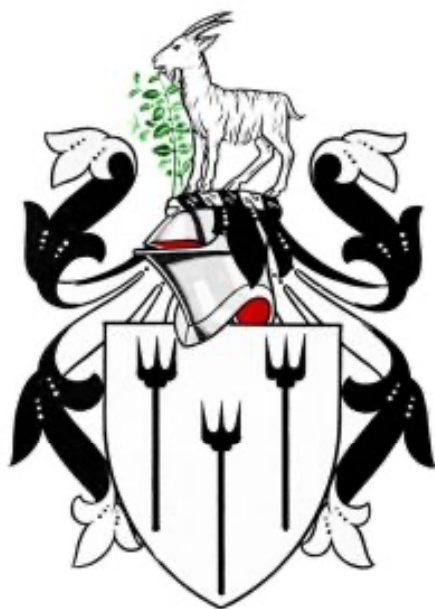


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Newsletter: Edition 7

Welcome to the Seventh Edition of the WFHS Newsletter!

In this edition, Jan Worthington (Committee Member and one of the founders of the Society) continues her series looking back on the origins of the Society and gatherings that have taken place across the globe. She recounts the success of that of 2008 in Dover, England and the inaugural AGM and gathering which took place in Leesburg, Virginia on 16-18 October 2009. The Leesburg gathering included a special visit to Piedmont, the former estate built circa 1735 by Robert "the Quaker" Worthington and known to him as Quarry Bank" in memory of his family in Cheshire, England.



Also in this newsletter, Sidney Worthington (WFHS Councillor – Europe) shares his findings about the hardships faced by his third cousin twice removed, Rose Amy Worthington born on 2 January 1872.

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DISINFECTANTS! DISINFECTANTS!—Campher,

Jan shares her research into the life of Rosetta Elizabeth Worthington born in Ireland in 1795 and her husband Isaac Nathan.

We also hear from long-standing member Heather Lawrence and how she became involved in the Society.

On 24/25 June, the Society held it's AGM virtually. It is a pity that only Council members and their family members were in attendance as input from the wider membership would have been appreciated. The minutes of the meeting can be found on the WFHS website.

Existing members will be aware of the proposed changes to WFHS membership and subscription arrangements as detailed in the President's letter to members of 10 November 2023. For those of you who do not yet know, Council has implemented some of the changes agreed at the 2023 AGM. The annual membership fee will be reduced to £10 (or equivalent) per annum. The target date for this to take place is 1 December 2023, but this may slip while we update the website to allow payments and registration to take place on line. For this annual fee, all members will be able to access the 11

volumes of the Register of Worthington References, all the pedigree charts and accompanying narratives which are on line (existing members will know these as Volume 2 pedigrees) and, in slower time, charts will be made available for those pedigrees which were published in Volume 1 of The Worthington Families of the Seventeenth Century.

With most of the pedigrees which were envisaged to be part of Volume 2 completed (the missing ones will be added on line over the coming months), we move now to a new project. This will entail extending those pedigrees published in Volumes 1 and 2 into the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.

The objective being to join them up with existing pedigrees already researched by members and others. Please see the 'Call for Help' article in this Newsletter for further details.


Finally, as always, we would welcome contributions to the newsletter. For more information or if you would like to make a submission, please email wfhs.contact@gmail.com.

Happy reading!!


Hannah Horton (née Murphy)
(WFHS Secretary)

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Looking Back... WORTHINGTON FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

*Incorporating the Worthington 17th Century
Project For the year 2009*



By Janet R Worthington

The very successful Annual General Meeting and Gathering held in Dover, Kent, ended on 5 October 2008. Shortly afterwards secretary Philip M Worthington and I received emails saying "What a great weekend. Hope to see you again in Dover..." from the Mayor and Town Clerk of Dover.

Back in our respective countries work by members for the Worthington 17th Century Project continued and we began organising the next Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held in the United States of America (USA) 2009. Shortly before Christmas 2008, Sidney Worthington, co-ordinator of the DNA Project reported, "I am glad to be able to inform you that the Worthington DNA Project is now up and ready to run. For those male Worthingtons who wish to have their DNA tested (and members who, as an alternative, can persuade a close male Worthington relative) I append details of how to obtain a test kit." The Christmas offer was successful! The DNA Project has grown from 14, at that time, to 122 members to date (2023).

In January 2009 Patricia (Trish) Ward of Leesburg, the USA treasurer at that time; Suzanne (Sue) Worthington of California, who was looking after membership; and her husband William C (Bill) Worthington of California, the official indexer, formed the organising committee. They proposed that the three-day Gathering, including the Annual Dinner and the inaugural AGM meeting of the Worthington Family History Society (WFHS), be held in Leesburg, Virginia on 16 – 18 October.

Shortly afterwards, as Chairman, I drafted a letter to be sent to all members to let them know what we were planning later in the year. One of the drawcards was *Piedmont*, the former estate built about 1735 by Robert" the Quaker" Worthington and known to him as *Quarry Bank*" in memory of his family in Cheshire, England. *Piedmont* is situated in Charles Town, West Virginia, a short drive from Leesburg. The property passed from the Worthingtons through the Briscoe family and in 2009 was owned by James (known as Jim) and Kate Lehrer.



The rear of Piedmont showing the old house called Quarry Bank on the left

Jim Lehrer was well known at the time for his role as the anchor for the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) evening news, a show called *The News Hour* and was a well-regarded author of both fiction and nonfiction. In February a letter was sent to Jim and his wife Kate, also a well established author, explaining the Worthington connection to *Piedmont* and asking if our group could visit their Property. The Lehrers were also invited to the Annual Dinner as our special guests.

Bill Worthington was ecstatic when he contacted the members to let them know that, "... we will have the opportunity to visit *Piedmont* as guests of Jim and Kate Lehrer on Saturday, October 17... Truly, we are fortunate to have the two of them as guests as part of this year's AGM. They will join us at the annual dinner that evening."¹

¹ James Charles Lehrer died on 23 January 2020 at Washington DC. Kate Lehrer died in 2020 at Waco, Texas aged 84 years.



The front of Piedmont or Quarry Bank where George Washington dined on 10 March 1771²

At the same time Philip Worthington was keen to get Phase 2 of the 17th Century Project involving the development of Pedigrees underway; “with a view to having some 10 or 12 completed and examined by the end of the Project year.” This work had not been started, mainly because Phase 1 – Research, was continuing to be so successful and had been fully occupying researchers’ time. Four volumes of the *Register of Worthington References* had already been issued. A fifth (16C, Volume 1) was due for distribution in March so I hastily wrote the Foreword for it acknowledging the contributors: Philip M Worthington, Stuart Worthington, Stephen Read, Heather Lawrence, Frank Brimelow, Addison Worthington, William Worthington of Penwortham, Sidney Worthington and Bill Worthington.

By June emails were going back and forth amongst various members as a *Draft Copy for Comment of the Worthington Family History Society Constitution* was circulated, the name of which had been chosen from four options by the members. As per the decisions made at the Dover AGM in 2008, the new organisation had to be formally established and a new website created, to encourage a wider membership. Sue Worthington’s updated *List of Members* on 1 July 2009 recorded 33 members of the *Worthington 17th Century Project* and three additional members of the new *Worthington Family History Society*.

² Piedmont is on the *National Register of Historic Places*. Google websites for more photos.

In July 2009, Philip M Worthington, secretary, sent a letter, “To all members of the Project and the new Society – Volunteers Needed”. He was looking for pedigree compilers, pedigree examiners, a membership secretary, a typesetter and an archivist. Preparation also began for the AGM in Leesburg and a Chairman’s letter accompanied by a *Programme of Events and Questionnaire* was ready to be sent. This was followed shortly afterwards by the *Notice of Annual General Meeting*; and by the *Agenda* and relevant papers. One of Items for discussion was *Agenda Item 4: Incorporation of the Projects* which proposed “that the *Worthington 17th Century Project* and the *Worthington DNA Project* shall hereby be incorporated in the *Worthington Family History Society*, as separate entities, and that all the financial and other assets of these Projects shall become the property of the new Society.”

The Programme for the 2009 Gathering at Leesburg started on Friday 16 October with a tour in the morning of *Dodona Manor*, George C Marshall’s retirement home in Leesburg, led by docent, Becky Worthington Groff. Secretary of State George Marshall was the creator of the *Marshall Aid Programme* during World War II. On 3 April 1948 President Truman signed the *Economic Recovery Act of 1948* which became known as the *Marshall Plan*. It was named after George Marshall who in 1947 proposed, “that the United States provide economic assistance to restore the economic infrastructure of postwar Europe.”

After lunch a tour of the Thomas Balch Library in Market Street, Leesburg, which specialises in genealogy was on offer, which included two seminars at the library: one about Robert Worthington the Quaker and his ancestors and descendants by Philip M Worthington and Donald Gradeless, the current webmaster; and the other on procedures for compiling pedigrees from the *Register of Worthington References* by Stuart Worthington and Addison Worthington.



Miranda Worthington showing the Robert Worthington Pedigree scroll to Bill Worthington



Stuart Worthington editor Phase 1 - Research

In the early evening a reception for members and their guests in historic Carradoc Hall at the Holiday Inn, where most of the members and their guests were staying.

On the morning of Saturday 17 October, members and their guests gathered at Carradoc Hall to visit Harpers Ferry, 18 miles northwest of Leesburg. Harpers Ferry was a prosperous town in the 19th century, based on abundant water power and arms manufacturer. It is now a public national memorial at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers.

After lunch the group drove to Charles Town, west of Harpers Ferry to see *Tiffin House*, the oldest surviving house within the original boundary of the town, completed for the Tiffin family in 1787. Dr Edward Tiffin was born in 1766 in Carlisle, England and became the first governor of Ohio. His brother-in-law, Thomas Worthington, grandson of Robert Worthington, became the sixth governor.

At 3.00 pm Mr and Mrs Lehrer invited the group into *Piedmont* house, a national monument which was built in 1780 on the site of a former house built by Robert Worthington and named *Quarry Bank*. Part of the earlier Worthington house is incorporated into Piedmont.

The Lehrers used this wonderful old mansion as their country retreat. A hideaway where Jim and Kate could do their literary work and escape from Washington DC.



Kate Lehrer at the unusually shaped desk in the office

Many of *Piedmont*'s original features survive such as the woodwork and the large copper bath which is still in use.



The kitchen showing the very old woodwork



The original bathroom with large copper bath

The Worthingtons were able to explore the entirety of the house and the grounds which were of great interest. Jim also had a bus barn on the grounds. His father ran a bus line when Jim was growing up. Some of the old out buildings and the pump to draw water still exist.



The beautiful treed garden and old water pump Jim also had a bus barn on the grounds. His father ran a bus line when Jim was growing up.



Two photos of the formal sitting room showing original old hand painted wall murals.



One of the old bedrooms in *Piedmont*

At the end of the visit to *Piedmont* the Lehers were presented with a copy of Philip's book on the *Worthington Families of Medieval England* and Jan's book *Coopers and Customs Cutters, Worthingtons of Dover 1560-1906*.



L – R: Sue Worthington, Jim Lehrer, Kate Lehrer & Philip Worthington – book presentation by Amanda Mackevicius



Inside the front door of their property where the presentation took place



The stairway showing old timberwork and painted mural above the floor



Jim and Kate Lehrer holding Worthington publications presented to them at Piedmont

The Annual Dinner was held in the evening at the Tuscarora Mill Restaurant in Leesburg. Stuart Worthington was the toastmaster. James and Kate Lehrer were the principal guests. Paul Lawrence proposed the toast to the Project and the Society and Judy Worthington responded. Brigadier General Hall Worthington proposed the toast to the guests and Mr and Mrs Lehrer responded.



Rosalie Courage, nee Worthington, Philip Worthington & Amanda Mackevicius

Several members of the Project and Society attended the Gathering at Leesburg. I was unable to go and sent my daughter, Amanda Mackevicius and daughter-in-law, Teena Clark in my stead. Also present were Rosemary Douglas and four guests: Arthur Allen Douglass; Rosalie and Michael Courage; Craig Metz; Donald Gradeless; Heather and Paul Lawrence; Peter Pearre; Trish Ward and her five guests: Becky Worthington Goff, Mary Fishback, Harriett Wilson, Will Wilson and Hallie Wilson; Addison and Frances Worthington; Daniel Worthington; Philip, Judy and their daughters Miranda Worthington; Hall and Mary Carroll Worthington; Sidney Worthington; Stuart and Geraldine Worthington; Sue and Bill Worthington, indexer, and their guests Brice and Donna Worthington and Connie Worthington.

Brigadier-General Hall Worthington chaired the AGM of the Worthington 17th Century Project, and the inaugural Meeting of the Worthington Family History Society for me on Sunday morning 18 October 2009 in Carradoc Hall. I sent my apologies: "Greetings to you all – the illustrious Worthington family gathered together in Virginia. I hope you are all enjoying yourselves and I regret I cannot be with you this year. My two daughter Amanda and Teena jumped at the opportunity to represent me. They will be able to tell me all about it on their return to Australia. I would like to thank the Leesburg organising committee for looking after this years AGM and Philip and the executive for their commitment and tireless dedication to Worthington family history. I am hoping to catch up with you all next year wherever we decide to gather."



L – R: AGM - Philip Worthington, Hall Worthington & Trish Ward

Voting papers were received from Stephen Read, Sir John Shearer, Ian Worthington, William Worthington of Penwortham and me, Jan Worthington. The secretary Philip Worthington reported that an earlier meeting for United Kingdom members had been held in the Vestry, Dean Row Chapel, Cheshire on 16 September 2009. There were four members present at that meeting: Stephen Read in the chair, Robert P Worthington, William Worthington of Penwortham and Philip M Worthington, secretary and archivist. The views of this meeting were relayed to the AGM as appropriate during the course of meeting at Leesburg.

The meeting at Leesburg was a long one and many motions were discussed and resolved. The Worthington Family History Society Constitution was approved and adopted subject to three modifications. There was unanimous agreement that the WFHS be inaugurated; and that the Worthington 17th Century Project and the Worthington DNA Project be incorporated into the WFHS, as separate entities, and that all financial and other assets of these two Projects shall become the property of the society.

All agreed that David T Palmer of Hong Kong, Rosalie F Courage of UK, Craig H Metz of the USA and Thomas S Worthington of UK be elected members of the WFHS. Sponsorship was discussed and changes were made to financial and subscription matters.

The Secretary discussed the 17th Century Project programme and this was extended for another year. Stuart Worthington presented his paper on *Project Phase 2 – Pedigrees* and it was agreed that compiling and examining some 20 pedigrees should have the highest priority throughout the year.

Sidney Worthington, coordinator DNA Project, and David Palmer gave a presentation on DNA, which included mutations. Sidney said that there were now 14 members of the DNA Project and the results of testing showed members falling into four of the 20 haplogroups. The results of three pairs of members in three of the four groups showed linkages between 390 to 840 years ago.

The website was discussed at length and future beneficial changes were considered. In the meantime, Donald Gradeless offered to continue as webmaster for as long as the Society's website was part of his personal website. Philip M Worthington was elected secretary, registrar and archivist; Stephen Read elected treasurer, Patricia Ward elected assistant treasurer USA; and me elected president. Stuart Worthington and William C Worthington were also elected members of the Council.

It was resolved that the 2010 AGM and Gathering be held in north east Cheshire, United Kingdom.

One of the main sites to be visited was *Quarry Bank* as well as The National Trust exhibition at Quarry Bank Mill and Styal Estate. The meeting ended and the social programme continued for those who were staying in Leesburg for a longer time.

Crime and Punishment in England in 1887-1888

Sidney Worthington

Rose Amy Worthington (my third cousin twice removed) was born on 2nd January 1872, the fifth daughter and the youngest of the seven children of Frederic Worthington and his wife Harriet (nee Roberts) at 172, Orchard Road, Brightside Bierlow, Sheffield, Yorkshire. Frederic was an Optician and Hornmaker. Rose Amy was baptised on 23 September 1872 at St Michael and All Angels Church, Neepsend, Sheffield together with her older sister, Harriet, who had been born on 22 September 1869. Rose Amy's mother, Harriet died on 27 December 1877. By the time of the 1881 census the family had moved to 67, Caernavon Street, Nether Hallam, Sheffield and Rose Amy is described as "Student".

The next mention of Rose Amy comes from the 20 December 1887 edition of the Sheffield Independent Newspaper.

SHEFFIELD TOWN HALL.

MONDAY.—Before the STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE.

ROBBERY BY A DOMESTIC SERVANT.—Rose Amy Worthington was charged on remand with having stolen a jacket belonging to Mrs. Varley, of Havelock square, with whom she had lived as domestic servant. When before the Court last week she emphatically refused to go home with her father, and she was remanded in custody. She now expressed her willingness to go with Miss Thompson, the Police Court Missionary of the Girls' Home in Paradise square.—Miss Thompson came forward and said they were quite unable to take the prisoner in at present; but arrangements, perhaps, might be made to get her into a home at Wakefield.—The prisoner was set at liberty on her writing out a promise that she would not offend again.

One wonders why she refused to go home with her father and aged 15 how she was able to look after herself. Her promise not to re-offend unfortunately did not last long as the next record from the Sheffield and Rotherham Independent Newspaper of 23 February 1888 reveals.

ONE BOX of CLARKE'S B 41 PILLS is WARRANTED to CURE all derangements of the Urinary Organs, in either sex (acquired or constitutional), Gravel, and Pains in the Back. Sold in boxes, 4s. 6d. each, by all Chemists; or sent to any address for sixty stamps by the Makers, THE LINCOLN and MIDLAND COUNTIES DRUG COMPANY, Lincoln. 50

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SYSTEMATIC THEFTS FROM CHILDREN.—Elizabeth Hobson, 16 years old, whose home is at 252, Beet street, was charged with no less than nine robberies, committed during the last six months. Her practice was to stop little children in the street, and, if they had money, take it from them, or else strip them of some of their clothing, even taking their boots.—A fine of 40s. was inflicted.

PROSECUTING A SISTER FOR THEFT.—Rose Amy Worthington, 16, pleaded guilty to breaking into a box belonging to her sister, Mary Ellen Worthington, at their home, 26, Percy street, and stealing £2. When apprehended £1. 15s. of the money was found in her possession. It appeared she had previously been charged with theft, and her father now said he could do nothing with her, and he thought the best thing for her would be to give her a taste of prison life.—The Stipendiary (to the prisoner) That being so, I am afraid you must take the consequences.—The Prisoner: Oh, very well.—She was sentenced to 28 days' imprisonment.

DISINFECTANTS! DISINFECTANTS!—Camphor,

Rose Amy was either living back at home or had visited. Her sentence was for "Hard Labour" and was served in Wakefield Prison. Hard Labour for a woman was usually up to 12 hours a day "picking oakum" (separating strands of rope which could then be used for caulking). It could also mean domestic service.

In the 1891 census we find Rose Amy living with her older sisters Mary Anne, aged 34 and Harriet 21 at 26 Percy Street, Brightside Bierlow, Sheffield. Mary Anne is a "charwoman" and Rose Amy a "shield cutter". I have been unable to discover what a "shield cutter" actually did but Sheffield was famous for the production of knives and cutlery so I assume it was factory work.

On 17 July 1891, aged 19, Rose Amy married William Jubb at St Philip's Church Sheffield. William had been born in Sheffield in 1864, the son of George Jubb and his wife Ann. William was a "scissor forger". Both give their address as Penistone Avenue, Sheffield. One of the witnesses was Rose Amy's brother Thomas.

Rose Amy and William do not appear in the census of 1901 and nothing more is known of her or William. There were a large number of children with the surname of Jubb born in Sheffield in the next few years after Rose Amy and William's marriage but they have not been researched. There is no record of them emigrating.

28 days imprisonment with hard labour at the age of 16, for effectively stealing five shillings might seem a little harsh in today's times but at least there is no record of further offending.

SNIPPETS I HAVE COME ACROSS

Jan Worthington

Rosetta Elizabeth Worthington was born in Ireland in 1795 the daughter of Captain Edward Worthington (1752-1804/5), American pioneer, and his wife, Elizabeth Worthington, nee Stephens (1765- ?). Edward was born in Macroom, Cork, Ireland, one of nine children born to Thomas Worthington (1720-1783) and his wife Anne Worthington, nee Clarke (1728-1798). The Irish born American frontiersman was a hunter, surveyor and soldier who explored and later helped settle the Kentucky frontier after he and his family emigrated to the Thirteen Colonies in 1768. He died of yellow fever 3 September 1804 in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA¹. There is no evidence that Edward and Elizabeth were in Ireland when Rosetta Elizabeth was born there in 1795.

Rosetta was underage and "of this parish" when she married Isaac Nathan in St Mary Abbotts Church of England, Kensington, London, England by banns on 16 July 1812,² witnessed by Rosanna Jackson and Francis Brothers. Their marriage was followed by a Jewish marriage ceremony in a London Synagogue on 11 November 1812. At that time Jews and Quakers had to be married in the Established Church of England in front of two or more witnesses, as well as the Synagogue, for their marriage to be recognised as legal.

Isaac Nathan of *this* Parish
Batchelor
 and *Rosetta* *Elizabeth Worthington* of *this* Parish
Spinster
 were married in this *Church* by *Banns* with Consent of
 this *Sixteenth* Day of
July in the Year One thousand eight hundred and *twelve*.
 By me *Henry Taylor*
 This Marriage was solemnized between us *Isaac Nathan*
Rosetta Elizabeth Worthington
 In the Prefence of *Rosanna Jackson*
Francis Brothers
 No. *161*

Marriage entry in the St Mary Abbotts Church Register 1812

Rosetta and Isaac had six children before her untimely death in childbirth in London, England on 19 January 1824. Isaac was a musical composer, the first professional musician to settle in Australia after he and his second wife and family arrived in Sydney 1841. He was a friend of Lord Byron who wrote the Hebrew melodies to be set to music by Isaac. Isaac Nathan was aged 74 when he was killed in a fall from a tram in Pitt Street, Sydney.³

¹ MyHeritage.com; & Wikipedia.

² *Marriage Register* for St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington, Middlesex, England

³ Catherine Mackerras, *The Hebrew Methodist* published 1963.

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A One Name Family Study

Heather Lawrence

Although I had been researching my family history since the early sixties, it was some 20 years later, when I attended a “Who do you think you are?” exhibition in London, that I met a representative of the Guild of One Name Studies and realised I could link up with others researching the same family. As result I contacted Philip Worthington who had published a book – “The Worthington Families of Medieval England” in 1985. Philip was a founder member of a group interested in researching Worthingtons in the 17th Century and I became involved with them, working on the Worthington 17th century Project aimed at finding and publishing all references to the family throughout England and Wales, even extending to Worthingtons who had migrated to the American colonies. In 2009, as numbers of the group grew, the Worthington Family History Society was formed.

This worldwide Society had an annual meeting, held alternately in England and the USA. This meant those able to attend got to know each other personally. All the references found were presented in a series of Registers which were subsequently sent to Society members. Using this information, named members drew up pedigrees according to exacting rules which were then carefully examined by another member to ensure as much accuracy as possible.

In 2020 the first volume of “The Worthington Families of the Seventeenth Century” was published, covering all the families originating in Lancashire, including three in Lincolnshire, one in Warwickshire, one in Middlesex and one in the American colonies. Society members are now working on the remaining 17th century families, which are being published on the Worthington Family History Society website, as they are completed. So far these include families in Kent, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire and Surrey. Others will follow shortly. All the Registers of Worthington references from the Worthington 17th century Project have also been placed on the website.

With the current project almost completed, work is about to get underway to extend these 17th century pedigrees into the 18th and 19th centuries with a view to “joining them up” to research many members have already completed as part of their own family history projects.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Society should log onto its website at www.worthingtonfhs.org. You will be most welcome!
Heather Lawrence- (Member of the WFHS) September 2023

NEW PROJECTS...

Can You Help?

Hannah Horton

As the present work on the 17th Century Project comes to an end, thoughts have turned to what the Society can research next. A number of possible projects have been identified:

- Create pedigrees for Worthington families living in London and Middlesex in the 17th century.
- Link existing pedigrees with known Worthington families in other geographical locations.
- Develop existing pedigrees in the UK and USA from the 17th Century into the 18th and even the 19th Centuries.
- Investigate Worthington families living in other geographical locations, which haven't been studied to date, such as Ireland in the 18th Century.

The research for the 17th Century Project was essentially undertaken by a team of volunteers drawn from the Society's membership. Members also shared their own research with the Society where members had already identified their 17th and early 18th century ancestors. Many of those members have now sadly passed on and the Society is now looking for new helpers if the valuable work of the Society is to be maintained and developed through new projects.

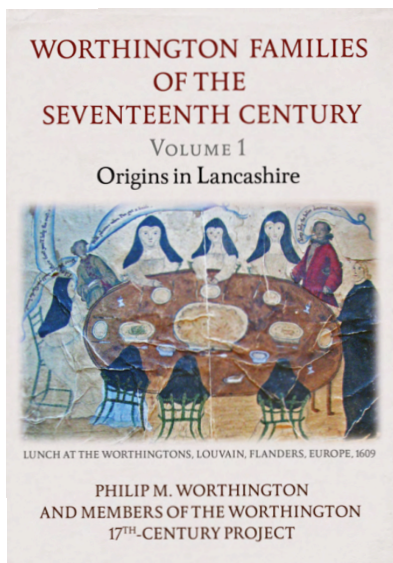
Can you help the Society? This could be through sharing your own research with the Society, particularly if your family is from a location which has not yet been studied and reported on. The Society would also be interested to hear from you if you have already found your ancestors in the 18th and 19th centuries. Could you give some of your time researching on the internet for Worthington families in a particular geographic location?

Please let the Society know if you would be prepared to help with the work of researching and drafting new pedigrees by contacting the Society's Secretary, Hannah Horton (wfhs.contact@gmail.com). Your support is needed and would be really appreciated; thank you.

Worthington Families of the Seventeenth Century, Volume 1

Bursting with Worthington's after more than ten years of research this very worthy, comprehensive and academic reference book, **Worthington Families of the Seventeenth Century** is now available directly from the Society.

Members of the 17th Century Project, now the Worthington Family History Society, combed through thousands of original written documents, microfilms, microfiche and online databases to accumulate over 2,000 references to Worthington's from 1560-1730. In addition to the 32 pedigrees there are 76 illustrations.



ISBN 978-78155-799-0

The focus of Volume 1 is mainly on Lancashire and anywhere else in the world where the Worthington ancestry goes back to Lancashire: three lines in Lincolnshire, one in Warwickshire, one in Middlesex and one in Maryland, America. Volume 2 is in progress and will cover the remaining Worthington families. For further information visit the Worthington Family History Society website: www.worthingtonfhs.org

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