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## EDITORIAL

This issue marks the end of Volume 3 of these papers and fifteen years of my writing about the Pulvertoft and Pulvertaft families. It is rather pleasing that this last part of the volume should be devoted to a newly discovered branch of Pulvertafts as it shows that there is always more material to be found, even though such events are few and far between.

My speculation on page 67 of the last issue that John Pulvertaft [1920-1966] might suggest another branch of the family in the USA hit the nail on the head. He will be found in the pedigree on page 76 as John Edward Pulvertaft [U02R]. As will be seen, the family was discovered through "The Burke's Peerage World Book of Pulvertafts" but, even without that lead, we would still have found them as Brian O'Leary of Louisville, Kentucky - son of Ethel May Pulvertaft [M78R] - had already spotted one of them in an Arizona telephone book and Gary Pulvertaft replied - just as he did to me. My thanks to Brian and Gary for their help.

## THE BURKE'S PEERAGE WORLD BOOK OF PULVERTAFTS

As promised in the December issue of these papers, a copy of "The Burke's Peerage World Book of Pulvertafts" was purchased to see whether it would add to our knowledge of the family. As expected, most of the book is not about the Pulvertafts at all but contains general chapters on early migrations, the origins and meanings of names, heraldry and genealogical research. Only the final chapter is specific to the family with the title "The Pulvertaft International Registry".

Although this would have been disappointing to the unsuspecting purchaser, there was sufficient new information to make it a valuable contribution to our study and therefore a good investment.

The sources which were used to compile the data base and from which, no doubt, many hundreds of different family books were written, included electoral roles, telephone books, city directories and various public surname lists. Information was gathered from the following 15 countries - those containing Pulvertaft entries being underlined: Australia, Austria, Canada, France, Germany, Gerat Britain, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland and United States.

Although the data does not claim to be comprehensive, the fact that no Pulvertafts were recorded in Ireland or Northern Ireland supports the proposition which has been made in these papers over the years; that is that all the Pulvertaft descendents of the Cork family now live overseas.

"The Pulvertaft International Registry" had 20 entries; those previously known to us being identified below with their unique reference numbers in square brackets. The section on Australia included three

addresses, two of which were for Michael Pulvertaft [M53S] and one for his daughter Belinda [M68T]

The section on Great Britain included six addresses - two for David Pulvertaft - your editor [M55S], one each for Thomas Pulvertaft [M49S], Rosalind Pulvertaft [M67T] and Michael Pulvertaft [M73T] and a mysterious one for Mr & Mrs E Pulvertaft of 9 High Street, West Wrating, Cambridgeshire. As Dr Roger Pulvertaft [M60S] lives in a village only a few miles away from West Wrating, he was able to confirm that no Pulvertaft lives there and we must assume that this was some corruption of his name and address.

The section on South Africa included five addresses, four of which were known to be those of the descendants of Arthur Stanley Pulvertaft [M94R]. The final one is being investigated to see whether it is a new find or another corruption.

Where the Registry did prove to be fruitful was in the section on the United States as this included six individuals, four of whom were previously unknown to us. The two who were already in the modern pedigree were Pamela M Pulvertaft [M109S] and Thomas A Pulvertaft [M108S], both of Palenville, New York and the inclusion of their addresses has allowed most useful letters to be exchanged. Of the four totally new entries, two were recorded as living in Tucson, Arizona (Mr Gary Pulvertaft and W S Pulvertaft) and two in Florida (Miss Celeste F Pulvertaft - from Palm Harbour - and Miss Loretta Pulvertaft from Miami).

Gary Pulvertaft has responded to the resulting letter of introduction and, as will be seen from the next few pages, has identified where the other three Pulvertafts fit into the American family tree.

THE PULVERTAFTS OF THE UNITED STATES

John Edward Pulvertaft  
1921-1965 [U02R]  
m ....  
Marie Stella Illiceto  
....- [U03R]

John Edward Pulvertaft  
c1890-.... [U01Q]  
m ....  
.....

Rita Pulvertaft  
....-.... [U04R]

Madelene Pulvertaft  
....-.... [U05R]

John Edward Pulvertaft  
1945- [U06S]  
m ....-....  
Loretta Brunetti  
....- [U07S] Michael John  
Pulvertaft  
....- [U17T]

Dennis Michael Pulvertaft  
1946- [U08S]

Susan Pulvertaft  
1949- [U09S]  
m ....  
Robert Scorza

Gary Peter Pulvertaft  
1952- [U10S]  
m1 ....-.... Heidi Dawn  
Paulette Rosch Pulvertaft  
....- [U11S] 1973- [U18T]  
m2 ....-....  
Celeste F .....  
....- [U12S]  
m3 .... Jessica Adelena  
Laura Isabell Araiza Pulvertaft  
1954- [U13S] 1983- [U19T]

Cindy Marie Pulvertaft  
1959- [U14S]  
m ....  
Tom Murphy Christina Marie  
Pulvertaft  
1986- [U20T]

Matthew Pulvertaft  
1964- [U15S]  
m ....-....  
Wendy Sue Buck  
....- [U16S]

## SOME PULVERTAFTS IN THE UNITED STATES

The structure of the United States family which was found through the pages of the "Burke's Peerage World Book of Pulvertafts" is shown on pages 76 & 77 and will be seen to include four generations. The usual numbering convention has been added, the prefix "U" (representing USA) being allocated as the group cannot yet be connected with the modern family (with its "M" prefix) nor the earlier Cork family (with its "C" prefix).

Details were provided by Gary Pulvertaft [U10S] and, as his letters have added 20 people to the family records who either go by the Pulvertaft name today or did before they were married, we are much indebted to him. The term "family records" is used loosely as the connection cannot yet be made, but there can surely be little doubt that there are common roots to be discovered.

Gary's family understands that they settled in Brooklyn, New York about two hundred years ago, having gone there from Cork, Ireland and that it was the custom that each first-born son was named "John Edward" - see U01Q, U02R and U06S on the pedigree.

Although members of the family are today well spread across the United States, the dispersal from Brooklyn appears to have been quite recent as John Edward [U01Q], John Edward [U02R] and Gary Peter [U10S] were each born there and John Edward [U02R] is buried in Pinelawn Cemetery on Long Island.

First exchanges on matters of family history between complete strangers with apparent common ancestry must not be rushed and it may well be that there are errors on pages 76 & 77. Certainly it will be seen that many of the dates of birth, marriage and death are not yet known but these can be added following this first exposure.

No doubt as our correspondence continues, more of these "vital dates" will emerge but to date the following can be recorded:

1921 - 26 December - John Edward P [U02R] born.  
1945 - 13 October - John Edward P [U06S] born.  
1946 - 11 January - Dennis Michael P [U08S] born.  
1949 - 27 October - Susan P [U09S] born.  
1952 - 15 September - Gary Peter P [U10S] born.  
1954 - 27 May - Laura Isabell Araiza [U13S] born.  
1964 - 26 May - Matthew P [U15S] born.  
1965 - 12 May - John Edward P [U02R] died.  
1973 - 16 April - Heidi Dawn P [U18T] born.  
1983 - 26 February - Jessica Adelena P [U19T] born.  
1986 - 19 December - Christina Marie P [U20T] born.

Gary Pulvertaft and his brothers had never heard of any other Pulvertafts and thought that they were the last survivors of the family. Perhaps this should not be too surprising as, despite 15 years of discussing the family in these pages, we had no hard evidence of their branch of the family. There was, however the story which Robin Pulvertaft [M30R] used to tell of the day when, on a business trip to New York - probably in the 40s or 50s - he looked up the name in the New York telephone directory. He claimed to have dialed the number but not to have been able to find the right people there and failed to keep a note of it for future reference. Perhaps - had he had the time to try again - the connection between the European and the American branches of the family Pulvertaft might have been forged a generation ago.

The Pulvertafts of Cork include no "John Edward" to suggest where the trans-Atlantic connection may have started. Could the early Pulvertafts of New Jersey be somehow involved in the missing link?

## NOTES & QUERIES

### Births

Congratulations to Robert Pulvertaft, son of Christopher and Inger-Lis Pulvertaft of Copenhagen, and to Anne-Line Rasmussen whose son - Julins - was born on 2 September 1995.

Congratulations also to James Longfield and Roz Pulvertaft whose daughter - Matilda Sarah Graham - was born on 1 March 1996.

### Engagement

Congratulations to Ian Walthew and Belinda Pulvertaft - youngest daughter of Michael and Ann Pulvertaft of Queensland, Australia - who announced their engagement on 28 April. They plan to be married in Australia on 2 January next year.

### Marriage

Congratulations to Robert Pulvertaft, son of the late Dr Thomas Pulvertaft and Alison (now Sassoon), and to Annette Marshall-Duffield who were married at Heytesbury, Wiltshire on 22 June.

### Obituaries

It is with deep regret that the death is recorded last year of Douglas Wagner of South Africa, husband of Cynthia (nee Pulvertaft).

It is also with deep regret that the death is recorded on 22 May of Dr Tom Pulvertaft of Macclesfield.