

# Newsletter of the Shard\*low Study Group

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## **Comment**

It has been my practice to include Christmas Greetings in the letter which John has been kind enough to publish in the run up to the festive season. This year I failed to coordinate the timing appropriately so instead may I wish everyone a happy and successful New Year.

## **New Contacts**

Catherine Cowan, writing from Australia, caused me to look at a branch which I had not previously researched, I knew the name occurred in Sheffield in the 1881 census but I had not had cause to follow it up. It turned out to be another branch of the large family centered on Shardlow, Derbyshire which was referred to in the last [Shards](#).

About the same time John (our Webmaster) sent me a message he has received from a relation who had a photograph thought to be the wife of Drake Shardalow who was born in 1797. Depending on the lady's age when the photograph was taken this could be the earliest photographic picture of a Shardalow so we eagerly await a copy.

## **First Names**

Reading the last item you might think a mistake had been made with the name Drake Shardalow but I assume it comes from the maiden name of his mother's mother Eliza Drake. Around that time some families followed a complex pattern of christening children with the first name of parents and grandparents but this is the first case I have found of using a surname as a first name. When it became the fashion to give children two or more names in addition to their surname it was not unusual for the second or third name to be the mother's maiden name or that of some one who had a special significance for the parents. Recently I have come across a Drake/Shardelaw marriage but I have not yet established if it is the same family.

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## London Family

Cliff Shardalow has sent me a photograph thought to have been taken about 1920, it is reproduced below. I was particularly glad to have this because it includes Henry Walter (Harry) Shardalow (the tall chap on the end of the back row) mentioned in [Shards #24](#) dated July 2002. With him are his parents

Albert George & Emma Amelia née Stone together with his wife, Emma née Ginn and his brothers and sisters. Harry had an elder brother (not on photograph) who was killed in the last weeks of WWI, Harry was also in the Army but survived only to be killed with his wife and daughter while working in Civil Defence during the Blitz of 1941.



## Publicity

As mentioned in the last Newsletter I sent an article on the Shardlow name to the Derbyshire FHS which was published in their December journal. Unfortunately my mention of the Shadlow family in Australia ([Shards #32](#)) was altered to read Shardlow which rather missed the point of mentioning it. I have asked for this to be corrected in the next issue.