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Welcome to The Mecca News

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I make no apology (although this may be construed as one!) about this issue's content. The biggest event in recent history has visited the Dales and it seemed appropriate to record it in our magazine.

It may not be as momentous as the harrying of the North in 1069 or the Wars of the Roses or the Pilgrimage of Grace or the more recent (in historical terms) coming of the railways to the Dales or the failure of the lead mines in the last century (or even the century before) but in modern times it is quite significant in its current and future effects. I of course refer to the recent Tour de France.

The event had a lot if not most folk aflutter as you will see from the articles and it saw many visitors with many more impressed by what they saw on TV. Undoubtedly there will be changes as a result. Isn't that what history teaches us? I wonder what our Dales Ancestors would have thought?

We also include updates on the Society's Wills and World War I projects and of course details of the AGM & Muster in October are included. Don't forget this is your opportunity to renew acquaintances, search the database, take part in the AGM and listen to a talk on World War I - and all for free! Just come along on the 4th of October. See the enclosed invitation.

We continue to seek volunteers. See if anything takes your fancy and let the Chairman know.



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Electoral Records – Poll Books

In the Yorkshire election of 1807 William Wilberforce stood against Henry Lascelles of Harewood Hall and Viscount Milton. The event took over two weeks to complete during May and June and resulted in Wilberforce and Milton being elected; the latter by just 187 votes more than Lascelles. The Kirkby Malham information site (www.KirkbyMalham.info) shows that a Thomas Metcalfe Farmer of Frierhead voted for Wilberforce and Lascelles.

Prior to the 1832 Reform Act (see en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reform_Act_1832) there were many restrictions on who could vote and voting choices were published - an incentive to vote "correctly" especially if one of the candidates had particular influence in your area!

After the 1832 Act the changes meant that 1 in 7 people (mainly men) were given the vote (pre 1832 1 in 10) – still only some 14% of the adult population. Later changes in 1867, 1872 and 1884 saw this increase to 1 in 3. However it was not until 1928 that universal suffrage for all adults was introduced.

Other Sources:

books.google.co.uk/books

From County of York. The poll for Knights of the shire 1807.

Askrigg area

Wood Hall

Worton

James Metcalfe Dishturner

Thomas Metcalfe Hosier

John Metcalfe Yeoman

George Metcalfe Yeoman

Bainbridge

Harthill Area

Drewton

Sculcoates

John Metcalfe Farmer

George Metcalfe Joiner

East Cottingwith

Holderness

Wilton Bishop

William Metcalfe Clerk

The earliest voters lists date from 1696 and are contained in Poll Books. These can be found in the publication 'Poll Books 1696-1872. A Directory to Holdings in GB' by Jeremy Gibson & Colin Rogers. Other sources include Land Tax assessments in Quarter Session records in County Record Offices (CRO's) and electoral registers/absent voters lists from 1832 in National Archives Kew and CRO's. There may also be holdings of Burgess Rolls at CRO's and local archives.

In the 1834 Register of Electors from the Kirkby Malham website (see above) we see a Thomas Metcalfe of Airtton and a James Metcalfe of Malham listed.

You may find your own ancestors in these sources. However prior to 1832 if they didn't vote they won't appear (conversely after 1832 you won't be able to tell from the lists for whom they voted). Post 1832 the lists give those entitled to vote. Finding out where they voted may point you to other sources such as newspapers and wills. From Poll books you may also be able to see their political leanings!

www.electoralregisters.org.uk www.dentdale.com



David Lambert reports: "Ancestry have just announced additions if more occupations to their site. A search against METCALFE suggests over 11,000 entries.

I went up to page 17 and they are indeed all Metcalfe entries.

A lot on railway employees employment records

Postal service appointment books from 1737 to recent times

18th apprenticeship records (307 entries)

pages of directory entries for the surname in 19th century.

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.

Do we have any volunteers to help us?

Surely there must be 2 or 3 people willing to give these a go?

Here's the first page of the category apprentices :

Christ Metcalfe	Christ Dodgson	1711	Stainsworth, York
Alex Metcalfe	Mich Meece	1713	Marsett, York
Tho Metcalfe	Edwd Carter	1713	Healey With Sutton, Yorkshire
Wm Metcalfe	Stephen Arrowsmith	1713	Bishops Auckland, Durham
Joseph Metcalfe	Jno Ward	1714	Walton, Derby
John Metcalfe	Jos Merfett	1715	Masham
Thomas Metcalfe	Sam Cowling	1715	Richmond, Yorkshire
James Metcalfe	Cha Thompson	1716	Bainbridge, York
John Metcalfe	Philip Hulme	1716	Liverpool
Tho Metcalfe	Jno Mason	1716	Hastland, Derby
Jno Metcalfe	Thos Gwillin	1717	
John Metcalfe	John Hopwood	1717	Essex
Thomas Metcalfe	Thomas Clarke	1717	Hadstock, Essex
Alex Metcalfe	Geo Harrington	1718	Marsett, York
Jno Metcalfe	John Willis	1718	
Tho Metcalfe	Alexius Forster	1718	Richmond, York
Henry Metcalfe	Geo Ellbridge	1719	Woodstock
John Metcalfe	Steph Jolly	1719	
John Metcalfe	John Nolloth	1719	London
Robt Metcalfe	John Purkis	1719	

YORKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY FAIR 2014

The event took place at York Racecourse on Saturday 28th June with David Metcalfe, Margaret Hodgson and Jo Heron representing the Society.

This major family history fair of the North of England was less well attended than in the past but still provided an interesting day.

It was good to meet the Members who visited our stand:
Jayne Bennett; Graham Metcalf; Marion Moverley;
Rosemary Netzel; Linda Power; Christine Wadsworth.

Quite a number of Society leaflets were distributed and hopefully some of these will lead to new members.

Margaret Hodgson M515

After many years of loyal service, **Alison Hutton** has decided to relinquish the role of **New Zealand agent**.

The committee on behalf of the Society would like to thank Alison for all her work in the past and wish her well for the future.

We are looking to introduce new arrangements for those affected NZ members who dealt with Alison. It is hoped these will be operational in the near future.

Metcalfes in World War I project

Information continues to come in, but slowly. Members must have stories of what their recent ancestors did during this period – where they still working on farms or in industry, where they nursing or doing other support work at home or behind the front.

Please do send your stories in – they help to complete a picture which does concentrate largely on the men at the front. The records for the military are fairly easily accessible, but the more personal stories of the families left at home, are equally as interesting but harder to find, so please dig out your stories and let us have them. Send them to firstworldwar@metcalfe.org.uk

We will be having Dr Phil Judkins as speaker at the Muster again this year, see the information on the Muster 2014.

Jo Heron M1042

**DEADLINE for the December Mecca News
is 11 October 2014.**

Articles comments or snippets to the Editor.

DATABASE UPDATE

David Metcalfe the Database Keeper reports that: "The data from a further 25 newly transcribed wills from the Wills Project Team has been added to the wills index and the transcripts to the on-line database. The wills database currently totals 903."

David further reports that he has been amending the database birth briefs with information supplied by members and the Archivist as well as searching parish register data for information pertaining to the children of women who were formerly Metcalf(e) before marriage as well as collecting records of persons whose first or middle name is Metcalf(e).



Metcalfe Society Collection of books deposited at the Dales Countryside Museum. The Committee has donated the Society's collection of books to the Museum where they can be consulted in the Museum's research room. Society members will be allowed to take scanned images or photocopies as the case maybe, subject to copyright law rules .

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.

Fill in the reservation form in the August Mecca News
or send your details to Lesley Longworth
muster@metcalfe.org.uk

Book now!

WHO WAS MRS I METCALFE?

In about 2003 my eldest grandson Gavin Pope & his first wife moved from Leeds to a house in Ben Rhydding, Ilkley, Yorkshire. In the attic they found that the previous owner had left behind an old suitcase bearing a holiday travel label. The name on the label was Mrs. I Metcalfe.

Imagine his surprise after he opened a drawer of a chest in one of the bedrooms, to see his Grandmother's [my] face peering out at him from a piece of lining paper. It turned out to be a page from the Yorkshire Post bearing an article about a Metcalfe Society Muster. Gavin was most interested to find out why I was in that drawer because I then lived in Cleveland, North Yorkshire.

Weekend PEOPLE

BRIAN DOOKS meets the Metcalfes, Metcalfs, Medecalts, Medecalts, Metcalfs and Macaffs, who all have one thing in common.

Family matters

DESCENDENTS of a Yorkshire family whose name can be traced back for 800 years, gathered at Boroughbridge at the weekend to fit more pieces into their genealogical jigsaw.

Metcalfe originated in Dentsdale, now part of Cumbria, in 1194, when William de Dent, a Chief Forester, took up residence at Middleton Calf Top and from that place-name became known as William de Medecalf.

Research by Mrs Vera Adams established that the family grew around the Canhooves Road, a former Roman highway now followed by the Pennine Way, and split into two branches "the high road" and "the low road" Medecalts.

Sometime around 1300, Adam Medecalf, of Middle Tongue, in Dentsdale, migrated over into Wensleydale where his family multiplied and prospered.

Metcalfe — as the name was by then being spelt — fought with the Scropes, of Castle Bolton, at Agincourt in 1415, acquitting themselves so well that their leader, James Metcalfe of Worton, was given the Nappa Estate, near Askrigg in Wensleydale, as a reward.

Mrs. A. Adams, of Moorland Terrace, Garforth, Leeds, who co-founded the Metcalfe Society in 1980 with Mrs. Mary Metcalfe, said: "A small tenement known facetiously as 'No castle' stood on the land, but James, who was ambitious and deeply proud of his family, soon obtained a licence to build a battlemented hall."

Nappa Hall — a fortified farmhouse still a prominent landmark on the north of the River Ure — was completed in 1450 and remained the seat of the Metcalfes for the next 300 years with the second James becoming Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and the third James following Richard of Gloucester and being made High Sheriff of Yorkshire.

It was his son, Christopher, another High Sheriff of Yorkshire, who mastered 300 Metcalfes on white horses to ride from Wensleydale to York to escort the Judge to the Assizes possibly the best-known of the Metcalfe stories.

Mrs. Adams said: "Most of us will not be direct descendants of the Nappa Hall Metcalfe, but most of us will be descendants of those who fought at Agincourt or of the 300 who rode with the High Sheriff to York. The difficulty is proving it."

Since 1980, the Metcalfe Society has recruited more than 150 active members and its secretary, Mrs. Nina Benson, of Skelton Road, Langthorpe, Boroughbridge, now keeps contact with Metcalfes, Metcalfs, Medecalts, Medecalts, Metcalfs and Macaffs in 31 counties in England and Wales and with 35 individuals in Canada, the United States, Australia, New Zealand and Germany.

The keeper of the "family tree" is Mr. George Buxton, of Stanwell Road, Ashford, Middlesex, who has details on more than 20,000 indexed filing cards, including his own ancestors who were lead miners from Gunnerside, in Swaledale.

Mr. Buxton, who is helped with the filing by his wife, Janet, and a friend, Sandra Metcalf, from Tring, Herts, keeps the cards in his lounge. "I used to keep them in the bedroom until three o'clock one morning when the shelves collapsed with a terrific crash. It took us about a month to sort out all the cards."

Mr. Buxton's own research has established that his great-grandmother and her two sons and a daughter left great-grandfather, in Gunnerside when they emigrated to Benton, Wisconsin. Letters in Mr. Buxton's possession, mailed from the U.S. to Yorkshire between 1849 and 1901, include the plea: "Don't stand in William's way. It is a much better life. And so it was with one of the Metcalfe sons becoming a near dollar millionaire by 1910."

None of the Metcalfe at the weekend reunion was admitting to being a millionaire, but within the first hour more pieces had been added to the genealogical jigsaw. As a result, Mrs. Eunice Herring, of Derby, Mrs. Dorothy Pope, of Guisborough, and Mr. Peter Dobson, of Poynton, Cheshire, met for the first time and confirmed they were related through the marriage of Anthony and Alice Metcalfe, at Gayle, near Hawes, in 1724.

And Mrs. Well, now wife's grandmother to her death at 94 — which proves George Buxton is right — "The research has a fascination because it is never ending. We are always finding missing links."






Relatively speaking above, members of the Metcalfe Society and, left, the man with the task of tending the family tree, Mr. George Buxton. Left are founder member Mrs. Vera Adams and Mrs. Nina Benson.

**Yorkshire Post article
Monday 8 September 1986**

The photo had been taken at the 3rd Mecca Muster on Saturday 6th September 1986 at Boroughbridge High School when our then Secretary Nina Benson lived in the town.

At that meeting I met 2 other members related to me through our ancestors Anthony & Alice [Metcalfe] Metcalfe of Gayle, Hawes, who married 1724 at Chapel-Le-Dale, Ingleton, North Yorks. The members were our present Editor Peter Dobson & the late Eunice Herring of Derby. We were interviewed by the journalist & photographed with the rest of the members,

for an article about the Society in the Monday's edition of the paper.

I had already met John Holden at the 2nd meeting at Leeds who was also a descendant of Anthony & Alice, & by about the 5th meeting there were 10 of us, including Joan & the late Bill Metcalfe of Preston, & the late Warwick Metcalfe of Uppingham. Since then many other members have joined who are descended from our Anthony & Alice & still they come.

We have often wondered who Mrs I Metcalfe might have been, but it was probably her husband who had been the Mecca member. Does anyone know who she was or if she is still a member?

Gavin later found that other Metcalfe members lived in the road behind him. These were the late Frank & Jean [Metcalfe] Bradley, 2 of our most dedicated members who did so much towards the success of the Society. My Grandson did not live in Ilkley very long as he moved to Switzerland, where he still is.

Dorothy Pope M55

Yorkshire Archaeological Society
Jo Heron M1042

At an Extraordinary General Meeting on Saturday 12th July, members of the Society voted by a large majority to accept a proposal from the Management Board that they continue negotiation with Leeds University's Library to take the library and archive from Claremont into the Brotherton Special Collections Library.

This will mean that, possibly by 2016, the building at Claremont will be in the process of being sold, and the collections will only be accessible through the University. However, as they will be held in Special Collections, they will be free to access for the public. As yet, we have not had any word as to whether the staff at the Brotherton will need advance notice of requests, or whether they will be able to produce material relatively quickly, as per most archive services.

What will happen to the YAS is still under discussion. Whether they will be able to move premises and continue to function as a Society, providing lecture space and supporting members, is still being discussed by the Management Board.

A final decision cannot be made until more details of the Society's financial situation are clear, and also the exact details of the agreement with the Leeds University are drawn up, but it certainly looks as though the agreement will go through. Whether this is to the benefit of the Society or not remains to be seen.

I recently saw in my brother CW Metcalf's copy of the latest edition of the Mecca News the article about our family company Metcalf Motor Coasters.

I have to advise you that most of the information therein is incorrect. I was in fact the Managing director of the company when it was sold to Booker McConnell in 1984 and it was combined with S William Coe, which they owned, and the company became known as Coe Metcalf Shipping Ltd. Then this company was acquired by James Fisher and Sons.

I would be prepared to rewrite the article if you are interested.

T.John Metcalf

I am in the process of sorting out my library. The book I am currently reading before getting rid of it is

The Early History of the North Riding by William Edwards -- 1924.

I came across this entry;

"c960 AD - The Saxons hated the Danes as 'outlandish men and harmful people.'

Men said that the bad example of the Danes taught the Saxons to drink to excess; others said that the hatred of the Saxons was due to the fact that the Danes "were wont to comb their hair every day, to bathe every Saturday, and to change their garments often," and by such unfair means to win the favour of Saxon ladies."

Cheats all !!

CS Metcalfe M305.

your emails and letters

METCALFE HOUSE

In 1882, Mrs. **Erzelia Metcalfe**, widow of banker and businessman **James H. Metcalfe**, hired a young firm from New York City, McKim, Mead & White, to design the company's first Buffalo residence. The design she settled upon was a "suburban house," a new style being tried. It suited people who did not want enormous mansions; its ceilings were 9 feet tall, its rooms smaller and more intimate; fewer servants were needed. The Buffalo Metcalfe House suited Mrs. Metcalfe and her son, **James**, the only one of her four children to reside there.

The Metcalfe House, stood on the corner of North Street and Delaware Avenue until 1980. Preservationists were able to only save parts of the structure from demolition. The dining room and library are now housed in Rockwell Hall; the Metcalfe House staircase is in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York .

The legacy of the Metcalfe House lies in the fact that some of its extraordinary interior is preserved for future generations to study and appreciate in the two cities that were home to the Metcalfes. And the grassroots preservation movement inspired after the demolition merged in 2008 with the Landmark Society of the Niagara Frontier to form Preservation Buffalo Niagara, a growing and engaged organization taking a leadership role in saving and promoting the architectural legacy of Western New York.

Metcalfe Museum. Rockwell Hall Buffalo State College New York

For pictures see <http://buffaloah.com/a/archs/mck/metc/source/>

Mecca Bits and Bobs

Nick Metcalfe reported for the **Metro** morning newspaper, on the Bantams shock defeat of the Gunners in the Capital Cup quarter finals. The crowd at Valley Parade on that night (11 December 2012), reported to be the biggest seen there for over fifty years, saw the League Two Bradford City humble the might Arsenal and eventually go on to the Capital (League) Cup final where they lost to Swansea City.

Durham University Business School set up Young Enterprise courses for Teesside girls in the 1980's including pupils from Eston's **Sarah Metcalfe School**. From **Evening Gazette** 15.1.13. Supplied by **Jo Heron M1042**.

(Editor: School was opened in 1967 and merged recently with Eston College.)

Sing Live choir have sung in Manchester's prestigious Bridgewater Hall, Rome, Vienna and Salzburg. Co-founded in 1998 in Leeds by **Linda Metcalfe** they continue to attract singers of all levels. **Inside Poynton** magazine Issue 36 December 2011.

Cheshire Independent newspaper (Issue 70 June 2014) reported the opening of high fashion clothing operation **Delia Metcalfe** in Chestergate Macclesfield. Both supplied by **Peter Dobson M69**.

Lifelong knitter **Maureen Metcalf** of Selby applauding Sue Blacker's success in manufacturing excellent natural yarns. **Saga Magazine** June 2012. Supplied by **Jose Gay M816**.

Town's metal giraffes head for pastures new. Headline in **The Chronicle** (Sandbach) 29 May 2014. Interior and garden design shop Miola have sold the sculptures to Liverpool's Spire Hospital. Miola's owner **Louise Metcalfe** will replace them with even bigger giraffe sculptures.

Listed in petty criminal cases in **The Chronicle** 26 June 2014 **John and Rodney Metcalfe** for stealing vodka. Both supplied by **Suzanne Thomas**.

Pike angler **Peter Metcalfe** pulled a surprise catch from Lake Windermere - a bream - not known to inhabit glacial waters. **Westmorland Gazette** 18 July 2013.

From **Wikipedia.org**. **Richard Metcalfe** born Leeds 1973. Played rugby union for Scotland. At some 7 foot he was the tallest ever international rugby player. He suffered a long term knee injury in 2003 which terminated his career Both supplied by **R Metcalfe-Gibson M854**.

Aromatherapist **Joannah Metcalfe** suggests a health treatment in **Woman's Weekly** Health Choices section, 17 June 2014. Supplied by **Pat Dobson**.

A Yorkshire item:

*"Never ask a man if his ancestors came from Yorkshire;
if they did he would surely tell you, if not why humiliate him?"*

Canon Sydney Smith (1771-1845)

Chairman's Jottings

Le Grand Depart of the Tour de France has been and gone! Yorkshire took it to their heart and it was carnival-time in the villages and towns of the Dales –still much in evidence weeks later. I am sure many of you watched it on TV and were amazed at the size of the crowds. Each village and house along the route tried to out do their neighbour with yellow bikes and green, yellow and red polka dot shirts in various designs sited in gardens, on walls, along hedgerows accompanied by similarly coloured bunting. The weather helped and the dales will have been introduced to many who never appreciated how beautiful they are. Our editor demonstrates a sample on the back page!

As previously reported Metcalf(e)s have featured in previous Tours but not this year (see page 34).

Our committee meeting in July spent some time considerable time planning the muster in October. Please see further details in this edition and contact us to make your booking. This is your opportunity to meet your 'cousins' and fellow Metcalf(e)s. Last year's speaker Philip Judkin spoke about World War 1 and the Metcalf(e)'s involvement in it and was extremely well received. I am delighted to say he has agreed to return and speak more about life in the War.

When you read this, the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of 'the war to end all wars' - World War 1 - will have been commemorated. The Society, as regular readers will be aware, is running its own World War 1 Project (as are many other one-name and family history societies). As has been said before, this is your opportunity to help us with a 4 year project. We plan to publish the research in or around 2018

We need you to give us details of what your Metcalf(e) ancestors did: several men in the Dales of course were involved in agriculture and were not all called up in or after 1916; women took on jobs which were previously carried out by men. For many women this was a fundamental demonstration of what women were capable of doing.

Changes to their role in society started perhaps in 1882 with the passing of the Married Women Property Act. This meant married women could own their own property and deal with it themselves. Prior to then, a wife's property belonged to their husband.

The conscription of men in 1916 following the massive death toll of the first two years of the War meant there was a chronic shortage of labour for

some crucial jobs. By 1918, 247,000 women worked in government dock-yards factories and arsenals compared with 2,000 in 1914. Transport industry saw an expansion of 555% in the number of women working to 100,000 by the end of the War. It has been estimated that 1 million more jobs were carried out by women. (Per the National Archives).

Please do send in more information to Jo Heron and Margaret for our WW1 project. ANYTHING to do with life during the war is of interest whether by members of the armed services or those left behind to carry on running the nation. If you visit a church or churchyard look out for WW1 Metcalf(e) references and send them to us. I was in Skipton Parish church last week and saw their War memorial and 5 entries.

On a walk through Aysgarth churchyard I espied a memorial inscription to a Lewis gunner (see below). I had not planned specifically to look for these but they are still of interest for our project. None are related to my Metcalfe line. It all adds to our knowledge. Every little helps to coin a phrase ! If all of you could give us something about your family members in the time of War that would be wonderful. Photographs -old and modern- will embellish the project.

I looked in the church at Aysgarth to see the restored Metcalfe window hanging in its rightful place looking very clean and clear thanks to Vivienne Metcalf and the glaziers at York Minster. Those at the Muster in Hawes last year will remember the handing back to the parish of the glazing.

This year the committee will stand again for election at the AGM but this is your opportunity to express an interest in becoming an additional member of our committee. We do have some vacancies. If you are interested do please let us know.



Books

I wondered if you could give a mention to the book I have written about **Miles Metcalfe** of Wensleydale who was Richard III's lawyer. It is currently available on Kindle at the very reasonable price of £3.23 (745 pages!) and I feel readers of the Mecca News would find it interesting.

ISBN is 978-0-9575124-1-1 and the link for purchasing on Amazon is:
http://www.amazon.co.uk/The-Worm-Conscience-Carole-Parkhouse-ebook/dp/B00ALCL83U/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1398336943&sr=8-1&keywords=the+worm+of+conscience

I'm also hoping to do a print run in the near future.

Carole Parkhouse

***Note: Miles Metcalfe was the son of James Metcalfe the founder of Nappa Hall.
 He is recorded in Metcalfe - History of the Clan page 81.***

Available from your Society

From the book '**Old Yorkshire**' edited by William Smith – vol 1 1881.

The Graveyard at Morley Old Chapel p112

Here lyeth the body of Mary Beaumont, wife of Joseph Beaumont, Junior, of Batley,
 and daughter of **Thomas Metcalfe**, of Morley,
 who departed this life November the 5th, 1689.

Reader, prepare for death

And judgement now,

For when thy Lord will come

Thou dost not know,

Now live to Christ and to sin

Doe thou die,

Then shalt thou live with

Christ eternally.

Old Yorkshire - 1883 - Page 119 - Low Hall , Yeadon.

--- were shown interesting relics of Mary Stuart. Among these are an altar cloth with four different kinds of lace, said to be the queen's own work, some embroidered altar coverings , her bronze crucifix, and a portion of her rosary; a linen apron beautifully worked with Tudor roses, etc., said also to be the queen's own work; a very curious piece of embroidery, representing the story of the Prodigal Son, and several other relics. The most interesting are a pair of riding-gloves of drab coloured leather, trimmed with fringe, left by the queen at **Nappa Hall** in Wensleydale, and brought to Low Hall by an intermarriage with the family then in possession of Nappa Hall. Mary is said to have given the other articles to Lord Scrope, when she was taken away from Bolton Castle, and from him they descended to the Scropes, of Masham, and the Denisdals, of Nappa.

Supplied by **CS Metcalfe M305**

WILLS PROJECT

A big thank you again to all those who have transcribed the wills on this list, more especially as these early wills do come with many challenges in translation, in both handwriting and in terminology.

Thanks too to those members who have sent in wills they have used in their own researches. More donations of this sort would be gratefully received.

I have just made my first visit to West Yorkshire Archives in Morley, Leeds and have found a goodly number of Metcalfe wills there, particularly from the Archdeaconry of Richmond, which will hopefully follow in later lists. Unlike at the Borthwick, these wills are the originals and in their handling bring with them that sense of the past to which I am sure we all respond as researchers.

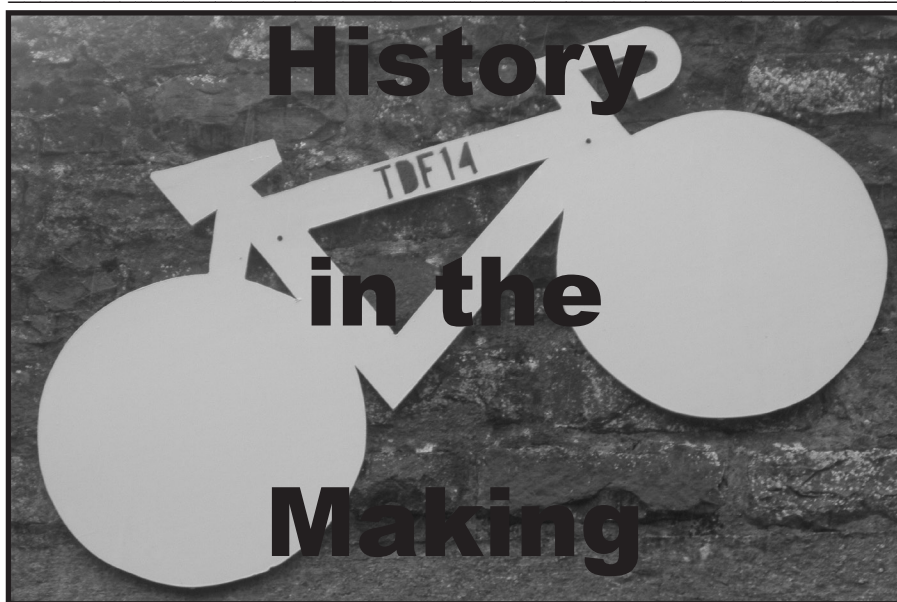
Margaret Hodgson
(Project Coordinator)

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.

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| 1601 | Thomas Metcalfe of Beverley, Yorks |
| 1602 | Alice Metcalfe of Beverley, Yorks |
| 1603 | William Medcalfe of Baildon, Yorks |
| 1603 | Christopher Metcalfe, London |
| 1603 | Alexander Metcalfe of Drypool, Hull |
| 1605 | John Medcalfe of Wheatley, Ilkley, Yorks |
| 1607 | Simon Metcalfe of Bedale, Yorks |
| 1609 | William Metcalfe of Carlton Miniott, Thirsk, Yorks |
| 1609 | Francis Metcalf of Yarm, Yorkshire |
| 1609 | Christopher Metcalfe buried Arncliffe, Yorks |
| 1611 | John Metcalfe of Follifoot, Yorks |
| 1611 | Isabel Metcalfe of Wheatley, near Ilkley |
| 1616 | Alexander Metcalfe of Beverley, Yorks |
| 1616 | Marmaduke Metcalfe of Newbrough, near Cox
wold, Yorks |
| 1616 | William Metcalfe, buried at Yarm |
| 1617 | Ellen Metcalfe of Healaugh, Yorks |
| 1624 | Anne Metcalfe of Holme, Newark, Notts |
| 1639 | John Metcalfe of Hillhouse Banks, Leeds |
| 1747 | James Metcalfe, Inman Lodge, Horton in Ribbles
dale |
| 1750 | George Metcalfe of Nottingham (administration) |
| 1751 | William Metcalfe of Sutton, Lincs |
| 1753 | John Metcalf of Grainthorpe, Lincs |
| 1755 | Thomas Metcalf of Surfleet, Lincs |
| 1755 | William Metcalfe of North Newbold, Yorks |
| 1761 | William Metcalf of Kirton, Lincs |
| 1765 | Richard Metcalf of Ebberston, Yorks |
| 1766 | Elizabeth Metcalf of South Hykeham, Lincs |
| 1771 | Marmaduke Metcalfe of Glamford Briggs, Lincs |
| 1779 | Ann Metcalf of Snainton & Ebberston, Yorks |
| 1782 | George Metcalf of Fleet, Lincs |
| 1789 | William Metcalf of Beck Stones in Ravenstonedale |
| 1795 | Rev. Christopher Metcalfe of Redbourne, Lincs |
| 1795 | Thomas Medcalfe of Barton upon Humber, Lincs |
| 1795 | Thomas Metcalf of Tydd St Mary, Lincs |
| 1813 | Joseph Metcalf of Misterton, Notts |

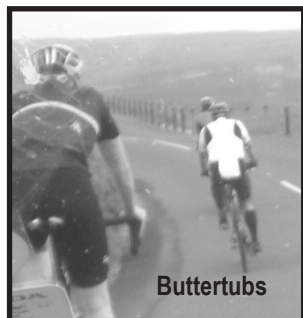


As you read this, possibly the greatest event for many a generation, in the Dales, will have been and gone.

For months hardly a conversation has not included the effect that it was having /was going to have on the Dales.

It was the TOUR de FRANCE.

June 2014 What is a French bicycle race doing in 'God's own country'? Well that's not the point (although it is good for the race organisers and sponsors to find new potential customers) it is what it has done already to the Dales it is passing through (and even those not on the direct route) and what it may do in the future. An immediate effect can be seen by the number of cyclists in the Dales. On a Sunday in early June some 1500 amateur cyclists rode from Hawes across Buttertubs and everyday sees cyclists (singly or in groups) around the route.



Since it was announced some twelve months ago a head of steam (Is that appropriate for a cycle race?) has been raised to super heat. Last autumn saw the entrepreneurs amongst the Yorkshire folk start advertising and taking would be Froome's and Cavendish's along the proposed route. By early 2014 many hotels/pubs/b&b's/holiday cottages etc were fully booked or nearly so. Of all the innovative ideas my favourite is the Tour de France ice

cream from Brymor, sporting the tour leaders yellow shirt colouring. The mango and banana flavour is a definite winner for me.

As I contemplate the dale on a pleasant warm day, serenaded by a blackbird, with barely three weeks to go to the auspicious day in early July, the excitement in some quarters is almost palpable even if one hill farmer was heard to say a few days ago "When is that 'ere race?".

Almost everywhere in Upper Wensleydale show signs of the Tour. Cut out yellow bicycles adorn sheds/roofs/walls along the route (some 100* are said to be seen in Bainbridge) with many other original bicycles/tricycles/bike parts - all painted yellow – appearing in the strangest of places. Hawes has over 3000 pennants and numerous posters whilst Askrigg and Carperby (neither of which are on the direct route) have their own displays.

Swaledale is determined not to be out done with Muker leading the way with its own pennants/flags and signs and Gunnerside and Reeth doing their bit.



L-R. Carperby, Bainbridge, Gunnerside



In the last week (mid June) the North Yorkshire/Richmondshire Councils have been finalising road repairs, cutting back overgrown verges with road closure signs and threats to those parking illegally have sprung up as have private car parking signs. The latter sprouting like Beggarman's Bread (Cow Parsley) on fields owned by local landowners and farmers. There is hardly a field not available for parking use. With some 350,000

spectators expected on the first day route from Leeds (via the Dales) to Harrogate lots of car spaces will be needed.



Movement around the Dales could be “interesting” with many of the roads near the route and the route itself, closed from 6am on the day of the race (and some from the day before). It is said that it could be 12/14 hours after the event before some drivers will be able to leave the area!



The local police will have their hands full constraining the crowds - especially on the popular climbs at Cray, Buttertubs and Grinton - with concerns expressed that the police motorcycle escorts won't be able to keep in front of the cycle riders descending Buttertubs into Swaledale. Cyclists could hit 60mph, more than a comfortable speed for motorcycles on that piece of road!

What effect will this momentous event have on the Dales? Too early to say. Short term there has already been a fillip to the local economy with more visitors/cyclists expected at least well in to 2015 and probably beyond. The changing nature of the North Yorkshire economy could be kick started into the future. That the Dales will be different seems to go without saying. As one young shop assistant in Hawes said “ Nothing ever happens around here. This is exciting.”



Vive le Tour!

** Final yellow bike count reportedly over 300!*

Peter Dobson M69

Whilst in Wensleydale we walked from Gayle to Burtersett along the old quarryman's path and happened to meet with local artist Brian Alderman. He kindly showed us around his studio and also his paintings he had specifically created for the Tour event.

I must admit I thought they were very good; as were other local artists including Moira Metcalfe whose paintings were shown at Herriot's Kitchen cafe and the Dales Countryside Museum, both in Hawes.

Picture-

The artist outside his Burtersett studio



Saturday 5 July 2014 Grand Depart



Weather: Early cloud giving way to sunny periods

Road conditions: Mainly dry

Crowds: Large numbers gathered on the three climbs

Crowd expectations: Sky high!

From the time it was announced that 2014's Tour de France would have its Grand Départ in Yorkshire, we resolved to see it pass at some point, 'we' being my daughter Anne, son-in-law John and me. They are very keen cyclists and most years do a tour of their own in France on a two-week holiday, so are enthusiastic followers. They live in Nottingham, returned there from France late on July 3rd and travelled up to Preston on the 4th, ready for us all to have the long-anticipated day out on the 5th.

It hadn't been easy to decide where exactly to be in Yorkshire for Stage One or how best to travel from Lancashire. Opting in the end to drive from Preston to Ribbleshead and take the train to Skipton proved to be inspired. The first southbound train starts at Ribbleshead, leaving at 7.16 am and arriving in Skipton by 8.00. We got up alarm-clock-settingly early at 4.45, left at 5.15, and were joining three other cars in the station parking area by 6.30 – time for a picnic breakfast before the train arrived at 7.00. Lots of people got on at all the stations down the line and the atmosphere was great, helped by "Bonjour and Good Morning" greetings from Northern Rail's staff member at every point.

We found an early-opening coffee shop in Skipton for a caffeine boost and by 9.00 had browsed round the souvenir stalls behind the Town Hall, (where also one of the town's two Big Screens was installed), and picked a viewing spot at the top end of High Street by the War Memorial. We talked to people, were entertained at intervals by a drummer who'd called himself 'Puncture Kit' and had some commentaries on the events taking place in Leeds and the progress of the race. The area of blue sky rapidly increased and the sun came out – perfect! The caravan arrived at 10.50 and the riders at 12.50, both to much clapping and flag-waving. It was an exciting experience. Those who saw ITV4's coverage will have appre-

ciated that the watchers were at least 10-deep on both sides of the road in Skipton, as indeed elsewhere, and High Street was closed to the public well before the first vehicles arrived.

There was plenty to do after the riders and their team cars – carrying spare bikes by the dozen - had passed and many then made their way to the Big Screen to watch further progress north through Upper Wharfedale into Wensleydale and over the 'Côte de Buttertubs' into Swaledale, the Dales scenery looking at its absolute best. The Information Centre had mounted an interesting exhibition on the Tour's history and organisation and of course the whole town was awash with decorative yellow flags and replica tour jerseys. Again, the atmosphere was amazing.

Getting back to Ribbleshead was more of a challenge but Northern Rail were excellent, organising queues outside the station before letting anyone on, being very informative, and putting on an extra train. There were a couple of buses to take people to Gargrave and Hellfield, leaving train space for those travelling farther afield, and, on what had turned out to be a very warm day, they thoughtfully gave out welcomed bottles of water to one and all.

So it was that at 4.30 pm we were sitting in glorious sunshine on Ribbleshead station finishing the remains of the packed food, looking across to Ingleborough, and reflecting on what had been for us the event of a lifetime. We were so glad we had been there; 05/07/2014 is a date that will long remain in our memories.

Joan Metcalfe M63



Top

Wensleydale Creamery showcase their cheese truckles

Below

First intermediate sprint at Street Head Newbiggin Bishopdale
Pictures Diane Howarth

What have 2 million people done today to make #Yorkshire proud?

As a resident and tourism business owner of Cottage in the Dales, located in the middle of the Yorkshire Dales National Park right on the route of Le Tour de France, the subject has been in our minds and on our online news pages for 2 years - from supporting the 'Le Bid', the announcement of the route, filling all our cottages within one week thereafter and keeping up to date on the preparations for 18 months.

In that time, the key discussions were around understanding the implications, the preparations, what would happen and how it impacted everyone on so many levels. There were always the minority 'bah humbug' who could only see how it limited their ability to move around freely for one weekend. Some needed to be convinced! Others, like ourselves who didn't just see it as a race which gave us early bookings, but could also see the real economic legacy value in the long term to our area. The tourism businesses have repeatedly asked what can be done to secure more visitors, staying longer and spending more. The Grand Depart delivered that and more!

The buzz in the two weeks leading up to the event was simply amazing. Yellow bikes of all shapes and sizes (with no yellow spray paint to be bought within an hour's drive!), bunting of Le Tour shirts appeared everywhere irrespective of whether a village was on the route. An enormous white bike appeared over Hawes just like the white horse on the Yorkshire Moors. Wensleydale Creamery showcased their cheese truckles by providing farmers with plastic coverings for their hay bales - they looked fantastic stacked along the roadsides throughout Wensleydale. Our display of an old butchers bike with local produce, bunting and yellow sheep of Ewegenie, Ewenice & Ewena 'commenting' on joining the race in between deliveries for 'Harry's express deliveries' raised a number of laughs for walkers. A carnival atmosphere was everywhere.



Old butchers bike with local produce

Our hamlet of Newbiggin became the first intermediate sprint of the first stage of the first day of the 101st Tour de France! We only had to wander 150m to the pub where food/drink/TV were available to follow it all. The cavalcade of all shapes and size vehicles passed through supported by Gendarmes and UK Police high-fiving the spectators. The only other 'vehicles' that came through were amateur cyclists who were cheered through the spring finish about an hour ahead of the race. Everyone was in carnival spirit as the continuous updates of the peloton's progress was reported from the TV.

The excitement reached fever pitch as the overhead helicopter could be heard and then seen coming down along Bishopdale ... first the 3 outriders wooshed by through to great cheers ... a slight pause and then the peloton in its throng to a large crowd roar supported by battering on the hoarding. A brief glance at 'Cav' - Mark Cavendish but not a chance to work out which cyclist was 'va va Froome'! The peloton was speedily followed by a host of cars at speed with many bikes on top. Then they were gone!

Not able to venture anywhere further, due to the route closure, we wandered back and hosted our village BBQ for 150 people in our back garden, following the route on a large TV. Without exception we were amazed by the stunning videography from the helicopter, showing the Dales in its glory, taken to dizzy heights of majesty with the beautiful weather and massive supportive crowds.

It felt weird to see such familiar sights on the TV knowing that billions were watching. We received emails and texts from friends literally around the world commenting on the view over Yorkshire. We were 'right proud' and even a little emotional at what turned out to be a day that showcased our small part of the world at a level that we could only ever dream about. It really was a marvellous day without any trouble whatsoever and made everyone feel so happy. It may have been just a cycle race on our doorstep - albeit the third largest sporting event in the world, that has now been triumphed as the grandest of Grand Departs by the French organisers.

Reading the news reports that evening, I was amazed to read the cyclists comments at the crowds. So I texted from @cottage dales 'What have 2 million people done to make #Yorkshire proud @letouryorkshire #TDF Thank you @GaryVerity @Welcome2Yorks. Amazingly it was retweeted to almost 50,000 people. Wow - quite a few agreed with the sentiment!

From a legacy perspective, in the two weeks since the race our website received the highest number of hits that weekend - ever! We have already received reservations for over 35 nights in the coming year and reading reports that so many now see Yorkshire and the Yorkshire Dales for its beauty and would like to visit. That is the real benefit - a boost to the long term sustainable economy of the Yorkshire Dales.

Diane Howarth M409



Diane and daughter Pippa wearing Grand Depart Jumpers

Just seen on News at Ten an interview with a farmer painting his sheep yellow!

It just happened to be Richard Appleton,
the son of my mother **Margaret Metcalfe (M52)**
& **Lesley Longworth (M68)**'s mother's cousin.

David Metcalfe M46

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ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

This continues to be a fascinating job! Some lines can lead back a long way through many family intricacies, such as Helena Wehrstein's 'tree'. Others can only be traced a little way with any certainty at present, as with Steven Metcalfe's. Here, family stories of John and Annie marrying in Gretna Green and then spending some time in Canada have proved hard to check, partly because the names, John Metcalfe and Annie Johnson are common at that time and partly because the pair may not have been totally honest regarding their ages and so on in later censuses. However, hopefully a breakthrough can be made at some point. Like Lynnette Metcalf, some members are considering a participation in the DNA project to find whether their family ancestry links back to known branches. This could well be a way ahead for any member whose earliest known ancestor is in an industrial area like Manchester but who probably migrated there from the countryside looking for work opportunities.

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Re-joining the Society

M1703 Mr Roger Metcalf

It is with regret we inform members of the death of

Mr Philip Bolam M1960.

We extend our condolences to family and friends.

My uncle

James Overgard Metcalfe

passed away on January 30th 2014 at the age 97.

He was the one submitting his DNA for our project and very special to find we connect to the original Metcalfe's.

I think this article portrays true Metcalfe spirit and true grit.

Wow, what a personality and a true patriot of his time.

Sandi Walton

M541

<http://www.edmontonjournal.com/touch/story.html?id=9593850>

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ORMSKIRK & DISTRICT FHS, N MEOLS (Southport) FHS,*

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Saturday 4 October 2014
at the Dales Countryside
Museum, Hawes,
North Yorkshire.
10 till 4.

**Details with this issue of
the Mecca News.**

Doncaster & District Family & Local History Fair,

Saturday 18th October,
Doncaster College for the Deaf,
10.00 – 4.00,
Admission £1.

Talk, stall and crafts.

www.doncasterfhs.co.uk

Making the Connection: Railway records for Family Historians,

Sat. 27th September, National
Railway Museum, York.
£35 (incl. refreshments & lunch,
with donation of £30 to Friends of
the NRM)

www.nmr.org.uk/making-connections-conference

WhoDoYouThinkYouAre? LIVE Show

To be held in the SECC Hall Glasgow from 29th to 31st August 2014
in connection with

Visit Scotland Homecoming 2014

Click on the organisation's website at

<http://www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com>

for further details.

Yorkshire Group of FFHS's Meeting, 12 July 2014

The York Family History Fair was not as well attended as in previous years with only 750 people through the door. Members of the Federation Group suggested that it was due to poor advertising, a high charge at the door and no assistance with public transport. Also Ancestry and The National Archives were not there on the day. It was felt that if the situation continued without improvement, the Fair could be cancelled in future as the other major commercials could also pull out.

Find My Past has bought out Origins.net which currently holds material held in the Borthwick archive. This material includes ecclesiastical records for the Yorkshire diocese, and will soon be available on-line.

The Bradford Tithe Map website was launched recently and is also available on-line.

Who Do You Think You Are in Glasgow, 29 – 31 August 2014. The Federation will be attending with a Yorkshire Stall. If you are going, please support the team there.

Who Do You Think You Are 2015 at the NEC, Birmingham, 15 – 18 April. Day tickets are available, and there are coaches going down from Yorkshire for the 4 days as well as on the Saturday. Again, The Federation will be taking stalls and some of our larger groups will have individual tables. **Jo Heron**

FFHS NEWS *from Beryl Evans FFHS Archives Liaison Officer* 11 February 2014

National Library of Wales released 27 publications titles (200,000 pages) from the Library's rich collection on Welsh Newspapers Online. They said

"Take a trip back in time from the comfort of your home or office and discover millions of freely available articles published before 1919. The resource now allows you to search and read over 630,000 pages from almost 100 newspaper publications from the National Library's collection, and this will grow to over 1 million pages as more publications are added during 2014.

Among the latest titles are Y Negesydd, Caernarvon and Denbigh Herald, Glamorgan Gazette, Carmarthen Journal, Welshman, and Rhondda Leader, not forgetting Y Drych, the weekly newspaper for the Welsh diaspora in America.

Browse the resource and discover unique information on a variety of subjects, including family history, local history and much more that was once difficult to find unless the researcher was able to browse through years of heavy volumes."

Editor: I put in Metcalfe (haven't tried the derivations yet) and got nearly 4500 hits! The newspapers may be from Wales but the news items are from all over the UK/world.

Well worth a look.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

It is almost one hundred years since the commencement of WW1, when so many families lost their love-one during the duration of war from 1914 to 1918. Nationally there are to be many events to commemorate this horrendous war, but I, like many others, will be thinking of the members of their own family at this time who lost their lives fighting for their country!

There were two men in my immediate family who were killed fighting in this war, my grandfather's younger brother, Arthur Spurge, and my Father's elder brother, Ralph Metcalfe.

Until 2011 I didn't even know that Ralph Metcalfe existed. He was never spoken about at home by my Father, who mostly talked about his eight sisters. He was one of twelve children born to Ralph (senior) and Dorothy, nee Spark. Ralph junior was listed in the 1901 census living with his parents and siblings at 39 Hunter Street, Wallsend. His age was given as eight months, and so I searched and searched for his birth without success. However in the 1911 census there he was still living with parents and siblings this time at 75 Spencer Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. I then found his birth realising that there had been an error in the 1901 census when his age should have been recorded as eight years!

Everything then fell into place, and I was able to locate a birth in the September quarter of 1892 in Gateshead and a marriage in 1912 in the June quarter in Newcastle-upon-Tyne to Sarah Elliott. They had two children yet another Ralph obviously named after his father, grandfather and gt grandfather born in the September quarter of 1912 and a daughter, Brenda born in the March quarter of 1916. Unfortunately I know nothing else about this family. The names are quite common, and its really been impossible to see what happened to Sarah and the children without purchasing numerous certificates.

However, we do know a little more about Ralph, as sadly he was killed in the first world war on the 17th July 1916. We don't even know if he ever saw his baby daughter, Brenda, born that year. The commonwealth War Graves Commission have information on their site, and extensive details about the Mericourt-L'abbe Communal Cemetery Extension in France where he is buried. Details about Ralph (service No. 4726) are given stating that he died from wounds, probably incurred during the Battle of the Somme, which commenced on the 1st July 1916. He was aged 24; he was a Private in the Northumberland Fusiliers, 16th Battalion (Territorial), and that his theatre of war had been both in Flanders and France. He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal, but not the commonly worn "Pip Squeak and

Wilfred" medals as he did not survive the war!

We also know from the site that in the early summer of 1915 Commonwealth forces relieved French troops on this part of the front and Mericourt Ribemont Station became a railhead. The extension to the communal cemetery at Mericourt was begun in August 1915 and was used chiefly by field Ambulances until July 1916 when it was closed until the German advance of March 1918. From March 1918 to August 1918 it was used by units engaged in the defence of Amiens. There are now 411 Commonwealth burials and commemorations of the first world war in the extension including 11 German burials. Apparently the extension was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens.

My granddaughter, who has been studying the first world war in history, was surprised that only two members of our immediate family had lost their lives, but both my grandfather's brothers, Charles and Frederick William did serve in the Army, but fortunately survived. My grandfather, Frank, worked on the railways, so was not "called up" Ralph Metcalfe's three younger brothers would all have been too young including my father, who did, however, join the Boys' Service of the RAF in 1919 aged sixteen.

Our family, have, therefore, much to be thankful for!

Pam Jarmain M123

***Mericourt-L'abbe Communal Cemetery Extension
Somme, France***



Metcalfes in World War I

The following is the list of the wills carried by Metcalfe soldiers who died in WW1. It is likely that most soldiers signed a format will - 'just in case' - so they may be very standardised, but perhaps if one of your ancestors died and is listed below, more information is available on www.gov.uk/probate-search

Jo Heron

Surname	First name	Regimental number	Date of death
METCALFE	ALBERT EDWARD	10708	19-Sep-14
METCALFE	EDWARD HARWOOD	8790	01-Jan-15
METCALFE	JOSEPH WILLIAM	2969	15-May-15
METCALFE	JAMES	16909	16-Jun-15
METCALFE	WILLIAM HENRY	18143	05-Aug-15
METCALFE	GEORGE	10703	07-Aug-15
METCALFE	ERNEST	11259	07-Aug-15
METCALFE	J	11739	24-Sep-15
METCALFE	HARRY	201136	06-Oct-15
METCALF	WILLIAM	2618	01-Nov-15
METCALFE	EDWARD	3/11973	29-Nov-15
METCALFE	BENTLY	3/12714	10-Dec-15
METCALFE	RALPH	9/11566	19-Dec-15
METCALF	HARRY LEONARD	16775	23-May-16
METCALFE	WILLIAM	16251	01-Jul-16
METCALF	CHARLES	22739	01-Jul-16
METCALF	MATTHEW	22/1232	01-Jul-16
METCALFE	WILLIAM	10627	08-Jul-16
METCALFE	ERNEST	18828	14-Jul-16
METCALFE	WILLIAM	58609	22-Jul-16
METCALFE	THOMAS	7903	27-Jul-16
METCALFE	WALTER	27902	03-Aug-16
METCALF	FREDERICK JAMES	27240	16-Aug-16
METCALF	JAMES	16071	14-Sep-16
METCALFE	WILLIAM	45708	18-Sep-16
METCALFE	JOHN	4021	22-Sep-16
METCALFE	THOMAS	17051	26-Sep-16
METCALFE	JOHN HARRISON	21215	29-Sep-16
METCALFE	HENRY NORRIS	43285	30-Oct-16
METCALFE	FRED	44534	31-Oct-16
METCALFE	ALBERT	3944	05-Nov-16
METCALFE	JOHN	242450	09-Mar-17
METCALFE	THOMAS	19886	10-Apr-17
METCALF	THOMAS	15421	16-Apr-17
METCALFE	THOMAS GEORGE	43059	23-Apr-17
METCALF	HAROLD	5134	25-Apr-17
METCALF	SAM	18176	28-Apr-17
METCALFE	GEORGE	90430	30-Apr-17
METCALFE	JAMES WILLIAM	241185	02-May-17
METCALF	FRED	269248	15-May-17
METCALFE	CARLTON	27109	04-Jun-17
METCALFE	CHARLES	26547	23-Jun-17

METCALFE	ROBERT HARPER	23259	07-Jul-17
METCALFE	JOHN	21991	15-Jul-17
METCALF	JAMES WILLIAM	32595	31-Jul-17
METCALFE	THOMAS	14750	02-Aug-17
METCALF	HARRY	19913	05-Aug-17
METCALFE	ARTHUR	29706	06-Aug-17
METCALFE	HENRY	40152	04-Sep-17
METCALFE	WALTER	15239	20-Sep-17
METCALFE	ENOCH	20389	21-Sep-17
METCALFE	MICHAEL CHARLES	327867	26-Sep-17
METCALFE	ALBERT	29142	08-Oct-17
METCALFE	ARTHUR VICTOR	45400	09-Oct-17
METCALFE	JOHN THOMAS	24062	09-Oct-17
METCALFE	CHARLES LOUIS	240416	04-Nov-17
METCALFE	HERBERT LAWSON 1	6077	20-Nov-17
METCALFE	WILLIAM	266969	22-Nov-17
METCALFE	SYDNEY	32421	01-Dec-17
METCALF	WALTER HENRY	9524	03-Dec-17
METCALFE	MATHEW	44551	14-Jan-18
METCALFE	SIDNEY	29424	01-Feb-18
METCALFE	WILLIAM LEONARD	78814	15-Feb-18
METCALFE	CYRIL	14027	20-Feb-18
METCALFE	WILLIAM MILES	38853	18-Mar-18
METCALFE	WILLIAM R	8345	22-Mar-18
METCALFE	JOHN	6755	28-Mar-18
METCALF	WILLIAM HENRY	13477	30-Mar-18
METCALF	STEPHEN	18856	21-Apr-18
METCALF	JAMES	14772	27-Apr-18
METCALFE	EDGAR PERCY	574642	02-May-18
METCALFE	CHARLES NORMAN	201413	05-May-18
METCALFE	MORTON	232869	30-May-18
METCALF	JACK	42016	09-Jun-18
METCALFE	GEORGE EDWARD	44936	21-Jun-18
METCALFE	JOHN	32879	20-Jul-18
METCALF T	HOMAS EDWIN	201597	13-Aug-18
METCALFE	JOHN	63572	21-Aug-18
METCALFE	IRVING	202352	31-Aug-18
METCALFE	DIGLY	36782	31-Aug-18
METCALFE	JOSEPH G	/93398	08-Sep-18
METCALFE	ALBERT	241952	22-Sep-18
METCALFE	FRED	44154	24-Sep-18
METCALFE	THOMAS	22211	27-Sep-18
METCALFE	HENRY	10430	05-Oct-18
METCALFE	GEORGE HENRY	6939	19-Oct-18
METCALFE	WILLIAM	245230	20-Oct-18
METCALFE	WILLIAM	8524	26-Nov-18
METCALFE	JAMES WILLIAM	248950	28-Nov-18
METCALFE	JAMES	38092	28-Nov-18
METCALF	GEORGE	464124	06-Jan-19

Metcalfe's and the Tour de France

As the success of British cycling increased the popularity beyond expectations for the Tour de France as it breezed through the Yorkshire Dales, how many people would have remembered a leading Yorkshire racing cyclist of the 1960's and early 1970's with the famous surname.

The following quote is from a recent Yorkshire Post article -

*"The Metcalfe family name is highly respected in Yorkshire. Parish records in Wensleydale and Swaledale, through which the Tour de France travels this month, are full of Metcafes who have battled the elements and scratched a living from the rocky ground of these wild, beautiful places for centuries. The Metcafes are warriors: the Dales archers, many of whom bore the name, were the artillery of medieval warfare on the legendary battlefields of Crécy and Agincourt. But **Arthur Metcalfe** chose a bicycle rather than a longbow to make his point."*



Arthur Metcalfe (1938-2002) would today be called a race winner, an excellent all rounder at time trials and races. He won the 1964 Milk Race and 1965 Manx International one-day race. The following year he achieved the double, winning the national amateur road race championship as well as taking the British best all-rounder time trial competition. After turning professional he entered for the first time and completed the 1967 Tour de France in 69th position. He failed to complete the race the following year. Despite coming through the ranks from the school of hard knocks, his racing career was cut short in 1971 by a broken pelvis, something that the British riders in the 2014 Tour would sympathise with.

David Metcalfe M46

T' Yorksherman's Cooat ov Arms

*A flea, a fly, a magpie, an' a bacon flitch,
Is t'Yorksherman's coot ov arms;
An' t' reason they've chosen these things sa rich,
Is becoss they hev aw special charms,
A flea will bite whaivver it can;
An so mi lads will a Yorkersherman!
A fly will sup wi Tom, Dick or Dan;
An' so I gow will a Yorksherman!
A magpie can talk for a terrible span:
An' so an' aw can a Yorksherman!
A flitch is na good whol it's hung, ye'll agree;
Na maar is a Yorksherman, dooan't ye see!*

I recently came across this on the internet:

Peter Dobson M69

Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Archaeology Group

SWAAG is a group of enthusiasts in the northernmost Yorkshire dales who are contributing to the knowledge base of the history of our dales through archaeological and related activity. SWAAG, affiliated with the Swaledale Museum, began work in July 2009 under the guidance and supervision of Tim Laurie FSA, the leading expert on prehistoric landscapes in the area.

Our work programme meets a wide range of interests: desk-top research on documents, Google Earth, aerial and site photographs; site surveying, mapping and drawing; linking geology to historic land use; recording ancient and relict vegetation and trees; field-walking and producing published reports. (www.swaag.org)



Speaking with **David Metcalfe M46** on other matters I mentioned the sighting and David informed me that he was part of the group! They are currently digging around Fremington just outside of Grinton and he said that as well as getting covered in mud they had also discovered some Romano-British artifacts. The group have kindly provided the picture of David hard at work. Apparently this had to be staged as usually he was head down in a trench!

Animal Tour de Dales!

Left:

Sheep in Hawes

Right:

Lamb in Reeth

Below:

Cow in Askrigg

