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EDITORIAL

Having changed the frequency of Pulvertaft Papers from being biannual to annual, there is a danger of my getting out of the habit of writing about the family and those readers who are members of it getting out of the habit of telling me their family news. Let us all make a new year's resolution to avoid that.

With two immediate family weddings in 1997, this issue is somewhat dominated by my wish to record the Pulvertaft view of them; a situation which will not be repeated. As my brother, Michael, said at the marriage of his third (and last) daughter:

"The Mike and Ann Pulvertaft Marriage Bureau
is finally closed due to lack of stock!"

Despite my promise last December and having had a year to prepare it, I have not completed the index to Volume 3 of these papers. I will try better next year; meanwhile I wish my readers a Happy Christmas. D.M.P.

TWO PULVERTAFT MARRIAGES

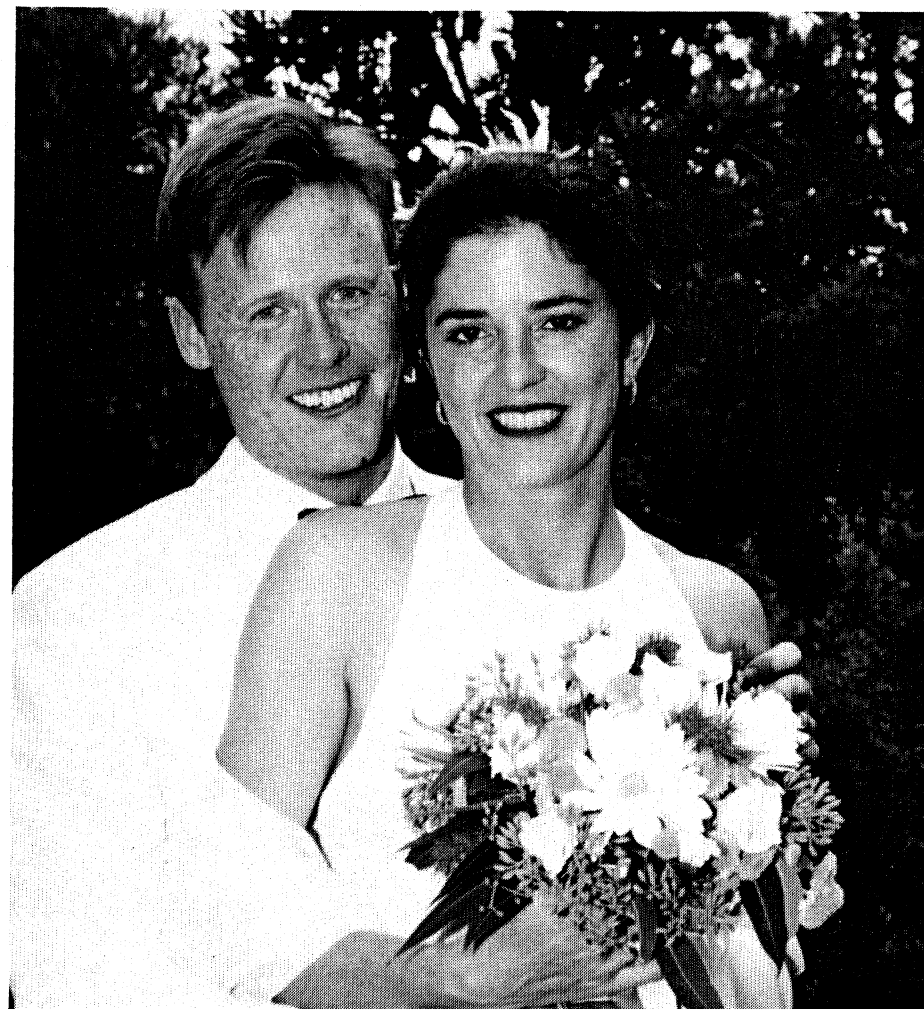
There were two Pulvertaft marriages during the year; the first in Australia in January and the second in Devon in August. Happily, Mary Rose and I were at both so I thought I would write a family historian's report.

The Australian wedding was between Belinda (Bin) Pulvertaft (M68T) - youngest daughter of Michael and Ann Pulvertaft (M53S & M54S) who live in Sunshine Beach, Queensland - and Ian Walthew, son of Barry and Judy Walthew of Wiltshire.

I am pleased to record that the bride and groom first met at the marriage of my son, Rupert (M69T), to Sally Stewart in 1995 (vide PPs Vol 3 No 9). Bin had given up her job as an anthropologist in Sydney and was working in London, while Ian had been invited as our families have been friends ever since his late father, Barry, and I joined the Royal Navy together in 1954. Barry strengthened our friendship when Mary Rose and I decided to get married in Hong Kong in 1961, as he happened to be serving in a ship in Singapore and was good enough to fly up to be my best man.

When Bin and Ian met, he was working for the International Herald Tribune in Brussels and it was from there that they travelled to Australia for their wedding. With an early January wedding, Michael and Ann had a wonderful Christmas and New Year as Bin's sisters had joined them; Caz (M66T) and her husband, John Giardini, up from Sydney and Roz (M67T) and her husband, James Longfield, out from London. (There were also, of course the three grandchildren Will and Sophie Giardini and Matilda Longfield).

As our daughter, Sarah (M70T), had studied for three years at the Sydney College of the Arts and had spent a lot of that time with her cousins, she decided that this



was a family event which was not to be missed and made the trip from London with Mary Rose and me and her "almost fiancé" - Craig Richardson. One other Pulvertaft attended the wedding - Alison (M59S) - and her husband, Peter Evans, they having driven from Toowoomba - also Queensland - where they live.

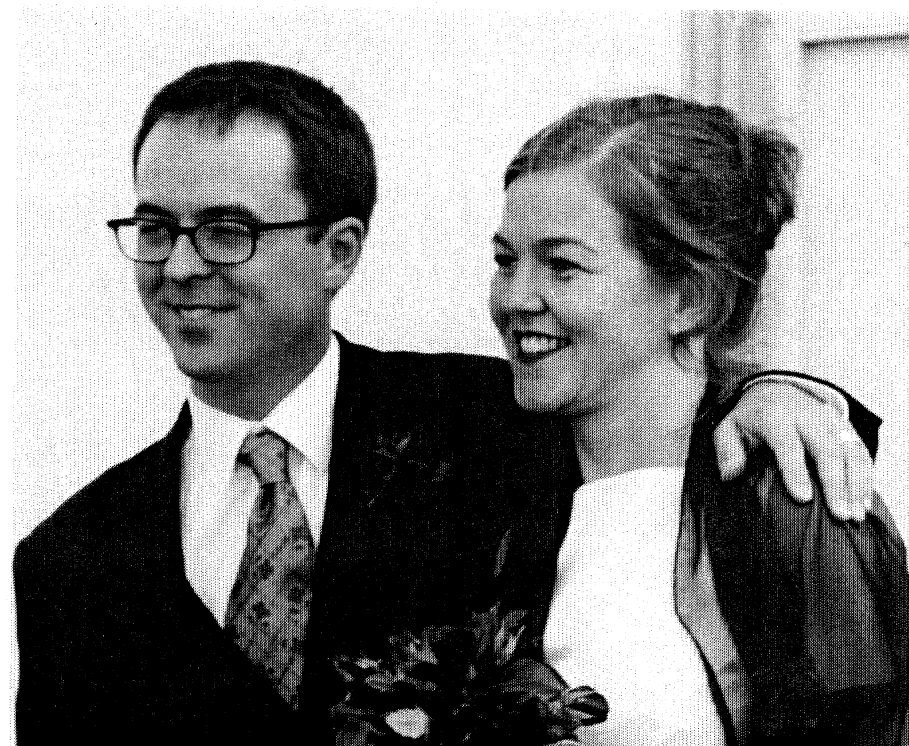
For the record, Bin and Ian were married on 2 January 1997 at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Sunshine Beach - a beautifully airy church well suited for the climate - and had the benefit of two receptions; drinks and live music on a river boat as we cruised the Noosa River, followed by dinner at the Noosa Valley Country Club. The bride and groom honeymooned in Malaysia before returning to Paris as Ian had been transferred to the Tribune office there.

The second wedding was between our elder daughter, Sarah (M70T) and Craig Richardson, youngest son of Thomas and Jeanette Richardson of Glasgow. Craig is a Contemporary Artist who trained at The Glasgow School of Art and now also lectures at Derby University.

Their marriage took place on 30 August in the Haldon Belvedere; a castle set high on the Haldon Hills, built in 1788 in memory of General Stringer Lawrence and, conveniently, only about three miles from Trusham. Our guests were able to enjoy the magnificent views of Dartmoor and the Exe valley before descending to the reception at Tucketts.

The French Pulvertaft contingent was stronger than ever. Longest resident are our daughter, Lucy (M71T), her husband Stanislas Boureau and their son, Robin Pulvertaft Boureau - who live in Rennes. Next come my son, Rupert (M69T), his wife Sally and their son Jonathon - now living in Nantes, where Rupert is seconded for two years to the French Marines. Finally there were the recently married Ian and Bin (M68T) Walthew, by then well established in Paris.

From London came Roz Pulvertaft (M67T) and her husband James Longfield and from Oxfordshire came my cousin Di (M62S) and her husband Richard Stephenson.



Sarah and Craig honeymooned in Barcelona and have returned to live just north of Bethnal Green where they are almost equidistant from the jeweller's workshop which Sarah has in Clerkenwell and the studio in which Craig works in Stepney.

LINCOLNSHIRE MARRIAGES

An article in Volume 3 No 8 of these Papers described the the work which had been done by Lincolnshire family historians to index all the marriages which are recorded in the county's parish registers between 1754 and 1837 - arranged by deanery. The article listed all the Pulvertoft marriages (and those of the Pulford family who might have been their offsprings) and showed how they were distributed amongst the deaneries.

As was predicted, the Lincolnshire Family History Society has continued with the project and has published a new set of indexes (this time on microfiche) covering the period from 1700 to 1753. Five Pulvertoft marriages are included:

- 5 Jun 1709 Elizabeth PULVERTOFT* mar John PICKERING*
at St Margarets in the Close (Lincoln City)
- 13 Jun 1717 Robert PULVERTOFTE mar Amey Fox
at Horncastle St Mary (Horncastle Deanery)
- 23 Apr 1745 Mrs Eliza PULFORTOFT mar Mr Dimock CAUDREN
at Long Sutton (East Elloe Deanery)
- 19 Jan 1752 Mary PULVERTOFT mar Michael Keighley (sic)
at Holbeach (East Elloe Deanery)
- 19 Jul 1752 Amy PULVERTOFT* mar Robert PITTMAN*
at Fleet (East Elloe Deanery)

* = not resident in village where marriage took place

There were rather more Pulford marriages recorded in the period but, as these are earlier than the date when it was postulated in Vol 2, No 2 that there might be a connection between the names, they are not noted here.

The PULVERTOFT entries are a somewhat mixed bag:

The marriage of Elizabeth PULVERTOFT to John Pickering was already known from printed parish registers and the International Genealogical Index, although it has not previously been recorded in these pages as the marriage cannot be related to any of the family groups.

The marriage of Robert PULVERTOFT to Amey Fox is well documented and will be found amongst "The Pulvertofts of Horncastle, Spalding & Gedney" in Vol 1, No 3 - even though her surname is recorded there as Foe not Fox.

The marriage of Mrs Eliza PULFORTOFT to Mr Dimock Caudren is completely new and does not immediately relate to any of the established family groups. The unusual spelling and the fact that there were members of the PULFORD family in Long Sutton (Vide Vol 3, No 8) must make one wonder whether there is some connection and, perhaps, some work in the Long Sutton register for the period might tell us what it was.

The marriage of Mary PULVERTOFT to Michael Keightley will also be found amongst "The Pulvertofts of Horncastle, Spalding & Gedney" in Vol 1, No 3.

The marriage of Amy PULVERTOFT to Robert PITTMAN was already known from the Fleet parish registers and the IGI but, like the first entry, has not previously been recorded in these papers.

The absence of more previously unknown PULVERTOFT marriages in the county suggests that our knowledge of the family is fairly comprehensive and, when added to the entries for the period 1745-1837, allows us to conclude that by the 18th century the PULVERTOFT family in Lincolnshire was on its last legs.

NOTES & QUERIES

Birth

Congratulations to Robert and Annette Pulvertaft (M64T & M114T) on the birth of their daughter Amelia Grace on 31 July 1997 at Salisbury.

Baptism

Jonathon James David Pulvertaft, son of Rupert and Sally Pulvertaft (M69T & M111T) was baptised at St Christopher's Church, Royal Marine Barracks, Stonehouse on 1 June 1997.

Engagement

Sarah Pulvertaft and Craig Richardson announced their engagement on 6 June 1997.

Marriages

For details of the marriages of Belinda Pulvertaft and Sarah Pulvertaft see pages 10 to 13 of this issue.

