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The views expressed in the articles are those of the individuals concerned and may in no way reflect those of the Josselin Society in general.

Administration and Secretarial.

1. USA member Donarita Vocca (281) has moved and advised her new address. Membership Secretary, Ben Joscelyne, can put members in touch with Donarita's consent.
2. At the recent Committee Meeting, members were advised that there are now 123 participants on our Facebook page.

After creating and running the Society's website for 10 years, Timothy Joscelyne (220) has passed the baton to Mike Garrick (269) who will be creating a new website due to technical difficulties of continuing the old one.

Forthcoming Society Meetings

Two meetings are being planned as follows and full details will be sent in due course:

Saturday 8 June (Update on previous notification)

A day in Maldon town centre, Essex, organised by Simon Gladas.

Guided Tour of the Plume Library, dating back to 1702.

Visit to the Maeldune Centre with local history and the tapestry created to celebrate the 1000th anniversary of the Battle of Maldon.

Visit to the Friary Walled Garden.

Guided tour of the Moot Hall followed by a talk on Maldon's history.

Teas and coffees and sandwich buffet lunch in the Town Hall.

Reservations will be required a month ahead. The cost will be £15 per head.

Notices to be communicated by e-mail or post soon.

Saturday 28 September

A visit to Henry Moore's House (guided tour), Sculpture Studios and Grounds at Much Hadham near Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire followed by the AGM and presentations at nearby Little Hadham Village Hall in the afternoon. Moore was the internationally known sculptor and artist and many of his works are in the large garden area. There is a café for refreshments.

Please note that firm reservations for this event will be required a month ahead as tickets for this group booking have to be paid for in advance and are not refundable for non attendance. The Society will fund this with participants repaying at the time.

Ben Joscelyne, Membership Secretary (09)



JAMES GEORGE PHILLIPS of ISLE OF WIGHT

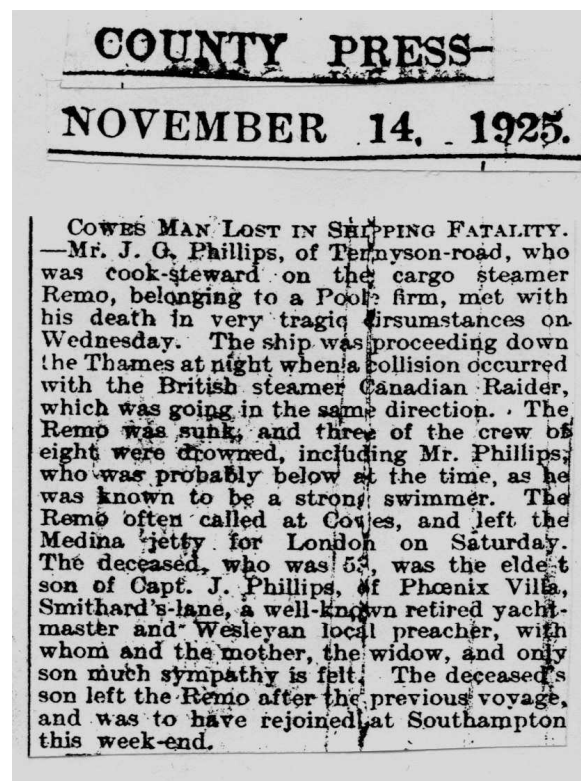
James George Phillips was born in Cowes, Isle of Wight in 1873. He married **Lucy Jocelyn** who was a descendent of **Richard Jocelyn** and **Lucy Bascombe** of Southampton.

James and Lucy were married in 1899 in Southampton and they had one son, Harry James Phillips who was born 1 December 1900 in Cowes, Isle of Wight.

He was working as a cook on board SS Remo. On the 11 November 1925, the Remo had just left the Medina jetty on the River Thames at night when there was a sudden crash and the SS Remo sunk and three out of the eight man crew lost their lives, including James.



This is an article from a shipping report about the accident.

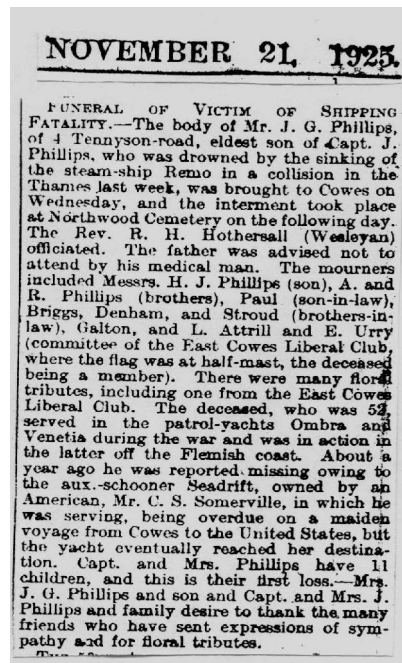


NOTES about the people in the County Press newspaper article.

James's son Harry could have been aboard the REMO, but fortunately he was on leave. Harry James Phillips was born on 1 December 1900 the only child of James and Lucy (nee Jocelyn) Phillips.

James Phillips, father of James, was born in Montreal, Canada and was a Master Mariner. He died 15 April 1935 at Phoenix Villa, Smithards Lane, East Cowes Isle of Wight.

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Those attending the funeral:-

Alfred Silas **Phillips**, James's brother was born 11 February 1875
Robert **Phillips**, another brother was born 25 March 1877.

Edward **Paul** son of William John Paul and Mabel Jocelyn, Lucy's sister.

John **Briggs** married Lucy's sister Alice E Jocelyn.

Reginald Edgar **Denham** married Lilian Jane Patience Phillips, James's sister.

Percival Edward George **Stroud** married Susannah Elizabeth Phillips, James's sister.

As it was a Methodist funeral only the male members of the family attended.

Brenda Joscelyne (95)

Jocelyn connection with the Isle of Wight.



Just after passing under the railway bridge approaching Sandown, I noticed on our left a new building with the name JOCELYN COURT on it. It was not there a year ago and I have been unable to find a connection with any of the Jocelyn's who lived or are living on the Isle.

More connections.

Thomas Andrew Jocelyn born 1849 in Southampton, died 1923 at the age of 83 died on the Isle.

His son Ernest Andrew Jocelyn born 2 January 1877 in Southampton married Emily Holbrooke 1900 on the Isle and their three children were born somewhere in Cowes, Isle of Wight.

Their eldest daughter Maggie E Jocelyn married first Patrick L O'Brien in 1928 and then Robert D Hunter in 1964 and died 14 August 1972 in Cowes, Isle of Wight.

Their second daughter Florence Louise Jocelyn married George Luter in 1931 and died 1968 in Gurnard, Isle of Wight aged 59.

Brenda Joscelyne (95)

Whippingham, Isle of Wight

In the 1871 census for Whippingham, Isle of Wight there are four stone masons boarding in the village. They are all from Southampton including a certain John J Jocelyn born in 1808.

While visiting St Mildred, Queen Victoria's church on the Isle of Wight I was pleased that a very knowledgeable gentleman was on duty who told me about the building of this church. The foundation stone was laid by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert on 29th May 1860 on the site of an older church. I was told that by 1861 both The Queen and Prince Albert were very cross that the building was not finished. There was a big problem with the tower. It was eventually finished, but not before Prince Albert's death, which was 14 December 1861 aged 42.

Where the four stonemasons from Southampton brought over to help out? The only way to find out if they were in the employment of The Queen is to write to Windsor Castle, where all the documents are kept. May be when I am not so busy.



Here is the troublesome tower.

Brenda Joscelyne (95)

Robert Jocelyn, Ontario, Canada.

In the previous Journal, I raised a query regarding a letter exhibited at the Leaden Roding Workshop.

Vernon Lane replied: John Hines brought it.

He shares a Jocelyn link with me; the connection is to the Hallingbury Jocelyn's.

I corresponded with John after the meeting and we have a shared understanding of it. It is his story rather than mine, and I hope he will be willing to provide a piece for a future issue.

Brenda Joscelyne has also requested more details of the recipient:

Mrs Lily Soul, Dunfield, Near Fairford, Gloucester.

Brenda writes; I have traced the family back and found when they went to Canada. If I knew who the letter was sent to, it should tie in with my research and then I can finish the article I have started.

Perhaps we shall have more to reveal in the next Issue. **John Hallum, Editor.**

JOSLING'S GRAPE.**Peter Josling (01)**

I found the following piece in The Journal of the Horticultural Society of London. Volume 1 London which was published for the society, by Longman and Co. Paternoster Row in 1846 Robert Josling was my Great Grandfather. I do find it interesting reading the reply to the Society from him as it is like hearing an ancestor talk. The rest is self explanatory.

**XLIV. Notice of a New Grape called Josling's St. Alban's.**

By Mr. Robert Thompson, Superintendent of the Orchard and Kitchen Garden

It is but seldom that a Seedling Grape is obtained which can be recommended in preference to those varieties that have been long in cultivation; and still more rarely do seedlings possess any of that peculiarly rich flavour which characterizes the Muscats of Alexandria and the Frontignans. A grape having the high qualities of those just mentioned, and not liable to shank and shrivel, as every gardener is aware the Frontignans are too apt to do, must be a great acquisition; and such the seedling which forms the subject of this notice will undoubtedly prove. It was raised by Mr. Robert Josling, Seedsman, &c., St. Albans, from seed sown about six years ago; and a notice of its fruit appeared in the 'Gardener's Chronicle, 1845, page 660, as being excellent, rich and sugary, with a Frontignan flavour; and that the variety was deserving of extensive cultivation. This year fruit of it was exhibited at the Meeting of the Society in Regent-street, September 1st, for which a Certificate of Merit was awarded. The bunch, supported by a strong footstalk, is very long and tapering, with strong diverging shoulders. The berries are about the size of those of the White Frontignan, round, greenish-white, acquiring a tinge of golden-yellow when well ripened. Flesh rather firmer than that of the Frontignan Grapes, but not so firm as that of the Muscat of Alexandria, very rich and sugary, with a Frontignan flavour. The leaves, in their general outline, are tolerably round, their lobes not deep, but the serratures are tolerably sharp; both the upper and under surfaces are remarkably glabrous. The footstalks are long, glabrous, and slightly tinged with red. On the whole the leaves bear considerable resemblance to those of the White Muscat of Alexandria; the berries, however,

sweetmeat like; when ripe it assumes a dark-gold colour. The berries have their pedicels well extended, so that much thinning is not required. With regard to the foliage, on first breaking it has not that white mealy appearance which the Frontignans have; it more resembles the Black Hamburg in all its habits of growth. In ripening this variety is rather later than the Frontignan, and has not shanked with me, nor shrivelled in the berry, as does the Frontignan. I have grown thirty rafters of grapes in three houses, of the leading kinds, within the last sixteen years, and I can assert that it is decidedly distinct from any that I grow. Its habit of growth is strong and robust; and altogether I consider it a valuable variety.”

In this opinion I concur.

I wrote to the Royal Horticultural Society and I have received the following reply.

“How interesting that you are a descendant of Robert Josling. I managed to find another book (1912) in the Lindley Library called *Vine & Vine Culture* by Archibald F Barron VMH which provided more details. It relays the 1845 article, but mentions that the true name of this grape is Chasselas Musque. It also provides a description of the fruit.

The true name of this grape is still not fully understood, but it's certainly 19th century, and your great grandfather is definitely bound up in the origins.

We do have a plant of Chasselas Musque at Wisley, W20035062 - if you ask at the Garden Library when you come, they can direct you to it.”

Peter Josling 21/02/2018

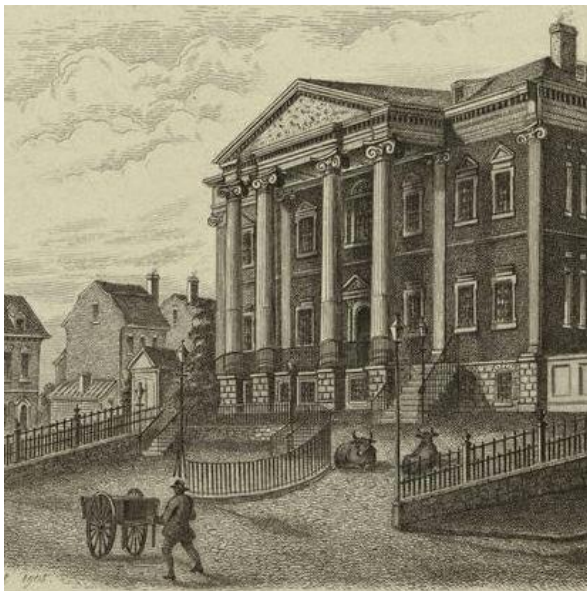
Once again, my thanks to all the Contributors.

I'm sure you will join me in expressing our thanks to Tim Joscelyne for his efforts in maintaining the Website during the past ten years under the increasing pressure of the demands of his and his wife Kirstin's full-time employment.

Keep the Articles rolling in towards the next issue.

John Hallum, Editor.

THE 1790 UNITED STATES CENSUS



The free website www.familysearch.org has published this first census which was taken over an 18 month period and recorded about 3.9 million people in hand written registers. This was just a year after George Washington was inaugurated as the first President and is a remarkable feat given the country's lack of experience and limits in printing and transportation.

Searching by entering "Josselin", ninety-one families of various spellings are revealed, mostly in Massachusetts.

Interestingly, there are five entries with the spelling **Joyslyn** in New Braintree, Worcester County, Massachusetts,

comprising 41 persons. The census shows the number of persons in each family by free males over or under 16, free females, other free persons and slaves.

New Braintree is situated in the west of the county of Worcester which itself is in the centre of Massachusetts, Worcester being the second city of the State. New Braintree is small with a population in 2010 of only 999. Nevertheless since 1992 it has been the home of the Massachusetts Police Academy.

The First Congregational Church of New Braintree in typical New England style is pictured on the right.

The original Braintree in Massachusetts, named for the English Braintree and founded in 1640, is just south of Boston.

Ben Joscelyne (09)



Gosfield School Archives and “Cut Hedge” Farm Auction.**Ben Joscelyne (09)**

The featured announcement (see Page 10) in the Chelmsford Chronicle has recently come to light in the archives of Gosfield School which was founded in 1929 at “Cut Hedge”.

In 1842 the house would have probably been in the ownership of the Sparrow family as Basil Sparrow subsequently let the property to George Courtauld III in 1865 and who then purchased it in 1871.

The auctioneer would have been **John Joscelyne** while the Mr Joscelyne of Sudbury was **Samuel Joscelyne**, John’s brother, who emigrated to Australia in 1852, the ancestor of **Simon Joscelyne** about whom there is an article in this issue. Samuel’s wife was **Elizabeth Sparrow**.

Members **Ben and Brian Joscelyne** were educated at the school, also their cousin **Dennis**.

(See Page 11 for the Article on Simon Joscelyne.)

VALUABLE
FURNITURE & EFFECTS,
*Removed from "Cut Hedge," Gosfield, to White
House Farm, Halsted.*

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,
By Messrs. Joscelyne.

On Thursday, Nov. 17, 1842, and following Day,
PART of the excellent HOUSEHOLD FURNI-
TURE, *Baker's Patent Mangle*, 10 one-hogshead
Beer Casks, and Miscellaneous Effects, removed to
White House Farm, Halsted; comprising several
mahogany four-post and other bedsteads, with furni-
tures, palliasses, mahogany double and single chests
of drawers, dressing and wash tables, set of 10 imi-
tation rosewood drawing-room chairs, with cushions
and sofa, splendid rosewood consul table and cover,
pair of ditto card tables, set of mahogany dining
tables, sets of elegant blue damask and morine window
curtains, three Brussels carpets and hearth rugs, quan-
tity of floor cloth of different widths, set of 16 and 2
elbow mahogany dining-room chairs, and sofa to cor-
respond; handsome 7-foot mahogany sideboard, ele-
gant dinner service, glass and earthenware, 3 curious
Chinese chairs, eight-day clock and case, flower
stands, cucumber lights and hand glasses, garden
tools, stump of hay, stack of firewood, bee-house and
bees, 10 one-hogshead beer casks, and brewing tubs,
Baker's patent mangle, wheelbarrows, about 100 yards
of sheep netting, 30 dozen of wine bottles, and
numerous other effects.

Catalogues may be had, in due time, at Mr. Spur-
geon's, Halsted; Bell, Sible Hedingham; Mr.
Joscelyne's, Sudbury; Place of Sale; and of the
Auctioneers, Braintree and Bell Hotel, Chelmsford.



SIMON JOSCELYNE'S CHARITY SWIM

for "Rememberingkirsty.info"

Across "The Rip", the entrance to Port Philip Bay, Melbourne, Australia

In February 2018, Simon became the first person to swim the dangerous 3.8 kilometres in 1 hour 18 minutes using only the butterfly stroke all the way, in the name of Kirsty Boden, one of the victims of the London Bridge terror attack in England.

Kirsty, an Australian, was a Guy's Hospital nurse who attempted to assist victims but who herself lost her life. Kirsty became known as "The Angel of London Bridge". Although not known to Simon, he felt he wanted to help raise funds in her memory as he had benefited from nursing care following a serious illness. The proceeds went to the Remembering Kirsty Scholarship to help underprivileged country children to go to National Championships in their chosen sport.

First swum in 1971, the gap between Points Nepean and Lonsdale separates the Bass Strait from Melbourne's harbour, known as Port Philip Bay, and is subject to strong tidal flows which over the years has claimed many shipwrecks and lives. Nearby Philip Island is a well known place to see the fairy penguins.

Melbourne was the landing place of Simon's three times Great Grandfather, Samuel Joscelyne, who emigrated from Sudbury, Suffolk, England in 1852, being one of the Braintree Joscelyne line.

Shortly after, Samuel established himself as a cabinet maker in Launceston, Tasmania, and his family followed in 1854. There are now many descendants in numerous places in Australia.

Now 54 years old, Simon has 16 year old twins, Annie and Albert and, with the latter, competes in triathlons and team triathlons winning many races together. Simon also swims Masters and open water competitions. He will attempt a similar Butterfly swim in the Sydney Harbour in March 2019.

Simon on his swim with the Melbourne skyline in the background.



Contributed by Ben Joscelyne and Simon

