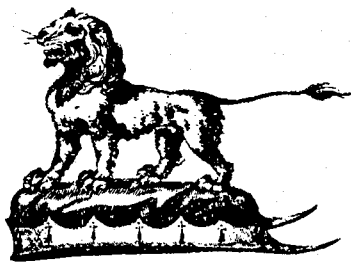


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EDITORIAL

The weather has suddenly turned bitterly cold, and so our lovely summer of 1983 is just a memory. But we did make good use of those long lazy summer days, particularly during our fortnights holiday in South Wales. It was no accident that we chose to spend our annual break at Caswall Bay on the Gower peninsular. Its beautiful sandy beaches with safe bathing and caves and rock pools to explore made it ideal for the children, and its close proximity to both Margam and Penrice made it ideal for Mike and I. An account of our visit to Margam Park appears elsewhere in the journal, but I would like to record here our very grateful thanks to JOHN VIVIAN HUGHES, for making such a visit possible and for being such an eloquent guide. During our visit to Margam, the idea of having a Talbot gathering there was discussed. Other One Name Societies regularly organise such gatherings, indeed JOHN DALLISON recently attended one organised by the Swinnerton Society in Swynnerton, Staffs., and he has given us a full account of the days activities. The functions suite in the Orangery at Margam Park would seem to be an ideal location for such a Talbot gathering, but it would take a great deal of organising. We are therefore enclosing a questionnaire with this journal, so that we can try to gauge what sort of a response we would get should we undertake to arrange such a gathering.

During August we put on a display at the Hobbies and Pastimes Exhibition at Portsmouth Guildhall. We were there as representatives of the Hampshire Genealogical Society as well as the Talbot Research Organisation. Although it was one of the hottest weekends of the year, we were amazed at the amount of interest shown in our stand.

The stand next to ours at the exhibition was occupied by the Portsmouth Camera Club, and we were able to have some discussion on how best to preserve old photos. Apparently the worst thing you can possibly do is to stick them into the type of albums where you have a sticky page covered with cellophane. We have arranged for a member of the club to talk to the Portsmouth Group of the Hampshire Genealogical Society on the care and preservation of old photos, so I hope to include a short article on his talk in the next journal. Mike has recently acquired a camera which enables him to make copies of old photos, so if any of you require this service, please let us know.

Having finally decided that a computer would be a definite asset to us in our work, we are still undecided as to the best system to use. Although we are aware of the various publications on computers and genealogists produced by the Society of Genealogists and the Federation of Family History Societies, we would be pleased to hear from anyone with experience of using computers in the field of genealogy who has any advice to offer.

As yet another year draws to its close, we look back and regret our unachieved ambitions. Our resolution for 1983 was to publish 3 Talbotnias, and here we are in November, just getting Number 2 under way. We can as usual offer a variety of excuses. At the beginning of August Mike had an accident which damaged his neck and put him out of action for 7 weeks. In September builders embarked upon major alterations to our home, and even after they had finished, a great deal of redecorating and spring cleaning was required. At the same time Mike's father JOHN CYRIL, spent nearly a month in Haslar Hospital here in Gosport. Thanks to their marvellous care, he is now almost fully recovered. So for nearly three months our thoughts were occupied by things other than family history. But however many excuses we make, the fact remains that there are only 24 hours in a day and if we are to produce 3 or more Talbotnias a year, and make them interesting and enjoyable to read, we need YOUR HELP. We desperately need a cartoonist, and someone to provide one article per year on 'Who was he in the Talbot Family'. Apart from these two we also need YOU to write and send us articles on your family history, news of your present day family and items of interest, newspaper cuttings, birth and marriage announcements etc. etc. One such newspaper cutting was sent to us by our Australian representative, DAPHNE MORLEY, concerned the cowardly killing of WILLIAM HENRY TALBOT aged 76, at a Service Station because he refused to tell his killer where 500 Australian dollars were hidden.

If anyone needs any work sheets or birth briefs for recording information on their family, please let us know.

Will U.K. members please note that our phone number has acquired an extra digit and is now Gosport 589785. Also the STD Code for Gosport has changed and is now 0705.

Finally, we would like to thank all members for their continued support this year and to wish you all the compliments of the season.

Mary Talbot.

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#### A CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Answers on page 74

- 1) What is a Bishop's Transcript?
- 2) What is significant about 1837?
- 3) What was a message?
- 4) When was the first modern census taken in England?
- 5) What does relic mean?
- 6) What was the Hardwicke Marriage Act?
- 7) What was a tithe?
- 8) If you came across 10 Henry VIII, what would it mean?
- 9) What does obit mean?
- 10) What was a recusant?
- 11) Is a fogger a) a pedlar, b) headman at a farm, c) groom, d) manservant?
- 12) What is a husbandman?
- 13) What trade did a Dexter follow?

- 14) What was a Dame School?
- 15) Can you translate this date? xviiiij ixber MCCCCXLV.
- 16) What was a Moravian?
- 17) If you see a date written as January 16th, 1748/9, what does it mean?
- 18) What was the Wool Act?
- 19) Who were responsible for looking after the poor after 1601?
- 20) What was an ostler?

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AN ACCOUNT OF A VISIT TO MARGAM & PENRICE

by Mary Talbot

On Tuesday August 23rd, 1983, the third day of our holiday in South Wales, we were up early to keep a date with JOHN VIVIAN HUGHES at Margam Park. We left our holiday home in Caswell Bay and drove round the shores of Swansea Bay, passing through the outskirts of The Mumbles, Swansea and Port Talbot, to arrive at the gates of Margam Park. Stopping here, I got out of the car to acquaint the man on the gate of our arrival. I was greeted with 'Welcome Home', although we have not as yet connected our particular Talbot branch with the Margam Talbots. Visitors normally park their cars in the car park by the gate and take the free bus service up to the castle, but we were instructed to drive straight up to the Castle. This we did, passing grazing deer, an adventure playground, boating lake, and some rather weird sculptures. At the Castle we were greeted by JOHN VIVIAN HUGHES, the Local History Librarian for West Glamorgan, DR T.R. STEVENS, the Park Director, and PETER KNOWLES, a local photographer who took our photo for publication in the local press. The formalities over, we commenced our tour. JOHN VIVIAN HUGHES has been a member of the Talbot Research Organisation almost since its inception. Although we had corresponded frequently and he had sent us copies of his monographs on various members of the Talbot family of Margam, this was the first time we had met him. He proved a very knowledgeable and excellent guide.

We started at the Castle which unfortunately is in a state of disrepair at present, although some renovation is taking place. The present day castle was built by CHRISTOPHER RICE MANSEL TALBOT, son of THOMAS MANSEL TALBOT who demolished the old Margam House ( See Talbotania Volume 2 Number 3 Page 44). The rebuilding was begun in 1830, the architect being THOMAS HOPPER and the castle in the Tudor-Gothic style was built of materials obtained from the estate itself. The outside of the house is very impressive, but we were also told of the interior with its spacious rooms decorated with carved woodwork, stained glass windows, decorative plaster work and marble fireplaces. During his 'Grand Tour' in the late 18th century, C.R.M. TALBOT had acquired many paintings, sculptures and antiquities with which he furnished Margam, and he later purchased many more paintings, fine furniture and objets d'art. When C.R.M. TALBOT died in 1890, having been predeceased by his only son THEODORE, Margam was inherited by his daughter MISS EMILY CHARLOTTE TALBOT. She was a philanthropist who as well as restoring many churches in Glamorgan, also altered and improved the Castle particularly by installing bathrooms and plumbing. On the death of MISS TALBOT in 1918, Margam passed to her nephew, CAPTAIN ANDREW MANSEL TALBOT FLETCHER. His principal home was in East Lothian, Scotland, but he and his family frequently stayed at Margam which was administered by Trustees under MISS TALBOT's will. During the second world war, part of the Castle was requisitioned and troops were billeted there. In 1941 the Trustees decided to sell the estate, much to the distress of CAPTAIN & MRS FLETCHER who returned to Scotland leaving many of their personal belongings behind. The contents of the castle were dispersed by the sale throughout the country and beyond, and JOHN VIVIAN

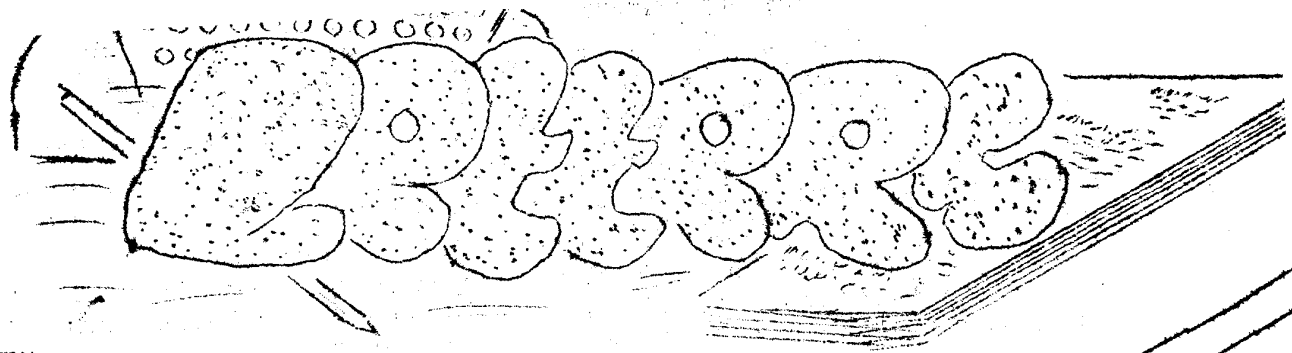
HUGHES would be pleased to hear from anyone who has come across any paintings etc. which originate from Margam. The estate was purchased by DAVID M. EVANS BEVAN, a local businessman, though troops both British and American continued to occupy it. After the war, the Castle remained empty and fell prey to vandals who stripped the lead from the roofs causing the collapse of ceilings. In 1973 Glamorgan County Council purchased the estate, but by then the Castle was an empty shell. Further damage was caused by a fire in the roof in August 1977, but today, thanks to a scheme run by the Construction Industry Training Board, young apprentices have begun to restore the North Wing, Entrance Hall and Tower.

Leaving the Castle we walked down broad flights of stone steps and a gravelled path to the Orangery. This was built by THOMAS MANSEL TALBOT to house the collection of citrus trees inherited from his MANSEL ancestors. Citrus trees need protection from our British winter climate, but in the summer they could be used to ornament the formal gardens of that time. The Orangery was therefore built with large doors, so that fully grown trees could be wheeled in from the garden, large windows to admit the maximum amount of winter light and fireplaces to provide hot air which passed through a system of flues. The Orangery, the third largest in Europe had pavilions at either end, the one at the west end being used as a library and study. The Orangery fell into ruin at the same time as the Castle, but the first task of Glamorgan County Council after the purchase, was to restore it. Part of the east end has been restored to its original state, but the rest of it has been converted into a functions room which was opened by H.M. THE QUEEN in 1977, her Silver Jubilee year. This room hosts conferences, receptions, concerts and grand balls.

Behind the Orangery is an area which was formerly the kitchen garden and where now a maze has been planted, but which has some growing to do to rival Hampton Court Maze. It is thought to be the largest maze in the world and is unique because of the gold coloured conifers used. There is a Gardeners Museum here too, and some more sculptures, part of an outdoor exhibition organised by the Welsh Sculpture Trust.

Leaving the kitchen garden area behind, we emerged into what was formerly part of the old village of Margam. All that remains is a row of almshouses at present being used as store rooms for the builders. We paused here to drink a very welcome cup of coffee whilst JOHN told us some of the history of the Abbey. The parish church of Margam dates from 1147, but there is reason to believe that the site was used for worship even before that. In the nearby stones museum are several Celtic crosses, at least one of which is datable to the 10th century. Other stones include a Roman milestone and two pillar stones commemorating people named BEDVOC & PUMPEIUS CARANTORIUS. The abbey at Margam thrived, depending mainly upon sheep farming, and the ruin of Capel Mair, where the shepherd monks used to worship, can still be seen upon the hillside. After the dissolution of the monasteries in 1536, the abbey buildings fell into disuse and disrepair. All that remains today is the 12 sided Chapter House, now minus its roof. The present parish church is based upon part of the Abbey nave and was extensively restored in the early 19th century. At the eastern end of the south aisle is a chapel containing tombs of the Mansel family and in a similar chapel at the end of the north aisle are the TALBOT tombs. Here we were shown some beautiful vestments hand embroidered by nuns in France, which are worn by the incumbent, FATHER ELLIS, twice a year at Christmas and Easter. The vergier MR MINNS also showed us a magnificent illuminated Litany dedicated to THEODORE MANSEL TALBOT the only son of C.R.M. TALBOT who died as a result of a hunting accident in 1876.





From Mrs Joan Cains, (nec Talbot), Halesowen, West Midlands.

I have been given one of your Talbotania Bulletins, Vol. 2 No. 3 1981, and I was very interested in MARY ANN TALBOT. I am a Talbot by birth, and I am studying Genealogy as a pastime. My relatives are mostly from Somerset, and I have just received my grandfather's marriage certificate: between FRANK TALBOT & CLARA FISHER aged 21 & 18, on December 25th, 1879. His father was named JOHN TALBOT & the witnesses were JOHN HENRY TALBOT & MARY ANN TALBOT HOLLOWAY. I am confused about the name Holloway.

I also found at Owbridge Road, the name MARY TALBOT, 15 years, on a census, but unfortunately omitted the date. She was working at Wastover Quay, Bridgewater as a straw bonnet maker.

Editor:- I have put Mrs Cains in touch with John Eric Talbot, because they are both working in the Bridgewater area.

From Mrs Kathryn Hoffman (nec Talbot), Skegness, Lincs.

For some time now I have been researching my family history. I have traced back as far as my great-grandfather WILLIAM GEORGE TALBOT who was born at Wicliff, Manchester on 27.8.1848. I am now interested in tracing my great-great-grandfather HENRY TALBOT who was born around 1807, possibly in Nottinghamshire.

From Mrs R.M. Verrall, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex.

I have just discovered that my great-grandmother was a SUSAN TALBOTT of Woodcoaves, Stafford. I was given the name with one 'T' on the end by another relation, but no-one seemed to know anything about her. I have just found the wedding at St Catherine's House, (1874) and am awaiting the certificate. The only other scrap of information I have about her was that she was still alive in 1919 when a great-aunt emigrated, I have not yet been able to search the census records to find her family.

From Philip J. Talbot, Stockport, Cheshire.

I am building my 'Family Tree' as one of my retirement projects and finding it extremely difficult to trace my late father's background. He refused to discuss it and left few useful documents.

So far I have gathered the following information:-

My father HARRY JOHN TALBOT, Mechanical Engineer, born 9.4.1889 at Steanes Birmingham and later (about 1905 to 1910 lived in Ladywood, Birmingham. He and his brother TONY and sister went to the U.S.A. about 1911 but he returned to the U.K. about 1914/15 to work at the War Office, marry and live in Hampstead, London. He had two aunts and an uncle SIR WILLIAM TALBOT of Walsall who, during the 1930's was High Sheriff of Staffs. My paternal grandfather HARRY JOSEPH TALBOT, a pork butcher in 1905 lived at the Birmingham address given in details of my father. I assume his brother was SIR WILLIAM TALBOT of Walsall.

From Mrs John Talbot, Idaho, U.S.A.

My husband is a descendant of RICHARD TALBOTT who owned a plantation on West River, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. He bought the plantation December 10th, 1656. It was called Poplar Knowle. It is supposed that RICHARD TALBOTT came from England and was a member of the Society of Friends (Quakers). His will was recorded in the book of 1662 - 63. We are unaware of anyone knowing who this man's parents are, his age or the particular place from whence he came. There is one suggestion that it might have been Bristol. There is a large book written by IDA MORRISON MURPHY SHIRK which traces the descendants of RICHARD up until 1927. By now, of course there are many more.

From Mrs M. Taylor, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland

My grandmother was called MARGARET ELLEN TALBOT. She was born in Witton Park, near Bishop Auckland in County Durham in April 1881, the only daughter of MATTHEW TALBOT & MARGARET ELGEY. Her mother died in childbirth and MATTHEW went to Pennsylvania to find work shortly afterwards. She knew hardly anything about her father and this caused her great distress. She had always hoped to trace him, but did not know how to go about it. As a child she was brought up by her grandmother in Witton Park ELLEN ELGEY, who could neither read nor write. MATTHEW TALBOT did write to her but the letters were destroyed. When my grandmother died in 1943 this was all she knew.

Since then I have found out a little more. In 1881, MATTHEW TALBOT worked in the iron works at WITTON Park. How long he had been in the North East I don't know. There is no record of him in the 1871 Census. ELLEN ELGEY took lodgers, so he may have lodged with her. When he went to Pennsylvania it was to work either in an ironworks there or a mine. It is believed he was in lodgings and eventually died.

Do any of your members come from Barrow in Suffolk? I would like to know something of Matthew's origins and if he had any brothers or sisters?

Editor:- We were able to tell Mrs Taylor that there was a large family of Talbots at Barrow, Suffolk from about 1750 onwards. MATTHEW was baptised on June 6th, 1853, the son of GEORGE & MARY ANN TALBOT. We only found one other child of this couple, ELIZABETH ANN DOVER baptised December 25th, 1854. GEORGE TALBOT & MARY ANN BIRD were married on November 11th, 1852. Trying to find a baptism for GEORGE proved more difficult since there were 3 GEORGES born within 4 years of each other, and no way of telling which one was the father of MATTHEW.

From Mrs Dulcie Innes, Christchurch, New Zealand.

My great grandmother was MARY ANN TALBOT and I have been trying to trace her family history. Her father JOHN TALBOT (47) his wife SARAH (45) (nee WEBBER), their children JOHN (16), GEORGE (14), ELLEN (12), THOMAS (8) and MARY ANN (6) from Devonshire left London on 4th February 1862 on the 'Zealandia' and arrived in Lyttleton, Canterbury, New Zealand on 23rd May, 1862. I have not made much progress as so far I have been unable to trace where JOHN & SARAH are buried so I can obtain a date to acquire a death certificate which may give me information of their parents in England. .... The TALBOT men and their male descendants have involved themselves in farming in Canterbury, and local and national politics. The present Minister of Tourism in the Government is ROB TALBOT.

From Mrs Celia Talbot, South Croydon, Surrey

I enjoyed looking at an old copy of 'Talbotania' - passed on to me by SIR GODFREY TALBOT, (a neighbour but no known degree of relationship). Here are some other Talbot "Bits" for you - my husband is GORDON JOHN TALBOT from the Moira area.

From Tom Talbot, Jesmond, N.S.W., Australia.

My cousin - once removed (I like that phrase) who was big chief of our sporting complex in Canberra (ained at training winners for the Olympic Games) has resigned and returned to Canada to become a swimming coach once more. I spoke to several of his closer relatives about him but evidently he did not contact any of them during his sojourn here. Had I known he was going to leave so soon I would have made a pilgrimage to Canberra to talk with him.

Editor:- See Talbotania Volume 2 Number 2 Page 23 and Volume 2 Number 3 Page 43

From Mrs R.F.T. Bailey, London.

I was in Clifton Hampden in Oxfordshire on Sunday last (July 1983) and found four graves belonging to:- ELIZABETH TALBOT - date eaten away. ROBERT TALBOT died February 4th, 1837 aged 57. RUTH his wife died 1847 aged 66. Robert TALBOT died March 3rd, 1860 aged 44. I have written to the Vicar to ask him to look them up in his register, and when I hear I will inform you.

Letter from the Vicar of Clifton Hampden to Mrs Bailey

I was unable to find any TALBOT in the baptism register from 1887 to the present day. There was one marriage in 1947 between HUGH JOSEPH WILLIAM GRIPPIN of Clifton Hampden and KATHLEEN MABEL TALBOT of Drayton, Berks. The record of Talbots buried in the churchyard is as follows:-

JAMES TALBOT 1820 - 1864. ROBERT TALBOT 1816 - 1860 ROBERT TALBOT 1780 - 1837 Wife RUTH 1781 - 1847 ELIZABETH TALBOT ? - 1864.

All our earlier records are kept in the Bodleian Library, Broad Street, Oxford and if you wish to make any futhur searches do please contact the Librarian in charge of Western MSS.

From Daphne Morley, Doncaster East, Australia.

I was thrilled recently when I got a break through on "my" RICHARD TALBOT, who was born at Henley but his father DAVID wasn't. The census showed DAVID as coming from Harwell, Berkshire. Then I found the article in Volume 2 Number 4 (October 1981) of 'Talbotania' concerning the Talbots of Harwell. The will printed in the article was most interesting as the WILLIAM mentioned would have been RICHARD's grandfather. I am enclosing a sketch of RICHARD's family tree as far as I know it. Have you any further information on these Talbots of Harwell? The Harwell parish records do not seem to contain many marriages or burials - marriages are understandable, but surely they died in Harwell. WILLIAM's wife MARTHA also came from Harwell, so I was able to go back on her line too. It was most pleasing to get this breakthrough after so long.

Editor:- Mikes family also originate from Harwell (he believes), so he and Daphne are probably related distantly.

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NEW MEMBERS We welcome them all to the Organisation.

MRS J. CAINS, 89, St Kenelms Road, Romsley, Nr Halesowen, W. Midlands, D62 OPG  
Mrs Cains family came from Somerset. Her grandparents FRANK & CLARA nee Fisher were married in 1879. See letters.

Mrs Celia Talbot 70, Ridge Langley, Sanderstead, South Croyden, Surrey CR2 OAR  
Mrs Talbot's husband is Gordon John Talbot whilst Mrs Talbot herself is a Handwriting expert and astrologer. See letters.

Mrs D. Innes, 168, Quinns Road, Christchurch 1, New Zealand.

Mrs Innes tracing her great grandmother's family who emigrated to New Zealand in 1862. See letters.

Philip J. Talbot, 295, Park Lane, Poynton, Stockport, Cheshire SK12 1RJ.  
Mr Talbot's father HARRY JOHN was born in Birmingham in 1889. See letters.

Mrs John Talbott, 513, Taylor, Moscow, Idaho 83843, U.S.A.  
Mrs Talbott is another descendant of RICHARD TALBOTT of West River, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. See letters.

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ANSWERS TO THE CHRISTMAS QUIZ ON PAGE 67

Question 1.

A Bishop's Transcript is a copy of the Parish Register which had to be sent annually within a month of Easter to the Bishop. They can now be found either at the Diocesan Record Office or the County Record Office.

Question 2

From July 1st 1837 every birth, marriage and death in England & Wales had to be recorded at the General Registry, now St Catherines House.

Question 3

A messuage is a house, its outbuildings and yard, and in some instances the garden as well. Often used in wills.

Question 4

The first modern census was in 1801, but it was concerned merely with statistics. Names were not used until 1841.

Question 5

A relict is a widow or widower.

Question 6

The Hardwicke Marriage Act was passed in 1754 to prevent clandestine marriages by stating that no marriages could be performed except by a clergyman of the Church of England. Quakers and Jews were excepted. Minors also had to obtain the consent of parents or guardians.

Question 7

A tithe was a tenth of the produce paid to the church.

Question 8

10 Henry VIII means the tenth year of the reign of Henry VIII - ie 1518/19

Question 9

Obit means died.

Question 10

A recusant was someone who declined to attend their parish church. After 1570 the term normally referred to Roman Catholics.

Question 11

A fogger can be any or all of these.

Question 12

A husbandman was a tenant farmer as opposed to a yeoman who owned his own land

Question 13

A dexter was a dyer.

Question 14

A Dame School was an elementary school run by women, the usual fee being 3d or 4d a week. Very common before the 1870 Education Act.

Question 15

xviii ixber MCCCCXLV is November 19th, 1445.

Question 16

A Moravian was a member of a Non Conformist religious sect.

Question 17

Until 1752, March 25th was the civil & legal New Years Day, so dates from January 1st - March 25th inclusive are shown with two years. In fact this date is January 16th, 1749.

Question 18

The Wool Acts of 1667 & 1668 stated that anyone who died (except of the plague) must be buried in sheeps wool only. The law was intended to help the wool trade and a fine of £5 was imposed on the estate of the deceased if wool was not used. The act was repealed in 1814, but had already fallen into disuse.

Question 19

The parish were responsible for looking after the poor after 1601. Each year the church wardens and a few other substantial langholders were made overseers of the Poor. Paupers were maintained and set to work, the funds being provided by taxes on the inhabitants and holders of land. Houses of Correction were built and vagrants committed to them. Poor houses were also built for the incapacitated poor. This was the basis of Poor Law administration for over 200 years. Settlement Papers were also connected with the Poor Law. People could be sent back to their parish of birth if they had no prospect of work within the 40 days, or if he did not rent property worth more than £10 a year.

Question 20

An ostler was a man who looked after horses.

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A Cutting from an Australian Newspaper dated June 1982.

KILLER WAS A 'COWARD'

Police believe a killer punched and kneed a 76 year old man to death at the weekend because he refused to tell where 500 dollars was hidden.

Relatives yesterday described as cowardly the attack on frail WILLIAM HENRY TALBOT at a West Footscray service station. He had a bad heart.

An autopsy yeasterday revealed Mr Talbot of Batman Street, Footscray died from severe body and head injuries.

The deputy head of the homicide squad, Detective Inspector BRIAN RITCHIE said last night; "It appears Mr Talbot stuck to his guns and wouldn't tell the killer where the money was hidden.

"No weapon has been found and it is probable the killer used his fists and knees.

Detectives believe the thief attacked Mr Talbot at the Barkly Street Service station where he had worked for 10 years, about 9 pm Friday night.

They said the killer took a few dollars in small change and a till drawer. Police found almost 500 dollars hidden in the service station.

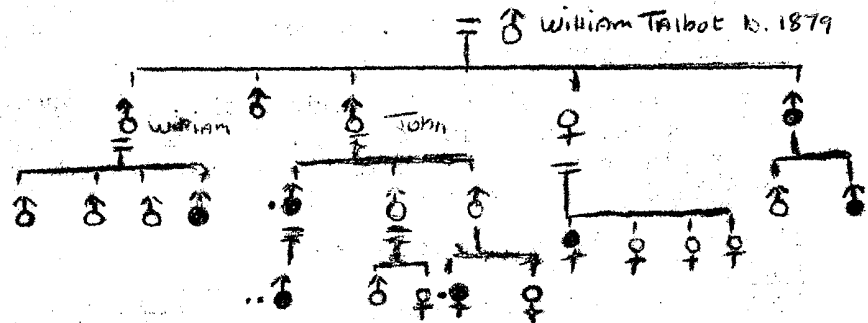
The killers also ransacked Mr Talbot's Simca car parked at the service station. Two youths found Mr Talbot's body in a pool of blood when they opened the station for business at 7.10 am Saturday.

Inspector Ritchie said Mr Talbot would probably have died from the injuries even if he had received help earlier. He lay for 11 hours in the station storeroom where the killer had dragged him.

Mr Talbot's son-in-law MR BOB KEEGAN, of Sorrento, yesterday described the attack as cowardly. "He was not a strong man," said Mr Keegan. "In fact he was very feeble. A kid could have pushed him over".

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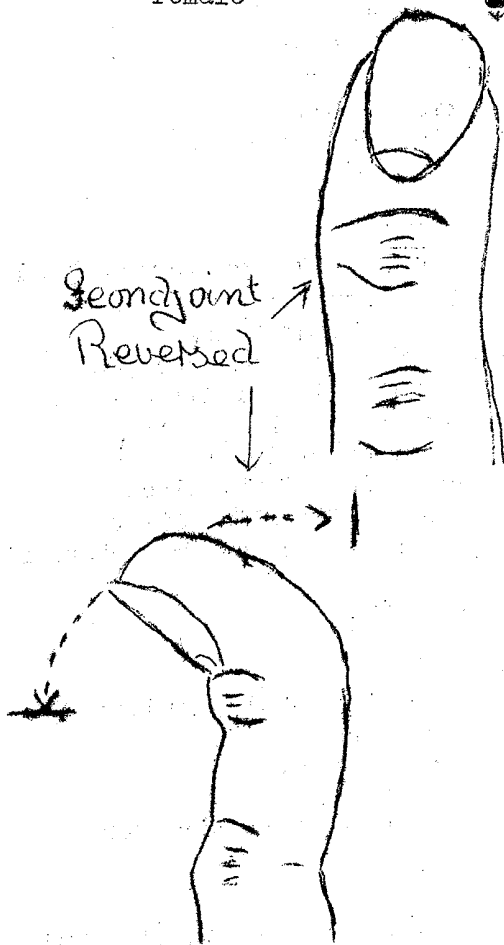
HAVE YOU GOT THE TALBOT FINGER?



KEY

- ♂ male
- ♀ female
- ♂ with horizontal line above: male with finger fusion
- ♂ with dot above: male with toe
- ♀ with dot above: female with toe
- ♂ with horizontal line and dot above: male with Talbot finger
- ♀ with horizontal line and dot above: female " " "

A diagram of the Talbot family of Hampshire showing members known to have malformations of either finger or toe bones.



THE TALBOT FINGER or symphalangism to give it its medical term, is the absence of a working joint caused by the fusion of two of the finger bones. In February 1967, the British Medical Journal published an article by S.G. ELKINGTON M.D. M.R.C.P. and R.G. HUNTSMAN M.D. M.R.C.P. in which they traced the Talbot Finger to the present day through descendants of CHARLES 2nd Earl Talbot (1777-1849). In an article for the North West Kent Family History Society in October 1981, Cecil Humphery-Smith describes the condition as a reversal of the second joint of the little finger, and tells how he traced the ancestry of his French master back to the Talbot family because of his finger malformation. Yet again when we met SIMON TALBOT-PONSONBY some years ago, he told us how various members of his family used to compare toes to see if they had the Talbot toe. So, check your fingers and toes and those of your family to see if YOU or THEY suffer from the Talbot malformation. Genetics is surely THE best way of proving ancestry, so don't have a Tupperware or Jewellery party - have a bone party instead!!

Please let us have any relevant information to publish in the next journal.

See also Talbotania Volume 1 Number 4 pages 2&3

PHOTOGRAPHS

For his birthday last year, Mike had a new camera with a tele-photo lens which takes extremely good pictures. We have therefore decided to offer members a new service - copies of any photos we take.

At present photos are available of Margam Park and Penrice in South Wales and Alton Towers in Staffs. As more photos are taken and become available we will let you know

If you order a minimum of 10 prints size 3½" x 5" we can obtain them for £2 ie 20p per print plus postage. Otherwise the cost for individual prints is 30p plus postage. We estimate that postage on 10 prints would be approx. 25p inland and £1 overseas by air.

Photos available are as follows:-

MARGAM

- M3 main door of the castle
- M4 Frontage of the castle
- M5 Part of the estate
- M8 Almshouses
- M9 Remains of Chapter House
- M10 Four seasons cottage
- M16 Frontage of Orangery
- M17 Interior of Orangery showing original flooring
- M18 Interior of Orangery showing Functions suite.
- MA1 Margam Abbey exterior
- MA2 " " "
- MA3 Margam Abbey interior
- MA4 Mansel Tombs
- MA5 Tomb of Thomas Mansel Talbot
- MA6 Tomb of C.R.M. Talbot
- MA7 Tomb of Theodore Talbot
- MA8 Coat of arms
- MA9 Tomb of Emily Charlotte.
- MA11 Hand embroidered vestments

BROADMAYNE, DORSET

- B1 View of main street
- B2 Opposite view of main street
- B3 Church
- B4 Side of church
- B5 Churchyard
- B6 Interior of church

PENRICE

- P1 Penrice Castle
- p2 " " "
- P3 " " "
- P4 View of present Penrice House
- P5 " " " " "
- P6 " " " " "
- P7 Penrice Park
- P8 " " "
- P9 Gardens at Penrice
- P10 " " "
- P13 Penrice Church
- P15 Penrice churchyard
- P16 Penrice Village
- P17 " " "

ALTON TOWERS

- A1 View of Alton Towers across the lake
- A2 Front of Alton Towers
- A3 Close up of Talbot dog
- A4 Talbot Coat of Arms above door
- A5 View of the side of Alton Towers
- A6 View of one of the Towers
- A7 View of another tower
- A8 Interior view of fireplace
- A9 Close up of fireplace tiles
- A10 Close up of Coat of Arms above fire
- A11 Close up of roof
- A12 Roof & window
- A13 Window
- A14 Gardens
- A15 Another view of the gardens
- A16 Talbot Wharf
- A17 Talbot restaurant
- A18 Talbot Street
- A19 Talbot Street Souvenir Shop

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Cleveland, Ohio 44120, U.S.A.

Association of Genealogists & Record Agents, Hon. Sec. 80, Pollard Road,  
London N20 0UD.

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AN EYE WITNESS ACCOUNT OF 19th CENTURY SOUTH AFRICA.

Continued from Volume 3 Number 3 Page 54.

During this time there were frequent skirmishes or 'wars' as HENRY JAMES TALBOT calls them. 'We was still living in Winterberg district of Fort Beaufort, South Africa. In the year 1846, on Christmas day, the Kaffers made a raid on the farmers. They had to move together for protection. Father's family moved to GEORGE WIGGILLS farm. There was quite a number of families gathered there to protect themselves against the Kaffers. I remember the Caffers attacked the farmers on WILLIAM BLAIR's farm. They had quite a fight, but the farmers was victorious. The Kaffers was beat, leaving many dead on the field of battle. We stayed on the WIGGILL place for some time. Then we moved to Fort Beaufort, to a safer place the remainder of the war. Shortly after we got to Beaufort the Kaffers caught a young man named MENDENALL and killed him. That happened not more than two miles from Beaufort. At another time the Kaffers laid in ambush and fired on the soldiers and drove them from the train, burnt the wagons. That was also near Fort Beaufort. In the wars in 1846 there was some hard fighting at Fort Armstrong on the Cat River, but the soldiers and the colonist was to much for the natives, won the fight and drove the Kaffers and Hotentots from the fort and took possession of the fort. That was one of their strong places. The natives also attacked Post Teteaf but the farmers was in the Post and they kept them off for quite a number of days. The natives laid around the Post and would have starved the farmers out had not the reinforcement sent from Grahame's Town came up and drove them away. It was just in the nick of time that they arrived to help the Post Riteaf boys out of their trouble.'

According to FERDA TROUP this "War of the Axe" (1846 - 7)... 'An old Xhosa thief, charged with stealing an axe and on the way to Grahamstown for trial was forcibly rescued by his kinsmen. When they refused to return him to a disciplinary force was marched into Kafirland against them. A long, costly war followed and ended with the pacification of the country to the west of the Kei.'

In 1857 there were furthur rumours of war. 'We moved from our farm to a larger or camp, for the protection of each other near the Whitelsea. We was there for several months, but the war feaver blew over again. We Moved our stock to DEEP River, onto my Uncle BEN SWEENINAM's farm, stayed there for a while, and then the boys that is my brothers and myself went back to Torn River with the stock. But Father and Mother went to a farm in Tusintus for a while with the sheep, but soon moved back to Thorn River to live. That was in 1858.

HENRY JAMES TALBOT describes some of the tribes. The Hotentots he describes as ' a light yellow colour, woolly head. They have got plenty to say, and they are fine dancers, quick and nimble, active as a cat, and a true friend to you when he takes a notion to you. The women are fine washers.'

' There is one tribe, the Zulus in Natal, When they are at war with a nation, they kill all, both men and women and child infants, no matter what the age. They are cruel and a savage race of people. But with the Koffer it is different. They will not molest a woman or child. They consider it beneath a man to molest a woman and children., but let them go, not taking notice of them at all. They pride themselves as being above a woman, and consider it cowardly to kill either woman or child as they neither the woman or child goes to war, so they are free. But do not interfer with the family of a Kaffer if you do not want to die. If you do, he will kill you like a dog. If with his wife, he will kill you both, as soon as he gets a chance to do it. The Caffer is an expert as a thief, but if you find him

out he will pay fourfold. But the thief they will not give up. The chief will you can have your pay, but do not ask me for the man. He will tell you, "it hurts my heart to give up my man to you". In time of peace you can visit among them. They will treat you well, and they will feed you while you are visiting with them. The chief will put you and the guardsman cannot give a satisfactory account of how it happened, and you got killed, the guardsman is sure to be killed for not doing his duty by you. For the chief tells the guardsman to protect you with his life if need be or he forfeits his own life.&

The Bushmen lives in the caves in the klifts on the mountains. They are artist. In their caves where they live you can see beautiful paintings of all wild animals. They make their own paint. The oil that they use is the marrow out of the bones of the game which they kill. The paint is different coloured soft cock which they grind up fine, then mix with the marrow. The animals that they have painted are still round the mouth of their caves, look as bright as the day that they were painted.'

'I will now tell you a little about the Dutch in Africa. I like the Dutch. They are friendly and kind, respecting every one's rights, very polite to the stranger travelling them, teaching their children to respect older and aged persons.

In 1858 HENRY JAMES TALBOT was converted to Mormonism, and sold his farm and moved to Queenstown with the intention of going to America. On 13th, 1859 he marries LAVINIA ANN WALL and in 1861 they embarked on the ship 'Race Horse' for America. Thus there are descendants of JOHN STEWART TALBOT in both South Africa and America.

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MORE INFORMATION HELD BY NEIL TALBOT of TAMWORTH, STAFFS,

Entries in Book of Derbyshire Charters, Grants of Land etc.

1526	GEORGE, EARL OF SHREWSBURY	Barley.
1526	" " " "	Hertyngton.
1336	Witness William Talbot	Roliston (Rolleston)
1336	WILLIAM TALBOT	"
1336	RADULFI TALBOT	"
Henry VI	JOHN TALBOT LORD	Castleton, Burge, Alestre, Hope, Asseoppe
1440	JOHN TALBOT Abbot	Buildewass
1452	JOHN Earl	Monyasshe
1411	JOHN TALBOT Knight	Rodbourne
1424	JOHN TALBOT lord	Shatton
1411	" " " "	Onston
1549	FRANCIS 5th Earl.	Stavely.
1448	JOHN TALBOT Lord.	Brethby
1466	" " "	Beachief
1476	" " "	Tyam
1473	" " " 3rd Earl	Shenstone
1440	" " "	Wirksworth
1204	ROGER TALBOT Justice	Newton Solney
1422	RALPH TALBOT	Hope
1423	" "	"
1361	WILLIAM TALBOT	Roliston
1365	" "	"
1322	" "	"
1323	" "	"

Also in 1320, 1349 & 1368.

Hearth Tax 1662/1666

Wolverhampton	WILLIAM TALBOTT	Enfield	THOMAS
Rowley Regis	THOMAS TALDOTT	PATtingham	JOHN
Tipton	THOMAS	Tipton	HENRY
High Offley	FRANCIS	Walsall	MRS TALBOTT
Rowleston	WIDDOW TALBOTT	Rowleston	JOHN TALBOTT
Forbridge	ROBERT	Church Eaton	THOMAS
Haughton	THOMAS	Coton	THOMAS
Coton	RICHARD	Gnosall	JAMES BARBOX
Befcott	MATHIAS	Befcott	HENRY
Noretton	THOMAS	Walton Grange	THOMAS
MERE Easton	JAMES	Madoley	JOHN
Chartley	JOSEPH	Frodswell	ADDAM
Scighford	JOHN	Eccleshall	THOMAS
Croxton	WIDOW TALBOT	Croxton	MARY
Croxton	Catherine.		

Wolverhampton Marriage Index.

- 1788 WILLIAM TALBOT m. HANNAH HART
- 1794 WILLIAM TALBOT m. ANN TURNER
- 1795 JOHN TALBOT m. FRANCIS WAKEMAN
- 1737 JOHN
- 1753 WILLIAM
- 1776 JOHN
- 1770 RICHARD
- 1728 JOHN.

Land Tax 1781.

- JOHN..... Abbots Bromley
- GEORGE Rev..... Ingestry
- JOHN CHEETWYND.....Ingestry
- JOHN.....Ranton
- ROBERT.....Ranton
- ? TALBOT..... Bagots Bromley.

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TALBOTT TREE Volume 6

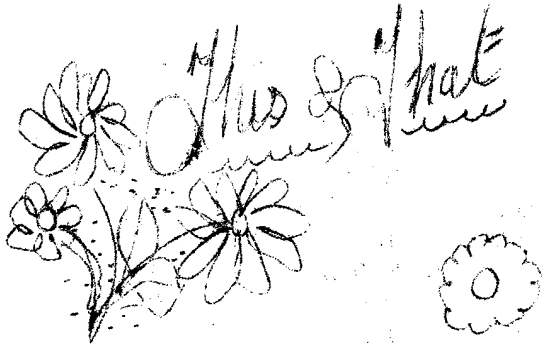
We have just received the latest Volume of this publication. In her Foreword the Editor states that she has enough material for at least 2 more volumes, but she would like more Bible Records and old letters. As she so rightly points out, published material is safeguarded in perpetuity. If it just sits in your house unpublished, then it is at risk from fire, flood, or any other Act of God. Volume 6 contains Federal Census Records from North Dakota, Illinois, Kansas; Oregon State Death Index 1903 - 1920; letters; newspaper articles; Bible records; as well as additional information on various Talbott branches.

For further information, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:-  
Mrs Ruby Simonson McNeill, N. 4015 Marguerite Road, Spokane, WA 99212.

Those members who trace their ancestry from MATTHEW TALBOT might be interested in a book by VIRGIL TALBOT entitled "THE TALBOTS - Centuries of Service" which begins with the possible ancestry of MATTHEW and then follows his descendants through the years to date. A soft back of 198 pages and an index, it costs 14.60 dollars, post paid from the author:-

Virgil Talbot, Rt.4, Box 6, Colcord, OK 74338, U.S.A.

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Marriages at Lockerley, Hants.

ROBERT TALBOT & SARAH LUKE 4th Sept. 1743.

Thanks to JOY HOBBS, Hants. Genealogical Society.

Marriage at Wylve, Wilts.

JOHN HUPPY? & JANE TALBOT 14th June 1814.

1881 Census, The Village, Alverstoke, Hants. Ref. R.G.11/1163/109 Page 14

CHARLOTTE TALBOT	Charwoman	Head	w.	55	b. Corton, Suffolk
BENJAMIN TALBOT	Carpenter	Son		20	b. Hill Head, Hants
LOUISA TALBOT	Domestic Servant	Dau.		17	b. Alverstoke.
	Out of work.				
ROBERT REFDALL	Scholar	Grandson		7	b. Portsea.

1881 Census 6, Haslar Terrace.

WILLIAM (J.I./S) TALBOT	Gunner, Royal Artillery.	43	b. Ireland
MARY (J.I./S)? TALBOT		24	b. Fareham.

1871 Census The Village, Alverstoke. RG 10? Schedule 219.

CHARLOTTE TALBOT	Head	w.	45	Housekeeper	b. Corton, Suffolk.
BENJAMIN R. TALBOT	Son		10		B. Hill Head.
MARTHA L. TALBOT	Dau.		7		b. Alverstoke

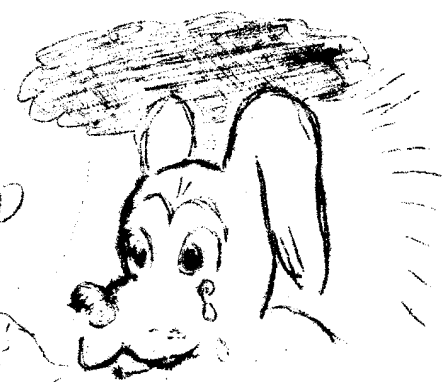
Baptism of MARTHA LOUISA TALBOT b. Alverstoke Village on October 25th, 1863, Baptised January 3rd 1864, daughter of JOHN & CHARLOTTE TALBOT. Father's employment:- Coastguard.

Our thanks to MR HAINES of the Hampshire Genealogical Society for supplying us with the above.

DAWSOB CHURCH of New York has suggested that if U.K. postal rates increase much more, we might consider sending across just one copy of Talbotania, which could then be duplicated and mailed from there. Sounds like a very good idea.

TALLY HOUND TALBOT HOUND

Please help  
Hire a cartoonist  
WANTED



JOHN DALLISON of Derby writes of his continued research on the REVEREND GEORGE TALBOT M.A. who was Rector of Ingestre c. 1811. ;;; Well, he does appear to have been the rector of Sudbury, Derbys. c. 1780. According to Debrett, he (GEORGE) was the second son of JOHN TALBOT & CATHERINE CHESTWYND (m. August 1748). GEORGE's wife, ANNE BEAULIERE (they married in 1782 at Ingestre) appears to have been a direct descendant of the 1st Duke of St Albans, and, therefore of CHARLES II & Eleanor (NELL) GWYNN..... ANN d.sp. in 1809 and GEORGE in 1812? GEORGE TALBOT's marriage may account for his brief incumbancy at Sudbury.

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FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES TENTH ANNIVERSARY

GARDEN PARTY AT STRATHFIELD SAYE (nr READING)

SATURDAY JUNE 9th, 1984

As we are affiliated to the Federation, members of T.R.C. are welcome to attend this celebration, to be held in the walled garden of the home of the Patron of the Federation. It will be an informal occasion for family historians to meet and talk together at their leisure, between 11.00am & 5.00pm. The only formal part of the day will be the buffet lunch followed by anniversary toasts and cake between 1.00pm - 2.00pm. The rest of the day you will be free to visit the house, wander through the pleasant grounds, view the family history exhibitions and generally relax and enjoy yourselves. 2 large marquees and alternative entertainment will be provided in case of bad weather.

Cost is:- £5.00 per adult to include morning coffee on arrival, buffet lunch and afternoon tea. Children 5 - 15 years £2.50, Under 5's free.

If you are interested, you can obtain a booking form from Mike, but numbers are limited to 400 on a first come first served basis, so don't delay. Booking closed on March 31st and no money refunded after May 14th, 1984.

A note from MRS CHRISTINE SANCTON of Canada asks if we had heard that JOAN of ARC cursed JOHN TALBOT as she burnt at the stake - cursing him and his descendants- with the result that we all were advised not to call any boy TALBOT JOHN as he could be accursed! Interesting, and not that we have believed it, but my sister who has 6 boys, has not called one JOHN just in case!.

Now you tell us MRS SANCTON. Unfortunately it's too late for my family. My father is JOHN CYRIL TALBOT, my son is JOHN HUCKNALL TALBOT, and I am MICHAEL JOHN TALBOT!!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NILON & HILARY TALBOT-PONSONBY are now living at:- 18, Camp View, Winterbourne Down, BRISTOL BS17 1BW.

One of our new members MRS CELIA TALBOT of Sanderstead, Surrey has a fairly unusual occupation. She is a handwriting Analyst, Astrologer, Counsellor/Therapist, Lecturer, Colour Personality Analyst. The following article was published in the Croydon Borough News, June 9th, 1983.

Have you ever wondered if on the day that you were born stardust was sprinkled in your hair, read on...

The secrets of the inner-self are no harder to discover than the nearest supplier of "quirky" books for Sanderstead astrologist, CELIA TALBOT, a lady who tells all and teaches others how to do it.

The never-ending search to solve the mysteries and the problems of our lives has led this charring 50 year old trained psychologist and serious social worker along many different paths. Through the shining light in the distance has never faulted her own scepticism and thirst for knowledge has sent her scurrying yet again for books on palmistry, numerology, astrology, tarot cards and more. You name it, CELIA's studied it - anything offbeat, except for black magic. "That I don't dabble in," says CELIA, who strongly believes in and respects a God of Love - and a powerful evil force. "There is truth in them all and one must keep an open mind," says Celia, though she emphasises a certain need for discrimination.

This mother of two and wife to a chartered engineer first realised her innate talents as a social worker many years ago. "My clients' problems were hitting me even before I opened their envelopes," she said. "It was all there in the way they had written the address," she said. From graphology, (study of handwriting) her interest in the ancient sciences, which most modern "Einsteins" confine to garden fetes, quickened steadily. What progressed to being a party game became an absorbing part of her life.

Now CELIA, an experienced counsellor and therapist in the traditional sense, is also a handwriting analyst, astrologer, colour personality analyst, lecturer and teacher on reading Tarot cards and social psychology at Croydon college.

"I have to turn people away from my classes, it has become so popular says Celia, who begins her next course in September. For £20 Celia will draw up a complete horoscope chart, reading and a year's forecast, which comes with a one-hour cassette. A hand-writing character analysis costs £7.50 and comes with a half-hour cassette. Astro-counselling (£10 an hour) lectures, talks, and group work can be arranged by appointment. "Most of my customers are just curious," she says, and who has recently completed a course on superstition. "As a Saitarian I am an eternal student," she smiles, and the clearest blue eyes I have ever seen twinkle brightly.

#### Brass Plaque in Wantage Church.

TALBOTTE or TALBOT

Water (?Walter) - see brass in S aisle Wantage Porch.

Agnes - 1st wife of Walter died 1525

Alys - 2nd wife of Walter.

William - ? one of 5 sons of Walter! Gov. of Wantage Town Lands c. 1597

Richard - ? son of William, Gov. of Wantage Town Lands 1619

William - ? son or grandson of William, Gov. of Wantage Town Lands 1630.

WILL OF RICHARD TALBOTT OF BERKSHIRE

Dated the 24th of September 1633, Richard Talbott the elder of Wanting, Berks. yeoman, bequeaths the following:-

To the church at Wanting 12d

To the poor of Wanting 10/-.

My lease of Iohn Blandyes land which is mortgaged to the widowe Clarke of East Challowe shall be transferred to my son RICHARD provided he pay my debt to Widow Clarke.

I give to my brother WILLIAM TALBOTT & my brother in law DANIELL ALL my messuage with the appurtenances situated in Wanting now in the possession of WILLIAM ALDWORTH, mercer & JOHN TURTON to have & hold these premises to the said WILLIAM TALBOTT & JOHN DANIELL upon trust that they shall make sale thereof & out of the money raised shall pay my son WILLIAM £20 & the residue of the money shall pay to my executrix towards the payment of my debts.

I appoint my wife IOhane my full and whole executrix.

I give to my daughter MARGARETT one holland sheet & a flockbed.

Witnesses

Thomas Samwell

Richard Talbott Junior

John Turton

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Our thanks to Mrs Polly Lawrence of Wantage, Oxon and the Berkshire Family History Society for this information.

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Picure of JOHN TALBOT 1st Earl of Shrewsbury, on the front cover, reproduced by kind permission of Shrewsbury Public Library, Shropshire.

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OBITUARY

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death on December 13th, 1983 of THOMAS ARTHUR POMEROY of Woodstock Road, Gosport. A relative of Mikes, he was the grandson of Mikes great-great-grandfather who was born in 1820, so with his death, a link spanning over 160 years has been broken. He was a great help and encouragement in the early days of the T.R.O. and even recently when he was in and out of hospital and undergoing major operations, he still found the time and energy to ring us up. His memories of his mother MARY POMEROY nee TALBOT & his grandfather JOHN, have helped Mike to build up a much clearer picture of his ancestors. We will sorely miss him and extend our sympathy to his widow.

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THE DUBLIN MATE TALBOT COMMITTEE

In their November/December Newsletter, the Committee report on a visit to Rome by BROTHER GALLAGHER, the Supreme Knight of the Knights of Saint Columbus. He presented a Scroll which said "The members of the Order have come to Rome on pilgrimage to express to Your Holiness our filial love and unsevering loyalty and respectfully petition you to beatify our countryman, VENERABLE MATE TALBOT, workman, trade unionist, and recovered alcoholic."

- 1) His life is an inspiration to Alcoholics to drug addicts and their families.
- 2) His devotion to the Mass, the Sacraments, prayer and penance, stress the need for a spiritual dimension in their rehabilitation.
- 3) His repentance, conversion and penance exemplify the theme of the Holy Year.

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CONCLUSION.

We very much regret that this journal is so late, but unfortunately ill health and misfortune dogged us right to the end of 1983. Let's hope that 1984 is a better year. We intend to start work immediately on the next journal, so hopefully you should have another one before too long. Please don't forget to return and fill in the questionnaire - it's the ONLY way that we can hear your thoughts & opinions.

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