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## Akehurst Farm Estate: Hooe in East Sussex

At the last Get Together in 1998, Morwenna Akehurst told of the sale of various properties known as the "Akehurst Farm Estate" in the Hooe locality. We all pored over the catalogue obtained by Morwenna and wished we could afford to purchase any one of the nine lots up for sale!!

Part of the Estate, perhaps the original Akehurst Farm, consists of three allotments together, to the east of Hooe Common, with the following descriptions:

- Lot 1 Akehurst Farmhouse – Period Farmhouse
- Lot 2 Akehurst Farm Barn – Sussex Barn
- Lot 3 Akehurst Farm Oast – Period Oast

Please contact Morwenna if you would like more details on this (perhaps your ancestor's ?) estate.



## Akehurst Farmhouse : Lot 1 on Akehurst Farm Estate



## Antipodean Akehurst-er Get Together



The success of last year's Get Together in Hailsham, Sussex, and the increasing membership of both the mailing list and email list, has prompted us to hold a 1999 Get Together - this time on Saturday 20 November, in Melbourne, Victoria.

The decision to hold the Get Together was made after the April newsletter was published, but invitations were posted to all Australian and New Zealand researchers and to all Akehurst-ers with an email address.

The program will include a "show and tell" of family trees and photographs, demonstrations of resources available to Akehurst-ers, progress reports on the Akehurst One Name Study and the formation of the Akehurst Family History Society. In addition, there will be plenty of time set aside for the Akehurst researchers to meet each other and to exchange information. The Get Together will conclude with an informal dinner.

Further information is available from Colin Akehurst and David Evans, and is posted on both the Akehurst-er World website and Colin's website.



## Register of Documents Researched

Richard and Judith Akhurst jointly act as the Registrar of the "Register of Documents Researched".

Akehurst researchers are requested to provide summaries of their Documents Researched to the Registrar. It is **not** intended that the Registrar should actually obtain or hold the original Research Documents.

The objective of the Register is to enable researchers to determine where to find research documents, including Indexes, databases and other information, which have been searched by other Akehurst researchers and thus to minimise duplication of research effort.

The Registrar will ensure that summaries of all available Documents Researched, or currently being researched, are listed in the Register on the Akehurst-er website.

The detailed information in the "Documents Researched" will only be available from direct contact with individual researchers who hold research documents.

To ensure that Akehurst researchers without Internet facilities are able to gain access to the Research Documents, a Register listing of available Documents Researched will be published, and regularly updated, in this Newsletter. (See attached **Register of Documents Researched**)

## The Next UK Get Together in 2000



A Get Together of all Akehurst-ers is currently being planned to be held in England on the weekend of 7/8<sup>th</sup> October 2000.

The where/when, program, cost and registration details will be published in the next edition of "The Akehurst-er" and announced on the e-mail discussion list.

If you wish to be advised by mail as the program develops please contact your Continental Contact or directly to Judith Akhurst at

95 Sea Road  
East Preston  
East Sussex BN16 1LN  
United Kingdom **OR**  
E-mail Address: **akhcqs@globalnet.co.uk**

We have already heard that a number of overseas Akehurst-ers (the 'colonials') will be attending and the event promises to be even bigger and better than the 1998 Get Together in Hailsham.

Start saving now.



## Register of Family Trees

Morwenna Akehurst is the "Keeper of the Family Trees" and researchers are requested to send their family trees to her for recording purposes and to allow for retrieval of information to satisfy queries from other researchers.

The objective of the Register is to enable all researchers to determine where to find other AkehurstFamily Trees.

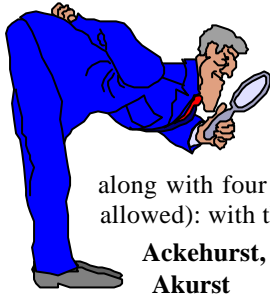
A Register listing of available Family Trees will be published, and regularly updated, in the Akehurst-er Newsletter to ensure that Akehurst researchers without Internet facilities are able to gain access to the Family Trees

The addresses of individual researchers are set out on the Akehurst-er World website. Researchers not on the Internet should write to Morwenna for contact details.

When submitting a tree please advise if you give submission for your name, address, e-mail address to be made available to other researchers.

Trees should preferably be submitted in Gedcom format or on paper.

(See attached **Register of Family Trees**)



## The Akehurst One Name Study

David Evans has registered the AKEHURST name along with four variants (the maximum number allowed): with the Guild of One Name Studies.

**Ackehurst, Ackhurst, Akehurst, Akhurst, Akurst**

David Evans and Colin Ackehurst will maintain the One Name Study for the benefit of all Akehurst researchers. The Guild's Register becomes a starting point for investigation and new Akehurst researchers will have a point of contact to get them involved in Akehurst research. The Guild has provided an e-mail address of [akehurst@one-name.org](mailto:akehurst@one-name.org) for our use.

All instances of Akehurst and its variants will be entered into a master One Name database which will be used to answer enquiries.

The compilation of the database is of course a long term project but a start has been made on the collection of data from all relevant sources. For example all instances of the name from the Family Trees submitted by researchers will be entered. In addition all instances referred to in "Documents Researched" will be included. A big project, but one that is necessary to "fill in the gaps" of our knowledge of the name.

In other articles in this Newsletter we have emphasised the importance of noting all instances of variants of the name. The experience of most family history researchers is that many name variations can occur over different generations and often occur during the life of an individual.

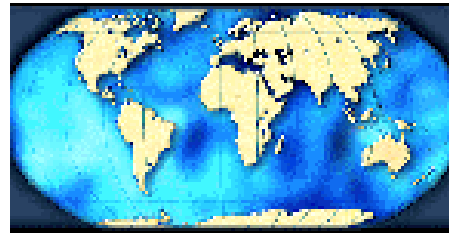
Most researchers start off researching only one name and later need to extend to other variants.



## Akehurst-er Email Discussion List

Since commencing the Akehurst-er e-mail discussion list, ([Akehurst@OneList.com](mailto:Akehurst@OneList.com)) we have gained about fifty subscribers and much information has been exchanged. If you have an email address, please subscribe (for free) by visiting the Akehurst-er World website.

About half our total number of researchers have an e-mail address. Those who have subscribed to the Mailing List are keeping us well informed of their research by posting their queries for anyone on the list to contribute their research knowledge.



## Formation of Akehurst Family History Society (Interim Committee)

At the Get Together in the UK in 1998 those present agreed that a Family History Society should be set up at a future time. At the Get Together it was considered that a steering committee should be formed in, say, 12 months from that time to set up the Society.

In order to get things moving, it has been decided to take advantage of the gathering of Akehurst Researchers in Melbourne on 20<sup>th</sup> November this year to form the Steering or Interim Committee for the formation of the Society.

The 1998 Get Together accepted the services of volunteers for the following activities that will be required by the Akehurst Family History Society:

- **List of Researchers & Online Mailing List** to be carried out by David Evans and Colin Ackehurst.
- **Membership of the Guild of One Name Studies** to be carried out by David Evans
- **Keeper of the Family Trees** to be carried out by Morwenna Akehurst
- **Registrar of Documents Researched** to be carried out by Judith and Richard Akhurst.
- **Keeper of the Web Site** to be carried out by David Brown and backed up by David Murdock
- **Akehurst-er Newsletter** to be co-ordinated by the Continental Contacts and preparation by others as required.
- **Keeper of Strays** to be carried out by Bert Parsons

The above volunteers could be considered to be the members of the Interim Committee with the addition of an Interim Chairman and Secretary. These positions need to be filled and it is proposed to ask the Anitopedean Get Together to elect two Akehurst researchers to these positions. At the present time David Evans and Colin Ackehurst are prepared to be nominated to fill these interim positions.

The Interim Committee will then carry out all actions necessary to enable a report on the steps to be taken to form an Akehurst Family Society to be placed before the 2000 UK Get Together.

Elections of the inaugural Akehurst Family History Society Committee will be carried out at the 2000 UK Get Together.



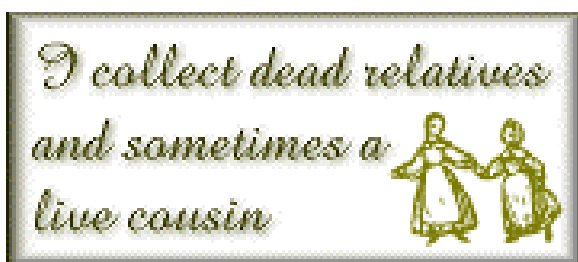
## Privacy and Availability of Addresses

For a number of years we have been watching developments in the area of data privacy (e.g. UK's 1994 Act, and a similar one in NZ in 1996). These Acts make it illegal to publish private details without informed consent. For better or for worse, this has been taken to include data of value to us genealogists - such as names, addresses, ages, and relationships for living persons.

The July 1999 edition of the Journal of One-Name Studies has an excellent article on "Data protection, the new law and one-namers" by Iain Kerr and is based on advice from the Data Protection Agency and relates to the (UK) Data Protection Act 1998.

One of the conditions for storing data is that it should be carried on with the consent of the data subject. Consent is not defined in the Act, but the definition in EU Directive 95/46/EC may help. It defines "the data subject's consent" as: "any freely given specific and informed indication of his wishes by which the data subject signifies his agreement to personal data relating to him being processed." The fact that the data subject must "signify" their agreement means that there must be some active communication between the parties. Data controllers cannot infer consent from non-response to a communication, for example from a customer's failure to return or respond to a letter or request to confirm data. The processing of "sensitive data" requires the "explicit consent" of the data subject.

*Paraphrasing the Journal Editor's comments: "The provisions of the new Data Protection Act ... fill me with alarm and apprehension for genealogy. On the one hand, certain clauses seem to suggest that any personal records at all about living people, whether on computer or on paper, could be subject to the Act. ... Personally, I have never believed the original Data Protection Act was ever intended to apply to family historians at all, but became a typical piece of catch-all legislation. But, then, I wouldn't like to be a test case!"*



Friends come and go  
but relatives tend to accumulate

## Researchers' Contact Details

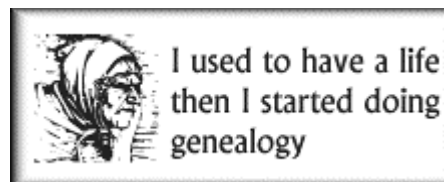
We are maintaining a List of Researchers' contact details (name, address, phone number, email address) on our website for the benefit of Akehurst researchers.

Before we can update the List, we need approval to publish your contact details.

Please advise your Continental Contact (**See box on p 6**) of your details as soon as possible. Please also let us know if you do **not** wish to have your details made available to other Akehurst researchers.

We have already received a number of replies (including a number which have given permission to publish their email address and not their postal address), but we are still waiting for most of the researchers to reply.

We would like to publish a Member's Interest Directory in each edition of the Akehurst-er Newsletter and on our Internet website but, given the concerns noted above, we will only publish the contact details of researchers from whom we have received permission.



## The Akehurst-er Newsletter

This, the Fifth Issue of the Newsletter, has been compiled and co-ordinated by Oz researchers, Colin Akehurst and David Evans. An electronic copy will be placed on the Akehurst-er website and paper copies will be distributed to all known Akehurst researchers without Internet access.

The next issue, of the Newsletter will be co-ordinated by Liz Rushton and it is planned for April 2000. Liz Rushton will be looking for input from researchers. Her postal address is:  
7 Langham Gardens  
Wilson, WA 6107  
Australia

**OR**

E-mail Address: [lrushton@iinet.net.au](mailto:lrushton@iinet.net.au)

## Obituary for Bill Hopkins

Sadly we have to report that Bill Hopkins passed away earlier this year. Bill was not able to attend the 1998 Get Together because of ill health. David Brown, David Evans, David Murdoch and Colin A Akehurst however were able to visit him and his sister Eileen just before the Get Together.

Bill was deeply involved with the Kent Historical Society and was a contributor to their Journal. He was related to David Murdoch, being a cousin through their 4<sup>th</sup> Great Grandfather.

Bill was born in Hythe on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1917 and will be sadly missed by his family and by the many family researchers he met during his life.



### Akehurst Spelling Variants

The One Name Study registered by David Evans uses the spelling "Akehurst" as the registered surname.

Many other variations occur within families and the most important of these are listed below.

Achurst ("hurst" to either herst, hirst, heurst)  
Ackhurst ("hurst" to either herst, hirst, heurst)  
Ackhurst ("hurst" to either herst, hirst, heurst)  
Acorst  
Acurst  
Aikhurst ("hurst" to either herst, hirst, heurst)  
Akehurst ("hurst" to either herst, hirst, heurst)  
Akhurst ("hurst" to either herst, hirst, heurst)  
Akorst  
Akurst

**Note:** Also included are other variations that seems to be relevant but not Acres or Akers which are being covered by other groups.

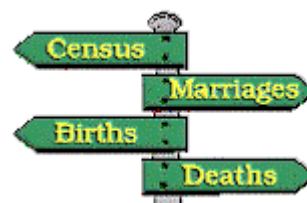
### Kipling's Bateman's Farm Akehurst Connection

David Brown has supplied a copy of a newspaper article dated 28<sup>th</sup> July 1955 which contains information on a Harold Akehurst who migrated to Canada in 1909.

The article states that the Sussex farm purchased by Kipling and known as Batemans, had previously been in the ownership of this Akehurst family for centuries.

A full copy of the article will be placed on the Akehurst-er website for the use of Akehurst researchers.

## The Akehurst-er World Web Site



### "INTERNET ACCESS FOR ALL AT MAIN LIBRARIES"

by David J Brown:- [webmaster@akehursters.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@akehursters.co.uk)

This article is written for those researchers that do not have access to the Internet nor want it, but are still nonetheless curious. Come on, admit it, and take a trip to your main library.

Why? you ask! Well in the UK, many county town libraries now have access to the Internet for public access. I suspect that the same is true of Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and the US. It's just a case of seeking them out.

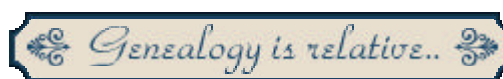
Now a trip to the library is always fraught with the expectation of the fine you may have to pay because once again you are late with your books. But think again, you now have another reason to visit. Go to the nice friendly librarian and ask him/her to show you where the public Internet screens are, smile nicely and ask to be shown the Akehurst-er site at this address:- <http://www.akehursters.co.uk/>. Oh! didn't I tell you - we are now even more public with our own domain address.

After you have calmed down and got over your leap of joy and muttering, "That's us" or words to that effect, you will soon find out that you can do a number of things.

The site has been designed with everyone in mind. You can review e-mail messages that have been passing back and forth between researchers, probably print them and also see photos of the researchers. By the way, I need a recent photo of you too! You can view the Guest Book and can even search the IGI on line as a link has been provided. How about visiting the PRO and Family Research Centre in London, for further information?

You may also be able to send e-mails depending on the library's policy. You will find most of the staff are all too willing to show their skills and to help you.

Tempted? Find a library that has Internet access and try it out. Whilst you are visiting the website click on the top of the Welcome Web Page where it has [webmaster@akehursters.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@akehursters.co.uk) and send me an e-mail. I dare you!"





## Research into Public Records

### General Records Office (GRO) BDM Records:

Initially it was thought that the best way to assist in Akehurst research was to organise a number of volunteer researchers to manually search the BDM records for selected years. We now believe that the information contained in these records will eventually be placed on the Internet and searches will be able to be carried out, at a fee, as required.

As a consequence, it will be better to not proceed at this time with any planned transcription of the BDM records as previously suggested.

Notwithstanding this, any one who is currently researching the BDM records for their own purposes could still note all instances of Akehurst variants. Researchers should advise the Registrar of Documents Researched of the time periods researched.

### Public Record Office (PRO) Records:

The Public Record Office (PRO) is about to put its entire catalogue on to the Internet. A prototype system is already available, and the PRO hopes the full catalogue, which describes its entire archive of 8 million documents, will be online by the end of the year.

Once the catalogue is on-line, the PRO hopes to begin placing many of its most-popular documents on-line. The catalogued collection spans documents ranging from the Domesday book, compiled in 1086, to the present day and includes all central-government files.

According to the PRO, the system initially will allow users to search all of the documents' descriptions on-line. "Putting 8 million documents on the web is just too big a task. ... So we're making the catalogue available, which includes the location of the file and a brief description of it. This allows users to see what we have. ... We will also allow them to order a document on-line so that when they come to Kew their documents are ready and waiting. We hope this will save a lot of wasted journeys."

*The PRO also plans to put census data on-line. "One of the first things we will put on-line in its entirety is the 1901 census; we are currently preparing this for 2001. However, we want to get the catalogue on-line first, then we can track which documents are the most popular and put those on-line."*

Even when the catalogues (which are only indexes) come on-line there will still be a need to go through individual records, such as Soldier Attestation Records, extracting Akehurst details.



## Help !! Information Wanted

The Akehurst-er World website includes a "Help – Information Wanted" listing for the use of Akehurst researchers. This is the area where you are encouraged to make a request for information on your "missing persons", etc. This Newsletter includes the website listing to assist non-Internet researchers to avail themselves of this facility.

Already we have had a lot of success and as the printed and Internet circulation of the Newsletter increases to fellow researchers, the likelihood of someone having that vital piece of information becomes more of a reality as has been proven in the past. (See attached listing of requests for Help - Information Wanted)

### CONTINENTAL CONTACTS

#### UK

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UK. Phone : +44 (0)1245 606 115  
E-mail : [webmaster@akehursters.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@akehursters.co.uk)

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##### Colin Akehurst

3/3 Kuranga Court, Mornington, Victoria 3931, Australia.  
Phone: +61 (0)3 5975 7842  
E-mail: [akehurst@peninsula.starway.net.au](mailto:akehurst@peninsula.starway.net.au)

# REGISTER of DOCUMENTS RESEARCHED

REGISTRAR: Richard and Judith Akhurst

**NB:** This listing includes only those Documents notified to the Registrar since publication of the Register in the April 1999 Newsletter. Details of Documents listed previously can be found in the April Newsletter and are also posted on the Akehurst-er World website.

## NOTES:

- Please send summaries of your "Documents Researched" by post to:  
Richard and Judith Akhurst  
95 Sea Road  
East Preston  
East Sussex BN16 1LN  
United Kingdom **OR** E-mail Address: [akhcqs@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:akhcqs@globalnet.co.uk)
- Sample Summary of Documents Researched or Currently being Researched

<b>Name of Researcher</b>	<i>David Evans</i>
• <b>Current Postal Address &amp; Current E-mail Address</b>	<i>8 Mortimore Street Bentleigh Victoria 3204 Australia akehurst@one-name.org</i>
• <b>Description of Documents Researched/Viewed at</b>	<i>Boyd's Marriage Index at SOG Holdings</i>
• <b>Akehurst Variants Searched</b>	<i>All Akehurst variants</i>
• <b>Range of Years (if applicable)</b>	<i>All years available</i>
• <b>Progress on Research</b>	<i>Complete</i>
• <b>Comments (if applicable)</b>	<i>Nil</i>

- When requesting **postal** information from one of the Researchers listed in this Register, please ensure that sufficient postage stamps (or equivalent) are sent to the Researcher to cover the reply costs.
- Consideration will be given at a later stage to a listing of "documents" (information sources) that have been searched by Akehurst researchers, but **do not contain** any reference to Akehursts or variant spellings.

## *1. Extraction of data on the Akehurst surname directly from Public and Private Records*

### • PARISH REGISTERS – Parish Chest Records

<b>Document Researched/ Viewed at</b>	<b>Variants Searched</b>	<b>Name of Researcher with E-mail Address, Postal Address and Comments</b>
<b>Parish Chest Records for Wadhurst &amp; Mayfield in Sussex and Hawkhurst in Kent</b>  All years in Registers from microfilms at LDS FHC.	All Variants	<b>Colin A Akehurst at <a href="mailto:akehurst@peninsula.starway.net.au">akehurst@peninsula.starway.net.au</a> 3/3 Kuranga Crt Mornington Victoria 3931 Australia</b>

- CENSUS RETURNS – Extraction of Entries**

Document Researched/ Viewed at	Variants Searched	Name of Researcher with E-mail Address, Postal Address and Comments
<p>1841 Census – Enumerators Returns for Etchingham and Salehurst in Sussex</p> <p>1851 Census – Enumerators Returns for Etchingham and Ticehurst in Sussex</p> <p>1861 Census – Enumerators Returns or Etchingham, Ticehurst &amp; Salehurst in Sussex and Staplehurst in Kent</p> <p>1871 Census – Enumerators Returns for Etchingham, Ticehurst, Salehurst &amp; Burwash in Sussex</p> <p>1881 Census – Enumerators Returns for St Marys Virgin, Dover in Kent</p> <p>1891 Census – Enumerators Returns for St James, Dover Castle Barracks, Fort Burgoyne, Ships, Hougham &amp; St Mary; all in Dover, Kent</p> <p>All Census Returns either from microfilms or microfiche at LDS FHC</p>	All Variants	<p>Colin A Ackehurst at <a href="mailto:ackehurst@peninsula.starway.net.au">ackehurst@peninsula.starway.net.au</a> 3/3 Kuranga Crt Mornington Victoria 3931 Australia</p>

## *2. Extractions or indexing in progress*

This list is to indicate which extractions/indexes are currently being prepared - to avoid duplication of effort and to give early notification of items to be added to the previous section.

Document being Extracted/Indexed	Variants Searched	Name of Researcher with Comments
<p>Probate – Victoria &amp; NSW in Australia To 1995</p>	All	<p>David Evans at <a href="mailto:akehurst@one-name.org">akehurst@one-name.org</a> 8 Mortimore Street \ Bentleigh Victoria 3204 Australia</p>
<p>Births, Deaths &amp; Marriages New Zealand</p>	All	<p>Ngairie Paterson at <a href="mailto:ngaire.p@xtra.com.nz">ngaire.p@xtra.com.nz</a> 165 Ellicot Road Dinsdale Hamilton 2001 New Zealand</p>



# REGISTER OF FAMILY TREES

REGISTRAR: MORWENNA AKEHURST

**NB:** This listing includes only those Family Trees notified to the Registrar since publication of the Register in the April 1999 Newsletter. Details of Family Trees previously listed can be found in the April Newsletter and posted on the Akehurst-er World website.

*Notes:*

- To send information to Morwenna export the information in your family history computer program to a computer file using the GEDCOM facility, which is, provided in most family history programs.
- If you are not using a computer family history program, please post what information you have to:

Mrs Morwenna Akehurst  
 1 Lilystone Close  
 Stock  
 Ingatestone  
 Essex CM4 9BY  
 United Kingdom **OR** E-mail Address is **101765.323@compuserve.com**

- Sample Register Listing for Family Trees

<b>Name of Researcher</b>	<i>David Evans</i>
<b>Current Postal Address</b>	<i>8 Mortimore Street Bentleigh Victoria 3204 Australia</i>
<b>Current E-mail Address</b>	<i>akehurst@one-name.org</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Names and location of Ancestors at top of Family Tree</b></li> </ul>	<i>James and Mary Akehurst of St George Hanover Square, London</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Time Period of Family Tree</b></li> </ul>	<i>From 1831 to present day</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Progress on Research</b></li> </ul>	<i>Partially complete</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Comments (if applicable)</b></li> </ul>	<i>Looking for a James Akehurst in London, whose son, William, married Mary Thompson in 1860</i>

- Important Note:** When submitting family trees please include a birth year and parish/town location for each individual's birth data. If not known with certainty, make a judgment from your knowledge of the family and place a question mark (?) after the relevant information.
- Many new family trees have been received and are being processed prior to being sent to Morwenna. Those individuals in the family trees marked with an \* have been entered in the overall Akehurst database which can be "searched" on the Akehurst-er website.

<b>Ancestor (s)</b>	<b>Tree No.</b>	<b>Description of Family Tree</b>	<b>Researcher &amp; Postal/E-Mail Addresses (where given)</b>
<b>Stephen Akehurst &amp; Jane ??</b>		From abt 1812. All in St Nicholas, Brighton. <b>Note:</b> May have a link to the tree submitted by Marc Kitchen.	<b>Les Bryant, UK</b> <b>16 Longfield Road, Capel St.</b> <b>Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP9 2UA</b> <b>les_bryant@msn.com</b>
<b>Edward Akehurst &amp; Ann Carden</b>		From 1798, Brighton, Sussex to present day descendants in New Zealand <b>Note:</b> This tree is an extended version of several other trees incl. one previously published by Betty Hibbert	<b>Marc Kitchen, UK</b>

Ancestor (s)	Tree No.	Description of Family Tree	Researcher & Postal/E-Mail Addresses (where given)
<b>Bernard Wesley Ackehurst &amp; Edith Jones</b>		From abt 1898, Guildford ?, Sussex to present day descendants in New Zealand. <b>Note:</b> Link to tree previously published by ColinA Ackehurst.	<b>Steve Race, UK</b>
<b>Francis Akehurst &amp; Elizabeth Collins</b>		From abt 1743, Eastbourne, Sussex for two generations	<b>Pam Robins, AUS</b>
<b>Frances Mary Akhurst &amp; Job Davies</b>		From abt 1830, Hamstead, London to present day descendants in Hastings, Sussex. <b>Note:</b> Possible link to tree previously published by SandraTaylor.	<b>Karen Hurley, UK</b>
<b>John Ackhurst &amp; Elizabeth Fuller</b>		From 1751, Hellingly, Sussex for 3 generations in Hellingly. <b>Note:</b> May have links to trees published previously for Stephen & Janet Ryan, Geoff Barber and Estelle Neilson	<b>James Hayes, AUS</b>
<b>Ann Pursell Stone &amp; William Vials Akehurst</b>		From abt 1830, Ballarat, Victoria, Australia to present day descendants in Australia. <b>Note:</b> Liz Rushton's tree published previously is linked to this ancestor	<b>Liz &amp; Anne Barraclough, AUS</b>
<b>James H Akhurst &amp; Laura Augusta Brownell</b>		From abt 1850 ?, Chicago, USA, to present day descendants in USA.	<b>Dale Kronke, USA</b>
<b>James Percival Akehurst</b>		Unknown in UK.	<b>Christine Blackman, UK</b>
<b>Sarah Akhurst &amp; Stephen Stevens</b>		From 1824, Chalk, Kent to present day descendants in UK and USA	<b>Carl H Smith, USA</b>
<b>Mabel Akehurst</b>		From 1934, UK, to present day descendants in UK	<b>Maxwell Portlock, UK</b>
<b>Elizabeth Akehurst &amp; George Baker Camfield</b>		C 1777, East Grinstead, Sussex (One generation only)	<b>Bill &amp; Pat Hopkins, USA</b>
<b>Louise Emily Akehurst &amp; John Mason Haines</b>		From c1860, Cork, Ireland (One generation only listed)	<b>Noel Watkins, UK</b>
<b>Jane Harriet Akehurst &amp; John Gordon Griffiths</b>		C 1824, Sydney, NSW, Australia (One generation only)	<b>Dulcie Stiff, AUS</b>
<b>Ann Akehurst &amp; Hentry Tidy</b>		C 1800, Faversham, Kent (One generation only)	<b>Desma Russell, NZ</b>
<b>Elizabeth Akhurst &amp; William Brook</b>		From abt 1730, Westham, Sussex (One generation only)	<b>Dianne Deveril, AUS</b>
<b>John Henry Akehurst</b>		From abt 1860, Red Hill, Surrey to present day descendants in UK and New Zealand	<b>Tania Gail Akehurst, NZ</b>
<b>Henry Akehurst &amp; Louisa Delves</b>		From 1798, Worthing, Sussex to present day descendants in USA.	<b>Sharon Libertini, USA</b>
<b>Charles Akehurst &amp; Annie Sarah Bullen</b>		From 1856, Brighton, Sussex (One generation only)	<b>Frank &amp; Laurie Rands, NZ</b>

# Help !!

## INFORMATION WANTED

Anyone with information on any of the queries below or who wants to add a request, please send an e-mail to [webmaster@akehursters.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@akehursters.co.uk) or by e-mail/post to a relevant Continental Contact.

### **Betty Holford – Smith**

I'm stuck for the date and place of my James Henry A@khurst born 15<sup>th</sup> Mar 1789 to Harriet Ward (b 1780). It seems to be a bit of a habit to leave getting married until just before the birth of the first child. So it may be late 1814 or early 1815 - but where?

Any takers on this? You can write to Betty at Greenacres, 5 Lynwood Avenue, Felixstowe, Suffolk, UK, IP11 9HS

### **Hazel Mitchell (UK)**

I believe from a family rumour that possibly John Akhurst b.c. 1788 and Abraham Akhurst b.c. 1790 were involved in smuggling and 'disappeared' on one of their escapades. Another story has it that two members of the family 'disappeared' as a result of being 'press ganged', presumably the same two..... Although there were 4 brothers in this particular family, only two appear in any of the Censuses for Milton next Sittingbourne and, they were always involved in fishing/marine activities.

#### **Footnote:**

At the time of the 1851 census these two brothers would have been 63 and 61. Their younger brother Thomas (12 years younger) married and his first two sons were named John & Abraham. Were Thomas's two sons named after his missing elder brothers? Who knows, you may have the answers. Thomas and his sons are confirmed as all being mariners and living in Milton at the time of the 1851 census. (Info from Bill Hopkins).

### **Elizabeth Akehurst & Catherine nee Akehurst (Michigan, USA)**

David Murdock had a phone call from Royal Oak in Michigan from Elizabeth Akehurst and an E-Mail from her sister Catherine in Springfield Illinois. They are requiring some assistance in tracing their Grandfather's lineage, Albert George Akehurst born 15<sup>th</sup> January 1900 in Woolwich. It is possible he lived in Tunbridge Wells and Gravesend before emigrating to America as a young man.

### **Dot Akhurst (Wales, UK)**

Says she feels very isolated with her husband's family roots stuck in Devon. The tree is stuck at 1797 (Edward Eakhurst & June Garland in Plymouth) and Dot is looking for some help to get back further. Dot continues.....I had an agent search Stoke Damarel Baptisms from 1770 -1780 but no luck.

#### **Footnote:**

The tree itself is intriguing, there are numerous variations of the name which finally ends up as AKHURST. There is also a common thread with the Milton Akhurst's in as much that many of the menfolk are mariners. Another interesting point is that Minnie is a popular name for the Akhurst Family which crops up in many trees.

Why? Could it be the Plymouth connection originally stems from Kent?

### **Missing researcher**

We would like to contact Mr. G. Akehurst, who advertised in the 1988 GRD, as a little research suggests he is a descendant of Arthur Purcell Akehurst or of his brother, Alfred Cephus Akehurst. A letter to the address given in the 1988 GRD came back stamped "left address". Is anyone able to provide a more recent address than Tanilba Bay , NSW?

**Lorraine Ballard (Auckland, NZ) is also stuck, and would like some help.**

She writes "Information is sought on Mary Akhurst who married Joseph Eeles.

The couple had a son, Andrew, who was baptized at St.Dunstan's, Canterbury, Kent, on 25<sup>th</sup> Aug 1823. Also a daughter, Maria. who was born in Rainham, Kent, about 1829. Andrew and Maria moved to Manchester for a while. In 1857 Maria married Irishman James G. C. Ballard in Manchester. It is not known whether the parents moved up to Manchester or not.

Maria's father's occupation was given as an Innkeeper In Dec 1898. Maria was living in Liverpool and then disappeared. Andrew Eeles and his family eventually settled in Melbourne. Australia. where he died in 1890"

Lorraine's address is Miss L Ballard. 125 Churchill Rd. Rothersey Bay Auckland 1310. New Zealand

Would the researchers who are from the North Kent family of Akhurst particularly, Rainham, Bredhurst, Milton, Blean, Canterbury and in the North Manchester areas please check their records for Lorraine and see if you can make a connection.

**David Evans (Melbourne, AUS) : akehurst@one-name.org**

David Evans has reached an impasse with his research into his g-g-grandfather, William Akehurst, and is asking for help/advice.

William was born in London in 1839-41 (depending which source is used).

From his marriage certificate we have;1839, father James (painter); from his son's birth certificate we have:1840; in London: and from his death certificate we have 1841; in London, parents James (painter) and Mary (m/n unknown).

There appear to be only three possible entries in the St.Cath's index. After expending a little money, David knows William wasn't born in 1841 (Fletching, parents Frederick & Mary), 1837 (Marylebone, parents George & Mary), 1839 (E. Grinstead, parents Edward & Mary).

William and his wife are on the 1861 census, where his age was given as 20 and place of birth as St.George Hanover Square. Checking St. George Hanover Square in the 1851 census reveals an Edward and Mary Akehurst (possibly the same ones on the 1839 birth certificate?) and their six children.

The only problems are the father's name is not James, Edward is a poulterer not a painter, and there is a 10 yr old Frederick instead of 10 yr old William!

The question he asks is "What do I do next?"

**Mrs Desma Russell (Auckland, NZ,)**

Desma has recently joined our Akehurst-er family, and has just begun researching Akhurst after finding her g-g-grandparents were Henry Tidy and Ann Akhurst, who were married at Faversham, Kent, on 16<sup>th</sup> November 1819.

The Faversham Parish Registers are not available through the LDS FHC, but Desma went through the 1603-1812 Bishop's Transcripts. All she found was a marriage on 5<sup>th</sup> January 1802 at Faversham of Sophie Akers to Thomas Harris.

If anyone has access to the Parish Registers and Settlement documents, please contact a Continental Contact for Desma's address.

**Ian & Jillian King (Perth, AUS) : semark@wantree.com.au**

Any lead on George Akhurst? Presumed parents are George, a farmer, and Frances (nee Cair), Akhurst. Birth place given as Sheldrich (near Faversham) Kent, c1826. Immigrated to Sydney, Australia arriving 6<sup>th</sup> July 1849 on the "John Witt".

**Colleen & Rob Russell (AUS) : albion@netspeed.com.au**

Colleen and Rob Russell from Australia would like to know if any one has information on Hannah Russell who married Stephen Akehurst 19<sup>th</sup> May 1807 at Little Horsted, East Sussex. Stephen was born at Herstmonceaux and baptised at Hellingly. They have found only one daughter, Phillis Akehurst, who married Samuel Hayward.