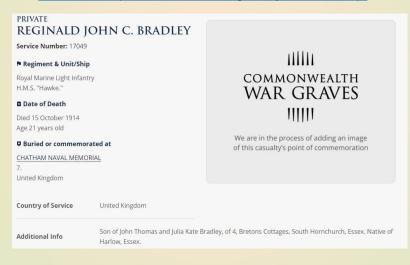


Q2. Granny Ethel always used to say she had an elder brother, Reg, who died in WW1 after his ship was torpedoed. She used to say it was something like the name of a bird. What was it?

Answer: Hawke

https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/3048533/reginald-john-c-bradley/



Q3. Granny Ethel also said that Reg's torpedoed ship had also been in an earlier collision with another ship – which had some kind of relationship to the Titanic. What was the name of this other ship?

Answer: Olympic

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Hawke_(1891)

HMS Hawke, launched in 1891, was the seventh British warship to be named Hawke. She was an Edgar-class protected cruiser. In September 1911 the Hawke collided with the ocean liner RMS Olympic. The damage smashed the Hawke's bow and damaged the stern of the Olympic.

${\rm RMS}\ Olympic$

Article Talk

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

RMS *Olympic* was a British ocean liner and the lead ship of the White Star Line's trio of *Olympic*-class liners. *Olympic* had a career spanning 24 years from 1911 to 1935, in contrast to her short-lived sister ships, *Titanic* and *Britannic*. This included service as a troopship during the First World

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RMS_Olympic

Q4. Great Granddad Francis Robert Palmer married in August 1889 in Harlow. What was his occupation? Answer: **Mechanic**



Detailed Genealogy Search Results (ESFH)



Record Type	Marriage	
Title		
Forename(s)	Francis Robert	
Surname	Palmer	
Parish	Harlow	
Church	St Mary & St Hugh	
Husband	Francis Robert Palmer Aged 22	
Wife	Ada Bass Aged 22	
Marriage Date (YMD)	1889-8-5	
Officiator	Banns	
Status		
Husband's Abode	St.George Hanover Sq.	
Wife's Abode	Harlow	
Husband's Occupation	Mechanic	

Q5. There is a family story that one of my relatives poisoned her half-brother. Her name was Mary May from the village of Wix. What was her poison of choice?

Answer: Arsenic

Mary May was my introduction to the arsenic deaths in 1840s Essex – I was transcribing the burial register for <u>Wix St Mary</u> when I found a note in the margin referring to "William Constable also known as Spratty Watts." It explained he had been poisoned with arsenic, and that his sister-in-law had been accused of his murder. (I've phrased this so that I don't give too much away if you haven't read *Poison Panic* yet!). I knew that "sister-in-law" at that period didn't necessarily mean what it does now – as well as the mystery (or perhaps not) of an arsenic poisoning, my interest was piqued as I wondered what family relationship there was between William aka Spratty and this "sister-in-law". Had that relationship a role in his demise?

https://essexandsuffolksurnames.co.uk/poison-panic/family-trees/mary-may/

Q6. What was the nickname that Mary's half-brother was known by? Answer: **Spratty**

Quite usually for that time there were also two lodgers in the house. One was Mary's half-brother William Constable, who was known locally as Spratty Watts, and who was the murder victim. The other was James Simpson, who gave prosecution evidence at the trial.

https://www.essex.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/essex/about-us/museum/research/history-notebooks/11.pdf

Q7. Check the will dated 8^{th} March 1850 for Samuel Matthews of Kelvedon, Essex to find out what his occupation was. Answer: **Fellmonger**

Title:

Probate 27 May 1858 copy of Will 8 March 1850 of Samuel Matthews of Kelvedon, fellmonger

Level: Category
Estate and Family records

Level: Fonds

WISTON HALL ESTATE, SUFFOLK AND WALCOTTS HALL ESTATE, GREAT TEY.

Level: Sub-Fonds

FAMILY

Scope and Content:

Dates of Creation:

1858 Extent:

https://www.essexarchivesonline.co.uk/result_details.aspx?ThisRecordsOffSet=1&id=143285

Q8. What was the surname of Great Uncle Henry Strong's wife, Sarah? He married her in 1919 in the West Ham area. The family recollection was that it was some kind of precious stone. Answer: **Ruby**

Surname First name(s) Spouse District Vol Page

Marriages Mar 1919 (>999%)

Layton Alfred H Young W.Ham 4a 594 Info GA
Ruby Sarah A Strong W.Ham 4a 594 Info GA
Strong Henry Ruby W. Ham 4a 594 Info GA
Young Bertha Layton W. Ham 4a 594 Info GA

https://www.freebmd.org.uk/cgi/search.pl?start=1919&end=1919&sq=1&eq=1&type=Marriages&vol=4a&pgno=594&db=bmd_1708534455&jsexec=1&mono=0&v=MTcwOTE0MTE5NzpmZWM_5MzA0MGE0MGYzMWMxZmQ5YjUyNjczNjMxZmNiM2NIY2UxZTI2&searchdef=type%3DMarriages%26given%3Dhenry%26db%3Dbmd_1708534455%26start%3D1919%26end%3D1919%26surname%3Dstrong%26sq%3D1%26eq%3D4&action=Find

Q9. Confirm the middle name of Frederick Cook who was born March 1884 in Colchester, but was living in Plaistow at the time of the 1911 census.

Answer: Easter

Name Fred Easter Cook Sex Male Age 27 Birth Year (Estimated) 1884 Birthplace Colchester Town Sx, Essex Marital Status Married Occupation ELECTRIC CAR CONDUCTOR Industry BOW COUNCIL Number in Family 6 Relationship to Head of Household Head Relationship Code Head Event Type Census Event Date 1911 Event Place Plaistow St Mary, Essex, England, United Kingdom Sub-District Plaistow

https://www.freebmd.org.uk/cgi/search.pl

Births Mar 1884 (2994s)

COOK Fred Easter Colchester 4a 485

https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XWXB-Y82

Q10 There was a strange birth registered in my Cowlen family. It was in the Maldon Registration District for the December quarter of 1838. Record how it describes the gender of the child.

Answer: **Doubtful**

Surname	First name(s)	District	Vol	Page	
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COWLEN	Or Doubtful Gender	Maldon	12	141	Info Ger ?
COWLEN	Louisa Everett	Maldon	12	125	Info G

https://www.freebmd.org.uk/cgi/search.pl

Q11. One of the family was rumoured to have been removed from the parish of Henham, Essex to the parish directly to the South. What is the name of that parish?

Answer: Elsenham



Q12. One of my Barfoot relatives (Samuel), was gardener to the Rev. Robert Liddell in Barking, Essex. Around 1850 Sam gave evidence that he had bought a libellous pamphlet about his employer called "Sam Sly". The Reverend Liddell was meant to be the son of "Lord" who?

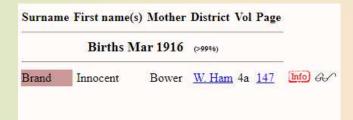
Answer: Ravenscroft

https://www.oldbaileyonline.org/record/t18490611-1349?text=%22samuel%20barfoot%22

REV. ROBERT LIDDELL. I am a son of Lord Ravenscroft, and am married to a niece of the Duke of Wellington—I have been married thirteen years, and have four children—I have been vicar of Barking very nearly thirteen years—I have resided there constantly with my wife and family—I desired

Q13. One of my Great Aunts were said to have called one of her children by an unusual first name during the Great War. There surname was Brand. Her maiden name was Bower and they lived in the West Ham area.

Answer: Innocent



https://www.freebmd.org.uk/cgi/search.pl

Q14. It was rumoured that my 3xGt grandfather William Evans Hart was a bigamist and was put on trial at the Old Bailey in August 1837. His legal wife's given name was Charlotte but what was her surname at the time of this marriage?

Answer: Cowland

https://www.oldbaileyonline.org/record/t183708141815?text=%22william%20evans%20hart%22

1815. WILLIAM EVANS HART was indicted for bigamy.

SARAH WATERS . I live in Cold Bath-lane, Hackney—I know the prisoner. On the 6th of May, 1828, I was at Chingford, in Essex, when the prisoner William Evans Hart was married there to Charlotte Cowland

Q15. One of my Spurgeon relatives was called the "Prince of Preachers" where in Essex was he born? Answer: **Kelvedon**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles Spurgeon

Biography [edit]

Early life [edit]

Born in Kelvedon, Essex, he moved to Colchester at 10 months old. [7]

The missionary Richard Knill spent several days with Spurgeon while visiting his grandfather in 1844; he announced to him and his family that the child would one day preach the gospel to great multitudes.^[8]

Q16. My 2 x great grandfather had to be dragged out of the pub next-door to get married in the parish Church in Coggeshall. What was the name of the pub? The \dots

Answer: Woolpack

https://www.geograph.org.uk/photo/436266

The Woolpack, Coggeshall



https://www.google.com/maps/place/Coggeshall

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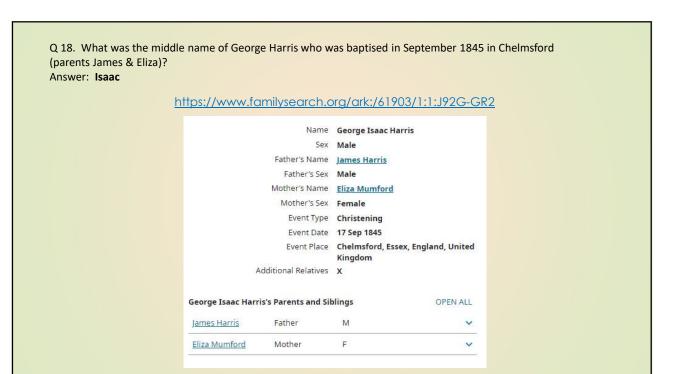
Q17. Great Uncle Eric Max Martin won the Military Medal which was awarded in 1946. Where was he recording as being from?

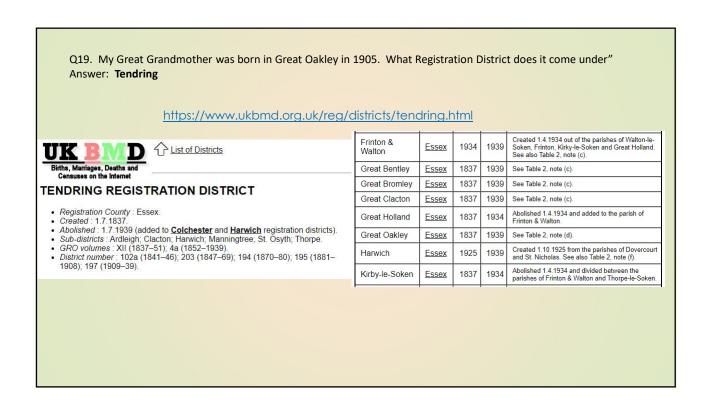
Answer: Hornchurch

https://www.thegazette.co.uk/London/issue/37476/page/1051

The Military Medal.

No. 6895013 Sergeant Eric Max Martin, The King's Royal Rifle Corps (Hornchurch, Essex).





Q20. What was the name of the Hotel that 2x Great Grandmother Emily Reed worked in 1881 in Rosemary Road in Clacton-on-Sea. It was said to have a name that had something to do with the Empire. Apparently it's now a Social Care building. "The....".

Answer: Imperial

https://londonwiki.co.uk/EssexPubs/ClactononSea/imperial.shtml

Imperial Hotel, Rosemary Road, Clacton-on-Sea

A listing of historical public houses, Taverns, Inns, Beer Houses and Hotels in Essex. The Essex listing uses information from census, Trade Directories and History to add licensees, bar staff, Lodgers and Visitors.

Known Residents

The following entries are in this format:

Year/Publican or other Resident/Relationship to Head and or Occupation/Age/Where Born/Source.

1878/Charles Reed/../../Kelly's

1881/Charles Reed/Hotel Keeper/49/Great Clacton, Essex/Census

1881/Eliza Reed/Wife/44/Great Bentley, Essex/Census

1881/Emily Reed/Daughter, Barmaid/18/Great Clacton, Essex/Census

1881/Charles Reed/Son, Bus & Cab Driver/16/Great Clacton, Essex/Census

1881/Albert Reed/Son/14/Great Clacton, Essex/Census

1881/Frederick Reed/Son/10/Great Clacton, Essex/Census

1881/Horace Reed/Son/7/Great Clacton, Essex/Census

1881/Joseph Reed/Son/5/Clacton On Sea, Essex/Census 1881/Clara Reed/Daughter/3/Clacton On Sea, Essex/Census

1881/Alice Chiverton/General Domestic Servant/17/Little Clacton, Essex/Census

1881/William Sanders/General Labourer/42/Great Clacton, Essex/Census

https://www.closedpubs.co.uk /essex/clacton_imperial.html

The Imperial

e Imperial was situated on Rosemary Road. This pub is now used as a social care building. rce: Luke Cronin

Q21. Check Kelly's Directory of Essex (1894) to see what occupation was recorded for my ancestor, John William Perry of Hockley, Essex.

Answer: Nurseryman

https://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/digital/collection/p16445coll4/id/57960/rec/

208 HOCKLEY.

ESSEX.

KELLY'S

Baker Frederick Manley Baker Samuel Sidney Harvey Mrs Maude Rev. Samuel M.A. Vicarage Offin Thomas William Omn Thomas William Quittington Richard Smith Miss Stubbs William Tawke Mrs. Whitbreads COMMERCIAL.

Barnes John, builder, wheelwright & undertaker &c

Bass Daniel, farmer, Sheepcotes

Brown James, farmer
Cackett Benjamin, farmer, Hull bridge
Cackett James, farmer
Clements William, shopkeeper
Crawford Hugh, farmer
Cripps Fredk. Anchor P.H. Hull bridge
Daniels Wm. shopkeeper, Hull bridge
Finch William, marine store dealer
Gardiner Priscilla (Mrs.), farmer
Gilson Samuel James, gro. & drpr
Hart Francis, shopkeeper
Harvey James, farmer, Hockley hall

Horslin Thomas, carpenter
Keeble William, shopkpr. Hull bridge
Lark Charles, Spa hotel, & coal dealer
Moore Richard, frmr. Vicarage farm
Moss Benjamin, farmer
Osband Mark, Bull inn
Perry John Wm. nurseryman
Seed William, farmer
Spicer Paul, farmer
West William, blacksmith

Q22. I have a damaged baptism record for a child baptised in 1855 in which the full name of the church and parish has been obscured by an ink blot. All that can be deciphered is that the place name starts with an "F" and ends in "bourne" and the church name ends in "us". What is the name of the church? "St"

Answer: **Germanus**



St Germanus



Q23. 2x Great Granddad worked for a big family company in Heybridge, Essex. The owner was a prolific inventor and was famous for co-inventing (with a Mr Bingham) "Improvements in turnip cutters" in the 1920s. What was the company owner's surname?

Answer: Bentall

https://worldwide.espacenet.com/patent/search/family/010205252/publication/GB185635A?q=% 22turnip%20cutters%22%20heybridge

GB185635A • 1922-09-14 • EDMUND ERNEST BENTALL

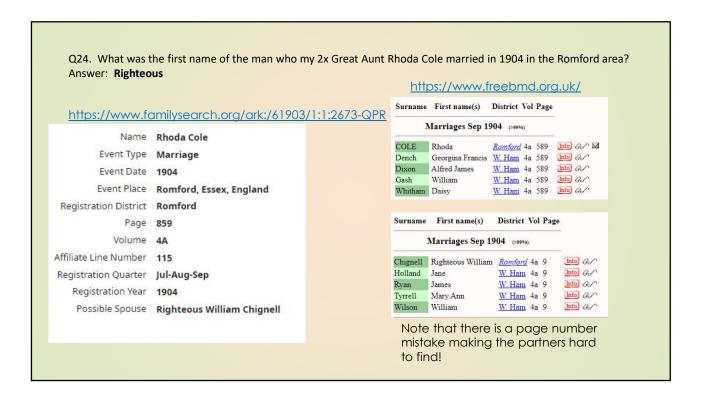
Earliest priority: 1921-09-09 • Earliest publication: 1922-09-14

We, EDMUND ERNEST BENTALL, and GEORGE COWLEY BINGHAM, both of Heybridge, Maldon, in the County of Essex, British subjects, do hereby declare the nature of this invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:- Our invention relates more particularly to turnip cutters of the Gardner or barrel type, and comprises improvements in the construction of parts thereof having for their object a simplification of construction.

https://www.itsaboutmaldon.co.uk/bentall/

E H Bentall & Co Heybridge





Q26. One of my Hedges family were said to have named their child with an unusual first name. It was a year or two before the Great War. Mother's maiden surname was Eastwood.

Answer: Nipper

https://www.freebmd.org.uk/cgi/search.pl

Surname First name(s) Mother District Vol Page

Births Dec 1912 (>999%)

Hedges Nipper Eastwood Orsett 4a 1201 Info GAT

Q27. One of my distant relations, Owen Lynch from Barking in Essex killed a man with a potato fork in 1785. The man's surname was Willis. What was his first name?

Answer: Thomas

https://www.londonlives.org/browse.jsp?div=LMCOIC65102IC651020487&terms=owen%20lynch#highlight

said <u>Thomas Willis</u> came to his

Death, do, upon their Oath, say, That Owen Lynch late of the Parish of Barking in the County of Essex Labourer on the third day of September in the twenty Fifth year of the Reign of our said Lord the King with force and arms at the parish of Barking aforesaid in the said County of Essex in and upon the said Thomas Willis in the peace of God and of our said Lord the King then and there being feloniously did make an Assault And That the said Owen Lynch with a certain Fork called a Potatoe fork of the value of six pence which he the said Owen Lynch then and there had and held in both his hands him the said Thomas Willis in and upon the right side of the Head of him the said Thomas Willis then and there feloniously did Hit and Strike and that the said Owen Lynch did then and there give unto him the said Thomas Willis by the hitting and striking aforesaid with the Fork aforesaid one mortal Fracture in and upon the said right side of the Head of him the said Thomas Willis Of which said Mortal Fracture he the said Thomas Willis from the said third day of September in the said twenty fifth Year of our said Lord the King until the twenty eighth day of November in the twenty sixth Year of our said Lord the King at the parish of Saint Mary Matfellon otherwise Whitechapell aforesaid in the said County of Middlesex to wit in a certain Hospital there called the London Hospital did Languish and Languishing did live On which said twenty eighth day of November in the Year last aforesaid in the Hospital aforesaid at the said Parish of Saint Mary Matfellon otherwise White Chapell in the said County of Middlesex he the said Thomas Willis of the Mortal Fracture aforesaid did die and so the Jurors aforesaid upon their Oath aforesaid do say that the said Owen Lynch him the said Thomas Willis in manner and by the Means aforesaid feloniously did Kill and Slay against the Peace of our said Lord the King his Crown and Dignity

Q28. According to FreeBMD my 2x Great Uncle Napoleon Horatio Moor was born in the West Ham Union Registration District in 1866. But what was his mother's maiden surname?

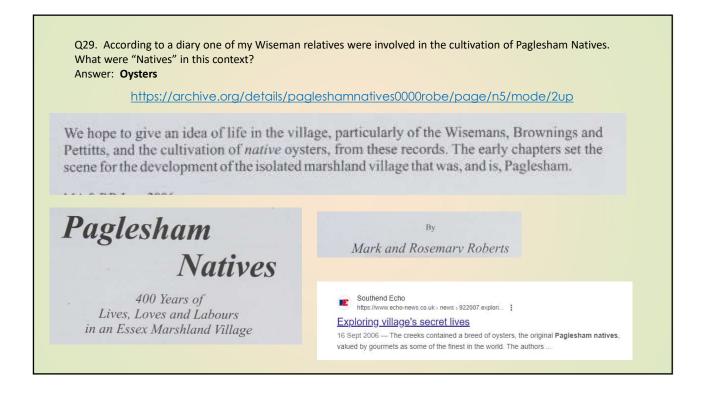
Answer: Wilcox

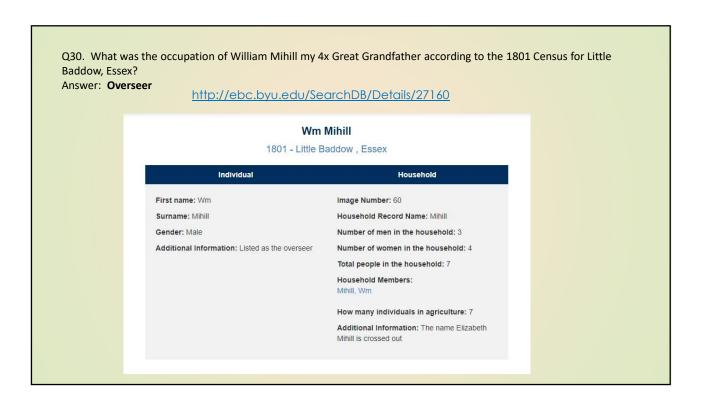
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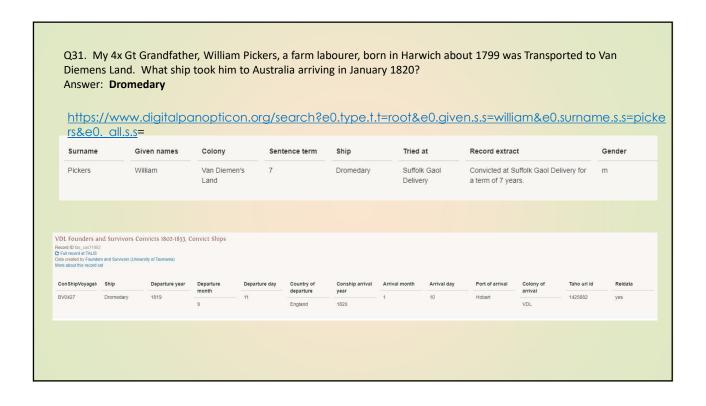
Name:

Mother's Maiden
Surname:

MOOR, NAPOLEON HORATIO
GRO Reference: 1866 D Quarter in WEST HAM UNION Volume 04A Page 36







Q32. Ethel's Grandparents Edward & Susannah Rooke were said to have taken part in the Dunmow Flitch Trials and won. What year did they win?

Answer: 1896

https://www.dunmowflitchtrials.co.uk/history/claimants/



SUCCESSFUL CLAIMANTS TO THE DUNMOW FLITCH

3 Aug 1896	Mr & Mrs Alfred Drury	Queens College, Oxford
	Mr & Mrs Henry Johnson	Lambeth, London
	Edward & Susannah Rooke	Great Amwell, Herts
2 Aug 1897	Iosiah & Mary Lambert	Islinaton, London

Q33. Ethel also mentions that Great Uncle Peter was adopted into the family informally as a newborn baby when his mother died and that it happened just two years before the first Adoption Act for England and Wales was passed. What year would he have been born?

Answer: 1924 (The Act was 1926 so two years before that would be 1924)

https://www.familyconnect.org.uk/historical-context-2/#:~:text=Adoptions%20were%20first%20made%20legal,in%20Scotland%20it%20was%201930

Before 1926

Adoptions were first made legal in England and Wales with the passing of the Adoption Act 1926, while in Northern Ireland it was 1929 and in Scotland it was 1930.

Before that time, adoptions still occurred but were arranged informally or privately by organisations or directly between the birth mother and the adoptive parents. Sometimes there may have been a legal agreement, but often there may not have been.

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Using the information from the grids above answer the following questions:

34. Full Name of the Person:

Thomas Frederick Whiting

35. Where they are buried:

Brentwood

36. Their birth and death date:

1896 - 1924

Then using www.findagrave.com/

37. What is the burial plot number where the Safety Deposit Box Key is:

C90