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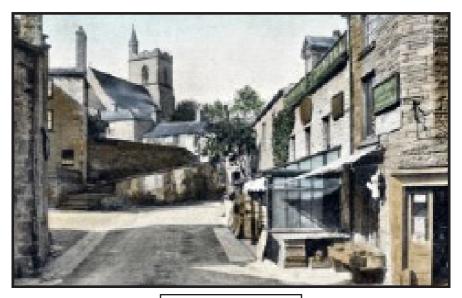
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Metcalfe's Shop (on right) Hawes Wensleydale



K Shoe Factory Kendal Edwin Metcalfe (standing on right).

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"Christmas Excitement"

Ornaments and tinsel, Glowing lights on shapely trees, Indoor decorations And wreaths and trim to please,

Gatherings of neighbors
And of relatives and friends,
Special preparations
While warmth of song transcends.

Christmas punch and fruitcakes, Bright wrappings, gifts and toys, Excitement and elation In hearts of girls and boys.

We're ready for a birthday, And our homes are at their best. Dear God, help us prepare our hearts For You, the honored Guest.

Author: James J. Metcalfe

James J. Metcalfe (Sept 16, 1906 - March 1960) was an American poet whose "Daily Poem Portraits" were published in more than 100 United States newspapers during the 1940s and 1950s. Prior to his literary career, he served as a Special Agent for the FBI, where he aided in the ambush of gangster John Dillinger, and also as a reporter for the Chicago Sun Times newspaper. Wikipedia

Christmas is always a time for remembering others.

During the Great War envelopes on the Christmas table were filled with coins for "plucky little allies", destitute in Serbia and Belgium.

There were presents for serving soldiers too.

But for **Private Metcalfe** the best present was the tobacco tin Princess Mary distributed to all the troops.

His tin ricocheted a sniper's bullet - and saved his life.

Dover Loyalty Card Newsletter, December 2007

www.doverwarmemorialproject.org.uk

Christmases in the 1940's

As someone born in 1937, several of my childhood years were during the time of World War 2. I have often thought back about this, realising that, partly because of where I lived in East Lancashire (a comparatively safe area), I was not exposed to the worst aspects of these years. My dad was in a Reserved Occupation and so not called up into the armed forces, one of my uncles lived elsewhere and another was unfit for active service; therefore the immediate family remained intact.

Similarly, I was never really aware of any shortages, although of course there were many, of certain foodstuffs and of goods generally. What you've never had, you never miss. Food rationing was in place, with weekly allowances very meagre by today's standards. Yet one recollection is of my mother and grandma each having a marvellous baking day and producing a spread of cakes and biscuits. I guess that a lot of saving up and pooling of rationed ingredients such as sugar and margarine went on in order to do this baking, along with the use of things like fruit which had been bottled. Christmas dinner was chicken, more realistically described as "an old hen", which I loved as we rarely had it, with homemade sage and onion stuffing, roast potatoes and vegetables, followed by Christmas pudding (steamed for hours) and white sauce. Teatime was inevitably the meat served cold, but still very tasty, and some sort of dessert, perhaps a gooseberry pie using the preserved fruit from the bushes in our garden, then the cakes.

A particular impression of these early Christmases is of cosiness and warmth, with our house, and other people's, having fires in both of the downstairs rooms. When we had coal delivered in the autumn my dad used to pick out large cobs and put them on one side for Christmas use so the fires were kept going with the best of the coal.

I always felt that Father Christmas had brought me nice presents, twice getting a doll, made of celluloid. I called one of them Margaret, after Princess Margaret, and the other Shirley, after Shirley Temple, the child film star of the era. Shirley was bigger and better because she had eyes that closed, but neither had 'real' hair which I would have liked. They came with appropriate clothes which I think my grandma had made, so that added to the contents of the pillowcase at the foot of my bed. Being an avid reader I always had a new book, preferably an Enid Blyton, a game of some kind, and absolute musts were pencils and a notebook. I was a list maker even then!

Things were different by the end of the 1940s, by which time I was at Nelson Grammar School with new Christmas 'wants' like clothes and bags and bracelets, and new friends to see. My memory of the later years of the decade is that Christmas began to be more spread out, with the family side of it condensed into just Christmas Day and Boxing Day, as it had always been, and spending time with friends during the school holidays. Most people of my age will admit, I think, that although the Christmases of 60 or 70 years ago were much simpler, shorter festivities, they were no worse for that.

Joan Metcalfe M63

A FAMILY IN ARMS

TRACING THE METCALFE FAMILY IN MILITARY SERVICE IN WORLD WARS 1 AND 2 **Dr Phil Judkins**, Mecca Muster, October 2013

r Judkins gave us a reality check with the figures of recruits in the WW1, 9.3 million men & women were mustered in the forces, 7.7m in the Army, 0.4m in the Navy and 0.3m in the forming RAF, and what records are available to us. All the records for the First World War should be open to view, but two thirds were destroyed in a bombing raid in the WW2 blitz, leaving only 3 million records left – some of which are damaged by fire or water staining.

e suggested keeping records as detailed as possible for any ancestor, such as Name, address, parents name/address.

Did they join up?

Did he/she die in WW1 or 2, if so When? Where? Where buried?

If they lived, when did they leave the forces?

If WW1, did they rejoin in WW2?

What service were they in?

What rank were they?

Records available from 'official' sources include the initial 'signing up' document; details of the individuals service record and any medical information as well as discharge documents where appropriate; Awards and Medal indexes; Regimental and some individual diaries; trench maps; some family papers which may include a formalised will which soldiers may have been encouraged to complete before going into action if they did not already have one and other documents relating to repatriation of bodies and effects. Other sources include national and local newspaper reports and family records. Brigadier E.A. James has listed the movement of every Regiment, Brigade and Division, in his directory British Regiments, 1914-1918, that is very useful in tracing where and when the regiments are active. Phil suggested that we need to keep clear records of our finds, and could find a map of the area useful for pin-pointing battle sites.

ources for research:

The largest source of information is The National Archives at Kew with many on-line — www.nationalarchives.gov.uk or www.pro.gov.uk . These include war diaries from men and regiments, Muster, Award and Medal Rolls, and Regimental documents. Downloaded documents will be charged for. The War Diaries are mainly held under WO95 and some have been digitised, if not, they are accessible at Kew. The diaries often detail what the soldiers were doing, any acts of heroism and what happened to casualties. Files from Officers have survived more often and are listed under WO338. Records for Queen Alexandra's Nurses are held under WO399/1-9349 and for Territorial Nursing Service in WO399 9350-15792. Medals awarded to nurses are listed under WO95/3982, while some would have received the Military Medal for Gallantry and these will be listed in WO98 along with other recipients. Record Cards for Naval personnel are held under ADM337. Some Merchant Navy crew lists are

available in BT99 but many were destroyed, however the Roll of Honours at BT334/62, 65, 67 and 71, may be of some help. Merchant seamen have been listed by the Merchant Navy Association and can be accessed through their web site www.mna.org.uk and another source could be The Memorial University of Newfoundland at www.mun.ca/mha

Royal Flying Corp and Royal Naval Air Service records are largely accessible through the Army and Navy records as above, and it is worth remembering that powered flight was in its infancy, and often balloons were used above battlefields to 'spot' for the artillery as well as dropping bombs on enemy trenches. Records are held at TNA under AIR76 and AIR79.

Womens Royal Air Force records are held under AIR80 – in all womens records research, remember married and maiden names may be different. The Women's Auxiliary Army Corps records are WO398, dealing with all areas of the Corps activities. Red Cross nurses were awarded the Royal Red Cross medal which is recorded in WO145 and held at Red Cross Archives in Grosvenor Square. Some awards were made by other Governments to men and women working in overseas countries – so it is worth checking other archive sources as well.

Microfilmed records are held under WO363 but are complicated to access. WO364 are records which were burnt but are slowly being reconstructed from other sources. PIN26 and PIN82 are pension records of which only 2% have survived, mainly dealing with widow and dependents pensions. MH106 are hospital records, again only a 2% sample has been retained although the Wellcome Institute/National Archives have an on-line database of hospital records at http://hospitalrecords.pro.gov.uk

If you know your ancestor died in the war, the first place to look is the Commonwealth War Graves Commission which looks after all Allied cemeteries for both Wars, in 23,000 locations in 153 countries— www.cwgc.org Do not add .org.uk – this is a commercial site, CWGC information is free of charge. Records here will give service numbers that will be a useful start in tracing further information about any combatant.

www.findmypast.com and www.ancestry.com both have a large number of records, but Ancestry usually charges for access unless you have a subscription.

You can also find information through the Veterans Association at www.veterans-uk.info , the National inventory of War Memorials www.iwm.org.uk/collections/miwm/index/htm , the Royal Marines Regimental Museum at www.royalmarinesmuseum.co.uk and other Regimental museums.

Jo Heron M1042

IN MEMORY OF

GWEN METCALF

(1912-2009)

W.A.A.F. -SERVED AT BOMBER COMMAND

HEADQUARTERS DURING W.W.II

WWII Memorial Yorkshire Air Museum at Elvington, York photographed by Lesley Longworth M68

Subscriptions held at 2002 levels.

The AGM approved the Committee's recommendation to hold the Annual subscription at current levels.

VP appointed

The AGM approved the appointment of **George Buxton M3** as a Vice President of the Society.

George was involved with the original card index which held all details of Metcalfe's collected in the early days of the Society.



He went on to assist in the research of our book *Metcalfe: History of the Clan* and spent over ten years researching the information contained in the *Metcalfes in India* publications.

Nina Benson M29 was re-elected as a Society VP. (VP's are elected for a 3 year period and seek re-election every 3 years thereafter)

DNA project In previous issues (see April Mecca News) I have reported that approximately 40% of Metcalfes taking the DNA test have proved to be part of one larger Metcalfe branch going back to a single Metcalfe ancestor. At the October Muster, I was able to give a brief summary of the work I have been doing to relate the individual lines within this super-branch. I unveiled a chart showing the family tree for this super-branch based on DNA profile. It is hoped to make this chart available on the website.

The chart, which will evolve as more results come in, will be invaluable in establishing where other families fit within the family tree and therefore to which other lines they are most closely related. Of course, that leaves the other 60% of Metcalfes (including myself) in a series of smaller, presumably more recent branches. Inevitably there is less information on these individually, but we will gradually build up a database of the most common of these other branches.

If you are interested in testing and are male Metcalfe or have an appropriate relative who qualifies, contact me at DNA@Metcalfe.org.uk or look at the DNA website http://www.familytreedna.com/public/Metcalfe/Martin Metcalfe (M772)

Amendments to the Constitution The amendments put forward by your Committee were approved by the AGM (with one dissention). These bring the Society's Constitution up to date and reflect the changes in the Society since the original Constitution was put in place. Details on Society website.

Taking the Society Forward - A New Project

A new Growth & Communications project was announced at the AGM to be led by our Vice President, Diane Howarth. The scope of the plan covers a number of key areas to help take the society forward.

- 1. Develop and present a membership offering that has a perceived value to UK and overseas audiences to increase initial membership AND also improve the longevity of membership beyond one year by providing additional value.
- 2. Develop and present membership offerings that can support differing membership requirements totally online (especially for overseas members) and totally offline for non-computer literate, with choices to suit individual requirements
- 3. Develop a methodology to enable two-way communication, listening and being seen to be listening, including a feedback and requirements input process. We want to present it as 'your ability to scope your society & get the most out of your society'.
- 4. Provide a mechanism for communication within the society eg online forum, to encourage communication between members on subjects of mutual interest.
- 5. Ensure members are aware of the projects in place, the scope of material that is available from the society, how to access and use the information and most importantly the value that each can give to them.
- 6. To provide timely and regular information to the members ie what we are planning to do, when we are doing it, how much time it will take, what help is needed, and value it will deliver. We do hope this will encourage some members to participate in the projects.
- 7. To ensure that members have the opportunity to input to and feedback on the requirements of all projects. Encourage participation because all input is valuable. Hence the responsibility for the success is shared amongst all the membership, not just the few.
- 8. To ensure that new practices and processes are embedded within the society so that the benefit introduced are sustained long term
- 9. Identify how and where we can recruit additional skill and resource across all projects to increase the participation by the members and reduce the burden on the committee members, thereby maintaining the longer-term sustainability of the society.
- 10. Identify how can we partner with other family history organisations and Metcalfe-related organisations/businesses on a wider basis to provide additional benefit to members?

What do you think? What do you want from your society? Would you like to be involved in the project? If the answer is yes to any of these and/or you would like to comment on any aspect of the above points, Diane would be delighted to hear from you. It is your society. So why not send her an email at committee3@metcalfe.org.uk or write to her (see page 35 for her address).

Updates and progress will of course be reported in the Mecca News. Diane Howarth M409

Christmas in 1940's New Zealand

Blue skies, sun, picnics, sandy beaches, summer holidays
- Christmas in New Zealand.

By the time the schools broke up for the summer holidays the festive spirit was very evident. Stores were decorated, and the Cathedral was adorned with a large Christmas tree specially chosen for its height. The citizens of the city were invited to put a gift at its base, for those children less fortunate.

Each department store had its own Father Christmas, dressed traditionally in a red velvet suit trimmed with white fur and wearing a magnificent white beard. In the heat of summer this must have been a challenge. In 1947 there was a polio epidemic so we weren't allowed to sit on his knee. I wrote to the one at the D.I.C. and received a reply with a forlorn looking Santa sitting on his throne.

Dad, Tom Metcalf, would have made the Christmas cake and iced it, as well as making the Christmas pudding, wrapped in a cloth. On Christmas morning he pushed threepences into it and one year some charms.

Our church would organise a truck to carry carol singers who would sing the traditional ones to members of the congregation outside their homes. Of course we started out in daylight and knew that the last place we visited would be in darkness.

On Christmas Eve my sister and I hung our "stockings", pillow cases on the end of our beds and woke in the early hours of the morning to find them full of goodies. Naturally we left a piece of cake for Santa so that he was rewarded for coming down one of our chimneys to deliver the presents. After breakfast the girls would sit out on the back lawn to shell the peas, harvested by Mum and Dad. We played "I spy" to make sure that most of the peas went into the bowl. Mum would be preparing the leg of lamb, and new potatoes, and other vegetables to go with our roast dinner at mid-day. Mint from the garden was chopped and mixed with vinegar to make a sauce for the lamb, and we had gravy as well.

Our guests would arrive close to twelve and after a chat and exchange of greetings, we would sit down for dinner. The roast meal was followed by generous helpings of Christmas pudding with whipped cream and custard. After such a filling repast the children went out to play while the adults cleaned up and sat in the lounge to relax.

We may have gone for a walk in the afternoon, to the Botanic Gardens, where the summer blooms were at their best. Also the walk helped us to recover from the feast. At afternoon tea time we would have had mince pies with our cup of tea, and maybe some Christmas cake. The children had soft drink, a treat as we didn't have it during the year.

Tea at night was yet another feast! Mum would put out ham, salad, beetroot, and tomatoes, and this was followed by a trifle, fruit salad or fresh raspberries, nuts, glace fruits, muscatels and maybe a chocolate.

My sister and I can't recall whether we listened to the King's message on the radio, but it would have been broadcast, probably at 6pm.

On Boxing Day a treat for breakfast was to have a slice of Christmas pudding fried in butter and sprinkled with sugar. Decadent but delicious.

Over the years New Zealanders have changed their habits somewhat and there are probably more BBQs being used to prepare light food on the day. Certainly people are more mobile so are likely to be going further afield to be with family. Hotels and restaurants are booked well in advance, and the church missions cater for several hundred of the lonely or people who can't afford a Christmas meal.

Alison Hutton M81

An 18th Century Festive Season

From the diary of tenant farmer **William Metcalfe** of Sessay Park near Thirsk we find a different Christmas and New Year.

" 1786. Dec 24. At church forenoon. At J Toes' afternoon with a letter.

I staid and drank tea. A very frosty night.

Dec 25. At church fore and afternoon. Our Peggy (his wife) not there as she was not very well. Very cold and frosty

Dec 27. A thaw today. Our Tommy came for his ewe.

Jno Toes and Jonah Milner came to our house soon afterwards.

T Yeates wife. We plaid at cards.

1787. Jan 1. A fine day. Went to Bagby in the afternoon.

Plaid at cards at brother's with Saml Cowan.

Got home about 11 o'clock. Brother under a state of intoxication."

William Metcalfe was at Sessay Park for some 30 years between 1786 and 1816. In addition to his farming he was also associated with bankers Garforth Raper & Co of York. In 1816 he became a victim of the banking collapse and made

a "Deed Assignment" to his Creditors.

Diary extracts are from William Metcalfe - His Book. Published in 1931.

I know the participants at this year's Annual Muster enjoyed the occasion and am sorry I was unable to join you.

Chairman's Jottings

I was 'forced' to enjoy the warmth and sunshine, as well as the delights of Roman ruins, mosaics, frescoes and early 4th Century churches in the North Eastern region of Italy called Fruili- at the point where it meets the Adriatic near Venice and Trieste. A delightful part of Italy, close to the Julian Alps (I admit I had never heard of them before either!) and Slovenia and formerly part of the Hapsburg empire. Well worth a visit just like yours to Hawes!

My first job must be to thank everyone, on your behalf, who organised the Muster, especially Lesley. I gather you 'mustered well'. Peter I am informed ran the Annual General Meeting very professionally in my absence. Might I take the opportunity of thanking the members for re-electing the committee, including me, for another year as well as approving the changes to the Constitution. I would like to thank Carol Herbert our former Treasurer for undertaking the role for us and Marsden Holden for taking on this important post as well as for answering questions on the accounts at the AGM.

As ever might I thank everyone who has served on the committee in 2013. As I have said before, without them and their various talents the Society could not continue. A big pat on the back is also appropriate for you, the members, who regularly send us details of your research, your queries, criticisms and comments as well as participating in projects. Talking of which I am glad to learn that there are new volunteers for the DNA and Wills projects. David Metcalfe has continued to check and add still more information to our database for which we all should be eternally grateful. Almost singlehanded he has added and checked entries for a large number of years. I doubt seriously that there is anyone in the world who knows more about Metcalfe connections than him.

I was delighted to hear that in the afternoon, we were able to return the Metcalfe window to the care of the Church once again, it having been restored by the glaziers at York Minster -due to Vivienne's efforts. I was sorry not to be able to see the finished result. The Society should be proud that we have contributed to the preservation of the window for future generations. So that's one Project completed.

Another -Our World War 1 Project- is well underway. Dr Judkin I am told proved to be an excellent speaker on World Wars 1 and 2 records and had carried out interesting research into Metcalfe participants. His talk complemented what we have so far done but there is still plenty of scope for you all to add information. Please will all of you try to give Jo Heron and Margaret more Metcalfe details – not just men who fought but their wives and family who stayed behind and ran the country whilst they were away fighting. Have you any old diaries of the time? Maybe treasured letters posted from the front? Perhaps some photographs of the family working in factories or on farms if not on the frontline? Any memorabilia which you could photograph to add to our data?

Admittedly I have nothing specifically Metcalfe but for example, from my other fami-

lies, I have an autograph book, which contains sketches by soldiers who had been injured and were recovering in hospital where my ancestor was a nurse, a German compass and a watch which my grandfather found in the mud of the trenches-where he was a stretcherbearer for the Canadian forces. Cap badges and a rather bent 'swagger stick' have survived and been handed down. In addition a photo poignantly taken by the military (I assume) of my great uncle's grave just after it had been dug following the end of the war .What about you?

My Italian journey was not completely divorced from family history! I discovered that even in Roman times they were keen to know who their ancestors were and what they looked like. In Aquileia, an important Roman port, the museum has scores of life like effigies in the form of busts and heads.



It got me thinking again that it would be good for the Society to do something similar, not marble busts! – but photographs of the present members or their families with photographs of Metcalfe ancestors to compare similarities and distinctive features. Likewise I feel we should try to make an oral archive relating to our Metcalfe ancestors. I always regret not doing that when my parents were alive as they had lots of stories which I have now forgotten! The last 50 years have seen so many changes that it is important I think to listen to those who recollect the way our forebears lived and worked. I hope that the committee will consider the ideas and how they might be followed up.

Thanks to the way we can use the internet I discovered this week a great great grandmother (not a Metcalfe) died in Stanley Royd County Lunatic Asylum. There are records online of admissions and medical reports on inmates. If you do not find an ancestor with their entire family in a census this might be the sad answer, it was for me.

There are 2 sites if you are interested:

The West Yorkshire Archives (WYA) in association with Ancestry has digitised and placed admission books and medical records of patients on line. See http://catalogue.wyjs.org.uk/ (which is the catalogue page from where you can explore the records for surnames of persons whose names are found in ALL archives held by WAY -not just those in the asylum). http://catalogue.wyjs.org.uk/Record.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&id=C000085 specifically is a link to the asylum records.

Another site linking to records especially of females includes the Asylum records http://www.historytoherstory.org.uk/# as well as other records. Huddersfield University and the WYAS have combined to produce this interesting site History to Herstory. Enter the surname in the guick catalogue search button at the top and see what comes up.

There are 30 pages of Metcalfe documents and 14 Metcalf.

Try it yourself maybe over the forthcoming holidays!

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and wish you a Happy New 2014

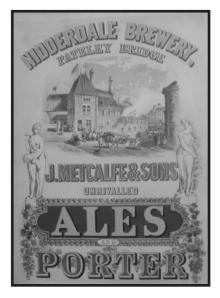
David Lambert M11.

OUR VISIT TO YORKSHIRE

Some general observations from Pearl & Rod Tedds M149

Since emigrating from Nottingham to Australia in 1965, we have visited the UK a few times to see family and have a holiday. This time we decided to visit Skipton Castle, which is "one of the most complete castles in the country", to quote one of our hosts in a local B & B.

We were greeted by two gentlemen who immediately asked where we were from. Our reply of "Tasmania" prompted a response from one of them that he had an ancestor who had been sent out to Tasmania as a convict for 10 years for stealing a hat. He had been sent to the infamous penitentiary at Port Arthur and for part of his time he worked on a property known as Lovely Banks near Hobart.



We were able to say that we knew the property which is located on the main road from Hobart to Launceston. If they managed to survive the somewhat horrendous conditions, many convicts returned but many stayed on to live in the colony as free settlers. In Australia convict ancestry used to be considered a fact to be kept secret but today people are proud of it.

During our time in Yorkshire we also visited the Nidderdale Museum and noticed the name Metcalfe connected with a brewery and its brand of ale. Pearl's father Squire Priest Metcalf came from Harrogate and his grandmother was baptised at Felixkirk in 1818. The very old church at Felixkirk has a fascinating design. There was mention of Crusaders leaving from there and we were reminded of their gathering place at the claimed "oldest inn in England" in Nottingham - The Trip to Jerusalem - is that where they met others before proceeding to the Holy Land?

There were also connections to other places in the area so we visited some on the Sunday before returning to Nottingham prior to leaving for Australia. Northallerton was where David Metcalf married Charlotte Scurr Eaton, whose daughter Annie was the mother of Squire Priest Metcalf. Boltby was next and the parishioners had just completed their



Northallerton Church

Harvest Festival Service and were heading to their Harvest Lunch in the village hall. Cold Kirby was our final stop prior to a brief visit to Harrogate.

We met some very friendly people. It raised questions in our minds about the future for England's smaller

churches such as Felixkirk with a history of over 800 years but with an aged building requiring maintenance and supported by an older congregation. We found the few days in Yorkshire to be one of the best parts of our trip.

Today's world is very much a "now generation" and family history research can help the youth of today appreciate their wonderful heritage. This applies in Australia as well but the country is much younger, of course, and most families look to other countries such as U.K or Europe to find their roots. In recent years there has been quite a renewal of interest in ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day in the younger generations.

We will continue to be involved with the Society as far as electronic media and letters permit. We trust that this year's officers and committee will have the energy and inspiration to continue the high standards set by those who have gone before.

Books

George Fenwick Metcalfe M1785 writes to tell us about two books written by his son Daniel Fenwick Metcalfe (www.DanielMetcalfe.com)

Out of Steppe - The Lost Peoples of Central Asia Published 2009 by Hutchinson Blue Dahlia, Black Gold – a journey into Angola Published 2013 by Hutchinson

and about his own involvement in 2012 when he edited and ghosted
"The Spirit of London" - "a beautiful photographic celebration of the Queen's diamond
Jubilee and the London Olympics (the Beautiful Publishing Company)".

He goes on to list early involvement in "China the Beautiful, India the Beautiful, the World's Finest Spas, Britain – the Book of the Millennium, the Magic of Monaco." and say "I also ghosted the Presidential Elephants of Zimbabwe for the Commonwealth conference in that country about 18 years ago."

(George is descended from Fenwick Metcalfe of the Indian Medical Service and the solicitor Charles Metcalfe of Metcalfe & Copeman in Norwich mentioned in Mecca News 100 page 31.)

"Now, Metcalfe!"

"As a body of the French were about to fire a volley into the 45th, Macpherson ran to the front, waving his sword and crying, "Now, Metcalfe!"

The two dashed against the enemy, and both fell before the same volley." 1



London Gazette
Friday 6th February 1807

John Metcalfe, Gent
to be ensign

Army List 1814 Joined Regiment 16 June 1808 **John Metcalfe**, Lieutenant

In 1808 the 45th Regiment of Foot ("The Sherwood Foresters") was at Cork and embarked under Lieut-Col. Guard for the Iberian Peninsula. It landed at Mondego Bay, north of Lisbon, and formed part of the 5th Brigade, the army being under the command of Sir Arthur Wellesley. In the Battle of Roleia, the first real action fought by British troops in the Peninsula, the 45th and the Light Companies had the honour of leading the attack upon the centre of the enemy's lines.

The Regiment remained in garrison at Lisbon until jointly with the 95th Regiment, was entrusted with the defence of the important fortress of Almeide. On the return of Sir Arthur Wellesley to the Peninsula in April, 1809, the 45th was stationed at Villavellia, and in July was with the army, when it formed part of the advanced guard which entered Spain, marching upon Talavera. It was specially mentioned in the dispatches. This great victory over the French, personally commanded by Joseph Bonaparte, caused immense pleasure in England and Wellesley was raised to the peerage under the titles of Baron Douro of Wellesley and Viscount Wellington of Talavera. The losses to the 45th in the two days' fighting were 13 rank and file killed; wounded and missing 5 officers, 5 sergeants, and 140 men. From now onwards the regiment was nicknamed the "Old Stubborns".

At the Battle of Busaco, fought under Major-General Picton on September 27th, 1810, the 45th was involved and again they were prominently engaged at the Battle of Fuentes d'Onoro on March the 5th 1811. On the retirement of the Third Division from El Boden to Fuente Guinaldo, Lieut-Col. Campbell refers to the gallantry and steadiness of the 45th in receiving charges of the enemy's cavalry.

In January, 1812, commenced the investment of Ciudad Rodrigo, which was captured after 14 days' siege and was considered a great military achievement, carried out in the depth of winter. The attack upon the main breach was made by the 45th, 74th, and 88th, the 45th leading the attack with their Company of Grenadiers. General Picton in his divisional order dated January 20th says: "By the gallant manner in which the breach was last night carried by storm, the Third Division has added much credit to its military reputation, and has rendered itself the most conspicuous corps in the British Army." He also specially mentioned the 45th, and what above all marked his appreciation of their conduct, was his gift to the Grenadier Company of the 45th of a hundred guineas for their share in the night's work, saying that he hoped that the men would do him the honour to drink to the future success of the Third Division.²

Siege of Badajoz. ".....we can take the proceedings on into late March to find 3rd Division put to the task again, Picton is still there but having buried Mackinnon's remains the Brigade is now led by newly promoted Major General James Kempt of 81st. The siege work finds 1/45th well to the fore digging, guarding and defending against sorties, all work that will cause numbers to fall, we know that Lieutenants Thomas Atkins and Benjamin White are killed during these works Captain Thomas Lightfoot, Lieutenants Francis Andrews, Hans Marsh and **John Metcalfe** are all wounded.

6th April 1812 (**The storm of Badajoz.**) Whilst the main breaches were to be attacked by others it had been discovered by Ensign/Lieutenant James Macpherson of 1/45th Light coy that the castle walls had been only thinly manned for defence so that on the approval of the CIC, Picton's 3rd Division were to attempt a daring escalade. A private of 1/45th is the first to fall to his death inside the defences whilst the 21year old Macpherson and his band of Light infantrymen cannot have been far behind. Macpherson had shinned up the flagpole at the top of the castle turret and cut down the Tricolour which is first presented to Picton and then to the CIC." (Four officers and 19 men of 1/45th are killed.)¹

Lieutenant John Metcalfe rejoined his regiment and was present at Salamanca and in June, 1813 at the Battle of Vittoria, in which Wellington gained a brilliant and most decisive victory.

On July 10th 1813 appeared the following notice in The Nottingham Journal:-" The welcome intelligence of the splendid victory of Vittoria was received here with feelings of the liveliest joy. The bells immediately commenced ringing and every countenance beamed with delight." The 45th was with the Third Division at the Battle of the Pyrenees, and at Nivelle. This was Wellington's first victory on French soil.²

BATTLE OF ORTHES

Lieut. John Metcalfe - 45th Foot - killed at Orthes - 27th February 1814. River Pau at Bereus, over which, at daybreak on the 27th, the sixth and light divisions crossed. Two-thirds of the allied forces were thus concentrated on the right bank of the river, while the remaining 12,000 under Hill, remained on the left bank, watching the bridge at Orthez and threatening Soult's rear.

The battle began about nine o'clock. The third and sixth divisions advanced easily up the slope towards the French centre and left; but the troops on the left were checked, and somewhat driven back by the French right at the village of St. Boes, and after three hours of desperate fighting the French still held their positions. The 45th were deployed into line, and occupied nearly the whole of the front of the right wing of the allied army; the Grenadier company, under Captain Martin, gallantly repelling every effort of the French to dislodge them. Under Lieut-Colonel Greenwell, the light company steadily pushed on to the front with the 60th regiment and the light companies of the brigade, and drove the enemy slowly back. The 45th regiment with the cavalry, began considerable headway, As the allied division on the left got through the village the third division flung itself impetuously on the French centre and left, which began to give way; and Soult, recognising his discomfiture, gave orders for a general retreat, leaving six guns in the hands of the allies, and over 4000 in killed, wounded, and prisoners on the field.

The allies lost heavily, the "Fighting Third" alone losing 70 officers and 800 men. Of the 45th Lieut.-Colonel Forbes and Lieut.-Colonel Greenwell, who led the light troops of the division were severely wounded; **Lieutenants Metcalfe** and Leslie were killed, and Lieutenant Macpherson so severely wounded that he never again rejoined.¹

25 December 1814

Mary Metcalf mother of late Lt. John Metcalf
of 45th Foot who was killed at
the Battle of Orthes.

In consideration of her being deprived thereby
of her principal means of support. £40.3

House of Commons Journal Vol 71 1816

Sources

 www.napoleon-series.org/.../WellingtonsRegiments/c_45thFoot
 en.wikipedia.org & The 45th Regiment - The Sherwood Foresters. Their Honours and Medals. by Frank E. Burton.
 Equivalent to £2916 in 2012 currency.

Past Musters and Expedition to Hawes in 2013

At this year's Muster Dorothy Pope (M55) and I were reminiscing about the many others we have each attended over the past 25 years and more. She (member 55) joined the Society a little before Bill and I (members 63) did so in 1983, and she told me that the first meeting she went to was held at Claremont in Leeds. Our first was in 1986 at Boroughbridge High School, close to where the then Secretary, Nina Benson, lived. We thought it a wonderful occasion, meeting people with an enthusiasm for research into our surname and seeing that the Society would flourish in the future. And so it has proved.

Other Musters were held at the Spa Hotel in Ripon and the Tarn House Hotel near Skipton, before finding a semi-permanent home at the Ripon Campus of the College of Ripon and York St John. This was an excellent venue, with lots of space, both for parking outside, and for displays and the meeting itself inside. More times than not it seemed to provide beautiful autumn weather too. After these premises became unavailable, we had one meeting at Askham Bryan College, near York, and in subsequent years have been at the present location, the Dales Countryside Museum, also excellent.

Whilst I can't claim that we were present every year, it was an occasion we didn't like to miss, and the last time we both went was in 2006. Bill died in 2008 and in 2009 my daughter Anne brought me. For three years after that, no longer having a car, I tried to work out a way of travelling from Preston to Hawes by public transport, but found it unrealistic, even impossible, and so was unfortunately an absentee.

This year was different! "DalesBus" is a consortium of bus companies, both public and private, which encourages leaving cars behind and using its services during the summer months to reach Dales villages from outside the National Park, and I discovered that the "Little White Bus", which meets certain trains at Garsdale and runs down Wensleydale, operated until October 20th – a week after the Muster. So I could get there!

This was my 4-stage journey on the Friday: bus from where I live in Penwortham into Preston; another bus to Skipton; train from there up to Garsdale on the Settle-Carlisle line; and the Little White Bus to Hawes. It sounds like a marathon trip but it worked well and was really very enjoyable. Same in reverse to return home on Sunday morning. An hour to spend in Skipton each way, nice time for a cup of coffee and a bite to eat. Perfect. As was my stay in a friendly Bed and Breakfast place in Hawes.

Was it all worth it? Definitely! Would I do it again next year? If the Little White Bus is still on the road, definitely! See you then.

Joan Metcalfe (M63)



Pearl & Rod Tedds M149

MUSTER

The Metcalfe Muster has always been an event that we would have liked to attend but in the past we have had to return to Australia before it occurred. This year we arrived in mid-July and decided to extend our stay to include the 2013 Metcalfe Muster.

It was well worth it!

We experienced a very warm welcome at this year's Muster and meeting people behind a name. Mrs Nina Benson was one of the first people to welcome us. We had met in 1981 during a previous visit to England and she was very helpful in our research. Also, former Treasurer, Mary Metcalfe, remembered Pearl as an early member of the Society.

Hawes was a new place to us as well and one memory we will carry is of a lorry negotiating the narrow winding main street of the town as we walked up to the Wensleydale Pantry to enjoy an excellent Yorkshire lunch.

The Annual General Meeting, very ably chaired by Peter Dobson, followed the usual format of such meetings including the anticipated debate on the change to the Constitution.

The Reports from various officers helped us understand more fully the different aspects of the work of the Society and it was good to hear that a review of its operations was being undertaken to ensure it is meeting the needs of the members.

The new projects of the DNA and the First World War were of particular interest. Pearl's father actually served in the army in the First World War.

The comment on the decrease in membership, which was also reflected in similar family history groups elsewhere, was noteworthy. It probably results from the current easy electronic access to records and a consequent perceived lack of need of such societies by family history researchers.

Some 70 members and guests attended this year's AGM and Muster at the Dales Countryside Museum. Whilst the weather left a lot to be desired - considering how sunny and warm it had been the weekend before - feedback from those present was positive with comments including suggestions for possible articles for the Mecca News and greater communication via the Society website. Watch this space!

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Committee member Jo Heron with Muster Speaker Dr Philip Judkins and AGM Chairman Peter Dobson

The afternoon session by the enthusiastic Dr Phil Judkins was very informative. He obviously knew his subject well. He made some useful key points such as indicating sources of the records; the type of record available e.g. the war diaries and the need to know the structure of the armed forces. Simply trying to find a person by typing a name into a data-base will not be successful usually. One needs to look in the right part of the structure e.g. the regiment in which the person served.

If we were asked if the Muster was worthwhile, we would respond with a resounding "Yes" and really regret that it is highly unlikely we will get to another one.

We would like to thank Lesley Longworth and others for the organisation of the day and also to the many voluntary workers who give so much time to the successful operation of the Society.



The presentation of the restored stained glass window to the Aysgarth Parish Church brought the formal proceedings to a close.



Committee Member Vivienne Metcalf with the Curate of St Andrew's Church Aysgarth Rev. Penny Yeardon on the handing over of the restored Metcalfe window to the Church.

MUSTER 2014

will be held on Saturday 4th October 2014 at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes, Wensleydale. Note your diaries now!

Muster Montage 2013



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Pictures : 1 David Metcalfe

setting up the PC's

2 Members reviewing the
DNA project

3 Margaret Hodgson &
Diane Howarth manning the
sales tables

4 Ladies with sticks and a

marrow!
Nina Benson, Dorothy Pope &

Margaret Metcalfe 5 Setting up volunteers; Jo Heron, Vivienne Metcalf. Kath Holden, Marsden Holden

& Pat Dobson 6 Raffle prizes



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A Jamaican Christmas

Extracts from The Jamaican State 1655-1900.

Profile of a Colonial Theatre by Errol Hill. Pages 248-249.

In January 1840 the *Jamaican Despatch* editorialised that the black population of Kingston wasted a whole month "drumming, idleing, drinking and traversing our streets and lanes until one or two o'clock in the morning". The next Christmas the autocratic Mayor Henry Mitchell gave orders to the police to stop all drum beating on the city's streets. The police seized the drums from the revellers and charged them with disturbing the peace. However Magistrate Hart disagreed with the Mayor and ruled that the Yuletide festivities were a time honoured custom. No law had been broken and the drums should be returned to the masqueraders.

This skirmish was an omen of serious trouble in the year ahead. On December 17, 1841 the *Morning Journal* castigated Christmas revellers "as the most idle and profligate servants and abandoned women, dwellers in the purlious of infamy and vice of every description"; warned that the Mayor of Kingston was determined to stop all drumming and noisy disturbances. Mayor Mitchell had invoked a clause in an ambiguous statute passed some ten years previously but never enforced. It outlawed hornblowing and drum beating that might cause danger, annoyance or disturbance. This law ignored for the slave festivities had been resurrected by the Mayor to support his order. He was seeking a decisive confrontation with the revellers and the result was an outbreak or rioting in which the police were forced to give way and armed soldiers were called in. The Riot Act was read and the regiment opened fire. Two people were killed and others were seriously wounded.

In his report to the Secretary of State **Governor Metcalfe*** blamed the Mayor for being wrong-headed "setting up in defiance of the consent of his colleagues in the Corporation and in the Governors own opinion". Metcalfe said he was forced to support authority although he disagreed with the Mayor's reckless conduct. In his opinion it was best not to prohibit the amusements but allow them to a moderate extent.

As the 1842 holiday season approached the Inspector General of Police wrote to the new Governor Lord Elgin that the mob of Kingston City seemed determined to have their celebrations and that the police would be unable to put it down. The Governor issued a proclamation that allowed public amusements confined to times and places at the discretion of revellers so as not to cause danger annoyance or disturbance to others. This reasonableness won the day and a state of tranquility returned to Kingston and Montego Bay.

*Governor Metcalfe was Charles Theophilus Metcalfe 1st Baron Metcalfe and late Governor General of India. He was appointed by the Melbourne administration to the governorship of Jamaica in 1839, where the difficulties created by the recent passing of the Negro Emancipation Act had called for a high degree of tact and ability. Metcalfe's success in this delicate position was very marked, but unfortunately his health compelled his resignation and return to England in 1842. www.wikepedia.org

Congratulations Peter, to you and all concerned, on a good knock.

If I could tap into my inner Yorkshireman, I'd say something more 'encouraging' like "you've only just begun lad!"

It was a special delight from my southern outpost to read of the death and tribute to the life of my relative Ken Metcalfe, my first father's cousin. And thanks to (unrelated) member Patricia Pearson for that story, as there is no regular communication among many of this Metcalfe clan.

We are descended from Joseph Cameron Metcalfe / Anne Deeks who arrived in Melbourne from near the Oval in Kensington, London, in 1853. Ken's father was the youngest Castlemaine-born son by quite a few years, and my grandfather was the second youngest. Ken and my father were both born in 1915.

The two men, Ken and my dad, never met as they grew up at

different ends of the country, but my brother and I met Ken in 1986 when he and his wife were living here in Melbourne for a few years. What struck us was the extraordinary similarity in voice and conversation style between Ken and our father's older brother, uncle Joe, two men who didn't even know of each other. The same dryness, vocal pitch, brevity of comment and self-deprecating humour were striking. To hear the voice of one was to hear the other, and my brother and I have never forgotten the experience. What would the DNA project have to say on that I wonder!

The other striking aspect of it all is that they were all men of science. Ken's outstanding skill is well covered in the article you reprinted, and there is plenty more of the same. My father was a pharmacist, and his older brother a science teacher of some renown. And Ken's son is a forensic pathologist, a long-time resident of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Bernard Metcalfe M221

Many CONGRATULATIONS both on your long service as editor of our illustrious magazine and on a very worthy issue to mark the centenary. Who'd have imagined during the first few typewritten newsletters that this milestone would be reached?

I loved the piece on "Metcalfes in the Wars of the Roses" as I think that is one of the periods in history when the Clan really had great influence on affairs of state, so to speak.

I once went to a Meet the Author thing in Preston when Phillippa Gregory had just published "The White Queen", and of course was seduced by a discount and the autographing into buying a copy. It's very difficult to get to grips with the Wars of the Roses, isn't it - people were always changing sides and/or always naming their sons Edward or Henry or Richard. Phillippa Gregory's two TV programmes were very good, I thought, better than the dramatisation and really highlighted Anne Neville's part in the proceedings. I am on Richard III's side, I don't think he was quite the baddie some make him out to be. **Joan Metcalfe M63**

Dear Editor, You are to be congratulated on the 100th edition of the Mecca News in which there are some very interesting articles, not only on Mecca families but on more general history too. The one which intrigued me the most was your own article on the U.K. weather.

At my ancient age I can remember most floods that occurred in the 20th century here in the North East, particularly the floods of 1925 in Middlesbrough. At that time I was 7 years old & although the street where I then lived was not affected. the area close by was. We children donned our wellies & had a wonderful time splashing around & taking great delight in watching the water spouts issuing out of the drain covers. At that age none of us were aware of the possible dangers, nor did we give a thought to the poor householders whose homes were inundated. During the preceding thunderstorm I was probably hiding

I was delighted to see the follow-up article in Mecca News no.99 about links to Metcalfes after my piece on Cowside - especially as this enables me to link 'our' Metcalfe family tree to Cowside.

This is somehow very pleasing and gives me enormous satisfaction! Thank you very much. Just what the magazine should be able to do for society members, I think!

Janet Johnson M1837

under the bed - I was terrified of lightning.

I was sorry to hear of the death of Jose Hopper, a very friendly & helpful lady. Our sincere sympathies go to her family.

You also reported the death of ex. member Joan Gribbon whom I remember especially as she had unwittingly added her Anthony & Mary Metcalfe, of Ravenstonedale line to our Anthony & Alice Mte, of Gayle, Hawes branch in the 18th c. Knowing I was of the Gayle branch she had approached me for advice & I was able to convince her. I think she was rather disappointed!

Thank you Valerie for your kind words too. We enjoyed some entertaining chats together. As one of Mecca's very earliest members, I have many happy memories of those early musters & all the other volunteers who helped make the society what it is today. Long may it last.

Dorothy Pope M55

I thought the anniversary edition of Mecca News was excellent, a really good read as always.

I'm writing up my family history research of 38 years both my side and my husbands Metcalfe's, its an awful lot of people and places! I also use a weather timeline as mentioned in that issue. I use www.booty. org.uk/booty.weather/climate/wxevents.htm its a fascinating site. Regards.

Val Metcalfe M61

your emails and letters

I just wanted to thank you and all the team for the hospitality shown to the members at this years Muster. Having moved back to Yorkshire from Devon it is a real treat to be able to attend and we look forward to attending next year. I am sure we will be staying around Hawes in the coming year to turn paper records into visual pleasure.

John and Ann Metcalfe M1352

Thank you for the 100th edition of the Mecca News received this morning. It is said "actions speak louder than words", well it is 3.15pm and I am so immersed in the content that I have just realised I have not yet had my morning coffee.

Excellent!

Jose L Gay M816

your emails and letters



The Calf

Today my daughter took me for lunch. To a place which had good and bad points. One it is an ideal starting point for a walk to The Calf - a hill which as we all know has Metcalfe connections; two it is a place to be avoided, as it is a Temperance Inn!! Not a building for a Mecca to be seen in.

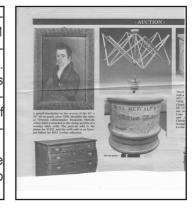
The food and nearly drink were excellent with the price range very variable according to quantity ordered; childrens portions still large.

All in all I recommend The Cross Keys to our Members without hesitation, well with a little hesitation - from there to The Calf is a stiffer walk than an 84 year old was advised to manage!!.

CS Metcalfe M305

While looking through a stack of old Maine Antique Digests I happened on an issue dated November 2011 that included a couple of items that had originally belonged to a Benjamin Metcalf of Woodstock, Vermont. One item was called a "wooden table swift" that was built by Benjamin Metcalf Cabinet makers and still carries its original label. The second item was a portrait of Benjamin dated c1830 which appears to be in excellent condition.

Since Benjamin is quite probably a forefather of some of our American members I thought it interesting to send you a copy. **Chris Metcalfe M1480**



Coming home on the Horsley road our bus had to stop to allow a large lorry to get by on his way to Stroud (from Bristol).

The name in very large letters was Metcalfe Farmers, Yorkshire. I was very pleased to see our name; we are not a well known name around this way and I was within 5 minutes from my house.

Any info would be appreciated. Kathleen Robinson M1088

The company is a family run business based at Washfold Farm Leyburn North Yorkshire. Set up in 1940 as a dairy concern it has now branched out into haulage.

A picture of one of its trucks appeared on the back cover of Mecca News 73 (Aug 2004). Further details are available on their website www.metcalfefarms.com - Editor

ARCHIVIST COORDINATOR'S REPORT

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Thanks to all those who have sent in details of their 'trees', whether as new members or as established members sharing their recent research. Maureen Heseltine's husband's lines show clearly how Metcalfes are entwined in so many ancestries in the Dales. To say it can become confusing is an understatement! It has also been fascinating to find what happened when Metcalfes apparently disappeared! In Judith Strobel's line Jabez was not found on any English census beyond 1841 but there he is in the USA and later in Canada.

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET SUBMITTED DETAILS FOR YOUR BIRTH BRIEF please do get in touch, even if you have only yet worked out a little. I look forward to hearing from you via archivist@metcalfe. org.uk or by post (address page 35 of this magazine).

Margaret Hodgson M515

BIRTH BRIEFS FROM EXISTING MEMBERS (INCLUDING UPDATES)

M1785 Mr George F Metcalfe 81 St Julian's Farm Road, London SE27 0RJ GeorgeFMetcalfe@aol.com S.o. Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Fenwick & Charlotte (Hulke) Mte m 1935, Elham district, Kent. Peter b 16 Dec 1904 s.o. Brigadier General Fenwick Henry & Frances Lucy (Mills) Mte m 1904, Chesterfield district, Derbyshire. Fenwick b c1870 India s.o. Fenwick & Augusta Katherine (Gardiner) Mte m 1867 Taunton district, Somerset. Fenwick b 13 Jun 1840 Wisbech, Cam s.o. Charles & Mary (Serle) Mte m 1840 Ely district. Charles b c1797 s.o. Charles Mte.

M1902 Mrs Maureen Heseltine Hideaway Cottage, Kettlewell , Skipton BD23 5QX maureen.heseltine@btinternet.com Husband John Leslie Heseltine grt grt grd s.o. Matthew & Elizabeth (Mte) Heseltine m 24 Nov 1825 Hubberholme. Matthew b1799 Foxup, Littondale s.o. Thomas & Betty (Mte) Heseltine m 6 July 1789 Arncliffe. Betty bpt 5 July 1768 Halton Gill d.o. Robert & Isabel (Simpson) Mte m 13 May 1751 Arncliffe. Conn. M46 M608 M678 M839 M958 M1043 M1082 M1129 M1156 M1218 M1265 M1272 M1291 M1323 M1391 M1393 M1729.

- (a) Elizabeth Mte bpt 15 Mar 1807 Nateby, Kirkby Stephen d.o. Richard & Margaret (Harrison) Mte m 20 Nov 1795 Kirkby Stephen. Richard b c1768 Mallerstang, Wes
- (b) Husband John Leslie Heseltine also 5 x grt grd s.o. Nathan & Agnes (Mte) Raw m 21 Jan 1731 Muker. ${\bf Conn.~M86}$
- (c) Husband John Leslie Heseltine also 4 x grt grd s.o. John & Margaret (Mte) Thompson m 6 Dec 1786 Aysgarth. Margaret b c1767/8 Carperby.

M1945 Mrs Judith Strobel 26 Concession St. W, Tillsonburg, Ontario N4G 1R3 Canada jstrobel@rogers.com D.o. George Arthur & Doreen Mt. George b 16 May 1911 Highgate, Ontario, Canada s.o.

George Oliver & Margaret Jane (Glenn) Metcalf m 16 Sept 1909 St Thomas, Ontario, Canada. George b 18 Jan 1857 Freemont, Ohio, USA s.o. Jabez & Eliza (Harvey) Metcalf m 5 Aug 1856 Sandusky, Ohio. Jabez bpt 24 Jan 1822 Thornton le Dale, Yorkshire, natural son of Mary Metcalf. Mary bpt 17 Oct 1790 Ebberston, Yorks d.o. Robert & Ann (? Colley) Metcalf m? 2 Oct 1781 Egton, Yorks.

NEW MEMBERS

M1957 Mr Andrew Crosbie 20 Cherry Holt Avenue, Stockport, Cheshire SK4 3PT andrewcrsb@gmail.com

M1958 Mr John White 37 Brackendown Avenue, Weymouth, Dorset DT3 6HY thewhites5137@btinternet.com S.o.John Graham & Margaret Ann (Heerin) White m June 1936 Middlesbrough. John s.o. James Alfred & Mary Elizabeth (Graham) White m 15 March 1904 Middlesbrough. Mary b 1877 Askrigg d.o Thomas Townson & Elizabeth Lucy (Mte) Graham m 28 Nov 1870 Askrigg. Lucy b 15 Dec 1839 Askrigg d.o. George & Elizabeth (Coates) Mte m 6 Aug 1834 Manchester Cathedral. George bpt 30 Jun 1806 Coverham s.o. John & Elizabeth Mte. John b c1761.Conn. M232 M938 M1890

M1959 Mr Philip Metcalf 37-31 73rd Street, Appt. 7M, Jackson Heights, New York 11372 USA philipmetcalf@earthlink.net S.o Roy George & Rosa Magdalena (Ruiz) Mt m 12 May 1957. Roy George b 25 Aug 1927 New York s.o. Roy George & Bess Latimer (Broadley) Mt m 10 Oct 1925. Roy George b 29 Dec 1897 Hinsdale, New Hampshire s.o. Ralph Edgar & Rest Adelia (Higgins) Mt 1 May 1889 Hinsdale. Ralph Edgar b 23 Aug 1864 Westminster, Vermont s.o. George Washington & Lucretia Rhoda (Peck) Mt m 3 Jan 1858. George b 16 Dec 1835 Gilsum, New Hampshire s.o. Zenus de Calvus & Martha (Temple) Mt m 25 Mar 1832 Gilsum. Zenus b c 1808 Keene, New Hampshire s.o. Abijah & Mary Mt.

M1960 Mr Philip Metcalf Bolam 9 Steeple Close, London SW6 3LE pbolam@googlemail.com

M1961Mr Ian Coates 11 Coker Hill, West Coker, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 9DG ian@iancoates.co.uk S.o.Thomas & Mabel (Md) Coates m 1933. Mabel b 1910 d.o. Rupert & Florence (Smith) Md m 1907, West Derby district, Lancs. Rupert b 1881 s.o. John Albert & Sarah Ellen (Boyd) Md m 1880 West Derby district, Liverpool. John b 16 Dec 1851 West Derby district s.o. Thomas William & Elizabeth (Stretch) Md m 10 Oct 1844 West Derby district. Thomas b c1809 Middlesex. Conn. M672 M869.

It is with regret we inform members of the death of

Norma Pelmear M1780 and

Mrs Kathleen Ruddy M517

We extend our condolences to friends and family.

WILLS PROJECT

I remain very grateful to those members who have transcribed the following wills. Their continued dedication to the task is providing us all with an extensive and developing resource which complements that of the Computer Index.

Thanks to: Jennifer Metcalf M1754: Edwin Metcalf M980: Rosemary Brown M756: Marsden & Kath Holden M1513: Frances Glanville M1887: Margaret Stoll M1437: Janet Knowles M1279: Carol Arkwright M86: Margaret Medcalfe M1747: Liz & Steve Metcalfe M1802.

from the Muster:

Carole Topham M82 and Diane Atkins M1863.

Please remember that the Society would really like to have copies of any Metcalfe wills or will transcriptions which Members have acquired in their personal researches and which might prove of more general interest.

Margaret Hodgson (Project Coordinator) Wills newly transcribed and now available to view in the Members Only section of the website.

The date here is the date of probate. Wills are often earlier than the year of probate so it is best to use the search + or - 2/5/10/20 years if not found immediately by name or place.

1695 John Metcalfe of Dykeland, Ripon, Yorks

1700 Matthew Metcalfe of Thorpe, Yorks

1701 William Metcalfe of North Kyme, Lincs

1702 Thomas Metcalfe of Stainton, Yorks

1704 John Metcalfe of Deering, Ripon, Yorks

1704 Mary Metcalfe of Kingston upon Hull

1704 George Metcalfe of Gosberton, Lincs

1708 Bolton Metcalfe of Leeds

1711 Robert Metcalfe of Leeds

1712 William Metcalfe of Pontefract

1713 George Metcalfe of Surfleet

1717 Thomas Metcalfe of Morley, Yorks

1718 Robert Metcalfe of Scarborough

1719 Thomas Metcalfe of Middle Rasen, Lincs

1719 John Metcalfe of Halton Holgate, Lincs

1721 Hannah Metcalf of Morley, Leeds

1722 George Metcalfe of Everton, Notts

1723 Mary Metcalfe of Pontefract, Yorks

1724 Peter Metcalfe of Gautby, Lincs

1726 Robert Metcalfe of Faulkingham, Lincs

Welcome to two new volunteers 1728 Katherine Metcalfe of Guisborough

1728 Thomas Metcalfe of Stokesley

1729 John Medcalf of Laughton

1730 Ellen Metcalfe of Bishop Monkton

1731 Eleanor Metcalf of Whitby

1734 John Metcalfe of Horton in Ribblesdale

1734 William Metcalfe of Glamford Brigg, Lincs

1735 Christopher Metcalfe of Halton Gill

1736 Mary Metcalf of Horton in Ribblesdale

1736 Jane Metcalfe of Glamford Briggs, Lincs

1747 Henry Metcalf of Surfleet, Lincolnshire

1748 John Metcalfe of Rastrick, Yorks

1750 Nicholas Metcalfe of Glamford Briggs, Lincs

1780 John Medcalf of Bilsby, Lincs

Wallsend St Peter 30 March 1769 Joseph Mitcalfe - Off Putter N&DFHS Journal Spring 2013 Vol 38 No1 Page 23

Antipodean Treasures

The Australian National Library is making thousands of early Australian newspapers available online via their Trove project: http://trove.nla.gov.au/
The chances of finding out more about 'Meccas' who went so far away in the 19th century improve greatly with this excellent service.

What follows is a Trove snapshot of one family's thirty years in Sydney. Trove lets you target your research by newspaper (and therefore by locality), by decade, by year or month, and by article type. This example of what you might find uses just Family Notices and Advertisements to sketch the life of one John B. Metcalfe in Sydney from the 1830s to the 1860s.

Family Notices

Sydney Herald, Sat 22 Jan 1842, p 3

Yesterday, 21st, at St Lawrence Church, by the Rev. W.H. Walsh,

John B Metcalfe, Esq., of Sydney, to Charlotte Williams, eldest daughter of Robert Brindley, Esq., Surveyor General's Office.

Sydney Morning Herald (SMH), Tue 20 Jul 1847, p 2

At Darlinghurst, on the 19th instant, Mrs J. B. Metcalfe, of a son.

SMH, Wed 5 Jul 1848, p 2

On the 3rd instant, at Darlinghurst, Mrs J. B. Metcalfe, of a son.

SMH, Fri 4 Jan 1850, p 3

At Darlinghurst, on the 3rd instant, Charlotte Brindley, only daughter of **Mr. J B Metcalfe**, aged three years and eleven months.

Bell's Life in Sydney and Sporting Reviewer, Sat 25 May 1850, p 3

On the 17th instant, at Darlinghurst, Mrs. J. B. Metcalfe, of a daughter.

SMH, Fri 19 Sep 1851, p 4 (also **Bell's Life**, 20 Sep 1851)

At Darlinghurst, on the 18th instant, **Mrs J. B. Metcalfe**, of a daughter. **SMH**, Sat 26 Feb 1853, p 5

On the 24th instant, at Darlinghurst, **Mrs J. B. Metcalfe**, of a daughter. **SMH**, Tue 22 Aug 1854, p 5

At Darlinghurst, on the 20th instant, Mrs J. B. Metcalfe, of a son.

Bell's Life, Sat 15 Mar 1856, p 3 (**SMH** Mon 10 Mar 1856, p 5)

On the 6th instant, at Darlinghurst, **Mrs J. B. Metcalfe**, of a daughter.

SMH, Tue 18 May 1858, p 1

On the 16th March, at Sydney Terrace, Stamford Hill, London,

Mrs J. B. Metcalfe, of a daughter.

The picture that rapidly emerges is of a marriage in 1842, followed by the births of at least three sons and five daughters over 16 years, the last in London. In addition, there is the death of another daughter, Charlotte, whose birth around February 1846 is not listed in these newspapers. (The New South Wales BDM Index shows eight children born in NSW, starting late in 1842: four boys and four girls.)

To that quick family sketch, we can add more information from the commercial sections of the same newspapers.

Advertisements

Between 1838 and 1869, **J. B. Metcalfe and J. B. Metcalfe & Co.** operated as a shipping agent and insurance broker in Sydney. Their advertisements number in the thousands from the 1840s to 1860s. They then came to a halt in December 1867, with only a handful after that. For the most part the business was at 9 Bridge St, Sydney.

One of the final advertisements, on 2 Jan 1869, was:

Metcalfe's Marine Assurance Office, 9 Bridge St, Sydney. Agent in London, J. B. Metcalfe, Esg. Lloyds'. Manager in Sydney, M. Metcalfe.

Summary

Before going to Trove, I didn't know of or look for this family. From these newspapers, it appears that John B. Metcalfe was in Sydney and in business from the late 1830s, and by the time he may have gone to England in the late 1850s, he was in a position to join Lloyds. The rest is for someone who may be related to this family to discover, if the story is not known already. (See footnote)

This family profile took about an hour and a small number of newspaper entries to uncover. By using Trove, a whole family portrait can emerge in outline form in quick time. And by using other readily available resources — such as, in this case, the NSW online BDM indexes http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/bdm_fh.html, online shipping and immigration records, and Sydney directories - you can fill in missing bits and some more detail.

In July 2013, the Trove project chalked up 10 million pages and nearly 100 million articles from 500 mastheads, all fully searchable. The focus at the moment seems to be on 1914–1918, no doubt in preparation for the centenary of that tragic war. Libraries, historical and genealogical societies and interested organisations are all involved, and individuals can make their contribution too, especially by correcting the text scanned from the digital images.

By creating a free account and tagging what you find, you can build up your own 'library' of information. And keeping it in the public domain means others can follow in your footsteps. Have a look at Trove and you will find that there are already many 'Metcalfe' tagged articles you can start with. Enjoy!

Bernard Metcalfe M221

Footnote: Only at the very end did I discover John Bell Metcalfe and his brother Michael were born in Tranby, (near Hull - Editor) Yorkshire. For more information on John B Metcalfe, his family, and his brother Michael, see http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/metcalfe-michael and http://www.sydneyvista.com/Metcalfe-Bond-Stores.html I have not included any of this information in the article, but these links provide yet another example of how multiple sources help to fill in the story.

My Worst Xmas
(Not every Christmas is filled with joy and fond memories. **Dorothy Pope M55** recalls one that she wishes to forget.)

It was the Xmas of 1959 but it was affected by events that had happened earlier that year.

My 85 year old Aunt in Harrogate had suffered a serious stroke in April & she & my Uncle had no family except me. I left my 2 children, [then $10^{1/2}$ & 9 respectively] with their paternal grandparents whilst my husband looked after himself. After 3 months I decided I could no longer leave my family & made arrangements for Aunt & Uncle to give up their house & come & live with us in Middlesbrough.

↑ ✓ e turned our dining room into a bedroom so that it would be easier to V look after her downstairs. This was not ideal for the children but we managed. Meanwhile my aged mother was living alone in a flat at the other side of town. A few weeks before Xmas I took a temporary part time Xmas job. This was because my Uncle who was very domesticated, was constantly hassling me. He had been used to being the 'boss'. The children were at school & I was back home when they finished so they did not suffer.

↑ I e were all looking forward to Xmas & I had made the cake, puddings & I had made the c **V** mince pies, bought the presents and everything going smoothly - or so I thought. I had to work on Xmas Eve until 6 o'clock, and all preparations for next day's dinner had to be done when I got home. Vegetables to prepare, joint of pork to be roasted, the turkey to be stuffed & all the trimmings made. Then our presents wrapped & along with the other gifts brought out after the children had gone to bed.

t 5 o'clock I received a phone call at work telling me that I was needed at my Mother's flat as she had had a bad fall in the chemist's shop nearby. I rang my husband who was still at work and asked him to come to Mother's flat. There we found her badly bruised with a broken thumb and 2 of her teeth through her lips. Rang for a Doctor, who took some time to arrive & were told she would have to go to the hospital for treatment. By the time we got there the queue for casualty was enormous. Most were drunks! We were still waiting to be seen at 11pm. After her thumb had been set & mouth treated we finally reached home about 1.00am.

Ie put her to bed & started on the vegetables & turkey, wrapped some **V** presents & put them in the lounge under the tree. As all beds were occupied, we made ours on the floor of the lounge at about 3.00am. Put the light out & settled down for a few hours sleep.

No sooner had we done so than the light went on again, & our 2 children came in fully dressed. " Has he been?" they wanted to know. "No he hasn't, get back to bed & don't get up till we call you". Two hours later the light came on again & we gave in. They opened their presents then climbed into 'bed' with us, but all sleep had passed us by.

We spent Xmas Day half asleep and I certainly did not feel like cooking the dinner. The last straw was when the gravy boat fell to the floor and had to be cleaned up before we could eat. The day was a disaster. We learned many years later that the children had gone to bed fully dressed!

We have had some lovely Xmases but that is one I prefer to forget.

More Festive Memories - Jo Heron 1042

Cold crisp Christmas Eve - going to midnight service at the local church but coming out to a white-out. It had snowed after midnight and during the service there was a heavy fall, so we came out to an almost mystical landscape. Very impressive and doesn't happen very often these days.

Our family tradition was to have a little snack (milk and biscuits) in our bedrooms when we woke up, along with a Christmas stocking - this was a cunning plan by my parents to get them and extra half hour sleep. Then downstairs for breakfast and to open the presents that were stacked under the tree. I usually get chocolates and fruit, a couple of books and clothes. Occasionally, as a family we got games - but they were the traditional sort, Snakes and Ladders, Draughts, very occasionally a new-fangled one. Then off to church for the Christmas Childrens service and back for a hot 'toddy' (at least it was a cup of coffee with a tot in it - it was our Christmas treat) and then getting everything ready for lunch. My Grandparents lived fairly close to us, so we always shared the Christmas and New Year celebrations, having Christmas dinner at our house, Boxing Day at theirs, and similar for New Year.

One celebration we were never allowed to join in when I was little, was First Footing. In our neighbourhood, there were a lot of young couples with small children. One couple would start off and go to the next house, then both couples would go to the next house and so on until they had been round several houses, then they would go round again but dropping off a couple on the second circuit so everyone had to provide the same amount of food and drink, as well as First Footing for each other. Later, following a move to a new house, the excitement of making up the package of coal, food and money, then waiting for my father to knock on the door was really intense. I always felt sorry for the poor men standing outside in the cold until they heard the chimes from the churches - but I guess they were well prepared with a 'snifter' of something warming before they went out. They certainly got a warm welcome when they did come in.

The Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge

From Susan Harper M266

Located along the meandering Bitterroot River and surrounded by majestic towering mountains, the Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge offers spectacular viewing opportunities of the landscape and wildlife. The Refuge's location in the scenic and historic Bitterroot Valley of western Montana provides a haven for wildlife.

The Refuge was established in 1963 to provide habitat for migratory birds. The name of the Refuge honors the late U.S. Senator Lee Metcalf, who was a local high school graduate and had a lifelong commitment to conservation. The mission of the Refuge is to manage habitat for a diversity of wildlife species with emphasis on migratory birds and endangered and threatened species, and to provide compatible human benefits associated with Refuge wildlife and wildlands.

Lee Warren Metcalf

was born in Stevensville, Montana on January 28, 1911. He was an American politician from the Democratic Party and was both a United States Representative, and a United States Senator from Montana.

He graduated from Stanford University in 1936 and received a law degree from Montana State University Law School and began the practicing law in 1936. He was a member of the State House of Representatives in 1937 and assistant attorney general of Montana from 1937 to 1941.

In December 1942 Lee enlisted in the Army, went overseas in 1944, and participated in the Battle of the Bulge and the Normandy invasion. Metcalf was discharged from the Army as a first lieutenant in April 1946 and then elected associate justice of the Montana Supreme Court from 1946 to 1952.

Lee Metcalf was first elected to the U.S. House in 1952 then reelected to the three succeeding Congresses from 1953 to 1961. He was elected in 1960 to the United States Senate and reelected in 1966 and 1972.

Metcalf did a lot of work in Congress; Medicare, which Metcalf first introduced 10 years before its passage; the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which was introduced as the Murray-Metcalf Bill; the Peace Corps, which passed under the leadership of Metcalf and Mike Mansfield.

He died in Helena, Montana on January 12, 1978, age 66 and was cremated. His ashes were scattered in one of his favorite areas in the wilderness of the state of Montana.

In 1983, by act of Congress, the Lee Metcalf Wilderness area was created in southwestern Montana in honor of the late Congressman.

Extracts from

Congressional Biographies Wikipedia.

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Report on Yorkshire Group FFHS meeting 26th October 2013 Jo Heron M1042

The meeting was addressed by Stefanie Davidson of West Yorkshire Archive Service on Protection & Preservation of Digital Records. (See report page 36.)

During the meeting, it was noted that Ancestry are raising their subscription rates. It was also pointed out that special offers did not apply to rejoining members. It was worth arguing the case for rejoining (cost and quality of service) as you might still get the discount applied to your own membership

Find My Past has now negotiated contracts with the National Archives and most of the other Archives Services across the country to put parish registers and other records online through their website. Ancestry has the records for West Yorkshire.

Lost in the Ridings has been produced by the East Ridings Society and lists many of the villages in the county and which new county they are in.

Teesside Archive has now moved most of the Family History material to Middlesborough Central Library. Local History material is still at the Archive, accessible by appointment only.

Stefanie Davidson of West Yorkshire Archive Service on Protection & Preservation of Digital Records.

Report by Jo Heron

Stefanie suggested that anyone saving material to a digital format (on computer, cd, usb stick, sd card) needed to keep good records of what, where and who is on the record. It is too easy to forget what one is saving. It is also necessary to continually update files and images – she recommended this certainly needs redoing every 5-7 years, preferably more often as computer companies bring out new programmes very frequently and files are quickly out of date.

All files should be backed-up, but this is only a short term solution. The file formats (Wordstar, Word/Excel 97/2000/Millennium/XP, etc.) need keeping as otherwise it will be difficult to impossible to open older files. Also, newer laptops and computers do not always have disc drives, so cd's are obviously being phased out and cannot be used on new machines – not very good if one's files or programme files are stored on cd.

Hard copies are very user friendly and easily readable, but looking at a disc does not tell anyone what is on it unless detailed notes are also written on it. Plastics deteriorate over time and the dyes used in producing and recording on them continue to deteriorate over a long period. Attempting to access material on older files could produce what looks to most of us like gobbledegook, as many software companies do not always provide backwards compatibility or support. The speed of change is very fast, virtually every few months as newer versions come out, and even a slight error in opening an older file can make a digital record permanently unreadable. It is worth remembering that when one aspect changes, often other aspects do too.

The types of files we, as family historians, would save include text files, photographs, possibly audio records, messages in letters, emails, social media and such. It also includes the family history database programme that our records are stored on – can we always retrieve the data we have stored there should we change our hard drive/computer. We do need to back up our data into a format that can be uploaded into newer or different programmes.

It is worth 'refreshing' our files regularly. We can do this by copying on to newer tapes/disc, etc. preferably opening and saving on to the new format. There is software available which can detect multiple copies of the same item, and others which can adapt old presentations into newer formats, and occasionally to retrieve corrupted files – although this is more difficult.

We also need to be aware of copyright issues, especially in saving from public websites, which could also mean that it is not easy to identify the file format. There are many web sites that allow free access to material and images, but we do need to be careful when downloading them.

Overall, when using and saving digital data, we need to be aware that times are changing extremely fast and that whatever we keep on our computers needs updating regularly, saving frequently and checking for corrupt files.

Possibly even more essential is that someone else knows what the password(s) are that we have used on any of the files we create. Imagine how frustrating it would be to have a mass of files that cannot be accessed! A list of useful programmes is included in the Members Only Section of the Metcalfe Society web site.

Have you come across..... Metcalfe's Skinny Topcorn?

Over the last six months we have been encountering growing comments about a new product that seems to have caught the imagination.

In the April Mecca News (*MN99 page 11*) I printed a picture taken by my son-in-law **Paul Thomas** of a dispenser of Walkers crisps showing Metcalfe popcorn.

Some weeks later Lesley Longworth M68 emailed

"We're always discussing publicity- here's an unexpected bonus.

The pic of Metcalfe Popcorn I posted on Facebook earlier this week has already been viewed 920 times and I've just received a notification that its had 95% more attention than any other item on the page!!! Postings also reveal that a Muster attendee in 2011 found some during the trip and has kept the empty packet, there's a chocolate version and it's also on sale in Tesco. (As it's not something that normally appears on my shopping list I'll have to investigate that one.)"

Late in May Jo Heron M1042 commented

"I was highly impressed to see, and buy, a packet of Metcalfe's SkinnyTopcorn (The lighter, bouncier, skinny snack) on the intercity train last week. Apart from tasting delicious, I wonder if it is worth contacting them."

She followed up later with an update

"On the packet, they ask for suggestions for flavours, and if they like it, will name it after the suggester so may be susceptible to advertising.

They have a web site and facebook, etc - www.metcalfesskinny.com; facebook - /MetcalfesSkinny; Twitter - MetcalfeSkinny"

Other sightings have been made including this recent one

from Jose L Gay M816.

"I enclose an empty packet of "Metcalfe's Skinny Topcorn" recently purchased by my daughter from Waitrose supermarket Kingston-on-Thames Surrey. I notice the 'topcorn' is made in the UK for Metcalfe Food Company.

Another branch of the family?"

Yes is the reply.

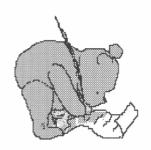
None other than **Julian Metcalfe**of Pret A Manger and itsu fame.



Their website says: "Metcalfe's Food Company is the innovative food company of Julian Metcalfe. We are a small team with big ambitions. Metcalfe's Food Company has grown exceptionally over the past 2 years in terms of staff and sales. In January 2013, we were a team of 5, now we are 13 and bursting at the seams! Sales have grown too, +280% year on year growth. Not bad!"

The Mecca News December 2013

FROM THE



Well another Muster & AGM over. This one was a little more exciting from my viewpoint being Chairman for the day in David Lambert's absence.

It is a number of years since I last officiated and initially it seemed a little daunting with some 70 or so members and guests to deal with.

Nonetheless from my viewpoint most things went well and this was in no little way due to the support of the other members of the Committee and volunteers both at the setting up on the Friday and at the Muster. Thank you.

My thanks also to those of you that have written in praising the 100th issue. Your comments are much appreciated.

You will see that this issue has a bit of a Christmas theme! Well it is a December publication and I thought it could be different to get members memories of their past Christmas's.

I hope you found them of interest. Perhaps you could send in your memories of past events ,not necessarily Christmas,but other childhood events. After all they are tomorrow's history!

So I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and good ancestor hunting in 2014.

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I watched *The Chase* on TV and this was one of the questions:

Paul Metcalfe was the real name of which of these TV puppet characters?

a) Brains

b) Joe 90

c) Capt. Scarlet

Answer was C and the contestant got it wrong! **Lesley Longworth M68**



HAWOR7H West Riding of Yorkshire

Haworth is a small historic town in the City of Bradford metropolitan borough of West Yorkshire. Historically part of the West Riding of Yorkshire, located in the Pennines, three miles southwest of Keighley.

Haworth is internationally famous for its connection with the Bronte sisters, who were born in Thornton (near Bradford), but who wrote most of their famous works while living at the Haworth Parsonage (which is now a museum owned and maintained by the Bronte Society).

Other attractions include the Keighley and Worth Valley

Other attractions include the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway, an authentic preserved steam railway which has been used as a setting for numerous period films including The Railway Children (starring Jenny Agutter).http://www.haworthvillage.co.uk/

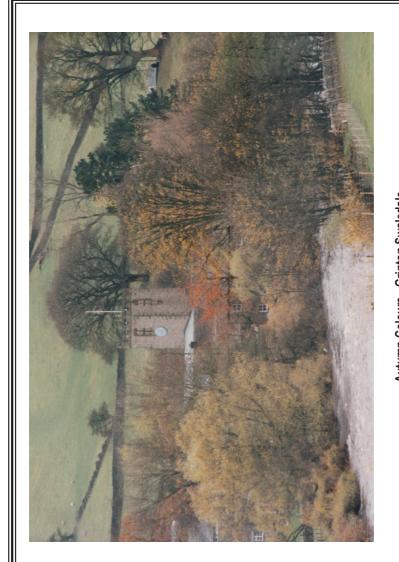


METCALFE, HERBERT Aircraftman 1st Class

Date of Death:
06/10/1944
Age:24
Royal Air Force
Volunteer Reserve
Dely Ibrahim War Cemetery,
Algeria
Son of Joseph and Edith Metcalfe, of Haworth, Yorkshire.

Algeria
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contains 494 Commonwealth burials of the Second
World War and 11 war
graves of other nationalities.
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