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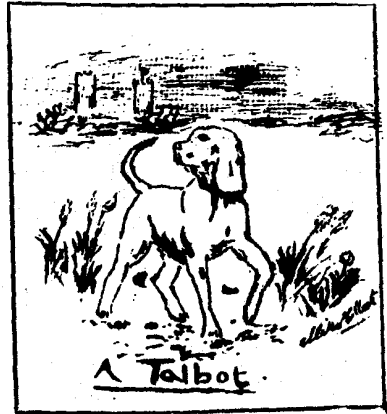
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Editorial

The end of another year approaches and I suppose it is only natural to look back and review the year. 1987 has been kinder to us than 1986, the children are flourishing and the business is booming, although we do find we have less time to devote to the Talbot Research Organisation. If you have had to wait for a reply to your letter - our apologies.

Letters continue to arrive from all over the world, and we experience a great sense of satisfaction when we can tie them into a family already being researched. But it isn't only letters which arrive;- this year we have received a beautiful quilt made by the aunt of AMY STONEBRAKER and one of the prints of Malahide House by KAY PATTERSON (see page). AMY is famous for her annual reunions, but we managed one of our own this year, and a thoroughly enjoyable day it was. We are now planning a bigger and better one, which hopefully will be held in a school holiday in 1988. ELAINE HILL has friends who own a school which we hope will prove to be a suitable venue. I wonder if any "old" members have realised that last Christmas we celebrated our 10th anniversary. The very first 'Talbotania' which ran to 6 pages was produced as a way of writing all our Christmas letters at one sitting, as our youngest child was due a fortnight before Christmas. That very first journal was produced on a hand duplicator and contained articles on Mike's family in Hampshire; a Talbot family wiped out by the plague in Eyam, Derbys.; and one on the Talbot Hound. It was circulated to all the Copyright Receipt Offices, some libraries; members of Mike's family and names picked at random

from the telephone directory. From that small beginning has grown our present organisation. Long may it continue to flourish!!

Our thanks for all the Christmas cards, and if it's not too late - Happy New Year.

Mary Talbot.



I thought I was the last of the breed, but now there's Henry the Hound at Alton Towers. He's made in Taiwan though!



EDUCATION IN A PENAL SETTLEMENT



Submitted by Sheila White.

Recently I stumbled upon a copy of DR JAMES TALBOTT'S 'Christian School-Master', while revisiting an old church in Port Macquarie.

Port Macquarie was founded by a Governor of New South Wales in 1821 named LACHLAN MACQUARIE, and it was originally a secondary penal settlement. It was made a free settlement in 1830. It lies 400 Kms north of Sydney.

TALBOTT'S book is closely associated with the first incumbent of St Thomas', the REVEREND JOHN CROSS. He brought the book out to Australia with him in 1828 when the church was finished and dedicated. He was appointed by the Diocese of Calcutta which was the diocese to which New South Wales belonged in those days.

CROSS used the services of a cantor, MR BENJAMIN REED to sing the responses during his services. REED, a violinist, and another musician, a flautist provided instrumental accompaniment for the congregation. REED was also the schoolmaster and conducted school in the church. One wonders if he had access to and was guided by the 'Christian School-master', and what part if any, JOHN CROSS played in the children's education. To what degree did the book influence education in the early days of the Hastings River District where Port Macquarie is situated?

The book is under glass in the muniments room which is in the belfry tower. Details are:-

'Christian School Master' JAMES TALBOTT D.D.

Chaplain to His Grace the Duke Of Somerset & Rector of Spotsforth in Yorkshire.

Printed for F.C. & J. Rivington, 62, St Paul'S Church Yard, by R. & R. Gilbert, St John's Square, Clerkenwell. 1817

The church was built to the plans of LT OWEN, 3rd Regiment of Foot, (The Buffs) drawn up in 1824

It was designed to hold 600 people, to have walls 3 feet thick, built of convict-made bricks, a lathe

and plaster ceiling and with a roof of shingles, convict hewn from local timber. All interior wood-work was of local cedar. The floor was of rammed earth. Alterations to ceiling, roof and floor have taken place over the years, but the original brick construction remains unaltered. To some of us it is old & historical.

Initially the worshippers consisted of convicts, their guards, firstly of the 48th Regiment (Foot) to 1824, their families, officers and their families and the chaplain. By 1830 free settlers swelled their ranks. There were by then both male and female prisoners. The church was built on a hill from which could be seen the nearby Hastings River and the Pacific Ocean. The climate was & is temperate. The area is bathed by mild S.E. Trade Winds in winter. Sugar-cane, vines and maize were early crops. Fish abounded in the estuary. It is now a holiday resort. The river was named after SIR WARREN HASTINGS, Governor General of India about 1818.

Back in the first days of the settlement convicts cleared the dense forest and bush, felling and exporting to Sydney cedar and rosewood; that wood which was surplus to the communities own needs. One commandant died of sunstroke during a hot summer. (How many convicts suffered I wonder?) Some prisoners were attacked by parties of aboriginals throwing spears, and one died. The military force consisted of 33 men, 3 officers and 3 N.C.O's. The prisoners first numbered 60.

In 1830 a free settler noted that the gang in irons sat on the north side of the church while on the south side sat invalids from the prisoner's barracks. Each door was guarded by two soldiers with fixed bayonets, other guards stood in the S.E. corner and a group stood ready at the west end of the church to escort the prisoners to barracks.

Communication with Sydney was by sea only, by Government schooner. Gradually a town was laid out and a harbour developed. Mortar for the buildings was made from crushed oyster shells.

Such was the environment into which 'the book' was transferred. Not in his wildest dreams could JAMES

TALBOTT have envisaged such a scenario for the implantation of learning.

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Mrs White's article reminded us of a letter from STUART RANSOM which was published on page 63 of Volume 4 Number 4. repeated as follows:-

My father the other day was looking through a booklet 'Hertfordshire PAST & Present' No 14 1974 and came across an article mentioning JAMES TALBOTT.:-
Instilling religious principles was one of the foremost aims of the charity schools. Guidance on how to achieve this could be obtained from a book written by JAMES TALBOTT in 1707 for the S.P.C.K. It was entitled "The Christian Schoolmaster or the duty of those who are employed in the publick instruction of children especially in charity school". In the section on Instruction of reading, writing and arithmetic, TALBOTT recommends that the school be divided into four classes;

- (1) Those that learn the alphabet and the rudiments of reading in the Horn Book, Primer and Spelling Book.
- (2) Those that read the Psalter and ^{New} Testament.
- (3) Those that read the Bilbe and learn to write.
- (4) Those that can write and are fit to be instructed in arithmetic.

Talbott suggests that the children should progress through learning the alphabet, the spelling of words, the construction of sentences to the reading of the Catechism which ~~they~~ would already have learnt by heart. He sets great store by memory and practise. As additional text he allows the use of Aesops Fables for copy writing and the Whole Duty of Man for extra reading for older children.

The virtues especially necessary in the master according to Talbott's manual are patience, humility, sagacity, equity, forbearance, sweetness of disposition, diligence and piety. The Master should not be under 25 years of age and must be free from deformity of person or defect of speech.

WARNING

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NO KNOWN CURE!!!

GENEALOGY POX

Sometimes referred to as PLAGUE, this ailment is very contagious to adult (homo sapiens). Other species are not susceptible.

Symptoms

Onset gradual, progressing rapidly to continual complaint as to need for names, dates and places. Patient has blank expression. Sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Tends to be oblivious to unrelated subjects of conversation.

Side effects

Hopelessly addictive. Has no taste for work of any kind except feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses. Has compulsion to write letters containing long questionnaires and/or family charts requiring excessive postage. Apt to react violently if spouse makes any attempt at throwing away/clearing out/moving notes. Swears at mailman when he doesn't leave mail. Fretful on holidays. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins and remote desolate country areas. Makes secret night calls. Hides phone bills from spouse. Mumbles to self. Has strange far-away look in eyes. If patient is allowed to drive, fellow passengers should guard against panic at sudden brakings. Reflexes somewhat spasmodic at first sightings of isolated cemeteries along roadside. In company of other than family members, patient has tendency to ask unexpected personal questions relating to families of total strangers.

Treatment

Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Surrounding patient with scraps of notepaper seems to soothe. Location near a telephone is important to his well being. Extreme patience should be exercised by family members and friends when exposed to afflicted victim. Avoid appearance of boredom at all costs when in presence of patient,

this only aggravates the condition. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines and be given a quiet corner in the house where he can be alone. However, complete isolation is neither necessary nor desirable for patient's (or family's) well being.

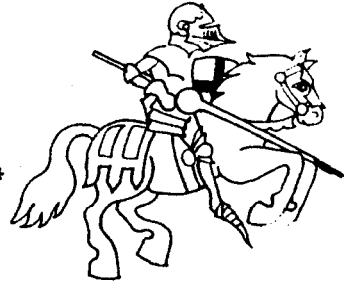
Remarks

Although not debilitating, the usual nature of this plague-like disease is..... the sicker the patient gets, the more he enjoys it.

Author unknown

Submitted by Bethel Talbot Reynolds,

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St Thomas' Pt Macquarie
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Letters to the Editor



From J.E.TALBOT, Winchester

On page 102 of Volume 5 Number 3, you refer to CHARLES TALBOT who was transported to Tasmania in 1828 from Colchester, and you write that "To date we know of only one Talbot who was transported". My wife and I each have clear recollections - from one of our visits to Street, Somerset - of discovering that in the early 1800s a Talbot living in that area was convicted of stealing a sheep at Ilminster, and was transported. We do not appear to have kept any notices about this, so I am afraid I cannot give the name of this Talbot or the date of his conviction. This seems rather silly but it is the best I can do.

EDITOR Perhaps another member can furnish the details. We would also be interested to hear of any other Talbots who were transported.

From MARY V. BONNEY, Windsor.

Even if I never discover "our" Talbot link, I will continue to enjoy the Magazine. However, this June issue was really exciting because of the Harwell items. My DAVIS ancestors lived at 'New House Farm' (which has apparently completely disappeared beneath a garage) during the 19th century, but I don't know whether great-grandfather GEORGE owned it or was a tenant. Living with him was his father-in-law named 'JOHN KINSMAN', who was born in Hampshire, and 'JOHN' or HENRY JOHN KINSMAN' died at the age of 99. My late mother would not say very much about the family and there were no certificates etc. left, so I have had to start from scratch.

The illustrations of the buildings deserve a special mention - they are extremely good. Perhaps 'Pomander House' really has got 13th century bits in its foundations - it looks as if it has been enlarged from an original tiny cottage erected before chimneys

came into use- building a larger extension on to the end.
EDITOR A well deserved pat on the back for John Talbot of Hayes who produced the Booklet 'A look at the Tithe Map' which was circulated with the last Talbotania.

From CHRISTINE SANCTON, New Brunswick, Canada.
Have you heard of a Franciscan called JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT? I have a tape of his called 'Songs of Worship'. Apparently, my sister thinks he was a rock star before becoming a religious. Also saw a horror story written by MICHAEL TALBOT, called 'The Bog' - looks pretty gruesome from the cover. There are no author notes in the book, which is rather tantalizing.

From DAPHNE MORLEY, Doncaster East, Australia.
I can't make sense of the sailing ships which left in May for Australia. They stated that they would be unable to complete the journey unless they got another 900,000 dollars. Government refused but a radio station put on an appeal and raised 800,000 dollars, so the ships left for Cape Town and now say they need more money to complete the journey beyond Cape Town. It is a private arranged journey and was done against most Government advise although they were given some money from the Federal and N.S.W. Governments.. I think the Government was saying that the ships couldn't make a profit and that the journey would cost more than the organisers thought.

EDITOR We understood from the publicity when the ships left Portsmouth that the crews themselves were paying for the privilege of taking part and that different crews would be present during each leg of the voyage.

From PETER FRANCIS TAYLOR, London.
My father's side of the family is what concerns me most. The information I have is Oral, and some documents. Obviously my father confided his Family History to my mother and her family, and they in turn passed some of the information to myself and my

brother. My mother and her parents and brothers and sisters were all born in the West Indies, White creoles I think the term is. My father was born on the 16th May 1898, his name GERALD FRANCIS TALBOT, his father's name was GERALD FRANCIS TALBOT of independant means. His mother's name was FLORENCE YOUNGE. Place of birth and residence of both parents was 40, Burlington Road; birth registered in the sub-district of St Mary, Paddington, in the County of London. On the 3rd of December, 1906 at St Benedicts Church, Ealing, my father was bapissed, GERALD FRANCIS TAYLOR. No such name exists in the Record Books at St Catherines House, which had always been known by my family anyway. There is another address connected to my grandfather, 19 Grosvenor Road. My grandmother Florence Younge or Mrs Taylor as she was later known, also resided a 3, Wymering Mansions, Maiõa Vale and also 126, Park Lane in west London. I would be very grateful for any help you can give me.

EDITOR We have not been able to assist Mr Taylor very much except to put him in touch with STUART RANSOM who has done a good deal of research in London. Can anyone else help at all?)

FROM C.W.T CROFT, Canterbury.

The Talbot I am interested in is JOHN SHREWS TALBOT who was an officer in the British Army. He served in the 65th (the 2nd Yorkshire North Riding) Regiment of Foot from 1856 - 1867. From his army record I found that he was born at Maryborough in Ireland. He was baptised in the Church there with the name of JOHN TALBOT. He seems to have added the name SHREWS at the age of 17. He served during the war in New Zealand from 1858 - 1864. After he left the army in 1867 I can find no trace of him at all - no record of marriage or date of death.

EDITOR If anyone can help with this query; Mr Croft's address is:- 2, King Street, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2AR.

From C.D.YEOMANS, Vancouver,

I am trying to find out who the SARAH TALBOT, of Aston was who married THOMAS TUNSTALL of Norbury at Sandon in Staffs on April 16th, 1747 by licence. Their grand-daughter MARGARET TUNSTALL married THOMAS YEOMANS, a farmer, at Church Stretton; he was my great-great grandfather.

Many years ago my grandmother gave me some notes about the family and 5 years ago I started researching, to see if what my grandmother said was true. Up to, but not including SARAH, it is as she said; but she said SARAH married JOHN HARPER of Broome and that she was the daughter of the EARL OF SHREWSBURY, both of these statements are wrong. In the meantime my cousins in England sent me a memorial about CAPTAIN WILLIAM TUNSTALL who died in 1861. The memorial states in part 'His grandmother was a MISS TALBOT of Aston, near Newport in Staffs; sister to the then EARL TALBOT'. Whoever was his grandmother would also be the grandmother of MARGARET TUNSTALL, wife of THOMAS YEOMANS. You would think that a person would know who his grandmother was, but I cannot make the connection. A tombstone in Stokesay states that SARAH died on June 20th, 1800 aged 79 years. I have searched the Mormons microfiche for England and have the following candidates: dau. of HENRY TALBOT bap. 22/5/1722 at West Bromwich, All Saints; dau of JOHN TALBOT bap. 4/11/1722 at Brewood, St Mary and dau. of RICHARD & MARY bap. 27/12/1721 at Kinnersley. Kinnersley is near Church Aston, which is not far from Newport, Salop.

EDITOR It is perhaps worth pointing out that the Mormon microfiche is incomplete, because some incumbants refuse to allow their records to be microfilmed.

From KATRINA BONNINGTON, Nelson, N.Z.

My mother's maiden name was TALBOT. my great, great grandfather ALFRED JOHN TALBOT immigrated to Australia in 1852 and then moved with his family to Dunedin, N.Z. in 1864. One of his brothers also immigrated to Australia his name was JAMES FREEMAN BEARD TALBOT.

EDITOR

We were able to locate the baptism of JAMES FREEMAN BEARD TALBOT in Essex the son of JAMES BEARD TALBOT whose article on the miseries of prostitution appeared in Talbotania Volume 5 Number 1. Miss Bonnington wrote again.....

JAMES BEARD TALBOT was my great great great grandfather. He became a congregational minister in 1844 and later worked at the Princess Louise Home in Wanstead. where he died in 1881. The name BEARD has come down through the generations my grandfather being the last in my family to have it as a second Christian name. My great grandfather's (ALFRED JAMES CHARLES) birth certificate shows that his father ALFRED JOHN, was born in London about 1828, but unfortunately doesn't state the specific area.

From DEE TOMBS, U.S.A.

My line of Talbot is RICHARD TALBOT who came to America about 1652, at least he had settled in Anne Arundel, Maryland by then. I have not been able to find anything further back on his line and was wondering if you could help me on it?

I also have RICHARD EWEN born circa 1629 in England and RICHARD TYDINGS/TIDINGS born circa 1659 in Md or England & BENJAMIN LAWRENCE who married in England ANN ASCOMB/ASSHCOM/ASHCOMB. All of these families are tied up together in my Dads family line of HUMPHREY BELT. He came here in 1635 on the 'America'. Supposedly he was born in 1615 in the East Riding.

From MISS COLLETTE CLARKE, Watford, Herts.

My grandmother's name was AGNES ADA TALBOT. This information is on my father's birth certificate which states that her name was AGNES ADA CLARKE nee TALBOT. This is wrong as my grandparents never married. Her death certificate found after long searches, records that her name was AGNES ADA TALBOT but that she was alias NANCY CLARKE. In fact, her death is entered under two names, which I only discovered after fruitless hours looking for the death of AGNES ADA CLARKE. She died in Marylebone at the Middlesex Hospital on December 30th, 1949, her age (which might be

inaccurate) is given as being 49. I have searched high and low in St Catherines House for her birth certificate but have found nothing - although I searched approx. 12 years either side - perhaps she had yet another name

From about 1930, she and my grandfather WILLIAM lived at Kenton, Middx. (I've scoured all Church yards in the vicinity but to no avail), but moved very frequently during the 20's. I have found my aunts and my one uncles births and the list of districts and the years, so I have a rough idea where they lived.

From V. STYLES, Alton, Hants

Most of my success have been founded on legend, stories passed down through the family and it is possible you may have some information to hand. My mother says that we are possibly connected to the 19th Earl of Shrewsbury when he inherited the Earldom under an agreement with the Countess of Tyrconnel he would change his name to CARPENTER and bear the CARPENTER Coat of Arms. This is also quoted in Burkes Peerage; - this is quite a strong story. Also in the Carpenter family are other families such as CAVE, AYLES, HAMPSHIRE, and it is said an ADMIRAL CARPENTER who was in the 1st World War. Have you the Shrewsbury Records or do I write to Alton Towers, Staffs.

EDITOR

Our reply to Mr styles pointed out that Alton Towers is a Leisure Park and that most of the Shrewsbury Records are in either Lambeth Palace or Sheffield Libraries.

From MARY FRANKS, Loughborough

An interesting point out of the article 'Who Was Who' regarding the Margam Castle Talbots (Volume 5 Number3). This is reference to THOMAS MANSEL marrying LADY MARY LUCY FOX-STRANGWAYS in 1794. Funnily enough my husband and I recently visited Lacock in WILTS - the home of WILLIAM HENRY FOX TALBOT - the pioneer photographer. His father was also a TALBOT who married another LADY FOX-STRANGWAYS hence the Fox Talbot.

EDITOR

In fact the wives of THOMAS MANSEL TALBOT & WILLIAM DAVENPORT TALBOT (father of WILLIAM HENRY FOX TALBOT) married two Strangeway sisters.

From MRS E. ZULVER, Weybridge, Surrey

I would like to make one point. I think us older members ought to do our best to introduce our children to as many others of their generation as we find. I have introduced my sons to 9 younger cousins this year in California and at home in the U.K. If only all our parents and grandparents had kept in touch with each other it would be very much more simple. My paternal great grandparents came from Shropshire near the Welsh border and they were a secretive lot - to whom I must return to my searching. Hearing from PHILIP TALBOT diverted me over to my maternal family tree which has proved fascinating. His father was my cousin - the generations are rather confused, although we persist in using the names FARROW & ELEANOR throughout.

From MRS C.M. WELLER, Exmouth.

The earliest record I have is a WILLIAM TALBOTT (1750 - 1817) who died in Willoughby Waterless, Leics. My grandfather was FRANK ETON TALBOTT of Twyford, Leics and great grandfather a RICHARD TALBOT who came from Syston, Leics and died at Twyford, Leics approx. 1929. He was listed as a plumber & glazier and living in Twyford for many years he built one of his own houses ie Waterford House.

I understand from my mother nee TALBOT that FRANK had to visit the EARL OF SHREWSBURY at the time of his marriage in 1899 concerning a house in Twyford, but as legend has been passed down of a family connection with the Earldom, I do not know why my grandfather and great grandfather were plumbers and glaziers,

EDITOR Mrs Weller, Mrs Zulver and Mrs Franks all descend from the same family in Leicestershire.

From T.C.B. TALBOT, Pershore

In the index to Volume 4 in the current issue, that reference is made to my parents VEN CANON THOMAS TALBOT and CONSTANCE LYSTER on Page 27 of Volume 4.

.....Incidentally, following her interesting letter in the previous issue of the journal, I have entered into a very rewarding correspondence with MRS ELIZABETH O'CARROLL of Tralee. It is not beyond the bounds of possibility that we may eventually decide that we have common ancestry.

EDITOR

Its always good to hear that members are in touch with each other. That, after all is what we aim for. Hopefully Mr Talbot will have common interests with another Irish member, BRIAN FITZELLE who filed the original information about Mr Talbot's parents.

From MISS K. B. LATHAM, St Helens.

Her family details are as follows:-

Mother MARGARET TALBOT born 14/1/1882. Married THOMAS LATHAM 4/6/1902 at Up Holland Parish Church, Lancs. Grandfather:- ROBERT THOMAS TALBOT bap. 17/7/1831 2nd marriage to ALICE BRINDLE 1/2/1877 at Park Lane Chapel, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Lancs. Great grandfather JOHN TALBOT bap. April 1808. Married SARAH GRIMES 14/6/1830 at Wigan Parish Church, Lancs. Great great grandfather JOHN TALBOT - no baptism date. Married JANE BOONESS 18/10/1795 at Wigan Parish Church, Lancs. Another branch of the Talbots also appear on the Brindle side of the family - ALICE BRINDLE's father JOHN married SARAH ANN TALBOT at Park Lane Chapel, Ashton-in-Makerfield on 10/4/1842. The marriage certificate shows SARAH ANN's father as GEORGE TALBOT, but as yet I have been unable to find either a marriage or baptism for GEORGE.

From TALBOT HOOD, Cranwich, Norfolk

I must report the death of my sister HELENE (MRS HELENE WARD) at Geneseo, Illinois on August 13th. She had celebrated her 90th birthday on August 2nd. She had been ready to go for the last year or two and was living in a home for the elderly, having been a widow for many years. She was buried at Geneseo.

Breckland District Council has informed me that Cranwich Hall has been designated a 'Listed Building' of special architectural interest. We certainly didn't ask for it, but mustn't complain, as it would get us nowhere. It does hamper one if we

wanted to make any structural change.

EDITOR

See also the separate article on Talbot's home.

From MRS JEAN RUSKIN, Ipswich.

My maternal grandmother was a ¹TALBOTT from Shropshire born 25/9/1863 and my maternal grandfather's mother was a TALBOT from Staffs. I have comparatively recently begun research into the family tree so I am interested in any contributions I can both make and receive.

From MRS E. FEATHERSTONE, Ipswich.

I am having my TALBOT ancestors researched for me, but have got rather bogged down at the death of my great great grandfather, JESSE TALBOT in 1860. They all seemed to live in the Taunton area of Somerset, but are very elusive when trying to get back further.

From CHESTER H. TALBOT Sr., North Myrtle Beach, U.S.A.

I hope you do not feel that I am very presumptuous in using your first name, After all we have never met but we are brothers under the skin having the same last name and presumably the same forebearers. I want to thank you for the copies of Talbotania and the copy of the Tithe Map. That I am not familiar with, so it will take a bit of doing on my part to comprehend the whole thing.

From MRS I TALBOTT, Tulsa, U.S.A.

I would still like to know more on a JOHN TALBOTT born circa 1700 who attended GEORGE WASHINGTON's wedding. JOHN's wife & children would be helpful to me. I see a lot of JOHN TALBOTS /TALBOTTs but the above description is all I know about him. One son WILLIAM was born about 1734, are there more?

From MISS RAY BARNES, South Canterbury, N.Z.

SARAH TALBOT or TAULBOT was born at Upham 28/2/1779. She was married at Alverstoke, Hants on October 3rd 1809 to WILLIAM WILKINSON. William, so I have been led to believe had some distant connection with the EARL OF MAR.



TALBOT ESTATE
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SPECIAL EDITION



photo by Gail Ward

Port Talbot Estate
Malahide House
by: KAY PATTERSON



Kay Patterson

Kay Patterson is carrying on the tradition of Great Canadian Artists. Colourful florals and landscapes decorate many homes, offices and galleries across Canada and the U.S. with a spark of nature. Kay paints feelings, drawing from years of experience. She creates moods and instills emotion into her work.

Kay was born in Tilbury in 1920 and art has always been a part of her life. Her style has been imprinted upon the North American market.

Trained as a commercial artist, she went on to study Fine Art at Ontario College of Art; Frank Carmichael, Group of Seven, watercolourist, being one of her teachers. Residing in Chatham during the 50's, 60's and 70's she was one of the founders of the Chatham Cultural Centre, now the centre of art activities for Kent County.

Having taught watercolour techniques for St. Clair College and the Chatham Cultural Centre, she has shared her knowledge of design and techniques with her students.

Now living with her husband, Bill in their lakeside home in Erieau, she paints in the peaceful atmosphere of her studio. Collections of originals and limited editions may be seen at Portfolio Gallery, Main Street, Port Stanley and selected locations across Canada.

February, 1987

HOW TO ORDER. SEE P. 156.

THE TALBOT ESTATE FOUNDATION

In October, 1985, following a general meeting of interested people from all across Southwestern Ontario, the Talbot Task Force was organized for the purpose of buying the Talbot Estate and making it available for public use.

The Talbot Estate consists of about 770 acres of land and several houses, barns and buildings. It is the remaining part of Colonel Thomas Talbot's original grant of land and from where he directed the growth of his settlement. Today the land is owned by the Ker Family who are anxious to sell it. The family is sympathetic to the idea of it becoming public property.

The Talbot Estate Foundation which is the legal body which developed from the Talbot Estate Task Force is in the process of raising monies from the public to purchase the Estate. A study is about to be made under the combined auspices of the Foundation and the Ontario Government which will determine how feasible it is for the Estate to be owned publicly. The study proposes that the Estate be purchased in phases. The first phase would include the Historic Talbot Home and relevant contents, the road into the home and about 23 acres around the home and bordering the Lake. Other phases would include the Northwest section of the property which has archaeological potential as well as great natural potential for outdoor activities; the beach and dock facilities for a Marina and storm port; and finally other areas of natural forest and wildlife richness for conservation purposes. Phase one, the purchase of the old historic home and access could be achieved for about two hundred thousand dollars, half of which is eligible for a Provincial Government Grant if it is purchased before 1988. The home would become one of the most interesting period 19th Century Museums in North America. A Tea-Room or small Restaurant in or near the home would be added, with Picnic Area nearby as well. Volunteer help and student grants could make the home available for tours as well as historic research and pageants. Members of the Foundation are quite willing to organize and supervise these activities on a volunteer basis. With good planning and efficient use of income the home could easily pay for itself and would become an excellent tourist attraction for this area.

In the future additional funds could be raised to purchase the remaining phases of the plan to own most or all of the Estate for public use.

Half of the money for studies and purchase of the property must be raised from the public. All donations are valuable and acceptable. Every form of Fund-Raising is helpful, hopefully Mrs. Patterson's colour print will provide a source of much needed funds.

There is indeed a deadline for the purchase of the property if funds are not soon forthcoming the Estate will be sold to private hands and lost to the public no doubt this time for good.

Wayne Paddon

The 'New' Part of Cranwich Hall Dates from the 1700s

Dr. Hood Has English Country Home

About two hours north of London near the village of Thetford in Norfolk County in the area known as East Anglia is a Georgian country home with a Saxon Church as its nearest neighbor.

Prominently displayed in the den above a desk and old manual typewriter is a watercolor of Millikin's Liberal Arts Hall. With it is an Alumni Merit Award received from the University in 1963 and a diploma for an honorary doctor's degree conferred by Millikin in 1971. Both honor Dr. L. Talbot Hood, owner of the home and a 1927 graduate.

The house, known as Cranwich Hall, is surrounded by a well-tended yard and year-round gardens. Originally a thatched cottage literally centuries ago, the house has grown to its present size in stages, with the most recent addition being completed in the latter part of the 1700s.

Like many other English country manors, Cranwich Hall is rumored to have uninvented guests. Legend is that the ghosts of a former resident and his mistress still live in the house.

To the side of the house is a Lebanon cedar planted from seeds brought back from the Crusades.

Perhaps 100 yards east of the house is a Saxon church with a round tower. Work on the tower started around 700 A.D. before Saxons had mastered the art of building corners and the rest of the small church was constructed between 1200 and 1400.



Dr. and Mrs. L. Talbot Hood

It has a rare circular cemetery where Dr. Hood's first wife, Melicent, rests.

"East Anglia reminds me a lot of Illinois where I spent most of my childhood," said Dr. Hood.

Retirement in 1972 followed a career that less adventurous people merely dream about.

After graduating from Millikin, Dr. Hood received his master's degree from the University of Illinois in 1928 and planned a career in journalism. "I decided that I wanted to work at a different newspaper in a different state every year until I married and settled down," he said. That philosophy took him to a variety of positions in several states until World War II.

During the war he was a member of the Naval Reserve and served as a civilian with rank equivalent to lieutenant colonel with the Psychological Warfare Division attached to Supreme Headquarters in Europe.

He left for Europe in 1944 and



Cranwich Hall

spent the rest of the war in London.

He joined Radio Free Europe in 1953 when it was only two years old. When he retired, he was director of RFE's United Kingdom Operations.

He married a British subject, Melicent Kingston-Jarvis, an aide to Lord King-Hall. Their children, twins Virginia and Talbot, were born in 1950. Melicent died in 1982 and last summer Dr. Hood married Dorothy Pettigrew, a wildlife artist.

Retirement brought a relaxed schedule and new interests. "We make our own wines," Dr. Hood said.

Dr. Hood has been honored several times by Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. (He joined the Beta Chapter at Millikin.) He was named Teke Alumnus of the Year in 1980 and was named to the TKE Hall of Fame in 1986. In 1984 he assisted in presentation of the fraternity's highest award, the Order of the Golden Eagle, to President Ronald Reagan at a White House Luncheon.

Millikin alumni and friends visiting England who take the time to look up Dr. Hood and Dot will enjoy good conversation and good company and perhaps meet a ghost or two. □ *Sally Melnik*



The Saxon Church

Business/Farm

Colcord area Chamber of Commerce supports new Talbot Museum

The Colcord Area Chamber of Commerce is making as its Number One Project for 1988, the raising of money for the building of a permanent home for the Talbot Library and Museum. In action taken at its October 12th meeting, the Chamber voted to help secure land and money for the project. An all metal building of approximately 2500 square feet is planned to house the library and museum collection to be donated to the community by Virgil and Avis Talbot. The Talbot Library and Museum is currently housed in a 24x30 building located on the Talbot farm. The new building, to be built with volunteer labor, will be over three times the size of the present one.

The role of the Colcord Area Chamber of Commerce will be that of a supporting one in the building and operation of the library and museum. The actual governing of the institution will be by an autonomous, self-perpetuating seven member Board of Trustees, with Virgil Talbot, the permanent chairman as long as he can carry out the duties of such. Other organizations are expected to join the

Chamber of Commerce in sponsoring the project.

Currently there are some 5,000 books, quarterlies, monthly publications, scrapbooks, etc. in the library collection. It is primarily a research library, which can become also a lending library with the addition of popular books. The library has a growing genealogy and local history collection, including Cherokee genealogy and history.

There are some 2500 items in the museum, many of them donated or loaned by individuals from twenty states, Canada and England. It is planned to continue the current practice of displaying cards showing the donor's name, hometown and any pertinent historical information, on all donated and loaned items, where practical. The library and museum has been visited by people from 23 states and Canada.

The new proposed building will be 30x60 feet with a 24x30 "blacksmith", the latter to house old tools, automotive related items, etc. The library and museum will each share approximate the same amount of floor space. There will be rest

rooms, and an office for the use of Virgil Talbot in his writing and preparation and publishing of The Goingsnake Messenger, an area historical publication. There will be a "trading post" area for the displaying and sale on consignment, selected craft items made by local crafts artists. When completed, the library and museum will be staffed by volunteers.

The Board of Trustees will utilize several avenues of fund raising to secure the approximately \$15,000 needed to complete the project. Included will be a \$100 club, whereby those making contributions of \$100 or more will have their name engraved on an appropriate plaque. Such donations may also be made in memory of someone. A friends of the Talbot Library and Museum, will also be formed, with members contributing ten dollars or more a year. After the building is completed, the funds from this group will be used to operate the library and museum. No one will receive a salary or personal expenses in connection with the raising of money and the operation of The Talbot Library and Museum.

Contributions of any amount will be deeply appreciated and may be sent to The Talbot Library and Museum, Rt. 4 Box 6, Colcord, OK 74338, Phone 918-597-2700, or give to any of the Trustees listed below. A strict accounting of all monies received will be made and the funds will be deposited in a bank selected by the Board of Trustees.

Members of the Board of Trustees are: Virgil Talbot, Rt. 4 Box 6, Colcord, OK 74338, Phone 918-597-2700. Virgil is a writer, editor of The Goingsnake Messenger, chairman of the

Awards and Scholarship Committee of the Colcord Area Chamber of Commerce. This committee administers the Colcord Area Scholarship Fund. he is a member of The Goingsnake District Heritage Association and publicity director of the Chamber of Commerce. He graduated from Colcord High School and is a member of the Editing Committee of the Colcord Historical Society, which was responsible for the successful Row-Colcord History project. Virgil and his wife Avie West Kirk Talbot, live on the Old Talbot place, near Flint Creek.

Jean Hickman, Rt. 1 Box 340, Colcord, OK 74338, Phone 918-326-4582. Jean is Secretary of the Awards and Scholarship Committee, secretary-treasurer and Editing Committee member of the Colcord Historical Society. She is active in the Chamber of Commerce and is employed as a secretary at Webco in Silloom Springs, AR. She is married to Bill Hickman and they reside near Colcord. Bill is a teacher at Colcord and Jean is a graduate from there.

Lois Spencer, Rt. 1, Colcord, OK 74339, Phone 918-326-4306. Lois is a member of the Awards and Scholarship Committee, a member of the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Editing Committee of CHS. She attended Colcord High and is a member of the Booster Club. She and her husband, Max, reside near Colcord.

Elzie Chery, Rt. 1 Box 99, Colcord, OK 74338, Phone 918-326-4808. Elzie is a member of the Board of Education at Colcord, a member of the C. of C. Executive Committee, was finance

chairman of the Row-Colcord History project and is a member of the Goingsnake District Heritage Association, as are most of the other Trustees. He and his wife, Ann Meadows Cherry and daughter, Rebecca, reside on the old Cherry Farm near Colcord. Ann works at Gates Rubber Co., Siloam Springs, AR.

Glenita Guthrie, Rt. 1 Box 577, Westville, OK 74965, Phone 918-723-5121. Glenita is a graduate of Westville High School, a member of GDHA and, with her husband, Doyle, operate the Siloam Springs Printing Co. She is interested in the preservation and publishing of history.

Roger Kirk, Rt. 4 Box 61, Colcord, OK 74339, Phone 918-597-2091. Roger is a graduate of Westville High School, a Rural Mail Carrier and in 1986 was

named Rural Carrier of the Year from the Fayetteville, AR post office. He and his wife, Gail Crabb White Kirk, along with Gail's father, have donated many items to the museum.

Ray Stinchcomb, Route 2 Box 480, Catossa, OK 74915, 918-266-4348. Ray grew up on Moseley Prairie and graduated from Colcord. He married Ulele Rouse of the Union Community. He graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1952 and served in the U.S. Air Force. He did some graduate work at Tulsa University and recently retired from McDonald Douglas in Tulsa. He is a member of GDHA and interested in the preservation of history.

A fitting memorial to Canada's pioneers

Sir: He with a book and she with a spindle, a couple in bronze on a mountain top in Dunedin, New Zealand, look over the city, peninsula and harbor, and the inscription reads, "At the beginning of the Dominion's second century this monument is dedicated to the memory of the pioneers who braved the first."

Where here can we find such a memorial? Yet Ontario's smiling land, good roads, progressive industry and financial leadership owe a tremendous debt to pioneers who opened up the land, struggling to tame the forests, to educate their sons and daughters, to lay the foundations for the comforts we enjoy today.

We have a unique opportunity to remember those pioneers, not in bronze,

but in an old home in a park-like setting overlooking one of our lakes. It is to our disgrace that the fate of Port Talbot lies in jeopardy now. Colonel Thomas Talbot was an autocratic yet often benevolent despot, who fell in love with the land that was to become Canada, gave up a brilliant military career and a social life among the aristocracy to rough it in sheepskin and homespun, and plot and plan the transformation of trackless forest to prosperous settlement.

No other individual with such vision and single-mindedness worked so hard with such success. His home would make a most fitting memorial, not just to his leadership, but to our forefathers who gave his vision reality.

Etobicoke

H. MARIE SMIBERT

THE 1987 TALBOT REUNION

by

Raymond E. Talbot

As June approached, I began thinking about the Talbot Reunion in New Florence, Missouri. I hadn't been feeling too well so on the 20th of June, I called Earnest Talbot. I had hardly had time to ask him if he knew who I was, when he said, "Raymond Talbot, how are you?" (This from a man 91 years old!) I tell him my sick story and he sounds like he was let down.

After I hung up the phone, I told Stella, we are going to the Reunion. On the night of June 25th, we pack the car with everything we need and early the next morning at 4 a.m. we are heading towards Missouri. We eat breakfast at Monett, MO and gass up at Cuba. At noon we eat lunch at Herman on Highway 19. Our next stop was the Royal Inn Motel, the unofficial place of lodging for most of the Talbot Clan attending the Reunion.

After unloading the car and resting up a bit, we headed out to find Earnest, but he wasn't at home. We went to the Community Center and sure enough we found several of the Talbots eating lunch. Kurt and Amy Stonebraker, Earnest, his son, Don and his wife, Linda, and Jim Krumanocker, were all there. They were surprised to see us and there was a lot of hugging and kissing and handshaking going on. Old Kurt kised my wife, Stella, and she has been on Cloud Nine every since. Earnest said, "I told everyone you were not coming." I told him this Talbot lies sometimes.

After a short visit we went back to the Motel to rest up and take a nap. Come supper time we revived up and headed back to the Community Center, where Kurt and Amy were busy cooking supper and preparing food for the next day. Jim and Ann Prior were there pitching in. A great big thanks to Jim for for all the hard work he put in making the Reunion a success.

The next morning, Saturday, the 27th, we are up early so as not to miss breakfast. There was plenty to eat---hot buscuits, gravey, eggs and sausage. Becky Jones, the Secretary, was busy preparing name tags and selling tickets to a quilt made by Aunt Jewell Alton and a wooden bucket made by Earnest.

Barbara ^{PRESIDENT} Jones from Huntsville, MO came for the first time. She is descended from Dr. James Talbot. Chester and June Talbot from South Carolina

were there. They had a good time and Chester bought several items at the auction, including a jar full of something in a paper sack. He wouldn't tell us what it was. Barbara Preston won the quilt and James Krumanocker, won the wooden bucket.

There was the usual picture taking and lots of joking going on. Kurt and Amy were the biggest jokers. Kurt was busy joking and pleading for more money for the auction. Saturday night there was a band playing music and Chester's five sisters put on a good act. Ann Prior put on a dance and Orpha Jasinski did a dance with a grass skirt and old time bloomers underneath. Glen Wilson dressed up in a loud plaid coat, a wig of black hair and a fake nose and did a pantomime with a ukulele. His nose fell off, drawing a big hand.

On Sunday, Kurt was to have a trial before the Talbot Court. We didn't stay for it but I am sure he talked his way out of it. After the auction and dinner, we said our goodbyes and Amy loaded us up with lots of gifts and we headed home. We got home about 7:45 p.m. and unloaded the car and laid down to take a nap, when Stella said, "Get up we got a water line broke." That is how our trip ended! Our love to all those who attended the 1987 Talbot Reunion.

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Master of Education

The degree of Master of Education was recently awarded by the University of Wales to Lieutenant Commander Keith Talbot, son of Mr and Mrs George Talbot, of Gardden Road, Rhos.

Having recently completed a course in educational technology at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, Lieutenant Commander Talbot is now serving on the staff of the Royal Naval School of Educational and Training Technology, Portsmouth.



He lives in Denmead with his wife, Lesley, and their two daughters, Elizabeth (7), and Sian (4).

A SURFEIT OF ANTHONYS
(ALSO ROBERT AND WILLIAM)

As you reach back into family history the thought may strike you that our ancestors showed a distinct lack of imagination in the naming of their children, and all too often we find that two brothers in the same village have raised children of similar ages and given them the same forenames. Such was the case of Anthony (1736) and William (1738) Talbot, from Harwell in Berkshire, who were responsible for 19 offspring. They each had sons who they named William, Robert and Anthony. The first two did not really present any problem as there were five or more years difference between those of similar name, but the two named Anthony were baptised in 1772 and 1773.

My line of descent ran through one of these and therefore I was keen to find out which one. Had I tossed a coin and chosen one, then it would have made a difference in one generation only, for they shared Robert (1705) as a grandfather. But this would have been an altogether undesirable and unsatisfactory conclusion. So I spent ages shuffling pieces of paper round and getting no-where. I then thought that as women had no standing in the community I would prune the tree by removing them (with due apologies to our feminists).

This made the matter very clear and simple. Anthony (1736) had only three sons - William, Anthony and Robert. The first died intestate in 1839 and affadavit was sworn by his brother Anthony. Then Anthony died intestate in 1848, and affadavit was sworn by Robert Talbot, a nephew, who was a Private in Her Majesty's 1st Regiment of Dragoons.

Why didn't brother Robert swear the affadavit? According to the way I had worked things out, he had married a girl in Clifton Hampden, a village some seven miles away from his own village, and produced seven children, the oldest son being Robert. (The two youngest sons were, of course, named Anthony and William!) Robert senior had died in 1837, so the soldier was the senior male member of that branch of the family.

To move briefly into the children of William (1738) - I have traced 47 Talbot nephews to Anthony (1773), only two of whom were Roberts, one died aged six, and the other was a waiter, so this made it highly unlikely that the Anthony/soldier relationship would fit in.

So far as I was concerned at the time I had sorted this lot out, I was reasonably happy, and 99% certain that I had the two Anthonys in the correct place.

The 1% would come if I could find a place of birth for Robert senior when he married - alas, nothing shown. My next hope would be for a place of birth to be shown on the census returns, but again alas, he died in 1837. So I thought I would try through Army Records for Robert junior. With any luck details of his family or his place of birth would be shown on his discharge papers. A search at Kew through WO97 revealed nothing on him - but I did find details of other members of my family, so I got an unexpected bonus.

I then looked under WO12 and searched the Muster Rolls for Her Majesty's 1st Regiment of Dragoon Guards either way from 1848 and found no trace of Robert Talbot. The observant or well informed will immediately notice that there is a slight difference in the title of the regiment, and it took some time for it to dawn on me that I had been looking under Dragoon Guards instead of Dragoons (one day perhaps I will make the effort to discover the difference).

Working backwards from 1848 I found that he was recruited in 1836 at the age of 19 years 2 months, but no place shown. The 2 months I agreed with but I reckoned him to be 17 years. I allowed a decent margin of error for the recruiting sergeant's enthusiasm so this did not put me off and I continued to check. I ran out of time when I reached 1854, and he was still serving.

In March 1851, the station of the corps was shown as Nottingham, so I thought a stab at the census might prove useful. A letter to Nottingham FHS to enquire the address of Army Barracks brought a prompt reply which not only gave me the information I asked for, but all Talbot references from the 1851 census, including piece and page numbers, and suggested that one of two

page numbers would be my best bet. Thanks,
Nottingham; absolutely spot on.

The 1% I was seeking was there, and now the pieces of the jigsaw all fit together beautifully after nine months of fairly active searching, which, I suppose, in family history terms, is rapid progress.

In terms of proof, I have now reached at least the 101% stage! I continued to trace Robert's Army career, and discovered that he died while still serving, and his date of death matches that of the Robert who has a M I at Clifton Hampden. His death in service was the reason why I had not found his papers under WO97 at Kew. And finally, he left a Will in which he mentions some of his brothers and sisters, and includes the married surname of one sister. All of which puts the matter way beyond question. ----- Game, Set

and Match.

of John Talbot, of Hayes

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1881 - CENSUS - LEIGH - LANCASHIRE.

ADDRESS: 6, JOHNSON STREET, WESTLEIGH.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Age.</u>	<u>Occupation.</u>	<u>Born.</u>
TALBOT, Robert Thomas.	48.	Coal Miner.	UpHolland.
" Alice.	W. 36.		Ashton.
" James. *	S. 19. u/m	Coal Miner.	Bickerstaffe.
" John.	S. 3.		Wigan.
" Robert.	S. 1.		Westleigh.

* Son of 1st Marriage.

1871 - CENSUS - ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD.

ADDRESS: PARK LANE.

BRINDLE, Thomas.	57.	Hingeman.	Ashton.
" Ann.	W. 55.		"
" William.	S. 20. u/m	"	"
TALBOT, Robert Thomas.	36.	Coal Miner.	UpHolland.
(Widower)			
" James.	S. 9.	Scholar.	Bickerstaffe.

1851 - CENSUS - UPHOLLAND.

ADDRESS: BACK BROW.

TALBOT, John.	42.	Master Shoemaker.	UpHolland.
" Sarah.	W. 41.		"
" Robert Thomas.	S. 19. u/m	Shoemaker.	"
" Isabella.	D. 13.	Scholar.	"
" Elizabeth.	D. 12.	"	"
" John.	S. 9.	"	"
" William.	S. 7.	"	"
" Henry.	S. 5.		"
" Jane.	D. 6 months.		"

1841 - CENSUS - UPHOLLAND.

ADDRESS: BACK BROW.

TALBOT, John.	32.	Shoemaker.	
" Sarah.	W. 31.		
" Robert.	S. 9.		
" Isabella.	D. 3.		
" Elizabeth.	D. 2.		

These census returns and other interesting material
 was sent to us by Miss K.B. Latham,
 22, Windle Grove,
 Windle, St Helens,
 Lancs. WA10 6HW.

Her letter appears on Page 142.

1871 - CENSUS - UPHOLLAND.

ADDRESS: "STONELEIGH" HIGHER LANE.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Age.</u>	<u>Occupation.</u>	<u>Born.</u>
TALBOT, John.	29.	Sexton.	UpHolland.
" Ann.	W. 31.		"
" Sarah.	D. 7.		"
" William Henry.	S. 5.		"
" John.	S. 3.		"
" Joseph.	S. 1.		"
" JOHN. (Father) (Widower)	62.	Cordwainer.	"

1861 - CENSUS - UPHOLLAND.

ADDRESS: BACK BROW.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Age.</u>	<u>Occupation.</u>	<u>Born.</u>
TALBOT, John.	52.	Cordwainer.	UpHolland.
" Sarah.	W. 51.	Bleeder with Leeches.	"
" John.	S. 19.	Coalminer.	"
" William.	S. 17.	"	"
" Henry.	S. 15.	Shoemaker.	"
" Jane.	D. 10.	Scholar.	"

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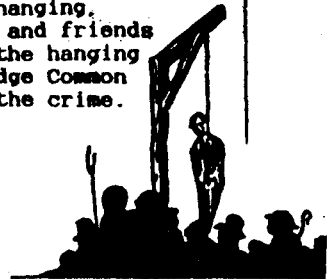
A stone's throw from Botley Station, on the edge of Curdridge Common, a memorial marks the scene of the brutal and savage murder of Thomas WEBB. This "poor old travelling man" was set upon on Tuesday evening, February 11th, 1800 by two soldiers.

The story of the attack and its consequences was told in a report in the Hampshire Chronicle following the inquest. WEBB had been met by two soldiers who first robbed him of a few shillings (probably all he had) and then "in the most inhuman manner stabbed and cut him in different parts of the head and body". They then threw him into a nearby ditch and stamped upon him. Left for dead, Thomas WEBB somehow found his way to the house of a man called Thomas BARFOOT, nearly a mile away. A surgeon was sent for and a piece of bayonet six and a half inches long was removed from the unfortunate WEBB'S's neck and head.

Despite the care he received, Thomas WEBB died, but not before he had managed to describe his assailants. Suspicion fell on two soldiers of the Talbot fencibles, then in barracks at Botley, and also a sergeant of the same regiment. The three men were taken before a coroner's inquest which brought a verdict of wilful murder against James COLLOPPY, John DIGGINS and Richard PRENDERGRASS.

In the trial which followed the sergeant, COLLOPPY, was discharged since there was no evidence to incriminate him. PRENDERGRASS was also acquitted because of insufficient evidence, although he later received 600 lashes for being absent without leave on the night of the murder - an attempt perhaps at rough justice.

This left only DIGGINS to pay for the crime. He was sentenced to be executed and afterwards to be hung in chains near the spot where the murder was committed. DIGGINS seems to have expressed considerable remorse at his hanging, begging the forgiveness of Thomas WEBB'S widow and friends and fully acknowledging his guilt. Following the hanging DIGGINS' body was cut down and taken to Curdridge Common where it was hung in chains near the scene of the crime.



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Conclusion.

We intended to have this journal in the post early in December, but Christmas started early, the business became busy and we didn't get it finished. Since the New Year, every time we've planned to finish it, something else cropped up:- the builder to repair the damage we suffered in the October hurricane; an aunt to visit in hospital; the accountant to discuss the business; the VAT man to see our accounts; and the childrens numerous activities etc. We began to despair of ever finishing it. But nevertheless here it is albeit with some regular features missing. Lack of space has meant that details of new members has been held over to the next issue as has other material which has been sent to us.

In the next journal we hope to feature particularly Talbots of Lancashire, Suffolk, the West Country and Ireland, so if you have any material on these areas please let us have it.

We are hoping to organise another Talbot Gathering and we are going to visit a school in Stockbridge, Hants, which might prove to be a suitable venue. More details later.

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