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I am pleased to welcome a heartening number of I'Anson Family members who have shown interest in my little venture and I will start this issue with a list of members. No doubt the list will grow and further lists will appear periodically.

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We are in the papers! "Scarborough Evening News" has published two articles prompted by the 1st Edition I'Anson Times. We have no space to quote them but the paper will supply copies. Apply to:

Editor, Scarborough Evening News, 17-19 Aberdeen Walk, Scarborough, Yorks. YO11 1BB

I have a large I'Anson "Family Tree" chart photocopied by the British Library from "History of I'Anson Family" by Bryan I'Anson. My personal aim is to connect my branch of the family into it. I am around the date 1770 and still not linked up but have a generation of 19th century brothers (8) with identical names as an 18th century family on the tree. I feel this is stretching coincidence too far, and another two generations back will link my family into the published tree.

I invite all interested I'Ansons to draw their family tree as far as they can and submit it to me, the aim being to make the tree published in 1915 much more comprehensive. It may be a good idea to publish the original tree in a future issue of I'Anson Times and, like myself, you will feel slightly indignant that there is no mention of your branch (in most instances).

Any-one know anything of the I'Ansons of Howe Hall, Thirsk? Was the family fortune made with brewing beer? And was the death of John Francis I'Anson\* in the first World War the end of the family?

(\* His memorial is in Pickhill Church, North Yorks.)

I was going to explain how I have researched my I'Anson Family as an example for showing how information can be found. However, I noted the interest shown in the early origins of the name so I will borrow freely from "History of the I'Anson Family" by Bryan I'Anson and write about the early days.

If we consider Genetics, every person born carries 23 chromosomes from each parent. Every male I'Anson has a guaranteed I'Anson descended chromosome in the Y chromosome which determines his sex and which is passed on from father to son, ad infinitum.

That chromosome, and possibly one or two more (Genetics is very like roulette!) is Scottish. The I'Ansons originate from the Forbes, a historic noble family of Scotland whose family seat to this day is Castle Forbes and Putachie in the County of Aberdeen.

This family has been established in Scotland for over a thousand years, the earliest known record being the marriage of Solvathius Forbes to Maravilla, a daughter of King Gregory of Scotland in A.D. 870.

In the early part of the 1300s a member of the Forbes family settled in France where, by his marriage to Francoise d'Agoult in the year 1325, he effected an alliance with one of the oldest houses of the French nobility. They gained the title of Comte de Forbin which title exists in France today.

When it became the custom to distinguish members of families by means of surnames, the elder branch of the family assumed the name I'Anson de Forbin.

Many people assume the family came to England with William the Conqueror. However, the first of the family in England did not come with William but with Henry Tudor, the Lancastrian contender for the Crown at the end of the long Wars of the Roses.

defeated and slain, and Henry of Richmond became King Henry the Seventh of England. When King Richard, in the words of Shakespeare, shouted "My Kingdom for a horse", it was quite a few generations too early for an I'Anson to present him with Blink Bonny\* or Blair Athol from Malton.!

\* Won the Derby 1857 at 20 to 1, owned by William I'Anson of Malton.

The name of the first in England was John, to use the English name, and after the Battle he settled in Hauxwell, south of Richmond, Yorkshire and it may have been an estate presented by the new King in recognition of his services. Certainly he held the favour of the Tudors because the next reign of Henry VIII saw him commanding a man-of-war in the King's service.

Bryan I'Anson states there is no record of the death of John I'Anson but Norman Penney in his book "My Ancestors" (his mother was a Darlington I'Anson) states he died at Ulverston in the Furness district of Lancashire so possibly there was a record.

Members of the I'Anson Family who can link into a Family Tree descending from John I'Anson's sons, Christopher and James, are fortunate as these names are recorded at the College of Arms. However, I suspect many of us descend from other children of John I'Anson who, for some reason, were not recorded at the College of Arms. That there were other sons is certain from Wills and Parish Records of the same period.

There it is then, as far as English I'Ansons are concerned all roads lead back to Hauxwell in Yorkshire. Before the arrival of John in 1485 the home of the family was Marseilles - an unlikely exchange of abode!

I am fascinated by the genetic aspect of Family History but I confess to not being very knowledgeable.

People with an I'Anson father obtain half their 46 chromosomes from him out of which many could descend from his mother, the recipient's grandmother. The only guaranteed chromosome from an earlier generation of I'Anson is the Y chromosome which determines male sex.\*

People like myself descended from I'Anson through Females and also Female I'Ansons have no statistical certainty of genetic descent from early I'Ansons, but in all probability will have some.

When the Forbes/I'Ansons lived in France they had both French and Italian brides. Some of that blood could still be in our veins as well as that of King Gregory of Scotland!

\* X chromosome from father ) daughter Y chromosome from father ) Son X chromosome from mother )

\*Note. X chromosome from father must come from his mother.

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## THE GENERAL ELECTION OF 1807

The first and only session of the third Parliament of the United Kingdom was brought to an end in the spring of 1807 by King George III over the question of discrimination against Catholics, being relieved. It also helped to cover grave abuses in the department of the Paymaster-General. (What's new about Watergate!)

The two retiring members for Yorkshire were William Wilberforce who, in the last Parliament, had seen the culmination of his life's work against slavery, and Mr. Walter Fawks of Farnley Hall. Mr. Fawks did not seek re-election so the seat was disputed by the Hon. H. Lascelles, son of Lord Harewood, and Lord Milton. Lascelles was the Tory, Milton the Whig or Liberal.

After a lively election which saw the Riot Act read in Leeds, with horse soldiers pursuing the election crowds with drawn swords through the streets, Lord Milton won the seat.

## List of I'Ansons in the Poll Book for the County of York 1807

John I'Anson	Page 38	(Woollen Draper of Wakefield)
Bernard I'Anson	Page 220	(Clothier of Batley)
James I'Anson	Page 215	(Farmer of Ugthorpe & Lyth, Cleveland Area)
* John I'Anson	Page 140	(Brewer of Melmerby, Nr. Wath. N. R. Yorks.)
William I'Anson	Page 140	(Yeoman of Langthorn & Exilby, N.R. Yorks.)
George I'Anson	Page 148	(Yeoman of Bellerby, N.R. Yorks.)
John l'Anson	Page 103	(Gentleman of Ripon & Burton Leonard)
Henry I'Anson	Page ?	(Present in Poll Book but Editor's mistake in page no. )
Christopher I'Anson	Page ?	

## ONE NAME SOCIETIES

Our Society is now firmly off the ground and with your help and continued support we will be able to join the ranks of those other one-name societies who concentrate on the history of one particular name.

There are now 20 of these throughout the country all of whom belong to the Federation of Family History Societies (as we do). The Federation also includes 43 other Family History Societies, Regional and National.

The objects of the Federation are:

- a. to co-ordinate and assist the work of societies or bodies interested in family history, genealogy and heraldry.
- b. to foster co-operation and regional work on such subjects.

he other one-name societies are Butler, Dalton, Edwards, Filby, Glazebrook, rubb, Hamley, Harrington, Higenbottam, Kinsey, Clan Lindsay, Marfleet, ewth, Oliver, Palgrave, Rose, Sanders, Swinnerton, Thirkill/Threkeld, 'alcot.