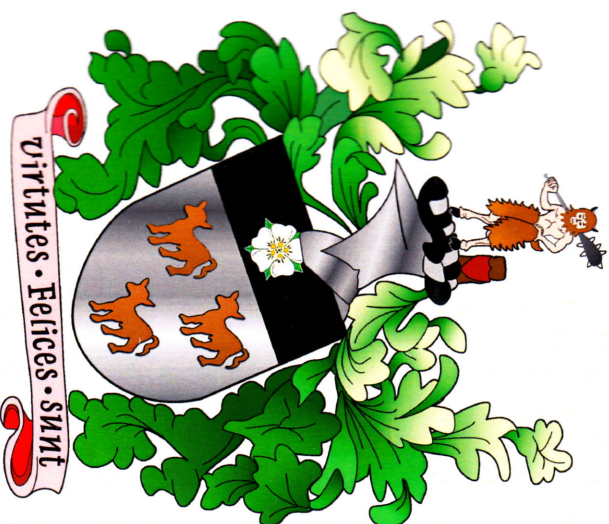


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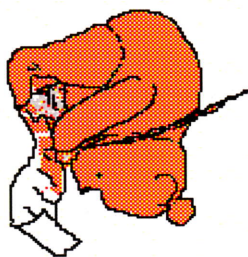
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FROM THE EDITOR



It has been a difficult winter which has affected each of us in different ways. Coping with circumstances not the norm is not always easy but it is surprising how we adapt often quite quickly. As matters start to show signs of improvement spirits hopefully lift and we rise to the new challenges.

When I started out on this issue of the Mecca News my enthusiasm was not high and I wondered if I could fill all the pages. However as I put it to bed ready for the printers I have had to leave one or two pieces for the next time. From articles on perhaps little known religious sects which had a significant effect on Dales life; a piece on the Somme battle which touched many families and which reverberates down to the present day plus individual stories I am quite pleased with the result! I hope you feel the same way.

I am always on the lookout for new sources and ideas for articles. If there are any matters you think members would be interested in send the information on to me and I will see what can be done.

Julian Metcalfe M902 and his wife Pamela celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in February and I trust they had an enjoyable time. My congratulations to them. Perhaps we can have a photograph for the Mecca News Julian? Have you got a special event coming up or enjoyed one recently? Why not let me know? In the meantime here's to a much improved summer.



Ledes

The Nappa coat of arms as described in the 1665-66 Herald's Visitation of Yorkshire, with the possible amendments suggested by Walter & Gilbert in the Metcalfe Records, for the fourth quartering.



Clithrow

From Metcalfe History of the Clan Page 244



INGHAMITES & SANDEMANIANS

After the religious upheaval of the 1600's and the ability after 1690 to openly practice non-conformity those dissenters with the established church set up religious groups outside the Church of England. However there were those who remained within the Church but sought change.

In the late 1720's students from university colleges in Oxford started to meet and pray together, amongst them the Wesley Brothers John and Charles. They worked hard in trying to change the Established Church and sought ways to bring the word of God to the masses. However the Church hierarchy and many of the incumbents saw this movement for reform as a threat to their authority and too radical in its approach. Nonetheless the Wesleys continued to preach and attempt reform within the Church until the Methodist movement started by the brothers finally broke away in the latter part of the 18th century.

Whilst the Wesley's in particular tried reform within the Established church others found the Church's resistance too strong and sought their own way outside of the Church of England. A number were attracted to the Moravian movement which originated in Bohemia (now the Czech Republic) which based its teachings on Christian Unity, personal piety and music. One of Wesley's Group John Ingham was particularly taken with the sect and visited them in the late 1730's. On his return he, like John Wesley, embarked on a travelling ministry. Whilst Wesley rode over 250,000 miles on horseback across Great Britain and Ireland until his eighties, Ingham concentrated his efforts across the north and east of England establishing a number of religious groups from Westmorland to Lincolnshire.

Ingham initially remained within the Established Church but by the 1750's he had grown away from the Cof E and was in fact running a separate sect. In the 1760's he fell under the influence of



Gayle Sandemanian Hall and Graveyard.
(Gayle Mill in background)



John Glas. The Glasites (founded in 1730 in Scotland and known as Sandemanians, from Glas's son-in-law Robert Sandeman, in England), had a significant influence on Dales religious life including Upper Wensleydale where they were particularly strong.

The main centre of the Ingham/Sandemanian Group in the Dales was at Gayle (*almost adjacent to Gayle Mill*) near Hawes where their meeting hall still stands and graves including those of Metcalfes are still in evidence. Ingham died in 1772 but the Sandemanians continued strongly into the 19th century with one of their more famous adherents in the mid 1800's being the scientist Michael Faraday. The sects, which were always relatively small in numbers kept breaking away and reforming and over time they lost their influence. Their teachings are now largely forgotten and apart from their buildings and some records have left little behind.

There are registers for the church in the National Archives at Kew and included are meeting centres at Kenhall, Eden Valley, Harden, Leeds, Salterforth, Tadcaster and Winewall. There are also copies at the Yorkshire Archeological Society in Leeds for the Grindaleford (Clitheroe) congregation.

Some of the old meeting places have attached graveyards whose details may have been transcribed by local societies. The graveyard at Gayle has some interesting stones including ones from those who left Wensleydale for Liverpool in the 1800's and an ancestry of those who stayed like the descendants of Isaac Metcalfe who died in 1794 (*see picture*).



If you believe that your Mecca ancestors were dissenters and you can't find any details on our database why not look at the dissenting records you might just find something of interest. Don't forget to send any details into our Archivist Brian Metcalfe (*see inside front cover for contact details*).

DEADLINE for the August Mecca News is 20 June 2010.

Articles comments or snippets to the Editor.



30 YEARS ON

THE NEXT GENERATION



ANNUAL AGM & MUSTER

at

The Dales Countryside Museum

Hawes Wensleydale

on Saturday 9 October 2010

(If you haven't already done so make a note in your diaries now!)

Guest Speaker - Lady Mary Teviot, President of the Federation of Family History Societies

Display featuring "Metcalfes who left the Dales"

See enclosed initial booking form with this issue.

Early Irish maps at The National Archives (TNA).

TNA has made available for the first time online a collection of early Irish maps (c.1558 - c.1610). They depict plantations, fortifications and townships from the reigns of Elizabeth I and James I. The maps often name the local chiefs and major families in an area, providing useful information for family historians. You can obtain more information at

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/>

irishmaps.asp



The Mecca Cavalier

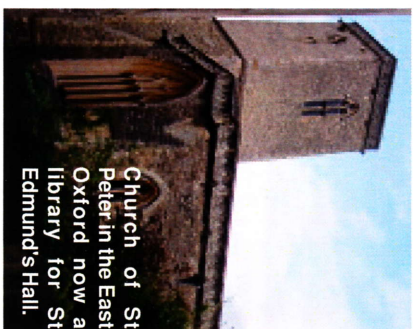


King Charles's main force was based in Oxford from 1643

Major Scrope Metcalfe, the second son of Sir Thomas Metcalfe and possibly a cousin to Theophilus the scribe, was an officer in the army of King Charles 1st. During early September 1645 the officers commanding the Kings troops in Oxford were made aware that Colonel Richard Greaves of the Parliamentary army was encamped, with a considerable force of 800 men at Thame Oxfordshire.

Colonel William Legge, the King's Governor of Oxford resolved to eject the Parliamentary troops from Thame. Accordingly on Saturday 6th September 1645 he sent 400 cavalry under the command of Colonel David Walter (High Sheriff of Oxfordshire) and his brother Colonel Robert Legge. He also sent 60 men with muskets of the Governors Regiment under the command of Major Scrope Metcalfe.

When they arrived the town proved to have been extremely well protected and barricaded on every possible way into the town. Never the less Major Metcalfe with considerable courage and leadership charged one of the barricades. The Major with seven men leaped from their horses, removed the barricade of carts to open the road. He then chased the parliamentary troops, killing several men on his way through the town, to the market place. It was here that the Cavaliers defeated Colonel Greaves who had made a stand with 200 cavalry. The



Church of St Peter in the East Oxford now a library for St Edmund's Hall.

Cavaliers then withdrew towards Oxford City with about 100 prisoners and up to 300 horses. They had travelled about 2 miles when the Parliamentary troops came on them from the rear but Colonel Legge charged them and they retreated in great haste, after they had regrouped they attacked again wherein they were again repulsed for the final time.

On Sunday the 7th September 1645 as dawn was breaking the Cavaliers again attacked with the hope of surprising the parliamentary army. However they were not quick enough as a sentry woke his comrades. Many fought in their night clothes; one Parliamentary soldier quartered with the vicar was warning his boots while the fighting was taking place outside, when the Cavaliers entered the house the soldier hid in the garden. In another case a few Parliamentary men had killed a deer in Thame Park and made a venison pie, when they were surprised by the Cavaliers. After the Parliamentarians were scattered the local schoolboys were allowed to eat the pie.

It was during this skirmish that Major Metcalfe was shot in the arm. He died on the 14th September 1645 in the house of John Egerly, near University College and is buried in the church of St Peter in the East. He did not leave a will, but a caveat issued by the Church Court stated that the administration of his goods were not to be dealt with until his brother James Metcalfe had been informed.

*The above information was obtained from Oxfordshire County Record Office by **George Buxton M3.***

From **David Lambert M11** **Medieval & Tudor Kent Wills at Lambeth**

Book 26 Page 659.

John Meacalfe - Will 20 July 1560
JOHN MEATCALFE of the parishes of Tenterden
20 July 1560, 2 Elizabeth.

To be buried in the churchyard of the parishes church.
To Agnes my daughter 10s and my little cove which I bought of John Gervis widow the which cove to be paid to the use and profite of the saied Agnes. I will the saied 10s. and the saied cove be paid unto the saied Agnes my daughter at her age of 14 yeres and yf my wife do fortune to marry before I will my wife shall paie and deliver the 10s and cove to my saied daughter before my wife be married.

Proved 24 September 1560 by relict Elizabeth
[see fol 307 Parker 1]. [309a Parker 1.]



Society

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David Metcalfe M46 has constructed a spreadsheet for the Society's newspaper cuttings and he has already scanned 345 articles as JPG pictures. These will be integrated into the Society's database in the near future.

The West Yorkshire Archive Service has received Heritage Lottery Funding for digitising tithe records for Leeds. It is now complete & will be available online. It is hoped that they will be able to extend to other areas of West Yorkshire in the future.

Brian Metcalfe M1554 - Yorkshire Group of FHS's Representative

WILLS PROJECT The number of transcribed wills on the website now stands at 580, an additional 89 since March 2009. Most wills added over the last year have been those acquired for the Society by **Margaret Hodgson M515** from the Preston RO, and those transcribed and collected by **George Buxton M3**, the latter mainly relating to Meccas connected with India. There are no outstanding wills for transcription or promises of further wills being made available. **Edwin Metcalf M980**.

I attended the Who Do You Think You Are - Live event at Olympia London in February. This was a national event and was busy on all 3 days (about 10,000 persons) especially crowded on Day 2: they closed the doors and caused a riot stopping persons from entering with pre-paid tickets!! I represented the society on the North West Group tables on 2 days. About 4 or 5 attendees admitted to having Metcalfe family and took away our leaflets which I handed out freely whenever the opportunity availed itself.

David Lambert M11. *(Our next event will be the YORK Family History Fair on Saturday 26 June 2010 from 10am at York Racecourse. Why not come along and see your Society?)*

NEW North West Group FHS Representative.

Brian Metcalfe M1554 succeeding **CS Metcalfe M305**.

WELCOME **Martin Metcalfe** our DNA Project Coordinator

has recently joined the Committee.

THANK YOU to **Ena Metcalfe M1554** and **Edwin Metcalfe M980**,

who have stepped down from the Committee, for their sterling work and efforts.



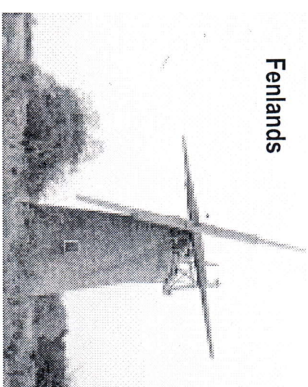
RIOT!

Now our ancestors were never averse to a spot of bother if they considered that the authorities were overstepping their legal limits. The Barons forced King John to sign the Magna Carta in 1215 and when King Henry VIII decided to dissolve the English Monasteries for the most altruistic of reasons - greed - men of the Dales were incensed enough to take up arms. It cost their ringleaders their heads and led to savage repressions by the authorities but that's another story entirely. Further disagreements between State and populace saw the English Civil War tear the country apart for most of a generation and led to further religious intolerance after the restoration of the Monarchy in 1660 in which Metcalfe's took their part as persecutor and victim. So it should come as no surprise that Metcalfe's, this time on the side of authority, were involved in a significant disturbance in eastern England in the early nineteenth century.

The war with Napoleonic France had eventually been settled by the English led alliance defeating the French forces at Waterloo in June 1815. After some twenty years of upheaval and war, peace returned to Great Britain and the soldiers and sailors returned to their homes to take up their lives and their occupations. However the transition from war to peace was not a smooth path as the country's industry adjusted to a new economy. The summer of 1815 was the worst in living memory. A volcanic eruption on the other side of the world mean that ash obscured the sun giving little sunshine and causing a severe crop failure. The cost of food went up which coinciding with the glut of men discharged from the services looking for work, saw prices rise and wages fall - a potential incendiary situation.

It was in the little known town of Littleport in the Cambridgeshire fenslands in late spring of 1816 that a conflagration occurred. The area was mainly agricultural and the farm workers in employment received at a wage of around 9s (45p) per week. There was little other work and what there was was poorly paid so many went hungry or sought local relief. On 22 May there was a meeting at the Globe Hotel in Main Street where those seeking help met officials of the local benefit club.

Fenlands



Feelings ran high that night. News of the loss of jobs at a local farm run by a profligate owner had circulated only a few hours earlier and details of other lay offs and disputes in the area including one at Downham Market were



being discussed. Some sixty local people were in attendance and support from local towns especially those which had had problems were expected. Whilst they waited and discussed their situation the crowd consumed the local ale. After a while the more enthusiastic (or drunk) amongst the gathering decided it was time for action. What the action was to be wasn't clear but something needed to be done.

A local man then went out with a horn and looked to encourage more of the 2000 population to join the gathering. Soon there were hundreds of people inside and outside the Globe Hotel and the assembly was getting more and more boisterous. Latecomers appeared with farm implements, clubs and the like and at some stage they took off down Main Street. The crowd first came to the Wiles grocery store, broke windows and demanded money. Mrs Wiles in fear of her life offered them £1 and they accepted a bank token worth 1/6d (7.5p). The disturbance was now turning into a full blown riot. Other shops in the street were attacked and ransacked and the owners attacked and beaten when they refused to give the crowd money; others were robbed and monies taken. It was at this stage the vicar Reverend John Vachell, also the local magistrate attempted to read the Riot Act but was manhandled and sent packing.

The rioters then turned their wrath on the local farmer who had dismissed some of his workforce that day. He was a parish officer responsible for relief and well known for his meanness. Reckoning was at hand. When the rioters appeared at his door he left quickly leaving his grandmother and her friend to fend for themselves. Furniture was smashed and monies taken and the mob then headed towards the vicar's house. The vicar/magistrate attempted to buy them off. His money was taken and more demanded. A pistol was produced and the rioters were threatened but the magistrate was pushed aside and his home ransacked. In the ensuing mayhem he and his family set off for Ely some 5 miles away.

The riot ran its course in Littleport and the nucleus of the rioters reassembled at the the Globe Hotel. Aware of possible repercussions some went home but the more involved felt that there was little to lose and decided to march to Ely. Meanwhile Rev Vachell had reached Ely appraised two local magistrates of the situation in Littleport and they in turn had sworn in Ely shop owners and responsible workers as special constables and sent a message to the Royal Dragon Guards based at Bury St Edmunds, around twenty five miles away, for help.

It was early on the morning of 23 May that the local special constables led by Ely magistrate **Reverend William Metcalfe** stopped the Littleport mob north of the town. He read the Riot Act to the 250 rioters and asked for their demands.



They wanted flour and a living wage and Metcalfe agreed to their demands. He then told them they should return home. However they were not ready to stand down so with the magistrate's agreement they assembled in the Ely Market Place where they were joined by disgruntled Ely residents.

The Littleport and Ely magistrates then discussed the situation and Metcalfe set out their proposals to the mob: namely that the local parish would pay an improved relief and ameliorate the price of flour. The crowd agreed and free beer was dispensed to the crowd to cement the arrangement. A further riot ensued mainly driven by the now inebriated Ely townspeople!

Later that day the Dragoons made an appearance in Ely and the rioters melted away. The following day the Dragoons rode on to Littleport where they found the local mob - made of sterner stuff than the Ely discontents - entrenched behind a barricade and not about to give up easily. Shots were fired and a minor skirmish ensued with a couple wounded from each side before the mob was put to flight. In the aftermath some eighty rioters were arrested, five of the ringleaders hanged, five transported for life - a further four for up to 14 years and eleven imprisoned in Ely jail.

*William Metcalfe was born in Ingleton in 1752 and died in Ely in 1827. He is the ancestor of **M1648 Elizabeth M Metcalfe**. William appears in some Home Office records for the Ely Quarter Sessions in 1799 concerning the remission of punishment for a fortune teller Elizabeth Palmer due to her state of health and in Cambridgeshire criminal records concerning the prosecution of one of the rioters. William was ordained a priest in 1799 and became a precentor and minor Canon at Ely Church. In the church there is a tablet commemorating the burial of the five men executed for their part in the riot.*

Supplied by **Edwin Metcalf M980** inspired by Littleport Local Interest Articles at www.norfolkbroads.com. Further details from vcp.e2bn.org (Victorian Crime&Punishment); British History online (www.british-history.ac.uk) and The National Archives.



"Gentlemen what will you have to desist?" Someone answered £30....they continued breaking the windows. ...addressing them again and said "what will you have now?" Some person answered £10. If they would stop...he would undertake to find Mr Cooper (owner of the shop)... Mr Cooper went into the shop...After the first £5 was given which he saw Mr Metcalfe pay to Dennis (one of the alleged ringleaders), he heard Atkin say "the Ely people had as much right to £5 as the Littleport people" and added "that witness had agreed to pay £10". He said "yes he had agreed." Saw Mr Metcalfe with the second £5 in his hand.
From Victorian Crime & Punishment

Thanks to his good nature our editor has permitted me to write this about 7 days before it is sent to print. I wanted to be able to report some of the matters which I knew would be discussed at the committee meeting last weekend in Hawes. No fire or burglar alarms this time (see my December notes!).

The committee met last year to do some strategic thinking, successfully I believe. It was recognised as being only a job half done. 2 sub groups were tasked with developing the thoughts we had generated. The committee this weekend have decided to hold a special follow up session in the summer to finalise the process and reach some conclusions. Fit I trust for our next generation of members as well as our existing ones!

This year we celebrate our 30th anniversary. How quickly that seems to have followed the unforgettable 25th and before that our 21st 'coming of age' celebrations. 30 years is generally counted as a generation and that is a theme we intend to follow through this year: we will focus on how we can progress the Society for the next generation of family historians who are interested in our Metcalfe clan. A number of articles from our 'archives' will I think be included in Mecca News this year, space permitting.

Looking back over 30 years makes me appreciate the debt we owe to the relatively small but enthusiastic and committed body of volunteers who have served on the committee (and in certain cases still do!). How fortunate we have been to find the people with the right talents and abilities when we needed them most, enabling us to keep up with changes in technology and to encourage new members to join and a large proportion to stay with us. Names such as Vera Adams and Mary Metcalfe who founded the Society, Nina Benson, Helen Offer, Dorothy Pope, Warwick Metcalfe, John Holden, Diane Howarth, George Buxton spring to mind. Those involved on the committee Charles Metcalfe our President, Peter Dobson and David Metcalfe have all been involved with the committee for half the life of the Society - probably longer!

Chairman's Jottings

Unfortunately though, it has proved difficult over the years to replace outgoing committee members at a level we ideally need. It is against this that, with regret, I have to announce 2 more resignations. Ena our stalwart secretary and new member secretary has resigned, although fortunately for us Brian, her husband, our archivist is carrying on. I thank Ena for handling the role for us after Diane Howarth resigned a few years ago. Ena got on with the job, quietly and efficiently. You were hardly aware she was doing things behind the scenes. But she most certainly was! The sign of a professional! It will not be easy to replace her but that's what we must do. We were able to re-allocate some of the secretarial duties within the committee this last



weekend. Thanks to Liz Waller the new members' role is in safe hands. Brian Metcalfe is going to be our representative on the North West and Yorkshire groups of Family History societies. I will be our contact with the Federation of Family History Societies and we have a new contact for the Guild of One Name Studies in Peter Dobson

Whilst this is all very good it is still concentrating more jobs in fewer hands! Fortunately the days when the Society's first port of call was the secretary have to a certain extent gone. We have wisely split over the years the original job between several people by creating new roles and tasks. This delegation means that the committee are not panicking as much as we would have done years ago! This is not to belittle the loss that Ena's resignation means to us. It is never easy to find a good secretary! I am sure you all join with me in thanking her for doing such a good job for us and wish her a happy retirement. The second resignation was that of our assistant archivist Edwin Metcalfe. He is stepping down on medical advice. Another example of a person who deserves our thanks for his quiet, devoted and efficient service. Under his co-ordination we were able to regenerate the Wills index and transcription project. This is one of our oldest projects and Edwin has left us a great asset but as usual.....there is still a lot more to be done! Edwin will be hard to replace. Margaret Hodgson M515 has agreed to help but if there are any of you who would like to help by transcribing old wills we would love to hear from you, just as we would like to have a replacement secretary too! We can provide job descriptions for both!

I am hoping that this year we will develop our projects looking to the next 30 years (well maybe a bit shorter than that!). We have several mini projects on going. Liz Waller has indexed Prisoner of War records relating to Metcalfes and is hoping to complete one on Passenger lists by the Muster! There is so much information now available from archives that it is easier for one or two members to try to extract Metcalfe and related entries. What we need though is to know what you plan to do to avoid duplication and make sure it fits in with our primary aims. So we could do with a new projects co-ordinator.

David Metcalfe M46 needs, as does everyone on the committee, someone to shadow them to ensure that when one of us is ill or away or resigns, there is someone able to step in and carry on the good work. My thanks go to him for the effort he has put into maintaining the Index and getting it on line with Carol's guidance. The fact that we have now got so much of our records online, for members to see, is really good news and we can still print off items for those who do not use a computer!

So my annual plea: please do think about what you can do in this our



30th anniversary year to help the Society of which you are a member. If every member spent just one hour a year on a Society project we would have about 450 hours worth of project work! So please think about it. If you have more time to spare then a committee post awaits you!!

Do make a note in your diary for the Muster! We are joining the Upper Dales museum in participating with them in an exhibition at Leyburn which ends on our Muster weekend. The theme is Dales families and why they left. If you have any details of why your family left the Dales and where they went please let us know. Contact Lesley Longworth M68 our Muster organiser about this initially. We will also hope to start an oral history archive for the Society. Your recollections of the family are just what we want! We plan to provide facilities at the Muster for you to speak about your family and your reminiscences. Watch this space for more details in August!!

As you can see it has been a hectic year so far and is going to be a very busy summer preparing for the future and our Muster. Please try to come! Lets outnumber the 25th record attendance!! **David Lambert M11.**

Without wishing to spoil Julian Metcalfe's note in the last edition of Mecca News my husband and I celebrated our Diamond wedding anniversary on Dec 28th 2009 complete with a card from the Queen including her best wishes for Christmas as the card had to be sent just before Christmas! We were tickled to bits about this which was thanks to our eldest daughter who had arranged it through the Lieut. Governor's office here in Jersey. Our second daughter was able to come over from New Zealand with her husband and 3 children and completing the picture our youngest daughter came over for the holiday and celebrations from London with

Please advise Julian Metcalfe William M.D.Roe, M871 and Elizabeth Phillips Roe celebrated 65 years of marriage June 10, 2009. The first 65 years are the most difficult. Happy Anniversary!

Here is one for your collection. Our Rector, who is Chinese, has just been to China for the first time and he reported this in his pew sheet notes on Sunday: Rev. **George Edgar Metcalf**, a British missionary, and his family went to China in 1906 and lived among the East Lisu people in the mountain Taoqu Village of Yunnan Province. He became their pastor and



started translating the New Testament into the East Lisu. He and his family left China in 1951 and he died in 1954. I've just looked him up on Google and there is quite a bit about him. I wonder where he came from? **Shirley Withers M33.** (Our database was checked but no link was found to George Edgar. Perhaps someone out there knows his antecedents? - Editor)

Find the Metcalfe - From George Buxton M3 Via Upper Dales Family History Group. Go to the London Gazette's online page at www.london-gazette.co.uk. One search brought the following. In Richmond Gaol for debt on 26 July 1774 **currier Leonard Metcalfe late of But House in the parish of Grinton.** (I had a quick look as George suggested and found 13000+ M/e's 2000+ M/d'e's and a few hundred other derivatives! Now there's a research job for someone - Editor.)

I have researched my branch of the clan for some time and although not complete am satisfied with what I have achieved, thanks to all the information provided by the Society at the start of my quest.

One member I have had little success with is my uncle THOMAS WALTER METCALFE born 13 July 1881. I know he married some time after 1901 and emigrated to Canada (Montreal). I checked the marriage records at Hertford Archives and found a certificate reference for a Thomas W Metcalfe marriage dated 31 December 1910. I took a chance and sent for the certificate; alas not THOMAS WALTER but THOMAS WILLIAM.

North Yorkshire Quarter Sessions - Coroner's Inquests 1813
24 Feb 1813. **Charles Metcalf**, Gunnerside, accident by falling down a precipice. From **George Buxton M3**

Can anyone give me any information re a suffragette called Gertrude Metcalfe Shaw? I know she was awarded a medal by the WSPU in recognition of a gallant action. My Grandparents were Richard Metcalfe who married Ann Shaw (See M58 Birth Brief.) I've tried many ways but cannot find even her name.
Kathleen Robinson M1088.

Your e-mails and letters

So this certificate is "surplus to requirements" so I thought an entry in the next issue giving the details may find an interested party in which case I am quite happy to forward the certificate on to them FOC and who knows it may be their missing link! **Robert A Metcalfe M1207.** Contact phone no: 01707 326079.

Certificate details: 31 December 1910 at New Seaham County Durham. Thomas William Metcalfe age 32 & Charlotte Deans age 24. Church of England Parish Church New Seaham, Registration District of Easington, Co Durham.



Sarah Ellen

My maternal grandmother, Sarah Ellen Dobson was born on the 19th October 1885 at 9 Osborne Place in Hunslet, Leeds. She was the third child born to John Dobson and Alice Metcalf. Sarah had two brothers, Edward and Francis and three sisters Mary-Jane, Hannah and Alice.

The 1901 Census shows the family now living at 10 Higgins Street, Hunslet. Sarah now 15 years of age is employed as a bootmaker's assistant. Her father is listed as a coal miner and her mother is working from home as a greengrocer. This latter occupation puzzled me as I wondered where the produce came from. I decided to investigate at the Central Library, Leeds where the staff were very helpful. I thought there might have been allotments nearby but maps from 1906 and 1910 show a densely industrialised district. I also looked in the Trade Directories and found, under Higgins Street, John Dobson, listed as a shopkeeper. My question about the produce is still unanswered.

Sarah Ellen and my grandfather William Thorpe were married on Christmas Day in 1911 at the Parish Church of St Jude's in Hunslet, according to the Established Church. Sarah's address at that time was 78 Grape Street, Hunslet. The family seemed to move house quite a lot. Maybe, as houses were rented in those days it was easier to move when more children came along.

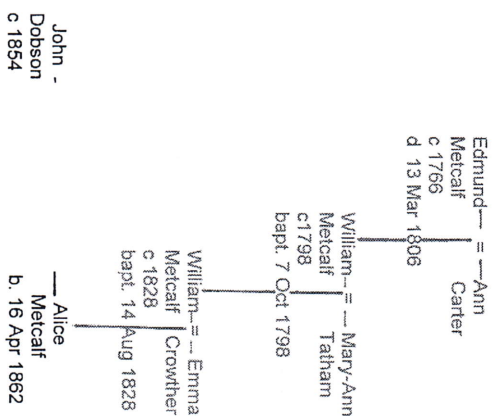
Sarah and William lived in Albert Street, Hunslet after their marriage, first at no 47 and finally at no 30. It was a small terraced house at the top of Albert Street though I believe there had been an adjoining house to the right which was destroyed by a bomb in the war.

Sarah and William had five children. Alice who was born in 1912 and Hannah in 1915. Both girls were named after Sarah's younger sisters. Twin boys were born in 1917 and named John and Henry after their grandfathers but sadly died as infants. On the 18th September 1921 my mother, Elizabeth Ann was born.

I never knew my grandmother as she died 8 years before my birth but my elder cousins Hazel and Pat both lived with our grandparents and said that she was a lovely lady, really kind and gentle. She must have had a mischievous streak as my cousins said when they skipped school and the boardman was on the prowl she told them to hide under the kitchen table. My mum often said she wished she were more like her mother as she had the patience of a saint, was beautiful and a good cook.



Sarah must have had a hard life caring for the family and also working at a local mill. Of course there were no labour saving appliances in the home and even when I visited granddad when I was very young I remember that there were only two tiny rooms downstairs. The scullery (complete with tin bath) and the living kitchen, with the black ovens at the side of the fire. There was the wooden table by the window and armchairs by the fire and granddad's bed by the wall. Of course there was no indoor toilet in grandma's time. My cousins said Sarah always looked old and tired and always wore black or brown with a shawl.



The Metcalf line of Sarah Ellen's Family Tree

I have a great affinity with the Dales and think this must be the reason. The district around Leyburn is very beautiful and I feel sorry for my ancestors if they had to move from these wonderful surroundings to settle in the dirt and pollution of the big city of Leeds. However, if they had not moved to Leeds Alice wouldn't have met John and Sarah wouldn't have been born, therefore I wouldn't be writing this story now.

From *Sarah Ellen 1885-1942* by **Linda Anne Cunningham (M1630)**
as supplied to Brian Metcalfe M1554.



In tracing my ancestors I have received valuable help from Brian Metcalfe, who is the archivist for the Metcalfe Society which I joined in 2005. Sarah Ellen's mother's family originated from Spennithorne in the Leyburn area of North Yorks.

Records show that her great-great grandfather Edmund Metcalf, who was born in 1766, died aged 40, whilst working in his mill. The family appear to have moved to Leeds in 1825 and settled there, although there may be descendants still living in North Yorks.

I Christopher Medcalf of Lancaster in the County of Lancaster Marriner Apprentice on Board the ship Betsy, Joseph Dickinson Master belonging to Messrs Abraham and John Rawlinson of Lancaster aforesaid Merchants being about to parts beyond the seas, but knowing the Uncertainty of Life, and being of sound and disposing Mind Memory and Understanding do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

Whereas I am intitled to receive from the Hands of the said Messrs Rawlinson's or their agents a share of the Prize money arising from the Sales of five French Vessels to wit, the ship Le Marquise de Brancas, the snow Epaminandos, the ship Le Renaul, the two Briggs, Le Nostour and La Eleonara with their Cargos captured by the said ship Betsy in company with others and being desirous or having the same and any other property I may die possessed of disposed of and divided as follows that is to say I give and Bequeath to my Aunt Elinor Medcalf of Lancaster aforesaid Spinster the sum of Twenty pounds to be paid her within Twelve Months next after my decease.

All the Rest Residue and Remainder of my Prize money Estate Effects whatsoever and wheresoever I give and Bequeath to my Brothers Geoffrey Medcalf and John Medcalf and my Sisters Agnes Medcalf and Elinor Medcalf and my Brothers or Sisters of the whole Blood hereafter to be born to be divided and paid to them by my Executors herein after named equally Share and Share alike as my said Brothers or Sisters attain their respective Age of Twenty one years and I do hereby Revoke all Wills by me heretofore and of this my last Will and Testament do nominate and appoint my father Anthony Medcalf of Dents Town in the County of York Yeoman sole Executor.

In Witness whereof I the said Christopher Medcalf have hereunto set my Hand and seal the Eighth Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Nine.

Christopher Medcalf

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the said Christopher Medcalf in the presence of us who in his presence at his Request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our Names as Witnesses the Words "the two Briggs Le Nostour and La Eleonara" being wrote upon Erasures in the presence of us.

Jas. Parkinson

Thos. Houts

21st March 1795 Anthony Medcalf sole Executor in this Will named was sworn well and truly to execute and perform the same and so forth, and that he believed all the personal Estate and Effects the above named Testator died possessed of or intitled to will not amount to the sum of Twenty pounds.

Before me

Jas. Watson, Surte.



WILLS.....

are a) useful; b) useless; c) informative; d) frustrating;
e) Eureka!; f) some or all of the above.

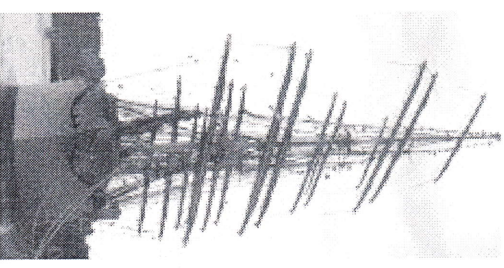
When **Edwin Metcalf M980** our Wills project co-ordinator gave me a copy of Christopher Medcalf's will (opposite) he felt it might be of interest given its references to the taking of French ships and prize money - little did he know where it would lead.

Many of the wills I have seen are purely a statement of where the deceased's effects will go - usually to a relict (the wife, sometimes husband and occasionally other relatives/friends etc). They could give a few details of family heirlooms or cash bequests to family members or friends but annoyingly they tend to be "to my wife/husband". If you are fortunate the will lists the furniture and effects (often including the bed and covers), possibly the livestock and crops and if a yeoman or merchant details of properties and fields. The further up the social scale the more complex the will and more detailed the information.

The will of Captain John Metcalf of Calcutta made in 1764 was relatively short but different in that it dealt with his slaves as well as the disposal of his effects. The will did not give details of his goods and chattels but the account lodged after the sale of his belongings lists some 200 lots including furniture, silver, glass, clothes, shoes, cloth, wine, crockery and another slave boy! Such detail including the recipients of his bequests would make any potential family members' eyes light up.

On first looking at Christopher's will it can seem initially disappointing. We are viewing a small value bequest which does not even amount to the £20 he looked to leave to his aunt, never mind any potential bequests to his siblings. Whatever money he had had not grown in the sixteen years since the making of the will in 1779.

However as you look more closely the will and its provance shows more information. It gives details of his father, where he lives, the brothers and sisters alive in 1779 and the hint that there might be further siblings in the offing (or perhaps he is covering all possibilities). It shows that he was between 14 and 21 years of age (since he is an apprentice in 1779 and apprenticeships lasted until the age of 21). He was



between 30 and 37 when he died (16 years after 1779) and that his father was still alive since he proved the will. It lists an aunt in Lancaster (and there were Metcalfe's in Lancaster from the late 1500's, including a mayor) which might provide further sources and reasons why he was leaving her his monies.

When the background to the owners of the vessel - the Rawlinsons - is investigated even more surprising details come to light. Abraham and John were brothers and partners until 1780 when Abraham (the eldest) became a Whig MP for Lancaster. Sons of a Cumbrian Quaker family, who had made their money in the early 18th century as ironmasters with a forge on the outskirts of Lancaster, the brothers fitted out ships for merchants trading with the West Indies. They became traders of rare woods like mahogany which ended up in the growing fine furniture business of Gillows (later Waring & Gillows) also in Lancaster before they expanded into owning plantations and slaves in Grenada. The family had links with other plantation owners based in Liverpool and Abraham who ran the family business grew the operation significantly after 1756 when his father died.

The latter part of the 1770's was somewhat of a turmoil with the America Colonies throwing off the rule of Great Britain and the French and Spanish taking advantage by harassing British trading interests overseas. In 1778 and 1779 there was a major build up of tension between the European competitors and some sea borne skirmishes occurred. The British government encouraged its merchant traders to protect their interests by providing letters of marque to act as private warships and attack foreign ships. It may be that Christopher's gains were as a result of an action when "*captured by the said ship Betsy in company with others*" the Rawlinsons took a commercial decision to become privateers.

What the will doesn't give us is information regarding Christopher's life in the intervening period and reasons for his ultimate death at a seemingly young age but there are other possible avenues to be explored namely maritime/merchant records associated with the Rawlinsons which might give some information; exploring the names of his other relatives and also the Lancaster link. So from an interesting but relatively straight forward will a lot of detail has been gleaned with a possibility of other information on offer.

Have your wills hidden secrets? Are there other ways of investigating and resolving those elusive gaps? When searching for clues don't forget to look at the information from a variety of angles you never know what you could turn up. Also remember look out for possible later codicils to the will or documents indicating when and where the will was proved and finally send your wills and any subsequent research to the Archivist (contact details front sheet) and we will look to include the details in the Society's database.



Metcalfe Clockmakers

Leon Metcalfe M320 wrote in reply to the President's Gleanings column:

I was interested to read, as I always am, your 'Gleanings' in the August edition of our excellent magazine as they touched on an area of particular interest to me. That interest is clocks and clockmakers. Quite naturally I am always pleased to read-and-discover information and facts about the lives of our forebears, the Metcalfe's.

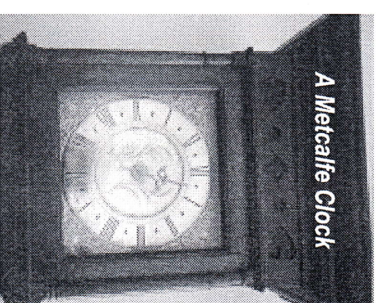
It is generally reckoned that clock-making came to Wensleydale by way of Halifax and the Quakers. In particular it is thought that John Ogden was driven out of Halifax in 1681 by people not taking kindly to John's support and membership of the Quaker movement. He settled in Bowbridge - between Bainbridge and Askrigg - and while there took a young Mark Metcalfe as an apprentice. Mark was born in 1687 and lived his life, with two wives, in Askrigg until he died in 1776, at about 89 years of age.

After serving his time with Ogden who, it is thought, later moved to Darlington, he became the clock master in Askrigg, and the Dale, and followed in his mentor's footsteps by taking on apprentices of his own and passing on his skills. The most noted of these 'lads' were Christopher Caygill (who rumour suggests was not the nicest of persons) and James Wilson. The latter is generally thought to be the better maker of the two, and many suggest he was the best clock-maker the Dale produced. The reason for this reputation could simply be that he died in early middle-age and therefore produced fewer clocks and the rarity value increased both reputation and re-sale price!

Caygill took his son Matthew to be his apprentice along with James Pratt (1757 - 1850). The former made very little of an impression on the clock-making world but another apprentice, John Stancilffe, was a success, and not just in clock-making, for he married Caygill's daughter - always a good move in business!

What I can't find in Askrigg, or Yorkshire, are clock makers by the names John Harker and Benjamin Lawson or a brother/s of Mark. My best source for the above is 'The Old Clockmakers of Yorkshire' by Dinsdale, published in 1946. I currently have four 'Metcalfe' clocks and each bears the name 'Mark'. Three of them name Askrigg, while the fourth does not. Perhaps this was made while Ogden held the 'Askrigg and district selling rites'! I would be interested to know your sources for the makers I cannot find.

Charles was unable to assist as the information had been gleaned from the record sleeve of "Yorkshire Pilgrimage" by Filey Fisherman's Harmony Group. Perhaps you have details of those missing clockmakers of Wensleydale?



M e m b e r s h i p N e w s

ARCHIVIST COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Many of you have used our database, which is now available to members online, either to begin or further your research. Please continue to send me your results. Not only will our research team be able to check your findings, (and with the proliferation of popular Christian names, it is so easy to be led down the wrong path) but you may have some facts of which we are unaware, and which could prove useful to other members. Now that the transfer of our data has been completed, **David Metcalfe M46** will be adding the many updates which we had on hold. I have had a number of letters & emails querying some of the information in our database. Please forgive me for the delay in dealing with them. I can assure you that they will all be investigated & you will be notified individually of the results. We do aim to be as accurate as possible, though some of the older records leave much to be desired.

Since writing this, I'm sorry to report that one of our Assistant Archivists, Edwin Metcalf, has had to resign due to ill health. Many of you will have had contact with him about your research & will, I am sure, be as sorry as I am to lose his services. On your behalf, I would like to thank him for all that he has done for members, during so many years & hope that he will soon be restored to his normal cheerful self. Our Committee Secretary, Margaret Hodgson, has offered to fill Edwin's position & I am delighted to welcome her to the research team.

Brian Metcalfe M1554

AMENDMENTS & BRIEFS FROM EXISTING MEMBERS

M1648 Ms Elizabeth Metcalfe 303 – 3400 Quadra Street, Victoria, British Columbia V8X 1G6 Canada emmetcalfe@shaw.ca
D.o Robert Gamble & Lilian Elsie (Meyer) Mte m 27 Sep 1930. Robert Gamble b 26 Nov 1900 Kensington s.o Kennard Golborne & Fanny Christie (Gamble) Mte m 1894 Kensington. Kennard Golborne b 1858 Little Shelford, Cambs s.o Frederick & Harriet (Kynaston) Mte. Frederick bpt 2 Sep 1824 Fowlmere, Cambs s.o William & Susan (Durham) Mte. William b c1785 s.o William & Anna Maria Harwick (Chadd) Mte. William bpt 17 Mar 1752 Ingleton Fell s.o Robert & Mary (Bentham) Mte m 16 Feb 1750-51 Thornton in Lonsdale. Robert b c1724 s.o William & Margaret (Lodge) Mte m 19 Jan 1705 Hubbertolme. William b c1680 s.o. William Mte. **Conn M812 M1148 M1305 M1666 M1696.** The latest findings of this member, shows that the full name of the wife of Rev William Metcalfe, who married on 16 Nov 1780 at Ely, was Anna Maria Harwick Chadd. This also applies to the two connected members M1666 & M1696. (Please note the addition of "Rev" & the spelling of "Chadd") This finding also applies to members M812, M1148 & M1305, who show the same marriage, but as Rev William Metcalfe & Anna Chadd & it will also allow

them to extend their line back as **M1648 & connect all six members.**

M1802 Mrs Elizabeth Metcalfe 69 Parkway, Ratton Manor, Eastbourne, Sussex. BN20 9DZ. lizmetcalfe47@googlemail.com

Wife of Stephen John Mte b Gravesend, Essex s/o Edwin Randall & Doris Evelyn (Couves) Mte m 22 June 1940 Gravesend. Edwin R. b 12 Sep 1907 s/o Cyril Arthur & Ada (Lovatt) Mte m 13 Feb 1905 Gravesend. Cyril A. b 28 Jan 1881 West Ham Essex s/o Henry Thomas & Mary Bennett (Pegge) Mte m 26 Dec 1876 Derby. Henry Thomas b 15 Dec 1846 Aldgate Ldn bpt 31 Oct 1847 St Botolph, Aldgate s/o Henry & Susannah (Davis) Mte m 30 Nov 1845 St Dunstan, Stepney Ldn. Henry bpt 27 June 1824 Gargrave Yorks s/o Thomas & Jane (Blake) Mte m 16 Oct 1816 Rylstone Yks. Thomas bpt 21 June 1793 Marton in Craven Yks s/o Thomas & his 1st wife Ellen (Edmondson) Mte m 04 Mar 1790 Marton in Craven. Thomas of Little Stainton in Gargrave parish.

M1813 Mr Raymond Smith 90 Thames Ave, Guisborough TS14 8AJ raymond.smith12@ntlworld.com

Descendant of Metcalf Calvert b 1Qtr 1845 Reeth in Swaledale, Yks. S/o Jane Calvert who m 4 Jul 1850 Melbecks in Swaledale to Richard Metcalf. Records of Richard's parentage await clarification.

M1829 Mrs Susan(Sue) Hesketh 2 Milton Grove, Orrell, Wigan WN5 8HT suehesketh@blueyonder.co.uk

There are several lines of research, some of which is still ongoing. a) Jane King b 1839 (d/o Richard & Isabella) m 15 Apr 1861 Lunds as 1st wife to James Mte. James bpt 16 Apr 1843 Lunds s/o Richard & Ann (Bushby his 2nd wf) Mte m 25 May 1829 Aysgarth. Richard bpt 17 Jan 1773 Askrigg s/o John Mte of Low Coat. **Connects to M144 et al.**

b) Anne Mt b 08 Dec 1867 Bradford d/o Josiah & Emma (Spink) Mte m 4Q1866 Bradford. Josiah b 3Q1844 Bradford s/o John & Jane (Robinson) Mte m 23 Jun 1828 Bradford. John b 24 Dec 1802 Iwlet in Swaledale s/o Leonard & Margaret (nee Mte) Mte m 31 Oct 1797 Muker. Leonard bpt 05 Mar 1777 Arkengarthdale s/o Thomas & Annas (Binks) Mte m 16 Oct 1769 Grinton. Thomas b c1745 ? s/o Richard of Gunnerside. **Connects to M46 et al.**

c) James Mte m 04 Apr 1931 Askrigg to Florence nee Airey. James bpt 28 May 1906 Askrigg s/o William & Mary Alice (Foster) Mte m 28 Aug 1908 Askrigg. William bpt 04 Jun 1871 Askrigg s/o William & Dinah (Calvert) Mte m 23 Feb 1867 Askrigg. William bpt 12 Apr 1835 Askrigg s/o William & Betty (Sagar) Mte m 06 Dec 1823 Aysgarth. William bpt 07 Nov 1790 Askrigg s/o James & Catherine (Pratt) Mte m 16 Apr 1782 Askrigg. James b c1754. **Connects to M1015 et al.**

d) Thomas & Alice (Guy) Mte m 02 Feb 1808 Muker. Thomas bpt 12 May 1782 Muker s/o John & Mary (Whitfield) Mte m 13 Feb 1776 Muker. John b c1754. **Connects to M40 et al.**

e) Peggy Mte m 14 May 1801 Muker to George Guy.



f) Rosamund Mte m 06 Jun 1809 Askrigg to John Airey.
NB. Sue is a descendant of Isabella King d.o. William b 1801 Wharton Dykes & Ann (Raw) King b 1807 Muker. Richard King (see a) b c1806 Dent area, is the brother of William. Their father, also William b c1750's m Margaret Gaskell in 1773. She died near Barbon c1781/2. Wm then m Agnes Birkett in 1786 Dent. Both Williams are proving to be elusive & Sue would welcome any help from members who might have connections to them.

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 4 x grt grd s.o Thomas & Ann (Mt) Wrather m 26 Jul 1772 Masham. Ann bpt 19 Aug 1748 Masham d.o George & Jane* (Mt) Mte m 15 Jul 1745 Masham. George bpt 13 Oct 1722 Masham s.o Thomas & Mary (Askwith) Mte m 10



Apr 1720 Masham. Thomas bpt 13 May 1693 Healey s.o Thomas & Jane (Thorpe) Mte m 2 Feb 1691 Healey. Thomas bpt 18 Mar 1660 Masham s.o John Mte (-1700) of Sourmire. **Connects M9 M185 M200 M218 M395 M440 M445 M459 M515 M558 M593 M640 M710 M728 M732 M882 M962 M1041 M1226 M1306 M1403 M1467 M1531 M1600 M1601 M1602.** *Jane b c1719 d.o Thomas Mte weaver of Keighley.
M1833 Mrs Linda Pettman Grt grt grd d.o William & Harriet (Mte) Horner m 22 Nov 1823 Ripon Cathedral. Harriet bpt 5 Jun 1803 Ripon Cathedral d.o John Mte of Ripon.
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 Partner Howard John Pitt is the great grandson of Henry & Clara (nee Metcalfe) Worthington m 23 Aug 1906 Chapel le Dale, Yorks. Clara b 09 Dec 1884 Gober, Ingletton Yks d/o Elizabeth Mte. Elizabeth b 06 Apr 1864 Ingletton d/o Alexander & Ann (Whitehead) Mte m 26 May 1860 Horton in Ribblesdale. Alexander bpt 17 Apr 1825 Ingletton Fells s/o John & Ellen (nee Metcalfe*) Mte m 08 May 1824 Hawes. John b c1791 Yks. **Connects M423.**
 a) Ellen bpt 01 Jan 1797 Ingletton Fells d/o Alexander & Jane (nee Metcalfe) Mte m 08 Mar 1794 Hawes Alexander bpt 12 June 1764 Hawes s/o John & Eleanor (?) Mte of Widdale. **Connects M62 et al**
 b) Jane bpt 05 Mar 1771 Hawes d/o Ninian & Eleanor (nee Metcalfe) Mte m 17 Nov 1766 Hawes. Ninian bpt 22 Mar 1739 Hawes s/o Thomas & Margaret (Lambert) Mte m 29 Aug 1734 Hawes. Thomas bpt 25 Mar 1694 Askrigg s/o Richard & Alice (Stockdale) Mte m 04 May 1678 Askrigg. Richard b c1660 s/o Thomas & 2nd w/ Elizabeth (Rucroft) Mte m 1640. Thomas b c1610 s/o Thomas Mte b c1580. **Connects M33 et al.**
 *c) Eleanor bpt 22 Aug 1731 Dent d/o Jeffrey & Agnes (Petty) Mte m 06 May 1728 Dent.
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M1840 Mrs Yvonne Merritt 1 Mayfield Avenue, Dalton, Huddersfield HD5 9HN ymerritt53@yahoo.com D/o Alvin McDonald & Margaret Elisabeth (formerly Frankson nee Metcalfe) Lewis m 1968 Huddersfield. Margaret E b 15 Dec 1936 d/o Rex & Dorothy (Green) Mte m 1933 Huddersfield. Rex b 28 Sep 1891 Keighley area s/o James & Martha (Gill) Mte m 3rdQtr 1874 Keighley.



James b 1 Oct 1850 Cononley s/o Richard & Mary (Parker) Mte m 12 June 1841 Linton in Craven. Richard bpt 07 Nov 1819 Linton in Craven s/o John & Susannah (Hudsmith) Mte m 11 June 1804 Linton in Craven. John b c1777, a lead miner died in 1831 at Scar House, Hebden. **Connects to M1299.**

M1841 Mrs Vivienne Massie Cobdale Farm House, Watter, York, North Yorkshire YO42 1XD vmassie@aol.com Grd d.o. Walter Douglas & Margaret (Mt) Nunn m 17 Jul 1922 Bowness on Windemere, Westmorland. Margaret b 15 Jun 1893 Kendal, Westmorland d.o. James & Christina (Railton) Mt m 19 May 1888 Kendal, Westmorland. James b 1 Dec 1865 Kendal s.o. James & Isabella (Copeland) Mte m 1851 Carlisle district. James bpt 15 Apr 1827 St Mary, Carlisle s.o. William & Margret (?) Mt. William bpt 9 Jun 1788 Kendal s.o. John & Mary (Bell) Mte m 28 Oct 1777 Selside, Westmorland. **Connects M382 M663.**

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We Regret to inform members of the deaths of
Miss Anne Margaret Bretherton Metcalfe M288
who died on 4 October 2009
and
Mr Ian Marshall M1274
who died at the beginning of November 2009.
We extend our condolences to family and friends.

An index to records held in York Reference library of prisoners brought to trial at York Assizes 1785 - 1851

Mecca entries

Online listing available at www.familyhistory.org.uk/assizes.htm

ID	Surname	Forename	Age	Place of origin	Date
313	Medcalf	Barnabas		Darlington	05 July 1788
5189	Medcalf	Robert	17	North Newbald	02 March 1833
4267	Metcalfe	James	42		24 March 1827
4303	Metcalfe	James	23	Bentham	28 July 1827
8007	Metcalfe	John	27		09 December 1848
1662	Metcalfe	Margaret		Hunton	06 August 1791
2466	Metcalfe	Thomas	43	Thirsk	30 July 1808
93	Metcalfe	William		Dent	11 March 1786

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York Reference Library

Museum Street

York YO1 2DS

(01904 552812)

Website www.york.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/



Grandfather Christopher "Kit" Metcalfe 1860 - 1941

Shortly after I began working as a general practitioner in Lancaster in the early 1960s an elderly lady from Kendal came to live with her son and joined my practice. Hearing she had had a shop in the centre of Kendal I asked if she had known Kit Metcalfe from Sedbergh? Yes, of course she had, "he came in with his horse & cart from Sedbergh several times a week - a nice jovial man." I was immediately bursting with pride because this unsolicited testimonial was about my grand-father - my mother's father. He was a general carrier in Sedbergh & did several trips with his horse & cart to & from Kendal every week. He never had a motorised vehicle and when he retired in the 1920's a Mr Burrow took over using a lorry.

Whenever I travel on the road between Sedbergh & Kendal I think of Grandad doing the trip in all weathers. It is not an easy journey with the steep hill, called Scotch Jean's, out of Sedbergh - the open moor - & then the steep drop down into Kendal. What on earth would he have made of the motor way & the wind turbines? Customers would leave items on the road side near their houses for him to pick up & deliver.



It is nice that I can remember him quite well &, in 2010, can link back to someone born in 1860. I was 5 or 6. He sat to the right of a huge black leaded range in his house at 4 Main Street, Sedbergh. He played tricks with coins making them disappear in his hands. I remember his hands were warm. I have inherited his warm hands. They were always appreciated by my patients!

He, and his wife Margaret, nee Tebay, whom he married in 1892, had 5 daughters. My mother, Lilian, who left the inscribed stone on Crook (see *MN88, pages 3-Ed*), was the 4th daughter, Ada, who has the memorial seat on Winder above Lockbank Farm, was the 3rd.

Another connection with Crook Fell was that Grandad carted up the pipes when a pipeline was laid to bring water from between Crook & Sickers Fell to the old reservoir above Sedbergh. Grandma always said the carting on the steep fell side caused her immense worry.

John Chippendale M186



More Metcalfe's Cola Wine

In Mecca News 88 (August 2009) page 27 we displayed an advert for Metcalfe's Cola Wine as made by Theodore Metcalfe and Co. On further investigation the following obituary was found on the Internet. Here are some extracts.

Theodore Metcalfe was born in Dedham, Mass., on January 21, 1812. He was from old colonial stock, his ancestors having come from England and settled in Dedham in 1634.

At the age of fourteen, he went to Hartford, Ct., where

he served an apprenticeship of seven years. In 1837 he came to Boston and engaged in business for himself at Tremont Row, his establishment in time surpassing anything of the kind in the city.

Mr. Metcalfe died on April 26th (1894). The Friday prior to his death was his last business day, the fatal illness overtaking him while returning home from his day's work. Until the last four years of his life, he devoted his entire time to the details of his extensive business.

He was married in 1864 and leaves behind his widow, a son, and four daughters. His funeral was held at the Church of the Annunciation in Brookline. In accordance with the wishes of the family, the pall-bearers were selected from the members of the firm of T. Metcalfe & Co., and his associates in business. The interment was private and took place at Forest Hills Cemetery.

The Dedham Metcalfe's are reputed to be the first Mecca Puritan family to settle in America. They claim descent from Michael and Sarah Metcalfe(e) who fled England in April 1637 on the ship "Rose" to avoid religious persecution. Details of the family's story appeared in Mecca News 27 (April 1989) in the article The Dornix Weaver. Editor.

From The Sun newspaper
17 November 1969



From Newspapers and Magazines

The Yorkshire Dalesman July 2009

Under 'My Best Day out' a reference to the Thompsons at Nappa Hall and the delights of staying there as bed and breakfast guests.

October 2009

A follow up letter on page 80 referring to a reader's visit there in the 1990's and a painting they did.

September 2009

Has several references to Metcalfe's Pages 25 -27. A photograph of the Scrope and Metcalfe coats of arms in the stained glass windows at St Simon and St Jude's church Ushaw, Ushaw bridge near East Wotton Wensleydale. (page 26). "there is a stained glass window brought from Aysgarth in 1865 when the Anglican church there was being extensively rebuilt, which shows the shields of both the Scropes and the Metcalfe's of Nappa...."

page 73 a memorable wartime meeting "**Jimmy Metcalfe**, now 88 but then a big, strapping farmer's lad pedalled his bicycle out along the Fairmile road to Yorkshire Bridge on the way to Sedbergh

ditching his bike, he scrambled up the fellside (Gibbet Hill), surprised to see the pilot had made a perfect three point landing against the odds....just ahead was the brink of Carlingill." There are photos of the reunion of Jimmy and the pilot of the crashed

wartime plane (Nicki Skarvada).

From **David Lambert M11** and **Charles Metcalfe M305**.

Cumberland & Westmorland Herald Saturday 8 August 2009.

Appleby based Kings Head 'A' dart team completed a clean sweep of trophies including the Metcalf Cup. One of their players was a David Metcalfe. From **Charles Metcalfe M305**.

The Mail on Sunday 20 September 2009. Article on the after effects of a motor accident on the daughter in law and grandson of Sir Alex Ferguson. Daughter in law, former wife of Darren Ferguson, Sir Alex's son, was born **Nadine Metcalfe** daughter of **Jean and Les Metcalfe**.

Daily Mail Saturday 20 June 2009. An article concerning Lord Farcombe of Farcombe Hall in Dorset who was also known as Mr DG Maggs. In response to his request for information concerning colleagues serving in the Fife and Forfar Yeomanry in WWII a reply was made by **David Metcalfe** of Rickmansworth Herts who also served in the same Regiment. From **Jose Gay M816**

Metro News. Report in October of a criminal court case concerning racial abuse involving Nick Griffin (BNP). **Ian Metcalfe** prosecuted the case at Preston crown court. From **David Lambert M11**.

Secrets Revealed

We find as a result of detailed forensic research that a previous member was descended from a 'Cotton Throstle Doffer'.
Be careful with your searches! **CSMetcalfe M305**



FFHS NEWS Increased fees for registration services at the General Register Office (England and Wales) and at Local Registration Services

We have received advanced notification of increased fees coming into force from 6 April for people ordering birth, marriage and death certificates from the GRO. The standard fee will rise from £7.00 to £9.25. This is an increase of just over 32%. The good news is that this new standard rate will also apply where the reference is not known or where the order is not placed online; representing a reduction in the fee. Full details can be seen in the press release at http://www.ips.gov.uk/cps/rde/xchg/ips_live/hs.xsl/1569.htm.

The fee for a certificate issued by a Superintendent Registrar will increase from £7.00 to £9.00. Details of other fees to be charged by the Local Registration Service are contained in the press release referred to above.

The 1939 Register for England and Wales

The NHS Information Centre has introduced a fee-paying service to provide information from the 1939 Register, but only in respect of deceased persons. Created under The National Registration Act 1939, the 1939 Register for England and Wales was originally the responsibility of the Registrar General who, under the 1939 Act created a register of the civilian population. An application form and more information can be obtained from www.ic.nhs.uk/news-and-events/news. The cost of each application is £42.00 and there is no refund for unsuccessful searches.

Roger Lewry (FFHS Archives Liaison)
March 2010. The FFHS announced that the Third Edition of the **National Burial Index** (NB13) is now available. NB13 is available on a single CD and contains over 18 Million burial records. Copies are available from FFHS at a price of £30 for first time purchasers and £15 for upgrades from NB12. For further information and details of how to order please visit the FFHS website www.ffhs.org.uk click on the NB13 Image on the Home Page to download the order form.

Friends of Swaledale Museum, Reeth. Talks 2010.

14 April: Keith Sweetmore: 'Mapping Swaledale and Arkengarthdale',
26 May: Reuben Frankau: 'The Rise and Fall of Percivals: Part 2',
23 June: Alan Mills: John Hardy Memorial Lecture on Lead Mining,

21 July: Jill Curry Memorial Lecture:

'Recent archaeological discoveries in the Dales',
11 August: Dave Weedon: 'Pioneering photographers of the

Yorkshire Dales 1840 -1914',

All the above meetings held at 7.30pm at the

Swaledale Museum, Reeth.

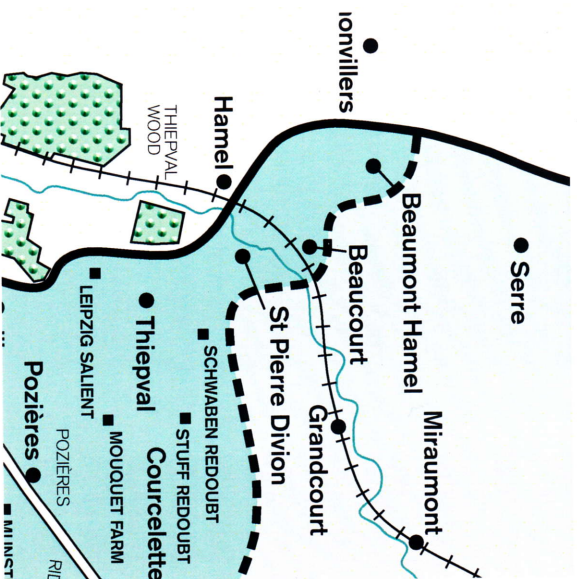
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to confirm details.



THE SOMME

The 1st of July 1916 was the bloodiest, most disastrous single event that the British army ever encountered. There were 57,470 British casualties that day, of which 19,240 were killed in action. Amongst that number were the soldiers of the "Pals" Battalions from Accrington, Chorley, Blackburn, Burnley, Bradford, Leeds, Barnsley and Sheffield. A whole generation of young men that lived, worked and fought together from these towns and cities were wiped out.

The Accrington Pals was raised from men living in and around Accrington, Lancashire and was officially named the 11th Battalion, The East Lancashire Regiment. It took only ten days to raise a complete battalion. At the same time in Yorkshire similar recruitment saw the 16th and 18th Battalions of West Yorkshire Regiments or the 1st and 2nd Bradford Pals, formed with the promise that they could serve with their friends, workmates and neighbours rather than be absorbed into the regular army. Again there was no shortage of men eager to volunteer.



"We were able to see our comrades move forward, only to be mown down like meadow grass. I felt sick at the sight of the carnage and remember weeping."

The 31st Division's attack on Serre was a complete failure - no more than a few yards were taken - though some of the Accrington Pals did make it as far

The Pals Battalions were part of the 94th Regiment of the British 31st Division which were part of the British Army's offensive on the Somme on 1 July 1916. Their role was to attack the village of Serre in support of the main Allied attack on the German lines. They had been told there would be little resistance, instead they were met by sustained fire from German machine guns. One of the battalion's signallers, observing from the rear, reported:

as the village before being killed or captured. Of the 700 men from the Accrington Pals who went in to action on that July morning 585 became casualties - 235 killed and 350 wounded in about half an hour.

They weren't the only ones to died for no apparent purpose that day. Close by were the other Pals Battalions including the Bradford Pals who suffered similar casualties. Of the 2000 Bradford men that left their trenches, 1700 were killed or injured. Most of that number within the first hour. By the end of the day the Pals Battalions were no longer an effective fighting force.

In 1974 a BBC Yorkshire TV crew accompanied some of the surviving Bradford Pals on what was to be their last trip back to the Somme. Here is one of their memories.



"Half-past seven in the morning on the first of July 1916, and the whistles were blowing and the shells were coming over, and it was hell upon earth, and everybody dashed out of the trenches and everybody was doing the best they could. It was the machine gun fire that caused all the damage. It wasn't the shell fire. And there were no gaps in the wire emplacements and we had to find the best way we could, There were so many dead lying about and it was almost impossible because the other battalion had come over before us. There were so many dead lying about scattered all over the place. I was a member of the 18th West Yorkshires, 2nd Bradford Pals, on that particular day and out of the battalion strength of 800 there were only 147 left at the end of the day."

The full extent of the tragedy was brought home to Pals home towns in the following days as the lists of casualties, accompanied by passport-style photographs of the dead, appeared in local newspapers. In Accrington there was almost a riot when a large angry, grief stricken crowd stormed towards the mayor's house on reports of only a handful of survivors.

One of the youngest to die on 1 July was only seventeen years old. He was from Accrington serving in the 11th Battalion of the East Lancashire Regiment. John Metcalfe was a Private in the Regiment. His parents were Thomas and Mary Metcalfe who lived in Oswaldtwistle just outside of Accrington. John is remembered on Thiepval Memorial not far from where he was killed.

After the war the towns and cities put up memorials to their fallen. In Bradford

the War Memorial was unveiled on July 1st 1922 in Centenary Square and a window in Bradford Cathedral commemorates the bravery of their fellow townsmen.

In the 1980's the singer / song writer Mike Harding penned a song "The Accrington Pals" in remembrance of their sacrifice. (*The names of any of the Pals Battalions could be substituted in the song - Ed.*) Below are a couple of verses:

1916 came the call,

"We need more lads to battle with the Hun.

Lads of Lancashire, heed the call,

With God on our side, the battle will soon be won."

So they all came marching to the beating of the drums,

Down from the fields and factories they come,

Smiling at the girls who

Came to see them on their way.

They were marching, marching, marching away -

The Accrington Pals.

Blue sky shining on a perfect day,

A lark was singing, high above the Somme.

Brothers, pals and fathers lay

Watching that sweet bird sing in the quiet of the dawn.

And they all went walking out towards the howling guns,

Talking and laughing, calmly walking on,

Believing in the lies that

Left them dying in the mud,

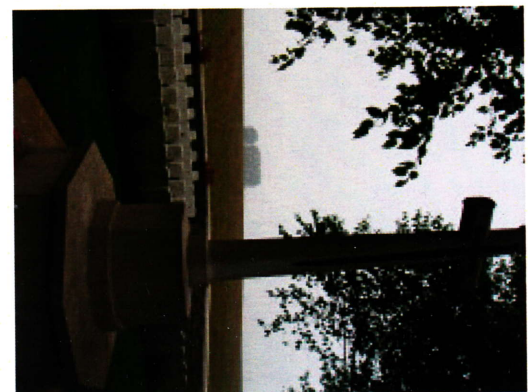
And they're lying, lying, lying still -

The Accrington Pals.

The last of the WW1 soldiers -

Harry Patch - died in 2009 but there are still many new sources coming on line from the period. Local papers are still a good source of information. In Bradford the local Daily Telegraph, in November 1914, listed details of those joining the Bradford Pals and later details of casualties. (*In Mecca News 75 & 80 examples of reports from Burnley and Harrogate papers were given.*)

Information and memories include details from Wikipedia and www.bbc.co.uk/bradford/content/2006/06/29/rememberance.



BYGONE MUSTERS



21st Anniversary



25th Anniversary

More From Newspapers and Magazines

Lancashire County Council's gritting teams including **Tony Metcalfe**, had spread over 17000 tonnes of grit on the County's highways compared to only just over 6000 tonnes the year before. **LCC Vision Magazine** February 2009. Supplied by **Joan Metcalfe M63**. (*I wonder how much they have spread this winter given the even worse conditions than last year?* - Ed)

Returning from Iraq after playing a major role in preparing Basra Airport for transfer to the Iraqi authorities **Lieutenant Colonel Steve Metcalfe** of the Territorial Army. An engineer for an engineering consultancy he is also Chairman of the Teeside branch of the Institute of Civil Engineers. **Northern Echo** 20 January 2009. Supplied by **K Griffiths M1131**.

Trafford Metro News Friday 26 June 2009. Three Altrincham Garrick Theatre actors were to retrace the route of Henry V to Agincourt by bike and in the process seek to raise funds for charity. The ride was inspired by the deaths of two fellow actors during the previous 18 months one of whom was **Roger Metcalfe**. Latest information indicates that the three cyclists completed their ride and in the process raised over £1000 - Ed.

THE BAD ONES

Iain Swinnerton of the Swinnerton Society wrote to our Chairman David Lambert with the following observation:

"England and Wales Criminal Registers 1791-1892. Reading High Cave's *Caveman*, the journal of the Cave Society led me to this site on the internet. The Caves have discovered they had 189 entries so, naturally, I was interested to know how many Swinnertons were listed. The answer was 32. I then tried our contemporaries with whom we exchange journals and the league table looks like this:

Palgrave 12
Swinnerton 32
Alderson 121
Beresford 252
Metcalf 436."

He concluded the Mecca's were the worst of a bad lot!

However our Chairman responded with a swift rebutt showing that we were one of the better behaved names (or perhaps fletcher of foot): "I have done a quick search of the 1881 census and see there were 14,173 Metcalles (with various spellings of the name: Medcalf Mitclaff Metcalf Metcalfe etc etc). Their criminals therefore comprised about 3.07% of the total if my calculator is right!

There were 160 Palgraves in 1881 (7.5% criminals) and 584 Swinnertons (5.47% criminals)

There were 7,954 Aldersons so they had 1.52 % bad ones and the Beresfords made up 4,176 persons so their % was 6.03%

Maths has never been my forte so the figures should be rechecked but it looks as if the Palgraves were the worst!!"

WWI Nelson Lances CD of letters from the Front, lists of fallen, local roll of honour from the Nelson Leader 1914-15. Cost £4.50 plus p&p. From Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society, 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle BB5 3LU. ☎ 01254 239919 or www.lfhhs.org.uk

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Who needs Parish Records? This was Muad'Dib's achievement: He saw the subliminal reservoir of each individual as an unconscious bank of memories going back to the primal cell of our common genesis. Each of us, he said, can measure out his distance from that common origin. Seeing this and telling of it, he made the audacious leap of decision Muad'Dib set himself the task of integrating genetic memory into ongoing evaluation. Thus did he break through Time's veils, making a single thing of the future and the past. That was Muad'Dib's creation embodied in his son and his daughter. From *"Children of DUNE"* by Frank Herbert. Supplied by

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CS Metcalfe M305

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