

Dear Family,

I hope that you all have a very happy Christmas and wish you a good New Year. At the time of writing, however, I shall be sending only 14 copies of this News-sheet since the rest of the family have sent no s.a.e's. or stamps to enable them to receive their copies! Not being in a position to subsidise them, I am disappointed that interest in the family seems to have waned.

Derek has sent the following note: It is proposed to visit Luton on May 6th 1989. Please register your interest in attending for the day with Derek at 5 Nags Head Lane, ROCHESTER, Kent ME1 1BB or telephone 0634 46746. Details will be forwarded to interested parties in the New Year. Please indicate if you would like lunch arranged. (My note - please send an s.a.e. when writing to Derek.)

Some very interesting information has come my way from various family members. Noel Coplestone of Ramsbottom, Lancs., sent photocopies of entries from the Family Bible from Herbert and Ann Coplestone who married at Tormoham in 1846 with their children born in Torquay and Keyberry Mill and their descendants.

Bill and Doris Legge of Totnes sent readings from Yealmpton (the Bowden family) and Tedburn St. Mary, where they took pictures. These kind friends are not of our family, but have connection by marriage.

Willis made some newspaper discoveries; an extract from The North Devon Journal of Feb 13 1873 giving part of a lecture by Rev. J.H. Copleston to Bideford Farmers' Club (John Henry C. of the Offwell branch) and a large page from The Carnarvon & Denbigh Herald of Jan 25th 1850 regarding 'The Copleston Testimonial' which was apparently set up after the death of Edward Copleston, Bp of Llandaff and Dean of St. Paul's. Great argument and high sentiments on whether or not he was a good Bishop for the area! We are trying to find the form of the testimonial and will keep you informed. (30p photocopying plus postage if you would like a copy.)

Mr. Sidney Targett of Beckenham saw my 'One-Name' page in a 1986 issue of 'Family Tree Magazine' and kindly sent copies of two licenses signed by Coriolanus Copleston as Surrogate for Rev. Richard Shepherd DD, Archdeacon & Commissary of Bedford in 'the 30th year of the reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Third', also a copy of the page of St. Mary, Luton burial register showing Corio jnr's burial on Nov 23rd 1789. Mr. Targett's 2-gt-grandparents were married by Coriolanus.

Larry Copleston of Ontario forwarded maps and a directory page showing where Copleston, near Petrolia, Ont. used to be - it no longer exists! (David discovered this place some time ago and found that it was named by a builder.)

From Paul Copleston in Plymouth, who sent entries from Halberton and Ottery, came a cutting about 'Ghostly Goings on at Warleigh'. Seems one of the nurses there during WW2 saw items in a room swept to the floor by a poltergeist - who, I wonder, influenced it? We were not told of a ghost when visiting there! Paul says that Warleigh is for sale again; we await further reports.

Vera Page sent copies from 'Manor of West Luccombe', a chapter in 'The History of the Part of West Somerset comprising Parishes of Luccombe, Selworthy, Stoke Pero, Porlock, Culbone and Oar' by Chas. E. H. Chadwyck Healey, printed 1901, Henry Southeran & Co., which provide more food for thought on Thomas C. of West Luccombe.

I must confess to having spent more time on the Winkworth family than our own for some time past. Having discovered that Thomas Winkworth, bricklayer (his father Joseph was a master bricklayer) married Harriet Copleston, dau of William (tailor) and Harriet in 1860, I realised that William was son of Thomas, exciseman and Elizabeth (Rayment), born 1800 in Haverhill, Suffolk. Dora Kneebone of Kesgrave, Ipswich, found his baptism for me. We still have to discover whether Harvey Winkworth, architect of Copleston Rd. in Ipswich, was son of Thomas and Harriet. Harvey was born in Wokingham; Thomas and Harriet were buried in Newbury, but 'of Pangbourne' (1918 and 1916 respectively) and in 1915 Harvey and his partner Winkworth advertised 'We invite intending clients to see the artisans' and other dwellings on our Building Estates at Ipswich, Pangbourne, etc.' I have a Winkworth 'tree' from Winkworth Estate Agents and others from various Winkworths which I hope to link - should I start another one-name study?! (Thomas the exciseman was son of Rev. Coriolanus.)

All best cousinly wishes,

Muriel