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Some Reminiscences of my Career with Spink & Son, Ltd by Edward Joslin LVO (Member 177) Part I

At the end of the second world war, the Lords of the Admiralty decided to retain my services in the Navy, consequently I carried on with my minesweeping duties, principally in the Dover Straits. No wonder post-war ferry passengers crossed without a second thought about the dangers that previously existed!

When finally released into civvy street, I found that the millions already released made it difficult to find interesting employment, so I returned for a few months to May and Baker of Dagenham, the famous medicinal manufacturers of the day.

The start of my career

Later on I found employment in the medal department of the well known antique dealers Spink & Son Ltd, not divulging that history was the subject I dreaded most at school. I was offered a salary of £250pa which could rise to £500 in say 10 years when I might know something about the whole worth of Orders, Decorations and Medals.

Spink were founded in 1666 - (no, we did not start the fire!) - and were still then controlled by male descendants who kept tight control of the Board and the whole Company; it was said that they were bad payers if you let them which was and still is true in the antique world and auction houses. In many cases, Daddy would provide but unfortunately not in my case.

My first duties were on the front counter where it was traditional for all to start in the antique world - one chairman of next door Christies started as a porter! I had to accept orders and instructions for miniatures and mounting medals, meeting most needs of the remaining Royal families and Heads of State. I recall that it was King Farouk of Egypt who said that in fifty years there would only be five Kings and four of these would be in a pack of cards - he was almost right.

Field Marshall Montgomery's visit

One aspect was to replace lost Orders, Decorations and Medals. I can recall Field Marshal Montgomery visiting who wanted to replace his missing first world war DSO. No problem said I and I quoted the sum of £25, and the Field Marshal's ADC almost exploded remarking that it was very expensive. The FM replied in his rather high pitched voice "What do you think the DSO is? An American Mickey Mouse medal!"

After a very busy 3 or 4 years, I was made Manager of the department embracing the fields of collecting and manufacturing, thus forming the largest department in the Company. It may seem strange, but I can assure you that our factory never catered for the collecting section!

Collecting Orders, Decorations and Medals of the world was and still is very popular throughout the UK, Europe and North America. Unlike normal merchandise where a retailer could easily re-order to replace his stock, we had the onerous task of first buying before we could sell. The buying was from the general public and often from the older families that had a past service background.

On one occasion I was asked to visit a Peer of the Realm in his stately pile in Northamptonshire. Having completed the purchase of a good collection, I requested the use of the little boys room and upon leaving was amazed to see on the back of the door a fine framed display of Orders of the Garter going back to the Napoleonic period. As I made my departure, I mentioned to the Peer that he should place the display in a more secure position as it must be worth some £5000. (More like £100,000 today).

Rendezvous at night

Late one afternoon 3 or 4 years later, I was surprised to receive a phone call from him asking if my price still stood in which case he would sell today for cash provided we could meet before 6 o'clock. Rather taken aback I readily agreed but could not imagine a way of getting to him within 2 hours! No problem he said, "where do you live?" which at that time was just south of Great Dunmow, Essex. "Right, do you know Stapleford Abbots airfield?" (which was a support field for the famous Battle of Britain base at North Weald). Very fortunately, I drove past it on my way home so I was instructed to be there at 6 o'clock, line my car up with the grass airstrip and keep my headlights on. At five minutes past the hour a biplane passed just over me, landed and taxied to where I was parked.

Lord X got out dressed in flying leathers with helmet and goggles - (this was something like Biggles in a boys comic). He unstrapped the display case from the back seat, I handed over the money and with hardly a word he took off into the night having been on the ground with the engine running for less than five minutes - perhaps he was avoiding having to pay landing fees!

The contents of the fine oval case were taken to the office the next morning, but the case is still at home today as my wife Peggy thought the frame was superb, but not the contents.

Stock was often bought at auctions both here and on the continent which meant visiting auction houses in Paris, The Hague, Nuremberg and Munich, etc., often more than one in a day. I often purchased for stock and also on commission, mainly for American collectors. To follow the bidding and carry out currency conversions on the spot was sometimes rather worrying; today auction houses have converted prices on the screen in about 6 different currencies - I was born too early!

A summons to No 10

It was about this time that I was summoned to No.10 Downing Street where I met the big man at 11 o'clock. Churchill was still in his bed surrounded by state papers as well as several staff. I of course hadn't a clue why he demanded to see me, but I soon found out - the hard way. Looking up at me over his glasses, he said in his deep and slow stentorian tone: "Last evening I attended a State Banquet at Buckingham Palace in honour of the King of Norway and was humiliated by the King in the presence of our own Queen because I was wearing the sash of the very rare and prestigious Order of the Elephant incorrectly. Young man, why was I the Prime Minister placed in such a degrading position by you?"

I replied that the only error he could make with the single coloured riband was to wear it incorrectly over the right shoulder. With that he almost exploded as that was what I was supposed to have told him to do. I advised him there were only four Orders which were worn over the right shoulder and these were the Thistle, the Black Eagle of Prussia and our own

Garter and “by the way Prime Minister, may I with the greatest respect say that I only commenced my appointment as manager at 9.30 this morning, so my predecessor must be to blame”. With that he mumbled and waved me away. As I left, his valet caught up with me and offered me one of Churchill’s massive cigars which he said was the nearest anyone got to receiving an apology. My father-in-law with whom we were living was duly given this and I believe he had several free lunches on the story.

I paid one more visit to No 10 and this time was kindly requested to arrive as the Prime Minister Anthony Eden (again in a bedroom) was preparing to adorn a velvet court dress in readiness for a state occasion, still only partly dressed in shirt and boxer shorts. He was having problems tying the Garter around his left leg just below the knee. His wife appeared, dressed in a manner similar to Eden, but she was not able to help. I could only ask for a needle and cotton which sufficed for the evening and suggested we later on have the offending Garter for amendment in the same way as we had for Lord Mountbatten.

Eden brightened up at that and said “I shall be seeing Dickie Mountbatten tonight and will speak to him” - hardly a State matter! As I left, Eden gave me a crisp white £5 note which up to a short time before was almost a week’s wages and far more use to me than that horrible cigar!

A change of direction

Our medal counter was booming, the world of collecting was going from strength to strength, so I decided to concentrate on our factory situated in Raynes Park just beyond Wimbledon. Between the two world wars a good percentage of our output was for the independent Indian Maharajah’s, their awards being of superb quality. Only one Maharajah failed to pay his account, so my predecessor was sent out to collect the debt. He was entertained like royalty including tiger hunts mounted on elephants. Six weeks later he came home, by slow boat of course, but with no money. Life then in the slow lane must have been more restful than now.

During the war we manufactured for all of the countries in exile in London including Norway, Denmark, France, Poland, etc.. However those orders waned following the war, consequently we had little trade. I knew little about the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths trades but was soon to find out - the hard way. I did not realise that the most interesting part of my career was about to start, so I will rest there and gather my thoughts for a second instalment.

Gosfield, Essex. 2006

Photos page 13.

Note: A short biography of Edward C. Joslin appeared in Issue 20 Spring 2001, page 6.

NOTE

Josselins have been awarded many medals relating to their war experiences. For example, 20 Joscelynes and 178 Joslins received WWI Campaign medals. Details can be found on The National Archives web site DocumentsOnLine. Several received the MC. Queen Alexander nurse Alice Emma Joscelyne SRN, received a medal for her work in the South African War after which she ran her own Nursing Home and died 23rd Nov. 1951.

As Sergeant, Major William Gosling earned a VC on 5th April 1917, near Arras, France. See Issue 31, Easter 2005, page 4.



WILLIAM VARNEY JOSLEN 1890-1934

By Peter Joslin (29)

William was born in Cardiff the son of an auctioneer

Spencer and Mary JOSLEN (nee VARNEY)

He married **Sonia PEROVSKAIS** in Windsor in 1923

He attended Shoreham Grammar School, Sussex and became a land agent and surveyor working for the Inland Revenue.

William was commissioned into the 3rd Battalion, The Duke Of Cornwall's Light Infantry on the 17th of November 1914. In February 1917 he was seconded into the Royal Flying Corps, gained his wings and served with 31 Squadron in the Middle East flying BE2cs and FE2bs. He later went on to fly with 113 Squadron again in the Middle East.

(This squadron helped in the final defeat of the Turkish Army.

This is a 1915 star 'The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry'

British War medal and Victory medal (Lieut RAF)

awarded to Lieutenant **William Varney Joslen**.

EBAY MEDALS

Marion Richardson (member 123) found 'JOSLEN' medals for auction on the EBay website recently and asked if we should bid for them, I thought that we would be lucky to get them as medals are now fetching such a high price. They were finally sold to a collector for almost £300.00 (we offered £50) Photo: page 12.

Marion has agreed to monitor the EBay site for our Josselin Society and become our 'eyes' so if you look and find a Josselin item; by all our usual spellings, and you decide to bid, you may find yourself bidding against Marion! Her email is in your latest directory ([MJRichardson@aol.com](mailto:MJRichson@aol.com)) so you can check with her direct.

EBay has become yet another source of Family history data in the digital age.

Note: any of our members, with a family connection to any items we acquire, can have it for their own records, just for the cost of what I paid for it.

Peter Joslin.(29)

Our thanks go to all those who have contributed articles, material and pictures in this issue. Please keep sending contributions to make the Journal possible.

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Society Visit to Earls Colne

23rd. September 2006

by Ray Joslin

We had a successful gathering at Earls Colne, in fine weather. Some two dozen turned up at St. Andrew's church where Ralph Josselin preached for over 40 years. An old boy of the Grammar School, David Brown, was our guide, and gave a talk about the Earls of Oxford, the church, patrons and, of course, Ralph himself. After a tour of the church we moved on to the Earls Colne Heritage Museum, situated in the old Water Tower which formed part of the Hunt's [Atlas] Iron Works—now redeveloped as a housing estate. Reuben J. Hunt was a patron of Earls Colne Grammar School (which I attended from 1943—1949. Coincidentally, one of our society's members, Susan Rook, is a cousin of the Old Colonians' President, Brian Firmin, who was a year ahead of me and who also taught at the school. Susan was both surprised and pleased to hear Brian's voice and face on a video which was running in the museum. A school photograph, taken in 1946, has a miserable looking R Joslin on it: it is one of 3 old school photos of the whole school, and there are other pictures, in the museum, of those I remember there. (It comes to something when you find yourself featured in a Museum!!

After a good lunch in the Lion public house, the Society held its AGM there.

Note: "Extracts from the Diary of Ralph Josselin 1616-1683" by Joan Bongilli (51) appears in Issue 22, Christmas 2001. See also Book Review page 19

Earls Colne Website: www.colnevalley.com/ecrecords.php from which one can download pages of the Diary.



Possibly Ralph Josselin

CORRESPONDANCE: Note from Elizabeth Slack:

Earls Colne and Ralph Josselin

Interesting to see your web site and information. I just wondered whether you knew, or whether the guide who takes you round St Andrews Church Earls Colne will show you the church door which faces up towards the village street, not the main door. There are two heads carved at each side of the door. One is old and is the head of a king. The other (on the right side of the door as you stand outside looking at it) is modern and is supposed to represent Rev Ralph Josselin. As you will see, if you can open the attachment, it was replaced by my father, **Donald Mann**, in memory of my mother, **Winifred**, who died in 1984, and was carved by a young stonemason, but I don't know his name. I think the original head was damaged. My father's family were T & A.J Mann who owned and ran the sawmill which was opposite the Atlas Works in Foundry Lane. My father was born in Sunnyside, in the main street, opposite the entrance to Foundry Lane in 1898, his Aunts ran a school at Priory House opposite Sunnyside, my father's Uncle Tom and their son & daughter, Frank and Ella Mann, lived in the Willows, which is the house just beyond Priory schoolhouse in Foundry Lane, called the Willows. The Timber Yard, now built on, was next to the Willows. My parents moved to live in the Willows in the 1970s. With all good wishes and thank you for your very interesting web site.

Yours sincerely, Elizabeth (Bunny) Slack nee Mann. elizabeth.slack@btinternet.com

JOSSELINS ON EBAY

By Peter Joslin (29) from Marion Richardson (123)

I had just returned home following our very successful AGM at Earls Colne in September when I received an interesting phone call from **Marion Richardson** (member 123). Marion surf's the internet and had discovered that the well-known internet site EBay was an ideal place to find unusual 'Josselin' items and: *'was I interested in what she had found'..... Was I interested? You bet I was.....*

Marion then forwarded me links to six items that had Josselin interest:

1. A 600 piece jigsaw depicting the 2nd marriage of **Stanley Joscelyne** (Photo p. 12)
2. A postcard portrait of **Margaret Joslin** (actress & Singer)
3. An old poster of a sale in 1850 at Gt Wakering Essex by Auctioneer **James Joslin**
4. Sale of the War medals of **William V Joslen** (Photo p. 12)
5. Sale of a book by **Brian Joslin** (Photo p. 12) *'There's a War on Pet'*
6. Sale of a photograph of a **Joslin** in the 1948 Cardiff football team.

We decided to bid for items 1 & 5 and were successful, so now have not only the records of all the items, but the Book & Jigsaw to save for future Josselins.

Now for the story behind the jigsaw Who was Stanley Joscelyne? and why was a picture painted of him and his second wife that now hangs in the Belfast Museum? *Notes on the box are as follows:*

"Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Joscelyne -The Second Marriage"

by: Anthony Green RA was painted in 1972. Photo page 12.

The actual painting is seven feet square and is in the collection of the Ulster Museum, Belfast. The painting shows the artist's mother and late stepfather in the sitting room of their house in North London surrounded by their possessions.

The subject matter for many of Anthony Green's paintings is related to his family life; his wife, children, aunts and mother often appear in their home environment surrounded by their personal memorabilia. For this reason one can see his work as modern genre painting and Anthony Green's admiration for the Dutch and Flemish masters is obvious in his finely detailed observations of everyday life.

For example the mirror at the rear of this painting reflects the use of the same device as in Jan Van Eyck's painting "The Marriage of the Arnolfini" (in the National Gallery).

Much of his work is on irregular shaped boards and creates an interesting balance between the spatial and the decorative qualities of his painting.

Anthony Green has been a Member of the Royal Academy since 1971. He was born in 1939. His father was English and his mother is French (she was the daughter of Casimir DuPont, the chef at the Waldorf Hotel, London). He studied at the Slade School of Fine Art and spent some time in France where he much admired the French 19th Century painters, Courbet, Delacroix and Gericault because of their "huge scale, exciting subject matter, fabulous atmosphere; they seemed to contain everything a picture should". Anthony is married and has two children and lives in North London.

Stanley Joscelyne was born London in 1891 son of **Edwin Benjamin Joscelyne** and his wife **Eliza Lipscombe** (I have a copy of this marriage certificate) and they were from Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, and descended from the White Notley Joscelyne's.

Stanley married **Elizabeth F. M. G. Newell** in 1924 and they had one son; **David A. J. N Joscelyne** who was born 15th August 1934 and died 12th April 2001 **Stanley's** second marriage to **Madeline Maria Green (nee DuPont)** was in 1954

JOSSELYNS IN LITERATURE

From Chamber's Dictionary of Literary Characters. 2nd edition 2004. ISBN 0550 10127 6

JOCELYN. *Down Amongst the Women, 1971 by Fay Weldon.* A self centred perfectionist, of inadequate personality, stylish & extravagant lives through the lives of others.

CANON JOCELYN *The Rector's Daughter, 1924 by F. M. Mayor.* A thin stately figure with finely chiselled features unable to relate to his children, interested only in learning.

MARY JOCELYN *The Rector's Daughter, 1924 by F. M. Mayor.* Devoted daughter runs the canon's house; dowdy and unassuming.

Not included in Chamber's Dictionary:-

JOCELYN by John Galsworthy. Duckworth/Sidgwick & Jackson 1976.

ISBN 0 283 98244 6.

This novel was first published by Gerald Duckworth and Co. in 1898 under the pseudonym of John Sinjohn. It was the first full length novel of John Galsworthy and the only novel that he completely rejected in later years. He refused to have it reprinted. John Sinjohn was a pseudonym he used for his first four books. Only 750 copies were distributed in this country. It is an excessively romantic and melodramatic book with a sense of comedy all too rare in his later books. It is a very personal book taken from his life experiences; a passionate story of illicit love. Catherine Dupré.

JOCELYN by M. Alphonse Marie Louis de Lamartine. (1790-1869) Épisode. Journal Trouvé Chez Un Curé de Village. Published by **CHARLES GOSSELIN**, Furne et Cie, Pagnette. 1851. Written, and first edition, 1836. Also published by Nelson, Paris, London, Edinburgh and New York 1935. Source work for the opera "Jocelyn" by Godard produced in Brussels and Paris in 1888. The "Berceuse de Jocelyn" remains popular but it was added as an afterthought to please the tenor according to the Concise Oxford Dictionary of Music. Lamartine was born in Macon, Saône et Loire, of a noble family. Illustration page 13.

Editor: Can any one find the novel in English?

JOSSELIN SOCIETY AGM 2006 at EARLS COLNE



We had exclusive use of the dinning areas of the 'Lion' public house on the High Street of Earls Colne as our Annual General Meeting. Our thanks go to Janine and her staff for their excellent hospitality & good food



Peter reliving his teens on the back of the motor bike of Simon Gladas
Fond memories of when Peter & Margaret motorcycled to Switzerland on their 'Triumph 21' 350 twin

Photo right:

THREE CHAIRS OF OUR JOSSELIN SOCIETY

Brenda Joscelyne our chair since 1999 decided to stand down at the 2006 AGM and was succeeded by:

Peter Walter Joslin.

William Frederick Joscelyne (Bill) who along with **Peter Josling** was the founding fathers of our society and our first chairman in 1991



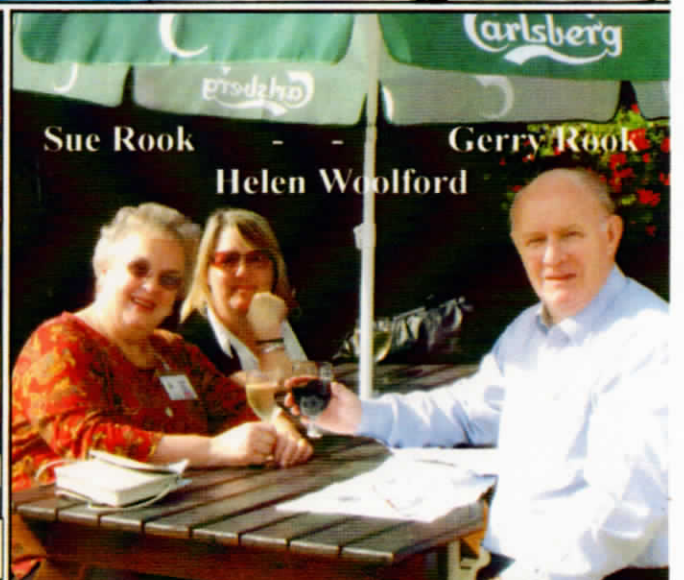
Peter

Brenda

Bill



Margaret Joslin - Veda Joslin - Jean Thorne



Sue Rook

Gerry Rook

Helen Woolford

Josselin's visit to Earls Colne September 23rd 2006



Ralph remembered on a local street sign



Likeness of the Rev Ralph Josselin (see story of sculpture on page 6)



Photo left:
The old water tower of 'Hunts' Foundry now the new Heritage centre



Photo Right:
Stain Glass dedication to Earls Colne Grammar School

'Old Colonian'

Raymond Joslin (member 133)

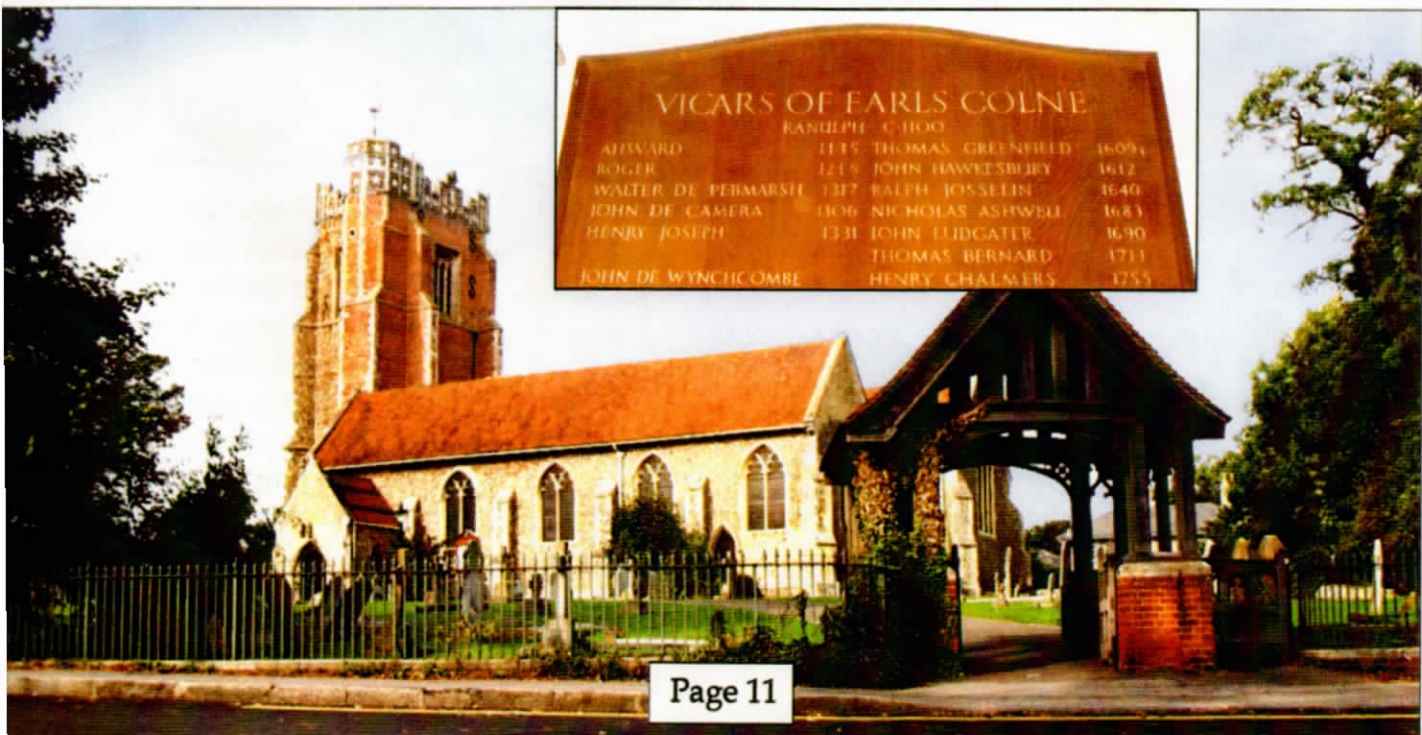
Finds himself exhibited in a museum!!!
Earls Colne Grammar School photo 1956

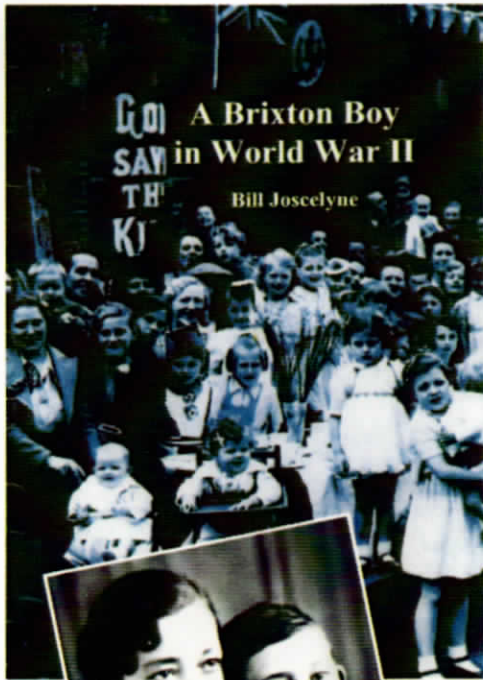


in the footsteps of Revd. Ralph Josselin 1616-1683



The impressive Church of St. Andrew was the starting point of David Brown's 'Ralph Josselin' tour
 Apart from the new sculpture by the Church door, the only mention found of him inside
 the Church was on the list of Vicars of Earls Colne (Ralph 1640)
 The board (below) records the names of all the Vicars from 1100 to the present day





Two interesting 'Josselin' books have come our way this month;
 The first is by our **Bill Joscelyne** and covers his days as an evacuee in the second World War (ISBN 1 873052 12 X) £2.49
www.brixtonsociety.org.uk

The next one was found on the auction site **EBay** by member Marion Richardson and is by: the Late **Brian L Joslin**
 It's called "**There's a War on Pet**" (ISBN 0 9522451 0 8)

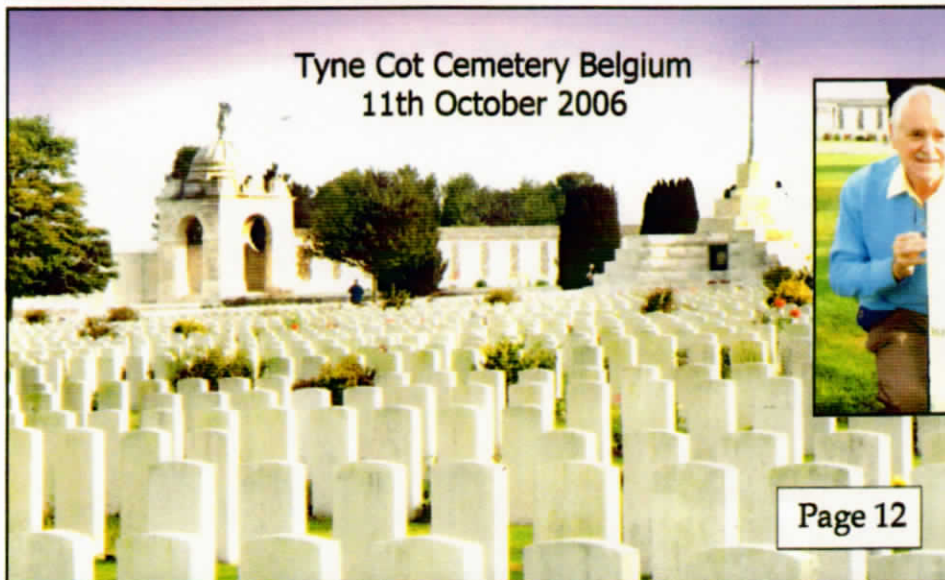
The full details of these two books are covered within this journal. More on this Durham family and its connection to Crossing Essex in the next journal



a young **'Bill'** with his mum **'Daisy'**



These two items were also found by **Marion Richardson** (Josling) on EBay
 left is: **Stanley Joscelyne** at his second wedding.
 &
 photo right is: the war medals of **William Varney Joslen** 1890-1934
 full story in the journal



Tyne Cot Cemetery Belgium
 11th October 2006

As his 72nd birthday gift **Peter Joslin** was taken to the Somme, Vimmy, Ypres, Arras and the Passchendaele area by his daughter **Karen** He was able to pay his respects to over 20 Joslin's who gave their lives in WW1

This photo: is by the Tyne Cot memorial to; **A. Joslin** aged 22
 A more detailed report will be in the next Journal



Field Marshal Lord Bramall. Lord Lieutenant of London, with Edward Joslin after presenting Edward with The Queen's Award for Export. 1985.



Above: Leaving Spink and Son's premises after the presentation. Royal Appointment Crests above the entrance are to the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales.



Photos in collection of Edward Joslin

Left: Edward Joslin relaxing at home about 1992. Then at Beauchamp Roding near Dunmow, Essex.



Madge Brill
Photo in collection of Michael Brill

Illustration in public domain downloaded from Web.



Alphonse Marie Louis de Lamartine
See page 8



From a portrait in the family of Probert. Purported to be Ralph Joselin.

GLEANINGS

JOSCELYNE, FRANCIS MANDEVILLE. Son of the Rt. Rev. Bishop A. E. Joscelyne, Chardstock, Chard. B. Sept. 25th 1905. Sch. Marlborough Coll. From Sept. 1919. Prefect. Trinity College Cambridge, 1st Class Math. Trip., Part I.; First Class Mech. Sci. Trip.; B.A. Address: 7, Beech Rd., Hartford, Northwick, Chesh. *Marlborough College Register from 1843-1933. 8th edition. 1936.*

JOSCELYNE, RICHARD ANDREW. Born 1909. Sch. Malvern College from 1923—1926. 2nd. Great War Major. R.A.C., M.C., Despatches, Address: Withycombe, Winsford, Minehead, Somerset. *Malvern College Register. Third Supplement.. Ed. M. A. Stanforth. 1977.*

GOSLING, AMBROSE ROBERT. Born 1919. Son of Gosling, Ambrose Tucker, (O.M.) Sch. Malvern College from 3rd term 1933 to 1937. Swimming. 2nd. Gt. War, Lieut. Lincs. Reg. Trustee, Bermuda Marine Biological Soc. Died Mar. 1964. *Ibid.*

GOSLING, AMBROSE TUCKER. Born 1897. Sch. Malvern College from 2nd term 1912 to 1915. Prefect. Wine Merchant, Partner in Gosling Bros. Ltd. 1st Gt. War, Bermuda Mil. Arty. Memb. Colonial Parliament 1928-1943. Memb. Of H.M. exec. Council 1934-1943. 2nd. Gt. War, Lt. Col., Bermuda Vol. Rifles. Legislative Council, Bermuda 1954. C.B.E. Died Feb. 1968. *Ibid.*

GOSLING, EUGENE EDMUND WILLIAM. Born 1902. Sch. Malvern College from 2nd. Term 1917 to 1920. Prefect. C. XL. Farmer. Died Aug. 1969. *Ibid.*

GOSLING, I. F. Sch. Malvern College, third term 1940 to 1949. Entry missing from text. *Ibid.*

GOSSELIN, GEOFFREY le MARCHANT. Born 1915. Sch. Malvern College from 3rd. term 1929 to 1932. Transport Consultant. 2nd Gt. War, R.A. & R.N.V.R. Address: c/o Williams and Glyn's Bank Ltd., 290, Old Brompton Rd, S.W. 7. *Ibid.*

GOSLING, AUDLEY CHARLES. Born 1936. Sandhurst. Army 1855-1857. Diplomatic Service 1859; second Secretary 1870. Athens 1873, Madrid,

Copenhagen, Stuttgart. Consul General to Hungary 1879; Secretary at Madrid 1885; St. Petersburg 1888. Minister to the Central American Republic in 1890; Minister in Chilli 1897. *Men and Women of the Time. A Dictionary of Contemporaries.* Victor G. Plarr. 15th edition. Routledge. 1899.

JOCELYN, COLONEL JOHN STRANGE. "Lady Randolph Churchill in 1889, at the age of 35, with her sons. Winston aged 15 and Jack aged 9. Jennie was a renowned beauty and gossip had it that she took many lovers. One of them, Colonel John Strange Jocelyn, 5th Earl of Roden, was rumoured to be Jack's father." *Caption to a photograph of Winston and his brother Jack with their mother from "Churchill- An Illustrated History" by Brenda Ralph Lewis. Amber Books for The Reader's Digest Association Ltd. 2005. From Brian Joscelyne (o6).*

JOSLIN, ELLIOTT PROCTOR. Elliott Proctor Joslin: A Memoir 1869-1962 by Anna C. Holt. Asa Bartlett Press, Worcester, Mass. 1969.

From Roger D. Joslyn, CG, FUGA, FGBS, FASG. who comments: "...provides a nice biography of the diabetes pioneer. The work does not treat his family earlier than his father, Allen Lafayette Joslin, but Dr. Joslin's grandfather was (Dea.) Elliott Joslin from Eastern Connecticut, whose surname line is traced back to Israel Joslin (ca. 1693-1761) of Killingly, Connecticut, whose origins are not known and who does not seem to have been a descendant of the New England immigrant of 1635, Thomas Josselyn, as has sometimes been claimed. "

Re: Stanford University. Dr. Irv Weissman, Karel and Avice Beekhuis Professor of Cancer Biology, Pathology, Developmental Biology and by courtesy, of Biological Sciences, received the American Diabetes Association's **Elliott Proctor Joslin Medal for 2003** at a ceremony in Boston this past week. **Dean's Newsletter** May 12, 2003.

Editor. See my comment in Issue 35 page 7 and Wessler tree *ibid.* page 14. See also Issue 21 pages 4-5 and Issue 34 page 10.

GOSLING, ALISON . Antiques. Honiton, Devon.

GOSLING, MITCHELL . Teacher. Mastermind 21.8.2006. Subject: history of the Modern Marathon. Ran Marathon in London 16 years. Best time 3 hours 48 mins. 1982. 1st round 2nd place 11 points 3 passes. 2nd round 6 passes produced total of 16 points. Joint second place. Winner Diane Halligan. 26 points.

GOSLING, RAY. Anglo-catholic, Northam Grammar School, Leicester University, left without degree. Freelance journalist, TV presenter, documentary producer, aged over 67 years, ex bankrupt. Published "Sum Total", Pamona books reprint 2006. Partner Bryan Dellamane Allsopp deceased. Source: TV documentary, 26th November 2006

THE FOREBEARS, FAMILY AND DESCENDENTS OF CHARLES JOSLIN, CARVER AND GILDER OF NORWICH.

By Don Battley, (176) Auckland, New Zealand

With assistance from Ben Joscelyne we have been able to link up different branches of this family and to take it back four more generations. Ben put Don Battley in touch with Kay Davey, an early member of the Society, and a descendant of Charles Joslin of Norwich (1791-1855).

Kay has established that the descent line of Charles is:-

Thomas JOCELINE (probable ancestor) m. 4.2.1696 at Chelmsford to Monica GREEN.

Their son, Thomas JOCELYN, m. 2.12.1727 at Heigham, Norfolk to Elizabeth ABELL; d. 1753 (Will). Had land in St John Sepulchre & St Clements (Norwich) and brewhouses in Chelmsford, the Angel Inn. (Wills of Thomas 1753 & Elizabeth 1771). Daughter Mornake/Morneca.

Son John JOCELIN, b. c1732 possibly at Chelmsford; m. 1) 29.12.1754 at St John Sepulchre, Norwich to Ann SMITH; 2) 24.12.1771 at St John's to Ann MACK; bur. 28.2.1798 at Norwich Cathedral. Occupation Baker and Beadsman. Son of Thomas and Elizabeth confirmed by Elizabeth's will. John's will lists the Angel Pub at Chelmsford, also land in Norwich & Chelmsford.

Next generation: Robert JOSLIN, b. 1761; m. 1) 13.1.1787 at St John Timberhill, Norwich to Ann HARRISON; 2) possible marriage to Ann BROWN (d. 14.12.1800); 3) 14.4.1805 at Old Catton, Norfolk to Elizabeth SIMPSON; bur. 2.7.1821 at St John Maddermarket, Norwich. Occupation Saddler & Harnessmaker. Robert appears to have converted to the Catholic Church.*

Elder son: Robert JOSLIN c. 28.9.1788 Gannet Chapel*, Willow Lane, Norfolk.

Second son: Charles JOSLIN, b. 1791, almost certainly bapt. at Gannet RC Chapel*, Willow Lane, but records for 1789-91 are lost. The Chapel merged with St John Maddermarket in 1792. M. 14.1.1822 at Lakenham, Norfolk to Maria MARTIN. Aged 60 in 1851 living as an annuitant at Lower Close, Precinct of Cathedral Church. D. 4 Jan 1855 at Lambeth, London, buried All Souls Catholic Cemetery* Chelsea. Occupation Carver and Gilder. Charles's relationship to Robert proven by Robert's will. Maria JOSLIN lived till 1873 and is found in the 1861 census living with dau. Clara HEITZMAN at Market St, Cheadle, STAFFS; in 1871 with dau. Ann WRIGHT and her family at Spring St, Bury St Edmunds and at her death on 16 November 1873 was with Ann WRIGHT at 29 Catherine St, Doncaster YKS.

* This and subsequent evidence links with a NZ family memory that "the family were Roman Catholic".

Family of Charles and Maria JOSLIN.

1. Charles, b. 11.2.1823, Chr.17.2.1823 St John Maddermarket. Charles married Ann GRIFFIN in London in 1849 and emigrated to New Zealand. See Don Battley's article in Josselin Journal Issue 31.

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. After lunch at Earls Colne on the 23rd September 2006, the Josselin AGM was held. Peter Joslin (29) was elected chairman in place of Brenda Joscelyne who wished to step down. She remains on the Committee whose members remain as before. A vote of thanks was extended to Brenda for all her work on behalf of the Society. Plans for the events in 2007 were discussed and it was decided that our June weekend will be the 16th & 17th at Lincoln & Sempringham. It was also agreed that next years AGM will be Saturday the 22nd in Essex

AN APPRECIATION OF MADGE BRILL

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Madge Brill was born **Marjorie Hylda Pearson** on 10th March 1915. Her maternal grandparents were Joslins and it was on their farm that she was born. This was Fairview Farm, Barkingside, which occupied what is now three-quarters of the shopping in the High Street from the Fairlop Oak pub up to the traffic lights. Many years later I had a dental nurse who told me her grandparents worked at Fairview Farm - he as a groom and she in the house.

In 1919 the farm was sold and Madge moved with her parents to Stone Road, Forest Gate, then St Andrews Road, Ilford, then 720, Romford Road, Manor Park where her parents ran a tobacconists and sweet shop. Here Madge developed a life long passion for sweets. Her senior school was Eleanor College where she was House Captain and excelled at sport, winning many medals.

She met Frank (Francis Herbert Brill) in 1933 when he threw a frog at her on a ramble! Her first job was as a shorthand typist, but she soon changed to teaching at Glenmons Nursery School which was to remain as her life long love of teaching the under fives. She married Frank on the 27th July 1939 and had two children - Michael John born 15th June 1940 and Carolyn Phyllis born 26th September 1945.

As a child Madge regularly holidayed on a farm at Burwash (maybe a Joslin farm?). Later they bought a chalet at Jaywick, near Clacton, where Madge was crowned Beauty Queen in 1937. After the war we moved to Anne Way, Barkingside (now Hainault), Ilford. Holidays were full of adventure touring with our tent all over England, Wales and Scotland. Favourite places were Sandy Bay, Exmouth, and Pontlyfni, North Wales.

In 1951 Madge bought Greenway Kindergarten which was to be a life long love of hers. The school started with just 5 children and grew to over 170. At the age of 80 she decided to only work part time and did not retire fully until the huge celebrations of the 50th Anniversary in 2001. This did not stop her greeting everyone and not resting once for the whole afternoon and then a dinner-dance in the evening.

Holidays in 1960 moved abroad and later a campervan made touring Europe very convenient. Another love of her life were her two grandchildren, Matthew and Howard Innocent. Nothing was too much trouble for her when it came to children, especially her grandchildren.

Though a little frail in 2005, she was partying all afternoon and evening for her 90th birthday. I warned some people how frail she had become; everyone questioned my judgement as there was no sign of frailty on her birthday. In 2006 she had to go into hospital a number of times but fortunately was out to enjoy her grandson Matthew's engagement party in June 2006. She died after a month in hospital on 7th November 2006 and was cremated at Parndon Wood, Harlow, on the 20th November.

She will be remembered for her love of children and her enormous energy.

Michael Brill

New Members - 200 reached since the society was founded! from Ben Joscelyne

197 Mrs Jennifer Kelly (Josselyn)

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Jennifer traces her descent from the Thomas and Rebecca Joslin who emigrated to America in 1635 via their daughter Rebecca through the Nichols, Kendall, Hamblet and Parrett families in the USA and from the 20th Century, the Parrett, Alden, Tuck and Kelly families in Canada, South Africa and England.

Jennifer drew attention to **The Rose Tree** project of the Rose Family which among other items lists a descent of the Josselyn family from Sir Gilbert Josselyn in the 11th Century to the American Josselyns in the 17th Century. See the website:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~bouquet/josselyn.html>

198 David Severn (Joscelyne)

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Introduced by Averil Snodgrass and related to her great grandmother's sister and thereby others in the Leigh on Sea, Essex, branch of the Joscelynes

199 Mrs Helen Woolford (Joslin)

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Introduced by and related to Sue Rook. Helen's great grandmother was Elizabeth Florence Joslin.

200 Calvin Joslin

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Calvin's grandfather was Alfred James Joslin whom he saw pictured on Peter Joslin's website!

201 John Risby (Joscelyne)

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Introduced by Clare Harvey and related to her (and the other Leigh-on-Sea Joscelynes). John's great grandfather, Fred Joscelyne, the last of the Blacksmiths, was the eldest brother of Clare's grandfather, Arthur

