

What was 'aforesaid' below?. Came to England with Edward the Confessor 1042.

1. EGIDIUS JOSSLIN, aforesaid,(?) passed into England from France, and had issue:

(1) Gilbert J.

2. Sir GILBERT JOCELYNE, bn; ca 1045, returned to Normandy and later accompanied William the Conqueror in his expedition to England, where he was awarded possessions including the Lordships of Sempringham and Teynton, in Lincolnshire.

(Granted by Gilbert de Gaunt/Ghent, Baron of co; Lincoln; mar, dau, of a Saxon Thane—? as Toustan de Bec— lands of Abbey du Bec held by Lambert of Louvain.

possibly named for Giselbert, C; of Louvain & Brabant, and Duke of Lorraine, or for Gilbert of Ghent).

He had issue two sons.

(1) Gilbert J. bn; ca.1089.

(11) Egidius (or Galfridus, Geoffrey), J. bn; ca 1091 —> Josselyn/Jocelyn lines.  
(Godfrey & Geoffrey were also interchanged, see Dukes of Brabant under Weis line).

The eldest son, Gilbert, was born at Sempringham about 1082. He was educated in France: for some time after his return he taught in a free school. In 1132 he took over the parsonages of Sempringham and Terrington, (see note a below) being presented with them by his father. He led a strict life, presenting most of the revenues to the poor. He also drew up a rule for seven young women who lived in strict enclosure in a house adjoining the Church of St. Andrew at Sempringham. The foundation continued to grow, with lay-brothers and lay-sisters added to work the nun's land. In 1147 he went to Cîteaux and asked the abbot to take over the foundation; the Cistercians were unable to do this, and he was persuaded to carry on himself by Pope Eugenius III. This he did, adding canons-regular as chaplains to the nun's. The order became known as the Gilbertians, being the only medieval order of English origin. It did not spread outside England except for one house in Scotland, eventually becoming extinct at the dissolution, there then being twenty-six monasteries. It was mainly a women's order, with strict discipline and sparse furnishings. Gilbert himself became master-general of the order but resigned before death due to loss of sight. He amazed others by his sparse living, particularly in regard to food, having at his table "the plate of the Lord Jesus" into which he always put the best of his food for the poor. He wore a hair shirt, and took his rest by sitting in short spells, spending most of the night in prayer. He suffered imprisonment on a false charge of assisting St. Thomas of Canterbury during his exile rather than deny a good cause.

He died in 1189, aged 106 (It is now believed that Latin was translated with error confusing word for six as "old"—probably was near 100y-), and was canonised by Pope Innocent III in 1202. His relics were taken by King Louis VIII to Toulouse and buried in the Church of St. Sernin. (interesting, have two relics for a St. Gilbert)

The feast of St. Gilbert is still celebrated (Refs. Box 58&59). (February)

The parentage of Gilbert is given in the Cotton M.S. (Ref Box 60) as follows:- "Pater ejus, Jocelinus nomine, miles stenuus, et vir bonus et opulentus, Neustigena natione, plurse habens possessiones in partibus provinciae Lincolniae; mater veri ortu Anglica, a parentis fidelibus, non inferioris tamen conditionis originem trahens".

Translation from another source:- "His father, by name Jocelinus, a (strict?) soldier, and a good man and rich, of the Neustigen tribe, with several estates in parts of the province of Lincoln; (his) mother of true English extraction (by household slaves in the family ?), but tracing her decent from no less worthy stock".

(Weis 163-28 & 164)

King Louis VIII, the Lion, (1187-1226), King of France 1223-1226; m 1200 Blanche of Castile (113-28), d 1253, & had Louis IX "St. Louis" (1215-1270), King 1226-1270, Crusade- Louis VIII parents were Philip II Augustus (1165-1223), King 1180-1223, Count of Artous, Crusader and wife (m1180) Isabella dau; of Margarete of Lorraine & Flanders. Neustria (Normandy/Brabant. See lines of- Counts of Louvain. Dukes of Brabant & Lorraine).

Ed. NOTE :-

Sempringham is on the B1177 road, 8 miles north of Bourne and between Dowsby and Billingborough, and although I have not found Teynton in Lincolnshire, there is an area called Terrington Marsh north of Terrington St. Clement, and Terrington St. John.

These are 7 miles West of Kings Lynn, and 28 miles East of Sempringham. (Editor).

THE RESULTS OF  
DR. O'DEA'S RESEARCH  
WILL BE COMPLETED IN  
OUR NEXT ISSUE,  
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# SOME SOURCES OF INFORMATION



From the Lancaster and Morecambe Branch of the Lancashire Family History  
and Heraldry Society Newsletters provided by Peter Joslin (29)  
and abstracted by Ben Joscelyne (09)

## 1881 UK Census on CD Rom

Now available from the Distribution Centre, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 399 Garretts Green Lane, Garretts Green, Birmingham, B33 0UH. Cheques for £29.75 to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Credit card orders can be faxed on 0121-789-7686.

Other vital records available from the LDS include UK, USA and Australia sets of CD-Roms and the IGI on microfiche. Website - <http://www.familysearch.org>

## 1901 Census

It is understood the next census to be released will be the 1901 in January 2002. It will be on the Internet but will not be totally free. Progress of the project can be obtained on <http://www.pro.gov.uk/census/default.htm>

## Post 1858 Wills

Previously held at Somerset House, these are now at the Principal Registry of the Family Division, First Avenue House, 42-49 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6NP. Near Holborn Underground station. Personal searches are free. Wills for all areas can be sent by post by writing to The Court Service, York Probate Sub-Registry, Duncombe place, York, YO1 2EA or telephone 01904-671564. Cost £5.

## Divorce Records

Over 100 years old - at the Public Records Office in Chancery Lane, London.  
Later Divorce records are at the Principal Registry of the Family Division, Family Proceedings Department, Section 5, Somerset House, Strand, London, WC2R 1LA. For Decree Absolute search information phone 0171-936-6966. A search will cost £20

## Births, Marriage and Death Certificates by post

Postal applications for certificates in the following locations should be addressed to -

Scotland: The Registrar General, New Register House, Edinburgh, EH1 3YT  
Telephone - 0131-334-0380  
Northern Ireland:  
The Registrar General, Oxford House, 49/55 Chichester Street, Belfast, BT1 4HL.  
Telephone- 01232-252021  
Republic of Ireland:  
The Registrar General, Joyce House, 8/11 Lombard Street East, Dublin 2.  
Telephone- 003531-671100

## The Family Records Centre

Opened since Easter 1997 in Myddleton Street, London, EC1R 1UW, near Sadlers Wells on Rosebery Avenue, a short walk from Farringdon tube station, the Centre has replaced search facilities formerly held at St.Catherine's House and the Public Records Office in Chancery Lane. Jointly run by the PRO and the Office for National Statistics, it houses the English Census Returns from 1841 to 1891 on microfilm and the Birth, Marriage and Death indexes from 1837 to 1997. Early Wills (pre 1858) are also held there. Searches are free.

## The Oxford Guide to Family History

One of the best textbooks on family history. Edited by David Hey. 246 pages.  
Paper back edition 1998 £9.99.

## The International Genealogical Index (IGI) and Ancestral Search

The Church of Latter-Day Saints has released this Index on the Internet for free search.

The websites are - <http://www.research-uk.com> and <http://www.familysearch.org>

IGI fiche orders

<http://www.genealogyforum.com/gfnews/august99/lds.htm>

## Australian Registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths

These are now available on the Internet. Births cover 1788 to 1905, Deaths 1788 to 1945 and Marriages 1788 to 1945. The web address is <http://203.111.111.75/cgi-bin/bdm?form=indexes>

## An Index of Millers

Enquiries to Mrs Mary Yoward at 4 Slipper Mill, Emsworth, Hants, PO10 8XD accompanied by an SAE and five second class stamps.

## Some useful Websites

Public Libraries holding family history materials - <http://www.earl.org.uk/familia/index/html>

UK Public Record Office (PRO) -

<http://www.pro.gov.uk/readers/genealogists/starthere.htm>

also - <http://www.catalogue.pro.gov.uk/ListInt>

The Scottish Public Record Office -

<http://www.origins.net/GRO/>

Tutorial on reading old handwriting -

<http://www.firstct.com/fv/oldhand.html>

Society of Genealogists - <http://www.sog.org.uk/>

Bookshop catalogue:

[http://www.sog.org.uk/acatalog/SoG\\_Bookshop\\_Whats\\_New\\_6.html](http://www.sog.org.uk/acatalog/SoG_Bookshop_Whats_New_6.html)

The British Library (over 8 million bibliographical records) -

<http://www.bl.uk>

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission Debt of Honour

Register - <http://yard.ccta.gov.uk/cwgc/register/nsf>

Wills - <http://www.ca-probate.com/wills.htm>

Colindale Newspaper Library - <http://www.bl.uk/newspaper/>

British Forces Records -

<http://www.mod.uk/forces/records/army.htm>

Cyndis List of genealogy - <http://www.cyndislist.com>

Genuki - <http://www.genuki.org.uk>

## Canadian Genealogy and History Links -

<http://islandnet.com/~jveinot/cghl/cghl.html>

Dead Persons Society, Melbourne -

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~dpsoc/welcome.html>

College of Arms - <http://www.college-of-arms.gov.uk/>

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## SOME SOURCES OF INFORMATION (Contd)

### Directory of Irish Archives

Edited by Seamus Helferty and Raymond Refausse. A list of 224 Irish archives with addresses, contacts and brief description of material held. 2nd edition 1993. 154 pages. £12.95 plus £1 postage from the Society of Genealogists, 14, Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London, EC1M 7BA  
Telephone: 020-7251-8799.

### The Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine Library

183, Euston Road, London, NW1 2BE tel: 0171-611-8582 (opposite Euston Station)  
E-mail - library@wellcome.ac.uk  
For reference and research with helpful enquiry desk and computer catalogue.

### My Ancestors Were Methodists

By William Leary. Third edition of this work, 1999, 116 pages. £4.95 plus postage.

### BT Internet Phone Book

Directory Information for both business and residential customers. An updated version of Directory Enquiries and provides numbers when users type in a name and partial location. Names cannot be traced from a number and ex-directory numbers are not listed. The service is free and can be accessed via the website - [www.bt.com/phonenet.uk](http://www.bt.com/phonenet.uk).

### Bunhill Fields, London, Burial Ground Index (1788-1853)

An index of interments kept at Guildhall Library. 47,218 burials mostly non-conformist. Bunhill Fields is in Finsbury but contains burials from all over London. Microfiche with accompanying booklet £4.50 plus 50p postage from the Society of Genealogists.

### Non - conformist Registers of Wales

Edited by Dafydd Ifans. Listing of all non-conformist records available in Wales. Hardback, 196 pages. £14.50 plus £1 p&p from the Society of Genealogists.

### New Militia Musters on CD Rom

Musters of Essex East Militia, Essex West Militia and Hertfordshire Militia - all 1781-2, are available at £3.99 each plus 50p postage from the Society of Genealogists

### Essex Record Office - new location

Wharf Road, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 6YT  
Telephone 01245-244644  
E-mail: [ero.enquiry@essexcc.gov.uk](mailto:ero.enquiry@essexcc.gov.uk)

Peter Joslin [PeterJoslin@Compuserve.com](mailto:PeterJoslin@Compuserve.com)

Ben Joscelyne [benandmary@bjoscelyne.freemove.co.uk](mailto:benandmary@bjoscelyne.freemove.co.uk)

### Memorials from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission of Canadian Jos...s who died in World Wars I and II

G. Joslin, Pte. 195291, Age 36, Central Ontario Regiment who died 16 August 1917 and is buried in Loos British Cemetery, France.

John Stanley Joslin, Cpl. 152859, Age 28, Saskatchewan Regiment, who died 29 September 1918 and is buried in Raillencourt Communal Cemetery, Nord, France. The son of William W. and Mary Joslin of Virdin, Manitoba

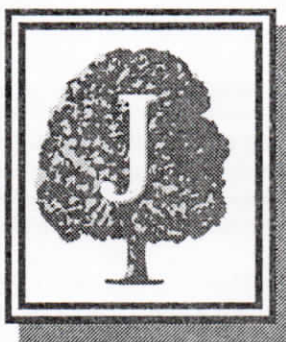
Harold Waddell Joslyn, Lieut. Saskatchewan regiment and Royal Flying Corps who died 17 August 1917 and is buried in Arras, France.

Robert Wray Joslin, Pte. 21855, D.C.M. Saskatchewan Regiment who died 24 May 1915 and is memorialized at Vimy, France.

Earl H. Joslin, Pte. C612040, Stormont, Dundas and Glengary Highlanders, who died on 28 April 1945, and is buried in Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Nijmegen, Holland. The son of Hiram and Annie Joslin, and husband of Nellie Joslin of Kingston, Ontario.

Kenneth Ross Joslin, Pilot Officer, J93366, Age 26, Royal Canadian Air Force, who died 8 January 1945 and is buried at Durnbach War Cemetery, Bayern, Germany. The son of John and Nellie Joslin of Sadowa, Ontario, cousin of members David (88), Doug (112), and Ken (117).

Wilfrid A. Josland, Pte. H65403, Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, who died 22 December 1944, and is buried in Cesana war Cemetery, Forti, Italy. The son of Wilfrid and Janet Josland of Clonwilliam, Manitoba.



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