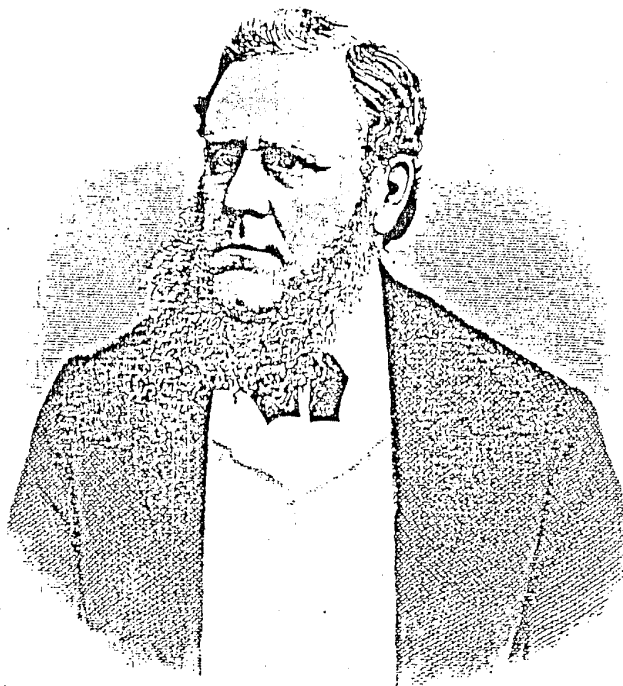


M E C C A N E W S



"CUMBERLAND

TO CANADA"

Ed Adams

No. 10

Dear Member,

August 1983

By the time this reaches you most of you will have had your summer holidays and be settling down to another season of "ancestor hunting." This at times, we all know, can be very frustrating and we hope, through this society, to be able to help each other and share problems.

The success of this has been proved many times over and recently, I received a letter from Mrs D. Pope (Member No. 55) of Guisborough in which she particularly asked me "to put on record my grateful thanks for the continuing assistance of both Mrs Nina Benson and Mrs Helen Offer. I am truly amazed at their ability to remember all the problems of my own research and how they keep me informed of any small detail or I.G.I. entry which may help. Indeed they have both given me leads which I probably would not otherwise have discovered. I am most grateful."

This is praise indeed and I hope many more members may avail themselves of this very willing help in the same way.

Best wishes,

Kera Adams. (Ed.)

A LIST OF YORKSHIRE PARISHES HAVING CHAPELRIES

In parts of Yorkshire the parishes are large and the more distant areas are served by chapels under the jurisdiction of the parish church, but in the marriage registrations the parishes of the participants are given and at times this can lead to confusion for genealogists. Thus, for instance, one who was baptised at Chapel le Dale and is presumed to have lived with his parents on the family farm in the neighbourhood, is given in the record of his marriage as being "of Benthams". For the help of members a list of parishes in Yorkshire which also contain chapelries as noted in the "Map of the Yorkshire Ancient Parishes and Chapelries based on George Lawton's collections relative to York and Ripon (1842) and Henry Teesdale's Map of Yorkshire (1817-1828)" obtained from the Yorkshire Archaeological Society is appended.

Parish	:	Chapelries
Almondbury		Meltham, half of Marsden
Arnccliffe		Halton Gill, Hubberholme
Aysgarth		Askrigg, Stalling Busk, Hawes, Lunds-with-Hardrow
Benthams		Ingleton, Chapel-le-Dale
Birkby		Hutton Bonville
Birstall		Tong, Bierley, Dringlington, Cleckheaton, Liversedge
Bradford		Haworth, Wilsden, Thornton, Horton, Wibsey, Shipley
Burnsall		Rylstone, Conistone
Burton Agnes		Harpham
Carnaby		Fraisthorpe
Catterick		Hudswell, Hipswell, Bolton-upon-Swale
Danby		Glaidsdale
Coxwold		Birdforth
Darfield		Worsborough
Dewsbury		Ossett
Ecclesfield		Bradfield, Bolsterstone, Midthorpe
Fishlake		Sykehouse
Foxholes		Butterwick
Gilling		Hutton Magna, Barton, Eryholme, South Cowton
Gisburn		Tosside
Great Driffield		Little Driffield
Great Smeaton		Appleton Wiske
Grinton		Muker
Guiseley		Rawton, Horsforth
Hackness		Harwood Dale
Halifax		Illingworth, Luddenden, Hiptonstall, Cross Stone, Sowerby, Ripponden, Stainland, Elland, Rastrick, Lightcliffe
Helmsley		Bilsdale, Harome
High Hoyland		West Bretton, West Clayton
Howden		Laxton
Huddersfield		Longwood, Scammonden, Slaithwaite, half of Marsden
Kildwick		Silsden
Kirkburton		Holmfirth
Kirkby Malzeard		Middlesmoor, Hartwith
Laughton		Wales, Thorpe Salvin, Letwell, Firbeck
Morthen		
Leeds		Headingley, Bramley, Chapel Allerton, Armley, Wortley, Farnley, Beeston, Holbeck, Hunslet

Market Weighton	Shipton
Middleton	Cropton, Rosedale
Mitton	Waddington, Grindleton
Northallerton	Deighton, Brompton
Otley	Burley-in-Wharfedale
Overton	Skelton
Penistone	Cumberworth
Pickering	Goathland
Ripon	Skelton, Pateley Bridge
Rotherham	Tinsley, Greasborough
Royston	Woolley, Monk Bretton
Rudby	East Rounton
Scalby	Cloughton
Sedberg	Garsdale, Dent
Sheffield	Ecclesall, Bierlow, Attercliffe
Silkstone	Barnsley
Skelton in Cleveland	Brotton
Skipsea	Ulrome
Skipton	Bolton Abbey
Snaith	Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Rawcliffe, Hook
South Kirkby	Shelbrooke
Strensale	Haxby
Tankersley	Wortley
Thirsk	Carlton Miniott, Sowerby
Thornhill	Flockton
Thorpe Bassett	Scrampton, Rillington
Topcliffe	Dishforth
Wakefield	Horbury
St. John	
Wath upon Dearne	Wantworth, Nether Hayland
Wensley	Castle Bolton, Redmire
Whitby	Ugglebarnby, Eskdale Side
Whorlton	Faceby
Wintringham	Knapton

INGLETON FELLS AND CHAPEL-LE-DALE

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In correspondence with member Mr. H. E. Crossfield, I queried his recording of some of his ancestors' births and marriages at "Ingleton Fells", as in the Map of Yorkshire Ancient Parishes and Chapelries that I had no such chapel appeared.

I have just received a letter (5.7.83) from him explaining the mystery. He had been to Lancaster University and Preston C.R.O. and had found a printed copy of Ingleton and Chapel-le-Dale parish registers in one volume with an introduction which stated that the Chapel was first known as Ingleton Fells.

I had previously written to Northallerton C.R.O., expecting that the registers would be there, regarding the possibility of an ancestor of mine being baptised there 1730-1745. The reply I got was that the separate registers of the chapelry of Chapel-le-Dale begin in 1775. However, Mr. Crossfield's ancestors were married 1739, 1747, 1761, 1768 and baptised 1758, 1760, 1762 at Ingleton Fells. So it would seem that there are two names and two (at least) registers for this Chapel.

D.H.O.

GRINTON REGISTERS

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The following abstract is part of an article by J.R. Scarr in the June issue of "The Newsletter" of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society, Family History Section, which may prove the answer to a riddle for some of us.

"But why was there no mention of Richard in the baptisms in Grinton parish registers? Some weeks later it was possible to check the original registers, and there among the baptisms, the mystery came to light. A note written by the embarrassed Vicar, the Rev. Tobias West, A.M. stated: "Memorandum that there is a 4 years a-wanting in this register by the neglect of the then Clerk who should have kept them".

No entries had been made between September 1690 and May 1692 or between May 1693 and July 1696, and the Parish Clerk's dereliction of duty had been the cause of the vain and endless searches."

D.H.O.

SOME METCALFES NOTED IN BOOKS

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The following Metcalfes noted in the books named may be the ancestor of one or other of us if we are able to trace our families back so far, hence are given for readers interest and wry amusement in view of the foregoing statement.

From "Companion into North Riding" by J.M. Ingram, p.201

"An old record relating to a charge of poaching is of interest for the light it throws upon the names and characters of Swaledale families in the early sixteenth century. 'In the year 1500 Sir Ralph Bygod, Knt, lord of Swaledale Forest, Claimed against Galfred Metcalfe of Mewcre, yeoman, Alexander Metcalfe of Mewcre, chaplain, Ralph Milner of Mewcre, yeoman; John Brandryke of Mewcre; Richard, George, and John Alderson of Keld, yeomen; Thomas Mawer of Thwayt, yeoman; Christopher Metcalfe of Gunnersett, yeoman; Simon Huchenson of Satorne, yeoman; John Wharton of Cawnerd House, and James Milner of the same place, yeoman; for forcible entering his free chase at Mewcre, Keld, Thwayt and Gunnersett without his leave or licence, hunting therein, and taking many beasts of chase, which they bore away, besides committing other enormities."

From "Wensleydale" by Ella Pontefact, 1936, p.124.

"The first Askrigg [clock] makers were Mark Metcalfe, James Wilson who died in 1750, and Christopher Caygill, who died in 1803. Their clocks had only one hand, and they introduced arched faces, generally of brass."

Miss Flora A. Metcalfe (No. 26) of Ontario sent us the following extracts about a notable James Metcalfe to whom she is related:-

JAMES METCALFE,

TORONTO.

JAMES METCALFE, one of the leading citizens of Toronto, and ex-member of Parliament for the East Riding of York, is an Englishman by birth, and was born in Cumberland in the year 1822. The Metcalfe family, though very numerous, are all of the same stock and descendants of a very ancient family, justly entitled to the compliment paid them by the compiler of the life of Lord Metcalfe, a gentleman of our time, well-known in Canada, viz., that they were industrious, honest, and unassuming people, whose integrity was a better inheritance than titles. One of them was knighted at the famous battle of "Bosworth Field," by Richard the Third, for bravery. The father of our subject was James Metcalfe, a practical builder and

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contractor in Cumberland, but who removed to the city of Manchester to engage in the same business, shortly after the birth of his son James. The mother of the latter was Anne Finlison, of an old North of England family.

Our subject was sent to school in Manchester, where he obtained an ordinary education. His studies were devoted chiefly to mathematics, for which branch he seemed to possess an aptitude, which with the knowledge he afterwards gained of men and their affairs, peculiarly fitted him for the business to which he has principally devoted his attention—contractor, builder, and real estate. After leaving school he entered his father's office in Manchester, and under his direction studied architecture and other practical branches of the builder's art. When about nineteen years of age his attention was attracted to the new world as offering more inviting fields and better chances for a young man, and before the end of the year (1841), he had emigrated to Canada and settled in Toronto. Being a young man of energy, pluck and integrity, and not afraid to work, Mr. Metcalfe soon established for himself a favorable reputation. Forming a partnership here, the business of contracting and building was actively and extensively engaged in. After the dissolution of the partnership in 1851, Mr. Metcalfe again decided to emigrate with the desire to better his fortunes, this time to Australia, then the centre of attraction to large numbers on account of recent discoveries of gold. He reached Melbourne in 1852, and remained there about four years, engaged in building on contracts. During this time he made several important building contracts, and was employed by Sir Redmund Barry (now Chief Justice of Victoria), to build the Public Library, of which he was the Commissioner. He also built the Bank of New South Wales, the London Chartered Bank of Australia, and the Hall of Commerce, all of which were at the time the best buildings in Melbourne. After a very successful career, especially from a financial point of view, Mr. Metcalfe returned to Toronto in 1858, and since that has resided in Yorkville. His attention has been chiefly devoted to real-estate transactions, especially of late years, but he has also been prominently connected with many of the monetary institutions of the city. The evidence of his skill as a builder will remain as long as the following mentioned buildings, with many others, are seen in Toronto: St. James Cathedral, the old Post Office on Toronto Street, Trinity College, the Normal School, and St. Lawrence Hall.

Mr. Metcalfe's usefulness has not, however, been confined to private business, for at the first general election after Confederation, he was induced to contest East York for the House of Commons ; was successful, and, by re-elections continued to represent that constituency in Parliament till 1878, when in common with the Reform Administration he was defeated. His career in the House was a creditable one, and the confidence of his constituents in his ability, was shown by their returning him by acclamation in 1872, and again in 1874.

Mr. Metcalfe was married in the County of Peterborough, Ontario, in 1843, to Ellen, daughter of John Howson, of that county. By this union he has one surviving son, Rev. James Finlinson Metcalfe, who resides in East York, and is married to a daughter of the late Rev. H. W. Wilkinson. He is a Minister of the Methodist Church of Canada, but has retired from active pastoral duties.

In the foregoing sketch we have given a brief notice of the career of one eminently worthy of being classed among the self-made men of Ontario, and one who by honest industry, integrity and uprightness, has won his way from a small beginning to a recognised position among the solid and respected citizens of Canada.

* METCALFE, James, M.P., born in Cumberland, England, 1822; son of James Metcalfe and Anne Finlinson; married Ellen Howson, 1843; attended school at Manchester, England; came to Canada, 1841, and became a builder at Toronto; emigrated to Australia, 1851, but returned to Toronto, 1858; was again a builder and real estate broker and financier at Toronto; was Vice President, Royal Canadian Bank; elected to the House of Commons, 1867, for York East, Ont.; re-elected, 1872, 1874; defeated, 1878; Liberal; died, Sept. 13, 1886, at Toronto, Ont.

LATER YEARS

Joseph Hargrave opened the Eglinton Post Office in 1856.¹⁰ His little shoemaker's shop had already expanded to sell groceries. It was in the centre of the district, with the Wesleyan Methodist Church and Jacob Lawrence's tannery to the north, the hotel to the south, and a school was built across the road in 1879.

James Metcalfe, M.P.P., in 1856 owned one of the show places of Yonge Street, and delighted the country children with his Australian birds. Cockatoos, magpies, pheasants and peacocks wandered freely around the grounds on the west side of Yonge, north of Lawrence. In his younger days, he had been a builder and contractor. His business failed with heavy liabilities, and he departed for Australia where he accumulated a large fortune. Upon returning to Canada he gave a banquet and invited all his old creditors. On the table, under the plates, each guest found a cheque in full for his account, with interest added to date.¹¹

COURTESY OF: Ken R. McLaughlan

We extend our cordial welcome to the following new members :-

No: 63. Mrs. Joan Metcalfe - 15 Shaftesbury Avenue, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 0AY. Researching the family of her husband Francis Hartley Metcalfe son of John b1871 Threshfield, YKS; son of Thomas b c1842 and his wife Mary Beresford who were married 23 May 1868 at Hubberholme, YKS.

No: 64. Mr. Peter Kruger - 54 Broomfield Street, Taringa, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia 4068. Ancestry through Mary Metcalfe b 1838 Langton YKS who was married 1863 Kirby Grindalyth to Major Noble. Mary was the dau: of Parsivall and Ann (Norton). Parsivall bp Langton 1810 son of William bp 1783 Farlington, YKS.

FURTHER BIRTH BRIEFS

No: 15. Mr. Robert Metcalf - 34 Thorpe Lane, Thorpe, Wakefield. WF3 3EH. Son of Robert William b 1918 Hunslet, Leeds; son of Joseph Henry b c 1889; son of Joseph Henry b 1846; son of Robert b 1818; son of Joseph b 1791 Oulton; son of George b 1769 Oulton; son of John b 1731; son of William & Martha (Deyson) who were married 1730 Leeds.

No: 16. Mrs Ann Crabbe - 4 Fourways Drive, Chulmleigh, Devon, EX18 7AZ. The missing marriage of her Robert Metcalfe and Elizabeth Rudd came to light in the Spouse Index and took place at Kirkby Stephen 1762.

No: 31. Mr. Peter Metcalfe - 3 Bransghyll, Horton in Ribblesdale, Settle BD24 OHG. Son of Anthony Ellershaw Metcalfe b 1920 Bradford; son of Frank b1888 Bradford; son of William b1847 Malham Moor; son of James b 1822 Arncliffe; son of Robert b 1779 Halton Gill; son of Christopher b 1753 Halton Gill; son of George b ??? 1703 or 1696 and his wife Susanna Foster married 1742 Arncliffe.

No: 53. Miss Ethel Metcalfe - 11 The Downs, Sandy Lane, Prestwich, Manchester, M25 8RB. Descent from Anthony Metcalfe who married Margaret Rallinshaw 1805 at Tunstall nr Cowan Bridge, Lanc. Their first 4 children, Mary, Margaret, Elizabeth and Thomas were born 1806 - 1811 and bapt at Tunstall and are shown on the CFI. Their next 4, Ann, William, Anthony and George were born 1815 - 1821 at "TIMRIG" which is untraced to date and they do NOT show on the CFI. Other children, Agnes, John and Jane 1824 - 1832 were born at Over Kellet, Lancs but again do not show on the CFI.

Mrs. Ann Crabbe recommends the book "A Dales Heritage" by Marie Hartley and Joan Ingleby, price £ 5.50 and published by Dalesman Books, Clapham, YKS. It contains many Metcalfe mentions in and around Swaledale and Wensleydale.

Mrs. D. Pope - 1 Neville Grove, Guisborough, Cleveland, TS14 8BZ. Has copies of three Metcalfe Wills. Lister Washington died 1846, Booth Hay died 1924 and Anthony of Hawes (Bands) died 1798. She is willing to send them to anyone interested. They mention a Richard and a John. SAE please.

Our Mormon Microfiche (CFI) print outs now cover the whole of the U.K. with the Spouse Index standing at 7000+ cards. My current project is to extract all the Metcalfe entries from the YPRS series and other printed parish registers available at Claremont. These have revealed some very interesting snippets, such as a marriage at Manfield near Darlington of "Dorothy Metcalfe to Thomas Brown, Clerk, both otp by banns 8 Nov 1785. Being 60th year of his age and the 25th of hers".

We are now members of the Guild of One-Name Studies and have received a letter from a Hebden member, Mr. J.R. Hebden, 15 Nailcote Avenue, Tile Hill, Coventry CV4 9GT. His ancestors were in Raydale, near Bainbridge Wensleydale, from 1700 to late C19 during which many of his family married Metcalfes. He offers to exchange information, a SAE was enclosed. Other enquiries have come but haven't led to any new members so far.

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Member Mr.J. Clarence Metcalfe and his wife are visiting Yorkshire in October, from their home in Ottawa, Canada. We are therefore having a special meeting on SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER 1983 at my home, 5 Coxwold View, Wetherby. We extend an open invitation to you all from 11am to 4pm. Light lunch provided. Please ring 62399 or write by 10th October. SAE for map which is strongly recommended. The CFI and the Spouse Index will be available.

MECCA MUSTER '84. We have asked the YAS at Claremont, Leeds for either Saturday 1st September, or Saturday 15th September and we should know which date is acceptable to them within the next month. It would be nice to hear from members if you would like any special item on the agenda or would like the meeting to take some special form. Helpers would be greatly appreciated - please feel free to volunteer !

N.E.B.

HELP WANTED

Mrs Dorothy Pope, 1 Neville Grove, Guisborough, Cleveland TS14 8BZ asks if anyone knows of the whereabouts of a house in Muker which carries the initials B.F. ? /B.H.M. over the door lintel. She also asks if anyone knows of the possible marriage of a Metcalfe male to a Lister female pre 1700 in Gayle, Hawes or district, also has anyone seen the baptism or marriage of Eleanor, daughter of Revd. Lister Metcalfe, probably born sometime between 1764 and 1790.

OBITUARY

The Rev. Thomas W. Metcalfe, 14, Ellam Avenue, Neville's Cross, Durham (Member No. 34) vicar of Wragby 1971-77 died on the 18th July, 1983, aged 67.

Mr. Harold Metcalfe, 29 Grosmont Place, Bramley, Leeds. (Member No:17)