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Although I shall always take care in their production it is quite impossible to do so without making errors from time to time and to enable corrections to be made I will issue erratta sheets when necessary. The first of these is enclosed with this Newsletter. I would, of course, always be glad to have a note of any mistakes noticed by anyone at any time.

As previously promised I am going to feature in this issue four generations of John's (father, son, grandson and great grandson) who lived out most of their lives in Taplow and Bray. I will also record what is known of William Davis (1790-1860) who was deeply involved with Taplow all his life.

FOUR GENERATIONS OF JOHN BRIGINSHAW'S OF TAPLOW AND BRAY

John Briginshaw	1707-1797	- married	Mary Jefferies
"	"	1754-1832	- " Eleanor Neighbour
"	"	1793-1858	- " Mary Maria Hammaton
"	"	1821-1861	- " Ellen Rumball

Not a great deal is known of these forebears for it is not easy to produce much more than a list of dates against these early generations, leaving us with little or no real knowledge of them as individuals (as was recorded by Edmund Blunden in his poem 'Forefathers' reproduced in our Newsletter No 2 - 'I know you not within - there is silence, there survives not a moment of your lives'). However, with careful and often painstaking research, it is surprising how much can be sometimes unearthed; then these details, together with knowledge of where they lived and their surroundings, the national and local history of their times, a little imagination and speculation can perhaps conjure up a picture of what life was like for them.

The details that have been uncovered by research by a number of the family and some not even family who nevertheless dedicated time to it (a shining example being Georgina Baker) are set out here and on following pages. I feel that further investigation in lesser known archives may yet bring to light some additional information to broaden the picture but as I have already said, the work involved will be painstakingly slow.

It is obvious that these Briginshaws, their brothers, their co-laterals and their friends were men of standing and influence, men of substance, and in many cases, of considerable wealth. Although we might wish we could know more of them and their lives and their families we are very lucky to have unearthed enough to make us the envy of very many wouldbe family historians struggling with their research. I feel quite embarrassed when someone asks 'How far back have you got?' and having told them find that after several years they are still trying to find their grandparents!

To help in indentifying generations and individuals referred to in this Newsletter, and in the wills of those covered, there follows an outline pedigree. This does not show precise dates nor full details of families as does my master pedigree but is intended only as a rough guide. When you see how much I have to reduce this to even get it on the page you will appreciate the problem. I shall, of course, produce more detailed sections from time to time.