



Akhurst Chronicles

A QUARTERLY EDITION OF
AKEHURST + VARIANTS HAPPENINGS
PAST AND PRESENT

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Welcome !

This is the first edition of Akhurst Chronicles and will be a quarterly issue running for 2003 – and for longer, if there is a demand ! Its aim is keep the “pen and paper members” abreast of the Akehurst information which is freely available on the Society’s List, as well as putting Akehurst-ers in touch with each other.

(The List is the place where members “put up” their Akehurst findings or queries eg. has anyone found Thomas b. 1875 in Charing, Kent ?.) This information will have already been seen by the Net-ers, and the other articles will be offered for inclusion in the next Society’s Newsletter.

This issue is free. If you wish to receive further copies of Akhurst Chronicles, please send 4 x sae (A4 size with 4 x 1st stamps, or a cheque for £1 to Judith Akhurst to cover postage and printing. (*Address on page 10*)



Places of interest

Hackhurst Farm, Lower Dicker, Sussex

At first glance at a map Hackhurst Farm looks like “one of our places”. Even cartographers over the years have mistakenly named

it Akehurst Farm – possibly due to mis-hearing or misinterpreting the sound they heard. We have been reliably informed that Hackhurst is a corruption of Hawkhurst meaning Hawkwood, not an unrealistic name as sparrowhawks are common in the area.

Research showed that Akehurst’s have lived at the farm in the past, and thereby hangs a tale. In the 1970s a young couple (non-Akehurst’s) purchased the farm, and over the years made the house into their home. The house is centuries old, and the original features co-exist quite happily with modern living.

Hackhurst Farm has been a stud for many years, and on one occasion, Reg Akehurst, the racehorse owner, visited on business. When he entered the house he was strongly affected by the atmosphere, and recommended that help be sought urgently to remove the influence. The owners had not been aware of it, although subsequently family members admitted that they had felt it but did not wish to frighten them.

However, over the years there had been some unusual happenings. The wife of the owner had seen a lady in grey, carrying a full basket of washing, walk across the present dining room and out into the garden. She was not phased by this, nor when the grey lady

appeared to her on two separate occasions when her young children were seriously ill.

The local vicar was consulted and his researches revealed that a Mrs. Akehurst had lived at the farm, had had a child, and the child had died before it could be baptised. The

Bishop was then consulted, and he recommended that a retrospective baptism be held as it was believed that the mother's spirit could not rest until the child had been christened.

The ceremony took place in great secrecy and since then, there have been no sightings of Mrs. Akehurst.

Now the present mystery is to find out who Mrs. Akehurst and her child "belong" to - investigations are in progress.

We, Morwenna Akehurst and Judith Akhurst, would like to thank the owners of Hackhurst Farm for their kind permission to relate this part of our (and their) history to you as members of the Akehurst Family History Society.

In order to pave the way for return visits to places of Akehurst interest, Morwenna has given an undertaking, on behalf of the Society, that there will be no unannounced calls. Should you have any queries, please contact Morwenna. *(Mrs. Morwenna Akehurst, 1 Lilystone Close, Stock, Ingatestone, Essex, CM4 9BY.)*



The Akehurst Fishermen of Brighton

A visit to the Brighton Fishing Museum on the foreshore at Brighton is recommended if your ancestors were fisherman and especially if your family hails from there. We went last year with Phillip and Jan Renfree, who were visiting from Australia, and were

amazed to see a large photo with the wording :-

"Group of Teetotal Fishermen and Boatmen of Brighton.

Members of their Philanthropic Society. Presenting to Mr. Nathaniel King (Missionary engaged by the Society for presenting missions to seamen at home and abroad) A Gold Pen and Pencil Case.

Engraved on it as having been much benefited through his ministry during the last five years - 1864."

Beneath the photo is a list identifying each man. Three of them were AKEHURSTs - No. 4 is Edward Akehurst ; No. 21 is Jacob Akehurst and No. 26 is Samuel Akehurst !

These AKEHURSTs have been claimed and all hang on the one tree.

The museum has free admission and relies on donations. It is manned by volunteers - it is recommended to telephone concerning opening times.

Copies of the photo can be obtained by contacting the museum at the Brighton Fishing Museum, 201 Kings Road Arches, Brighton, East Sussex.



Fishermen and Farmers

It has been found that some fishing and farming families, although related, with the same surname and in the same area, seem to have become estranged - eventually to lose complete touch over the generations.

It has been thought that this was due to how they perceived each other's profession. The farmer may have believed that fishermen "lived for the day" as they did not "put anything by" for the lean times as farmers did in saving seed for the next harvest.

If anyone can throw any light on this subject, we would be interested to hear from them.

Origins of Old Customs and Sayings from 1500

Bread was divided according to status; workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top - or the "upper crust".

The roof was not always effective in stopping things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom, where bugs and droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Thus, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That is how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor of the house was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, "dirt poor."

In England sometimes they would dig up coffins and re-use the graves. When re-opening these coffins, one out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside. They realized they had been burying people alive. So, a string was tied on the wrist of the deceased. It led up through the coffin, up through the ground, and was tied to a bell. Someone sat out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift) to listen for the bell. Thus, someone could be "saved by the bell," or be considered a "dead ringer."

Contributed by Betty Hibbert



Searching for

Top of tree - John AKHURST (fisherman)
Issue - John b. pre-1818 (shoemaker)
m Eleanor JURY (b. 1819 : d. 1851)
John & Eleanor's children :-

1. Emmin AKHURST b 13 Mar 1840
2. Arthur AKHURST b 21 Jun 1842 (shoemaker)
3. Herbert John AKHURST b 6 May 1844 (shoemaker)

I am currently looking for John Akhurst in the 1851 Census in order to obtain his place of birth. I know that he worked as a shoemaker in Week Street, Maidstone for most of the 1840's but is not there in 1851. As Eleanor died in 1851, my suspicion is that he returned home with his young family. He married Eleanor in Boxley, Kent on 14 April 1839. I'm not sure if this was her home or his. There are certainly entries for Akhurst in Boxley in 1881/1901 Census etc. but I haven't been able to link to these. (Researcher - David Akhurst, 60 Main Road, Naphill, High Wycombe, Bucks., HP14 4QB. Paul Akhurst, David's cousin in Australia, is also researching this tree.)

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Looking for information on two of William Mower Akhurst's children - (1) Victor Hugo Akhurst (born 16th January 1863 in Melbourne, Australia). He was still alive, aged 15, when his father (Wm M) died in 1878, but was dead by the time his mother, Ellen, died in Melbourne in 1915. We would like to know when he died, when he was married - in fact, just anything about him !

(2) Ellen, she was born in Melbourne 13th December 1856, and married Edwin Sidaway FRANCE on 2nd April 1878 in England. We believe that they had two sons, and that Ellen may have come to Australia and had a son to a Mr. Palmer.

We would love to get a death date for Ellen or any information about this lady whose occupation is given as an actress or comedian.

(Researchers - Phillip Renfree and Judy Harvey, Australia)

Editor's Note - *The researching of Wm Mower Akhurst and his family in England and, later in Australia, involved many twists and turns between the two counties - a history too long to give here. But suffice it to say, through him, many friendships have been forged. If only he knew !*

Although Ellen's became a FRANCE, someone's researches may connect to this surname.

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I'm John Lane, a newly signed-up member of the Akehurst FHS. My GG Grandfather was Abraham Akhurst (b. 1828) of Milton Regis, Sittingbourne.

Below is my Akhurst tree, most of which was supplied by Hazel DADSON some time ago to my sister, Diana. (I hope she does not mind disclosing it).

To this I have added some additional information of my own, from the 1881 and 1901 censuses, the FreeBMD and from my own LANE family tree. I hope it is accurate.

To my knowledge, everybody mentioned is deceased (or else very, very old indeed).

First Generation

John AKHURST m. Pheobe HOAD
7.5.1786 in Milton. He was b c1758, bd.
1.4.1843, Milton, Kent.

Second Generation

Children of John & Phoebe :-

- a. Isobella, bap 3.12.1786 Milton
- b. John bap 2.11.1788 Milton
- c. Abraham bap Oct 1790 Milton
- d. William bap 4.8.1793 Milton
married Elizabeth JURY in
Doddington 12.7. 1840
- e. Sarah bap 16.11.1800 Milton
- f. Thomas bap 16.1.1801 Milton,
married Ann BOCKHAM. (He died
4.7.1888 : bd 9 7 1888 Milton).
Census 1881 = Thomas, widower,
late fishmonger, living with dau
Jane E BODLEY & gd dau Lila Jane
BODLEY at 147 East Street,
Sittingbourne. (Marriage Cert of
son Abraham gives his father
Thomas's occupation as "Mariner")

Third Generation

Children of Thomas & Ann

- a. John b. c1823 Milton, m.
Sarah BOX 22.1.1843
- b. b. Ann, b. ca 1825

- c. c. Abraham (Abram) b. c1828
Milton, m. Eliza Ann WRAIGHT
(WREIGHT) 29.7.1849 Milton.
(Census 1881 = Abram is Captain of
"Agnus" (we are pretty sure sailing
barge/bawley/smack "Agnes", at
Corringham, Essex, with son
Abraham, mate. Eliza is entered
as Ann AKHURST (Stay Maker Wife
of Abraham AKHURST Mariner
Absent on Sea). With her at 21
Crown Road, Milton are two
daughters Emily and Harriett, and
son William A. all born Milton.
Census 1901 = Abram & Eliza at 21
Crown Road with Gd son Alfred LANE
(my grandfather). Gravestone at
Milton gives Eliza Ann's death as
19.8.1907, and Abram's as
21.5.1913. We are told that Eliza
would walk to Maidstone (every
day??) to work, - probably 8 miles !

- d. Thomas b. c1832, Milton, m. Sarah Ann
BINGHAM (Sep qtr 1852, Milton).
Cannot find Thomas on 1881 Census,
but there are one or two possible Sarah's
(widows)
- e. William b. c1837, Milton, m. Charlotte ??
(possible 1866 - BMD) 1881 at 3 Cross
Lane, Milton. Occupation: Bargeman. see
below for children
- f. Jane E. b. c1840, Milton, m. ?? BODLEY.
(Census 1881 at 147 East Street,
Sittingbourne, with dau Lila.
- g. Phoebe b. c1843, Milton. Phoebe
possibly married Edward H GOLDING
(Cen.1881). My father knew a Fred
GOLDING of Milton very well (ran an
electrical and bicycle shop) and
something in the back of my mind tells
me they were related to AKHURSTs. The
shop is still there & possibly run by
Fred's son.
- h. Mary Ellen, b. c1845, Milton, m. Oliver
George COLEMAN (d.16 10 1880) at
Milton, Dec qtr. 1859.

Fourth Generation

Children of John & Sarah

- a. Isobella b. c1844 Milton
- b. Caroline b. c1851, Milton (poss. married
George THOMAS June qtr. 1867, Milton)
(Cen 81) High St, Swanscombe, Occup
Shipwright.
c. Elizabeth b. c1856 Milton, m. Frank
Charles DUNSTELL on 6.12.1879 Holy
Trinity, Sittingbourne

d. Charles b. c1858 Milton. (Found on Cen 1901 at Rochester. Cannot find on 1881. Married Eliza : children Angus and
(John Lane's tree contd)

Alberta Victoria. Occupation: Ship Smith.)

Children of Abraham & Eliza Ann

a. Thomas b. c1850 Milton (probably m. Charlotte M IVORY, living Dean Street, John Lane's tree (contd)

Milton. (Children: William b1874, Henry b1877 and Albert b1880)

b. Henry b. c1856, Milton

c. Abraham b. c1859, Milton. (Cen 81 is "mate" with his father on the "Agnes" at Corringham

d. Emily b 7.2.1861 Milton, m. Alfred LANE Milton 12.7.1883, d. 24.6.1889 Milton, bd. Milton. (*LANE details available.*)

e. Alfred William b. 25.6.1863 Milton, bd. 4.4.1864, Milton

f. Mary Ann b. 18.12.1864 Milton, bd. 20.12.1869 Milton

g. Harriett Ann, b. 24.4.1867 Milton, married William KNOWLES Mar qtr 1890 Milton. My father maintained that Harriet (known to him as Aunt Harty) would "turn heads" as she walked down Sittingbourne High Street. William Knowles ran a fruit and veg shop in the High Street. (*Knowles details available*)

h. William Alfred b. 22.11.1869 Milton. (Cen 81 with parents at 21 Crown Road. Cen 1901 married, but alone (do not have address).

Children of Thomas & Sarah Ann

a. Elizabeth b. 14.12.1855, Milton. (poss. m. S A WASS at Milton Sept qtr 1877

b. Edit, b. 4.5.1860 Milton

c. Job Edward b. 4.3.1864 Milton

Children of William & Charlotte ?

a. Clairia E. b. c1860 Milton
b. Charlotte bap 27.5.1866 Milton
c. Phoebe bap 30.8.1868 Milton (Cen 81 with parents)
d. Henry W. b. c1879 Milton (Cen 81 with parents)

Children of Jane & ?? BODLEY

a. Lila, b. 1872, Sittingbourne (1881)

Children of Mary Ellen & Oliver COLEMAN

a. Ellen Jane, b. 1863, married Frank DADSON, 3 7 1882.

I have a lot more on the Coleman / Dadson tree. (Researcher - John Lane)

Obituaries

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Muriel Moffat. She suffered a massive stroke on 29th November and died on 9th December 2002 after returning home to Canada from their European trip. Muriel had been a member of the Akehurst Family History Society for many years, and through the Society had found a cousin, Bob Akehurst, and his daughter, Gail. They kept in contact by telephone and email until Bob's recent sad passing.

Gail and Muriel met for the first time at the Lewes Get Together last year, and afterwards, Peter and Muriel spent many happy days with Gail, her family, and Bob's brother Edwin (Ted) Akehurst swapping a full lifetime of stories. The miracle of modern technology and the Akehurster's one named study united first cousins. This is one of the many results that can be achieved when researchers work together.

We shall miss Muriel's helpful emails and generous contributions of information to the Society.

Our sincere condolences are sent to Peter and family at this sad time. Our thoughts are with them.



Volunteers Wanted

Akehurst Births, Marriages and Deaths Index (1900 – 2003)

We are creating an Akehurst + variants Index of the PRO Birth, Marriages and Deaths. The project has been ongoing for about a year now, and to date we have covered 1900 – 1905 (near completion), 1905 – 1909 (completed), and 1915 – 1919 (completed). We are looking for volunteers to extract Akehurst + variants in "packages" of 5 years. If you could help, please contact Judith.



ALREADY PLASTERED

One sunny day last year, Margaret and I were sitting at home unable to do a great deal due to Margaret having a broken ankle. She was feeling somewhat down in the dumps so I suggested a drive in the country to see if we could find the cottage that my great-grandparents moved into when they were first married.

Before setting out, I suggested that we take my sister (also, called Margaret) as she had recently had an operation on both of her feet and was also in plaster. After considerable shuffling around, I managed to settle them both in the car with all plastered limbs in-tact. Our first port of call was the Bear Inn at Burwash, where I asked the landlord if he minded two people coming in who were already plastered? After a very enjoyable lunch, we were on our way to try and find the cottage.

Having found my great-grandparents in a census, I knew that the name of the cottage was Brays Hill. Arriving at our

location, we found a small group of cottages in a really lovely setting. Wishing to take a photo, we felt rather awkward about doing this without the owners' permission. I somewhat nervously walked up to the front door and knocked - wondering what kind of reception I would receive.

Much to my surprise an American gentleman opened the door and I explained the purpose of my visit. I was even more surprised when he invited me in to meet his wife and offered to show me around the property. Trouble ahead, I thought - if I look around this beautiful old property and leave the two Margarets sitting in the car!! Cheekily, I asked him if I could bring my wife and sister to look round as well.

It was quite remarkable, the speed and agility displayed by the two old crows getting out of the car and negotiating the narrow twisting stairs in the cottage. (I thought it was the rush hour!!) The owner had a great deal of paperwork relating to the cottage but unfortunately, there was no mention of my great-grandparents who were the tenants of the property. However, I could really imagine them living there and it was a wonderful experience to follow their footsteps for a very short while.

Ron and Margaret Akehurst



HUMOUROUS MOMENTS

Announcements which have appeared on Church notice boards :-

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.

Weight Watchers will meet a 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

REMEMBER THIS FOR NEXT CHRISTMAS
According to the Alaskan Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December. Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring.

Therefore, according to EVERY historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, EVERY single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be a girl.

ONLY women would drag a suspiciously jovial man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost.....

while HE took all the credit and got all the good publicity!

Phillip Renfree

Akehurst Wills

1878 Charlotte of Wartling, Sussex : died 3 March 1859

1860 Samuel of Copthorne : died 11 January 1860

1860 William, 43 Western Road, Hove, Sussex. Greengrocer died 29 February 1860, Martha widow

1866 William of Sittingbourne, Kent died 21 May 1866

1867 Abraham, 12 Little East Street. Brighton : died 3 August 1866
Elizabeth Widow

1869 Thomas of Wrotham : died 5 July 1869

Contributed by Betty Hibbert

If you have any Wills, certificates etc that may, or may not, belong to your tree and you would like to share the information - please send them to Judith Akhurst. Thank you.



Old & New - Book Review and Comments

Around Heathfield in old Photographs - Collected by Alan Gillet and Barry K Russell (ISBN 0-86299-714-3 - understood to be out of print but under re-print review). Sussex - Centres on Heathfield, the area covered extends from Blackboys to Rushlake Green and from Five Ashes to Horam and Vine's Cross.

The High Weald in Old Photographs
Compiled by Brain Harwood (originally ISBN 0-86299-704-6 now out of print : but is in a second re-print ISBN 0-86299-50-2). Sussex - Covering Frant, Bells Yew Green, Wadhurst, Cousley Wood, Ticehurst, Flimwell and Etchingham.

These books recommend themselves on several counts - they consist entirely of old photographs - many with individual's identified. Familiar names appear (sadly, no Akehurst's) - Funnell, Delves, Elphick, Pankhurst to name but a few. Many of the captions explain the photo and the scene. If all local history was like this, it would be a joy. The only disadvantage is that it does not have an Index of Persons, but that would remove the opportunity to sit down under a good light, with a magnifying glass, and be prepared for a journey in time - back to over a 100 years ago.

(Originally both books were priced at £7.95 - Publishers - Alan Sutton Publishing)

1841 Census - Kent on CD

It has been found that the 1841 Census for Kent (3 CDs) is a little disappointing as only part of the county is included and many pages are so faint as to be illegible.

It is understood that there is a microfiche version which is easier to read. Could anyone comment on this please ?

We will be making an Akehurst + variant 1841 Census for Kent – contributions for all areas of Kent and elsewhere would be much appreciated.

Census Returns (UK)

1901 Census Index

The Index of AKEHURSTs + variants has been compiled by David Evans and Judith Akhurst by downloading from the PRO website for free (ignoring the personal time and cost of course !) At the Akehurst Family History Society Get Together in Lewes, Sussex last October, attendees were able to search and identify their trees. Some found new people and corrected some enumerators' errors.

The Index has been edited in such a way that family members are grouped together in chronological order. Since then, at least three separate trees have been connected by the Index.

The Index provides individual names, and other family members, their age, birthplace, occupation and Census area plus the PageID and Person ID numbers.

The downside of all census data available is that some people are "missing" from the PRO records – possibly due to enumerators' errors, spelling mistakes, poor handwriting, damaged census returns, typing errors and other human failings.

If you would like to consult the Index (currently Draft 2), help identify any Akehurst + variants, or have a copy of the Index (37 x A4 sheets) - just contact Judith (UK) or David (Australia). Judith regrets that she would have to charge 8p per page + postage & packing – a total of £4. No charge by email. (*Addresses on page 10*)

Akehurst + variants 1901 Census

We have begun to create an Akehurst + variants 1901 Census, and would like to ask all researchers who obtain their family's census details to send them to us for inclusion. All records that are sent in/created are freely available for searching.

1881 Census

In a similar way, the first draft of the 1881 Census for Akehurst & variants has been downloaded from the Net by Judith Akhurst. Again this Index is freely available upon request, and the full extract is fortunately available on the CD version. 1881 Census (contd from page 7)

A comparison has still to be made between the downloaded Index and the CD data. Further drafts will be issued as amendments are made.

If you cannot find a particular person or family they could be "buried" under a completely different spelling or name eg. Kehurst, Khurst, Snr (senior), Jnr (Junior), ditto, unknown etc. To this end, if you should find any of your family members with name errors, spelling mistakes, discrepancies and omissions please let Judith or David know. The Index is part of the Society's Archive material.

1841 Census

It is understood that the 1841 Census for Kent (3 CDs) is a little disappointing. Many pages are so faint as to be illegible and is incomplete. Does anyone have any further information on this ?

We will be making a Kent 1841 Census Index for Akehurst + variants – that is, from what we can decipher ! Put in any letters, books, recommendations etc

(If you have any comments, criticisms or recommendations on books, CDs etc. that you feel may be of interest to other researchers, please let us know.)

**Social and Research Mini-Meet
for Heathfield, Sussex**

Sunday, 16th February 2003

Meeting at 10.30am at the Runt in Tun,
Maynard Green, TN21 ODJ

Pub lunch or bring packed lunch

Contact Judith Akhurst ASAP for details

Tel : 01903 773676
Mobile : 07968 273948

All welcome - see you there

Little Chart mini-meet

We had a mini-gathering in the Swan Inn, Lt Chart of the "Little Chart-ers" on Saturday, 30th November 2002. Julie Akhurst was in Kent for a non-Akehurst family wedding and stayed overnight to meet Margaret Earl, Barbara and David Turley, and Richard and Judith Akhurst. Margaret and Julie are directly related as they share the same gt-gt-gt-gt grandmother, Letitia Maria Akhurst.

After a damp trek round the old Little Chart churchyard looking for gravestones, we adjourned to the Swan Inn. Out came the papers, photos and the notebooks - it took us an hour get round to ordering lunch but pangs of hunger prevailed !

The purpose of the "meet" (if one were needed !) was to try and establish various definitive versions of family trees from the Lt. Chart parish registers and the monumental inscriptions. Fortunately the latter had been transcribed c1920s, found on the Net by Angela Hollands, and sent to us.

After hours of discussion - not on the main subject <g> - it was found that David was an Akehurst in his own right and related to Julie's tree as well as being married to Barbara, who is distantly connected to Richard. The up-shot of the day was that we found that we were all, in fact, related to each other.

Another finding was that Barbara Turley was also related to Janet Akehurst and her cousin, Michael Akhurst. They found this connection at the Canterbury GT in 2000. Janet Akehurst is also related to Angela Hollands.

Richard and I weren't expecting to extend the tree any further than we already had so today was a nice surprise for us. Now we have to tell Angela !

If anyone has Lt Chart connections, please contact us.



Certificates

Birth - Phillis Jane, dau George Akehurst, ag lab, and Eliza (nee CAMPANY) born 26 May 1858 Staplehurst, Kent. (No.389) (From : Joan Curran)

Death - Andrew George, born Swife Road, Heathfield, son James Akehurst, ag. lab, and Ann (nee CORNWELL ; born Heathfield) died 20 July 1867 (No. 480) (From Ron and Margaret Akehurst)

Christening - 20th Sep 1812 Mary , dau John & Elizabeth AKHURST, Astone Rowant, Oxfordshire. (Gordon & Dot Akhurst)

Wanted - Certificates details on Akehurst or variants for inclusive in future editions.
PS - Morwenna Akehurst, Keeper of the Trees, has an on-going file of all certificates people are generous enough to donate. (See page 10 for her address)

The Monumental Inscriptions In the Church and Churchyard of Little Chart, Kent.

(On south side of the Church)

18 James AKHURST of this parish, 1(?) April 1742 aged 65. Left issue Jo...[? John], Samuell, Elizabeth; Thomas, John, James and Jo....h [?Jospeh]. Elizabeth his wife, 2nd April 17.... Aged? 77.

19 Elizabeth wife of Joseph AKHURST of this parish and daughter of John and Elizabeth JENNINGS of this parish, 3rd September 1759 aged 29. Also Jennings their son died an infant [he was buried 8th October 1752].

20 Jane late wife of Thomas AKHURST daughter of Thomas and Jane WERGET of Kennington, 5th September 1762 aged 45.

21 Joseph AKHURST of this parish, miller, 27th July 1790 aged 66. Left issue by Elizabeth his second wife, five sons and three daughters: Joseph, Edward, John, James, Jane, Elizabeth, Charlotte and Thomas Hopkings. A painfull long illness & c. Elizabeth

22 Elizabeth wife of James AKHURST of this parish, yeoman, 8th December 1770 aged 51. He died 30th November 1787 aged 70. Elizabeth RECORD their daughter: 17th January 1789 aged 50 and left issue eleven sons and two daughters: Elizabeth, John, Thomas, Ja

23 Sarah wife of Richard AKHURST, 27th November 1778 aged 33. Issue two daughters: Mary and Sarah.

24 Richard AKHURST late of London and son of James and Elizabeth Akhurst of this parish, yeoman, 17th August 1787 aged 30. [The Register calls him Robert Akhurst – he was buried 22nd August 1787].

Typed by Christine Pantrey and checked by Zena Bamping : Noted
September 1920 by Leland L Duncan

Contributed by Angela Hollands

Akehurst Family History Society

It is free to join the Society – contact the UK Continental Contact – Mrs. Gail Balfe, 28 Leyburn Road, North Hykeham, Lincoln.

Akehurst Family History Society enables researchers to share information, contact new people - possibly connect to new cousins, meet at the Get Togethers that currently alternate between the UK and Australia.

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Akhurst Chronicles

If you can claim any of the names mentioned in his issue we would be delighted to hear from you. We have a continually growing database on Akehurst + variant spellings.

If you would like to submit your tree for assistance or publication in future issues, ask questions, or tell us about your research, make recommendations and comments on publications, CDs, etc, give amusing or interesting anecdotes which would be of interest to other Akehurst-ers – please send them to :-

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