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Me'cca' is phonetic
dialect for Metcalfe

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

Please email
editor@metcalfe.org.uk



THE METCALFE SOCIETY
Established 1980

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A funny thing happened on the way to the Muster.....

Our member, Dianne Fox from Australia, came over for the Muster this year, along with two non-member friends. They joined David Lambert and I for dinner on the Friday evening, and we were also joined by Mike Pope and his wife. During the evening, Ann Pope and Ann from Australia discovered that they had entered the same school on Teesside, and not only the same school, but in the same year – although not in the same class. How funny is that?

There was also a minor panic. Our Australian members will be voting in a referendum shortly and as Dianne and her compatriots would be in the UK, proxy voting forms had to be sent here. Two of the three needed came through on the Thursday before the Muster, the final one came through while we were in Northallerton. So, we arranged to meet up on Sunday, the day after, to pass the form on to Dianne's friend, so they can all take part legitimately. What a pity we don't have the same compulsory voting here!!

The Muster 2023

First off, I must apologise to those members who intended on joining the meeting online. The dreaded covid struck yet again. The person who was going to run the online side of the meeting for us, caught covid the week before and was unable to attend and not fit enough to run the day from his home. Unfortunately, the equipment we had was not up to run both a live and an online meeting. This is something we really need to look at for future events, as hybrid meetings are obviously the way to go for the future.

The meeting opened with Don Sudron of the North Yorkshire Record Office who took us on a lightning tour of the holdings of the Office, describing in detail the types of material they hold. He did leave some handouts, so if you would like a copy, let me know. (Continued next page)

He was followed by Martin Metcalfe, who runs our DNA project. Martin explained the details of the project and how it works, and why it can be so valuable to the Metcalfe family. It enables us to trace our family's history through the male line using the yDNA sequence, enabling us to see how closely any two or more individuals are related. This will help to confirm a relationship, and the more connections over the generations, the stronger the connection. So far 40% of those tested suggest the early origins go back to a common European group, including some links between those Metcalfes in the colonial group – those who emigrated. At least 10% go back to the 18th century. It is highly likely that there is a single common male ancestor for many of us. We will be able to create a family tree from the DNA results in the same way as we create our own tree from named individuals. The more information we have from our male Metcalfes, the better the family tree we can put together, and the easier it will be to fit other members into the tree – so if you are a male, surname Metcalfe and you have not yet taken the test – we urge you to take part so we can confirm the early links. To find out more, or to take a test, contact Martin by emailing to DNA@metcalfe.org.uk

In the afternoon, Dianne Fox went through the different types of DNA and explained about the various systems and how they work. There are 3 types of DNA – Y DNA – which traces only the male line and is the basis for the Metcalfe Project; Mitochondrial DNA derives from the mother so often changes each generation and can be used for both male and female, and autosomal DNA can help to identify more recent generations on both male and female sides, so can be used to identify biological families where the parent/grandparent is absent. Dianne went on to explain how the percentages as genetic markers work, she also explained that the *Ancestry* DNA test could trace ethnicity as well as direct matches, and ThruLines to earlier lines. *Ancestry* does update results regularly as more information comes in from new donors and may provide you will link to extended family members. The links found by DNA research may extend your family tree wider and further back than you were aware of.

Our final presentation of the afternoon was from Peter Dobson introducing the new Image and Information Library. This has been sponsored by the William M.D. Roe family, in memory of Anna Jane Haydon Metcalfe Roe. Peter demonstrated the library and how to use it by logging in to the Library at [https://www.metcalfe-online.co.uk/TMSImage Library/](https://www.metcalfe-online.co.uk/TMSImageLibrary/) and then following the online instructions. You can include pictures of people or places, or documents, and if needed there is help available for you to tap into. You are all welcome to log in and browse or add your own images, and you can keep them private or share them with other members – it's up to you. We look forward to seeing what you can add – your images may connect with someone else's line, so please do use the site, and add to it for the benefit of all.

It is hoped that we can arrange for our speakers to repeat their presentations at a more convenient time, or to have them available for members to watch in their own time.

The AGM 2023

Full minutes will be circulated for the next AGM, but to bring you up-to-date, here is a summary of the meeting.

There were 17 members present and a number of others who hoped to join online. I understand that they could hear the meeting but could not respond – for which I apologise. Unfortunately, the technology let us down. We had apologies from 7 members. A moments silence was held for all the members who have died through the year, including Mrs. Nina Benson and Mrs. Mary Metcalfe.

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year 2022-2023, showing a healthy balance. The meeting approved them, and also the appointment of the Independent Examiner. The Treasurer

proposed keeping the subscription rate at the same level as previously, which was also accepted. Mr. Dobson also announced that he would not be standing for election in 2024. He said that apart from pulling together the accounts at year end (March normally) it really only needs about half an hour per month just to keep the books.

The Officers were returned with the addition of Dianne Fox as a Trustee. Following the death of our President, Mrs. Nina Benson, Mr. David Lambert was nominated as President and Miss Margaret Hodgson was nominated as Vice-President. Both were elected. (David served as Chairman until recently, Margaret was Secretary of the Society for a long time and worked on the Wills project for many years)

Reports from the various members of the Committee will be circulated.

During Any Other Business, attendees were asked to consider how we can promote the Society and carry it forward into the next decade. The Chair particularly appealed for anyone who could offer help to the Committee, in many cases, this might involve spending an hour or so each month on Metcalfe projects or research. There is so much more that we can learn about our ancestors which could be useful to other members. A number of suggestions were made, which we will be exploring in the next few months. Members are encouraged to think of aspects of their ancestors lives that they would like to explore, and it's hoped that we can tap into these new stories.

Mr. Dobson was thanked for all his work on producing an excellent Newsletter, and Susan Harper was especially commended on keeping up the high standard by producing interesting and informative editions since she took over.

Jo Heron

Research Tip

Navigating records when surname has so many spellings. Fuzzy matching, phonetic matching etc. sometimes are not enough when transcriptions are wayward.

Not long after joining the Metcalfe Society, around 1984, and after Nina Benson pointed me in the right direction, I tried to find my grandfather, his parents and siblings in census records. I found them in 1881 and 1901 but was unable to find them in 1891. In the end, I searched on Walter with no last name, born 1878 in North Stainley, Yorkshire. It came up with Walter Meleatfe. It turned out to be the family I was looking for in St Nicholas, Norton, Malton, Yorkshire.

214	Commence	1	Walter Meleatfe	Head	M	20	20	Walter - Commence	X	20	Richmond
			Arch	20	Wife	17	20			20	North Stainley
			Walter	20	Son	15	20	Schooler		20	20
			Armi	20	Son	15	20	20		20	20
			M & Stanley	20	Son	15	20	20		20	Richmond

The point I am making is: be creative in your search criteria. Indexing/transcription mistakes happen! The matching algorithms don't always catch the Metcalfe and variations correctly. This might not work for family born in larger towns, cities, but is useful if your family is from smaller towns and villages and you have basic info. (S. Harper)

Thank You!

I asked Susan if I might write a few words about my election as the Society's 5th President.

It is a huge honour and one I will try to fulfil as well as my predecessors did, although that will be a tall order!

It is interesting to see close I have been involved with 4 of the Presidents.

Helen Offer was our first President and indeed, following the invitation from Vera Adams and Mary Metcalfe to join the nascent Society, we discovered we were cousins. Possibly we were the first members to be linked?

John Holden was our second President following the termination of his chairmanship. A busy barrister in Manchester, ironically his barrister's Chambers were opposite my office in Manchester and we periodically met whilst going to and from our places of work!

Charles Metcalfe became our third President and he lived about 2 miles away from me as well as belonging to the Family History Society of Cheshire. We met at their monthly branch meetings. By a strange quirk of fate he and his wife Greta found we were staying in Helsinki, Finland, at the same time when I was there with clients on business. I am not sure who was the more surprised to meet one another!

Nina Benson our late lamented 4th President was known to me from the start of her association with the Society, as its Secretary and archivist. A font of all knowledge when it came to Metcalfes! She kept me on my toes as chairman regularly at our Musters and AGMs as well as privately in emails!

All hard acts to follow.

I was finally delighted that the Society elected Margaret Hodgson at the AGM in October a Vice – President in recognition of her long time as our secretary and archivist as well as the longstanding work she did on the Wills project. Congratulations to her on her worthy election.

David Lambert

Every Barn Tells a Story

The history and culture of field barns in upper Swaledale

This Project is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, with Contributions from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust.

Interesting anecdotes from a couple of Metcalfes of Usha Gap Farm regarding early tourism and milk from a cow 'us (cow house).

<http://everybarn.yorkshiredales.org.uk/tag/metcalfe/>

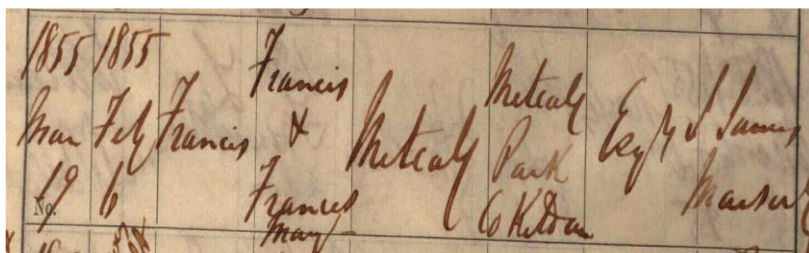


Metcalf Park, Kildare, Ireland



This building is in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage and entered as Metcalfe Park, Gorteen (Dunfieth ED), Johnstown Bridge, Kildare. It is described as a gentleman's residence/country house from c1720, a detached five-bay three-storey rubble stone Georgian house, set back from road in mature landscaped grounds. <https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/buildings-search/building/11801014/metcalfe-park-gorteen-dunfieth-ed-johnstown-bridge-county-kildare>

What is the Metcalfe link? After some digging, I found this 19 Mar 1855 baptism of Francis Metcalfe born 6 February that year to Francis & Frances Mary Metcalfe of Metcalfe Park, Co. Kildare. Francis Sr. is described as Esquire.



304	Francis Metcalfe	Male	Married	73	Gentleman	Debit 29/10/55	Ann White	19th April 1871	Wm. Ryan
	Metcalf Park					Corrected	Married at death		

Next, Francis Metcalfe seniors death in 1871 at Metcalfe Park. He is described as a Gentleman, 73.

Francis Metcalf, Esquire married Frances Mary Cummin in Dublin, by licence, in 1853. He was son of Francis Metcalf, Esquire. The marriage was witness by Edwd Metcalf.

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SCHEDULE G.] Registrar's District of <i>Dublin South</i>								
1853 Marriage solemnized at <i>St. Peter's Church in the Parish of St. Peter</i> in the City of <i>Dublin</i>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
171	1853 May 24	Francis Metcalf	Birth of full age	Bachelor	Esq.	20 Adelaide Road	Francis Metcalf Esq.	
		Frances Cummin	age	Spinster		Rathmines	George Cummin Esq.	

Married in the *Parish of St. Peter's* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the United Church of England and Ireland, by *James J. Lee* by me, *James J. Lee*

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { *Francis Metcalf* } in the Presence of us, { *James J. Lee* }
 { *Frances Mary Cummin* } { *Edwd Metcalf* }

METCALFE-MACGILLICUDDY—June 1, at St. Peter's Church, Dublin, by the Very Rev. the Dean of Ardfer, assisted by the Rev. Mr. MacSorley, George J. Metcalfe, Esq., 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, second son of the late Francis Metcalfe, Esq., of Metcalfe Parke, County Kildare, to Anna Catherine, second daughter of Richard, the late MacGillicuddy of the Reeks, Kerry.

In 1880, George J. Metcalfe, Esq., 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, second son of the late Francis Metcalfe, Esq., of Metcalfe Parke, County Kildare, married Anna Catherine MacGillicuddy at St. Peter's Church, Dublin. (Source: Newspaper.com)

They would soon re-locate to England.

BMD source: <https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/>

Stay tuned for more about this family in a future issue! SH-Ed.

Metcalf vs Duncan, a Trivial Case in Banff

Aberdeen Journal, and General Advertiser for the North of Scotland

SHERIFF COURT, BANFF.

With reference to the paragraph which appeared in last *Journal*, as to the Small Debt case at the instance of Peter Metcalf, porter or day labourer, against George Duncan, watchmaker in Banff, we are authorised to state that the case referred to arose out of a trifling difference between Metcalf and Duncan. Metcalf had come to the close where Duncan lives, in Low Street, Banff, and wished to set fire to a wasp's nest, which was in one of the windows of the house that adjoins Duncan's; and as Duncan had charge of the house during the absence of the parties occupying it, he refused to allow Metcalf to set fire to the nest in case of damaging the windows or house. Metcalf, it would appear, was anxious to get the nest, for some reason best known to himself; and it was accordingly removed during the night. Duncan having his suspicions that Metcalf had taken the nest, accused him with doing so; and this being overheard by some parties passing at the time, Metcalf took the opportunity to drag Duncan before the Sheriff, who, after having heard the evidence, although he agreed that the affair was altogether very trifling, awarded 10s. as damages, and expenses. This is the whole case; and a more trivial one was never brought before a court of justice.— *Correspondent.*

Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, Scotland ·
Wednesday, August 14, 1844.

Peter Metcalf, porter or day labourer, in Banff, Banffshire, Scotland, wanted to set fire to a wasp's nest on a house on Low Street. George Duncan, watchmaker, lived in the house next door and objected. Metcalf apparently removed the nest in the dark of night. The resulting trifling differences between the two had Metcalf go to the Sheriff. Metcalf was awarded 10s as damages and expenses.

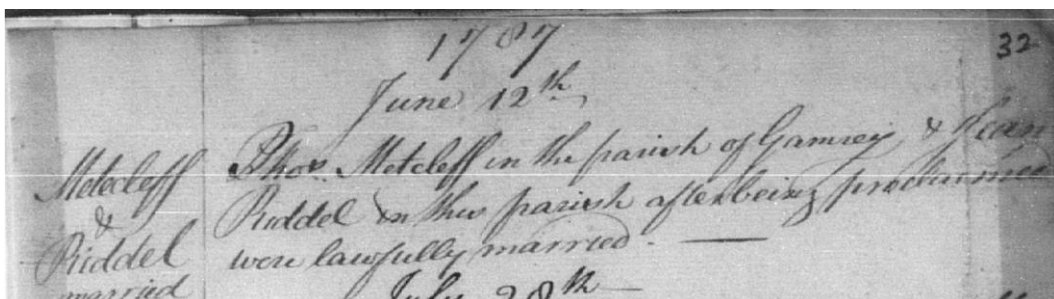
"..a more triavial (case) was never brought before a court of justice" Correspondent.

It is likely that Peter Metcalf was the one enumerated on 16 Wright Close, High Street, Banff, in 1851. His age was given as 51, born in Gamrie, a day labourer. He was enumerated with 49-year-old wife, Mary (b in Skeene, Aberdeenshire), children: Isabella, 18, b Speymouth, Morayshire; Francis, 14, b Alloa, Clackmannanshire; John, 12, b Gamrie, Banffshire; Davina, 9, b Banff, Banffshire; (twin) Elizabeth, 9, b Banff; and granddaughter Isabella, 2, b Nairn, Nairnshire.

Two older daughters were enumerated in the 1841 census: Mary, 16, and Penelope, 12 (b Old Machar).

A marriage is listed in the Scotland's People index 18 December 1822 at Fintray, Aberdeenshire, between Peter Metcalf and Mary Tilleray. Scotland's People has another son William b 1823 in Fintray.

Peter's baptism was recorded as Peter Midcaff, son of Thomas Midcaff and Jean Riddell, 8 Apr 1798 at Gamrie and Macduff. Ancestry has Thomas Metcleff and Jean Riddel marrying in Aberdour, Aberdeenshire 12 Jun 1787. Scotland's People has Thomas "of the Parish of Gamrey", but his birth/bapism has not been found. Maybe he came from Yorkshire!



Peter's son, Francis Burnett Metcalf, became a Journeyman Saddler and married Mary Shepherd in Banff December 1864. At the time, his father Peter was listed as a game keeper (in the 1861 census Peter was enumerated as a retired game keeper). Francis' family can be traced through census on Ancestry, in Banff, Banffshire, up to the 1891 census; in 1901 Frank and Mary were in Govan, Lanarkshire.

Do you have Scottish relatives? Let us know your details if you haven't already done so.

Bits and Bobs



Dennis Metcalfe will “brave the shave” in an effort to raise money for St Mary's Hospice in his hometown of Ulverston. He has not cut his hair since the pandemic triggered a lockdown in 2020.

He is a well-known local man and a good, long-time friend of the charity.

Dennis hopes to raise as much money as possible by 'losing his lovely locks' on Thursday August 31, 2023.

With an initial goal to raise £1,000, Dennis has already exceeded the target set on his JustGiving page.



A spokesperson for St Mary's Hospice said: “Everyone is delighted that Dennis has chosen to “brave the shave” for St Mary's Hospice. Dennis is so popular in the local area and the fact he has raised almost £1,700 within 24 hours is testament to how well thought of he is. We are very lucky to have his support. Thank you so much Dennis!” [Editor note: photo at left indicates final total: £12,195!]

Sources:

<https://www.nwemail.co.uk/news/23648444.dennis-metcalfe-braves-shave-st-marys-hospice/>

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/dennisbravestheshave>

[ULVERSTON our GREAT LILE TOWN.](#)

Jo Heron

ONLINE EVENT: Participate from Home - WORLDWIDE!

2023

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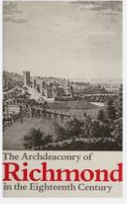
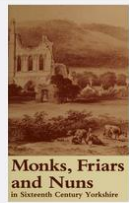
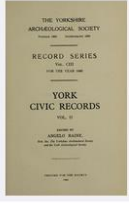
Note that David Lambert and Jo Heron hope to be online in our booth on the Friday and Saturday.

An Interesting Resource to Explore

[Internet Archive](#) has this collections page of The Yorkshire Archaeological & Historical Society, formerly known as the Yorkshire Archaeological Society. A search for the word Metcalf in text contents came up with 99 items.

[Yorkshire Archaeological & Historical Society](#)

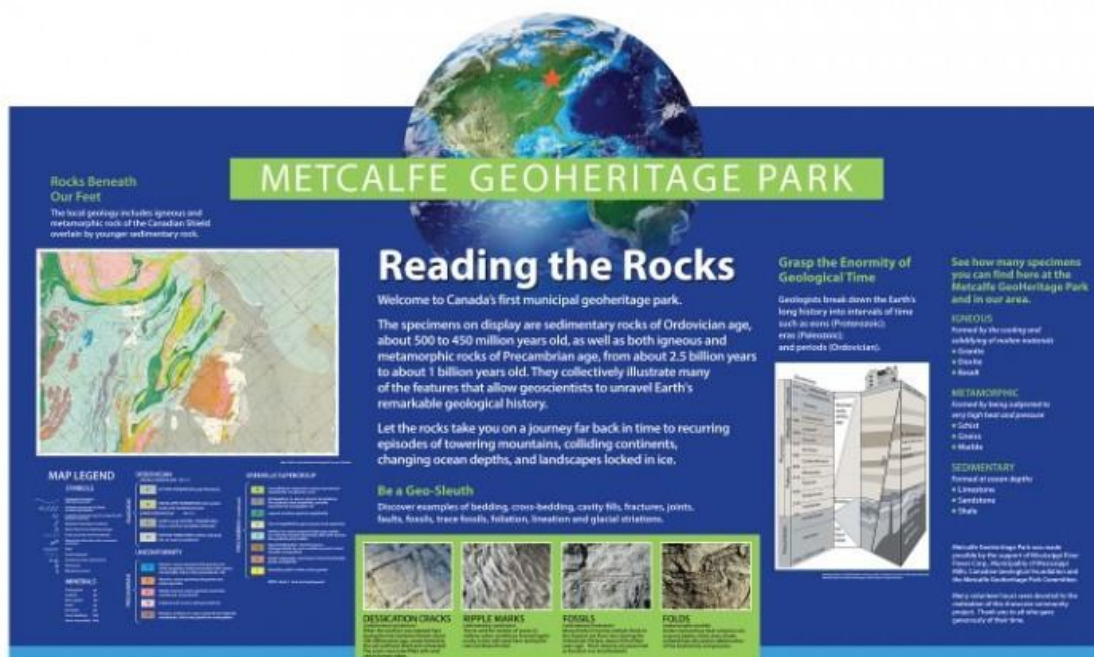
Internet Archive is a non-profit library of millions of free books, movies, software, music, websites, and more. Below are the first eighteen items as examples.

 Abbotside Wills 1562-1688 by Hartley Thwaite ... executores. Wit: Rauphe Metcalf, Thomas Metcalf, James Metcalf, Mathewe... 0 0 0	 Archdeacons of Richmond. Bishop Gastrell's 'Notitia'... by L.A.S. Butler ... Hall 141-2 Metcalf (e), Anthony 120, 134-5 Metcalf (e), James 65, 135 Metcalf... 9 0 0	 Constable of Everingham Estate Correspondence 1726-43 by Peter Roebuck ... to advantage. I made no second bargain with Mr Metcalf, therefore lett... 0 0 0	 Court Rolls of the Manor of Acomb Part 1 by Harold Richardson ... in Acomb Fields to the use of Roger Metcalf. Fine 2s. Roger Metcalf... 0 0 0	 Court Rolls of the Manor of Acomb Part 2 by Harold Richardson ... by Thos. Grene surr. per John Awderson and Jas. Metcalf 1% a. with app... 0 0 0	 History and Antiquities of Hemingborough in the County of York by T Burton (1801), J Raine, editor ... 1605, April 2. Mr. Guy Metham of York and Mary Metcalf of South Duffield. 1... 16 0 0
 Index to Paver's Marriage Licences, 1567-1630 by E W C ... Messenger, Ann, xvii, 160; Richard, x, 447 Metcalf (Metcalf), Agnes, vii, 303, x... 0 0 0	 Leeds Friends' Minute Book 1692-1712 by Jean and Russell Mortimer ... boys were placed suitably with Friends. William Metcalf was apprenticed for seven... 0 0 0	 Monks, Friars and Nuns in Sixteenth Century Yorkshire by Claire Cross and Noreen Vickers ... Edmund 75, 88 Metcalf, Ellen 237 Metcalf, Henry 438 Metcalf, Richard 132, 135... 31 0 0	 Swaledale Wills and Inventories 1522-1600 by Elizabeth K Berry ... heareof George Metcalf Edmond Harky John Metcalf Richard Alderson John... 13 0 0	 The Archeology of Yorkshire. An Assessment at the Beginning of the... by T.G. Manby, Steven Moorhouse and Patrick Ottaway (ed. by) ... chronology for the sceattas', in D.Hill and D.M. Metcalf (eds), Sceattas in... 69 0 0	 The Customs Accounts of Hull 1453-1490 by Wendy R Childs ... Willelmus Hamond 3 pannis sine grano Johannes Metcalf 6 pannis sine gran... 0 0 0
 Wakefield Manor Court Rolls Vol. 01 ... Spurr, Francis Gill, William Thorne, Thomas Metcalf, John Wade, John... 2.2K 0 0	 Wakefield Manor Court Rolls Vol. 10 ... the occupation of John Roberts, William Metcalf, George Tyas, William Glov... 2.7K 0 0	 YAS Record Series Vol. 103: York civic records, vol ii 1478-1504 by Angelo Raine (ed) ... same Saturday and Thursday before, Thomas Metcalf, gentleman, and... 435 0 0	 YAS Record Series Vol. 105: The First Order Book of the Hull Trinity House... by F. W. Brooks (ed) ... uniting in face of a common enemy. In 1639, Metcalf, the Surveyor... 345 0 0	 YAS Record Series Vol. 110: York civic records, vol v by A. Raine (ed) ... my Lord Mayor doore; fourthly at Martyn Metcalf doore in Conystreet, fyfty a... 261 0 0	 YAS Record Series Vol. 115: York civic records, vol vii by A. Raine (ed) ... basin and ewer were bequeathed by Thomas Metcalf, of London — "ite... 273 0 0

Metcalfe Geoheritage Park

Metcalfe Geoheritage Park is located beside the Mississippi River in Almonte, Ontario, Canada. It was named in honour of Dr. Archibald Metcalfe (1869-1962). Dr. Metcalfe was a local physician (for 63 years), town councilor and Mayor for several terms. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Almonte hydro electric generating station. The park was first proposed in 2004, approved in 2008 but did not officially open until 2016.

Editor's note: Archibald Albert Metcalfe was born in 1869 in Ramsay Township, Lanark, Ontario, son of Hugh Kirby Metcalfe (b1821 d 1902) and Jean Wilson McLean (b1824 d 1920). Hugh Kirby Metcalfe was born in Prescott, Leeds and Grenville, Ontario, son of James Metcalf and Ann Kirby. (<https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/LZXM-ZY6/dr-archibald-albert-metcalfe-1869-1962>)



James Metcalf was born 3 May 1792 in Thornton, East Riding of Yorkshire. He died 4 Jun 1848 and is buried in Lanark County, Ontario. Ann Kirby was born 27 Oct 1793 in Weaverthorpe, Ryedale District, North Yorkshire. She died 2 Dec 1876 and is buried in Mississippi Mills, Lanark County, Ontario. ([Find a Grave](#)). James and Ann married 3 Sep 1814 in Watton, Yorkshire. ([Ancestry.com](#))

Other sources:

<https://www.mississippimills.ca/en/explore-and-play/metcalfe-geoheritage-park.aspx>
<http://metcalfegeoheritagepark.com/>

Metcalf - Sparks of England & Australia by Denise Ewin #2210

Mary Metcalfe (1817-1882)

This is a brief story about my maternal 3rd great- grandmother Mary Metcalfe who was born in Yorkshire England and died at the other end of the world in Victoria Australia. It has taken me a long time, a lot of research and quite a bit of expense to find what happened to Mary and her family. I am happy to be able to lay her to rest.

Mary Metcalfe was born on 1 March 1817 (according to the record on Find A Grave) at Swaledale Yorkshire and baptised 13 March 1817 at Muker York- FHL Film Number 942. 74G4 V26C¹. Her parents were John and Nanny Metcalfe (nee Metcalfe).

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1843. Marriage solemnized at St. Peter's Church in the Parish of Bradford in the County of West York

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293	27 November 1843	George Sparks	39	Married	Coupler	George Reid	Joseph Brown	Labourer
		Mary Metcalfe	26	Single		Reidley	Francis Lewis	Carpenter

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church. John Reid by me.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Henry Gravatt & John Rogers in the Presence of us, John Rogers & John Rogers

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Mary married George Sparks from Christchurch Hampshire on 27 November 1843 at St Peter (Bradford Cathedral) Yorkshire.² They lived in Bradford and in the 1851 Census George is listed as a Shopkeeper (Grocer). Their four children are listed -William H aged 6; Ann Elizabeth aged 5; Charlotte (my 2nd great-grandmother) aged 3; Eliza aged 1.

Mary's husband George died 16 April 1851 in Bradford Yorkshire³ and their youngest daughter Eliza died 18 August 18 of the same year.⁴ Many family trees have George Sparks dying in his home town of Christchurch but this is not the correct person.

Mary and her three surviving children, William Henry Metcalfe Sparks, Charlotte Sparks and AnnElizabeth Sparks came to Victoria Australia at some stage between the 1851 Census and about 1855 when Mary had another child by her second partner John Reid. I can find no record of their immigration. I don't know if Mary met John Reid in England or in Victoria Australia. From my research John Reid was born in Leith Scotland in 1811. He may have been married before and had three children by his first wife.

The next record I found of Mary Metcalfe and her family was on the birth certificate of her second child with John Reid⁵ Birth, death and marriage certificates in Australia are very detailed and Mary herself proved to be a wonderful informant for the birth of her second daughter with John Reid, Mary Theresa Reid. Mary listed her previous married name of Sparkes (sic) as well as her maiden name of Metcalfe, along with her other children from her first marriage. The only discrepancy is that Mary states that a male child was deceased when in fact it was a female.

I can find no record of a marriage between John Reid and Mary Sparks even though it is recorded on two certificates that they married in Melbourne Victoria Australia. They had three children Margaret Walker Reid (about 1855-?)⁶; Mary Theresa Reid (1857-1857)⁷ and William Reid (1860-?)⁸.

Mary's children by her first marriage married and settled in different areas of Victoria Australia- William Henry Metcalfe Sparks (1845-1920)^{9 10}; Ann Elizabeth Sparks (1846-1897)^{11 12}; Charlotte Sparks (1848-1883)^{13 14 15}

John and Mary Reid are recorded as having lived in Richmond and Carlton, inner city suburbs of Melbourne Victoria Australia from 1857 for many years. John was listed as a confectioner on many records. Mary died at the age of 65 at 28 Barkley Street Carlton on 28 December 1882¹⁶. She was buried in 1883 at the Melbourne General Cemetery, Carlton North, Melbourne City Victoria Australia in plot MGC-WES-Comp-H-No-585. John died on 21 July 1894¹⁷ at the Hotham West Benevolent Asylum Victoria Australia. He was buried in the same plot as his wife Mary.

Information from birth, death and marriage certificates proved to be invaluable in my search for Mary Metcalfe. Whilst there are some discrepancies on some certificates, there is enough evidence to prove the information in Mary's story is correct. Thanks to the wonderful members of the Facebook site, Genealogy, My Ancestors Came to Australia, who found the birth record of Mary Theresa Reid. Without their help, I would still be searching for Mary Metcalfe.

I had puzzled for some time over the marriage place of my 2nd great grandmother Charlotte Sparks as being at the residence of her father in Carlton when I knew her father had died in England. Her father George Sparks is listed but not as deceased. I also was puzzled by the fact that John Reid was recorded as her father on her death certificate. Once the birth record of Mary Theresa Reid was found, the puzzle started to be solved. I am now happy that I can lay Mary Reid formerly Sparks, maiden name Metcalfe to rest in the Melbourne General Cemetery, Carlton North Victoria Australia.

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Information researched and compiled by Denise Ewin (nee Graham) 3rd great- granddaughter of Mary Metcalfe and George Sparks. Graham/Jackson Family Tree on Ancestry.

Denise Ewin. Metcalfe Society number 2210.

Editor's note: Denise's husband has Medcalfes in his family and Denise is currently researching them for a future article.

William Metcalf, Crew member: USS Constitution

William Metcalf was born 1790-1796 in London, England, son of William and Sarah Metcalf. He was an Able Seaman aboard the USS Constitution.

William was on board the USS Constitution, during its last engagement, for the battle with HMS Cyane and HMS Levant. After the battle was won, he was transferred to the ex-HMS Cyane on 20 Feb 1815 and discharged once the ship reached New York in June 1815.

William settled in Maine and was a farmer there for the remainder of his life. He was married first to Eunice Palmer, who died in 1851 and second to Lois Marean, in Standish, Maine, in 1855. He died 20 September 1879 in Gorham, Maine.



Capture of H.M. Ships Cyane & Levant, by the U.S. Frigate Constitution,

Lithograph by James Queen after a painting by Thomas Birch, published circa the mid-19th Century by P.S. Duval, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. - US Naval History and Heritage Command: Photo #: NH 86692-KN (color)

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Other info from:

<https://ussconstitutionmuseum.org/>

Geography: Metcalfe, Ontario, Canada

Metcalfe is a population centre located in Osgoode Ward, in the rural south-end of the city of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Population within its boundaries in 2021 was 1,811. Colonel Archibald Macdonell, believed to be the first settler in Osgoode Township, settled just south of the current location of Metcalfe in March 1827. The village was originally called Hawley's Corners, but in 1877 it was renamed to Metcalfe in honour of Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, Governor General of Canada from 1843 to 1846.



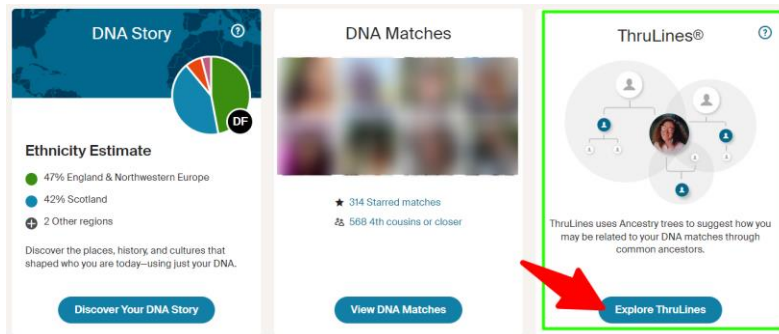
In 1873, four years before being renamed, Osgoode was described in Lovell's gazetteer of British North America as "a post village in Russell County, Ontario, 9 miles from Osgoode Station. It contains telegraph office, a drill shed, town hall, 4 stores, 2 hotels, 2 tanneries, and several mills. Pop. 350."

The Metcalfe Fair is an agricultural fair that has been held annually since 1856 (originally by the County of Russell Agricultural Society). In the beginning it was intended to rotate annually in the Townships of Gloucester, Osgoode, Russell and Cumberland. The fair found a permanent home in the Village of Metcalfe in 1861 and the County of Russell Agricultural Society became the Metcalfe Agricultural Society in 1912. Livestock, crops, culinary arts (pickles, jams etc), home crafts and 4 H (Head, Heart, Hands and Health) for youth in agriculture are the focus.

[Canadapages](#) currently has no listings for the Metcalfe (et al) surname in Metcalfe, Ontario.

<https://www.neighbourhoodstudy.ca/66metcalfe/>; <https://osgoodemuseum.ca/>; <https://metcalfefair.com/>

DNA ThruLines On Ancestry



To get ThruLines you must connect your DNA to your Family Tree.

How do you connect your DNA to your Family Tree?

Go to the Your DNA results Summary page and look for the “Settings” tab on the upper right-hand side, click on it and then scroll down to the section **DNA and family tree linking**. Then click on the arrowhead on the RHS, the following page with open.

DNA and family tree linking

Link your DNA results to a family tree

DNA sample tree ▼

Please tell us who you are in your family tree

Enter name

Link DNA results Cancel

Linking your DNA results to a family tree enriches your Ancestry experience.

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- Information about living people in your family tree is protected.
- You can only link your DNA results to a family tree that is associated with your Ancestry account.
- Linking your DNA results to a **public family tree** is the best way to connect with others.
- [Learn more](#) about privacy for your family tree.

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What are ThruLines

ThruLines identify Family trees of DNA matches who may connect to your tree in the way that is suggested. Expand the tree and then you need to confirm the information is correct. Not everyone's tree on Ancestry is correct.





You will need to do the Genealogy using births/baptisms, marriages, deaths/burials, census records, Wills /Probates, and any other records available to confirm the tree connection.

There is the possibility they connect to your tree but the DNA you share may not be the connected to the same Most Recent Common Ancestors [MRCA]

If you have Shared Matches which connect you to the same part of the tree then the DNA is most likely correct

Are Thrulines accurate?

How do you connect the New family member with a DNA match to your tree?



A box will pop up on the RHS and you need to type in the name of the person and click on the name.

Submitted by Dianne Fox, Australian Agent and Trustee of the Metcalfe Society

Sermons of Rev. Lister Metcalfe, desk and portraits

My father (Warwick Metcalfe #256) was in possession of the 92 sermons written by the Rev Lister Metcalfe 1740 -1797 when Minister and School master at Muker in Swaledale 1773 to his death (see page 153 of a History of the Clan). Neither my brother or I felt we had a safe location for them and that access to them should be available to any one interested. I would therefore like to advise the society that as of the beginning of this month (October), these have been deposited in the North Yorkshire County Records Northallerton and upon request to the records office can viewed by members of the public. I await a receipt of the reference they will be assigned but will advise the society once I am advised.

Also, is anyone interested in having Rev. Metcalfe's Chinese Chippendale desk, which would have first resided in his home in the Parish of Muker. It measures 1.06m L x 0.54m D x 1.02m H and is of dark Mahogany. It is offered for free to an appropriate home (transportation costs, however, would rest with recipient (from Uppingham, Rutland).

Our father also inherited four 18th/19th century family portraits (approx. each 0.8 m x 0.7 m) and a miniature. Again these will be free to a good and appropriate home. (Records office have copies but declined the originals for space reasons).

If you are interested in having the desk or portraits please contact me for info and pictures of the items. Jenny McEwens jmcewens@talktalk.net

The Metcalfe Society 1980-2023

Your Family needs YOU

Over the last 40+ years, members have joined together to launch and conduct research into different aspects of the family name. This has always been done on an *ad hoc* basis, as and when someone was interested and had a few hours to spare. Their research was pooled and used to create the massive database of individuals connected to the Metcalfe name in the historic, and not so historic, past and all its variants, as well as producing a number of publications.

The organisation of the Society has always been run by a small team of members and we would like to appeal for assistance in continuing to collect and collate information, to expand our knowledge base which is probably unique in the annals of family history research, as well as to provide a service to **you**, our member.

We do not expect you to spend hour on hour at your computer or in a record office. We are not asking you take on all the administration of the Society. We are not asking you to jump in and take over as an Officer.

We would just appreciate a little help on occasion.

Can you support the administration of the Society by giving an hour or two a month to

ensure that we can keep the Society that we love working to its best ability, and, we would appreciate not just suggestions on how to benefit the Society in the future, but assistance in achieving that objective.

Too often we hear “Why don’t you.....” well why don’t YOU!

We are looking to recruit members to assist us in the coming years and would appreciate hearing from you if you think you can help. Many of the jobs connected with running the Society are not arduous, they do not necessarily involve public speaking (although you can if you want) and often only take an hour or so each month. You will be doing what you are familiar with and find easiest to do. We can break down the jobs involved in running the Society into bite-size tasks, and you can do as much or as little as you wish and feel able to do, when you are able to do it. We all lead busy lives and have other things to do.

So, if you think you can help us with admin or a research project, please do contact us – jo.heron@gmail.com or enquiries@metcalfe.org.uk

Your Committee look forward to hearing from you, thank you.

Jo Heron, Chair

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