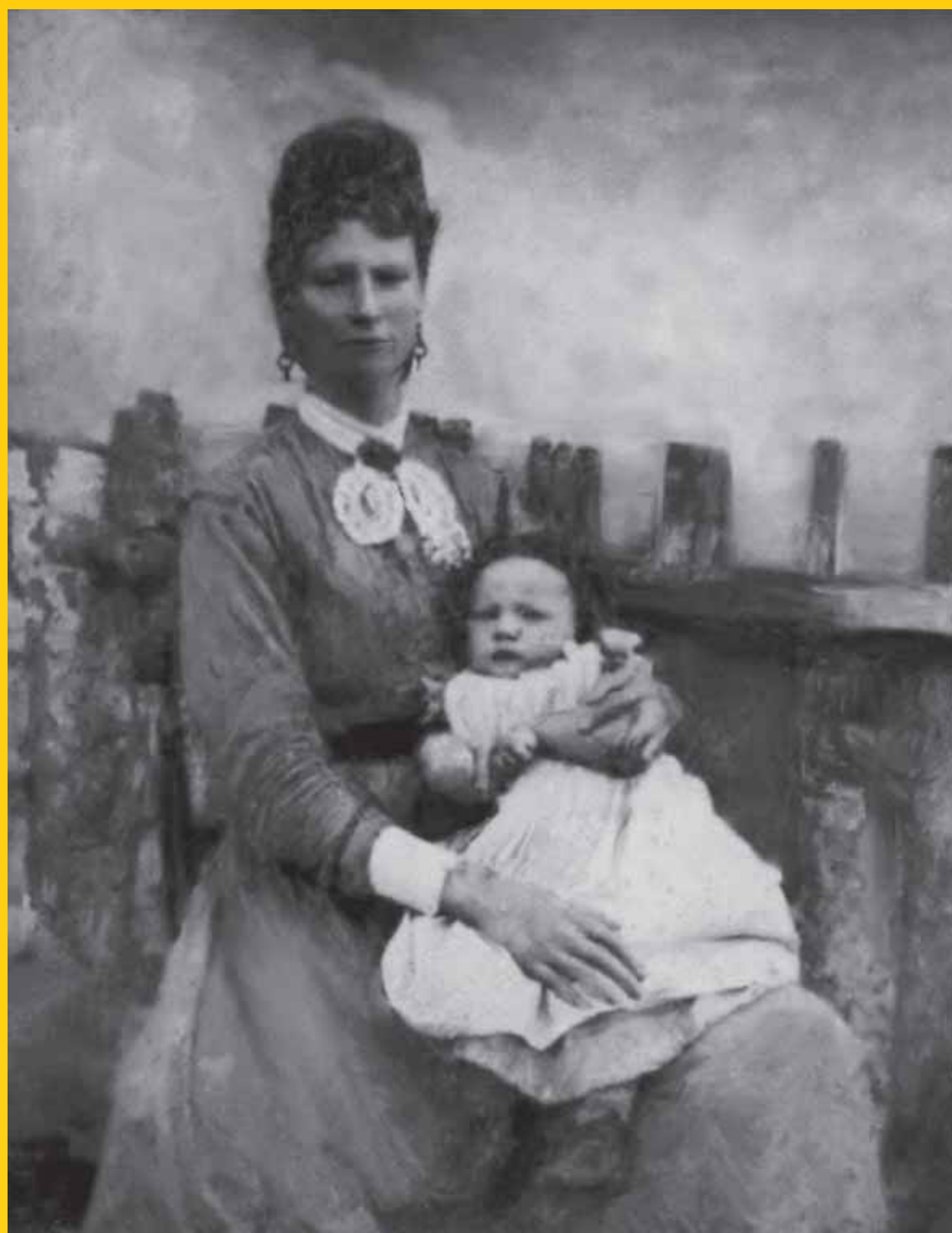


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I hope that you all had a lovely summer and I look forward to receiving your research queries, snippets, postbag items and longer articles for inclusion in a future issue of *your* journal. I don't mind how you send your items to me - by letter, e-mail or by hand at a Woolmer Green meeting. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Jane

Subscriptions: A message from your Treasurer

Members will probably have been expecting some unwelcome news on this front and, if so, I regret that I cannot disappoint you.

Subscriptions have not risen since 2003 yet the Society's costs have risen inexorably. See my report to this year's Annual General Meeting (printed in the June issue of *Hertfordshire People*). We are making savings wherever possible, but one of the largest expenses the Society has is printing and postage of the quarterly journal. So, to make a more substantial saving and to reduce the need for an even higher subscription, we are producing a digitised version of *Hertfordshire People* that will be available to each member by email starting with the June issue next year. Members who wish to receive a hard copy from June will have to pay a higher subscription. My present estimate of this increase is £4 for UK members and £6 for overseas members.

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Members will be asked to indicate in their renewal forms in the December issue of *Hertfordshire People* which version they choose. But, if members could inform the membership registrar **now** of their preference, the take up of the new digital version could be more accurately forecast and it would help the Committee to determine the new subscription levels when they decide on the new subscription rates at their meeting early in October.

Full details will be posted on the Society's website in November and in the December issue of *Hertfordshire People*.

The new subscriptions will apply to the financial year beginning 1st March 2014.

Please email hfhs@stalbansherts.demon.co.uk to confirm your preference.

John Parker
Treasurer

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TREASURER

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The books are kept on an Excel spreadsheet (backed up by a ring binder). The time commitment is the equivalent of two or three days a month. An accountancy qualification is definitely not required, though previous familiarity with good business practice (or its public or voluntary sector equivalent) would be an advantage.

Please consider whether you can help the Society in this role. If you would like further information, or to discuss the possibilities, please email me at hfhs@claven1.wanadoo.co.uk, telephone me at 01372 464396, or write to 1 The Avenue, Claygate, ESHER, Surrey KT10 0RX

John Parker, Treasurer

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The Hunting Log of Joseph Ede Waller 1840-1877

Trip No 5

Party: H **Overbeck** and J E **Waller**

1874

Friday 20th November

Started in the Gah Chu from Jessfield at 8pm.

Saturday 21st November

Fair wind . Noticed some splendid snipe ground about six miles on the Shanghai side of Quinsan. Clear of Soochow at 8pm.

Sunday 22nd November

Through Woossee at 7am wind still aft.

Monday the 23rd November

Anchored at 8 am about a mile from Ta vou and went on shore about 9 o'clock beastly weather all the time raining hard and at 11 a perfect gale set in from the NE with heavy rain. We saw a good lot of birds but they were very wild and difficult to shoot, the rain and wind interfering with straight powder. Made up our minds to wait patiently till the weather moderates at present it is beastly. The patent canvas shooting stuff is useless in rainy weather, the water goes through it like a sieve.

Tuesday 24th November

At Kintang shot on the right bank between the Pagoda and the City saw any quantity of deer and bagged 8 pheasants, few and far between, this must be on account of the boisterous weather. Strong N.E. wind with snow at 2pm. Went out all day and came back dead beat. Whisky toddy is a mistake over night, it puts you off for shooting. Cold is no name for it snowing hard and very uncomfortable. Lee jou boat passed on its way home.

Wednesday 25th November

At Kintang still the weather is very bad and the birds few.

Thursday 26th November

Shot on the Pagoda side of Kintang creek lots of birds here. I shot very badly only bagged 9 brace ought to have had 15 at least saw a few deer. **Overbeck** got 3 I only one. It was a splendid day only the wind was very strong.

Friday 27th November

Beautiful weather went on from where we were Easter Day about five miles and shot over some ground about 8 miles due N. from the Pagoda this is the exact bearing from where we stopped. We went back through the City where we started in the morning and took the first creek to the left called the See lee jou creek any quantity of birds chiefly round the copses.

Saturday 28th November

'See lee jou' creek where we had some very good sport but wasted a lot of time wandering through the long grass. The birds are all near the village where the ground is slightly cultivated, it's no use going through the grass at all. Weather fine no wind nice and warm.

Sunday 29th November

Still about the same place and had splendid sport I was off or should have had at least 20 brace.

Monday 30th November

Moved back a little and had much the same sport as before, this is a very good country indeed and should think it better even than 'Touse jou'. The Mou san monastery bears SW by S 80 and the highest point on the South side SSW or 45.

Tuesday 1st December

Shot over much the same ground only went a little further back say about 6 li where we stopped at a village called 'Lu-Kwa-chong' on the NE. side of the creek. It was a beautiful day warm no wind, the birds are here by thousands, this is about the best ground without exception that I have shot over for years. The natives here are particularly civil, an old woman opened her heart and gave me a magnificent pumpkin.

Wednesday 2nd December

This was an off day did nothing but make the best of our way to the Tah-hou lake via Ga-woo-jou and then straight to 'Foong Quey tan'

Thursday 3rd December

Pig shooting at **Mosai** saw three, bagged none.

Friday 4th December

Brown and **Wilson** of Foochow turned up and we had another day after pig, saw one which Brown was lucky enough to bag and then had the cheek to ask **Overbeck** to take it to Shanghai for him.

Saturday 5th December

Had another day after the Porkies on the south side of the island but did not see a bristle. Came across the Taiping boat but did not find out who was on board.

Sunday 6th December

Started home at 6am across the lake to Mootoo where we arrived at 3 pm.

Monday 7th December

Passed Quinsan and hoisted sail at 8:15am with a light breeze aft.

Tuesday 8th December

Arrived at Shanghai at 6am.

Resume

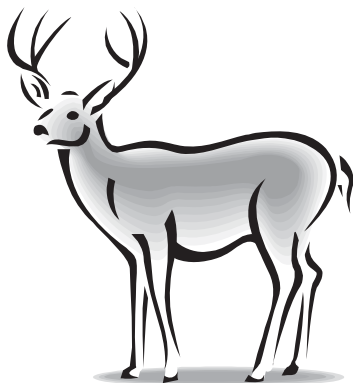
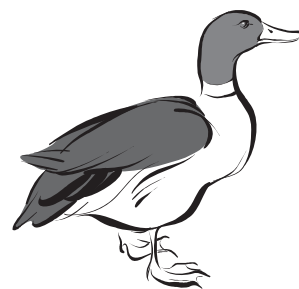
8 days Travelling.

3 days Pig shooting

8 days Pheasant shooting

Total Game bagged

	<i>Pheasants</i>	<i>Deer</i>	<i>Duck</i>	<i>Teal</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Overbeck</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>163</i>
<i>Waller</i>	<i>109</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>117</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>254</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>280</i>



MY FAVOURITE ANCESTOR

James Joseph Quarry – labourer, soldier, criminal

By Janet Sutton

After twenty-five years of tracing my family tree, my favourite ancestor has changed several times during this period. However, my favourite family amongst my ancestors has always been my great grandmothers....she was Jemima Jane **Quarry**, and as it was an unusual surname, this was where I began tracing my ancestry all those years ago. Although I knew so much about her, I knew very little of her brothers, especially her brother James, who, for many years was just another name on the family tree.

James Joseph **Quarry** was one of the 5 brothers of my great grandmother . Only two of the brothers reached adulthood. James was born on 1st November 1879 to James Quarry – a general labourer and his wife Annie (nee **Stone**). At this time the family were living at Merry Hill Lane, Bushey. James was baptised, as were most of the family, at St James, Bushey on 27th June 1880. James and Annie had 10 children – Jemima Jane, Florence Annie, William Henry, James Joseph, Charles Thomas, Frederick George, Lillian, Ada Emily, Rose Ellen and Albert. Family tradition has it that James Joseph was the model for the young boy in Hubert Von Herkomer's 'Hard Times', but although there is proof that his mother and younger brother were painted by Herkomer (according to the diary of Miss Mary **Godsal**), this has not been proved.

Very little is known of James early life, though he is recorded as being a pupil at Ashfield School, Bushey in 1887 . He appears on the censuses with his family in 1881 and 1891. In the earlier census, the family is living at Merry Hill Lane, Bushey – James senior, Annie, Jemima – wrongly listed as Jane - Florence and William Henry. By 1891, the family is found at The Rookery, Watford. James senior is listed as a Local Board labourer, along with his wife Annie, and 4 of their children. One of the other children was found living with his recently married sister. On the 1901 census, James senior, Annie and three children are living at 136 Liverpool Road, Watford. No sign of James Joseph.

The next trace of him was his marriage to Clara Louisa **Fowler** (aged 24) on 3rd April 1906 at Watford Register Office. James's occupation was given as engineer's labourer and he was living at 122 Liverpool, Road, Watford.

For many years, his life from 1891 to 1906 was a complete blank. It is only within the last 18 months that this gap has been filled, proving that persistence and patience will eventually solve most genealogical problems. I had given up finding him on the 1901 census, though someone had suggested he might have been away in the army. Having hit the proverbial brick wall, James was put on the back burner while life and other ancestors took over. When the 1911 census became available, I was surprised to find two entries for 'James Quarry' born about 1879. The first was straightforward – James J Quarry and his wife Clara Louisa, living at 26 Brighton Road, Watford. The form had been completed by

Clara. His occupation was given as general labourer – so far so good. Turning to the second entry - James Quarry, aged 31, a general labourer, who was an inmate atSt Albans prison! My next stop was the Hertfordshire record office who checked the Watford Petty Sessions register. This stated the James appeared before the Watford Magistrates Court on February 7th 1911. A report of this appeared in the *Watford Observer* on 11th February:

'Theft of rabbits'

Herbert William West and James Joseph Quarry, Brighton Road, Watford, were summoned for larceny of rabbits on February 4th; Police-constable Smith said that on Saturday he was called to Mr H J Winters shop in Callow land. Subsequently he found rabbit skins and portions of rabbits at defendants house. Defendants told him that he picked the rabbits up. Herbert J Winters of Leavesden Road stated that he saw the defendants outside the shop. West came into the shop and bought some nuts. Afterwards he missed the rabbits. Police-constable Dell stated that he accompanied the witness to defendants house; and saw the stolen rabbits. The prosecutor said that he did not wish to press the charge. Defendants had apologised for the offence Previous convictions were proved against both defendants, Defendants were each fined £1 and costs; in default 14 days imprisonment."

It appears that they were unable to pay as a distress warrant was issued on 7th March 1911 and on 21st March the register notes 'Commitment issued'.

As to the further convictions, on 2nd October 1905 James Joseph was charged that 'he at Watford was unlawfully guilty while drunk of disorderly behaviour' and was fined 2 shillings 6d and 2s 6d costs. James was living at 122 Liverpool Road at this time. A brief report appeared in the *Watford Observer*, 7th October 1905.

DRUNKENNESS.

George Stoodley, 9, Butcher's-yard, Watford, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly, on September 29th, and was fined 10s., including costs. A week for payment was allowed.

James Quarry, 122, Livenpool-road, Watford, pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly, on October 2nd, and was fined 5s. including costs.

However, there was still a blank period of his life, which I was curious to account for. Again, some months passed, and while searching on the FindMyPast website, I thought I'd check some military records which had recently been added. Now Quarry is not a common name and any entries that appeared for the Hertfordshire area were bound to be mine! Here was the explanation why he was not found on the 1901 census.

James's Attestation form and Record of Service came up, complete with a physical description of him, on joining the Army. James Quarry joined the Militia on 23rd September 1895 – aged 17 years 10 months – number 8658, 5th Battalion Royal Fusiliers. He was described as ‘height 5 feet 5 inches, weighing 125 lbs, complexion fresh, blue eyes, fair hair’ with no distinctive marks. His ‘apparent’ age was 18 years. Having done 90 days drill and annual training with the militia, his conduct was stated to be good. On 20th May 1896, he signed on to the regular army. His description states that he is now 5 feet 6 ½ inches and his complexion is freckled, and a scar on his right hip and tattoos on both forearms.

He is now Private James Quarry No: 5650 2nd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers. He was granted 1d Good Conduct pay on 30th May 1898, but forfeited this on 13 September 1899. He was promoted to Lance Corporal in 15th September 1900 and had his Good Conduct pay restored (but it wasn't for long!). He reverted to Private in December 1900 – no reason was given. On 29th May 1903, he was transferred to the reserve and his period of engagement finished on 28th May 1908. Like my grandfather, who had also been in the regular army, you served 7 years ‘with the colours’ and were on the reserve for a further 5 years.

His military history sheet gives a summary of his service:

Home	29th May 1896 to 21 st October 1899
South Africa	22 nd October 1899 to 21st October 1902
Home	22 October 1902 to 28 th May 1908.

It would appear he was entitled to the Queens South Africa Medal - 1899-1901 and the Kings South Africa Medal 1902 and two clasps, due to his service in the Boer War.1899 - 1902

Turning to James's later life again, it is rather sad and makes one wonder if this was the story behind his theft of the rabbits. Having married Clara in 1906, they had a daughter – Fanny Matilda, born on 29 June 1907 at Lamb Yard, Watford. A month later, she had died and was buried 30th July 1907. A second daughter, Louise Rose was born 16 July 1909, this time at Lamb Yard, Watford. Within 2 months, she too had died and was buried 13 September 1909. Then, on April 27th 1911, Clara gave birth to twin daughters – Alice Winifred and Laura Washington, at Brighton Yard, Watford. Alice died and was buried 1 June 1911. Laura was the only one of James and Clara's children to survive childhood. She married and went on to have 10 children.

And as for James He died on 25th June 1913 at the District Hospital, Watford aged only 33 years. The cause of death was given as acute pneumonia, the death was registered by his widow, giving the home address as 20 Bedford Street, Watford.

160	Twenty fifth June 1913 District Hospital Watford	James Joseph Quarry	Male	33 years	of 20 Bedford Street, Watford General Labourer	(1) Acute Pneumonia Certified by C. Herbert Hall M.D.	C. L. Quarry Widow of deceased 20 Bedford Street Watford	Twenty Sixth June 1913	S. W. Brown Registrar.
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As a postscript, I found a birth registered in 1913 of a Robert E Quarry, in the Cuckfield district of Sussex. This was where Clara Quarry moved to after James's death and where she remarried in 1914 in the Brighton area – her second husband was Charles **Pilbeam**, by whom she had 7 further children She died in 1943 aged 62. As for Robert there is no further trace of him as 'Quarry', but there is a marriage of Robert E Pilbeam in 1953, and a possible death reference in 1987.

Lines for further research on James will include research into his Boer War service, so the story will – hopefully - continue to unfold.

And as for the rest of the Quarry family? Jemima (1872 – 1958) married Robert **Wells** who was cowman at Lower Priory Farm, Harrow Weald and Park Farm, Stanmore. Florence (1874 – 1952) married Jesse **Miles**, who was a furnace stoker. Rose (1891 – 1964) married Thomas **Lane**, Ada (1889 - 1940) married John **Mason**, who, I believe worked at Watford Steam Laundry. Ada made the front page of *The Daily Mirror* in the 1930's. Lillian, Charles, Albert and William died in childhood. Frederick (1884 – 1921) was a stationary engine driver who married Elizabeth **Lane** (Thomas's sister), but they had no children. He died in Ripley, Derbyshire where they had moved for his wife's health. So, sadly, our particular line of the Quarry name has died out.

SOURCES:

GRO certificates of birth/marriage/death

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Watford OBSERVER

Census returns 1881-1891-1901-1911

St James, Bushey, Herts Parish registers

Ashfield School (noted by my late aunt in the 1980's)

Diary of Mary Godsall (noted by the late Grant Longman, who corresponded with my late aunt regarding Herkomer and our family connection with Hard Times)

Sir Hubert von Herkomer CVO (26 May 1849 – 31 March 1914) was a British painter of German descent, and also a pioneering film-director and composer. Though a very successful portraitist, especially of men, he is mainly remembered for his earlier works that took a realistic approach to the conditions of life of the poor. *Hard Times*, showing the family of a travelling day-labourer at the side of a road, is probably his best known work. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hubert_von_Herkomer





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