



# Josselin Journal 53

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## EDITORIAL & ADMINISTRATION.

Here we are at last with the with Issue 53; I hope you will find it informative and interesting. I hope it will reflect the purposes of the Society with a mixture of family research and social aspects.

My thanks to those who have contributed articles; I welcome any corrections and feedback on the content.

### New members since Journal 52

**256 Valerie Edwards** 37 Arundel Road, Brighton, East Sussex, BN2 5TE.  
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Valerie traces her Joslyn ancestry back to Samuel Joslyn and Phoebe whose children were born 1767 to 1779 registered in Quaker Meetings in Felsted, and Thaxted with abodes in Bardfield Saling, Stebbing and Little Waltham, all in Essex. Samuel's eldest daughter Phoebe married William Crusswell. Peter Joslin and Brenda Joscelyne have been put in touch but Valerie would be pleased to hear from any other member who may be related.

**257 Brian Richardson** 68B Carysfort Road, Crouch End, London, N8 8RB  
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Brian is related to Alice Joslin who married Gilbert Neville and also John Holmstead through John's daughter Eleanor. This is the Naylinghurst, Rayne, connection in the 16th century.

**258 Ruth E Joslin** 28, High Path Road, Merrow, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 2QQ  
E-mail: [ruthjoslin1@aol.com](mailto:ruthjoslin1@aol.com) Ruth is Peter and Margaret Joslin's (29) niece. A second Ruth Joslin member.

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Moira is the niece of the Earl of Roden and is a professional Horticulturist and Garden Designer and Advisor with a special interest in promoting green spaces in our towns and cities. We were pleased to meet her at Hyde Hall and Hallingbury.

**260 Barbara Tribe** 19 Beaconsfield Way, Earley, Reading. RG6 5UX  
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Barbara is researching the Tooker family of Norton Hall, Midsomer Norton, Somerset. Her direct ancestor, John Tooker, married Dorothy, daughter and co-heir of William Josselin of Rayne, County Essex circa 1660. Any connecting information would be appreciated.

### Obituaries

**101 Bea Byrne** of Acton, Ontario, Canada. Bea has contributed to earlier Journals.

**104 Joan Joscelyne** of Tunbridge Wells

**133 Ray Joslin** of Woodford Green. Until his recent spell of ill health, Ray was a regular attender at the Society meetings. Peter Joslin has contributed an Obituary elsewhere in the Journal. Veda is retaining her membership.

**177 Peggy Joslin**, Gosfield, Essex, widow of Edward Joslin LVO.

**187 Angus Heron** of Bristol

**Joseph Robert Joslin** father of committee member Derek Joslin (124)

*We extend Condolences to their families & relatives.*

### Change of E-mail address

**222 Timothy Joscelyne**, our Webmaster. [kirstim19@gmail.com](mailto:kirstim19@gmail.com)

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AND WORKSHOP) HELD ON SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2013 AT THE BOCKING VILLAGE CLUB, BRAINTREE.**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING; (Summary of main points.)**

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed members, most of whom had been at the previous day's event, and introduced our American visitors Roger and Leslie Joslyn (NY) and Lynette Eldredge and husband Alan Salamy (from Washington State, USA)

### **Chairman's report. (John Hallum)**

During the year we had one committee meeting in March (after having to postpone two earlier attempts due to heavy snowfalls). The business was principally to firm up details for the Society meetings. This resulted in the one day meeting in June at Bletchley Park and the current 2-day event at Hyde Hall & Little Hallingbury on Saturday and Braintree on Sunday. (Plans to hold the Sunday meeting at Cressing Temples could not be accommodated due to another major weekend event there.)

Discussions also covered the possibility of honouring 'Josselin' WWI war veterans in 2014 to coincide with the centenary celebrations.

Chairman also gave notice that he would like to retire at this AGM after serving three years.

The visit to Bletchley Park had worked out according to plan, with thanks to Ben Joscelyne for the arrangements. [This is covered elsewhere in this Journal.]

The Chairman thanked Committee and General members for their support during his term and said he was sorry that he had not been able to provide more help to Ben Joscelyne in his numerous tasks.

### **Treasurer & Membership Secretary's Report. (Ben Joscelyne)**

Membership remains fairly constant with new and rejoining members balancing those who have left. Regretfully we also have to acknowledge the death of five members. [Details of new members and obituaries are listed on page 2.]

The extensive use of email to correspond with members means that the financial position remains in a healthy state. [Balance sheet is shown on the next page].

The item referring to travel expenses refers to Peter Joslin who had to cancel train tickets at short notice due to the postponements and the Committee offered to cover his losses.

The Treasurer proposed that subscriptions remain at £10. Both this and the overall report were unanimously accepted, with thanks to the Treasurer and the Accounts Examiner, Melvyn Joscelyne.

### **Election of Officers and Committee.**

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**AGM Summary - continued.****Election of Officers and Committee.**

Honorary Member; The Earl of Roden  
 President; Richard Joscelyne (38)  
 Vice-president; Bill Joscelyne (02)  
 (The above were re-elected en-bloc.)

Chairman; Melvyn Joscelyne (06)  
 Vice-chairman; Vernon Lane (109)  
 Minute Secretary; Simon Gladas (141)  
 Treasurer/Membership Secretary Ben Joscelyne (09)

Committee: The Committee to consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer together with; Michael Brill (82); John Hallum (137), Brenda Joscelyne (95) Derek Joslin (124), Marion Richardson (123).

The Journal Editor, John Hallum, expressed the desire to continue in the position and was reappointed.

Accounts Examiner; Melvyn Joscelyne said it would not be appropriate, as Chairman, to continue in the position. There being no other volunteers, it was decided that the Treasurer would approach an acquaintance (non member) who does a similar job for other local associations.

**Events and AGM 2014.**

Members had been circulated after the Committee Meeting with the proposal to organise a trip to the Battlefields and memorials in Flanders but here had been a minimal positive response. However, three members have signed up to go with a trip organised by the FFHS and operated by Leger Travel. [Contact Peter (29) if interested.]

With the Centenary in mind, suggestions for visits included the Imperial War Museum; Greenwich Maritime Museum; a special event day at a Heritage Railway site; the National Memorial Arboretum, Staffordshire.

Other venues for visits included Sudeley Castle in the Cotswolds and Maldon, Essex. The Committee will consider these and other proposals and notify members in due course of ideas and dates. It is expected that the AGM will be in the Essex area.

The AGM was then declared closed.

**WORKSHOP.**

The afternoon workshop started with an exhilarating talk by Mr Fred Feather, Vice Chairman of the Essex Society for Family History and also an ex-policeman and curator of the Essex Police Museum at Southend. Fred started by giving us a rundown on the history of police in general and then went on to consider records in the Museum featuring the 'Josselins' in the Essex force; this gave rise to great deal of interaction with our audience, particularly Ruth Joslin when her gt.grandfather was mentioned.

Following Fred Feather's talk Peter Joslin gave an illustrated hands-on session showing how easy it was to use the computer and other electronic media devices to trace one's ancestry from the many records available on the Internet. This session was equally appreciated by those present who tend not to get involved with computers and the like.

Peter picks up some of these points again in his article in this Journal where he mentions the available sites for obtaining Wills.

The meeting closed at 5.0 pm, with thanks to the contributors and those who had been involved in the organisation.

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## **SOCIETY VISIT TO BLETCHLEY PARK, 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2013. [Editor]**

Home of the Enigma code breakers.

After a spell of wet weather, we were blessed with a fine day for the visit. With the recent release of the 'Enigma' film and television programmes, most readers will be aware of the story behind Bletchley-but some may not, particularly our distant overseas members. .

Bletchley Park, was the centre of the British code-breaking efforts to de-cypher enemy messages during the Second World War. Such was the secrecy surrounding the existence and the details of the operations there that it is only in recent years that the classified details have been released to the public.

Allow me to give you a small personal anecdote which illustrates this. When Jean and I moved into our first house after we got married in 1960, one of the neighbouring families in our small cul-de-sac was Fred Newby, his wife Jill and their two young children.

Fred and I had a few things in common; we both used to tinker with our old cars, he with his classic Riley and me with my 1935 Ford 8. We had both studied physics at University; Fred was a physics graduate of Oxford University. He was at that time headmaster at the local secondary school and, by coincidence, the headmaster of the school where he first did his teaching was a Mr J F Elam who, incidentally, was headmaster at Colchester Royal Grammar School during the later years of my student days there. (No doubt Melvyn will remember Mr Elam.)

In due course both we and the Newby family moved to new homes in other parts of the town; we occasionally met one another in passing but it was not until I joined the local Probus Club after I retired from work that I met Fred again on a regular basis. A few years ago, Fred (who has since died) volunteered to give a talk at one of the meetings; the subject being how he was recruited to join the code breaking team at Bletchley Park. This was the first time that most of us had any knowledge of his involvement there.

This talk revealed another thing we had in common; during my National Service with the Royal Signals I had worked as an electronic technician on cypher machines, one such being 'Typex' (also on display at Bletchley), the British equivalent of Enigma'.

Neither he nor I had ever mentioned our cypher work - we were bound to secrecy!

**Peter Joslin has produced a photo montage record of the day; this is shown on the centre spread.**

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## **HONORARY AWARD (2013); DUC de ROHAN.**

The Queen has approved the award of the CBE to;  
Josselin Charles Louis DE ROHAN-CHABOT (Duc de Rohan)  
For Services to UK/French Relations.

Melvyn Joscelyne (08).

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Research by Peter Joslin.

### Bletchley Up-Date

On our guided tour of the mansion, we were surprised to discover the staff records for the people that worked at the code breaking centre between 1939 and 1946, we were more surprised to find the details of two JOSLIN'S; **David Maelgwyn and Kenneth George**. On our return from Bletchley I made efforts to trace these two Joslin's and a fascinating story began to emerge for both of them.

First are the details about **David Maelgwyn Joslin** Professor of Economic History since 1965, and Fellow of Pembroke College since 1951, Cambridge University.

David was born at Cardiff, Wales on the 29th April 1925 he was the son of school master **James John** and his wife **Mary (Nee Jenkins)**. He was educated at Barry County School and then at St John's College, Cambridge. He served in the RN, Sub-Lieut RNVR, 1943-1946. He gained a First Cl. Hist. Tripos, Parts I and II, 1947 and 1948; Strathcona Studentship, 1949-1951; Fellow of Pembroke College, 1951; Director of Studies in History, 1952-1965; Assistant Tutor, 1958-1962; Senior Tutor, 1962-1965; University Assistant Lecturer and Lecturer in History, 1954-1965. Editor: JI of Latin American Studies; Cambridge Latin American Studies. Publications A Century of Banking in Latin America, 1963. Contributor to Studies in the Industrial Revolution, Ed. L. S. Pressnell, 1960. Recreations Tennis, travel. In 1969 he married **Mary M. P. Kidston**, daughter of Col Richard Kidston, at Helensburgh in Scotland. They lived at Court House, Selwyn Gardens, Cambridge. David died 15th October 1970 at the age of 45 and as far as I have found they had no Children.

			MRS.		
Jordan	Margaret Mary	Robb	FO Civilian, Miss.	Bletchley Park 1944. SIS training course.	7
Jordan	Gwen Jean Elizabeth	Douglas	RAF, Fg OF.	Bletchley Park 1945. Junior Medical Officer.	7
Jordan	D		FO Civilian, Miss.	Bletchley Park. Communications Signals Office.	9
Joseph	E			Melbourne. FRUMEL.	7
Joseph	Elizabeth		WRNS	Gayhurst Manor. Bombe operator.	7
Joslin	David M		RNVR, Sub Lt	Bletchley Park. Probably Hut 7. Naval Section. Japanese. Translator.	7, 11
Joslin	Kenneth George		BTM Civilian, Wr	Bletchley Park 1942 - 1945. Block C. Heleirth machine maintenance engineer.	7



### Now for the story about **Kenneth George Joslin**

Kenneth was born in London in 1924 he was the son of **George Walter Joslin** and his wife **Lily Elizabeth Joslin (Nee Potter)** he was only 18 years old when he started work at Bletchley Park as a electronics engineer. I could see from my Joslin record that he had married a young girl called **Joan W Glover** at Romford Essex, in 1945 and they had a family and grandchildren. After many abortive phone calls I found my self talking to Joan Joslin (Kenneth's wife) I am pleased to report that Kenneth (now 89) and Joan are both fit and well and living at Stock near Chelmsford Essex, and we hope to meet them during our 'Josselin Weekend' in September at Hyde Hall or the AGM at Bocking. The photos below are from Kenneth & Joan





## An Obituary by Peter Joslin (29)



## RAYMOND WILLIAM JOSLIN 1932-2013

Raymond William was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December 1932 at Loughton, Essex, England. He was the son of **Alfred Charles Joslin** and **Lilian Joslin** nee **Toms**, this was very much an Essex family, and Raymond was proud of his connection to Cressing, Earls Colne and the East End of London.

Raymond's first marriage was to **Ann Elizabeth Evans** on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 1958, Ann was a ballet dancer who was born 20<sup>th</sup> June 1936 and died aged 50 on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 1986. Raymond and Ann's children are: **Christine Ann, David Raymond** and **Paul Anthony**.



Raymond remarried in 2001 to **Veda Heather Carey** and our members have enjoyed Raymond and Veda's company at many Josselin events since 2001, in fact Ray always attended our AGM's and some of his suggestions for meeting places were: 'The Cold War Bunker at Kelvedon' & 'Earls Colne Visitor Centre and Church', these were very successful meetings. Ray was an 'Old Boy' of Earls Colne Grammar School and was able to tell us amusing stories of his days as a boarder. Ray had a good education and this put him in good standing for a life in banking in the City of London, he was an Associate Chartered Inst. of Bankers 1966. Member of the Guild of Professional Message Practitioners 1987. He was also closely associated with the Suez Veterans Association following his service in the campaign 1951-54. Special interests were: classical music, electric organ, reading, TV. Athletics -former county champion. Member RSPB, Diabetes UK, former member of the Civil Defence and the Woodford Green Athletic Club. My first meeting with Raymond was in London at the Strand Palace Hotel, back in 1998, Margaret and I often visited the London record offices (St Catherine's House, the SOG and Somerset House) in order to research our Joslin and Weatherill family history, it was on one of these occasions that we arranged to meet and we have remained close friends



Ray had planned his 80<sup>th</sup> and last birthday party well in advance of the date and it gave me time to present him with his DNA results, these confirmed the almost identical relationship with myself, Ben Joscelyne, Derek Joslin and Roger Joslyn and it showed a common ancestor less than 300 years ago in the Cressing area of Essex, England.

Raymond had struggled for nearly half of his life with Diabetes and had been a strong supporter to the Diabetes Research Clinics, he passed away after a short illness on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at his home in Woodford Green surrounded by his loving wife and children, I was able to represent his many 'Josselin Society' colleagues at a special family service in the rose garden at the City of London Cemetery, in July 2013. Our thoughts now are for his loving and caring widow Veda, his three children and his sisters who will all miss a very considerate and generous 'Ray Joslin' (member 133)



**New Member Ruth Joslin celebrates her 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Peter Joslin (29)**

Our latest recruit to the ‘Josselin Society is **RUTH ELIZABETH JOSLIN** (member 258) who received her membership as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration



Ruth is the sister of member 193; Carole Heather Joslin and the daughter of former members Paul Michael and his Wife Kathleen of Lancaster. To celebrate her big birthday, Ruth arranged a mid-summer evening cruise on the river Thames in London for 100 guests.

The only advice we were given was to come along with balloons, beads and colourful fancy dress. No presents as Ruth is to attempt to cycle 450 km along the Great Wall of China in 2014, in aid of a charity, sponsorship for ‘Woman-V-Cancer’ that raises funding for Breast, Cervical and Ovarian cancer research is much appreciated.

We hope Ruth has a successful journey and we would ask her to let us have more photos of the ‘Cycle China’ event 2014.



Attached are some interesting photographs of member 258 and her ‘50<sup>th</sup>’ River Cruise



Mid-night under Tower Bridge & cake cutting with sisters; Heather 193 and Ruth 258 .

**Rebecca Joselyn; Designs in Silver; see article page 16.**



“...inspiration from .... the materials we take for granted and discard from day to day”





Kenneth, David, Michael, Archie, Ben, Stuart, John, Keith, Christine, Jill, Karen  
 Mike, Michael, Brian, Linda, Kathleen, Marion, Nell, Margaret, Jean, Melvyn, Simon, Peter

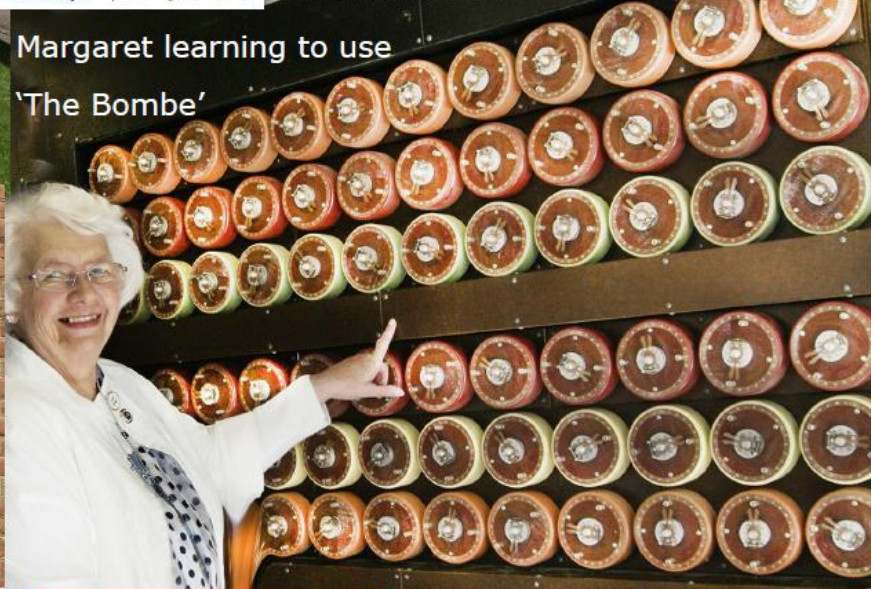


On arrival we were greeted with tea & Coffee and then taken of a superb guided tour





# The Society visit to Bletchley Park. Photo montage by Peter Joslin.





## Joslyn Castle, USA; concluding the story of George Joslyn in Journal 52

### JOSLYN CASTLE Omaha USA (Continued)



Photo by James Fogarty



Photo by Joslyn Trust



Photo by Joslyn Trust



Photo by Joslyn Trust

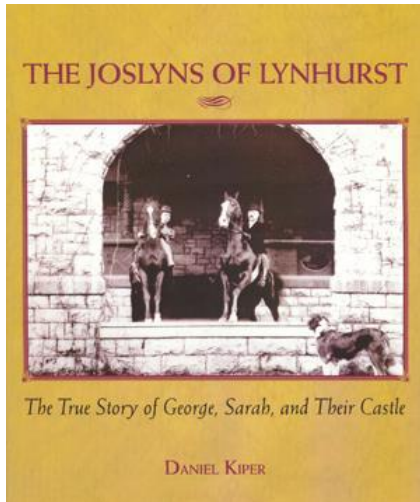


Photo by Mary Jochim (this would make a nice Josselin Xmas Card)

## Compiled by Peter Joslin (29)

These wonderful photographs were sent to me in March 2013 by Mary Jochim. Mary is a trustee at Joslyn Castle, she had found my website and made contact with me, during the following week I received many new images and details about George and Sarah, the Castle and an amazing document that George wrote about his Grandfather Joseph Joslin. Most of the photographs and a copy of this document are now available on my website [www.Joslins.org.uk](http://www.Joslins.org.uk) Mary also sent me a copy of a new publication called:

'The Joslyn's of Lynhurst' by Daniel Kiper



The book is a true story of **George & Sarah** and their Castle; it contains many sketches and old photographs during the life of Joslyn Castle. The book is about 150 pages and has an ISBN of 978-1-58776-913-9 the cost is \$15.00. below is an old photo in the very interesting book...

Mary also suggests that we Joslyn's -Joslyn's etc consider using the castle as a base for gathering of our Josselin Society.. if I were only 20 years younger, I think our USA Jos-

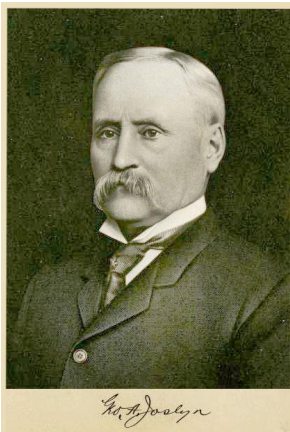


George and Sarah riding two of their famous thoroughbred horses; George is atop Search Light and Sarah is on Bay Chief. The photograph was taken near Lake Saratoga at Saratoga Springs, New York, during one of the several visits the couple made to the area in the 1890s. Photograph from the Douglas County Historical Society (Archive Collections).

lin's should think about it? We know that a warm welcome awaits us in Omaha.

Peter W Joslin

### George Alfred JOSLYN 1848-1916



Born 30-Jul-1848 in Lowell, VT. USA, Died 04-Oct-1916 in Omaha, NE. USA. He married **Sarah Hannah SELLECK** 24-Sep-1874 in Montpelier, VT. He created 'Joslyn Castle' Omaha, USA,

He was descended from the early English settlers in New England 1635. George was reared in VT, where he attended public schools in Waitsfield. While still a youth, he set out alone for the "West." He located in Des Moines, IA with six dollars in his pocket. He worked unloading freight cars for the Iowa Printing Company and became interested in the Newspaper Auxiliary Service, de-



voting his life to this work. He was promoted regularly and became manager of the Company's branch office. He accepted a position with the Western Newspaper Union, at a salary of \$75.00 per month. Ten years later, he became president of the corporation. From that time until his death, he was in full control of the Western Newspaper Union.

At the time of his death he was the head of 31 branch houses throughout the United States. In 1903, their home was completed at a cost of \$250,000. The four-story, 35 room house was built in just eleven months. Limestone for the exterior was brought by rail from Silverdale, KS, and cut on the site. The Joslyn Castle was designed by Omaha, NE, architect John McDonald. The structure was built overlooking the city of Omaha. He left the bulk of his estate to his wife, Sarah Hannah Joslyn.





In 1923, Sarah presented the University of Omaha a gift of \$30,000. She set aside \$3 million for a granite and marble memorial building to be built in memory of her husband. It became the Joslyn Museum

George willed nearly a million dollars to relatives and charities. Sarah bequeathed the Museum to the Society of Liberal Arts, who owns and controls it. She lived in the Joslyn Castle until her death, in 1940.

Links to more photographs of Joslyn Castle & Library  
<http://www.joslins.org.uk/files/JoslynCastlePhotos.htm>

Links to George's appreciation of his Grandfather (pdf)  
<http://www.joslins.org.uk/files/GeorgeAlfredJoslyn.htm>  
 (transcript at the foot of this page)

**To the memory of Joseph Joslin born in Lancaster, Massachusetts, Born January 23rd 1776, and settled at Waitsfield and Died 17th July 1865 in Waitsfield VT. USA the Grandfather of the above George Alfred Joslyn**

Address from George A. Joslyn, Omaha, Nebraska, to be read at the dedication of the JOS-LIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY at Waitsfield, Vermont.

*My Dear Friends:*

*I had hoped that I might be able to meet with you today and take a personal part in the dedication of the "Joseph Joslin Memorial Library Building", but circumstances, which will not be reasoned with, have ordered otherwise.*

*The circumstances with which a business man has to deal are usually hard masters; they rule him with a rod of iron and give little heed to mere matters of sentiment. I have been for a long time in business servitude and my bonds are beginning to chafe; I am getting restive, but someday soon I expect to be free and then I shall come back here often to revisit the scenes of my boyhood, to breathe the tonic mountain air and to meet and greet the friends of other days. But for this occasion, and while I am waiting for my dream of freedom to come true, I send you cordial greeting and give you, briefly as I may, a statement of the events in which today's exercises had their origin.*

*My grandfather, in whose memory this building has been erected, was born in Lancaster, Massachusetts, January 23rd 1776, and settled at Waitsfield in 1798. With his own hands he cleared the ground upon which he settled and built a log cabin that was his home for many years after. The wolves were often snapping and snarling at his heels and howling at his door. The place was a wilderness and his suffering was such as only a man of great courage and physical strength would have been able to endure. But he possessed in abundant measure the qualities of the pioneer. Although only 22 and beset by extreme hardships, difficulties and dangers, he never flinched, never faltered, but kept faithfully to his self-appointed task and did well his part to reclaim Vermont from the wilderness and make it the splendid commonwealth that it is today.*

*He lived in this town on the same farm, 67 years and died 48 years ago at the age of 89, Was married three times and raised 13 children in this same log cabin, all but two of them living to a good old age. One of these children, Almon Joslin, the last of the family, died only a year ago last July at the age of 92.*

*My grandfather possessed a rugged constitution and a character that was staunch and sound, through and through; he was, according to my conception, in the things he stood for, unyielding as the granite hills and true as steel.*

*I venerated him, but did not, it seems, inherit his capacity or predilection for hard work; and so when I decided, (At the age of 18), to leave the old home and seek my fortune in Canada, the decision was generally regarded by the family as a wise one, for, as my father remarked, the only place where I was a factor to be seriously reckoned with was at the table. There I held my own with the best of them and was, I believe rated 100 percent efficient.*



*My father was a close and accurate observer and he saw clearly enough that my going out into the world would involve no economic loss at home, and would very greatly lighten my mother's labors over the kitchen stove, My resolution was carried out; I went to Canada, but failing to make any deep impression there, I came back to Waitsfield, and took up again the irksome tasks that fall to a boy on a hill farm in Vermont. When I left home again, I left suddenly and without premeditation. I did not, however, leave under a cloud, but I did get my initial impulse under a bobsled. To tell the truth, I was practically kicked out.*

*It came about in this way, as I well remember: After being away from home for a year and a half, I returned in the late fall, about 8 months before reaching my majority, and at a time when the winter's wood and saw-logs had to be hauled in from the forest. There being nothing in sight for me but to stay home, and knowing I could not well do that without working, I resolved to take hold in dead earnest and do all I could to save my father the expense of keeping a hired man. In accordance with this virtuous resolution, I started out one morning with an ox-team made up of a Jersey bull and a Durham bull. The Jersey was young and ambitious; he moved swiftly. The Durham was old and listless, deliberate and dignified in action and slow of thought. The yoking together of these two animals foretokened trouble of course, but I did not know it. I had not carefully studied the temper and eccentricities of these oxen. The first load of logs hauled in, took so much of the forenoon that there was not time enough to get another load before dinner and dinner was, with me, at that time, a paramount consideration. So I stepped in between the bulls to unhitch them from the sled, and after removing the clapper "clucked" in the usual way. The Jersey grasped my meaning at once and jumped swiftly forward about five feet while the languid Durham was just thinking about it. The ring of the yoke, instead of slipping loose from the tongue, caught in the notch and the sled started. I was scared, and fearing I might be run over by the sled with the logs still on, I reached forward with one foot and kicked the Jersey in the nose, whereupon he countered effectively, knocking me down under the tongue in front of the sled. My situation was critical, but the enemy was satisfied and did not follow up his advantage. I managed to get up and out without any serious injury, but all my good resolutions had vanished into thin air.*

*I was humiliated; it hurt my pride to think that at the threshold of my career, I should be, not only vanquished, but indebted for my life to the clemency of a young bull. I finally unhitched the oxen from the sled, unyoked them into the barnyard, and without even stopping to feed them, went to the house, packed my trunk, and started that afternoon for Montreal. That ended my life on the farm, and established conclusively the correctness of my father's estimate of my agricultural value. So far as I know, the bulls have never yet been fed. This incident illustrates as well, perhaps, as anything can, the great educational value of a well-directed kick coming at the proper time, and with the right velocity. It may entirely change one's destiny and make a fairly good business man out of a boy regarded as having no value at all, for other purposes.*

*But I want to speak more directly of the reason for the erection of the building which is being now dedicated. About 4 years ago, 2 years before my father died, he suggested that I ought to erect a building of this kind in Waitsfield since, as he said, I could well afford to. I fully agreed with him, and promised I would do so in the near future. At that time I was much occupied with other things and unable to give the matter the thought and attention which it required. But two years ago, while touring in New England, and more especially Vermont - to me the most beautiful State in the Union - I drove into Waitsfield one day, and stopped for dinner at the same hotel where I had dined many a time some 45 years ago. Before I could get ready for dinner, and while the dust of the road was yet thick upon me, my good friend, Ziba McAllister, came in, and with all the suave assurance that naturally belongs to him, tackled me about a library building for your town. He did it in such a gracious, majestic and compelling way that I surrendered instantly. I was, of course, also influenced in some degree by the promise previously given to my father, and my own desire to erect a memorial in honor of my*

grandfather. The way in which my friend, Ziba, got what he went after, together with other circumstances in my recollection, has convinced me that had he been thrust into Wall Street some 35 years ago instead of into the Post Office here, Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan would have carried a far lighter load during the last quarter of a century. But perhaps it is all for the best; it is one of those caprices of fate by which Waitsfield profited and Wall Street sustained a loss.

Your worthy Postmaster is immediately, though not wholly responsible for the existence of this building. It would, undoubtedly, have come sometime, but without him it would not have come so soon. Ziba has not changed much since we were boys together. He was in the front rank then and he is in the front rank now. There is where he seems to belong, and there, I suppose, he will abide always. At our dances in the hall underneath the hotel opposite here, in days of "auld lang syne", Ziba's sway was supreme; he possessed some secret of approach to the hearts of the young ladies, that the hill boys could never understand, and they were never sure of a partner for the dance until Ziba had been definitely appropriated. He had even then the swag and swing of conquest, carrying everything before him in a grand way, just as he is doing now.

Well, ladies and gentlemen, I cannot think of any event of recent years that has given me more pleasure than to be able to donate to the Village of Waitsfield this building, and I am very grateful to Mr. "Nervy" McAllister for stimulating me as he did to immediate action during my recent visit here to see the building before it was finished, I was happily surprised to find that it had turned out much more beautiful in appearance and much more substantial than I had imagined it would be, from an examination of the plans; and I am glad to know that it satisfies and pleases all of you. I sincerely hope it will be a comfort and a joy to the people of this town for many years to come. There will be a fund sufficient to add new books to the library each year for a long time. It is, I believe, only a question of a few years until the interurban or trolley cars will be running through here from Montpelier, Middlesex and Waterbury on to Warren and other towns beyond, the Village is bound to grow. These improvements will help increase real estate values, and profits to farmers, and after the fund which I have provided is entirely exhausted, local pride will, I ensure, take care of every need.

In conclusion I wish to say that in the erection and donation of this building, I have been deeply impressed with the thought that there is, as has been often said, a genuine pleasure in judicious giving - a pleasure that leaves the giver richer by far in the essential things of life than he was before.

Wishing you all health, happiness and prosperity, Heaven's choicest gifts, I remain,

Your friend George

Alfred Joslyn 1913.

Peter's notes The Joslin library was dedicated in 1913 and from his remarks in this document George was feeling ill and tired, he was, at the time aged 65 and died three years later in 1916

## REBECCA JOSELYN 'DESIGNS IN SILVER'

Editor.

Whilst recently watching 'Four Rooms' (a TV programme which features persons trying to sell interesting/rare/expensive items to four individual, wealthy gallery owners/collectors), one of the participants was a young silver designer, Rebecca Joselyn, who brought along items from her collection to tempt the buyers. All were impressed with Rebecca's designs, and she successfully sold her exhibit.

Subsequent investigation reveals that Rebecca who works from Sheffield (Designs in Silver), has obtained recognition in several major exhibitions. "Drawing her inspiration from our hectic lifestyles of convenience and throwaway, she looks at the materials we take for granted and discard from day to day."

Rebecca is happy for us to images from her website.

**REV. HENRY WESTON SMITH****Brenda Joscelyne (95)**

Henry was the son of Joshua Weston born 10 January 1827 in Ellington, Connecticut and died 20 August 1876 between Deadwood and Crook City, South Dakota. In 1847 he married Ruth Yeomans, but she died a year later, as did her infant son. Henry became a Methodist minister at the age of 23 and, before leaving Connecticut, he married Lydia Ann Joselyn or Joslin on the 23 February 1858 and they had four children.

They moved to Massachusetts where Henry served with the Massachusetts 52<sup>nd</sup> Infantry during the American Civil War, after which he became a doctor.

In the spring of 1876 Henry joined a wagon train from Cheyenne, Wyoming and travelled on foot to the Black Hills. He was an early resident of Deadwood but unlike most of the residents of the time he was not interested in material riches. He was the first preacher in the Black Hills gold rush camps of any denomination and held the first church service in the Hills at Custer City on 7 May 1876 with 30 men and 5 women in attendance.

On Sunday 20 August 1876 Henry left a note on his cabin door after his service in Deadwood saying "Gone to Crook City to preach, and God willing, will be back at three o'clock." He always said "The Bible is my protection. It has never failed me yet", but unfortunately he was found murdered on his way to Crook City. No one really knows why he had been killed but there were a number of theories.

Henry Smith's body was buried in a hillside cemetery in Deadwood. The casket was later removed to Mount Moriah Cemetery with a life-sized statue marking his grave.

Lydia Ann Joslin was born 18 July 1836 in Vernon, CT to Esek Joslin and Lydia Starr Wilson. Their four children were Gerald Ackland Smith 1859-1883, Dena Ione Smith 1861-1930, Elmer Ellsworth LeGrand Smith 1863- 1874 and Gertrude Aglae Smith 1870-1943.

I wonder where Lydia was living when Henry decided to go to the Black Hills and how did she manage to bring up three children on her own?

Brenda Joscelyne (95) 2013

**A Joslin Platinum wedding**

My parents Ernest Richard (Bill) and Doreen (Dulcie) Joslin celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on 24 July in Watchet, Somerset.

We had a large family gathering to celebrate, as Mum and Dad had just days to organise their wedding in 1943 before Bill had to return to war.



Mum & Dad, who have six children, nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren., said the secret to a happy marriage was "being opposites" and "not living in the land of 'I want'". Their celebrations featured on BBC 'Points West' Television & Radio.

Steve Joslin (191).



## A JOSCELYNE CONNECTION WITH KARL MARX By Ben Joscelyne (09)

AGNES SARAH JOSCELYNE born in 1842 (died 1915) was the second child of eight born to ISAAC JOSCELYNE (1810-1885) and his wife SARAH ANN FIRMIN (1816- ?1876).

Isaac was the 13<sup>th</sup> child (of 15) of BENJAMIN JOSCELYNE (1741-1839) and MARY LAMBERT (1768-1860), Benjamin being the founder of the Braintree cabinet making, furniture and estate agency business. Isaac was a tailor in Shoreditch, London, marrying Sarah in Lion Walk Congregational Church in Colchester, Essex.

Agnes Sarah, aged 36, married THOMAS WILLIAM BAXTER AVELING in 1878 as his second wife, Aveling then being aged 63. His first wife, MARY ANN GOODALL, had died a year earlier having given him eight children. Agnes' brother ARTHUR JOSCELYNE, a Congregational Minister, officiated at the wedding.

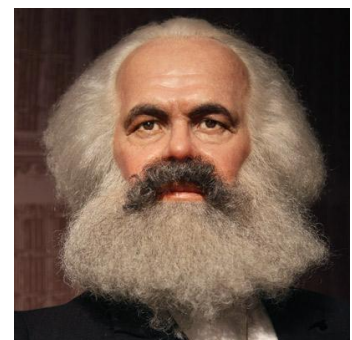
Thomas Aveling (1815-1884) was a very respected Congregational Minister, originally from the Isle of Man, the son of a soldier and an Irish mother, but brought up in Wisbech, Cambridgeshire. He trained for the Ministry and spent all his pastorship at Kingsland Independent Chapel in Stoke Newington in London. Not only did he develop that church considerably (from seating 400 to 800 then to 1350 plus a gallery for 800 children, founding schools for them), but he went on to become Chairman of the Congregational Union in 1876.

In a book by Michael Holroyd on KARL MARX, he states: "The first Mrs Aveling was thought to have known and heartily disliked this member (Agnes Sarah) of her husband's flock who was forever sewing exquisite clerical bands and only too plainly "making a set at him". Her offerings were returned and she was set about her business. Certainly she was not welcomed by her stepchildren."

The connection with KARL MARX comes with the liaison between Thomas' son EDWARD BIBBINS AVELING (1849-1898) and Karl Marx's daughter ELEANOR MARX (1855-1898).

Edward Bibbins Aveling had a rebellious streak and was an Aetheist. He had married Isobel Frank in 1872 but they separated two years later and Edward took up with Eleanor. As a result, Edward became heavily involved with the Socialist Movement in various forms. But he was disliked by many of his contemporaries, especially for his tendency to borrow money from everyone and his infidelity.

Eleanor Marx was an extremely active Socialist, author, translator and campaigner; she supported the match girls in the Bryant and May Strike of 1888 and also the London Dock Strike in 1889. Regrettably she committed suicide by poison largely, it is thought, due to depression brought on by Edwards unfaithfulness. Her ashes were initially kept by a number of left wing organisations before finally being buried alongside her father and other members of her family in Highgate Cemetery in 1956.



I am indebted to Anne Weightman of St Albans (who is distantly related through the "Leigh-on-Sea" Joscelyne line) for providing me with the extract from Michael Holroyd's book and information gleaned from articles on Thomas and Edward Aveling and Eleanor Marx on the Wikipedia website.

Ben Joscelyne, Braintree, 2013

**Need a Copy of a Will in 2013?****Peter Joslin (29)**

It has never been easier to locate and obtain copies of wills left by our ancestors.

Today searches can be made from the comfort of our home or local library.

To obtain wills in the pre-1858 period you first need to check the National Archives website 'Discovery' and enter the name of the person you are looking for, the site has a very good search engine and however many pages a will contains, the cost is **£3.38** and the will is downloaded to your computer in minutes of placing your selection. The collection is mainly of the 'The Prerogative Court of Canterbury' (PCC), which actually sat in London, this was the senior church court and was used by families and people in the southern half of England and in Wales. If you don't find what you are looking for try the following site:

**The National wills index:** <http://www.nationalwillsindex.com/> a part of **Origins.net**

'Origins' is a very good website for serious research, it is associated with the Society of Genealogists (SOG) and has a very reasonable subscription to access their indexes.

Below are some of the other courts (including Lancashire):

Archdeaconry Court of **London Wills Index 1700-1800**, **British Record Society** Probate Collection 1320-1858, **Cheltenham** Probate Abstracts 1660-1740, **Chester** Wills Collection 1519-1940, **Chichester** Consistory Wills Index 1482-1800, Court of **Husting** Will Abstracts 1258-1688, **Gloucester** Wills Index 1801-1858, **Hertfordshire** Wills Index 1415-1857, **Kent** Probate Indexes 1440-1857. **Lancashire** Wills at **Chester** 1736-1844. **Lancashire** Wills at **Richmond** Index 1457-1812, **Lichfield** Consistory Court Wills Index 1650-1700. **London & Middlesex** Will Abstracts 1700-1704. **Oxfordshire** Wills Collection 1516-1857. Prerogative & Exchequer Courts of **York** Probate Index 1688-1858. **Somerset** Wills Abstracts 1385-1558  
**Surrey & South London** Will Abstracts 1470-1858. **Surrey** Peculiars Probate Index 1660-1751. **Surrey** PCC Will Abstracts 1736-1794. **York Medieval** Probate Index 1267-1500  
**York Peculiars** Probate Index 1383-1883

You should also consult the **Essex Archive** if you are sure your ancestor made a Will in Essex.

<http://seax.essexcc.gov.uk/>

If you have a subscription to **Ancestry.com** or **FindMyPast** you will see that they also have an abundance of indexes to Wills for various courts throughout the world.

It is also worth remembering that getting the will is only the beginning of the quest, reading is the next hurdle, the old ones will probably in Latin

**NOW for the Post 1858 Wills through to the present date**

There is NO complete on-line will index that the public can access at present .....but it is promised!. If you live near to a probate office, and these are getting thin on the ground, and even then you may have to make an appointment; they should allow you to search a computer for the will you are looking for and once found, you can order a copy if the will was processed in that office.

Our best route to finding wills between 1858 and 1966 is to use **Ancestry.co.uk** and access their on-line **index 'England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1966'** (free to access at Lancashire Libraries)

Someone has done a fantastic job of photographing every page of the big books that we could find and search at Somerset House and County Record Offices in the old days; they have then indexed all the names and linked them to the image of that page. The details of what we get from our search vary from 1858 to 1966, but it gives the name of the Deceased, when he or she died, where and when he or she died, the value of their effects, to whom and when probate was granted and their relationships. This amount of detail may be sufficient for most people BUT not me. I need to see what is in the 'Nitty gritty' of the will itself, has he or she mentioned all their children, brothers & sisters etc. and who got a share of the family fortune? The next step is to use the data from the Ancestry index to get a copy of the will, this will involve either a personal visit to the Probate Search Room, First Avenue House, 42-49 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NP or if you are lucky, your local probate office, if it was a recent locally proved will (at present they are not available on-line)

My route is much simpler, but involves a postage stamp and a delay of at least 14 days.

You can download a form from the Justice Department and submit it with a remittance of £6.00 and sit back and wait. A good 'Guide to obtaining copies of probate records' containing all the tips to help you and the form you need to use for the application, are available on HM Justice website:<http://www.justice.gov.uk/courts/probate/copies-of-grants-wills>

Note again that it is a **.gov.uk** site and the cost for a copy will be **£6.00** and although they say you should expect your copy in about 4 weeks I got my last order in two weeks, also bear in mind the will you are wanting may only be one page or a dozen, the cost is the same.

You should complete the form **PAIS** and enclose the appropriate fee £6.00 and if you need a second copy of the same will be £1.00 extra. If you do not have a computer, write and provide the full name, address and date of death of the deceased, and the documents you require.

You should send the completed form or letter to:

**Postal Searches and Copies Department, Leeds District Probate Registry**

**York House. York Place. Leeds. LS1 2BA**

Don't forget to include your own contact details.

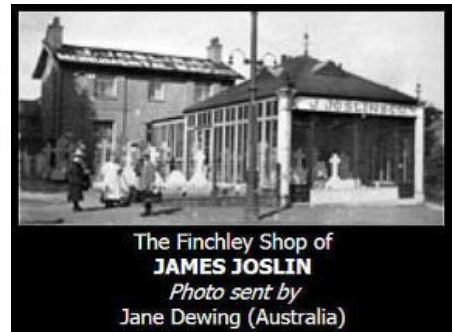
**NB**

I can't emphasise enough, the need to be vigilant when ordering Wills or GRO certificates on-line, there are hundreds of websites trying to convince you that they are 'Official Government Sites' and they will over charge you if you give them a chance.

Remember; if the website is not **.gov.uk** it's not the official government website so don't be tricked into paying extortionate amounts for Wills or Certificates.

Sample of the 1933 free index showing that **James Joslin (Monumental Mason)** left £16,649 and that his only child; his daughter Gladys Joslin, who had married William Williams in 1912 was the executrix. From this data you can apply for the will and find out how James Joslin wished his assets to be distributed. (cost £6.00)

**JOSLIN** James of 8 High-road East Finchley **Middlesex** died 9 September 1933 at the Hanburys Hotel Devonshire-place Eastbourne Probate **London** 1 December to the Public Trustee and Gladys Williams (wife of William Lewis Eliot Williams), Effects £16649 0s. 10d.



Below is a sample of free 1965 index for **Sir Winston Churchill**; this shows that he died on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 1965 at 28, Hyde Park Gate, London. And that he left £304,044

**CHURCHILL** the right honourable sir Winston Leonard Spencer K.G. O.M. C.H. of Chartwell Manor Westerham Kent and 28 Hyde Park Gate London S.W.7 died 24 January 1965 at 28 Hyde Park Gate Probate London 9 February to dame Clementine Ogilvy Spencer Churchill G.B.E. widow Mary Soames married woman and John Rupert Colville C.B. C.V.O. banker. £304044.




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### Jottings.

**Trevor Joslin (255)** (of Australia) has produced an interesting Powerpoint presentation of the 'History of Colchester' for a U3A project; contact him on [trevpaulene@hotmail.com](mailto:trevpaulene@hotmail.com) if you would like to download it.

**Ian Thomson (237)** is still interested in any help in linking his Billericay Joslin/Jocelyn line to the other nearby lines; details were covered in his article in Volume 51. He can be contacted on [iant@mailbox.co.uk](mailto:iant@mailbox.co.uk)

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### Editor's footnote.

Thanks to all who have contributed; I shall be happy to receive material for Journal 54.

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