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The Newsletter of the Metcalfe Society
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Welcome

The first thing to mention is have you renewed your membership due on 1st January? If so thank you.

If not you need to check the information on Page 2 and if necessary complete and return the form at the end of the newsletter to continue to enjoy the benefits of belonging to The Metcalfe Society.

Thank you.

Chair's Remarks

At the moment, the sun is shining here, but some of our members have not been so lucky. Messages from our New Zealand members would suggest that they have not been too badly affected by the horrendous flooding that happened recently, but sadly a firefighter died trying to rescue someone trapped by floodwater. I'm sure we all feel for his family. Over recent months, we have had extensive flooding across the world, along with hurricanes and other adverse weather conditions. The recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria has also stretched the local resources and I'm sure they are grateful for all those volunteers from across the world who have rallied to help with the rescue effort. Amazingly, people were still being found alive after such an extended period under the rubble, and I'm sure every live rescue makes it even more difficult to just move in the bulldozers and clear the rubble – just in case there is someone alive in there.

One problem we have experienced as a Society has been with the postal system. A member in New Zealand ordered two Clan books, which were posted out on December 2nd. They did not arrive on time, and despite chasing them up through tracking and visits to the post office, they appeared to be stuck in the system at the International Postal terminal here in the UK. They were eventually delivered but this year, not when they were wanted. All we can do is to apologise for the delay in delivery and hope for a better performance from the postal services involved in the future.

On a more cheerful note, planning is going ahead for **our 2023 Muster, on Saturday 7th October**, more details in future newsletters. We hope to welcome a representative from the North Yorkshire County Archive Service, where so many of the early Metcalfe records are being held. This will provide a very useful opportunity for members to ask those questions you have never been able to do sitting at home, so we hope there will be a good question & answer session afterwards.

We hope to attend the York Family History Fair this year on Saturday 24th June at York Race Course. It is hoped that there will be a Yorkshire Corner, so although many of your ancestors may not have been Metcalfes, if they are from Yorkshire, you will be able to find out more about them all in one area. Early bird tickets are available, £8.00 each, 2 for £10. All attendees will receive a free goody bag.

Click on <https://thefamilyhistoryshow.com/york/tickets/>

Details of the speakers and other events are on the web site. Please do come along and say 'Hello' if you do visit the Fair. We hope you will feel able to come and see us.

Hopefully, we will meet up with some of you through the year, but in the meantime – take care and keep safe.

Jo Heron

Society News

Have you paid your subscription for 2023? Renewals were due on 1st January 2023.

You can pay in a number of ways, by cheque, by Direct Transfer from your bank to ours, by Standing Order for UK bank users, by PayPal and the Shop or by contacting Jo Heron and paying by SumUp:

If you are paying directly through the bank, either by Direct Transfer or Standing Order in the UK, we are only notified by the bank that your payment has come in once a month. The statements come through about the middle of the month and are usually dated to 3rd/4th of the month - so there may be a long time lag between your payment and us being notified of it. For example, if your payment goes into your bank on 1st of the month, it may not be passed through to our bank until 4th or 5th, so we will not be notified until 10th or 11th of the following month, even though the money will be in our account. Please be patient with us (the bank) but let the Membership Secretary know so we can watch out for your payment.

Renewed Memberships 1, 11, 15, 29, 42, 46, 52, 63, 64, 68, 69, 86, 113, 123, 140, 148, 149, 169, 186, 251, 266, 306, 316, 336, 338, 409, 439, 490, 491, 506, 515, 519, 581, 615, 631, 645, 653, 667, 681, 684, 723, 756, 792, 831, 854, 861, 879, 941, 977, 980, 981, 983, 998, 1002, 1040, 1042, 1056, 1070, 1074, 1076, 1091, 1092, 1093, 1104, 1113, 1115, 1135, 1150, 1170, 1189, 1214, 1215, 1234, 1250, 1252, 1307, 1313, 1314, 1366, 1390, 1391, 1398, 1450, 1464, 1467, 1468, 1514, 1521, 1522, 1539, 1562, 1584, 1589, 1609, 1620, 1632, 1637, 1648, 1651, 1653, 1661, 1682, 1696, 1697, 1701, 1703, 1704, 1706, 1727, 1745, 1754, 1796, 1830, 1839, 1848, 1875, 1878, 1885, 1886, 1889, 1902, 1916, 1917, 1919, 1923, 1937, 1943, 1947, 1971, 1975, 1976, 1982, 1989, 1995, 2026, 2038, 2040, 2050, 2052, 2059, 2065, 2075, 2100, 2110, 2115, 2120, 2124, 2126, 2138, 2160, 2162, 2164, 2167, 2171, 2183, 2194, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217

If your payment is not shown above, we hope you will consider renewing in the coming weeks.

See the Membership form at the end of the Newsletter

Thank you

Birth Briefs

M2211 Denise Joy Ewin, nee Graham 3 ggd of George Sparks (1813-1851) Christchurch & Bradford m. Mary nee Mte (1817-1882) Swaledale; d. of John Mte (1779-1850) Muker, YKS m. Nanny nee Mte (1786-1837) Muker; Nanny – d. of Thomas Mte (c. 1745-1828) Satron & Bradford, m. Annas/Annis nee Binks (1746-c.1827) Arkergarthdale; John s. of John Mte (1744-1833) Aysgarth, YKS m Sarah nee Whitehead (1744-1782) Oxnop; John s. of Thomas Mte (c. 1708-1778) Gunnerside & Muker, m. Margaret nee Cottingham (- 1781), John s. of John Mte

M2212 Chris Hilder Gs. of Henry Whiteside (1886-1944) m Elizabeth Hannah nee Mte 1886-1971, Clitheroe, LAN; d. of Thomas Mte (1845-1900) Bell Busk & Burnley, m. Elizabeth Hannah nee Smith (1844-1888), Clitheroe LAN; s. of Thomas Mte (1811-1873) Gargrave, YKS., m. Ann nee Tomlinson (1804-1879), Gargrave & Bell Busk. Possible connection to John Mte (1812-) Arncliffe, m. Margaret nee Horner (not confirmed). **Conn M1085**

M2213 Andrea Metcalf D. of Bernard Morris Metcalf (1937-2020) m Rosalyn Margaret nee Clayton, nee Brown, (1944-2015); Stockton on Tees; s. of Joseph Bernard Metcalf (1903-1982) m. Elizabeth Ann Morris (1904-1984; Stockton on Tees; s. of Joseph Bell Mt. (Jr) (1865-1921) m. Annie Maria Allen (1865-1933); s. of Joseph Bell Metcalf (Sr) (1838-1864) Sunderland m Mary Ann nee Kemp (1839-1880); s. of John Mt. (1792-1872) Sunderland m. Mary nee Oats (1794-1867);, s. of Thomas Mt. (1760 -) & Euphemia nee Adamson (1767-1808); s. of Thomas Mt. and Elizabeth **Conn M327, M1390, M1485**

Usually when the Membership Secretary receives a request to join the society the purchase is for the person applying. However just before Christmas a number of memberships were purchased by offspring for their parents as presents.

What a novel idea!

The Society already has a scheme for young genealogists

How about purchasing Memberships for your older relatives for Christmas or birthdays or just anytime?

Society News 2

AGM & MUSTER UPDATE

Jo Heron and Elizabeth Waller visited the Golden Lion Hotel in Northallerton (*the potential location for the Society's 2023 Event*) and inspected the room that might be hired for the AGM and Muster. They found it was more than big enough for the meeting and to allow for displays and the database computers to be set up.

Jo indicated that parking and accommodation were available, with a discount available if 10 rooms were booked for the event .

Given the positive nature of the visit it was therefore to proceed with booking the Golden Lion.

As part of the Muster arrangements the North Yorkshire County Archives were approached and they are to provide a speaker for the morning session. Dave C Metcalfe a Society member has also agreed to talk about his experiences publishing his family's history,.

A detailed itinerary and booking form will be provided in the next couple of months.

Coming soon the launch of the Society's NEW image and Information library.

Currently it is in the final stages of testing and already nearly 500 images and over 100 information files have been uploaded. Full details in the next newsletter.

A Different take on 20th Century History

Supplied by **Rod Hawgood** from **'1966 and All That'** by **Craig Brown**

King George V was dull but dependable. King George's eldest son, Lloyd, showed enterprise by selling honours out of a suitcase on the street. Anyone who wasn't anyone was able to purchase honours for themselves and their children. Titles dating from this time, in order of precedence, include: Duke Ellington, Dukes of Hazard, Count Basie, Count Down, Brighton Peer, Lord and Lady Muck, Sir Cus, Sir Plus, Hon. Ilkley Moor B'Tat, Knight Train.

The BBC was discovered by John Logi Baird and his assistant Boo-Boo while they were experimenting in his attic with two cardboard boxes and a length of wire. By moving one box slightly to the right, Yogi Bair found that a man in a dinner jacket and tie could appear in the other box, reading the news headlines and saying "This is the BBC from London".

The General Strike occurred when all the Generals went on strike. The Generals had been kept busy in the war to end all wars, but when that came to an end, it looked, as though there might be no more wars, so they kicked up a fuss. The British Public rallied round, taking on General jobs & positions they had never been trained for. These included: General Maintenance, General Well-Being, General Purpose, General Knowledge General Idea, General Motors.

Mmmm - I prefer the more usual history commentaries! - Ed.

Elizabeth Waller

sent in the cutting of the funeral of **John Metcalfe** of Metcalfe farms near Leyburn.

An unusual funeral "car" more reminiscent of the old farm wagon.



A Metcalfe connection to an American “invasion” of Canada

George Andrew Metcalfe Lieutenant of the 1st Bn Canadian Expeditionary Force was killed in action 15 Jun 1915.

Severely wounded whilst leading his platoon during the attack at Givenchy-lez-la-Bassee, he continued and was hit a second time and instantly killed.

He is buried at the Vimy Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

George Andrew Metcalfe was born in St. Thomas, Ontario in 1881, and became a public-school teacher. In pursuit of George's genealogy for the ongoing Canadian Expeditionary Forces Metcalfe project, I was led to his grandfather **Thomas Metcalf**, who was born about 1812 in England and was a soldier of the British 32nd Regiment. In keeping with England's desire to increase the population of Loyalists in its North American territories, he was likely offered land in St. Thomas, Elgin County, Upper Canada (now Ontario). His family remained through the generations. Thomas Metcalfe was a cooper, as was his son **George**, who married **Grace Isabella Lipsey** and who were the parents of George Andrew Metcalfe.

Those familiar with Canadian history will know that, after the American War of Independence in 1776, there were many in Canada who were sympathetic to the American cause and many Americans sympathetic to Canadians across the border still under British rule. At the time of Thomas Metcalfe's presence in Canada, areas were known as Upper Canada or Canada West and Lower Canada or Canada East. Generally, the residents of Upper/West Canada were predominantly English speaking and Lower/East Canada were French speaking.

The Canadian Archives have Upper and Lower Canada Marriage bonds including the 3 Dec 1838 Marriage Bond of Mr. **Thomas Medcalf**, colour sergeant of the 32nd Regiment, stationed at London, Upper Canada, to **Ann Rogers** of the Township of Yarmouth District of London, Spinster. Signed in the presence of Edward Rogers of the Township of Yarmouth London District, Yeoman and Sergeant Patrick Roche, 32nd Regiment.



A Rootsweb page has lists of British Regiments in Canada including the 32nd (Cornwall) Regiment of Foot. During a stay of eleven years in Canada, from 1830 to 1841, the 32nd fought in the Lower Canada Rebellion (franco-phone rebels, supported by Americans, against minority anglophone governance) and the Upper Canada Rebellion involving small groups of men on each side of the border, seeking to “liberate” Upper Canada from the British. The latter involved several skirmishes with the insurgents and their American sympathisers on the Great Lakes during the winter of 1838-9.

The 32nd was sent to St. Thomas in January 1838. From the 26th of February to 3rd of March, 1838, “Republicans” occupied Pelee Island, Lake Erie. They were routed by regulars of 32nd and 83rd Regiments and the Essex Militia by 3 March.

These rebellions resulted in the formation of the Province of Canada which joined Upper and Lower Canada together into governance by a single parliament in an Act of Union 1840. This arrangement lasted until 1867 when Confederation formed the Dominion of Canada initially with for provinces Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Susan Harper

See the following sources for further reading.

Rootsweb page *British Regiments in Canada*

Wikipedia has *Battle of Pelee Island*

Canadian Archives of Personnel Records of First World War – George Andrew Metcalfe

3 Dec 1838 Marriage Bond Mr. Thomas Medcalf

Detailed account of the Battle from the Windsor Star.

Edward Broderick's Diary

Sep 3rd 1830

John and I went to the Gill head to the high road. **John Metcalfe** and Wm Kilburn are the Overseers this year. Emigration to America was the theme of Conversation all apparently are for going but few go.

24 Sep. We received a letter from **Metcalfe Bell** out of America in which he says that they are at a house 2 miles from Pottsville in Schuylkill County Pennsylvania and are working in the Coal mines live in a wood house, earn a Dollar per day, have provisions cheap and though he does not wish to advise others is very thankful that ever they went. they were 6 days on their journey from Philadelphia up the river to Pottsville and six before they got work. This is the second letter we have got since they got into America the first was sent on their arrival. Metcalfe and his wife set sail on the 22 of May in company with Henry Hunt his wife and child Anthony Hunt and John Holmes all of Gunnerside. the coal seam or vein in which they are working is 6ft thick

Sep 26

After tea we took a walk to the east end of Feetham to Ambrose Whitels to see a letter from Thomas Hugill who went over to America about two years ago with Robert Waller they are now smelters at some lead mines at Galena, Illinois State.

March 20 1833

About a fortnight ago Wm Woodward received a letter from **Metcalfe Bell** in which he tells us he has married again and describes America in such flattering terms as to induce Wm seriously to think of going he has persuaded my father to take the land off his hand given Mr Iverton notice and had his sale of Slack this day they sold well it is so unexpected I hardly know what to think of it. John Bell is for going too.

April 20th

I am neglectful of my diary but since writing the above John Bell has had his sale both of stock and furniture I bought the plough nearly new for 12/6 and Wm got a letter from Joseph Daykin who was barely recovered from the Typhus Fever to say that he was begin in the small pox poor Joseph has hard fortune the little money that he has been scraping up to carry him to America he intended to go this spring whether Wm went or not, will I doubt go fast well this day Wm Woodward has had his sale of furniture and I have been writing for him it was uncommonly well attended and things sold well they all kept their spirits well up considering they sold nearly all except their bedding.

April 24

William have been packing up their things and now when parting begins to be so near we all find it to be very painful it was late before I got to bed Wm and Nanny slept at our house and John his wife and their children and Peggy and Ruth I was truly sorry to part with Ruth she was a fine little girl sisters Ann and Mary sat up all night and I got up about 2 o'clock and went down to look at a cow we had about calving the morning was dark and wet and looked very unpropitious when I came back I found William busy packing the boxes and preparing to load the carts he possesses wonderful resolution though I had always thought favourably of America and believed they were acting wisely in going yet I confess my spirits were so much depressed at the thoughts of their long and dangerous journey and the difficulties they would have to encounter that I felt very much inclined to persuade William to stay. They set off soon after 5 o'clock.

There are two **Metcalfe Bell's** mentioned in our database, both from Low Row, one baptised in 1814 and one in 1847 – not father and son. One married Ann/Nanny Woodward in 1825 and had two daughters, Elizabeth and Ann, the other married Ellen Allen in 1879, and also had two daughters Jane Ellen and Martha. The record does not give any death dates.

The first Metcalfe Bell was a miner from Gunnerside and he emigrated to America with his wife, and presumably his two daughters, in 1830/33 – so he is the one mentioned in the diary above. He settled in Medina, Ohio, although the diary suggests that he started out in Pennsylvania. It also mentions a second wife with no mention of the children.

Had something happened to them between their arrival in America and his move to Ohio?
Perhaps one of our American members can find them?

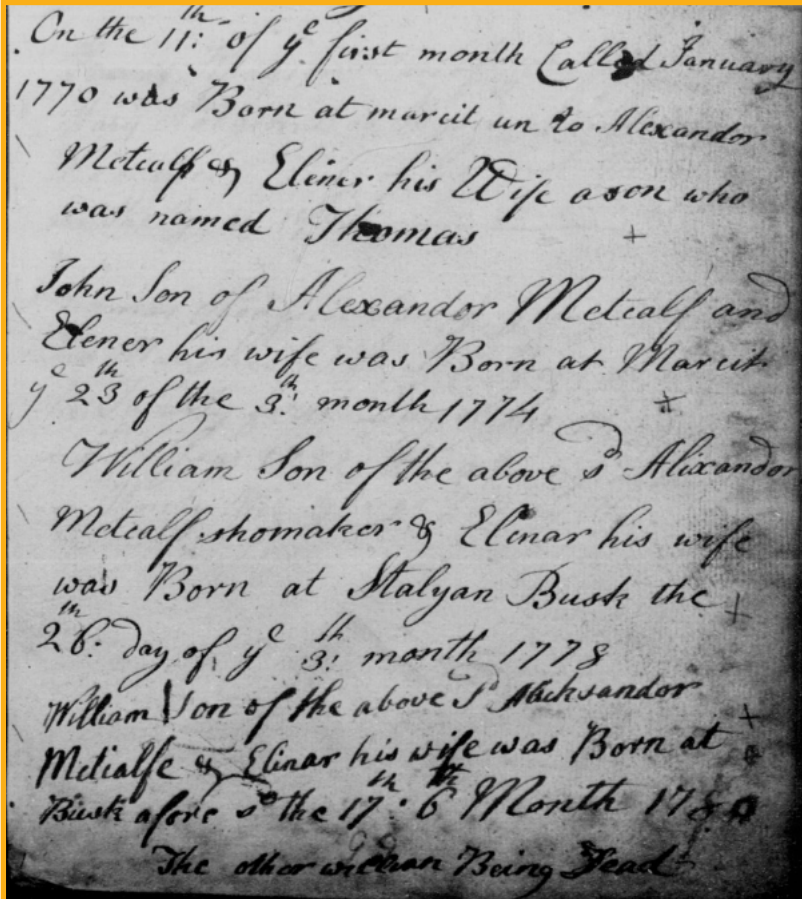
Jo Heron

Society of Friends- The Quakers

Susan Harper writes:

Quaker records were mentioned at our last zoom committee meeting.

- . Ancestry has: All England & Wales, Quaker Birth, Marriage, and Death Registers, 1578-1837.
- Results for Metcalf et al were: 509 records of births marriages and burials!



On the 11th of y^e first month Called January
1770 was Born at maritun to Alexander
Metcalf & Elinor his Wife a son who
was named Thomas +

John Son of Alexander Metcalf and
Elinor his wife was Born at Maritun
y^e 23 of the 3th month 1774 +

William Son of the above & Alexander
Metcalf shoemaker & Elinor his wife
was Born at Stalyan Busk the
28th day of y^e 3th month 1778 +

William Son of the above & Alexander
Metcalf & Elinor his wife was Born at
Busk afore & the 17th 6th Month 1780 +
The other William Being Dead

An example from: England & Wales,
Society Of Friends (Quaker) Births
1578-1841 YORKSHIRE:
Monthly Meetings of Richmond,
Coverdale, Masham, Swaledale:
Wensleydale

So who are **Alexander Metcalfe**,
shoemaker, and **Elinor**,
who had children
in Marsett and Stalling Busk?

Using the Main Computer index
Over 100 people are listed on our
database as Quakers, with over another
100 potential people to be entered.
A detailed search on Recusant, Methodist
or Catholic gives c.150 further records.

Add Recusant as the required term into
the Notes field on the database if you are
looking for one of yours that you suspect
may not have been a member of the
Church of England.

Bainbridge Friends Meeting House



A NEW PROJECT?

The Society has over the years extracted Metcalfes from all
kinds of records but one area that has not received
much interest is that of Quaker records.

QUAKERS were a significant force in the dales from the
time of George Fox and his followers.

(See Mecca News 60 p15 April 2000)

The details above show we have extracted some records
but there are many more to be considered.

THEREFORE

the Committee are looking for members to assist with the extraction and copying of these records.

Can you help?

The Society would provide a coordinator and initially choose a couple of Meeting Houses
to extract the births, marriages and deaths records.

Member volunteers would transcribe the information and return the details for collation.

It would be hoped to produce an online publication for all members use.

Have we any takers?

If interested contact - journal@metcalfe.org.uk

Other Societies Items

City of York and District Family History Society

The Raylor Centre, James Street, off Lawrence Street, YORK YO10 3DW

Website: www.yorkfamilyhistory.org.uk

Email: yorkfamilyhistory@btopenworld.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/YorkFHS/

We've been supporting individuals and families with their search for their ancestors wherever they are from, since 1975.

We celebrated our Silver Jubilee in 2000.

And it's not just for York inhabitants – our searches are worldwide.

From N&DFHS Newsletter no 27 January 2023

Northumberland Archives Trust. Becoming a member of the Trust helps the Archives to collect, catalogue, digitise and protect more of Northumberland's treasures.

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Telephone 01670 624358 E-mail archives@northumberland.gov.uk Website www.northumberlandarchives.com

One of the records is the Boldon Book

The first survey of the north was the Boldon Book. Boldon was originally one of the first places surveyed. As the services and returns of many of the Bishop's manors were the same, so, the compilers after enumerating Boldon, where the same services

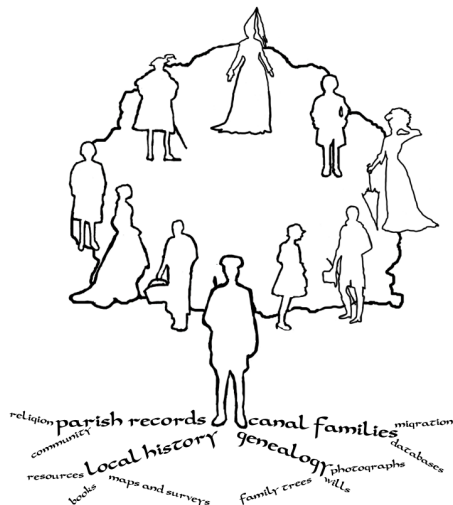
and returns occurred elsewhere were satisfied to describe them 'the same as those of Boldon' and the record was commonly referred to as the 'Buke of Boldon'.

A hundred years after Domesday, carried out at the behest of the Bishop of Durham, Hugh du Puiset, it's not a complete survey of the modern counties of Northumberland and Durham but it was a catalogue, holding by holding of the labour and money dues owed to the Bishop by right of his temporal lordship.

In Northumberland the holdings are in two major blocks, one on the southern banks of the Tweed and other on the coast near Morpeth centred on the village of Bedlington. Durham is well covered with some notable exceptions; the Baliol's at Barnard Castle, The Bruce's at Hartness and an estate at Billingham granted to the cathedral's monastic community for its own maintenance.

While Domesday as a statistical survey of England was unmatched in Europe for many centuries, the Boldon Book of 1183 is invaluable in filling the gap and increasing our understanding of the villages of Northumberland and Durham at that time. Some settlements naturally have larger entries than others but there are some gems of information to be found in this survey.

Ormskirk and District Family History Society
invite you to our



RESEARCH LIBRARY OPEN DAY

Saturday 11 March 2023 . 11am to 3pm
1st Ormskirk Scout Headquarters,
Wigan Road, Ormskirk, L39 2AP

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ODFHS Research Library Open Day 2023 on Facebook for more details

NOW THEN 7

What property won't pass under a Will or Intestacy?

David Lambert

There are different rules applying to certain types of property ('assets') or where the assets are held in a certain way, which you should bear in mind when considering which assets passed and to whom following a death. A Will and Testament might not refer to or deal with these at all, simply because the assets passed under other laws.

As stated in earlier articles, assets comprised in a deceased's 'estate' will normally be inherited in accordance with the terms of a valid Will, where the deceased died 'testate' i.e. leaving one. Likewise where they died 'intestate' without a Will, the law laid down rules for determining who would inherit the assets of the deceased.

We have seen that until the end of the 16th century Wills and Testaments could only leave legacies of 1/3rd of the deceased's estate, the greater share being inherited automatically by certain family members or next of kin, irrespective of what the deceased might have wanted. It was however the case that Wills (or more correctly the Testaments) prior to 1692 (1725 in London) did still set out the details of who inherited and what share of the estate they received.

There were two Ecclesiastical Provinces: the Southern Province, presided over by the Archbishop of Canterbury, or the Northern Province, presided over by the Archbishop of York. This was effectively similar to what still applies in European jurisdictions and is called forced heirship based on Roman Law. The Will and Testament could refer to the fact that it was complying with the 'custom of this Province' in so doing.

We have seen that what we now generically refer to as Wills were more accurately 'Testaments'. A Testament applied to the personal estate of a deceased testator, which generally comprised the assets which were not real property (that is effectively freehold land). One, however, needs to appreciate that the personal estate did not include some kinds of assets, details of which are referred to below.

Joint property following a death Certain jointly owned property ('assets') might not pass to the Executors under a Will or to Administrators on an Intestacy. So they are not necessarily covered by laws relating to a Will or Administration ('Admon.') but pass under different rules.

Jointly owned assets such as:

- Land (freehold or copyhold or leasehold)
- Businesses (where the business is held with others in partnership)
 - Bank accounts
 - Stocks and shares (securities)

might pass under laws relating to joint ownership.

One consequence is that their value is not included in the value for Probate or Admon. stated on the Grant of Probate or Letters of Administration or in the Annual Probate Calendar kept by the Principal Probate Registry post 1858. It depends how the assets are co-owned.

Are they owned jointly as

- Joint Tenants or
- Tenants in Common?

What are the implications?

Joint Tenants

- Property held as Joint Tenants does NOT pass to Executors /Administrators;
- It does not form part of the personal estate of a deceased.
- Property so owned, by two or more individuals, belongs to them all jointly but not in any fixed share or proportion;
- On the death of one such co-owner, the survivor(s) own(s) the assets by 'right of survivorship' and this is why the assets are dealt with outside any Will or Admon;
- Think of a sponge cake with two layers of sponge and icing! It is owned by 2 joint tenants. The

whole cake belongs to them both. It is not sliced vertically in two shares. Both own then whole cake uncut;

- One joint tenant can convert the joint tenancy into a tenancy in common (technically by severing the joint tenancy) even if the other(s) do(es) not want that, thereby creating a Tenancy in Common (see below).
- Using the example of the cake again, if the joint tenancy is 'severed' the cake is divided vertically so that one half belongs to one and the second half to the other. They each have separate portions of the cake and can do with them as they see fit. One might eat theirs, the other keep theirs!
- Unless the joint tenancy is severed, a joint tenancy will pass by survivorship to those who survive a dead co-owner. The executor/ administrator has no control over this asset. It never passes to them. It's a question of who will outlive the original co-owners. The one who lives the longest will become the sole owner, outright, by virtue of outliving the others. A joint tenant cannot for that reason leave their interest in a Will and the Rules of Intestacy do not apply.

Tenants in Common Owning an asset as a Tenant in Common means the co-owners have agreed to own a specific share or portion of the asset. Words of division ('severance') will be used to signify that the co-owners hold the Assets not as Joint Tenants but rather as Tenants in Common for a specific share. The following words show that the co-owners or recipients of for example a legacy under a Will are Tenants in Common:

- 'share and share alike' which means in equal shares, so if two persons half and half or, if three persons, one third each
- 'In equal shares'
- 'Amongst'
- 'Between'
- 'To be divided between'
- 'in Joint and equal proportions'

Joint owners can agree to be tenants in common at the outset of acquiring the assets and such ownership does not depend upon joint tenants severing their joint tenancy. The share of a tenant in common does not have to be equal, although it can be. So assets held by tenants in common can be owned in varying proportions or percentage shares of the whole Asset.

For example

- 2 persons agree 75% and 25% split or
- again 2 persons agree 90% and 10% or
- 3 persons agree 60%, 20% and 20%

The share of a deceased Tenant in Common co-owner **WILL** pass under a Will or Admon. because they have agreed to own a specific part of the asset and so it will not pass to the survivor(s) unlike Joint Tenancy. A tenancy in common WILL form part of a deceased's personal estate (unless the asset is freehold or copyhold land). The share vests in the Executor/Administrator, unlike the case with Joint Tenants. It is added to the estate and passes in accordance with the Will or under the intestacy. The value of the share held as Tenant in Common **WILL** be included for probate purposes with other assets passing to the Executor /Administrator and count when calculating the Probate court fee.

Several types of assets or interests of a deceased will not have passed to the executors or administrators and not have been dealt with under a Will or the Rules of Intestacy. You should bear this in mind.

Next time:

Business partnerships
Bank Accounts and Shares
Shares in a limited company
Sole traders
Assets held in trust
Land inheritance

Did you see.....

Robson Green's Weekend Escapes...

on BBC TV2 on 8 February 2023?

It was in Hamsterley Forest Durham.

This also the home of Metcalfe's,
see opposite.

Spring Walks....

on BBC TV4 on the nights of 7 and 8
February 2023?

The first was a walk along the Swale from
Muker to Keld.

Up the east side past Swinner Gill to East
Gill Force and
back via the Pennine Way.

It's our family's favourite Dales Walk
(so I hope it doesn't catch on!).

The following evening's walk was around
Littondale.

Starting near Foxup, the walk went by
Halton Gill and ended at Arncliffe
all places with strong Metcalfe connections..

Why don't you pay them a visit?



*Upper Littondale
Cosh*



Located in Hamsterley Forest

Metcalfe's House

Near the old road from Barnard Castle to Wolsingham,
the inhabitant provided refreshment to the men leading
packhorses over the old road. A significant route until at
least as late as 1811.

Durham Wills

James METCALFE, gentleman, of Rackwoodhill in the
chaplerie of Hamsterley County Durham]
DPRI/1/1678/M8/1 undated

Inventory exhibited by **Gilbert Metcalfe**, son
and administrator, 15 May 1678

*Hamsterley "At the Bishop's Court held on 20th
December 1674 cases were heard against **Gilbert
Metcalfe and Catherine** his wife, Peter Applebey, John
Parkyn and his wife, George Bradley and Margaret his
wife, Stephen Walton and William Teasdale and his wife
for not paying the Minister's dues."*

*Muker - Keld Walk
Swiner Gill*



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together with the associated indexes on the society's website.*

The Great Trial – A Swaledale Lead Mining Dispute in the Court of Exchequer 1705-1708,

Editor: Tim Gates, Yorkshire Archaeological Society, Record Series, 2012, published by Boydell Press.

This was a boundary dispute between Reginald Marriott and Lord Wharton in the court of Queen Elizabeth I, and related to mining rights and is a transcription of the court proceedings. As it covers the area where a large number of the early family lived, they were involved in the trial and their depositions are included in the volume.

Metcalfes giving evidence in this trial included **John senior and his son John the younger, Brian and Metcalfe Hutchinson, all of Carperby**, who were interrogated in the boundary dispute. Others included **Anthony of Gunnerside, Anthony of Ivelet, Brian of Gunnerside, George of Reeth, James of Gunnerside, John of Grinson (Grinton), John of Gunnerside, Matthew of Reeth.**

Do any of these names/places ring a bell for you?

Do let us know if you have a connection.

Even women were mentioned, **Dorothy of Reeth and Jennet.**

Giles Mte. of Whitaside is described as an 'ancient man' and

James Mte also described as a an 'old man'.

There are some interesting comment, although the book is a series of transcripts, so possibly better to be skimmed through rather than suitable bedtime reading.

Jo Heron

Websites

The Trafalgar database on The National Archives site is the one to check if your ancestor really did serve - www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/aboutapps/trafalgarancestors/

Susan Harper writes :

As I have Irish ancestors (not Mtes), I have done a lot of work with available resources there.

*Out of interest I went to the **National Archives of Ireland** census site and did a search of the 1901 and 1911 for Metcalf, Metcalfe, Medcalf, Medcalfe. (Transcriptions and images are free to view and save.)*

Total for 1901 was 333, 1911 was 397.

In 1901, in the spelling order stated, there were 111, 182, 38, and 2.

In 1911, in order, there were 120, 215, 53, and 9.

*Another useful Irish site is **IrishGenealogy**.*

It has Civil records with images and some church records, free to view and save.

*The records now available online include: Birth register records – 1864 to 1921;
Marriage register records – 1845 to 1946 & Death register records – 1871 to 1971.*

Hi, all: I came across this interesting link re Yorkshire, the history of Wensleydale and Swaledale area, created by Ian Spensley at yorkshiredaleshistory.wordpress.com

David Metcalfe tells me that there is a link to Ian via a former Society member: Ian Metcalfe Spensley and his sister a former Metcalfe society member called Christine Amsden, lives north west of Winnipeg, & runs the website dalesgenealogy.com

Susan Harper

CASCAT (Cumbria Archive Service Catalogue)

Is an online resource that allows users to search and access the collections of the Cumbria Archive Service.

It includes detailed descriptions of the documents, photographs, and other records that are held by the archives, including information about their date, origin, and content.

The catalogue can be searched by keyword, date, and other criteria, making it a valuable resource for researchers, genealogists, and anyone with an interest in the history of Cumbria.

Bits & Bobs

Military Records from the Ministry of Defence

From the Family History Federation

This will be of interest to many family historians

<https://www.gov.uk/get-copy-military-service-records/apply-for-someone-elses-records> says:

From 1 April 2023 it will be free to apply for a military service record from the MOD.

You'll need to pay the £30 fee if you submit an application before 1 April.

Looking through some of the War records for Metcalfe, I came across a rank of

Donkeyman

in the Mercantile Marine Reserve.

Can any of our members tell what his job/rank would have been?

All the others mentioned had regular ranks, like Signalmans, Able Seaman, Telegraphist.

Jo Heron

and finally..... I hope you have enjoyed the read.

This is my last newsletter.

I have enjoyed being involved in the production of the missive over the last couple of years but it is now time to hand over to our new Newsletter Editor.

My thanks to all the contributors.

I am pleased to say that

Susan Harper

our Canada Representative and member of the wider committee has agreed to take on the role.

So I look forward to the next newsletter - without having to edit it!

Welcome Susan.

Peter Dobson



My sincere thanks to Peter Dobson for picking up the baton when the previous Editor retired. Peter has done a sterling job in finding new articles and keeping us up-to-date with news from other members. It is not easy and he has done an excellent job of keeping us informed.

Many many thanks, Peter,

and we look forward to hearing from Susan Harper who is taking over.

Jo Heron

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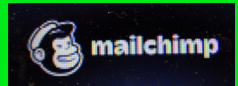
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