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John Leonard Metcalfe age 42
 Husband of Louisa Metcalfe of Undercliffe Bradford
 Remembered at La Kreule Military Cemetery
 Hazebrouk, Nord,
 France



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METCALFE MOTOR COASTERS

We have just returned from a stay with one of our children and family who live at Portishead in North Somerset. It is alongside the Bristol Channel and has a piece of land jutting into the water called Battery Point.

I had access to a book of photographs of boats that have travelled up to Avonmouth called "Passing the Point", the author & publisher being Bernard McCall of 400 Nore Road, Portishead, Bristol BS20 8EZ and printed by The Amadeus Press, Ezra House, West 26 Business Park, Cleckheaton BD19 4TQ

Two of the photographs particularly caught my eye as the narrative referred to Metcalf.

"The Burntisland Shipbuilding Co Ltd had its yard on the northern shore of the Firth of Forth and built many vessels for British owners. The 'Frank M' was constructed for Metcalf Motor Coasters whose vessels were characterised by the white letter M on green funnel. She had been in service for almost 30 years when she was photographed inward bound at Battery Point in 1994. She made four visits to Avonmouth during that year, all with 1600 tonnes of mixed petroleum products for Bristol Oil Storage Ltd. She was sold the following year and was renamed 'God Premium'. The ever growing need for petroleum products over the last decade has meant that tankers in the coastal distribution trades from refineries such as those at Milford haven and Fawley to other parts have become much larger."

"The Liverpool registered 'Briarthorn' was built at the Richards shipyard in Lowestoft. She carries the funnel colours of S. William Coe as she heads up channel in ballast from Belfast on 3 November 1993, departing for the same port two days later after loading her cargo of grain. This company had merged its fleet with that of the Metcalf Motor Coasters and by the end of the decade had become part of the Barrow based James Fisher Group. During the first three years of the new millennium several long established UK ship owners disposed of their dry cargo vessels as already noted on the previous page. The 'Briarthorn' was sold for trade in the Mediterranean in 2002 and was renamed 'O.K.Apostolos'. At the time of the photograph there was little evidence of any construction work on the new Severn Bridge."

There is a lot of information about the company on the internet suggesting that the company changed its name several times, that it used old boats with minimum crewing. There was even a Maritime Accident Investigation Branch report when the Briarthorn passed close to the Pride of Cherbourg roll on roll off ferry when the Briarthorn was manned by 6 Polish sailors. Personal comments on the internet of men who had sailed on Metcalf Motor Company boats are far from complimentary!

Edwin Metcalf M980

METCALFE MOTOR COASTERS

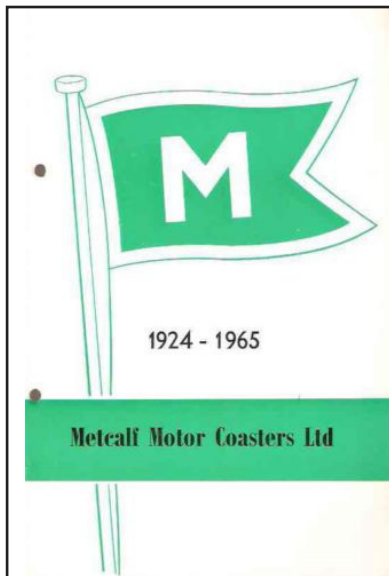
from the Internet

Metcalfe Motor Coasters Ltd. began as part of C. Crawley Ltd, which was founded in London in 1893 by Charles Crawley.

In 1905 the company was managed by **Thomas J. Metcalf**, who after World War I purchased ships known as 'X' lighters, which were used as landing craft. Metcalf then purchased a coastal tanker, the '**Frank M**'. in 1929. By 1943 the company operated 10 motor vessels.

In 1952 the company purchased two Glasgow companies, Wimaia Shipping Company Ltd. and Mac Shipping Company Ltd. By 1965 the company operated 7 tankers and 14 coasters.

In the 1970's the company joined with the S. William Coe Company to become Coe Metcalf Shipping. Two decades later the company was acquired by James Fisher, which still operates in the marine services business today. *(Based in Barrow in Furness.)* **National Maritime Museum**



Metcalfe Motor Coasters, Limited,
1924-1965: A history and fleet
list of the Company
P.N Quartermaine

The company appears to have named all its ships with a christian name followed by an "M" eg *Anthony M*. The early ships were named as follows:

<i>Name of Ship</i>	<i>Year Built</i>	<i>Gross Tonnage</i>	<i>Type of Cargo</i>
Anthony M	1944	465	Tanker
Caroline M	1935	1598	Tanker
Eileen M	1938	323	Tanker
Ellen M	1936	534	Coastal
Jim M	1944	410	Coastal
Lisbeth M	1953	939	Coastal
Monica M	1936	354	Coastal
Paul M	1938	478	Coastal
Peter M	1937	72	Coastal
Polly M	1937	360	Coastal
Rose-Julie M	1941	402	Coastal
Thomas M	1938	507	Coastal

Amongst other names were the **Ann M**, **John M**, **Charles M**, then seemingly the **Aura** and **Welhem**. The latter when part of Coe Metcalfe.

Some of the ships had interesting backgrounds such as the **Peter M**. Originally named the **Empire Tigaven** she was a 972 GRT tanker which was built by Deutsche Werft, Hamburg. Completed in 1937; as **Algol** it hit a mine on 13 December 1939 and sank. Salvaged in 1940 in two parts, rebuilt. Sold in 1941 to O Wallenius, Stockholm and renamed **Soya VII**. Sold in 1942 to J T Essberger, Hamburg and renamed **Algol**. Requisitioned in 1942 by the Kriegsmarine. Seized in May 1945 at Arendal, Norway by Ministry of War Transport (MOWT) and renamed **Empire Tigaven**. Sold in 1947 to Metcalfe Motor Coasters Ltd and renamed **Peter M**. Sold in 1964 to N E Vernicos Ltd, Greece and renamed **Motol 5**.

www.wikipedia

Another started off life as the Tanker **Tigity**. Built in 1944 at Gohren for the German Navy. In 1945 it was seized by Allies and renamed the **Empire Tigity**. In 1947 it became the **Anthony M**. Sold again in 1970 as the **Kinder** to Effluent Services Ltd of Macclesfield (an associate company). It was finally scrapped in 1983 at Garston, Liverpool.

Further ships were added to the fleet when earlier ships were sold or involved in accidents or worse!

The **Ellen M** was torpedoed in 1940, whilst the **Charles M** (1959) and **Lisbeth M** (1957) were in collisions leading to them sinking whilst the **Paul M** "foundered" in 1951. <http://www.wrecksite.eu/>

The **Nellie M** (O/N 343137) was built by Cochrane of Selby Yorkshire. (Yard No /1542) and launched by the elder daughter of the founder of the firm in March 1972. She was 783 g.r.t with a speed of 12.9 knots.

On Friday, February 6th, 1981, she was at anchor at Lough Foyle between the coasts of Co. Derry and Donegal, waiting for the tide so she could proceed up the river to Londonderry. Seven IRA men hijacked a pilot boat from Moville pilot station. Three of them planted two bombs in the engine room, while the remaining four kept watch on the crew. The crew were then told to don lifejackets and board the ships lifeboat. A line was then passed from the pilot boat to the lifeboat and it was towed. When they were near shore, the lifeboat was set adrift. Around this time, the explosions rocked the **Nellie M**, and another explosion sank her a little while later. She was raised and refurbished in 1982, then sold to an Irish company re-named "Ellie".

TJ Metcalf and Wm. Coe operated as separate companies until the 1970's when they became Coe Metcalf.

One of their employees reminisced :

"I sailed with Coe's between 89/91.

Seemed a strange outfit looking back. Ships were all very old, yet the company had plush offices in Martins building Water St Liverpool. The ships were manned down to the minimum, yet the office was top heavy with supers & staff.

I was on the Hawthorn German built about 67, Briarthorn (Ex Craigallion) quite new for Coe built about 79. What a nightmare she was, she had a one off engine - I could spend hours talking on that alone.

I then sailed on the Redthorn an ex Cawoods. Now she was a work! up she originally had a crew of 12. Coe's ran her with 6. I seem to remember spending all my time doing ballast, the system being poor." www.shipsnostalgia.com/

If you want to know more about this interesting company the book mentioned on page 5 is available on a number of websites including Amazon at around £8 and there are a few references on the various websites mentioned.

Searching the Society's database has not identified who **Thomas. J Metcalfe** the founder of the company was although he might have been a bank manager. If you have any details of him or his family please send them in.



Value of Old Age

Remember old folk are worth a fortune with silver in their hair and gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys and gas in their stomachs.

The other day the vicar came and said

"at your age you should be thinking of the hereafter."

I told him that no matter where I am, in the lounge or upstairs, in the kitchen in the basement I ask myself *"Now what am I here after?"*. Anon.

DNA PROJECT

Since the 2013 Muster, I have sent out two kits financed by the society, one of which provided a good match – both for the 'Snape Mill' branch.

A further invitation has been sent regarding line of Sir James Metcalfe b c 1389 but as yet no response.

The information already available through the DNA project provides an excellent database for anyone wanting to know more about their branch, where they have no reliable documented link to other branches or where a connection is tenuous.

However, not many members seem to be taking advantage of this so far.

Martin Metcalfe

dnametcalfe.org.uk

Since the Muster 46 newly transcribed wills have been processed and added to the wills index and wills transcription database.

The database currently totals 866 wills.

MECCA MUSTER 2014 & AGM

*Dales Countryside Museum Hawes Wensleydale
Saturday 4 October 2014*

Speaker Dr Phil Judkins

"More Deadly than the Male:

Unusual Jobs and Roles of Women in Wartime"

Your chance to see your Society at work, browse computer and paper records, catch up with new relations and old friends and explore the Dales Countryside Museum including their Local History Studies Room.

***Look out for the reservation form in the August Mecca News
or if you can't wait contact Lesley Longworth***

***muster@metcalfe.org.uk
with your details.***

DEADLINE for the August Mecca News is 6 June 2014.

Articles comments or snippets to the Editor.

Dear Members,
Can you help the Society formulate a list of "really useful" free websites to help research into Metcalfe(e) genealogy?

For example I have personally come across several such as www.nps.gov/civilwar which lists over 700 Metcalfe(e)s by name, unit and whether they fought for the Union or Confederate side in the American Civil War. Furthermore www.automatedgenealogy.com/census lists the whole of the 1901 Census for Canada. More appropriately at this time of remembrance the Com-



monwealth War Graves Commission website lists 1061 Metcalfe(e)s who gave their lives during two World Wars, all of whom are included on the Society main index. Just enter a forename and in capitals CWGC in the indice field if you wish to search. Please send replies to database@metcalfe.org.uk. Many thanks, **David Metcalfe**.

Are you a member of the Northallerton & District Local History Society?
Following a request for help from a Metcalfe Society member I would be grateful to hear from any Society member who also is a member of this Northallerton group.
Please contact: archivist@metcalfe.org.uk

METCALFES IN WORLD WAR ONE, 1914-1918

Information is still coming in, but slowly. However, the invisible majority – those left behind - are still invisible. Although the younger and fitter men went off to war, they left behind the very young and older men, married men (initially), women and children, as well as conscientious objectors. Do you have any records of family members who did not actually fight, but who were nurses, stretcher-bearers or in other non-combatants roles at the front. What about those who 'kept the home fires burning', running the farms, steelworks, mines and other essential industries and what about all those women who took on the jobs left by the men who signed up while they were away? Do you have any information on those left behind? We would love to hear from you, stories or photos welcome.

Jo Heron firstworldwar@metcalfe.org.uk

My brother noticed that in the August Mecca News his book is mentioned, page 37, by Breen & Margaret Metcalfe.

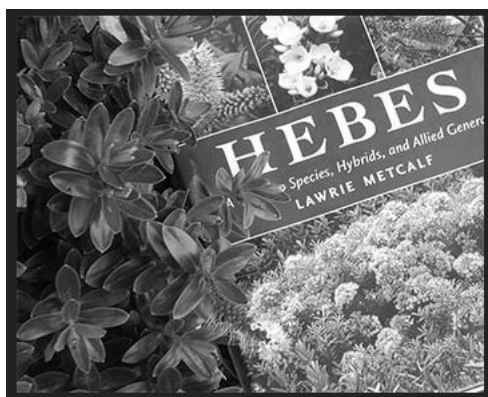
Lawrie Metcalf did his apprenticeship in our Botanic Gardens and in the late 1940s went over to the UK and worked for Constance Spry, gaining further experience in his chosen field.

On return he worked again in our Gardens before being appointed Director of the Invercargill Parks & Reserves, south of the South Island.

After retirement he shifted to Nelson, north of the South Island, developed a lovely garden and wrote books on the native plants of NZ, of which he is an expert, hence the book mentioned.

I am pleased that this was noted by another NZ member. Lawrie has also been awarded a QSO (Queen's Service Order) so the family is very proud of his work.

Alison Hutton M81 NZ Agent



I saw this recently.

Lesley Longworth M68

Ho Ho Ho and a bottle ---

In Mecca News 79 of August 2006 there was an article which tried to show that my maternal line could be traced back to the Lascelles of Harewood [Built about 1740.] and Northallerton. More recently I read this article:

*A Rum find - The Times Sat: Feb. 22 2014.
[much abbreviated.]*

'Twelve bottles of rum found in a stately home that made money from the slave trade have been sold to raise money for a charity -- The 18th century bottles were found in the cellars of Harewood House -- They were sold at auction for £78,255 --. The 8th Earl of Harewood, David Lascelles, has donated £66,000 to a Foundation. Earl Harewood said "I thought it would be very apt for the proceeds from the rum to go towards a charity which benefits the West Indian Community. The rum would have been made from sugar from Barbados." -- The 12 bottles auctioned by Christie's were discovered by chance in 2011 during an inventory of the cellar. They were almost invisible under thick dust.'

I am currently hunting in local supermarkets in an attempt to purchase a bottle of my inheritance but with no luck so far. Help would be appreciated !

The Lascelles and the slave trade are very well covered [not in dust !] in both "Slavery, Family and Gentry Capitalism in the British Atlantic" by S D Smith and "The Trader, The Owner, The Slave." by James Walvin; a BBC2 film was made from the latter in about 2012..

CSMetcalf M305

From the Birmingham Daily Post Monday 27th November 1893

William Metcalfe, a baker and confectioner, of Russell Gardens, Kensington, and the holder of a beer and wine license, was, on Friday, at the West London Police Court, fined £15., or three weeks' imprisonment, on two summonses, for suffering gaming to be carried on, on his premises. The magistrates also ordered the convictions to be recorded on the license.

Edwin Metcalf M980

Ancestry have recently announced additions of more occupations to their site.
A search against METCALFE suggests over 11,000 entries.

I am sure one of us could download them and that they would be useful additions to the index.... especially the apprenticeship stamp duty records as for a time they recorded the father of the apprentice.

The Postal service records as are good as they cover the difficult early -mid 18th century. The entries are taken from TNA and are Crown copyright but there would be nothing to stop us creating a spreadsheet and including data taken from the original records.

Have we any volunteers to help us?

We have a good team for Wills so surely there must be 2 or 3 people willing to give these a go?

David Lambert M11

your letters & emails

Extracts from the Toronto Star January 5, 2014. Article supplied by **Ian Metcalfe M744**.

"US Gun writer silenced for column on 'limits'.

The byline of Dick Metcalf one of the pre-eminent gun journalists in the US ...has been removed from Guns & Ammo magazine where his widely read column once ran on the back page.

In late October Metcalf wrote a column "Let's talk limits" which debated US gun laws. The backlash was swift and fierce. Readers threatened to cancel subscriptionsThough his editors had approved the column ...they reversed course after publication....

Metcalf says his only regret about the column is that it was too short. "Some topics you should never discuss too briefly because they can't be dealt with like that," he said.

He knows that the odds of returning seamlessly to his former career are slim."

My daughter and her youngest sons were in the cinema at the Mall when this shooting occurred. The film finished and they were just on their way to get an ice cream in the shop beside the skate shop, when the cinema staff closed and locked all the doors and told patrons to go into another showing and not to go into the Mall. Like my daughter, some of the parents were aware very quickly that something was going on - from texts from family and friends, and all were a little concerned, especially when they could not leave.

Having watched another film, FBI agents came round and said they could leave if they could get to their cars quickly, and without going through the Mall.

Ironically, it was my daughters birthday that day - not the sort of present I would wish for her, but thankfully, they were kept away from the scene and safe. It could have been so different - I could have lost 3 of my 'twigs'.

It is so very sad that Americans seem to have a complete disconnection in their heads between the free availability of guns and the massive rate of gun crime. **Jo Heron M1042**

The full article can be read online at :http://www.nytimes.com/2014/01/05/business/media/banished-for-questioning-the-gospel-of-guns.html?_r=0
and details of the Mall incident are available at :
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Mall_in_Columbia

Is this Clarets season ticket the world's oldest?



FROM MAGAZINES & NEWSPAPERS

Supplied by
Andrea Moore
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By TYRONE MARSHALL
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Burnley bosses come up with piece of memorabilia dating back to 1884/85

AS CLARETS fans rush to get their hands on season tickets for 2013/14, bosses at Burnley have got their hands on one of the oldest season tickets still in existence.

The ticket dates back to the 1884/85 season, only the third campaign in the Clarets history and four years before the inception of the Football League.

The item, then referred to as a

Leonard Metcalfe was born into a farming community near Bradford in 1865

Ray Simpson

members' card, is the oldest surviving season ticket issued by Burnley Football Club, and club bosses believe it could be the oldest in the world.

Clarets fan David Metcalfe, who now lives in Bristol, handed over the iconic piece of memorabilia to the club.

David was born in the town and attended Burnley Grammar School.

Despite moving away in 1973



HISTORIAN Ray Simpson

he still follows his home town club.

Ray Simpson, Clarets historian and archivist, said: "The members' card was issued to David's great-grandfather, Leonard Metcalfe, who was

actually a playing member of Burnley FC, first appearing at senior level for the club in 1883.

"He played his early games as a winger, but it was at left back that he became a regular in the team until 1885.

"It was in this position that he earned a winner's medal, when Burnley beat local side Trinity FC at Turf Moor, to win the famous Hospital Cup in May 1884.

"Leonard Metcalfe was born into a farming community near Bradford in 1865 and moved to Burnley as teenager, with his parents George and Mary.

"He worked as a weaver for many years and later became a manager within the cotton industry."

Mr Simpson said the 1884/85 campaign was the season that Burnley 'began to come of age' with more and more fixtures organised, including a first ever trip to Bolton Wanderers in September.

Towards the end of 1884 Blackburn Rovers, then FA Cup holders, made their first visit to Turf Moor, winning 4-2.

New Zealand

Couple wanted to name child Anal

Officials in New Zealand have prevented parents from naming their newborn baby Anal, according to a list of names they have banned, released yesterday.

Another family wanted to register their child's first name to be written as a period (to be

pronounced Full Stop). Officials in Auckland soon put a stop to that.

Other names that were banned in 2012 were 4Real, V8 and Queen Victoria.

New Zealand issues a similar list each year. The annual ritual first caught public attention in 2008 when officials prevented a couple from calling their daughter Talula Does The Hula From Hawaii. TONY METCALFE, METRO

From
Lesley Longworth M68

From Yorkshire Ridings Magazine 1967
 Provided by Mary Metcalfe M1

BLACK SHEEP IN YOUR FAMILY

METCALFE

LIKE most Yorkshire families the Metcalfes have had their troubles, though in the past a man was often regarded as a criminal if he held the wrong political or religious views.

Oswald Metcalfe of Hornby Castle near Leyburn seems to have dabbled in various illegal activities. After being found guilty of counterfeiting foreign coins in 1552 (then legal tender) and being pardoned, he was later in trouble for political activities. In 1570, the Sheriff of Yorkshire issued a warrant for the seizure of his goods and lands because he had "joined with the rest of the rebels" in the Rising of the North.

Leonard Metcalfe—no doubt a relative of Oswald—was convicted for high treason and sentenced to death for his part in the same uprising, but was pardoned in 1571.

At least some of the Metcalfes seem to have stuck together in adversity, as for example in 1544 when a Christopher Metcalfe found himself involved in legal proceedings at York, his kinsman, Ottiwell Metcalfe, is alleged to have dropped a casual hint to one of the jurors, that if he looked favourably on Christopher's case, he would slip him a "crown" for his trouble. Unfortunately for Ottiwell proceedings were then started against him—for bribery!

The Metcalfes suffered like many families for their religious beliefs, being fined heavily for non-conformity—even worse.

In 1600, for instance "another gentleman of good account named Mr. Anthony Metcalfe" of Aldbrough was beaten down from his horse and barely escaped with his life. In those days, failure to attend church services was regarded as being as serious a crime as cattle-stealing—for which Gilbert Metcalfe of Fryton and Elinor his wife were prosecuted in 1563.

There were some odd cases involving Metcalfes. In 1639 Alexander Metcalfe of Leeds, "gentleman", was taken to court for being 10s. in arrears with his taxes, and the very next year he was in trouble again. This time, with an accomplice

who was a butcher, he was prosecuted for assaulting William Eastwood at Castleford and stealing of all things a leg of veal valued at two shillings.

Also in 1640 we learn indirectly of the plight of Stephen Metcalfe of Sheffield, a cutler, when John Shemelde one of his apprentices applied to the Justices to be turned over to a new master—because his own master "lyes in prison in London and hath done for a year and a half, whereby he neglecteth his trade".

One of the many Metcalfe legal disputes was settled in 1619 when the courts decided that the disputed house and land occupied by John Robinson was legally Robinson's property. But that did not satisfy Sir Thomas Metcalfe who three weeks later got together a band of 60 men, armed with "musquits, calivers, pikes, javelins, long-bows and arrows", and besieged the house to try to take it by force. Robinson held out from Wednesday night till Saturday afternoon, when a sergeant-at-arms arrived from York, brought by Robinson's mother. She had escaped after being beaten by the rioters and left for dead. Sir Thomas was fined £1,000 and sentenced to be imprisoned in the Tower.

In another legal conflict at York in 1534, William Smythe complained to the King about being manhandled by citizens of Tadcaster when going there to arrest three of them. He was beaten, locked in the tollbooth without food or drink and chained in the stocks, then taken to Topcliffe and kept a prisoner there for 20 days.

In these lengthy proceedings he cites Francis Metkalf of Nappa for gathering 300 men "with bowes, billes and other invinsable wepins" for the purpose of preventing his rescue. However, the allegations were totally denied and Smythe was discredited as a "suspect person". The outcome of the case is not recorded, but one imagines that this was one Metcalfe who got away with it.

BRIAN LOOMES

Chairman's Jottings

The First World War centenary is already receiving much attention, even though the actual anniversary is still some months away. We have received items from you relating to your family's role in the War and are very grateful to you for them. Please do keep them coming - Jo Heron is interested in hearing about not just about military exploits but also how life continued at home and what role women in particular played ! Our project will continue until 2018 so there is time for you to submit more!

You might recall that in the December issue of 2012 I reported how I had attended the start of a project at The National Archives (TNA) Kew, where the Military Service Appeal Tribunal papers (Class MH47) were being removed from their files and organised for scanning. The class of records relate to the Appeals against conscription in 1916 and later, in the county of Middlesex, against the decisions of local county appeals boards. To my amazement just as we were watching them take the contents out of folders my eye was drawn to a form with the surname METCALFE on it.

In January this year I was again very fortunate to be invited by the TNA to attend the public launch of the project, following its conclusion. The records are now online and fully searchable by surname. I have been able (as can you) to search Metcalf(e) (and related spellings). To search yourselves go to <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/conscription-appeals/>.

There were only two Metcalfes who appealed in Middlesex: HERBERT JAMES METCALFE, a granary foreman living in Tottenham and HAROLD STUBBING METCALFE, a breadmaker living at Clapton but working in Middlesex. After checking the Commonwealth Graves Commission site it looks as if they survived.

Neither of these were the Frank E Metcalfe who signed the paper I saw on my previous visit-- somewhat strange! I took a very poor photograph of the form in 2012 but the writing is too indistinct. I cannot read the name of the appellant conscript or his address. Very frustrating! Having studied the forms online generally, what I probably saw was a Notice of Appeal form signed by an appellant who was not 'the Man' as the form says-i.e. the conscript. I believe that Frank E Metcalfe was the proprietor of the Stockbridge Laundry Willesden, as one of the grounds of appeal was that a conscript's work was indispensable to the national effort and could not be spared by his employer. Why this was so here might be revealed in the appeal papers if I can find them! I will have to do some more investigating!

This weekend (22nd March) I was back at the TNA for a third time, on this occasion for The Federation of Family History Societies' AGM. After that meeting, Chris Barnes from the TNA thanked the FFHS for its financial help and that of the Friends of the TNA in enabling them to make the records of MH47 available online. Whilst the background and details are fully given in the TNA guidance referred to above, some additional data was given by Chris .

In February, I attended the 3 days of Who Do you think You Are – Live (WDYTYA) at Olympia. 2 Metcalf(e)s made themselves known to me and went away promising to join the society. I visited the Imperial War Museum stand and registered, personally, to participate in their 'Lives of the

First World War' project. Jo Heron who was also at WDYTYA did so too and we hope it will prove useful for the Society's World War One Project in the coming months. If you are interested in joining the link is at www.livesofthefirstworldwar.org and all you need to do is add your email address and then register. It is an online project. The idea is to write about ancestors lives at home and overseas during the war and the opportunity is given to provide scanned copies of documents and memorabilia still held by families, as well as photographs and links to documents such as census return and other documents which refer to individuals. You can give, therefore, biographical details about those who were alive at the time and the part they played.

Two other World War One related projects may interest you.

My attention has been drawn to the Family History Community Quilt Project which may interest those of you who enjoy embroidery. You can commemorate those who served with the Commonwealth forces during the First World War and who did not return home.

For those of you interested, there is a sponsored site at

<http://www.spanglefish.com/firstworldwarcentenaryquilt/index.asp>

and a FACEBOOK Page at

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/WW1-Centenary-Quilt/637161519681055>

You are invited to contribute to the project by stitching a square or squares with the name/s of the person/s you wish to commemorate. A pack containing the pre cut square of fabric and thread and detailed instructions for a minimum donation of £3.50 (Includes P & P) will be sent to those indicating an interest. It is non profit making and all profits will be divided equally between HelpforHeroes www.helpforheroes.org.uk and Q4IS (Quilts For Injured Servicemen) www.q4is.co.uk

It might be possible for the Society to have a 'square' included to represent the ancestors of members who died. Would this be of interest to you and if so what form should the memorial take?

Finally, thanks to Lesley Longworth the Committee had its attention drawn to the Woodland Trust's project to plant 1,000 acres of woodland at four new Centenary Woods as a memorial for the fallen. As the Trust says
"...a fitting memorial and forward looking legacy - a tribute to our great-grandfathers that our great grandchildren can enjoy. We're honouring all those who took part in the war effort by creating thousands of acres of commemorative woodland that will stand as a tribute for centuries to come".

It is interesting to learn that the war had a devastating impact on the UK's native woods. Trees played a key role in the war effort, with timber being used for huts, barges, trenches and tunnelling. By 1918, less than 5% of Britain's land was left covered by native woodland. The link is

<http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/donate/appeals/centenary-woods/>

The Society might be interested in exploring the possibility of planting a tree to commemorate the lives of fallen Metcalfes. What do you think? Where would be the most appropriate place? **David Lambert M11**

Mecca Bits & Bobs

Safety first. **Steve Metcalf** Chief Fire Officer appeared in Manchester Airport Safety Feature on *ITV NW News* 6pm 31 July 2013.

Blackout. **Dorothy Metcalfe** on failure of energy giant N Power to provide a bill over a long period. *BBC Radio4 You & Yours* 12.30pm Friday 30 August 2103.

Fish Food. **Julian Metcalfe** opening a new Itsu branch in Oxford at end of September 2013. *BBC Radio4 You & Yours* 12.40pm 25 September 2103.

Westward Ho. **William Medcalf**, Mariner buried 30 August 1697. Burials Fal-mouth Parish Cornwall 1664-1714. *From Family Tree CD* June 2012.

One plus one equals... New Accountants. **L Metcalfe** London. Passed ICAEW Advanced Stage ACA Exams. *From Economia* October 2012.

S Metcalfe, Crewkerne. Passed ICAEW Advanced Stage ACA Exams. *From Economia* January 2013.

If you go down to the wood's....Metcalf's House Hamsterley Forest County Durham. Mentioned as being a ruin on a 4.5 mile walk around the forest. Also known as Honey Bee House. *Metcalfe Society List* 2349.

Opening. **Louise Metcalfe** owner of Miola - a home furnishings store on Lodge Road Sandbach Cheshire - had her shop opened by Emmerdale star Tom Lister. *The Guardian (Crewe)* 14 June 2012.

Jarrow Workers. **William Metcalf** Wilberforce Street Jarrow - Head Horse Keeper, Coop. **Thomas Metcalfe** Dunkirk Place Jarrow - Shipyard owner. *(From Jarrow 1800-1850) Supplied by Graham Bell.*

Working on the Railway. **William Metcalfe** employed at Alnwick Railway Station Northumberland. Name shown on plaque during *Michael Portillo's "Railway Journeys"* BBC2 TV 14 October 2013.

Supercar expert. **Harry Metcalfe** picked the Alfa Romeo 8C as his second best supercar (out of 50) in *The Times* on 4 October 2010.

Relaxed Workout. **Jayne Metcalf** lost 2 stone on the Ladyzone exercise circuit. Wellness advert in the *Altrincham & Sale Messenger* 13 June 2013.

For sale. **Miller Metcalfe** Estate Agents of Hale Manchester advertising a 98% client recommendation in an advert in the *Altrincham & Sale Messenger* 7 March 2012.
All three items supplied by David Lambert M11.

Army Records Mike Pope M1919

I have a particular interest in military history during the late eighteenth and nineteenth century and gained significant competence in searching army records. My searches took me to The National Record Office Kew (NROK) and I became very familiar with the Muster and Pay Rolls of the Regular Army in War Office series WO 12, and of the Militia Regiments in the series WO 13.

For anyone who is interested in the military history of their ancestors, I commend to you these records most strongly, since although they are not indexed and some work may be necessary in locating specific individuals, the records are a source of a great deal of information. The enlistment, rank, promotions, location, pay and movement of the soldiers, both commissioned and non-commissioned officers and other ranks is clear to see. Each man has a regimental number and rank, and is recorded with his christian and surname in alphabetical order.

The records also include information on hospitalisation, which can provide clues on whether an individual was wounded, ill, or perhaps hospitalised after a flogging, which was a frequent occurrence in those days. In the accounts section at the end of each quarter, the expenditure on pay and on provisions and transport is given in detail, and it is possible to see which local butcher, baker, or tavern owner has been paid for provisions, which are also often recorded precisely.

I began my search (*for the article on page 19*) in the War Office Series WO 12/5726 looking at the 45th Regiment of Foot, which was stationed in England at Brabourne Lees near Ashford Kent under the Colonelcy of Cavendish Lister. The regimental strength was 703 men in ten Captain's companies of around 58 men, each company having 2 Lieutenants, 2 Ensigns, 3 Sergeants, 4 Corporals and 2 Drummer/Fifers. Regimental movements in 1806 included marches from Uppingham in Rutland to Liverpool, Chester and Holyhead, a voyage to Dublin, and then a return to England and Kent.

WO 12/5730 shows that in 25 Jan 1814 the regiment was across the border and in France, at Orthes near Bayonne, with Wellington. The Muster Roll gives the 45th Regiment's Colonel as Cavendish Lister, recorded as "General His Majesty's leave" in other words he was not present in the theatre of war. There were three Lieutenant-Colonels; William Guard – Prisoner of War – which must have been inconvenient; John Meade – on Parliamentary duty – equally so; and Thomas Forbes who actually seems to have been present.

There were also 3 Majors - Greenwell, Lecky and Lightfoot, as well as 2 Adjutants, 1 Surgeon, 3 Assistant Surgeons, a Paymaster, and ten Company Captains plus around 750 other ranks in a total paper strength of about 850 men.

However, during this month, 80 soldiers were in England, 16 in Lisbon, 16 were killed in action, 1 died, 79 were wounded and 37 were Prisoners of War, totalling 229 not on duty and giving an effective strength at month end of only 621 men.

I will end by recommending again, these excellent records in The National Archive Kew, as a very powerful resource for the study of ancestors in the army in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Soldier's Prayer

Dear God, I need Your Help to do
My duty in this war
To win the kind of peace that will
Endure for ever-more

Give me the strength to use my gun
With steady aim and true
And guide me in all other things
A soldier has to do

Let not my eyes grow weary now
Let not my stomach ache
And if the going gets too tough
Let not my spirit break

Watch over all my loved ones, God
While I am over here
See that they never are in want
Or have a single fear

And when the air is still once more
And we no longer roam
I pray that I may be among
The soldiers going home.

James J. Metcalfe

Written in the 1940's.

<http://www.oocities.org/vienna/studio/3457/>

The Fighting Metcalfes of the 45th Regiment of Foot



I have spent many hours at Kew NRO searching army records for my wife's Littlefair ancestors in the Muster and Pay Rolls of the Regular Army in War Office series WO12, and of the Militia Regiments in the series WO 13.

The enlistment, rank, promotions, location, pay and movement of both officers and men is clear to see. The records also include information on whether an individual was wounded, ill, or perhaps hospitalised after a flogging.

Following Peter Dobson's excellent article on John Metcalfe in the last Mecca news, I offered to look for the soldier in the records of the 45th Foot, and whilst so doing, found another Metcalfe in the same regiment, some years before the Peninsular campaigns began. I began my search in the War Office Series WO 12/5726 for 1806 looking at the 45th Regiment of Foot, which was stationed near Ashford Kent.

A Private Charles Metcalfe appeared in the quarter 25 March to 24 June 1806. He had volunteered from the 2nd Battalion and received a bounty on enlistment of £2 2s. Young Charles Metcalfe did not know it, but he was about to take part in one of the most disastrous campaigns in British military history and to lose his life into the bargain.

By September, the Regiment had marched to Falmouth Harbour and embarked for South America. The accounts in the Muster Roll state that "Advances to Women & Children, not permitted to embark with the Regiment, were £137 5s 0d", thus showing that the army, even in the early nineteenth century, did something to support the families of the soldiers.

The expedition was part of a British Government strategy de-

veloped by Vansittart, Pitt and others, to seize, and open up for trade, key areas in South America. The annexation of Buenos Aires and Montevideo were seen as principal strategic objectives and amazingly, at one point, the invasion of both Chile and Peru was being considered.

By December 1806 the expedition had reached Montevideo and on 3 February 1807 fought their way into the city. The Spanish Governor surrendered unconditionally, following a battle which had cost the Spanish 1500 casualties, against losses of only 600 for the British.

The relative ease of victory in this battle may have deluded the British high command into believing that their enemy was not of high calibre, but they were soon given a rude shock.

On 10 May Lieutenant-General John Whitelocke took com-



Lt Gen Whitelocke

mand of the expeditionary force, which landed near Buenos Aires and occupied the surrounding area. Whitelocke did not attack the city itself until 4 July 1807, but he attempted the investiture with neither his artillery, nor with a column of near brigade strength troops in reserve. The decision was a tactical disaster, as he completely underestimated the determination of the city Militia and inhabitants to resist the invasion, and their proficiency in close quarter fighting.

By 6 July the British controlled some key buildings in the city, but at the price of over 1,000 casualties, and counter attacks by the Spanish then routed even seasoned commanders like Crauford. The British losses were so severe and the disposition of his troops so parlous, that Whitelocke proposed a truce, but De Liniers summarily rejected the offer. He attacked once more and exacted additional casualties on the British, comprising 311 killed, 679 wounded and 1808 captured or missing.

Whitelocke was forced into signing an ignominious armistice with de Liniers on 12 August 1807, in which he agreed to depart South

America and not return. When he arrived in England he was court-martialled and cashiered, but the price had already been paid by both the officers and men of the British Army forces.

Our young Private Charles Metcalfe was one of the redcoats killed in the street fighting on the 5th July 1807, and his death is recorded in the Muster Roll, which states that he had 11 days pay owing, totalling 5s 6d, and the balance of his effects was recorded in December 1807 as £1 13s 1d.

Capt Greenwell	1	Michael McConnell	deserted	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	17	27
		William McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	10	4
		John McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	18	28
		James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
Capt Bridges	1	James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
		James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
		James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
		James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
Capt Bridges	2	James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
		James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
		James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
		James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
Capt Bridges	3	James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
		James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
		James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
		James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
Capt Bridges	4	James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
		James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
		James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
		James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
Capt Bridges	5	James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
		James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
		James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
		James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
Capt Bridges	6	James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
		James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
		James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22
		James McConnell	do	6/10/07	un	un	un	2	12	22

Muster Roll showing Charles's details at X

In the next volume of the Muster Rolls WO 12/5727, I found the John Metcalfe of Peter's article, in early 1808, in Middleton Ireland with the 1st Battalion.

However, I could not locate him between March 1808 and December 1809, but by looking at the Muster Rolls for both 1st and 2nd Battalions, I found that he joined at Nottingham on 16th March 1807, was appointed Ensign, and paid for 83 days at £21 15s 9d. I followed him through to 1808 when he was based in Nottingham, but detailed to Leicester and Derby where he was recruiting. He was transferring regularly between the 1st Battalion in Ireland and the 2nd Battalion in Nottingham, and the record for 25 Mar 1808 - 24 June 1808 shows that he had been promoted from Ensign to Lieutenant.

In late 1810, John Metcalfe travelled out to Portugal, and he was wounded at the Siege of Badajoz in April 1811. The Muster Roll records he was not present in the September quarter which may indicate convalescence from his wounds.

He was on leave in England from October 1812 until 25 Sept 1813 and rejoined the 1st Battalion in December 1813 in France. There may be a very interesting story behind this rather long period of leave in Britain, but by January 1814 he was at the Battle of Orthes with the Sherwood Foresters, at which Wellington won a famous victory. I can add only, that the Muster Rolls record that Lieutenant John Metcalfe was killed in action on 27 February 1814.



Captain (Colt)		's Company.	
Rank.	Names.	Effective as belonging to the Corps.	
		From	To
1	Captain (Colt) John	25th June	21st July
2	Lieut. Metcalfe John	"	"
3	Ensign (Colt) Philip	"	"
4	Ensign (Colt) Robert	"	"
Serjeants			
1	Brady Patrick	"	"
2	Brady (Colt) Robert	"	"
3	Brady (Colt) Robert	"	"
4	Brady (Colt) Robert	"	"
5			
6			

Muster Rolls record the death of Lieutenant John Metcalfe

And so, in the space of seven years, the 45th Foot had lost two brave Metcalfe sons.

Mike Pope M1919

WILLS PROJECT

*This again is an appropriate time to acknowledge the Society's gratitude to the loyal band of will transcribers who have produced all the results below. I would like to particularly thank **Jennifer and Trevor Metcalf** who between them have added all the Lincolnshire references shown, Trevor visiting the Lincoln Archives and photographing the wills and Jennifer accomplishing the transcribing. This adds a great deal to the Society records for that area.*

*As we are reaching earlier periods it has also been good to have been able to benefit from **Margaret Medcalfe's** additional skills with the Latin sections of wills and **Frances Glanville's** persistence with 17th century modes of expression.*

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. Thanks to those members who have sent such wills/transcripts to me since the December Mecca News.

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.

- 1532 Helene Metcalfe of Swinhope, Lincs
- 1563 Richard Metcalfe of Heaonor, Lincs
(is this Heydour?)
- 1565 Martin Metcalf of Whaplode, Lincs
- 1582 Thomas Metcalfe of South Reston, Lincs
- 1594 Thomas Metforthe of Yarburghe, Lincs
- 1661 Andrew Metcalfe of Digby, Lincs
- 1663 George Metcalfe of Boston, Lincs
- 1666 Robert Metcalfe of Surfleet, Lincs
- 1667 Thomas Metcalfe of Deeping St James, Lincs
- 1669 Henry Metcalfe of Gosberton, Lincs
- 1683 Elizabeth Metcalfe of Stamford
- 1684 John Metcalfe of Surfleet, Lincs
- 1686 Anthony Metcalfe of North Kyme, Lincs
- 1687 Walter Medcalfe of Holbeach, Lincs
- 1689 William Metcalfe of Lessingham, Lincs
- 1689 William Metcalfe of Dike Lane,
Pateley Bridge, Yorks
- 1692 Ann Metcalfe of Billingham, Lincs
- 1695/6 Thomas Metcalfe of Wistow, Yorks
- 1696 Elizabeth Metcalfe of Wistow, Yorks
- 1698 Phillis Metcalfe of Yarm, Yorks
- 1706 Leonard Metcalfe of Wistow, Yorks
- 1714 Lawrence Metcalfe of Belton, Lincs
- 1718 Mary Metcalfe of Wistow, Yorks
- 1729 Jethro Metcalfe of Brotherton, Yorks
- 1809 William Metcalfe of Hackforth, Yorks
- 1815 John Metcalfe of Glamford Briggs, Lincs
- 1817 Sarah Metcalf of East Retford, Notts
- 1822 Benjamin Metcalfe of Gainsborough, Lincs
- 1824 Mary Metcalfe of Ebberston, Yorks
- 1828 Zachariah Metcalfe of Saxilby, Lincs
- 1832 Thomas Metcalf of Killingholme South, Lincs
- 1840 Thomas Metcalf of Stickney, Lincs
- 1846 William Metcalfe
of Cowhill in Snaizeholme, Yorks
- 1849 Martin Metcalfe of Lincoln
- 1850 Elinor Metcalfe of Hornchurch, Lincs
- 1858 John Metcalfe of Sutterton, Lincs

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

A further thank you to all those who have sent in details of their ancestry, whether as updates to their 'trees' or as new members. As you see below, most do find links within the Society and hopefully, the remainder may do so, given time and further research.

Few, however, are as fortunate as Steven Metcalfe in being able to trace a line right back into the early sixteenth century. As Penny Ellis has found, sometimes there were just too many Metcalfes of the same forename in the same area to be sure which line is which, as is the case with James Mte of Bainbridge.

For Ian Coates the difficulty lies in where his Thomas Medcalf's family originated before living in London. Ian has family stories of some of his family living at Nappa Hall in the early 1930s for a short time. If any member can help with the history of Nappa Hall around this period please do get in touch.

Margaret Hodgson M515 archivist@metcalfe.org.uk

Postal address on page 36 of this magazine.

BIRTH BRIEFS FROM EXISTING MEMBERS (INCLUDING UPDATES)

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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 **s.o. Thomas & Mary (Jones) Md m 1805 St Mary, Islington. Conn. M672 M869**

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(Mte) Pearson m 2 Aug 1885 Pateley Bridge. Betty b 10 Dec 1859 Wath d.o. Jonathan & Mary (Horner) Mte m 12 May 1845 Kirkby Malzeard. Jonathan bpt 18 May 1821 Pateley Bridge s.o. Peter & Mary (Graham) Mte m 21 Mar 1796 Pateley Bridge. Peter bpt 7 Jan 1770 Pateley Bridge s.o. Peter & Hannah (Richmond) Mte m 2 Apr 1766 Ripon Cathedral. Peter bpt 29 Jul 1739 Ripon Cathedral s.o. James Mte of Eavestone.

Conn. M148 M193 M309 M476 M513 M514 M680 M831 M867 M868 M1051 M1684 M1865

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Conn. M46 M608 M678 M839 M958 M1043 M1082 M1129 M1156 M1218 M1265 M1272 M1291 M1323 M1391 M1393 M1729 M1902

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5x Gt grd d.o. John & Margaret (Mte) Holmes m 4 Oct 1790 Aysgarth. Margaret bpt 29 Mar 1768 Aysgarth d.o. Bryan & Elizabeth (Thompson) Mte m 6 Nov 1766 Aysgarth. Bryan bpt 23 May 1738 Aysgarth s.o. Bryan & Margaret (Lupton) Mte m 30 Oct 1725-26 Aysgarth. Bryan bpt 21 Aug 1698 Aysgarth s.o. John & Grace Mte. John s.o. Bryan Mte. Bryan s.o. John & Christian (formerly Mte nee Simpson) Mte. John s.o. James & Ann Mte of Nappa Scar. **Conn. M163 M965 M979 M1223 M1702 M1734**

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(Raw) Mte m 31 May 1803 East Hauxwell. Thomas b 11 Nov 1781 Garriston s.o. James & 1st wf Mary Jane (Croft) Mte m 15 May 1781 East Hauxwell. James bpt 1 Oct 1758 East Hauxwell s.o. Thomas & 1st wf Elizabeth (Plews) Mte m 13 Nov 1757 East Hauxwell. **Conn M624 M645 M898 M991 M1275 M1522 M1567 M1620 M1691**

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Steuben, NY s.o. Morris Pratt & Lucinda (Baker) Mt m 20 Oct 1840. Morris b 6 May 1820 Seneca Lake, NY s.o. Isaac Hammond & Joanna (Baker) Mt m 1807. Isaac b 13 April 1785 Lebanon, New London, CT s.o. Daniel & Jedida (Lacy) Mt m 9 Sept 1784 Litchfield, CT. Daniel b 14 May 1759 Lebanon, New London, CT s.o. Samuel & Mehetable (Hammond) Mt m 16 Feb 1756. Samuel b 13 May 1732 Lebanon, New London, CT s.o. Jonathan & Lydia (Hyde) Mt m 2 Nov 1727 Lebanon, CT. Jonathan b 10 Aug 1704 Lebanon, CT s.o. Jonathan & Hannah (Avery) Mt m 15 Jan 1700 Dedham, MA. Jonathan b 16 Mar 1675 Dedham, MA s.o. Jonathan & Hannah (Kenrick) Mt m 10 April 1674 Dedham, MA. Jonathan b 21 Sept 1650 Dedham, Norfolk, MA s.o. Michael & Mary (Fairbanks) Mt m 2 April 1644 Norwich, Nfk, England. Michael b 29 Aug 1620 Norwich, Nfk s.o. Michael & Sarah (Ellwyn) Mte m 13 Oct 1616 Tatterford, Nfk. Michael b 17 Jun 1586 Tatterford s.o. Leonard & Amy (Thurston/Thursby) Mte m 1582 Tatterford. Leonard b c1545 Tatterford s.o. Brian & Joanna Mte. Brian b c1519 Tatterford. **Conn. M283 M455 M456 M571 M585 M944 M968 M1009 M1010 M1104 M1130 M1152 M1175 M1251 M1627 M1771**

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Nigel does not have Metcalfe ancestors of his own. He is the voluntary organiser of the Nidderdale DNA Project.

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S.o. Cpl Floyd & Billie Ruth (Scott) Mt. Floyd b 6 Dec 1923 Rhodesdale, Ohio, USA s.o. William & Lida (Budgett) Mt m 1909 Wood, West Virginia. William b c1854 Athens, Ohio s.o. Lewis & Emeline Amanda (Coulson) Mt m Ohio. Lewis b c1823 Ohio s.o. Joseph & unknown (Moore) Mt m 1810 Pennsylvania. Joseph b 23 Sept 1790 Chester, Pennsylvania s.o. Thomas Curtis & Phoebe Ann (Sidwell) Mt m 1780. Thomas b 16 Jan 1762 Lancaster County, Pennsylvania s.o. Curtis & Mary (Skilleron) Mt m 9 Aug 1759 Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Curtis b 1733 Little Britain, Pennsylvania s.o. James & Margaret (Britton) Mt. James b c1710 England.

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It is with regret we inform members of the death of

Christopher Metcalfe M1617
on 11 April 2013.

We extend our condolences to family and friends.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE – LIVE, Olympia 2014

I attended this exhibition and was most impressed with everything I saw. The programme of talks was extremely interesting and this year, as the commemorations for World War One start to gear up, obviously there was a lot of emphasis on that period, either fairly military biased or down to DNA research. As lead on the Metcalfe WW1 project, I spent more time attending talks I hope would be relevant both in the information I would gain and suggestions for potential targets for research.

One talk I hoped would be very useful was World War One and Non-conformists and was based on the Dr. Williams Library collection - www.dwlib.co.uk. As many Metcalfes may have belonged to non-Church of England churches, I found this very interesting. Did you know that prior to WW1, only C of E men were allowed to sign up? During the war, Methodists were allowed, and now any religion may sign up. The Charles Surman index gives a list of Ministers who conducted what were probably fairly non-denominational services to all soldiers. The speaker also suggested looking at school record books and the year books for the various chapels around the country which may have recorded those signing up or being killed or wounded. There are also a number of publications, The Christian World (multi-religion), The Christian Life (Unitarian) and The Inquirer, which is indexed, make good starting points. The Christian Life carries 37 Rolls of Honour for WW1, and also lists obituaries. It was also suggested that records such as those of the Boy Scouts organization may be useful.

A talk on Rural Life was changed to Family Life in Wartime based on the records for illegitimacies, divorces and bigamies between 1914 and 1920. The number of legal births dropped from 900,000 to 675,000 in that period, but the illegitimate births rose from 295,000 to 365,000 – perhaps not as many as would be expected with men going off to war suddenly. Illegitimate children were legitimised on the later marriage of the parents. In 1915/1916, marriage may have been used as a way to avoid conscription, as fewer married men were being signed up. Divorce rates rose from 1,750 in 1914 to 3,250 in 1918. No research has been done on the causes of this rise – hurried marriages to avoid being conscripted, more choices for women while the men were away, or problems the men suffered returning from the war with what would now be classed as post-traumatic stress disorder. Bigamy was a very interesting topic with cases being brought to court rising from 150 in 1900 to about 600 in 1918. There were more female bigamists, rising from 10% to 30% of the total – was this a result of men going missing, or simply very accommodating ladies? It may also have been a result of ‘canny’ women cashing in on the support being paid to the wives and families left behind by soldiers at the front. The wife of one man had left him before the war, and having tried to find her through other family members, friends and newspaper advertisements, he considered himself single and remarried, only for the first wife to ‘pop’ up when his second wife claimed support while he was away at the front. The case came to court and the Judge

declared that he was not guilty—leading to the quote in The Times of free bigamy for heroes. The allowance of 10 shillings per week depending on rank for wives of men conscripted to the forces, was extended to families and unmarried co-habitants - although less than 1% of the forces were actually co-habiting and most were married. This allowance was partly deducted from the soldiers pay and partly topped up by the State. Divorce was allowed on grounds of adultery, but mainly by men divorcing women, but if both parties had committed adultery, the case was usually thrown out – were they then forced to remain un-divorced although living separately? – and women were not allowed to sue for divorce until 1923!

A different topic, but nevertheless interesting was on British Civilian Prisoners of War in 1st World War Germany. There were 10,000 British and 'Allied' civilians living in Germany and at the declaration of war, 1,000 were interned at a converted race-track at Ruhleben, outside Berlin. Ultimately, 5,500 men were housed in the stable blocks with no heat or light. Some, who agreed to sign up for the German army, were sent to the front. The remaining prisoners were allowed to stage football competitions, had a library and concert performances, their own postal service, newspapers, schools and exams, and even allowed to work outside the camp. However this did not apply to camps containing military personnel who had a very hard time, surviving largely on the Red Cross parcels that came through.

Tracing Prisoners of War and Internees in the First and Second World War – gave us a lot of information about the condition of these camps. Non-combatants were expected to work, and they had no idea how long the confinement would last. Military personnel received very different treatment. In this country, Olympia itself had been a POW 'camp' and held 1,500 internees. Other Camps were at Newbury racecourse and in prison ships off Southend. Experiences in the camps of WW1 informed the formation of camps for WW2. Many of the dead from camps are listed on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website, but as the names of some countries have changed since the wars – one needs to be aware of these.

One final talk that I dropped in on was about an archaeological dig to retrieve British bodies in France, where they were also trying to DNA sequence the skeletons to identify individuals – so this sort of work is on-going although often with disappointing results. One case was to track a recorded burial – which they were able to find and identify as the recorded person who was killed and buried in France. Working on the Metcalfe 1914-1918 project, I was more interested in the various 'forces' stalls, including those of Forces War Records, The Imperial War Museum (I signed up for the Lives of the First World War project), as well as the various Forces archive associations, British Newspaper Archive. The IWM project is looking to expand on the details held by them on the many soldiers who fought, lived and died in the war by encouraging descendants and other interested parties to send in additional information. Useful sites to use in your search www.forces-war-records.co.uk, www.livesofthefirstworldwar.org, www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk Other web sites will be notified to members in due course.

On general family history, there were stalls from most of the counties of the country and most had very willing and able people to help and advise visitors. My own family cover Northern Ireland and the Northumberland and Durham area. The latter two were not represented, except by the very helpful Borders Ancestry group, but the NI PRO was extremely useful. The Yorkshire Group of the Federation of Family History Societies was very well represented carrying a box for the Metcalfes which I hope was well used, as well as other FHS in Yorkshire. Ancestry, Find My Past, Genes Reunited, The National Archives, Public Record Office of Ireland, Family Search were well represented - www.ancestry.co.uk, www.findmypast.co.uk, www.genesreunited.co.uk, www.nationalarchives.gov.uk, www.familysearch.org

I did find the range of talks extremely interesting and useful, and the county stall would also be useful for those with a scattered ancestry. There were also a number of commercial stalls offering products for use in recording our family history, printing a range of spectacular family trees, book stalls, DNA sampling companies, publication companies and many other possibly useful subjects. All in all, a very good experience and worth visiting.

Jo Heron

Having Trouble with your Non-Metcalf Dales Ancestors?

Locally-based researcher is happy to search Parish Registers and other documents, also to visit graveyards, in the Upper Dales. Conveniently placed for Hawes Museum and the North Yorkshire County Record Office.

Competitive rates.

I can only help with information the Society doesn't already hold. All results will be lodged with the Society unless otherwise agreed.

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As a part of the current government programme of cuts and cost savings, the **National Railway Museum** is having to make changes to the opening hours of its Search Engine archives and library service. From 17 March 2014, Search Engine will be open to the public 4 days a week, from Wednesday to Saturday. The essential mission of Search Engine – to provide access to the NRM's archive and library collections – has not changed, and will continue to provide the full suite of copying services. For full details of the revised opening times, see - <http://www.nrm.org.uk/ResearchAndArchive/about.aspx> **FFHS**

FFHS NEWS

Manchester Central Library reopens

on Saturday 22 March

The building's historic features have been sensitively and carefully restored, bringing the building up to the twenty-first century standards fit for a world class city. This major work will ensure the long-term survival of one of our most iconic and much loved buildings.

Central Library will be a place to:

Study and learn

The restored reading room will be a focal point for learning offering a quiet, comfortable and classical environment for study. Central Library will also offer formal and informal learning spaces as well as easier access to our vast reference collection plus more computers, scanning and printing facilities, free wifi and device charging.

Relax and enjoy

The library will be a unique space - the city's living room - with a brand new lending library, new cafes, a bigger and better children's library, performance, exhibition and creative spaces. You'll find a place to meet friends in a relaxing environment.

Be inspired and get creative

The library will be a wonderful place for learning and creativity. Enjoy exhibitions and events and a new performance space. There will be exciting opportunities to experiment and create in the Media Lounge and Henry Watson Music Library. Central will also be home to a BFI Mediatheque with free access to the National Film Archive.

Find things out

Meet like minded people and come up with new ideas in the Business Information Centre. Rediscover the Treasures of Central Library. Explore the past in Archives+ and make use of a huge range of print and online resources in the library's vast reference collections.

See history brought to life

Archives+ in Central Library will be a destination of national and international significance for anyone interested in local or family history. Working in partnership with other archive and family history providers in the region we're bringing thousands of the city's records together under one roof to create an unrivalled collection.

See more about Central Library's transformation at the Manchester Central Library Development Trust website. (with thanks to Stephen Benson)

New borough archives set to open in January (From Dudley News)

STAFF from the borough's archives and local history service have been working hard to get Dudley's state-of-the-art new archives centre ready for opening in January. Based in Tipton Road, Dudley, the purpose-built eco-friendly facility which replaces the old Coseley Archives is set to open its doors to the public on Tuesday January 14 .

For more information visit <http://www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/libraries-archives/local-history--heritage/archive-and-local-history/>

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"STORIES OF AGED OUSEBURN PAIR"

My great-grandparents, George and Ann Metcalfe, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, 21st October 1931. They were interviewed by a journalist from the 'Yorkshire Evening Press', and this is what was written about them. (See opposite.)

The family legend I heard as a child was '*She never got to cut her cake*'. This was because Ann Metcalfe nee Daniel died two days after the anniversary, on Friday 23rd October, and this was reported in the Saturday edition of the 'Yorkshire Evening Press'. Her eldest son Daniel, my grandfather, was present at her death.

I obtained a copy of the Wednesday report from the national Newspaper Library at Colindale, London. There is so much more, on reading that report, that I would love to know. Greatgrandfather George is mentioned as a 'ploughman and thatcher'. There are no thatched houses in the area where he lived, none at all. I've learned that it's possible to tell, by looking at the pitch of a roof, whether that house was originally thatched - it will have a much steeper pitch, to throw off rain and snow. I've also been told that loads of the red pantiles which one sees in the area now, were brought along the Ouse and unloaded at Aldwark Bridge for re-roofing cottages. When did that happen? George also mentioned ploughing with oxen. This is a specialised technique needing a much wider turn at the end of a plough furrow.

In the advertising scenes for the television series 'Find My Family' a modern woman is seen sitting at her laptop and achieving direct communication with one of her ancestors. I wish that were possible? There is so much I'd like to know.

My great-grandmother Ann was scathing about 'modern flappers' with short hair and short skirts. The 1929 General Election is referred to historically as the 'flapper election' in which there was universal suffrage, the first in which women under 30 had been allowed to vote. Did my great-grandmother plan to vote, if she has survived past the following Tuesday, when it seems there was to be another General Election, only 2 years later? This was because the 1929 election had resulted in a 'hung parliament' and the 1931 election, the last ever to be held on a Tuesday, resulted in a National Government headed by Ramsay MacDonald. The whole area where George lived was a Conservative stronghold and he had apparently changed his allegiance to the candidate Major Hills, although he says '*I used to be a Liberal*'.



I would have loved to speak with both of them about their political views and especially to ask Ann about her views on women in parliament and women. In general, with the vote. She commented only on their appearance. I have stood as a local election candidate and I have always voted - what would she think about that?

The picture of Greatgrandpa George is taken very late in his life.

The Yorkshire Evening Press
Wednesday October 21st 1931
CRAB APPLES THROWN AT WEDDING

STORIES OF AGED OUSEBURN PAIR

DOG SNATCHED BABY FROM CRADLE

How crab apples were thrown at them instead of confetti is a wedding memory of Mr and Mrs George Metcalfe, Little Ouseburn, who celebrated today the 60th anniversary of that event.

It was a tonic to see them today reading their greeting cards. Mr Metcalfe is 87, and Mrs Metcalfe 80 years old. They are believed to be the longest married couple in the Ouseburn area.

When a baby a Newfoundland dog entered the house one morning and snatched Mr Metcalfe from the cradle and carried him almost to the other end of the village. Sixpence a day was his first wage, when, aged 10, he learned to drive the plough at Green Hammerton, where he was born. Oxen he likes as well as horses, having ploughed with them at Wilstrop.

Those "Awful" Flappers

Mrs Metcalfe shares the common antipathy of women of her age to the modern flappers. "Aren't they awful", she declared, "with their powder and paint and short skirts". She looked back with pride on the olden days.

As a youth Mr Metcalfe shared the first and second award at Wetherby Show in a ploughing contest, and in later years became one of the best ploughmen and thatchers in the Ouseburn district.

He retired from active work some years ago, after having been for 18 years in the service of the Slingsby family at Thorpe Green Hall, near Little Ouseburn.

Political Views Changes

"I can look back on farming for over 70 years", he said today. "I earned 15 shillings a week; now they want twice as much and farmers cannot sell their products on top of that.

"Times are bad, and I hope the result of the Election will do a bit of good."

"Are you going to vote?" he was asked.

"Yes", he said. "I used to be a Liberal, but I shall vote for Major Hills next Tuesday".

Mr Metcalfe suffers from rheumatism and his wife from deafness and bronchitis, but they are able all the same to get a great deal of happiness out of life.

Mr and Mrs Metcalfe have three sons and four daughters, 35 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He died at his daughter Sarah's home, Pinfold Cottage, Carr Side, Great Ouseburn, and that is where the picture is taken.

Margaret Stoll M37

Why Our Great Grandparents Were So Happy...

Have you ever wondered why our great grandparents all had such fond memories of their youth?

Well... I'm surprised they remembered anything at all !!!

Forget Tums & Tylenol.

Forget Aleve & Benedryl.

Look at the cool stuff they had back then!

A bottle of **Bayer's 'Heroin'**.

Between 1890 and 1910 heroin was sold as a non-addictive substitute for morphine. It was also used to treat children suffering with a strong cough.



Coca Wine, anyone?

Metcalf's Coca Wine was one of a huge variety of wines with cocaine on the market. Everybody used to say that it would make you happy and it would also work as a medicinal treatment.



Mariani Wine.

Mariani wine (1875) was the most famous Coca wine of it's time. Pope Leo XIII used to carry one bottle with him all the time. He awarded Angelo Mariani (the producer) with a Vatican gold medal.



Maltine.

Produced by the Maltine Manufacturing Company of New York . It was suggested that you should take a full glass with or after every meal. Children should only take half a glass.



A paperweight:

A paperweight promoting C.F. Boehringer & Soehne (Mannheim, Germany). They were proud of being the biggest producers in the world of products containing Quinine and Cocaine.



Cocaine drops for toothache.

Very popular for children in 1885. Not only did they relieve the pain, they made the children very happy!



Opium for Asthma:

At 40% alcohol plus 3 grams of opium per tablet.
It didn't cure you... but you didn't care!

Cocaine Tablets (1900).

All stage actors, singers, teachers and preachers had to have them for a maximum performance.
Great to 'smooth' the voice.

Opium for newborns.

I'm sure this would make them sleep well
(not only the Opium, but also the 46% alcohol).

**It's no wonder they were called,
"The Good Old Days".**

From cradle to grave... everyone was STONED!

Supplied by Bryan Metcalfe & Lesley Longworth

In Safe Hands

"This is your Captain speaking
today your pilot is ***Captain Simon Metcalf.***"
An announcement on the Thomas Cook Lanzarote flight
on 6 March 2014.
The flight went without a hitch and landed smoothly!
Peter Dobson M69

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 26 April 2014. Cleveland FHS Unlocking Your Past Spring Family History Day 2014 Holiday Inn Scotch Corner North Yorks Further details from www.clevelandfhs.org.uk

Saturday 10 May 2014. The Family History Society of Cheshire Family History Day 10:00to4:00 Admission £2. The Civic Hall Civic Way Ellesmere Port www.fhsc.org.uk

Saturday 10 May 2014. Pudsey Family History Fair with lectures. From 10 to 4.30. Admission £3. Pudsey Civic Hall, Dawson's Corner, Pudsey. . West Yorkshire.

Saturday 4 October 2014. Mecca Muster at the Dales Countryside Museum Hawes North Yorkshire. 10till4. Details with this issue of the Mecca News. Note you diaries now!

For details of other family history events, visit GENEVA (GENealogical Events and Activities) <http://geneva.weald.org.uk> which is run on behalf of GENUKI and the FFHS

*The true story of the **Chicken Gun**. Too funny not to share!
Sometimes it does take a rocket scientist!*

Supplied by **William Metcalfe**

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Scientists at NASA built a gun specifically to launch standard 4 pound dead chickens at the windshields of airliners, military jets and the space shuttle, all travelling at maximum velocity. The idea is to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields.

British engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new high speed trains.
Arrangements were made, and a gun was sent to the British engineers.

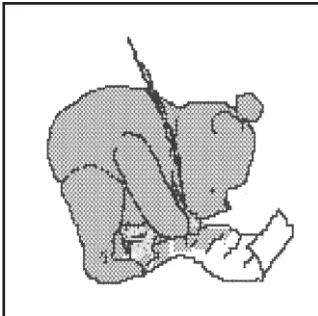
When the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken hurled out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof shield, smashed it to smithereens, blasted through the control console, snapped the engineer's back-rest in two, and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin, like an arrow shot from a bow.

The horrified Brits sent NASA the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield and begged the U.S scientists for suggestions.

NASA responded with a one-line memo -- "Defrost the chicken."

LAST WORD

FROM THE EDITOR



For the first time in its over 100 year history the Tour de France will carry out a stage through the Yorkshire Dales. There are forecast to be some 350,000 people along the route going through the Dales with large numbers being stationed at the more difficult climbs including the one out of Wensleydale into Swaledale over the Buttertubs Pass (see back page pictures).

This will be a momentous and historical occasion for those watching the race and those living in the Dales - history in the making. For those of you who manage to see the event you will be able to tell your children/grandchildren etc that you were there on the day the Tour came to the Dales. If you attend why not send in your reminiscences of the day? I look forward to hearing from you.

More on www.letour.yorkshire.com/stage1

You will not have failed to notice that the centenary of the Great War is later this year - virtually every newspaper and Family History Group has a project. Your Society has its own project **METCALFES IN WORLD WAR ONE** for which it is looking for help. So please see if you can assist the appeal for stories/information as outlined on page 9.

The Annual AGM and Muster

is to be held on **Saturday 4 October 2014**

at the Dales Countryside Museum Hawes Wensleydale. For further information contact the Muster Secretary **Lesley Longworth** on [muster @ metcalfe.org.uk](mailto:muster@metcalfe.org.uk)

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NEWCHURCH in Pendle

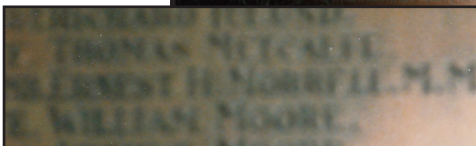
A village in Lancashire, north west of Burnley and adjacent to Barley, at the foot of Pendle Hill. Originally called 'Goldshaw Booth' and later 'Newchurch in Pendle Forest'. Known for the Pendle witches in the 17th century.



St Mary's Church at the centre of the village is steeped in history. It's not that easy to see from the road as it's on the downward side of a steep hill with a row of houses at the top and the local primary school to the side.

There was a chapel of ease on this site in 1250 and a later chapel was dedicated in 1544. The tower, although restored, is the only remaining part of that building. The current church was probably built in the 17th century, it was only completed in 1740.

To the east of the porch, up against the south wall, is the grave of a member of the Nutter family (carved with a skull & crossbones). Local legend has it that it's the last resting place of Alice Nutter, one of the famous Pendle witches who lived there in the 17th century.
en.wikipedia.org



The church's first world War memorial plaque records the death of a **Private Thomas Metcalfe.**

Thomas may be the person listed on the Commonwealth War Graves site as being killed in Asmara, Iraq in April 1917 age 30 whilst serving with the East Lancashire Regiment.



The Millennium Monument
at the northern end of Buttertubs Pass (top)
*which the **Tour de France** riders will see before they*
descend into Swaledale (bottom).