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Surname Variants

Metcalfe

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Metkalf

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Mitcalf

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Mejtecalfe

Me'cca' is phonetic
dialect for Metcalfe

Can you add to this list
from records you have
come across?



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Established 1980

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Chairman's Musings This month, we are very pleased to welcome Susan Harper as the new Editor of our newsletter. Susan has been an active member of the Society for many years, and living in Canada represents our members over there. Attending Committee meetings had been virtually impossible until the last few years, and I'm delighted to say that with our meetings being held online, Susan is now a regular attendee at our meetings. Perhaps the best (and only good) aspect of the global pandemic has been to open up the world to all of us, and Susan and Dianne Fox (in Australia) have been regular attendees at our meetings – which certainly has proved to be beneficial to our discussions. So, I am really delighted that Susan has decided that instead of being just a regular contributor to the newsletter, she offered to take over on the retirement of Peter Dobson.

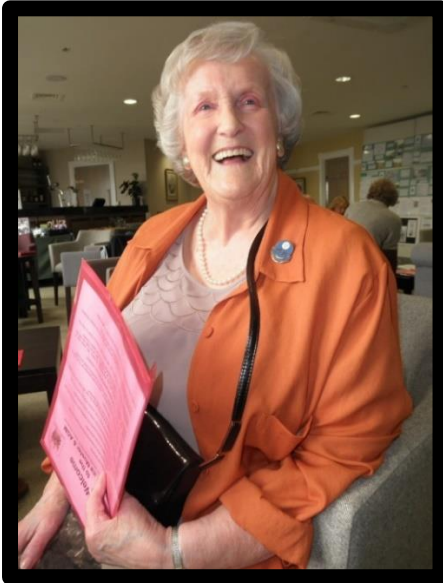
Peter will be a hard act to follow, having taken over from Mike Pope on his retirement. I hope that you have enjoyed the newsletters that Peter has produced, and their frequency to bi-monthly. Thankfully he is not leaving us entirely and will continue to play an active part in the Society, as Treasurer and with his contributions to future newsletters and the Image Website. The newsletter he produced have been some of the most enlightening, but both Peter and Susan have both said that they cannot do it without your contribution – however long, short or detailed. Your short items may well link to someone else's – so please do keep sending them in to editor@metcalfe.org.uk

The big news, following on from the brief notice in the last newsletter, is that we are going ahead with the Annual General Meeting live this year, and following it with a proper Muster, meeting for the first time in three years. We will be based in Northallerton, a centre for many of us who have ancestors in the area. The North Riding Record Office will be the key-note speaker, so if you have any queries for them, please let me know and hopefully they will be able to find an answer for you. Other speakers will be members presenting their research which I'm sure you will find interesting and enlightening. For those of you who may consider bringing other family members and/or friends along, Northallerton is a bustling market town with plenty of activities, even if they do not go outside the town, to keep them busy while you are enjoying the meeting. **All in all, a not to be missed meeting.**

So, lots of changes to look into in coming months. Do keep in touch and let Susan have your thoughts and musings to include next time around.

In Memoriam

NINA BENSON (1932-2023): our late President. RIP



The committee was deeply saddened to learn in April that our President, Nina Benson, (member 29) had sadly passed away, in her sleep, aged 91.

When it was founded in 1980, Nina became an active participant in the nascent Metcalfe Society. She assisted our co-founders, Vera Adams and Mary Metcalfe, to set the Society up, prior to us adopting a constitution in 1982. Her first formal role was that of International Genealogical Index (IGI) Keeper, enabling her over the years, as we acquired more fiche, to check them for Metcalf(e) and variant entries. She took on the role of Society Secretary in 1981 and co-organised our very first Members' meeting (styled Muster) in 1982, at Claremont in Leeds. She features in the historic photograph of our first Members' event. It was there that I first met her.

She also became our first Keeper of 'Lists' and 'Family Trees' until she retired from those posts in 1998. She then became our Archivist

between 1999 and 2001- who better given her encyclopaedic knowledge of the various family lines, partly due to her involvement in the above roles.

At Musters she knew everyone by sight, and more remarkably to me, their membership number, as well as their place overall in the Clan. Her own relationship to the family was through George Metcalfe and Elizabeth Robinson of Hipswell Mill, near Catterick in the 18th Century.

In 2015 she accepted the role of President and kept a beady eye on the Committee's activities, as well as raising questions at our AGM's on the accounts and our activities as many of you will recollect!

Nina was at times formidable, especially if she disagreed with what you thought and if you were a 'new boy' on the committee! She spoke her mind but in a kindly manner. She respected your view despite disagreeing with you! Our meetings (both Musters and Committee meetings) were very well organised and managed by her as our Secretary until she retired from that post in 1998, which coincided with my election as Chairman although I like to think the two events were unconnected.

Woe betide anyone who mispronounced her forename Nina to rhyme with 'Ena' not 'Miner'! She would let you off once, at first meeting but only once!

We were most fortunate in enjoying the benefit of her undoubted administrative skills and the sheer depth of knowledge about all things Metcalfe, which was virtually second to none! She was well known in wider family history circles and enjoyed meeting the public at the York Family History Fairs, where she regularly persuaded attendees to join the Society! Her regular presence at our Musters will be recalled by many of the readers of this newsletter, not only for her friendliness but also her annual success in the raffle. I cannot recollect a year that she did not win a prize, sometimes more than one!

Many of you reading this will have fond memories, as do I.

It was an undoubted privilege to have known her and serve on the committee when she was on it. The Society has lost one of its Titans: without her the Society would not be as pre-eminent as a One Name Society as it is today and its members would have been the poorer.

We send our condolences to her family at their sad loss coupled with grateful thanks to her for all she did for the Society during the last 40 years. May she rest in peace.

David Lambert (membership number 11)

Serendipitous link spans 172 years

Canadian member #2219 Melody White Bettcher, daughter of member #1303, George and June White, contacted me with an amazing coincidence and has agreed to sharing it in this issue.

Melody's 3rd great grandfather, Edmund Metcalfe, was baptised in Hawes, son of John and Margaret (Wilson) Metcalfe. He married Elizabeth Jameson and their daughter Elizabeth was born in 1835 in Skipton. In 1851, this family was enumerated at Carlton, Skipton, where Edmund was a farmer of 25 acres and Elizabeth was a power loom cotton weaver. Their neighbour was widower Charles Preston, a stone mason, and his four sons.

Fast forward 147 years to Canada where Melody became friends with Susan, nee Preston, who was a neighbour in Abbotsford, BC, in 1998. Eventually their families both moved to Alberta where they are still friends and neighbours. When Melody found the 1851 census, she asked Susan where in England her family was from. Turns out that Susan is, indeed, the 4th great granddaughter of Charles Preston of Carlton and the families were neighbours 172 years ago! (See 1851 census image of Carlton, Skipton, Yks below.)

Remembering Nina:

My first experience of Nina was at a York Fair, when she was on the Metcalfe Stall along with Diane Haworth. I had just discovered a Metcalfe GGrandfather and she very quickly helped me to establish a link to the Family. Later, meeting her at Musters, and even later, at Committee meetings, I grew to appreciate her commitment to the Society and incredible knowledge of all things family history and Metcalfe in particular. She could, at times, be quite intimidating, but always in a friendly way, and would very quickly put one right if she thought you were doing something half-heartedly or incorrectly.

An incredible loss to the Society and someone we will miss tremendously for her encyclopaedic knowledge of the Family and her sense of humour. Jo Heron, #1042

Remembering Nina:

Nina was the one who welcomed me to the Society and found my family from sketchy information (my grandfather, a Metcalfe from Yorkshire). I never met her personally but it was because of Nina that I became the Canadian agent in the mid 1980s. We had many enjoyable interactions and I was always happy to help whenever I could. Susan Harper, #266

Carlton	Edmund Metcalfe	Head	Male	25	Farmer of 25 acres	d. Jameson
	Elizabeth d.	Wife	Female	24	Powerloom weaver	d. Metcalfe
	Elizabeth d.	Daughter	Female	15	Powerloom weaver	d. Metcalfe
	Lisammah Bettcher	Lodger	Female	53	Powerloom weaver	d. Metcalfe
	Charles Jameson	Lodger	Male	30	Powerloom weaver	d. Metcalfe
	Elizabeth d.	Lodger	Female	14	Powerloom weaver	d. Metcalfe
	John Preston	Lodger	Male	26	Powerloom weaver	d. Metcalfe
Thorn	Charles Preston	Head	Male	45	Stone Mason	d. Metcalfe
	John Preston	Son	Male	22	Ag. Labourer	d. Metcalfe
	Robert d.	Son	Male	20	Ag. Labourer	d. Metcalfe
	William d.	Son	Male	17	Powerloom weaver	d. Metcalfe
	Charles d.	Son	Male	15	Powerloom weaver	d. Metcalfe

BIRTH BRIEFS

1770 Catherine Proud

Grd William Coates & Elizabeth (Mt) 1823-1871 East Cowton. d. of James (Mte) 1793-1837 North Cowton & Elizabeth (Ward) 1795-1821. s.o. Henry b. 1822 - South Cowton and Elizabeth b. 1824 - s.o. James (Mte) 1770-1844 S Cowton & Mary (Whitaker) 1770 - 1843. s.o. James (Mte) 1738-1808, S. Cowton & Eleanor Swalwell 1732-1824

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New members, have you sent in your information? Current members do you have updates? Please let us know for this space in the future.

Now and Then

In the March/April 2023 newsletter I explained how several types of assets or interests of a deceased person will not have passed to the Executors or Administrators and consequently not have been dealt with under the Grant of Probate of a Will or under the Rules of Intestacy. In this Newsletter I will cover Business Partnerships, Shares in a limited company, Sole traders, Joint Bank Accounts and Assets held in trust.

Business Partnerships

Assets held in a business partnership, where there are 2 or more business owners, are treated as owned by the partners as Tenants in Common (explained in the previous article).

The partners may have a written Partnership Agreement which should provide what will happen when one business partner dies and if the business can continue or not. Check to see if there is a Partnership Agreement at a Record Office, maybe amongst files of the solicitors who acted for the deceased. The interest in a partnership business will pass in accordance with the agreement of the partners.

What if there is no Partnership Agreement? The common law in that eventuality provided that the business must be closed down. The law was codified in 1890 in the Partnership Act. This remains the case today.

The Act says that in the absence of a Partnership Agreement between the partners, the business must be closed down and after paying off all those who were owed money by the business, the net resulting balance should go, in the proportions in which the partners owned their business capital, to the estate of the deceased partner, as well as the surviving partners.

- The net cash value of a share of a deceased partner will, after dissolution, then pass to the deceased's Executor/Administrator;
- It could be several months after the death, if the business has to close down;
- Check street directories for a few years after a death to see if the business has closed and is no longer referred to;
- During World War 1 a registry of business names was set up by the Board of Trade. The intention was to have a record of enemy aliens or former aliens, who were not trading under their own names. It then was compiled as a register of persons or firms trading under a business name other than their own;
- The National Archives holds samples of the register but not the complete register, in BT 253 Date: 1917-1982 so it might be useful to check this. It was closed in 1982 since as the TNA says on their website "....only 50-60% of those required to register did so, and....many cessations and changes of ownership were never registered." [[Board of Trade: Register of Business Names \(Sample\)](#)] [[The National Archives.](#)]

Shares in a limited company

Such shares will have their value added to the other Assets passing under the Will /Administration. However, from the middle of the 19th century onwards private limited companies would regularly have a restriction imposed on the transfer of shares, without the approval of the directors and other shareholders.

A company's Articles of Association should provide for what will happen when a shareholder dies. Sometimes the Executors were allowed to be substituted for the deceased on the company's register of members but they did not always have the right to vote in General Meetings as a shareholder would usually do. In other cases the shares had to be transferred to the remaining shareholders at a price to be determined by the Articles.

A complicated area of the law but again its worthwhile discovering if the deceased's family owned a business or was employed in a business operating as a limited company.

See the TNA website Guide on business records held by them and elsewhere. The Guide says "*.....the vast majority of company records held at The National Archives are for dissolved companies which were incorporated by registration. In most cases, they are not a company's own records but merely the government records of a company's registration and dissolution.*"

When a registered company is dissolved, its registration and dissolution files remain at Companies House for twenty years, after which time they are either destroyed or transferred to The National Archives.

Broadly speaking, since the mid-19th century the percentage of company records transferred to The National Archives has steadily reduced to ever smaller proportions of the total as the number of companies registering has increased." [see the link [Companies and businesses - The National Archives](#)].

Regrettably it is not too likely that old company records will be found at the TNA but local record offices might hold some. Have a look!

For current companies, a search at Companies House will reveal existing companies and details of liquidations and insolvencies. Here is the link to companies with the name 'Metcalfe' included in its name which have been operating or registered during the last 20 years. Some of course were formed well before the year 2000. [See the link [metcalfe - Search for a dissolved company - Find and update company information - GOV.UK \(company-information.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/metcalfe-search-for-a-dissolved-company-find-and-update-company-information).]

What happens when a sole trader dies?

Where someone is carrying their business on their own, not in partnership with others, they are described as '*sole traders*'. It is important to see what the Will says since, if it is silent and does not empower the Executors to carry on the business, it must be closed down. If the deceased was intestate this will apply immediately.

The law does not distinguish between the business assets of a sole trader who is deceased and their other private assets. A death can have catastrophic results for the family (no income from the business) and employees (they will be automatically sacked or made redundant in modern parlance: in other words are immediately out of work).

The business dies with a deceased sole trader unless a Will provides otherwise. A Will could empower the Executors to carry on the business. If not, the cash net proceeds of sale of the business assets will form part of the personal estate and will pass to beneficiaries under the Will or under the Rules of Intestacy. These will be the 'net' assets since the business liabilities of the deceased must be discharged and a lease of business premises given up. This remains the position even now.

We often wonder why our ancestors moved and one reason could be due to the closure of a business following the owner's death. Maybe seek out details of your ancestor's employer and see if that employer died and the business closed down?

Bank Accounts and Shares

Where money is held in a joint bank account, it is usual to treat the joint bank account as if they were held by the account holders as a *joint tenancy* (see previous articles for an explanation of this term). So on the death of one bank account holder, the other will become the owner of the account upon proof of the death. The former joint bank account never passes to the Executor or Administrator of the deceased so the money cannot be used to discharge legacies under the Will or as funds passing under the rules of intestacy. The bank account is inherited by the surviving co-owner(s) of the bank account. There is consequently no need to produce a Grant of Probate or Letters of Administration to the bank to release the funds.

Assets held in trust

Assets might be held under the terms of a family trust created by a Settlement, particularly on or in contemplation of a marriage in the 17th to 20th centuries. Assets would be paid to trustees to look after in accordance with the terms of the Settlement.

Often the income from the settled capital will pass to a surviving widower, whose wife has died, or there will be a distribution to a child of the marriage either outright or more likely with the capital still tied up so the child cannot get their hands on it!

These assets might not be owned outright by a deceased, therefore, and their death will terminate their interest, the assets passing in accordance with the terms of the trust created by the Settlement. These assets will be outside the Will or Intestacy. In another article in this series I will expand on the topic of Settlements.

Land inheritance

This is a complex subject and may be the subject of a future article too. But suffice it to remind you that the inheritance of land was not regulated necessarily by the terms of a Will and did not pass under the same Rules of Intestacy as the personal estate.

Conclusion

In conclusion 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. I have tried to point out some of these above. You should bear this in mind.

David Lambert, #11

Bits and Bobs

These two were known as Cattle Annie and Little Britches in Oklahoma, USA.. Read more about them at "[The Okie Legacy](#)". Little Britches was born Jennie Stevenson and married Benjamin Medkiff/Medriff. Submitted by Jo Heron.

The two notorious female outlaws arrested Monday night near Pawnee, by Deputy Marshal Steve Burke, and posse, makes the third time the girls have been arrested and placed in jail. The first time they gave bond and succeeded in making their escape the other times. The Marshal's posse ran into them Sunday, and the women showed fight, and several shots were fired before they gave up. Jennie Medkiff is only 16 years old and Annie McDoulet 15 years of age. Both were in men's clothing when captured. The girls will plead guilty to selling whisky to Indians, and the officers will immediately leave with them for Washington, D. C. to put them in the reform school.



Useful Research Links / Books

[The visitation of Yorkshire, made in the years 1584-85 : to which is added the subsequent visitation made in 1612, by Richard St. George, Norry King of Arms : with several additional pedigrees edited by Joseph Foster](#)

Click on the above link. This book can be paged through or be searched. Many Metcalfe genealogies strive to link to the Metcalfes mentioned.

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Recent release: The National Archive of Ireland has released some marriage and wills records for the Dublin area. You can access them on [Find My Past](#). (Subscription required.)

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In Canada: British Columbia Archives has births, marriages, deaths, baptisms and Colonial Marriages available at no charge <https://search-collections.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/Genealogy>

Lincolnshire Robbers: Part One

My Metcalfe ancestor, Charles, had 'sat' in my family tree unexplored for decades. I had made preliminary investigations as to who Charles Metcalfe might be, but without much luck – the only contender was a 24 year old who had died at Lincoln miles away from his North Lincolnshire home – that couldn't possibly be my 3 x great grandfather...could it?

Attending the York Family History Fair around 2018 I'd noticed the Metcalfe Society stall, spoken with the knowledgeable volunteers and had treated myself to a Metcalfe cup, which now sat on my desk housing pencils and pens and spurring me on. Now retired, I found time to do more research.

This is the story of Charles Metcalfe, my 3 x great grandfather. Gail Hunt, #2218

THE SHORT LIFE OF CHARLES METCALFE (1782-1807)

Charles Metcalfe was born at the end of the Georgian period and at the time of his birth, in November 1782, George III sat on the throne of Great Britain and William Pitt the Younger was Premier. This was the year 300 petitions urging the Government to end slavery were served and steps were taken to do just that. It was the year Shelley the Poet and Herschel the Astronomer were born. And in the quiet Lincolnshire village of Waddingham, Lincolnshire, the eldest child of Charles and Ann Metcalfe entered the world.

Charles had two brothers and two sisters, only a brother (Richard) and sister (Mary) will survive beyond the age of ten. Charles' grandfather Christopher Metcalfe is the curate at St Mary's Church Waddingham (later St Peter's & St Mary's), where he will serve for almost fifty years. He appears in the parish records conducting the baptisms of not only his own Metcalfe children but those of his grandchildren too. When Charles' sister Catherine is laid to rest as a one year old, grandfather Christopher will officiate at the burial.

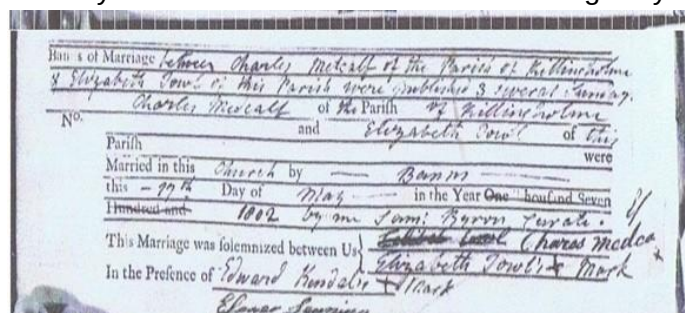
The Metcalfes would have been viewed as a 'respectable family' and the quiet Lincolnshire village of Waddingham was their home.

When Charles is 17 years old, his youngest brother George dies aged 9 years. Whether Charles is still at home at this point we don't know, but it may well have had a profound effect upon him.

Charles may well have found life in a small village stifling, his strict Christian upbringing perhaps a lot to live up to. He begins to associate with men of bad character from nearby Brigg.

In his late teens he secures a position working as a servant in the employment of one Richard Fox. Richard Fox (1754-1839) is a 'gentleman farmer' and the extended Fox family had lived and farmed around Waddingham and adjoining villages for generations. He owned land both in Charles's home village of Waddingham, in the village of Winterton, in Rye Hill, South Killingholme and in later life at Barton upon Humber. When Richard Fox died in 1839, his Will reflected his considerable estate, most of which was distributed amongst various nephews and grand nephews. He had an association with Lord Yarborough and refers to the 'china' given to wife Mary Fox, nee Batty, by Lord Yarborough. He was a wealthy man and Charles has done well to secure this position, no doubt his curate grandfather had played a part.

Charles would be based at South Killingholme, some 20 miles away from his Waddingham home. Was father Charles trying to distance him from a bad crowd he may well have already fallen into? It must have been around the year 1800 and whilst working at Rye Hill that Charles meets Elizabeth Towl and who was 11 years his senior. By today's standards it seems unusual for a man to marry a woman so many years old than him, but it seems to have been not particularly unusual at the time. Charles, at 20, was probably a charismatic 'bit of a lad' and probably older than his years and this may well have been what had attracted the 31 year old Elizabeth. Elizabeth was originally from Ulceby some three and a half miles away from where Charles was working at the home of Richard and Mary Fox.



The romance continues and they will marry at Brocklesby by banns on 17th May 1802 which, it seems, was a Monday. *Note: Charles name is incorrectly spelt. He gives his residence as Killingholme, where he was living at the time of their marriage – the residence of Richard and Mary Fox.

But it seems Charles loses his employment with Richard Fox (possibly because of his marriage?) and the decision is made by the pair to move to Brigg to seek employment in agriculture. They settle in Somerby some four miles from Brigg and two years into their marriage, Elizabeth finds herself pregnant. She gives birth to a boy and the infant is baptised on the 6th January 1805 at St Margaret's Church, Somerby. He is given the name Charles, after his father and grandfather.

In 1806 Charles, now 23, learns that Elizabeth is expecting their second child; they are now living in Cadney but Charles finds himself out of work.

OLD ASSOCIATES

He falls in with old associates from the Brigg area and comes under the influence of John Granger (32), known as the 'Sauceman' and along with John Freeman (28) and Henry Coates (28) began to operate as a gang taking part in thefts and burglaries around the county. Was wife Elizabeth aware? If not, she soon would be.

John Granger was a slippery character, manipulative and unscrupulous who had been 'old in the practice of crimes'. He had been a strolling player and was probably quick of tongue and charismatic; a man who survived on his wits, the nickname 'Sauceman' probably deriving from his days as a player rather than from any criminal connotation. He was likely slim and wiry (as was often a description given to strolling players, who were often malnourished and had a tendency to gin drinking!) not stocky; a description attributed to the three other members of the gang, John Freeman, Henry Coates and Charles Metcalfe, all of whom were rural labourers used to working the land.

Later reports suggest that most of the burglaries in the county around that time could be attributed to the gang captained by Granger. Charles Metcalfe is the youngest of the group and probably didn't operate in the gang for as long as other members. During meetings between the gang, Charles puts forward his old employer Richard Fox as a potential target, he was a wealthy man and a good source of money he told them. Plans were made for their next hit – Richard Fox's farm at Rye Hill outside South Killingholme, Lincolnshire.

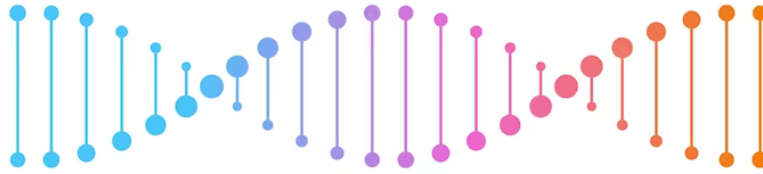
'A DARING AND ATTROCIOUS ROBBERY' 16th January 1807 - Rye Hill, South Killingholme

The gang meet at 'Hendall Hill' at around 8pm on Friday 16th January (the exact location of which is lost, but probably was just outside Ulceby). The men once again go over the plans for the night. They are armed with a gun, two pistols (all loaded) and a bayonet. John Granger, 'The Sauceman', had earlier produced various outfits, makeup and props, the kind likely to have been used by a band of strolling players and the group had spent time aiming to disguise themselves with rouge face paints, false beards and clothing which even included bonnets and bed gowns. They must have looked frankly terrifying – a nightmarish collection of grotesque, armed intruders.

Once outside the Rye Hill property, it seems that the three younger men began to get cold feet. Granger urges them on and states he will take care of Fox and any of his family who may offer any resistance. The four men (although Richard Fox would later report that there were five) enter the premises, probably assisted by Charles's knowledge of the place. Richard Fox is confronted and the gang threaten to murder both Fox and his wife. Aged 53, he acts with a level headedness that maybe saves the day. Not so his wife; she tackles the man carrying a gun (presumably Granger), and the gun is discharged, so intent was she on saving the life of her husband. Fox takes the gang to his desk where some of his valuables are kept and they are handed over - a haul, which was described as being a gold watch, 20 guineas in gold and three bank notes value ten guineas. Fox will later suggest that further items were taken, perhaps silver or cutlery, but this did not form part of any later charge. Luckily, none of the residents of Rye Hill were injured in any way.

The four exit the property shouting threats as to what will happen to Fox and his family should the night's events be reported. They head back to their respective homes, meeting no-one along the way. For the next three or four days they keep their heads down, but that will very soon not be enough...

Part Two will continue in the next issue.



Autosomal DNA and your Metcalfe Family Tree

Have you done your Autosomal DNA with Ancestry? Recently they have provided information about matches that belong to your Paternal side or your Maternal side so this has helped anyone who does not have a parent tested.

It is important to attach your DNA to at least a basic family tree with a couple of generations of ancestors. This will help you with hints for Common Ancestors. These are people you have DNA matches with who have trees that may confirm how you link together.

People do their DNA for all sorts of reasons, to determine their ethnicity, to determine an unknown line or to confirm their paper research. DNA is just another tool to help you determine your next of kin.

Have you explored all the tools Ancestry provides to help sort your matches? Several years ago they introduced 24 coloured dots to help you sort your matches.

One good way to sort your matches is using the Leeds Method. It was developed by Dana Leeds, and it helps you to identify your four grandparent lines. Following are links to Dana's page and a video I found easy to follow by Ryan Russell showing how to do the Leeds Method.

- <https://www.danaleeds.com/the-leeds-method/>
- <https://www.danaleeds.com/dna-color-clustering-the-leeds-method-for-easily-visualizing-matches/>
- Open Door Genetics – Ryan Russell has this very helpful, short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yt4w5bVSTJA>

If you are not familiar with Microsoft Excel, just do it on a lined piece of paper and draw in your columns. When you have established your four grandparent lines then use the dots and the Shared Matches tools to try and put your matches down to 20cM in the four grandparent groups.

You may have a few Unknown groups which you will not be able to put into a Grandparent group. Put them in a separate group of their own for the moment. You may also have some who have no Shared Matches, but, over time, other matches may help to put them into a group.

Next newsletter, there will be more hints for sorting your DNA.

If you have any queries, please send them into the editor and I will try to answer them.



The Metcalfe Society

Annual General Meeting and Muster 2023

You are invited to The Metcalfe Society's Annual General meeting and Muster. Thankfully, we are restoring the live meeting, but also hope to be able to share all proceedings online as we have over the last few years.



The meeting will be held in the Mowbray Suite at the Golden Lion Hotel, Northallerton, North Yorkshire. We will have exclusive access to the Suite. Car parking is free for those attending the meeting in the large car park behind the Inn. There is also another large car park available close by.

The Mowbray Suite is Ideally located across the courtyard on the ground floor, complete with its own washroom facilities. The suite is perfect for all conference styles with a capacity of 30 to 70 attendees.

Arrangements have been made for the hotel to hold a number of rooms for those attending who wish to stay overnight, again with free parking. As Northallerton is a popular market town and can be busy, please book early.

The Golden Lion Hotel : telephone: 01609 777411

114 High Street, Northallerton, DL7 8PP

reservations@golden-lion-hotel.co.uk

We hope you will be happy to join us in our first post-covid meeting.

Following the AGM, we will be holding our first Muster since the pandemic. The programme includes North Yorkshire Record Office who will be showing us some of their holdings. This will be followed by members presenting on how to publish your family's history, the new Image Library and the Metcalfe DNA project. As in previous years, we hope to have the database available for members to search during intervals.

Don't forget to put the date in your diary, and we hope to 'see' you there, either live or online.

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2023 AT 10.00 BST

Chairman's Opening Remarks

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the meeting from 3rd October 2021
3. Presentation of the Accounts (Peter Dobson)
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Appointment of an Independent Examiner Mr. Ian Wright FCA
 - c. Subscription recommendation for 2024 - no change recommended
4. Election of Officers
 - a. Chair: Mrs. Jo Heron (JH)
 - b. Treasurer: Mr. Peter Dobson (PD)
 - c. Two Trustees: Mr. David Metcalfe (DM) and Mr. David Lambert (DL)
 - d. Additional Committee members. We would like to encourage members to take an active part in the organisation of the Society. Can you spare a couple of hours a week/month to assist the Committee? Please contact chairman@metcalfe.org.uk for details..
5. Reports to be circulated before the meeting:
 - a. Membership (JH)
 - b. Archivist (Liz Waller)
 - c. Database (DM)
 - d. DNA (Martin Metcalfe)
 - e. Publications & Promotion
 - i. Sales (JH)
 - ii. Federation of Family History Societies. (DL)
 - iii. Northwest Group of FHS. (DL)
 - iv. Yorkshire. Group of FHS. (JH)
 - v. Guild of One Name Studies (PD)
 - f. Newsletter (SH)
 - g. Social Media (Lesley Longworth)
 - h. Wills (JH)
 - i. Australian Hub (Dianne Fox)
 - j. Canadian Hub (Susan Harper)
 - k. American Hub - Agent required
6. A.O.B.
7. Date of AGM 2023

Programme for the Muster

Timings of the presentations will be finalised nearer to the date. At the moment, North Yorkshire Record Office will be attending and showing us some of their holdings. This will be followed by members presenting on how to publish your family's history, the new Image Library and the Metcalfe DNA project. As in previous years, we hope to have the database available for members to search during intervals.

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