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FROM THE EDITOR

When I returned from just over 6 weeks abroad, I was faced with 171 pieces of mail so if any of you are still waiting for an answer to a letter, that is the reason! I am steadily working my way through them but it will take time.

We left England on the 5th October going first to Delhi where we had arranged to meet our elder daughter, Kirsty, the first time we had seen her for a year as she is living and working in Mauritius doing bird conservation.

We spent a week with her touring around wild life reserves but also saw quite a lot of the more normal tourist sights such as the Red Fort, the Taj Mahal and the tombs of both Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Nehru.

We then went on to Australia where I was to lecture at the International Congress on Family History. During this conference we had an Australian Swinnerton mini- Gathering arranged by our member Marjorie Nightingale. After Sydney, we went to Melbourne to stay with Bill & Grace Swinnerton where we had a gathering of all their immediate family and also another mini-Swynnerton Gathering for the Swinnertons living in Melbourne.

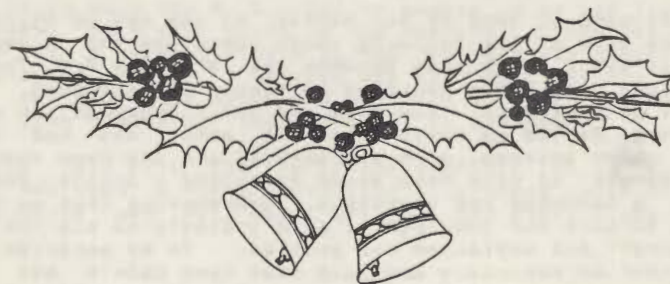
From Melbourne we went to the Capital, Canberra where I was again speaking at a conference and where we met up with member Anne Robinson who had also come to Sydney for the gathering.

From there we went on holiday! 10 days touring up the east coast and finally to the Great Barrier Reef and the Whitsunday Islands. A tremendous experience and we actually stayed in one place for 4 days!

Finally, back to Sydney to stay with my maternal relatives and to meet some more Australian genealogists and officers of the Society of Australian Genealogists, the largest such society in the world.

We left for home on the 18th November, stopping off at Singapore for a couple of days to stay with friends and then flew back via Madras, Bombay, Delhi, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Russia, Sweden and Denmark with superb visibility for most of the way.

We covered 36,000 miles and are still trying to settle down and get used to the drop in temperature. All the family out there send their greetings to you all and Angela and I send you all our best wishes for 1989 and look forward to seeing many of you at Swynnerton on the 9th September



LIVING AT STAFFORD CASTLE

By J. E. (Joe) Swinnerton

The B.B.C. Television programme on Stafford Castle and the celebrations which are taking place to commemorate its opening to the public brought recollections flooding into my mind of the time when shortly before the last war I lived at the Castle with Mr and Mrs Stokes, the caretakers who were mentioned in the programme as being the last persons to live there.

In 1936, as a single young man of 24, I was sent to Stafford by my employers Hoover Ltd, to manage the local sales team and sell their electric cleaners in the Stafford area. I lodged for a time at the Lichfield Arms in Lichfield Road, together with two of my salesmen. Our stay there, however, was cut short when the hotel was de-licensed and closed and we were forced to seek alternative accommodation.

The next day we were canvassing in the Newport Road and Castle Bank area and on reaching the Castle gates, feeling like a diversion from trying to persuade reluctant housewives to have a Hoover demonstration, the three of us decided to have a look round the Castle. There was a notice board at the gate saying it was open to visitors - Apply to the Caretaker - Mr. A. Stokes - Admission 2d. It was a pleasant walk through the woods and a stiff climb up the steep steps which led to the top of the mound on which the castle is built, but our efforts were rewarded with a wonderful view of Stafford town and the surrounding area. On the level clearing at the top of the steps, we met Mr Stokes, the caretaker, who was busy sawing tree trunks into logs and after a chat with him, which gave us time to recover our breath from the climb, we paid our entrance fee and he began to tell us the story of Stafford Castle.

After walking round the perimeter, we were taken up the stone steps, through a narrow door, into an octagonal shaped room which covered the ground floor of the south west tower. This, he explained, was his kitchen and living quarters and he introduced us to Mrs Stokes who was busily engaged in ironing a pile of snow white washing.

There followed a tour of the castle, at the end of which he showed us the part of the building which contained the sleeping quarters. This was a large room between the S.W. and S.E. Towers and was divided into three bedrooms by timber partitioning. He remarked that only himself, his wife and their youngest son were living at the Castle as their other two sons, who had once occupied the other bedroom, were now married and the room was not used. He showed us this room which contained a double and a single bed, a wardrobe and washstand. Remembering that we were under notice to quit our lodgings, I said jokingly to him "do you take in lodgers?" and explained our problem. To my surprise he took the question seriously and said that they hadn't had any lodgers before, but could see no reason why they should not and would ask his wife when we returned below.

During the conducted tour we had been joking and bantering with Mr Stokes, for we found that he was the type of person who was susceptible to having his "leg pulled", which he took in good part, giving us as good as we gave. As we descended the stairway however, the thought entered my mind that I had taken things a little too far and I began to have second thoughts about the idea of living there. The ominous looks I received from my companions warned me that they weren't very keen on the idea either, and my thoughts turned to thinking of a way to extricate myself from the situation. Out of politeness we were compelled to follow the matter through for the time being, hoping that Mrs Stokes would not be in agreement. To our dismay however, she was quite amenable to the idea and terms and arrangements were discussed. We would each be charged twenty two shillings and six pence per week for breakfast, a light lunch and a three course dinner in the evening. She required a break from cooking at the weekend and we would have to go home after breakfast on Saturday until the Sunday evening. Mrs Stokes was a forthright type of lady, and probably sensing that here was a Heaven-sent opportunity to gain a little income, she began to push the idea and we were taken to have another look at the bedroom. As we talked, my feelings towards the matter began to change, and a thirst for adventure came upon me. I could also see that my companions were becoming impressed as our discussions became more detailed. The thought of living in a castle overcame all our fears and objections and we found ourselves "sold" on the idea. We decided there and then to take up residence at Stafford Castle the next week.

The octagonal shaped living area was not very spacious, being no more than about 15ft across, and although the bare stone walls tended to reflect a cold atmosphere, it was kept cosy and warm by the fire, which was kept burning day and night in the huge grate which had a large oven either side. A coalman delivered once a month and there was an ample supply of wood from the trees in the surrounding woods. I lived there from early September until the following March, and never felt the cold, the thickness of the outer walls no doubt helping to keep the place warm. The only source of natural light was one long narrow window which made the place rather dark. Fortunately electricity was installed, although my recollection is that there was only one light in this area and one in each of the bedrooms, so it was a case of carrying a candle when going up to bed. Set into the walls of the kitchen were three alcoves, a pantry, a washing and general storage place and a cloakroom, each being shielded with a curtain. Toilet facilities were very sparse, there being only one W. C., and we washed in an old fashioned jug and basin on a wash stand in the bedroom. There was no fitted bath, but a large portable galvanised bath was stored in one of the alcoves, which I learned was used on a Saturday night in front of the fire which was probably another reason why Mrs Stokes didn't want her lodgers there at weekends.

The main exit from the living quarters led up stone stairs to the bedrooms. A big disadvantage with these rooms was that the partitioning was only about 6ft high and every sound could be

clearly heard in all the rooms. Old man Stokes snored like a fog horn throughout the night, starting with a low note which gradually ascended to a cracking crescendo, which wasn't conducive to peaceful sleep and of course we had to be careful with our conversation.

A dark narrow passage led into the banqueting hall which stretched between the two south and the two north towers. This hall was a lofty room about 70ft x 40ft with four elongated and elaborately fashioned mullioned windows on each side, the upper part of the walls being colourfully decorated with various coats of arms and heraldic designs. The floor was very substantial and well laid in good quality oak. Whilst living there, it was my daily ritual on rising, to run round this room about twenty times, climb the steps to the top of one of the towers, do deep breathing exercises in the clear fresh air and take in the wonderful scenery. The view was breathtaking - stretching on the south and west to the Wrekin, the Long Mynd and beyond to the Welsh mountains, on the north to the Potteries, the east over Stafford town to Derbyshire and south-east over Cannock Chase.

Mr Stokes had a store of knowledge on the history of the 19th century Castle, and when conducting visitors around, had many witty stories to tell about the place and could explain the coats of arms which adorned the banqueting hall. He possessed a pair of good binoculars and on a fine day would offer them to visitors and point out the various landmarks which could be seen from the top of the castle tower. Mr and Mrs Stokes would be in their early sixties and before coming to Stafford Castle, had both worked on the estate of the Earl of Powis at Powis Castle, Welshpool. He was a good raconteur and one could listen for hours to the stories of his experiences whilst working at Powis Castle. He had had an interesting life and it is unfortunate that he did not record some of his life story. Mrs Stokes was a good cook and fed us well with a huge breakfast and the evening meal was always piled high on the plate.

In 1936 the castle appeared to me to be in a fair state of repair, the walls were sound, the roof over the banqueting hall and the floor surfaces of the towers were watertight. Both Mr and Mrs Stokes were very alert and kept a sharp lookout for vandals and any person who acted suspiciously was ordered off the site. I called on the Stokes when home on leave from the army in 1940, but did not see the castle again until about 1960, by which time the main structure had been dynamited and demolished and I was shocked to see it in such a vandalised state. I feel sure that had a new caretaker been appointed when the Stokes retired and a few thousand pounds spent on maintenance, the whole building would still be standing. The accompanying photograph was taken about 1900 - a proud looking edifice indeed. Today it is a patched up heap of stones and rubble - an example of blundering on someones part. I will relate further experiences of life at Stafford Castle in the next issue of the Journal.



A NEAR DISASTER

The fifteenth-century builders had reason to be proud of their work, but their pride went before a near fall. The weight of the spire soon proved too great for the safety of the church and emergency measures had to be taken. How serious the situation was can be seen by looking at the subsidence in the tower arches and in the masonry above them. To avoid disaster the arches leading to the transepts were filled in, leaving only comparatively narrow and low openings. The north transept was halved in length and external and internal buttresses were provided. Standing in the transept and looking east one can see how the architect tackled his problem. His drastic surgery was successful, but it has left us with a church less beautiful than it was in the fifteenth century and singularly ill-adapted for modern liturgical patterns of worship.

With the reconstruction of the church there was a great opportunity for artists in paint and glass. The windows were filled with fifteenth-century glass of which a few fragments remain at the top of the west and east windows. There were pictures on the plastered walls—St. Christopher was above the third pillar in the nave, though under whitewash, until at least 1861. The pulpit, though not its stone base, is fifteenth-century work. Some of the colour on it and in St. Peter's chapel is original.

On the eve of the Reformation there were at least eight altars in the church. Legacies to provide and maintain lights in the church before the various altars and statues are frequent. Among the more unusual saints thus honoured are St. Clement and St. Roch. The church was served by several chaplains as well as the vicar. Thus John Busby, who died in 1530, gave by his will "to my ghostly father, Sir Nicholas Swinnerton 20 shillings. Item I bequeath to every priest belonging to this church, that is to say Master Prior" and four others, three shillings and fourpence each. Thus, with Swinnerton the curate, there were five priests in 1530 "belonging to Burford church". At this time the vicar of Burford, Thomas Cade, was also "Master Prior" of the Hospital or Priory, a small foundation on a site where a much grander country house was built after the dissolution of the monastery. The Priory is now the Convent of Our Lady, the home of an Anglican religious order.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1989

These, as you know, become due on the 1st January and, as you also know from my continued appeals in this Journal, many members do not pay them then and have to be sent several reminders. **THIS CAUSES THE TREASURER AND MYSELF A GREAT DEAL OF EXTRA WORK and also COSTS THE SOCIETY MONEY for the extra letters and postage.**

To try and overcome this, the Annual General Meeting agreed a scheme whereby members who pay promptly will get a DISCOUNT. Details of this are given on the enclosed renewal form.

May I, in addition, make a personal plea for your co-operation, I do not like having to be continually nagging at members to pay their dues and I certainly do not like having to strike members off the roll who just haven't bothered to reply.

So PLEASE - do it NOW

As you know, I have always asked overseas members to send NOTES/BILLS as we lose a lot of money encashing \$ cheques.

AUSTRALIAN MEMBERS may now pay their dues in their own country as our member Ted Swinnerton has volunteered to collect them on our behalf.

Details are given on the form - do we have anyone in the USA & Canada who would be willing to do the same?

"SWINNERTONS IN IRELAND

Miss J.M.Swenarton writes:-

It was interesting to read in your Journal of March 1987 where you list 'Return of Owners of Land. Dublin 1876. Joseph Swinerton of Rous Key, Upper Moneymore, Co.Tyrone 47 acres 10 poles value £41.10s.'

*The spelling should be SWENARTON, the townland of Rous Key and the town of Moneymore are both in Co. Londonderry, however that is by the way.

This Joseph Swenarton was my great grandfather and also great grandfather of Helen Woods, Portadown (a former member - Ed.) and Ian Swenarton of Newcastle, Co.Down and great, great grandfather of Mark Swenarton, London (another former member - Ed.)

One son was my grandfather and another son THOMAS of Carraloon, Magherafelt was grandfather of Lawson, William & John McIntyre SWINERTON all born at Carraloon.

I came across a letter from you dated 1985 which I do not seem to have answered (my apologies) requesting dates and names of places of births and deaths.

Three of my sisters were married in Woodschapel Church, Magherafelt and Noral Helen in Ballygawley Parish Church, Co Tyrone. My uncle Wm.Lum s. of Monaghan died in hospital in England and is buried at Woodchapel Church (Helen's father). My father's brothers and sisters were all born at Lisnamorrow House as indeed we all were.

Noel Swenarton married a Bangor girl, lives in Bangor and his two boys are married to Bangor girls and live in Bangor. I do not know the dates. I do appreciate the news of the family in your Journal and wish it every success.

(Overleaf is a revised tree by Miss Swenarton.
*The spellings and county in the original article were, of course, copied exactly from the original list in Dublin.)

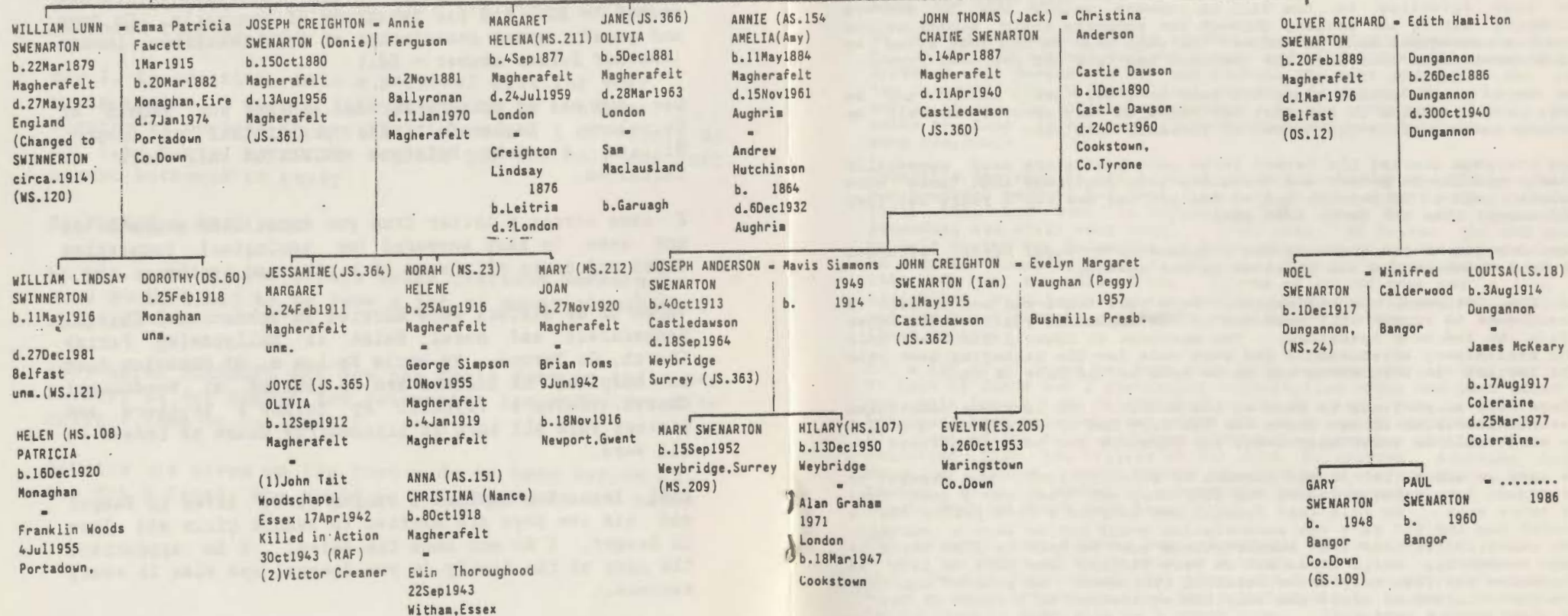
JOSEPH SWENARTON
of Rous Key
Co.Londonderry

JOSEPH SWENARTON = Margaret Hutchinson
b. 1836 1Nov1876
Rous Key Kilrea, Co.Londonderry
d.25Sep1913 b.26May1847
Magherafelt d.70Oct1927
N.Ireland Magherafelt
(JS.359)

SWENARTON/SWINNERTON OF IRELAND

Table 1

1st revision December 1988



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 24th September 1988 at the Cavendish Club, London.

The Chairman opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to all those attending and especially to Dr & Mrs Martin from America.

Apologies were received from Mrs Angela Swinnerton and the Reverend and Mrs Edward Swinnerton.

The President, Sir Roger Swynnerton, then took the chair.

1. The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on the 7th November 1987 at Swynnerton were approved and signed. There were no matters arising from those minutes.

2. The Treasurer presented the Annual Accounts and Financial Report for the year ending 30th June 1988 (see attached).

He drew attention to the fall in numbers mainly due to members dropping out of the Society through not renewing their subscriptions and the consequent fall in income. He said that we had been saved by an interest-free loan from the Chairman and this had now been repaid.

We were now in credit again but only by a very small amount and we were still having to restrict our research very severely as well as having had to reduce the number of journals this year to 3.

The Chairman queried the rather large amount of stock held, especially ties, and the Secretary and Treasurer both confirmed that these were mainly sold at Gatherings and we had not had one for 2 years but they did expect them all to go next year.

The adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Mr Nigel Watts, seconded by Mr J.W. Swinnerton and approved by the meeting.

3. The Chairman, in his report, said that there was not in fact a great deal to report this year due to the financial restrictions under which we had been operating. Two meetings of Council had been held and preliminary arrangements had been made for the Gathering next year and the AGM for 1990 which was to be held in the Isle of Man.

There were no projects in hand at the moment, the last one undertaken was the provision of new doors for the West End of Swynnerton Church & no more could be undertaken until our finances had been stabilised.

He made an appeal for prompt payment of subscriptions, non payment or even just late payment caused the Secretary and Treasurer a great deal of extra work. He said that Council had adopted a firm policy that a member who had not paid the subscription would not be sent a journal. The constitution said that subscriptions must be paid by 31st March or the membership would lapse but we were getting them paid as late as September and then only after repeated reminders. He pointed out that the subscription of £3.50 was only the equivalent of 3 pints of beer or 2 gallons of petrol.

He appealed for any member who had ideas for increasing/retaining members to let Council know.

In the discussion that followed it was proposed that subscriptions for 1989 should be £6 for Ordinary and Overseas Members and £4 for Senior Citizens with a discount of £1 for payment by 31st March and Council agreed to look into this, it being their responsibility to determine the rate of subscriptions.

4. The Secretary commenced his report by giving the current membership figures viz. 70 Full UK members; 60 Senior Citizen Members and 1 Student Member. Overseas members totalled 71 - 34 in the USA; 16 in Canada (including our Honorary Member); 15 in Australia; 3 in South Africa and 1 each in France, Indonesia & Cyprus. This made a grand total for the Society of 201, 10% down on last year. However, 17 subscriptions were outstanding and must, therefore, be considered as lapsed giving a nett membership figure of 184 - 6 less than at the same time last year.

He expressed concern at the proportion of Ordinary Members to Senior Citizens, the numbers had got closer and closer over the years and he appealed to members to try and recruit the next generation and even the grandchildren to ensure that our work is carried on. He was very sorry to see the drop in membership, he was quite sure that in some cases he knew, it was pure forgetfulness but one could only send so many reminders.

Council's decision to try holding the AGM in London for the benefit of our southern members had been justified in that 4 more were attending today than had come to Swynnerton last year but the proportion attending was still very small. Next year, of course, the AGM would be held during the Gathering at Swynnerton and he expected attendances to increase considerably! He applauded Council's decision to hold the 1990 AGM in the Isle of Man, it was an Island that had a lot of historical significance for our family, particularly the Betley Branch and he hoped members would make an extended weekend of it as part of their holiday.

Not a lot of progress had been made with research during the year due to lack of funds but 2 previously unidentified twigs had been added to the main family tree as reported in the Journal. Final confirmation had just been received that there was no trace of any Swinnertons in the last of the Welsh parishes surrounding Oswestry and therefore he regretted that the origins of Sir John Swinnerton, sometime Lord Mayor of London, would remain shrouded in mystery. There was, of course, still a number of unconnected branches and it was hoped to resume work on these next year.

The biggest step forward was undoubtedly the new master tree, the first two parts of which were on display behind him. Although huge, they were so constructed that they folded down Concertina fashion to an A4 sized sheet making them truly portable and, indeed, he would be taking them to Australia in 2 weeks time. They took a great deal of preparation but were a great improvement on our former rigid A2 ones.

In connection with his visit to Australia which was to the World Conference on Family History being hosted by Australia to commemorate its Bi-centennial year in his capacity as President of the world-wide Federation of Family History Societies, Marjorie Nightingale was working very hard to arrange a Swinnerton Gathering in Sydney on Saturday 22nd October. Invitations had gone out to members of the Society and also to Swinnertons in the telephone directories but due to our recent postal strike, he was not able to say how far the arrangements had progressed.

The publication of the list of books by Frank Swinnerton in our archives in the last Journal had resulted in the donation by Mrs Mary Houghton of one we did not have for which we were most grateful. He asked members to keep their eyes open for any others.

The report was accepted and the President expressed the thanks of the members for all the work our secretary puts in.

5. Election of Officers for the year 1988-9.

The re-election of the following were proposed en bloc by Mr T.F.Swynnerton, seconded by Mr J.W.Swynnerton and carried unanimously.

Chairman: Colonel J.C.A.Swynnerton Treasurer: Mr J.R.Swynnerton

Secretary: Colonel I.S.Swynnerton

Council: The Rev Edward Swinnerton; Messrs L.W. Swinnerton, J.E.Swynnerton, D.G.Brock and Mrs Vicky Leighton.

To fill the 3 vacancies on Council, Messrs T.F.Swynnerton (proposed by the Chairman & seconded by the Secretary); P.R.Swynnerton (proposed by the Secretary & seconded by J.W.Swynnerton) and N.W.R.Watts (proposed by the President & seconded by the Secretary) were elected.

6. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as the 9th September 1989 at Swynnerton.

7. Any Other Business. The President suggested that the following amendments to the Constitution of the Society should be put to the AGM in 1989.

1. Membership (Clause 3)

Honorary Members

Members who are judged by the Council of the Society to be rendering or to have rendered distinguished service to the Society or its objectives may be invited by the Council to become honorary members of the Society.

2. Administration (Clause 4)

Delete the first sentence of the third paragraph which reads :

"The Council shall be elected annually by a simple majority vote of members attending the Annual General Meeting and may offer members for re-election at subsequent Annual General Meetings."

and substitute :

"The Officers and elected and co-opted members of the Council shall serve for up to three years. They shall be elected or co-opted for such periods as will ensure that one-third of the members and co-opted members retire each year. They shall be eligible for re-election or co-option for further periods."

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for having made the arrangements to hold the meeting at the Cavendish Club and to the staff of the club for their help.

After tea, the members listened to a short talk by the Secretary on "The Swinnertons of London and Australia".



ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY

All by Frank Swinnerton. Donor's names in brackets.

The Woman from Sicily (Mrs Houghton)
The Summer Intrigue (ISS)
Authors I Have Never Met (Bill Swinarton)

The last is most interesting as it does not figure on any of the lists of his published books that I have seen.

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AIR 30/158 AWARDS & PROMOTIONS Sheet 1059

FREDERICK RICHARD SWINNERTON to Pilot Officer-50Oct1940

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LANCASHIRE by Arthur Mee (King's England Series) 1936

P.188 In Heaton Park is an elegant Hall in an old English garden... There is also here a sculpture of Love's Chalice by W.J.SWYNNERTON.

(ex Mrs Pauline Litton who says she will try and find out if it has survived. The initials have been reversed, this is obviously Joseph William the sculptor.)

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 30 June 1988

1987 £	INCOME	1988 £	1987 £	EXPENDITURE	1988 £
673.50	Subscriptions	479.54	5.00	Subscriptions to Societies	10.25
1505.18	Sales at Gathering	15.00	9.00	International Directory entry	-
25.65	Sale of books	36.93	1067.30	Costs of Gathering	-
20.00	Sale of binders	27.50	498.12	Research	10.00
1001.69	Donations to Church Doors	38.55	79.81	Computer programmes and discs for Swinnerton Society	-
10.50	Sale of ties	53.48			
403.45	Donations to Research Fund	291.98	405.92	Printing of Journal and Directory	251.50
45.15	Building Society interest	14.39	389.29	Postage, photocopying and stationery	133.08
3685.12		957.37	6.54	Kneelers for Church	-
			432.48	Ties, binders, badges etc	17.10
214.45	Movement in stocks of binders, pendants, stick pins and ties	(53.79)	53.03	Bank interest and charges	3.00
			217.20	Depreciation	217.00
431.12	Excess of expenditure over income	146.05	1200.00	Balance of cost of Church Doors	407.70
£4363.69		£1049.63	£4363.69		£1049.63
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Balance Sheet at 30 June 1988

1987 £	1988 £	1987 £	1988 £
1334.02	Excess of income over expenditure:- At 1st July 1987	899.90	1203.20
(434.12)	Less for the year to 30 June 1988	(146.05)	(767.20)
899.90	At 30 June 1988	753.85	436.00
1432.34	Creditors	197.42	
		311.95	Stocks of binders, pendants, stick pins and ties
		-	Debtors
		796.31	Building Society deposit account
		757.98	Balance at bank
£2332.24		£951.27	£2232.24
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Report of the Auditors

We have examined the above Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet and find them to be in accordance with the records and vouchers submitted.

R P Swinnerton

R P Swinnerton - Auditor

P A Swinnerton

P A Swinnerton - Auditor

FAMILY NOTES

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Sgt David Swinnerton and family have returned to the UK from Cyprus and are now living at 8 [redacted]

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to DAVID LEE SWINNERTON of [redacted]

David is the nephew of our member Douglas Kingsley Swinnerton of California and a member of the Betley Branch.

NEWS OF THE MIDDLESBROUGH FAMILY

Member D.K.S. Swinnerton writes:-

My son EIFION SWINNERTON (ES.345) is now serving with HM Forces with the 111 Provost Company in West Germany as a Lance Corporal in the Royal Military Police and my son GREGORY (GS.51), a Police Constable with the Cleveland Constabulary is to be married on Saturday the 8th October 1988 at St.Cuthbert's Church, Marton, Middlesbrough to Susan Jane Thompson born Middlesbrough 21st October 1964.

In a subsequent letter he sent this cutting and we send our congratulations and best wishes to Gregory and Susan.

EVENING GAZETTE,

Wednesday, October 12,

1988



PICTURED after their wedding at St Cuthbert's Church, Marton, are Mr Gregory Shaw Swinnerton, of Woodcock Close, Eston, and Miss Susan Jane Thompson, of Cutler Close, Marton.

Arnold Kidson, Marton

He also said that he had been shown a cutting from the Evening Gazette for Saturday 8th October 1988 under the 'Married' column which said:-

North Ormesby Methodist Church.

Ring & Ride Supervisor CARL SWINNERTON son of Mr & Mrs Brian & Irene Swinnerton of [REDACTED] and Jo Sewell, daughter of Mr & Mrs John & Dorothy Sewell and groomsman GRAHAM SWINNERTON and GLYNN SWINNERTON

Who is this family I wonder?

The YORK COURANT 8th January 1791.

A few days ago was married at Norton, Staffordshire Mr James SWINNERTON to Mrs Ann Day of Penkhull. What is very singular, though only in the 17th year of her age, he is her second husband.

(ex Mr Bill Taylor)

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An Account of the Church and Parish of St.Giles, Without Cripplegate, 1888:
Baddeley.

March 1672. All writings in the Parish Chest and all writings in Mr SWINNERTON'S hand to be compared with the Registers Mr S. has made and when found correct all to be locked up in the chest in the Quest House, and the four churchwardens to keep each of them a key.

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