



# Josselin Journal 63

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## NEW MEMBERS SINCE JOURNAL 62

**282 Carol G Rauh** of St Louis, Missouri, USA. Carol can trace her ancestors back to Abraham Josselyn, one of the sons of Thomas Josselyn (Jostlin) who emigrated to New England in 1635. She is related to Donarita Vocca, member 281, who is a member of The Daughters of The American Revolution and Carol's forebear John Joslin of Kentucky has been approved by that Society.

**283 Sarah Knoblauch** of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, USA. Sarah is also descended from Thomas Josselyn and visited England in May. Ben and Elisabeth (Miller) showed her and a friend around Sawbridgeworth Church in Hertfordshire where she was impressed by the memorials to the Roden family and particularly the hatchments.

**284 Louisa Burville-Riley** of Sevenoaks, Kent. Her earliest known ancestors are from Great Burstead, Essex; James Joslin 1761-1837 and Sarah Dudley whom he married in 1798. Louisa has a connection to a Chitty family member who was a Lord Mayor of London. Brenda Joscelyne (95) is seeing whether she can assist Louisa in her research. Louisa has submitted an article on the Lord Mayor which appears later in the Journal.

**285 James Verrier-Jacobs** of Colchester, Essex. James is deeply into his family history and through a Cramphorn and Whybrow connection has a John Battle who married Theobald Joseline at Roxwell on 28 November 1667. He has been in touch with President Richard Joscelyne (38) and Chairman Derek Joslin (124) to further his research.

**286 Allison Stabile** of Tennessee, USA. Allison is a relative of Sarah Knoblauch (283) and also traces her ancestry to Thomas the emigrant to New England. William Conrad Roentgen of X-Ray fame is a first cousin 4 times removed.

**287 Eugene Beckett** of Illinois, USA. Eugene is another member tracing his ancestry back through Thomas Josselyn the 1635 immigrant to New England and his son Abraham. He has famous French-Canadian ancestors for which see the separate article in this issue.

**288 Christopher and Jill Joslin** of Goldhanger, Essex. We were delighted to meet Chris and Jill at the Leaden Roding meeting following an introduction by Mike Brill (82) to whom it was found Chris is related as well as to Simon Gladas (141) and other members.

**Note:** Following the **Data Protection legislation**, full addresses, telephone and e-mail addresses will no longer be published. However, the Membership Secretary, where appropriate, will contact individual other members, as hitherto, to see if they could and would be prepared to be put in touch to assist new members in their research.

The **Membership List** which has been previously provided to members will no longer be issued for the same reason.

**Ben Joscelyne** (09)  
Membership Secretary

## Josselin Workshop and AGM, Leaden Roding Village Hall, Essex.

Saturday 29th. September was our Work Shop and A.G.M. If you missed it, then I am sorry because in all the years I have been coming this was the best Work Shop we have had. The table displays were all very different. It was good to see different approaches; it made you think how you could improve your own. The morning started with drinks and biscuits and just meeting people. Two couples were specially welcome to our A.G.M. Donna and Larry Bergholz from Canada had a lot to share, I hope they found plenty to remember. Christopher and Jill Joslin, whom I found in my family research, came along from Great Baddow. They took up our membership and obviously had already done a lot of research.

There were six tables of displays and so much to talk about that I did not manage to chat to everyone before we had to break at 12: 00. Derek Joslin had been obtaining DNA results to prove connections with other Joslins. I think there could be a great future here, but though it proves connections it does not prove the route of those connections. It showed links between myself, Peter Joslin and Derek, but also between Jeremy Corbyn and a past American President, Stephen Grover Cleveland. Derek had over 40,000 names on his family tree going back to Ralph Josselyn, 1556 - 1632. Other people dwelt more on peoples lives than family trees. I found these most interesting as it seemed to bring the people back to life. You see a photo and some of their belongings showing where their interests lay.

Time was all too short and at 12:00 we were lucky to have David Tregunno to take us to St. Michael and all Angels Church, Leaden Roding to tell us some of its history. Some of the church walls date from the latter part of the 11th. Century. There are 3 bells, the oldest dating from 1523, reputed to be the oldest in Essex. It is the only pre-reformation bell to be inscribed in English "John Aylet gave me in the Vorchyp of the Trinite Ac 1523". The bells and their supports were not very strong so ringing was not permitted, only chiming. Chiming is the bells swinging to & fro, but not revolving completely as in ringing. David was an expert and could chime the 3 bells, standing on one leg and with one bell attached to his left foot and pull the other two with his hands. They are lucky to have a Holditch organ. At a special service a few years ago, which he Bishop attended, they were using an old organ which was way past its best. The Bishop said he had an excellent organ in store at Chelmsford Cathedral. It was in pieces, but if they could raise the funds to rebuild it, then it was theirs. Funds were raised and the organ installed. Holditch was the first person to develop a small organ, which with clever interconnecting pipes can play as large a range of notes as one of 900 pipes. He first displayed the organ at the 1851 Festival of Britain. Now Leaden has one. A couple of members were able to play a few notes for us.

While we were at the church a finger buffet was being laid out for us. Nickie and Tony of the Black Bull, Fyfield provided all the food. Nickie's mother, Jackie is a neighbour of mine and said she would like to see our displays and would look after things for us while we were at the church. In the end Jackie and her other daughter, also called Jackie, turned up and organised the coffee and biscuits, lunch and did most of the washing up. How good it is to live in villages with such wonderful neighbours.

The afternoon started with the A.G.M. I thought it might go on too long so we would miss our talks. However it was quickly put in order and John Hallum could complete his family history started at the last A.G.M. He had many good stories of their lives. The best one I remember was of one ancestor who stole a horse to ride to London. She was arrested and taken to court for stealing a horse. Unfortunately the law then was

that if found guilty of stealing anything worth 5/- or more you would be hanged. Courts were finding it difficult to get juries to find people guilty of stealing as a result. Most people found this punishment far too severe. However, she was found guilty and sentenced to hang. Luckily the sentence was commuted to transportation to Australia. Ben followed with impeccable timing for his family story to finish at 4: 30, just giving us time to clear everything up by closing time, 5:00.

[Photos appear on pages 20 -21]

Mike Brill (82)

*[Glad you enjoyed the talk, Michael; the young lady in question was an employee of the family, not actually one of my ancestors. John H.]*

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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 29 September 2018**

Chairman Derek Joslin (124) welcomed 24 members, family and friends to the meeting at Leaden Roding Village Hall, Essex, including President Richard Joscelyne (38), Donna and Larry Bergholz (265) from Vancouver, Canada, on their second visit, also new members Christopher and Jill Joslin from Chelmsford (288). Apologies were received from 16 other members. Thanks were given to Mike Brill (82) who had made the arrangements for the day.

Treasurer and Membership Secretary Ben Joscelyne (09) presented the accounts showing an increase in funds in the year of £272 and a balance in hand of £1803. The annual subscription was voted to remain at £10. There were 9 new members in the year while 11 had not renewed although two of those have promised to renew. Total membership stands at 79. [See next page.]

Vernon Lane (109) retired from the committee after serving for a long time, including as a former chairman, and John Hines (228) was elected to replace him. All other officers and committee members were re-elected.

The website is to be re-designed and maintained by Mike Garrick (269) following Timothy Joscelyne's (220) many years as webmaster. The Facebook page, administered by Chairman Derek Joslin, has proved very successful and has now attracted 117 participants. There is also an American Facebook group.

A discussion regarding Data Protection following recent legislation means that the Members List can no longer be issued to members and consent needs to be obtained for the Society to hold personal details for society purposes. As happens now, members consent is needed to be put in touch with other members e.g. for research purposes. Archives: While receipt of requested lists of members' holdings being lodged with the Society had been limited, the Society had been most grateful to receive much of the late Peter Joslin's (29) extensive archive including very many birth, marriage and death records; an index is to be made. Enquiries for researching the same should be made to committee members.

Time did not permit a discussion on future activities which was left in the hands of the committee.

Ben Joscelyne (09)



THE JOSSELIN SOCIETY FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31/8/2018

2016/17	RECEIPTS	2017/18	2016/17	PAYMENTS	2017/18
1317.26	<u>BALANCE IN HAND</u> 11/9/17	1531.54	89.80	<u>PRINTING - BDC</u>	
				JOURNAL 61 50.00	92.00
			326.35	JOURNAL 62 42.00	
	<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>			<u>MOUNT BURES LUNCHES</u>	330.65
	FOR 2017/18 540.00			BOUQUET 8.00	
	FOR 2016/17 80.00		341.00	<u>NEW HALL LUNCH</u>	200.00
690.00	FOR 2018/19-21 200.00	820.00		(See also in Sec'y expenses)	
8.00	<u>DONATIONS</u>	33.00		<u>SECRETARY'S EXPENSES</u>	
17.50	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>			MOUNT BURES POSTAGE 14.09	
10.00	<u>TIES + PINS</u>			JOURNAL 61 POSTAGES 35.93	
	<u>MOUNT BURES LUNCHES</u>	32.50		COMMITTEE REFRESHMENTS 45.00	
	NEW HALL LUNCHES 200.00	250.65		DEPOSIT-LENDERS RADING 20.00	
	CANCELLATION PAYM <sup>ts</sup> 35.00	235.00		JOURNAL 62 POSTAGES 35.93	
216.00	<u>SATFROG GARDEN LUNCHES</u>			NEW HALL MAILING 18.38	
216.00	<u>INGATESTONE HALL LUNCHES</u>			10 METCHLEY STICKS 48.09	
				GIFT CARD - MARGARET JOSEPH 50.00	
			186.07	NEW HALL DONATION 110.00	476.35
	<u>INCREASE IN FUNDS IN YEAR</u>			NEW HALL LUNCH SHORTFALL 30.00	
	BALANCE AT END 1803.69		943.22		
	LESS AT START 1531.54		1531.54	<u>SUNDRIES</u>	
	£ 272.15				
2474.76		2902.69	2474.76	<u>BALANCE IN HAND 31/8/18</u>	1099.00
					1803.69
					2902.69

**MURRAY MINTS.****Peter Josling (01)**

In my years of researching my Family History one of the valuable resources I have found is The London Gazette.

The London Gazette was founded in 1665, originally titled The Oxford Gazette due to the fact that Charles II had moved his court to Oxford during the Great Plague. On his return to London it was renamed on 5<sup>th</sup> February 1666 to The London Gazette. It lays claim to be the oldest continuously published newspaper. It is not a newspaper in the conventional manner, but an official journal containing statutory notices.

It gave its name to the term as Gazetted, as if you were a member of the Military and were promoted or mentioned in despatches it would be in the Gazette.

There are many other official items listed in The Gazette, these include, Business transactions, such as insolvency, Wills and Probates, Company information plus many other official activities. It is well worth putting your ancestors name in the search engine, you need to put in brackets and see what comes up.

An example of this I put in "Arthur Samuel Josling" my Great Grandfather. I came up with several entries one of which was as below from March 12 1892.

**NOTICE** is hereby given, that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between us: the undersigned, Robert Stuart Murray, Charles Hubbard, and Arthur Samuel Josling, of 67, 68, and 69, Turnmill-street, in the county of Middlesex, carrying on business as Manufacturing Confectioners and Dealers in Confectioners' Sundries, has been dissolved, by mutual consent, as from the 12th day of March instant, so far as regards the said Arthur Samuel Josling. The said business has been from the said 12th March, and will be in future carried on by the said Robert Stuart Murray and Charles Hubbard, who will pay and receive all debts owing by or to the said Partnership.—Dated this 26th day of March, 1892.

R. S. MURRAY.  
C. HUBBARD.  
ARTHUR S. JOSLING.

You can see here that the partnership between my Great Grandfather was dissolved with Robert Stuart Murray and Charles Hubbard. As to why he dissolved this partnership I don't know. But Robert Stuart Murray went on to start the company R S Murray & Co who gained fame as the inventors of the "Murray Mint"

Peter Josling 21/02/2018

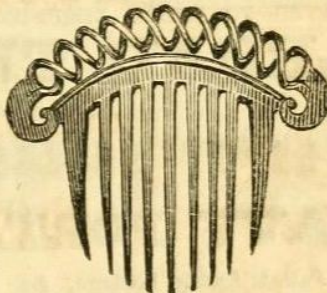


From Wayne Joslin (28) , Canada.

More ads I came across while looking for woodworking machinery stuff in old journals.

Sources: 1854 and 1856 *Massachusetts Directory*

1881 *Lawrence (Massachusetts) Directory*, published by Sampson, Davenport & Co.

**W. A. JOSLIN,**  
  
**COMB**  
 MAKER,  
 AND WORKER IN  
 TORTOISE SHELL,  
**113**  
 Washington Street,  
 BOSTON.

Children's Round Combs and Hair Pins constantly on hand or made to order. Old Combs altered into all the present New Styles. Shell Combs Repaired in the neatest and most durable manner.

**WM. A. JOSLIN,**  
**COMB MAKER,**  
  
**COMBS**  
 REPAIRED  
 And made to Order.  
 OLD COMBS  
 Altered to new styles.  
 India Rubber Combs  
 Constantly for Sale.  
**113**  
 Washington St.,  
 BOSTON.

**MERRIMAC IRON FOUNDRY,**  
 MANUFACTURERS OF ALL KINDS OF  
**CASTINGS.**  
 West of Boston and Maine Passenger Depot.  
**WM. H. JOSLYN, Agent, LAWRENCE.**



From :

Larry & Donna Bergholz,  
 Mexico

This photo was taken in  
 Puerto Penasco, Mexico.  
 The Joslins are everywhere.

Cheers, Larry & Donna

## ARTHUR JOSLIN (1900 - 1986) OF BRAINTREE

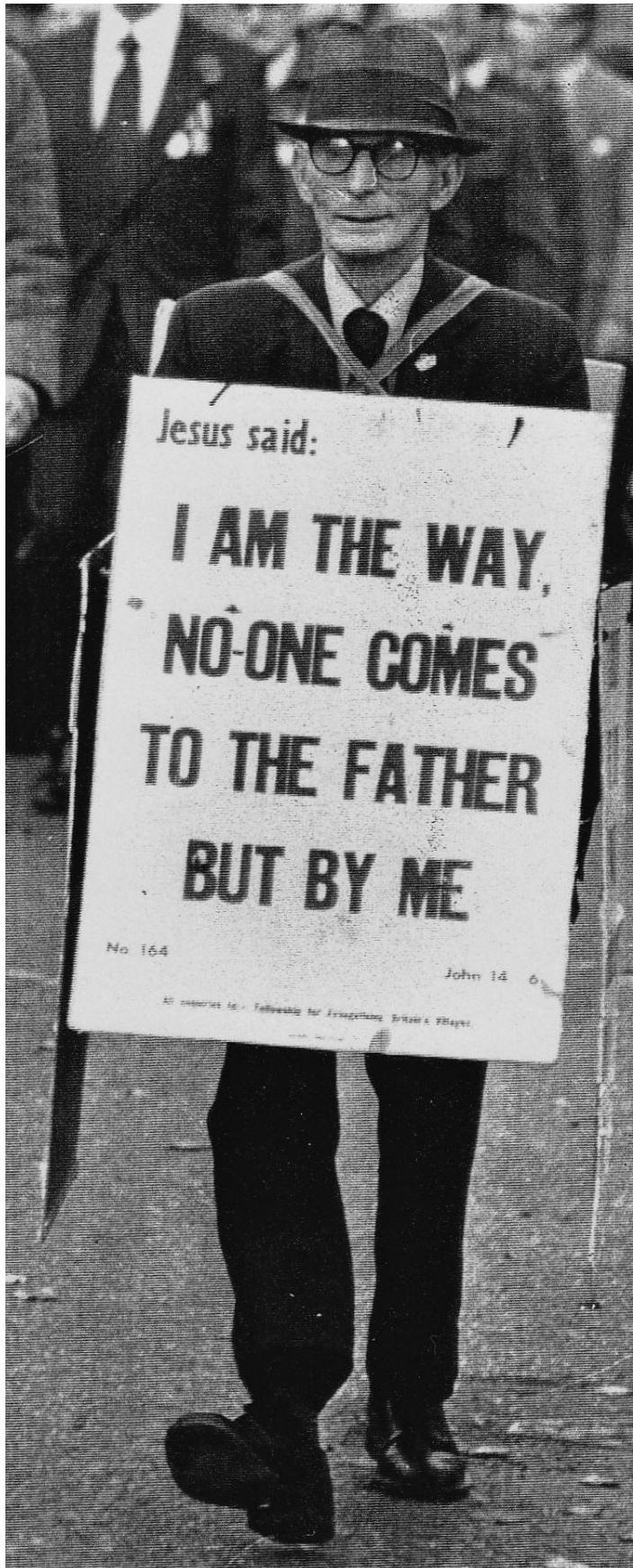
Arthur was born in 1900 at Faulkbourne (between Braintree and Witham in Essex) and lived in Clockhouse Way, Braintree. He served in France during WW1, re-enlisting in 1921 for service in India and later in Ireland as a member of the Black and Tans; during WW2 he joined the Home Guard.

Arthur was highly inventive and with his friend Percy Nichols, from the High Street radio shop, created the town's first public address system. He made bicycles from salvaged parts, selling them to American servicemen and, while working as a Courtaulds loom fitter, ran a business collecting cricket bat offcuts from Wrights of Great Leighs converting them into kindling wood.

Above all he was a devout Free Church member with immense Bible knowledge. His diminutive figure under a trilby hat is best remembered walking the streets with a sandwich board on which were placed Biblical tracts. Arthur moved with the times by playing hymns from cassettes as he walked. He also put tracts in bundles of firewood.

Despite being the object of mirth and derision to many, Arthur stuck to his task. After the 1985 Braintree Carnival, he removed his boards and declared he was "too weak to carry them anymore". He died eight months later.

*The foregoing appeared in the Braintree and Witham Times in June 2018 and was written by local historian Mike Bardell and is reproduced with his permission. Members will recall that his daughter Ruth Ann Joslin (former member 69) attended many meetings of the Society until she moved to Cirencester. Ben Joscebyne (09)*





## SOCIETY VISIT TO NEW HALL, BOREHAM, ESSEX

On a very hot morning on Saturday, 21 July 2018, our group of twenty were treated to a mainly external tour of the former Royal Palace of Beaulieu which since 1798 has been a Catholic school.

Our expert guide was Tony Tuckwell who has researched the history and written a book on the subject and who also took part in the Time Team investigation for a TV programme a few years ago. Time Team's own expert postulated that Henry VIII acquired the property from the Boleyn family and rebuilt it principally as a retreat from the rigours of London for his then wife Queen Katherine of Aragon and her daughter Mary; this he deduced from a coat of arms which we saw in the school chapel.

For two centuries the estate was owned or visited by many nobles of the day. Little remains of the original buildings other than the present school façade which originally was the back part of the palace fronting the main courtyard. Time Team were able to excavate what would have been the original palace entrance gateway and the royal quarters.

Following the tour, we gathered at the Six Bells public house in the village of Boreham for a convivial buffet lunch.

Ben Joscelyne



Above; view of the front of the Hall and members listening to Mr Tuckwell.



Left; Members standing in the ancient gateway leading to the inner courtyard:

The beautifully restored Chapel.

Photos by Melvyn Joscelyne.

Society members & Guests enjoying a chat during lunch at the Six Bells.





**A Tale of Two Lord Mayors.****Louisa Burville-Riley (284)**

In the Josselin Journal Issue 61, Ben Joscelyn's piece on Sir Ralph Joscelyn, Lord Mayor of London 1464-5 and 1476-7 was of particular interest. My Joslin grandmother had spoken of an ancestor having been London Lord Mayor.

It was not, however, Ralph Joscelyn my grandmother was referring to. Her Lord Mayor was a maternal ancestor, Sir Thomas Chitty.

Thomas Chitty (1696-1762) was Master of the Salter's Company, one of the twelve London livery companies. While the Salter's Company had origins in the salt trade of medieval London, Salters also dealt with flax, hemp, logwood, cochineal, potashes and chemical concoctions.

Elected as Sheriff of The City of London 1753-54, Thomas subsequently became Lord Mayor 1759-60.

According to historian Alfred P. Beavan, Sir Thomas laid the foundation stone of Blackfriars Bridge during his Mayoralty, on 31st October 1760. The illustration shows this event.

The stone bore an inscription dedicated to William Pitt the elder, then Secretary of State. The clumsy Latin text of the dedication became the subject of much criticism, reflecting the fact that the entire design of the bridge was "too decidedly Roman" for contemporary tastes (Elmes, 1847, p 340).

The discovery that Thomas Chitty was preceded as Lord Mayor, three centuries earlier, by Ralph Joscelyn presented an enticing possibility: could the marriage of my Joslin Great Grandfather and Chitty Great Grandmother have been a union that brought together - in two ostensibly very ordinary people - a matching pair of ancestral links to past holders of this iconic office?



The idea does not seem entirely fanciful. On Ancestry DNA, my family has genetic matches to descendants of Ralph Joscelyn's family.

But just as the Joscelyn link emerges as a possibility, the Chitty claim seems to waver. Despite the confident passing-down of family history that cites us as descendants of Thomas Chitty's brother, I have not yet been able to confirm this fraternal connection. It seems more likely that our Bramley-born Surrey ancestor Richard Chitty (abt 1776-1864) descended from one of the distant Chitty cousins of Sir Thomas, associated with Bramley.

Further investigation is needed. Perhaps, regardless of the facts, this family story will remain well-preserved. Sir Thomas is the salt that heightens the flavour of the Chitty past.

[Continued]



*Commemorative Tablet.*

## BLACKFRIARS BRIDGE.

Corporation of London.

Standing on the site of the original bridge named after William Pitt the Elder in 1760.

Constructed and maintained without burden on public funds out of monies derived from Bridge House Estates Trust.

First opened 6<sup>th</sup> November 1869 by Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

Widened and reopened 14 September 1909 by the Rt. Hon. Sir George Wyatt Truscott, Bart. Lord Mayor.

This space could have taken *your* story.

Have you an item that would be of interest to other members?

Are you researching any particular family line - and have you found the connection to others?

Possibly you have a query that another reader could help to answer.

My thanks to those who have contributed to this issue of the Journal.

It was particularly pleasing to have contributions from two of our new members, Eugene Beckett and Louisa Burville-Riley.

Particular thanks also to Ben Joscelyne for his contributions.

I will be pleased to receive your contributions to the next issue by email or through the Royal Mail; it would be a change from most of the junk mail that arrives.

John Hallum, Editor

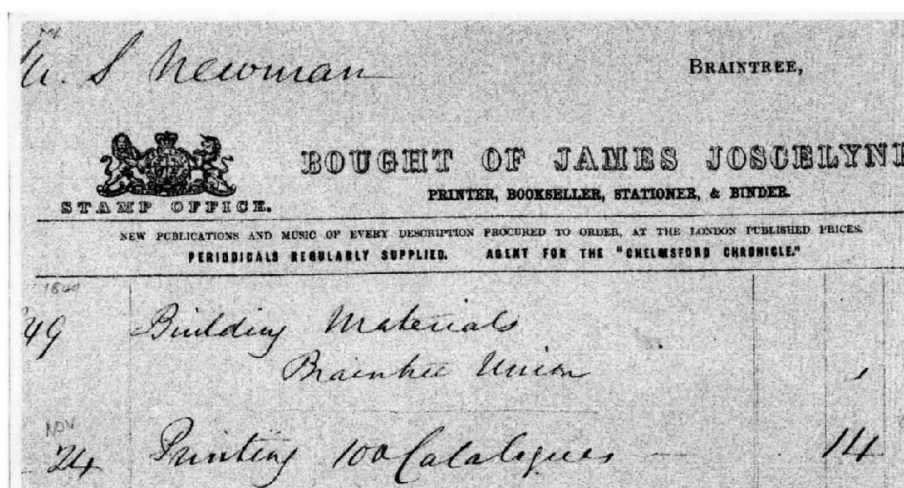


## THE JOSCELYNE STATIONERS AND PRINTERS OF BRAINTREE, ESSEX

Apart from the Furnishing and Estate Agency businesses in the town, another branch of the family established a thriving printers and stationers early in the 19th century. The originator was probably **James Joscelyne** (1800 - 1858) a nephew of the Benjamin who started the furnishing business. A known poster is dated 1826.

The shop and house were at 76 and 78 High Street and initially only the right hand part was used for the business while the printers trade was carried on at the rear. For a while, James widowed mother, **Mary (Firmin)** continued a small bakers and dealer in sacks business with James as noted by Pigot's Directory in 1832. In 1839, James was noted in Pigot's as also a stamp distributor.

The 1841 census in High Street lists **James**, aged about 40 as a Stationer, with his wife **Sarah (Watkinson Stevenson)**, about 35, and children **Edward** 15, **James** 9 and **Charles** 6. In 1851 **James senior** is described as a printer, bookseller and stationer employing four assistants; **Edward** is listed without an occupation and **Charles** noted as a booksellers assistant. James other son, **James Robert**, had left home and started on his successful farming career first at Cressing then at Panfield. Two other children, **Sarah** and **Henry** had sadly died very young and had been buried in the family vault at Bocking End Independent Chapel.



**James senior** died in 1858 and the 1861 census lists **Charles** as head of the household and bookseller with wife **Elizabeth (White)** and daughters **Emily** and **Jane** both recently born. Also in the house were a nursemaid, two other maids and a shop assistant.

By 1871, **Edward** remained at 76/78 High Street listed as a bookseller, stationer, etc., while **Charles and his family** were living at number 80; he is described as bookseller, stationer and printer of the firm **E and C Joscelyne** and employing five men and two boys. Four further children had been born, **Sarah**, **Charles Percy**, **Ellen Mary** and **Catherine Stevenson** and there was a nursemaid and maidservant.

By 1881, **Edward** had married **Mary Byatt** of Shalford (in Colchester in 1875) and remained at High Street. **Charles** had died in 1878 after having had a further son, **James Edward**, born 1872, and his widow **Elizabeth** had moved to a house in Rayne Road with her five children, a housemaid and a cook. Elizabeth was listed as a printer and bookbinder and employing 3 men and 4 boys.

Come 1891, **Edward** had retired as a bookseller and with **Mary** was listed at 86 High Street, while **Elizabeth** appeared in the census at Bocking End as a printer and stationer with **Jane** and **Charles Percy** noted as stationers and **James Edward** as a drapers apprentice.

**Edward and Mary Joscelyne** were still living, in their mid seventies, at 76 High Street in 1901. **Elizabeth** had died in 1899 and her son **Charles with his two sisters Ellen and Catherine and his brother James Edward** had moved to "Lulworth" in London Road close to Blandford House. Charles and Ellen were described as stationers and James Edward as a printer.

OFFICE OF THE  
"LOCAL TIME TABLE"  
AND ADVERTISER  
79, HIGH STREET,  
BRAINTREE, Nov. 1900  
Executive J. G. West Esq.  
Bought of C. JOSCELYNE, £122  
\* PRINTER. \*  
BOOKSELLER, \* STATIONER, \* BOOKBINDER, \* ETC.,  
Engraving, Die Sinking, Relief and Colour Stamping.

1897	Oct 14	1 Carboard Screen	2 frames of st.	4 0
	25	1 Double Carboard frame	1 Single ditto	3 0
	Nov 5	1 Clarendon Colloid		2
	Dec 1	3 Sheet Blotting Paper		3
1898		1 Box emb. Green. Dumb. Note & Receipt		2 0
	Jan 25	1 Calendar		1 0
	Feb 11	6 Sheet best White blotting		6
	16	Stationery Rack		1 0
	23	2 Roll White crumpled tissue		9
	Mar 11	2 Drawing Card Studies		2 0
		1 Ink & Ink do		1 6
	19	Picture party girls		1 0
	23	Clarendon Colloid		6

The census of 1911 shows "Lulworth", London Road occupied by **Charles Percy** as head of the household and a printer, stationer and bookseller, his sister **Ellen Mary**, bookseller and stationer, and brother **James Edward** printer, stationer and bookseller, also a housekeeper and a maid. All were middle aged and single.

The First World War must have been a worrying time but gave opportunities and the Rev Andrew Clark, the Rector of Great Leighs, in his "Echoes of the Great War", a detailed diary of local events, has two references to the business premises.

For Wednesday, 4 November 1914, after the arrival of troops in the locality, he writes:

"All the streets in Braintree were full of men, strolling up and down or standing in groups. Joscelyne's the stationer has fitted up two shop desks with blotting paper, ink-pots and pens so that the men can address postcards. As a result they have sold some thousands of picture cards and postcards in the few days which have elapsed since the troops arrived. Outside the Wheatsheaf a barrel organ was playing, a great group of Tommies standing about, a few couples of them dancing in the street."

In 1916 he writes of Zeppelin raids and an entry on Saturday 1 April reads:

"Village reports as to last night's raid: at Braintree bombs were dropped in High Street, in Martins Yard, and in Rifle Hill. Much glass was broken, the chief damage being to shop of C Joscelyne, my pet stationer, in High Street. (It was Joscelyne's home, not his shop, that was bombed). In Martin's Yard five people are reported killed; ninety bombs were dropped in all."

In 1928, Lewis Henry Joscelyne (of the furnishing business at 60-62 High Street) wrote a privately published book "The Joscelynes of Braintree" about various branches of the family.

Of the senior James son **Edward**, he writes:

"Edward was a very quiet and retiring man yet of a friendly disposition; he married late in life and left no children. He at one time played an instrument in the gallery at Bocking Chapel and was almost to the end an acceptable preacher at Village Chapels."

And of **Charles**:

"Charles and his wife I knew well, they had a numerous family and frequently invited me to their jolly parties - a kindness it was not possible for me to reciprocate owing to my mother's chronic sickness".

Also: "The business in High Street has been considerably extended - the house next the Corn Exchange having been incorporated in the shop - under the able management of **Miss E M Joscelyne**, one of the daughters of Charles."

Kelly's Essex Directory of personal names of 1932 lists this **Miss Joscelyne** at 5 London Road - which was the house known as "Lulworth". **Charles Percy** had died in 1929 and **James Edward** and **Ellen** carried on the Business until the late 1940's, James passing away in 1949 and Ellen in 1951.



About 1900

76 - 78  
High Street  
Braintree



About 1920

Photos courtesy of  
Braintree District  
Museum

**Miss Ellen Joscelyne** ran the business for many years into her old age and during which time the shop also sold toys, especially Hornby trains, and many will recollect the oval shaped open balcony to the first floor.

About 1949, Ellen sold the business to **Trevor J S Blake**, an Architect, who was then living in London Road, Braintree. He may have been a distant relative (but a link has not been found) of **Henry Blake** who had married James and Ellen's sister **Catherine Stevenson Joscelyne** in 1904. This was Blake's second marriage, his first having been to Catherine's sister **Sarah** but she had died in 1903.

Then in 1953 the business closed and the premises were purchased by the Townrow family and Peter Townrow altered the premises extensively and traded very successfully in Ladies Fashions for 46 years. They had paid £11,000 for the property and £2,000 for the stock. In recent years there have been a number of occupiers, notably by the Braintree and Witham Times newspaper for their offices. The present owners (2018) have submitted a planning application to retain a shop but turn the upper floors and rear of the premises into a number of flats.

Thus the Joscelyne ownership and businesses ran for about 125 years with the printers producing all sorts of matter in the old-fashioned manner of hand selected type, many of the early posters and auction sale catalogues in Victorian times being in very varied typefaces. Both that business and the stationers were highly regarded in the developing town and only came to an end largely because there were no more family members to run them.

**Ben Joscelyne**  
Braintree, 2018

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The Extensive Premises, comprising House, standing in its own grounds of about 2 acres, Conservatory Greenhouse, Stable, Chaisehouse, &c., TO LET.

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## THE WIRELESS SITE IN QUEENBOROUGH LANE, BRAINTREE DURING WORLD WAR TWO

As related by Harry Cullum to Ben Joscelyne and Clive Copsey in August 2012

Born in Colchester, Harry joined the Air Training Corps (308 Squadron) and then the RAF and trained as a wireless mechanic at various places around Britain. In 1943 he was posted to 80 (Signals) Wing Bomber Command at Queenborough Lane, Braintree. where he stayed until the end of the European war in 1945. Subsequently he was sent to India before returning and settling in Braintree.

The Unit was one of many such stations, especially around East Anglia, and was constructed in 1940 and administered from Radlett, Hertfordshire. Its purpose was to intercept and divert incoming German high frequency radio beams for their bombers. A receiving station - just one hut - was located at Great Waltham (it had to be 6 miles away) while Braintree had 4 or 5 aerials linked to equipment in 4 huts where the diversions were transmitted. It was located where Oaklands Close and Maylands Drive are now -just down Queenborough Lane coming from London Road.

There were 60 personnel attached to the unit all billeted in private homes. Harry was at 10 Railway Street while the commanding officer, Squadron Leader Pears. who was also in charge of all the units in the Anglia area, Ben remembers, was at his parents and family home Tall Trees, London Road. Clive, who lived further along Queenborough Lane. recalls two airmen billeted on them - Gerry Carter and Alf Levy. Harry remembers another airman. Sid Plunkett, who later became a professional footballer for Norwich City.

Three shifts were maintained around the clock so there was much coming and going, mostly by bicycle, while team sports were organised including cricket and football ( a league in Chelmsford was joined) also table tennis. The airmen attended the United Services Club (which was then situated in George Yard behind the Crittall and Winterton hardware store), visited the YMCA café at the old chapel at High Garrett and also for refreshments at the London Road Congregational Church where Ben's mother helped. Harry also recalls making toys for local children at Christmas.

Information would have been passed to US as well as RAF bases but there was no connection with the US Hospital at Whitecourts, which later became a Royal Naval Hospital, a little further along London Road towards Chelmsford. Before the masts and buildings were removed in the late 1940's, several Polish refugees took up residence.

**A technical note:** The German VHF blind bombing system was known as "Knickebein" and was used to guide their bombers to UK based targets. After identifying the beams, initially jamming was by transmitting a "mush" noise. this system being codenamed "Headache". However, this was superseded by a higher powered system codenamed "Aspirin" which transmitted signals imitating the "Knickebein" beam to cause confusion. Another method was to mask the transmissions and then re-broadcasting them, this being known as "Meacon".

An excellent book on the subject is "**Royal Air Force Beam Benders No SO (Signals) wing 1940-1945**" by Laurie Brettingham (1997). ISBN 1 857800400, Midland Publishing Limited. This quotes an amusing incident related by a visitor to the Braintree site -

"at the end of one very busy day the sergeant suggested that he and I should go into the town for a drink There was a "pea-souper" of a fog but in due course we saw a light under a door and on a signboard overhead we could just see "The Sun". We went in and ordered two beers but all we got was a very peculiar look from the "barman" - we were in the Sun Insurance office!"

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Recalling that there used to be a Sun Agency at 61 High Street (and an old wall plaque dating from the time when retained fire brigades only turned out to those insured with a particular agency), I had a word with Robert Smith whose father had his Solicitors office there and Robert thinks the story very likely refers to that property.

However. Jim would have been commissioned in the RAF at the time and his first floor office had been closed, but Robert remembers a Mr Brown had a Sun Agency in part of the ground floor so the airman may have found themselves in his office.

Also on the ground floor, sharing the entrance, was Castle and Co.'s Off Licence so that might have been part of the confusion.

Ben Joscelyne (09)

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Eugene Beckett with 4<sup>th</sup> Great Grandfather

### **EUGENE BECKETT - Member 287**

New member Eugene stands by a statue of his ancestor Timothy Demonbreun (1731-1826) who was regarded as the “first citizen” of Nashville, Tennessee.

Described in Wikipedia as “tall, athletic, and dark-skinned with a large head and an eagle eye”, Demonbreun was a striking figure who wore a foxskin cap with a tail down the back. His great grandfather, Pierre Boucher, was the first Canadian to be raised to the rank of nobility, while his father, Etienne, served in the French army in Canada during the French and Indian War. After the defeat of the French at Quebec in 1759, Timothy migrated to what is now the USA and became a hunter and fur trader.

Pierre Boucher de Boucherville (1622-1717) came to Canada with his father and initially spent four years as a Jesuit missionary. Then becoming a soldier, he acted as an interpreter of Indian languages and later Governor of Trois-Rivieres; he also wrote a significant book about the natural history of the area. Boucher was the first Canadian settler to be enobled by King Louis XIV.

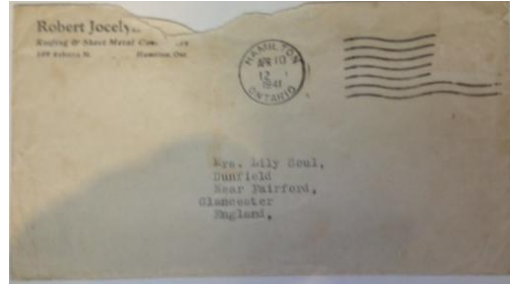
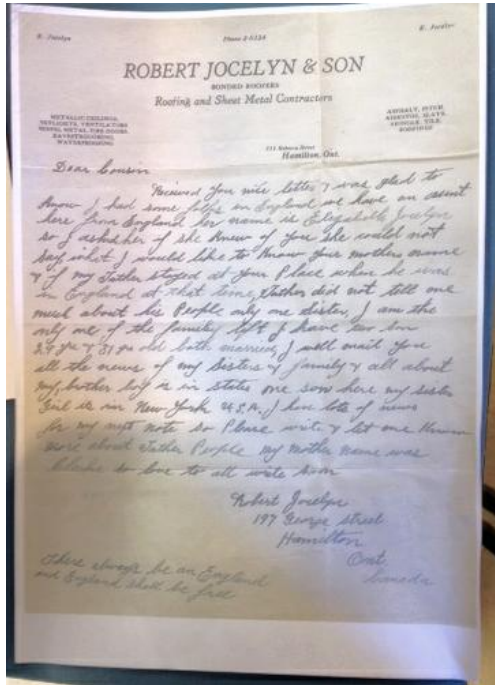
**Eugene** traces his Josselin connection to his 8<sup>th</sup> Great Grandparents Thomas Josselyn (born 1591/2), the immigrant from England in 1635, and his wife Rebecca Jude via their son Abraham and hence to the main Roden family line. The link is with Mary Joslin (born 1721), daughter of Henry Vaughn Joslin who married Francis Hopkins in 1743 in East Greenwich, Rhode Island.

Eugene and his wife Patsy live in a small town in Cambria, Illinois, USA. Now retired he was in the Mobile Home manufacturing business for 45 years while Patsy was a Registered Nurse.

Compiled by Ben Joscelyne.

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**Leaden Roding; Members exhibits.**



Dear cousin

Received your letter and was glad to hear I had some folk in England we have an aunt here from England her name is Elizabeth Jocelyn so I asked if she knew of you she would not say, in that I want you to know your mother's name and if my father stayed at your place when he was in England at that time, Father did not tell me much about the people, ..... I have lots of news for my next note so please write and let me know more about Father people, my mother name was Clarke so love to all write soon

Robert Jocelyn

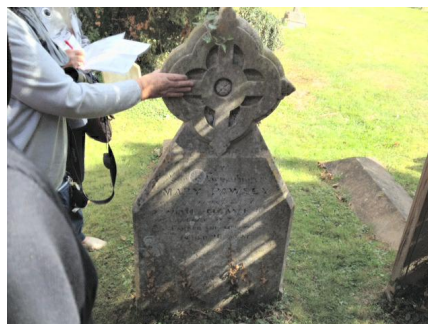
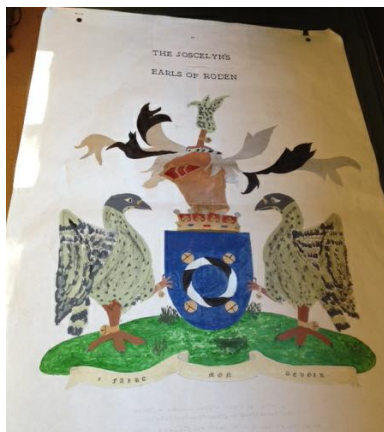
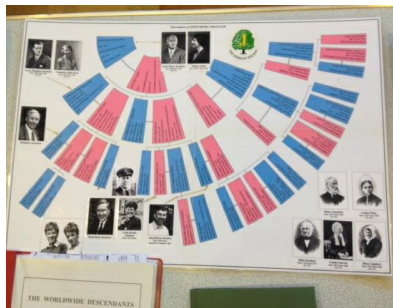
197 George Street

Hamilton

Ont. Canada

*there always be an England  
and England shall be free.*

[I have tried to transcribe the content of the letter from the photo; I would be obliged if the member who exhibited it could correct & complete it; is this line part of your research? Editor.]



Inspecting the Josling



## Leaden Roding; Church Visit & Village Hall Workshop & AGM.



David Tregunno revealing the history of St. Michael and all Angels Church, Leaden Roding.

The Holditch organ, a small organ developed by Holditch which, with clever interconnecting pipes, can play as large a range of notes as one of 900 pipes.



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