



JUNE 2008 NEWSLETTER

Updates to the Adamthwaite Archive website

New details added to

- the **ORANGE family story** in the Miscellany section – what else will this family get up to?
- photos added to the **BLUE family line**, we are still hoping for some photos for the LIGHT GREEN line, and a few more for the YELLOW line would be welcome!
- all BMD and census spreadsheets updated with latest info provided by mailing list members, as well as further info included on the USA and CANADA BMD and census spreadsheets
- And a new section of the 'Adamthwaites in Uniform' section, with **Recollections of the War** where Bob has submitted a great article about his uncle who was a Japanese Prisoner of War. If you have any stories to add to this section, they would be most welcome.
- Some more entries found for the **passenger lists** – quite a few of which I have not been able to identify. If you know that any members of your family emigrated, please could you take a look at the migration pages to check that all known information is shown.
- Now that I have subscribed to worldwide Ancestry, I have managed to find a few more Adamthwaites in the US censuses – however the transcriptions of the surname are even more imaginative than for the UK censuses! So if you know that one of your ancestors emigrated, let me know and I'll have a go at finding them. Remember the US censuses go up to 1930.

Your help needed

I have gone through all the birth spreadsheets, trying to make sure that I have entered known death and marriage info for each individual, and have also attempted to find each individual in as many censuses as possible, but there are still many Adamthwaites (particularly daughters who may have married) where we have no idea what happened to them.

There are also still quite a few families that I have not managed to find in all the censuses where I would expect them to be alive ... please could you check through the census sheets for your own families and see if there is any information that you have found that is not shown on the website.

Also, do you know of any more death or burial information than is already shown on the site? Death records pre-1837 are particularly hard to find unless you know exactly which parish to search. If you can help by providing more information, our Death records would be much more complete.

Some more useful websites

Westminster Poll Books 1749 You may or not have had any ancestors living in London in 1749, but this site demonstrates just how useful the internet can be.

<http://www.hamersleyfamily.com/westminsterpollbook1749.htm>

Lancashire BMD – didn't find any Adamthwaites on there, but a very handy site if you have any other ancestors in Lancashire <http://www.lancashirebmd.org.uk/>

UK BMD is a site where you can access records transcribed directly from the locally held copies of registered births, marriages and deaths. As it is thought that there are errors and omissions in the

main GRO index, it may well be worth checking out the country records held at this site:

<http://www.ukbmd.org>

Family Search – updated site. Take a look at the latest developments on the Family Search site at <http://labs.familysearch.org/> where you can try out their future plans for the site – it includes British Vital Records and many more searches than previously available.

Images of England You can view many old photographic images of historic places in England at the English Heritage site at <http://viewfinder.english-heritage.org.uk/>

and a further collections of images is available at <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.1506>

Old Bailey on-line You can now read transcripts of all cases held at the Old Bailey between 1674 and 1913 (including a couple of Adamthwaites!) <http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/>

Causes of Death If you don't recognise the medical terms for cause of death on some of your old death certificates, try looking at this site <http://tinyurl.com/43gvvr>

And if you are interested in where your ancestors lived, why not hunt for an **aerial photo** at www.oldaerialphotos.com and you may find an image of your ancestor's home in the 1940's. Pretty expensive, but if you are absolutely SURE of their address, it may be worthwhile.

Newspaper collections

Richard Heaton has been busy transcribing old newspapers and you can find his transcriptions on his site at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~dutilleul/index.html>. Even if you can't find any references to your own ancestors, there are fascinating articles that really give a flavour of life in the 17th century

The Times thanks to a post by Stephanie Jenkins on the Oxfordshire list, take a look at <http://archive.timesonline.co.uk/tol/archive/> where The Times is offering access to 200 years of its scanned & OCR'd archive as a free introductory offer. In the next few months, they'll be adding The Times post-1985, as well as The Sunday Times from its launch in 1822.

You need to register on the site, if you haven't already done so, but that's all.

I understand that the above service is not as good as the **Thomson Gale** one which you may still be able to register for access as part of a free trial at <http://access.gale.com.gdctril.login.html>, but the former site is more widely accessible. I have found loads of Adamthwaites on this site!

Searchable scans of New Zealand Papers at <http://www.paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast?a=p&p=home&e=->>

And finally ... are you thinking about a FAMILY REUNION?

The BBC are looking for people fascinated by family history who are keen to hold a big family get-together, to feature in a major new documentary.

Their hope is to explore the unique past and present that every British family has at its core and to discover the importance and strength of family bonds in modern Britain.

Call Anna on 020 7267 4260 or email allewellyn@blastfilms.co.uk

I can't wait to see you on the telly!!

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