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Dear Mrs Brown,

Thank you for your recent letter about the name Hughesman and variants. The following are all my entries in the years 1813-1837. before 1813 West Kent is covered by the index compiled by Mr.S.G.Smith, 59 Friar Road, Orpington, Kent

b=bachelor sp=spinster w=widow(er) otp=of this parish B=Banns L=Licence

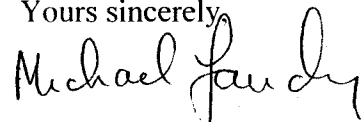
Hughesman

Caroline	sp	Thomas Diplock	b	B Tonbridge	Apr 13 1834 ✓
Elizabeth w (sig Eldridge)		Samuel Diplock ✓	b	B Tonbridge	Dec 13 1830 ✓
George	botp	Martha Monk ✓	spotp	B High Halstow	Apr 24 1820
→x Jane	spotp	William Clark	botp	B E Wickham	May 11 1815
Mary Ann	spotp	William Thomas Tapley	botp	B Gillingham	Sep 5 1826
→x Sarah	spotp	William Clark ✓	wotp	B Penshurst	Oct 21 1830
Sarah	wotp	Isaac Goodyer ✓	wotp	B Chatham	Sep 6 1835
Stephen		Ann Crundell ✓		B Chislehurst	Jul 29 1816

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Amy	sp	Samuel Packham	b	B Speldhurst	Apr 18 1825
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Yours sincerely,



Michael Gandy



Mrs. B. M. Brown

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1851 Census index - Hughesman etc entries (contd)

1614/4e/136 (p.32/f.260) High Street, Tunbridge Wells, p. Tonbridge  
 Samuel Diplock Head Marr 47 Gardener Born Sussex, Rotherfield  
 Elizabeth " Wife " 53 Laundress Born Surrey, Coodham\*  
 Charles " Son Unm 18 Farm Labourer Born Kent, Tonbridge  
 Michael " " " 16 Brick Yard Lab. " " "  
 Robert Hughesman Wife's Father Widr 89 Wheelwright, Pauper (Blind)  
 Born Surrey, Tandridge  
 Mary Ann Thomas Serv Unm 20 Servant Born Kent, Gravesend  
 William Hughesman Wife's Brother Unm 46 Brick Yard Labourer  
 Born Kent, Tonbridge

(\*sic; perhaps = Cudham, Kent, near Surrey border??)

1617/1f/143 (p.52/f.150) Olivers Yard, Bank Street, p. All Saints,  
Maidstone

George Hughesman\* Head Marr 65\*\* Blacksmith Born Kent, Higham  
 Martha " Wife " 58 Born Kent, Eynsford (? -  
 altered from Ashford)  
 Robert " Son Unm 19 Labourer ("do") Born Kent, Gravesend  
 Henry " " " 16 " ("") " " Maidstone  
 Martha A. " Dau 12 Scholar " " "  
 Robert Woollett Lodger " 21(?) Labourer " " "

(\*surname apparently originally entered as "Hughes", and "-man" added,  
 correctly it would appear - see baptisms at Maidstone, on page 1)  
 (\*\*? - altered from 58, deleted)

1641/2b/14 (p.5/f.83) Orchard Cottage, Hartfield, Sussex, household of  
 Edward Everest, Ag. Lab., inc:-  
 Charles Hughesman Lodger Unm 45 Cordwainer Born Kent, Tonbridge

Chas. Code 20  
 Rob. Ann Knight  
 M.C. 1805 10 13  
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Dec 13 1996

Dear Mr. Brown,

Thank you for your letter of Dec 4, SAE, and cheque for £5.00, of which I acknowledge receipt in full payment. I will type those entries from my Nonconformist etc index below, and hope they may be of some interest, even though probably "Ousnam" as mentioned before. Incidentally, I noted the births many years ago; I would have checked those now, but I find I do not have film of the relevant register (I think I have 1/5 and some others, but not 1/4, unfortunately). Although I hope those details are correct, you might wish to check for yourself. I agree that to take in all the "Heasman" type names would be too much, as I did say in my recent letter indeed; what I was trying to say was that, although I had realised, even before, that the "Hughesman" variants might "tend" towards those of "Heasman", I did not mention this before as I did not want to confuse the issue. Anyway, I think you have made the right choice, so I hope these may be of some slight interest!

Yours sincerely,

*Matthew Copus*

Matthew Copus.

Nonconformist etc index - all Ousnam / Ousman references:-

Parish register of St. Nicholas Rochester, P306/1/4 - the following births (and notes of baptisms) are taken from a list of children who were "Born in this parish & not baptized by y<sup>e</sup> Vicar of it", which appears at the back of this register:-

1710 Dec 15	Anne dau of Andrew & Rebacca Ousnam ("R") (baptised - n.d.)
1711 Jan 14	Rebecca dau of Andrew & Rebecca Ousman ("R") (baptised 1711 Jan 15)
1714 Mar 29	Mary dau of Andrew & Rebacca Ousnam ("R") (baptised 1714 Apr 21)
1715 Aug 13	John son of Andrew & Rebacca Ousnam ("R") (baptised 1715 Aug 26)
1718 Mar 25	William son of Andrew & Rebacca Ousnam ("R") (baptised 1718 Apr 4)

("R" presumably means that they lived within the City of Rochester?)

Rochester Consistory Court Will

The Will of William Peckham of Chatham, salesman (dated 1711 June 7) - a very long Will, mentioning many relatives and others - includes mention of William Ousnam (?of Chatham?), one of 12 men made overseers of the Will (to assist the testator's wife Agnes, his executrix), and one of the six of these men "to be assisting at my funeral"; each of overseers given one gold ring of the value of 12/-, to be delivered by the executrix before testator's funeral.....

(Codicil dated 1715 Oct 29. Will proved 1716 Aug 30. Original Will ref. DRb/Pw 49; registered copy Will ref. DRb/Pwr 31/58 - CKS, Maidstone.)

(This Peckham Will was included in this index because a connection was found with a Tavenor family, who were Nonconformists, also a Walmsley family and others.)