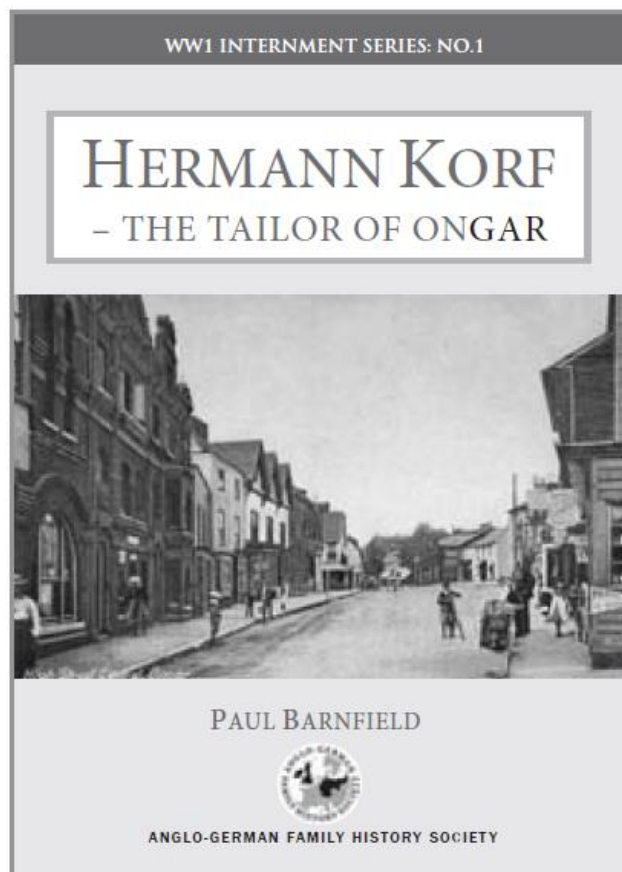


Hermann Korf – the Tailor of Ongar

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This is a story of an 'ordinary' German – a tailor who emigrated to England in search of a better life – who settled in Ongar, a small market town in Essex, and gradually built up his business as a ladies outfitter. This new-found prosperity was rudely interrupted by the First World War. In 1915 at the age of 50 he was interned for using the telephone – forbidden to 'alien enemies' under the Defence of the Realm Act. He was released after a short period of detention thanks to the intervention of friends and supporters, but his business never really recovered and he died in 1921. This account is based on the large amount of personal papers that have survived which graphically illustrate many facets of his life.

His story is complemented by that of his daughter, who herself led a long and interesting life which she was able to recall with unusual vividness in her reminiscences.

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