

Happy New Year and welcome to 2010! As I type this, almost all of us are safely into 2010. The only exception is the Akehurst-ers in British Columbia, and they are busily uncaging the corks.

The List was quite quiet this year, with only 249 messages being posted. The postings for the individual months were: Jan: 51; Feb: 28; Mar: 30; Apr: 9; May: 19; Jun: 18; Jul: 23; Aug: 15; Sep: 4; Oct: 11; Nov: 31; Dec: 10. Coincidentally, the quietest months were April and September, when I was away. My own Akehurst mailbox ticked over 1300 messages (both in and out), so it was still a busy year.

There are 110 members on the List. Two more requests arrived overnight and Colin, our List Moderator, will no doubt switch them on as soon as he has recovered from his New Year's Eve (and birthday) celebrations.

There is a huge amount of collective wisdom on the List and a big thank you to all who have contributed - it is your List and it there to discuss A(c)(k)(e)hurst genealogy and family history. If you have not posted your research interests to the List for some time, why not do it now? With 110 List members, there is an ever-increasing chance that one of your long-lost cousins will be there looking for you.

During the year we recorded the passing of

- Bonnie Lee Corban's father, in February.
- Betty Hibbert's cousin, Edna, also in February
- Simon Oates, of Akehurst Farm, on 20 May 2009
- Judy Harvey's mother, Valma, in November
- Betty Hibbert's sister-in-law, Dorothy Akehurst, in December
- Birth of Gavin Ray Akehurst, son of Nathan & Candace of Tulsa, Oklahoma, in March.

Research questions (and, generally, answers) related to:

1. Alan and Trish Akhurst, of the Candlebridge Carrying Company
2. Albert Ernest Akehurst (1864-1934)
3. Alexander Akehurst (b.1747, Ely)
4. Alexander AKEHURST, in a conveyance dated 23/12/1802
5. Alfred Akehurst (b.1876, Whitesmith), who married Charlotte Louisa Worwood
6. Amos Jenner Akehurst (b.1833, Burwash), who married Naomi Russell (Company connection)
7. Arthur Charles Akehurst appearing momentarily in Hong Kong in 1899
8. Arthur George Akehurst (1888-1914), the 'contaminated water' man
9. Arthur Pursell Akehurst and the Eureka Stockade
10. Arthur William Ackehurst, mentioned in the Dover War Memorial project
11. Clara Adeline Akhurst (b.1860), who married Edward James Mulholland in Roma, Queensland
12. David & Grace Akehurst in China in the 1930's
13. Elizabeth Akehurst (b.1819-?), who married Charles Hendley
14. Ellen Akehurst (b.1855), who married Henry Hygate
15. Florence Ellen Akhurst (b.1874) daughter of the elusive Adrian Charles
16. Frederick Wm Akhurst (1866-1944) who married. Rachel Kirkstall
17. George Ackhurst, KiA at Ypres 4/10/1917
18. Harold Archdeacon [yep, his middle name] Akehurst (1878-1924)
19. Hazel & Jennah Akehurst, of Sussex, who climbed to the Everest Base Camp
20. Henry Akehurst (1816-1856), who married Margaret Donnellan in Melbourne in 1856

21. Henry Akehurst (1825-1893), who married. Harriett Christmas
22. Henry Akhurst, who married Sarah Hoy
23. Ivy Selina Akehurst (1906-1994), who married. Charles Clarke
24. Jane(t) Harriet Akhurst (d. Sydney, 1862)
25. John Carden Akehurst (b.1836), who married Mary Ann Bennett
26. John Edward Akhurst, (b.1855, Thurnham) - his mother was one of the original Spice Girls
27. John a [Joan or Joanna?] Akehurst (b.c1510), who married John Harmer (at Heathfield, c.1525)
28. Len & Dorothy Akehurst, missionaries at Doomadgee in the 1930's
29. Letitia Marie Akehurst, who married. Thomas Apps
30. Louisa Akehurst (b.1871) who married. Hy Boniface and then Wm Jas Boniface
31. Mr Akehurst, Vice-master of Trinity College, Cambridge, 1645
32. Ronald Douglas Akhurst (1938-2009), who married Margery Williams
33. Samuel Cinderford Akehurst (1751-1833)
34. Sarah Akerst in the Teynham Tithe c.1801) and Stephen in Sturry Tithes
35. Stephen Akehurst (c1805-1842), married Elizabeth in Leeds in 1842
36. Stephen Akehurst (1806-1842), who married Elizabeth Evers
37. Victor Hugo Akhurst, who the census transcriber thought was Austrian!
38. William Akehurst, who married Eliza Wratten (Hellingly, 8/4/1837)
39. William Henry Akehurst, 23rd Bn, Royal Fusiliers
40. William Vincent Akehurst, an auctioneer in Melbourne in the 1850s

Not all of those were discussed on the List. If you have any queries, first check the List Archives and then give me a call.

A number of files were added to our Files Area on Yahoo Groups:

- "Dead Man's Penny" to the family of Thomas J Akehurst
- Horse brass, awarded by William Akehurst of Brighton (c1900)
- Kay Lamb (entrant in Maree's 'Rogues' Gallery")
- Picture of Frederick Akhurst (1854-1937)
- Picture of William Edward Akhurst (1892-1970)
- Picture of William & Jane Akhurst's Golden Wedding anniversary (1891)
- Photos of the 2009 Antipodean GetTogether
- WW-I Medals awarded to Charles S Ackhurst

(If you cannot get in to the Files Area, let me know and I will take you through the process)

Elsewhere in the Akehurst-er world, the highlight of the year was the 2009 Antipodean GetTogether in Hamilton, New Zealand in January. A wonderful weekend, organised by Ngaire Paterson, where fourteen of us made lots of contacts and learned a lot about Maori culture. The only hiccough was our car's ignition key jamming as we were trying to get to dinner. Hours (and hours!) later we defaulted to burger and chips being brought to the motel room.

The biggest event this year will be the 2010 Akehurst GetTogether.

This will be held at the Barbican, Lewes, on the weekend of 17-20 September. Ink the dates into your diary! I look forward to seeing you there.