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## The Akehurst-er Newsletter

The Akehurst-er Newsletters are available for downloading from the Akehurst-er website in Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format. This means they may be printed out on any size and shape of paper. The only software which is required is the Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is free and can be downloaded from <http://www.adobe.com/> (click on the "Get Acrobat Reader" button near the bottom of the page). It's easy to install and even easier to run.

## Coming Events !!

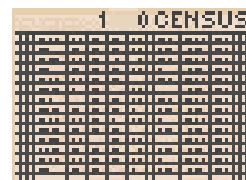


The next Antipodean Akehurst-er GetTogether will be held in Melbourne on the weekend of 3-4 November 2001.

Among the items being planned will be the "Worldwide Akehurst-er Roll Call" – where Akehurst researchers unable to attend the GetTogether call in by email; Show & Tell – swapping of family trees; an update on the Akehurst One Name Study; and a presentation by our Registrars of Documents Researched.

The program for the Sunday will include tutorials in subjects such as "Getting the Most Out of my Genealogy Software", "What's a Gedcom, and Why Do I Need to Know?", "Email List? What Email List?"; Resources at the SLV; How to get the most out of the LDS libraries; Researching the Censuses; "Soundex for Dummies"; "What's an Acrobat and Why Do I Need One?"

If you intend coming along, or if you would like further information, please contact David Evans or your Continental Contact. (Addresses at the end of this Newsletter)



## 1901 England/Wales Census

All genealogists are eagerly awaiting the release of the 1901 census of England/Wales on 2 January next year.

The full census, and a comprehensive index, will be available on the Internet, thus enabling researchers world-wide to have immediate access. Searching the basic index will be free, but there will be a pay-per-view charge for the full index and for copies of pages from the original Enumerators' Books.

For greater detail visit the Public Record Office website at <http://www.pro.gov.uk/>.

If anyone extracts Akehurst (or variant) information, please pass the details on to us, as it will save the One Name Study a great deal of time/effort/money ... all of which are in short supply!

## Book Reviews

Recently, David Evans discovered two interesting books in his local library. They are "Sussex of One Hundred Years Ago", by Aylwin Guilmant, published by Alan Sutton Pub.Ltd., UK 1991 [ISBN 0-86299-968-5] and "Kent of One Hundred Years Ago", also by Aylwin Guilmant, published by Alan Sutton Pub.Ltd., UK 1992 [ISBN 0-7509-0156-X].



### Hailsham – taken almost a century before the 1998 Akehurst-er GetTogether

These books have many pictures, mostly from the period 1880-1910 and are largely of every-day scenes and people. They give a unique insight into the ways our ancestors worked, lived, and played. They are two very useful references to use to 'flesh out' your family history – remembering, of course, to cite your sources.

An in-depth reading did not turn up any Akehurst references, however many local names and places are mentioned in the text (unfortunately, there are no Table of Contents or Index).



### A Sussex Lane – a familiar scene to our ancestors

If any researcher has found a useful or interesting resource, please tell your Continental Contact so we can advise other researchers via the "The Akehurst-er".



## Register of Documents Researched

Richard and Judith Akhurst are our Registrars for our "Register of Documents Researched".

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

Akehurst researchers are requested to provide summaries of their documents researched to the Registrars. It is not intended that the Registrars should actually obtain or hold the original research documents.

The Registrars ensure 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 be available from direct contact with individual researchers who hold research documents.

To enable Akehurst researchers to gain access to the latest list of Research Documents, they will need to contact the Registrars: Richard and Judith Akhurst  
95 Sea Road East Preston  
East Sussex BN16 1LN U.K.  
Email: [akhcqs@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:akhcqs@globalnet.co.uk)

A Register listing of available Documents Researched will be published, and regularly updated, in future copies of the Newsletter and on the Akehurst-er website.



## The Next UK GetTogether in 2002

The 2002 GetTogether will be held in Lewes, East Sussex, England, on the weekend of 5/6 October 2002.

The program will be advised in future editions of *The Akehurst-er*, on our website, and through the Akehurst Email Discussion List. For further information, please contact Judith Akhurst [akhcqs@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:akhcqs@globalnet.co.uk) or your Continental Contact.

Put the dates in your diary now, and start saving your pounds/dollars/rands/francs.



## Register of Family Trees

Morwenna Akehurst is our “Keeper of the Trees” and researchers are requested to send their family trees to Morwenna for archiving and to enable 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 Akehurst Family Trees.

A Register listing of available Family Trees will be published, and regularly updated, on the Akehurst-er website and 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 or a Continental Contact for contact details.

When submitting a tree, please advise if you give permission for your contact details to be made available to other researchers. Trees should preferably be submitted in Gedcom format or on paper to:

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## The Akehurst One Name Study

David Evans and Colin Akehurst are continuing to collect all references to AKEHURST (and variant). The main variants being researched include **Ackehurst, Ackhurst, Akehurst, Akhurst, Akurst**. Names such as Acres and Akers are not normally considered variants of the Akehurst name, unless they occur as obvious spelling mistakes.

All instances of Akehurst and its variants are entered into a master Akehurst One Name Study database and this database has already been very helpful to a number of researchers.

The Akehurst One Name Study has been registered with the Guild of One Name Studies (the GOONS).

You can assist the One Name Study by extracting all variants, and not just the spelling variant you are currently working on, and passing the details to the Registrar of Documents Researched (see earlier item). That way, we can pool our resources and make Akehurst-ing research so much easier.

## Akehurst-er Email Discussion List

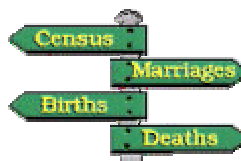


The Akehurst Email Discussion List now has over seventy subscribers. Become a subscriber at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Akehurst> Whenever a new researcher joins us, we ‘advertise’ their area of interest to members of the List and a number of cousins have found each other through this medium.

Subscription is free – all you need is an email address and click on the Yahoo Groups image on the Akehurst-er website at <http://www.akehurst.org>

Once you have subscribed, you will be able to join in the discussion as it unfolds.

A sample of topics discussed so far this year include: Akehursts who emigrated to Australia; connections with the Brabon, Burgess and Spillet lines; the Hellingly, Herstmonceaux and Ticehurst branches; Arthur George (who died from drinking contaminated water); stray Edwards, 'Enrys, and Rosetta Janes; and not forgetting William Mower (see elsewhere in this newsletter).



## The Akehurst-er Website

There are a number of changes about to occur with the Akehurst-er World website. The most important change is that it is now accessed from <http://www.akehurst.org/> Simply click on that URL and you will be taken to the Akehurst-er World site constructed by David Brown.

The change of URL makes it easier for you to remember, and allows us to make behind-the-scenes changes without too many complications and broken links.

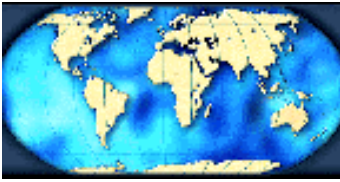


## Cemetery Records Online

One of the exciting developments with the Internet is the increasing access to hard-to-find records as many researchers/indexers publish their records for other researchers to use.

One example, of particular interest to those of us with Kentish connections, is a (partial) list of Kent Churchyard Monumental Inscriptions, which can be found at the following website:

<http://www.kasresearch.com/Mis/MIslist.htm>



## Akehurst Family History Society

The inaugural meeting of the Akehurst Family History Society was held in Canterbury, Kent, on 7 October 2000, in conjunction with the 2000 GetTogether.

Office bearers elected were:

**Chairman:** David Evans

**Secretary:** Colin Akehurst

**Webmaster:** David Brown

**Newsletter Editor:** Vacant

**Keeper of the Trees:** Morwenna Akehurst (assisted by Colin Akehurst)

**Registrar of Documents Researched:** Judith & Richard Akhurst

**GOONS contact:** David Evans

**Email Moderators:** David Evans & Colin Akehurst

**Continental Contacts:** To be advised

The next election of office bearers will be held at the next meeting (subsequently planned for Le wes, Sussex, on 3-4 October 2002).

An interim constitution was approved to allow the Society to function until the next meeting. (A copy of the constitution is available from the Secretary.)

The Society is currently in contact with 266 researchers, spread across at least eight countries (UK – 103 researchers, Australia – 69, USA – 31, Canada and New Zealand – 15 each, Germany – 2, South Africa and France – 1 each; plus 29 with country unspecified). Of these 266 researchers, at least 178 have an email address.

At the Society's meeting last year, it was agreed there would be no annual subscription fee at this stage, as it is too expensive (and complicated) to economically send money overseas. The main expense is membership of the Guild of One Name Studies, 'rental' of the website, and printing and postage. So far, these expenses have been borne by two or three individuals.

A system of Continental Contacts has been instituted to permit communication with the "far flung reaches of the Akehurst Empire" without the need for much overseas postage and to provide a communication focus for researchers without email access.

One of the duties of our Continental Contacts is to print out the Akehurst-er Newsletter and mail it to researchers who do not have email access. The printing and postage for this exercise comes from the Continental Contact's own pocket. Therefore, it would be greatly appreciated if people receiving a paper copy of the Akehurst-er Newsletter would contribute to defraying the cost by sending half a dozen postage stamps to your local Continental Contact (addresses at the end of this newsletter).

## Researchers' Contact Details

As noted earlier, we are in contact with over 260 people who are researching the Akehurst name (or variant) and, naturally, we maintain a list of their contact details.

These contact details are only passed on to other researchers if we have been given permission to do so, and the details are **not** given to people or organisations outside the Society.

To make this privacy measure workable, would you please advise your Continental Contact if you give permission for us to pass on your details as necessary. Please also let us know if you do **not** wish to have your details made available to other Akehurst researchers (saves us having to keep asking).

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

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

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## Family Celebrations!!



### *A Hundred, Not Out*

Celebrations in both England and New Zealand were the Order of the Day on 7th July, when Daisy Akehurst celebrated her 100th birthday. Daisy was born Daisy Cocker and married John Akehurst of Nutfield, Surrey.

We don't know about a telegram from the Queen, but we certainly know there were many congratulatory emails sent from Akehurst-ers around the world.

### *Diamond Wedding Anniversary*

Congratulations were also whizzing around the Internet to celebrate Ronald and Ruby Akehurst's Diamond Wedding Anniversary last month. They were married at St. John's Church, Hendon, on 9th July 1941.

### *Congratulations, Grandma*

Morwenna Akehurst has had a busy year commuting between her home in Essex and her daughter's home in Wales. Morwenna announced the reason with the following message to the Akehurst List ... *"To all & Sundry, I'm home, temporarily, and there are two new twigs on my tree. Peter and Michael, twins, (non-identical) born on 8th July, 4lb.14oz (2200gm) each and enchanting. I'M A GRANNY !!!!! H E L P (Now where is my navy spotted dress, my stick, and my false teeth?)"*. The proud parents are Christine and Richard Roberts.

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## Antipodean GetTogether



Thirteen Akehurst-ers met in Melbourne in November 1999 to participate in the first Antipodean Akehurst-er GetTogether.

Highlights included ample time for swapping trees, photographs, and family stories; demonstrations of the Akehurst-er website and email List; the inaugural Akehurst-er Roll Call; and a talk by David Weatherill, the President of the Genealogical Society of Victoria, on "The Weatherill One Name Study".

An enjoyable and informative time was had by all participants and everyone agreed to meet again in two years' time.



### Some of the Akehurst-ers at the 1999 Antipodean GetTogether

The following formal motions were carried:

"That this meeting agrees to form the Akehurst Family History Society."

"That this meeting appoint two Conveners to lead the Society until the next meeting of the Society. That the duties of the Conveners are:

- ◆ to prepare a draft constitution
- ◆ to co-opt assistants to carry out various tasks (e.g. Webmaster, Registrar of Trees, Registrar of Documents Researched, Editor)
- ◆ to continue membership of Guild Of One Name Studies
- ◆ to continue pursuit of the Akehurst One Name Study
- ◆ to investigate membership of the Federation of Family history Societies
- ◆ to continue the Akehurst Internet Mailing List
- ◆ to publish at least one Akehurst-er newsletter

"That the two Conveners be David Evans and Colin Akehurst".



Akhursts (Arthur and Phillip) comparing trees at the 1999 Antipodean GetTogether

## Release of the US 1880 Census

### D-AZ reports ...



When one is asked to write a brief article on a subject of importance such as the release of the latest index of the 1880 census, one would wish to at least have seen it and had an opportunity to review the material first. My copy has yet to arrive.

Having said that, I am looking forward to seeing the final product with great interest. For any who had ancestors that passed through the United States in the 19th century, the 1880 census is one of the most important tools.

The 1880 census was the first one to have the Soundex as a source tool, which was created was to help Congress in setting up the Social Security Administration. There was a great need to know when the population would turn 65 and then be eligible for retirement benefits.

This Census is of particular importance for genealogists because of the accidental loss of the 1890 census. Researchers have discovered that the Soundex has problems, for example, only those who had children listed on the census were included. For other individuals it is like looking for a needle in the haystack.

The new index will have two very important advances:

- (1) with the new technology available, a great many corrections in the data have been incorporated and mistakes kept to a minimum; and
- (2) the index includes all individuals listed on the census, not just those with children.

I am also looking forward to this index in order to search for those individuals that seem now to have arrived from nowhere (e.g. I have an ancestor listed in 1900 Missouri census, but where was he in 1880, as he is not listed in Missouri?). With this new index and the ability to search the entire country, not just by state, one will be able to enter a name and find out all the places that name is found on the 1880 census. Now it will be a case of which one is mine, I will have at least a place or places to begin looking.

## Two Branches of the Akehurst Family Made One.

On 16 September last year, Linnea Jean Murdock and David John Brown were married at her parents' home in Phoenix, Arizona. Guests arrived from the United Kingdom, Florida, Texas and California. With "Highland Dress Preferred", the wedding party and many guests were in kilt.

The piper, with a sense of humour, played the "Mickey Mouse" theme song, "The Saints Go Marching In" and other favourites during the rehearsal. However, during the wedding, he did perform admirably.

The newlyweds left for England the following week, to make their home in Chelmsford. After almost a year in England, David and Linnea are in the process of moving across the "Pond" to live in the USA.



### David Who?

For those who are not aware, **David Brown (D-UK)** was the catalyst from which our modern One Name Study came into being.

It was he who posted a message on FIDOnet (forerunner of the Internet), containing the 'magic' word "Akhurst". David Murdoch (D-AZ) replied from Phoenix and David Evans (D-Oz) in Melbourne joined in.

At that stage, we began to think all Akehurst-er researchers were named "David"! Colin Ackehurst (C-Oz) joined in and we were off and running and the rest they say is history!

Next issue we will publish a Timeline and contributions from all are welcome.



## Historic Parishes Of England & Wales

For those interested in old maps of Parishes, the History Data Service of the University of Essex in the UK has published documents and an electronic map, which shows parish boundaries before 1850.

Their website is at <http://www.hds.essex.ac.uk>

An extract from the website is shown below:

".. The Electronic Map covers the whole of England and Wales, and is organised by Ordnance Survey Sheet number. The map consists of scanned bitmap images of the Ordnance Survey one inch to the mile (1:63,360) New Popular Edition maps (1945-8) with National Grid. It contains the boundaries of some 18,233 places, and is arranged as three electronic 'layers'. The first is a scan of the Ordnance Survey maps stored as grey tone sheet images. This enables Ordnance Survey physical, cultural and place-name content to be readily visible in the background for orientation and general location purposes, while not obscuring the added boundary and reference number material. The second layer consists of the boundaries, stored as solid red lines; and the third layer contains the reference numbers that link places on the map to the gazetteer/metadata dataset that accompanies the maps.

The maps are available on CD-ROM in Adobe Illustrator™ v.6 (£45 plus P&P) or Adobe Acrobat PDF™ (£15 plus P&P). Adobe Illustrator format is recommended if you already have the software (as it enables you to edit the maps and select the layers to view). However, the Adobe Acrobat PDF format is perfectly suitable for viewing the maps and the necessary reader software will be supplied.

This unique combination publication will become an invaluable tool for all those interested in plotting local area-based data from the past (population, agricultural, statistics, tax data etc.) from the 14th to the 19th centuries.

We wish to acknowledge the support of the Leverhulme Trust and the Economic and Social Research Council which funded the research. ..."

Colin Ackehurst has viewed the website and believes that the maps are an additional research "tool" which could be very useful. In particular in searching for individuals in the records of the various Censuses which may have covered different parish boundaries over the years.



## The 2000 Akehurst-er GetTogether

**S**ixteen Akehurst researchers attended the Akehurst-er GetTogether, held at The Canterbury Environmental Centre, Kent, on the weekend of 7-8 October 2000.

Our on-site organisers, Richard and Judith Akhurst, selected an excellent venue - the Centre is in St. Alphege's, (pictured above) a 16th Century church in the centre of Canterbury. The atmosphere was very fitting for our gathering. The dates were also expertly chosen - two days after the crippling fuel strike and two days before the major flooding of much of the UK.

**Saturday:** The weekend commenced with the participants heading off to local repositories to work on collective research projects. After lunch, and the formal opening of the GetTogether, introductions (of self and trees), and a brief demonstration of Akehurst resources, the inaugural meeting of the Akehurst Family History Society was held (reported elsewhere in this edition).

The Worldwide Akehurst-er Roll Call demonstrated of the power of the Internet and we were 'joined', electronically, by a number of researchers overseas who could not be present. After more tree-swapping, it was time for dinner at a nearby pub and lots of talking well into the night.

**Sunday,** after a demonstration of our Akehurst-er World website and a follow-up Roll Call, our Registrar of Documents Researched explained how to make the most of our 'knowledge bank'. Shelagh Mason, our guest speaker, then enthralled us with her talk on "The role of One Name Studies in family history research" and how she managed to juggle a busy life and a busy One Name Study.

This was followed by more presentations from researchers and swapping of family trees, under the guidance of Morwenna Akehurst, our Keeper of the Trees (KotT).

All that remained was to close the proceedings, pass the cameras to the media representative to take our group photographs, grab a quick bite to eat, hold a committee meeting, clean up, and head home ... to catch up on sleep!

Everyone agreed it was a wonderful weekend and we are all looking forward to the next GetTogether.



Attendees at 2000 Akehurst-er GetTogether

## Photographs in Akehurst Family History Research

**J**udith Akhurst (our Registrar of Documents Researched) sent the following message to the Akehurst Mailing List, which we believe warrants distribution to all Akehurst researchers as the message contains suggestions, which will help our research.

*"... Add another dimension to your holiday snaps*

*When you are having a day off from Record Office and the computer, and are out in the open air studying gravestones in churchyards - act like a tourist and photograph war memorials containing Akehurst and variants. A photo of all the names would be ideal. (Seeing a non-Akehurst family name may prove a link to that area what otherwise may have been missed.)*

*The photograph should be readable even with a magnifying glass. Make a note of the name of the church, street, village/town, county and country plus your name and address. Please send us a copy so it can be added to the Archives.*

*If the memorials are in the church please ask permission to take a photograph. If you run out of film a hand written list of names is also acceptable but you may suffer from writer's cramp, a stiff back and a cold bottom -and a wet one, if it is raining. Who said research was easy?*

*This pastime is ideal for the photographic fanatics who have no time for genealogy. Combination of the two hobbies - potential bliss and harmony. Happy snapping!*

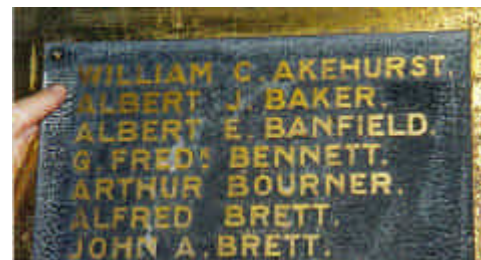


Photo of Honour Board, taken inside the Parish Church at Hellingly, Sussex



## The Search for William Mower Akhurst

Phillip Renfree has recently had a number of successes with his research, thanks to his fellow Akehurst-ers. Here is Phillip's story ...

I am one of the lucky few who has the joy of talking to other researchers around the world by medium of e-mail and the Akehurst One-Name discussion List.

Being relatively new at this game, I began with a few charts and notes that I found in a drawer in my mother's home some 18 months ago. Amongst the notes was the name and address of a lady in Lewes who had written to my late Aunt with some family history.

By simply putting a short note on an English genealogy E-mail List, I was soon put in touch with the writer of the letters and developed a friendship which led to my wife, Janice, and I having dinner with Judith and Richard Akhurst when we visited England two years ago.

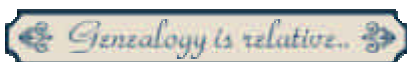
I joined the Akehurst List and began to "talk" to researchers around the world, who were very happy to share their information and little by little the information about my mother's family began to grow.

Not being able to get my hands on a lot of the early family history relating to my relatives living in England prior to their moving to Australia (voluntarily!) I was struggling to find out much more about them until Betty Hibbert asked if I minded if she did a bit off searching for me... she didn't have to ask twice!

Now, thanks to the work of Betty and others, some of whom we met when we visited England, we have been able to take the history of our family back another four generations, find children we knew nothing about, and even find pictures of the family's shop in 1836 in Hammersmith, England.

All this has happened in the space of six months and it would have taken years if I had been writing "snail-mail" to these and other researchers on other Lists - many of whom I have never met and yet have been accepted as "one of the family" because of the common interest in the family name.

On top of all this I have found relatives in Australia I knew nothing about until I joined the List ... and now have friends in many towns throughout Australia.



## 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 will include the website listing in future issues to assist non-Internet researchers to avail themselves of this facility.

Please let your Continental Contact know of any Help that you may need and he/she will co-ordinate your requests on a regional basis.

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.

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## Featured Family Tree

Each issue we plan, if space permits, to feature one of the trees we have received from our Akhurst researchers. This issue, we have chosen the tree of William Mower Akhurst – partly because many of our Akhurst-ers have a connection to this tree, partly because a number of us have contributed to the research, and partly because many of us have enjoyed following the email conversations between Phillip Renfree and Betty Hibbert as they worked together – although almost 20,000 kilometres apart.

### **A Precis Of The Life And Times Of WILLIAM MOWER AKHURST, His Forebears And His Descendants.**

Submitted by Phillip Renfree.

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Australia

**John Akhurst was born around 1743 in Leaveland, Kent.** He married Mary Parker on 26 January, 1765 in Leaveland, Kent. Mary Parker is thought to have been born around 1748. At the time of his marriage John's occupation was given as wheelwright.

**John Akhurst and Mary (Parker) had a son**

**1. James Akhurst born on 7 April, 1765 in the Thornley Parish, Kent.** He met Mary Rye and they were married on 1 October, 1791. Mary was born on 11 April, 1762.

**The children of James Akhurst and Mary (Rye) are:-**

**1. James, born 3 June, 1792.**

The son of James Akhurst, also named James, and his two daughters, Ada Mary and Alice Maud were drowned in sinking of the steamer, "Clan McDuff" off the Irish coast. Much of this information and information about the shipping disaster has been passed on to me by Mrs Bev O'Neill of Glen Waverley. She is also a descendant of John and Mary Akhurst.

**2. William, born 24 November, 1793 in Sheldwich, Kent.** During his life he was a linen draper, accountant and "Overseer of the Poor". He met and married Harriet who was born in 1796 in Tiverton, Devon and died in Brighton, England in 1869. William died on 11 June, 1863. His address at the time was given as "Formally (sic) of The Broadway, but late of Bridge Road, Hammersmith, London. William and Harriet settled in Hammersmith in 1826. Harriet is buried in grave no. 28095/29/2 in Kensal Green Cemetery. These are the parents of William Mower Akhurst.

In the 1841 Census it is noted :- William Akhurst age 45, Linen Draper, wife Harriet age 45, daughter Harriet age 16, and son Julian age 15. In the 1851 and 1861 census William's occupation is given as accountant. It is speculated that, because William's future wife was an actress, he may have already left home by the 1841 census as on their marriage certificate the address of William and Ellen is shown as the same.

**3. Maria, born 3 May, 1795.**

**4. Mary, born 7 May, 1797.**

**5. Thomas, born 10 March, 1799.**

**6. Harriet, born 20 July, 1800.**

**7. Charlotte, born 20 February, 1803.** Charlotte Akhurst became Charlotte Morgan and is a relative of Mrs Beverley O'Neill of Glen Waverley, Melbourne.

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**The children of William Akhurst(2. above)and Harriet (?) are:-**

**1. William Mower, born 29 December, 1822, in Hammersmith, England.** William Mower Akhurst was born in Hammersmith, England on 29 December, 1822 and died on 6 June, 1878 aboard the PS Patriarch, returning to Sydney from England. It was off the coast of South Africa at the time and his death certificate states a map reference so it is assumed he may have been buried at sea. He met Ellen, daughter of Thomas and Sophia Tully, and they were married on 26 October, 1845 in St. Giles Church, Parish of St George, Bloomsbury, County of Middlesex. Ellen was born on 18 February, 1822 in Guildford, London, England, baptised at Southwark, Christchurch, on 18 February, 1824, and died on 13 August, 1915. She is buried in St.Kilda Cemetery, Melbourne, Australia with other members of her family.

It is recorded in the South Australian newspaper, "Register" 20 June, 1849 shipping list that a Mr William Akhurst, wife and child arrived in Adelaide on 20 June, 1849, aboard the "Posthumous" having departed Plymouth, England on 13 March, 1849.

**2 Harriet, born 1825, later married Thomas Hayes who was born in Boughton, Monchelsea, Kent.**

**3 Julian James, born 1826 in Maidstone, Kent.** In the Immigration to Victoria records there is mention of a Julian Akhurst age 51, arriving in Victoria in May 1877 aboard the ship "Northumberland". He never married and is buried at Hillston, New South Wales having died on 27 September, 1855.

**4 Maria Emily, baptised on 28 March, 1832.** When William Sr died in 1863. Maria was not mentioned in his will and so it is assumed that she died prior to 1863.

**5 Charlotte MARY, baptised on 28 March, 1832.** She died 1 November, 1837.

**The children of William Mower (1. above) and Ellen (Tully) are :-**

**1 Ellen Florence, born 3 September, 1846 while the family was living at 10 Old North Street, Red Lion Square, London.** She died of diarrhoea on 3 July, 1847.

**2 Francis William, born 24 September, 1847, while the family was living at 10 Old North Street, Red Lion Square, London.** He died of Acute Hydrocephalus on 12 October, 1848.

**3 Adrian Charles, born 22 December, 1848, while the family was living at 10 Old North Street, Red Lion Square, London.** He married Christina Mitchell on 26 January, 1872.

**4 Arthur William, born 7 January, 1851 while the family was living at Grote Street, Adelaide.** We now know more about Arthur after he returned to England and married three times in quick succession. He died 19 June, 1903.

**5 Sidney Phillip, born 24 August, 1852 and died 15 September, 1915.** He married Alice Kitz on 15 January, 1880. At the time of his marriage he was living at Emerald Hill, Victoria and was an accountant.

**6 Walter Frederic born 2 January, 1854 in North Adelaide and died 1904 in Newtown, Victoria.** He married Kato Deutsch on 16 November, 1874 in Victoria.

**7 William James, born 10 September, 1855 in North Melbourne.** He died on 23 January, 1857.

**8 Ellen Florence, born 13 December, 1856 in East Melbourne, Victoria.**

**9 William Howard, born 8 June, 1858 while the family was living at 21 Brunswick Street, Collingwood, Victoria.** He died at the age of 14. On his birth certificate the occupation of his father was shown as sub-editor of the Herald newspaper.

**10 Sophie Marie, born 17 November, 1859 while the family was still living at 21 Brunswick Street, Collingwood, Victoria.** She died on 7 December, 1860 after the family had moved to Gore Street, Collingwood, Victoria.

**11 Thomas Carlyle, born 17 April, 1861 at Gore Street, Collingwood, Victoria and died 17 June, 1934 at Redfern, Sydney.** He married Emily Kate Napthali on 4 July, 1885 in Sydney, Australia.

**12 Victor Hugo, born 16 January 16, 1863 while the family was living at Gore street, Fitzroy, Victoria.**

**13 Oscar James, born 2 December, 1864 while the family was living at Napier Street, Fitzroy and died on 25 June, 1940 at Wingham, New South Wales, Australia.** He married Jessie Florence Smith on 14 March, 1894.

**Note:** This is an abridged version of what is known of this AKHURST family up to this point. More family history on each member of the family is available to those interested.