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Welcome to The Mecca News

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This issue covers Murder Military and Marriages (amongst other things).
Something I hope to interest titillate and enjoy.

Trying to get a balance is the bane of editors lives. There is a lot of WW1 information around at present and there is a danger of military fatigue. However information about ones forebearers is often left to BMD's, Census returns and sometimes not much else. World War 1 was one of the few occasions when most of the men under 40 were recorded over a period of four/five years. A time rich in possibilities for the family historian. So expect to see further articles and potential sources from that era in future editions!

If you have stories you think might interest members
don't hesitate - send them in.

Your Society is always looking to make improvements and one of these is the introduction of a new website. Diane Howarth gave a demonstration of how it would look at the Muster and a picture/comments are at page 20.

It should be live in early 2015 so look out for the launch. If you have changed your email address please let the Membership secretary Liz Waller know. *Contact details page 32.*

Have a happy festive season and a healthy and successful 2015.



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John Metcalfe Westmorland Murderer

One day, on November 23rd, 1889, John Metcalfe (age 33) returned from Appleby Market, Westmorland to his home in Long Marton where he lived with his father James and step-mother Rosamond Metcalfe (age 54). An altercation arose between stepson and stepmother which resulted in the brutal death of Rosamond Metcalfe. John fled the scene and was later found a mile away in a barn. The inquest held at the Mason's Arms Inn, Long Marton the following Wednesday returned a verdict of "WILLFUL MURDER AGAINST JOHN METCALFE."

At the Appleby Assizes, on the 19th February, he was tried for willful murder, found guilty and sentenced to the death penalty. The jury recommended leniency, and the judge passed this on to the relevant authorities.

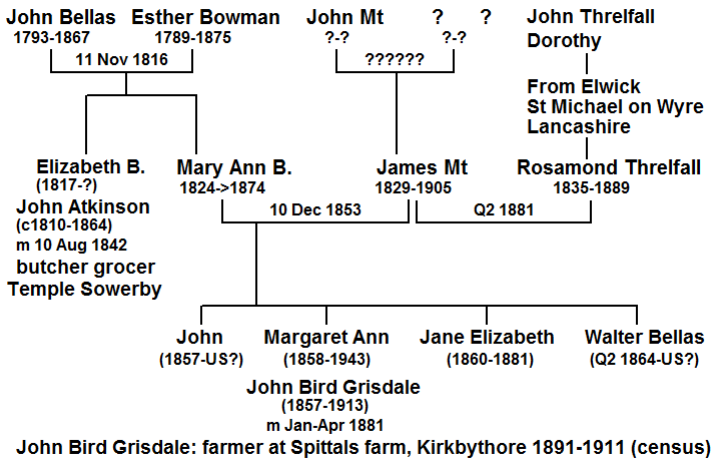
The events were widely reported in newspapers around the country, from which this brief account was extracted. Six hundred residents of Appleby and the neighbourhood signed a petition for Mr. Metcalfe's reprieve; the sentence was commuted to penal servitude for life (*The Westmorland Gazette* 8th March 1890). In 1901, a petition for John's early release of was lodged in the Appleby Post Office by one Miss Atkinson of Temple Sowerby (*Manchester Courier* 4th May 1901); he was released on Thursday March 20th 1902 (*Sunderland Daily Echo* 22nd March 1902). There seems to have been a great deal of sympathy for John in the village, in the court and in his family. For example the *Yorkshire Gazette*, 22nd February 1890 and the *Lancaster Gazette* 30th November 1889 reported the incident. A more detailed report on the inquest can be found on page 7, first two columns of *The Carlisle Patriot* published on Friday 29th November 1889. The *Times* newspaper had a brief report of the inquest in its Thursday 28th November 1889 edition page 7, stating that the inquest was held at Kirkby Stephen. There are inconsistencies in the various reports..

Census records place John Metcalfe in HM Convict Prison, Gillingham, Kent, in 1891, single, aged 37, and in Portland Convict Prison, Dorset, in 1901 aged 47 (the "7" could be interpreted as 4 or 9, but does not look like other 4s and 9s on the same page). Both give his birthplace as Long Marton in Westmorland.

This article reviews my search for the family of John Metcalfe based on census pages, wills and other (transcript) sources available via computer from my office in Colchester, with minimal use of relatively expensive birth, marriage and death certificates.

One of the newspaper reports said that James and Rosamond were married "nine years earlier". There is also a report of a brother Mr Threlfall attending the funeral. This takes us to the certificate reference for the marriage between James Metcalfe and Rosamond Threlfall, April-June 1881, East Ward registration district. Another newspaper report

says that Rosamond was a native of Garstang, Lancashire. This agrees with a series of census returns 1841-1881, starting in Calder Vale, township of Catterall, borough of Garstang in 1841 (5 year old with John Threlfall age 50 and three teenagers), Garstang in 1851 with an uncle, a servant in Preston in 1861, a cook at Grassland Hall, Cato, Lancashire in 1871, and a 45 year old housekeeper at Watermillock near Penrith in 1881. *Familysearch.org* reveals a christening of Rosamond Threlfall on 20th December 1835 at St Michael on Wyre (*the name of a village*), Lancashire, daughter of John and Dorothy Threlfall. Rosamond's census entries gives "where born" as St Michael's or Elwick (in the parish of Wyre just South of Garstang).



Administration of Rosamund's personal estate was granted to her husband James Metcalfe of Kirkbythore on 3rd April 1891¹. We find him there in the 1891 census, retired farmer born at Orton, widower age 64. We can now trace him back to 1841, a 15 year old agricultural labourer at Langdale in the parish of Orton; he has left his family home already. In 1861 and 1871 he was at Long Marton with a family consisting of his wife Mary Ann, two daughters (Mary Ann, Jane Elizabeth) and two sons including John born about 1854. The other son, six year old Walter Bellas Metcalfe and his widowed mother in law Esther Bellas were with him in 1871. It is clear that James married Mary Ann Bellas. The marriage took place on 10th December 1853 at Long Marton. The marriage certificate says that James was a labourer of Cliburn, and Mary Ann was of Long Marton; fathers John Bellas, yeoman and John Metcalf labourer. It is intriguing that James was an agricultural labourer in 1861 and a landowner and farmer in 1871, both at Long Marton. His father in law John Bellas died in 1867; probate for his will worth almost £1500, was granted to his widow Esther, daughter Elizabeth Atkinson (widow of Temple Sowerby) and Edward Heelis the younger "gentleman" of

Appleby (*National Probate Calendar*). So we have a look at the will. The key section in the will for our purposes is as follows:

"I give and devise to my daughter the said Mary Ann Metcalfe and to heirs all the messuage or dwelling house garden and premises situate at Sidelands in the parish of Long Marton with the two closes of land adjoining called respectively Red Brow and New Close".

John Bellas was indeed well off as "all the rest" is bequeathed to his son John, as well as looking after his wife Esther and other daughter Elizabeth Atkinson.

In 1881 James Metcalfe was 52, widower, retired farmer living at Kirkbythore. The household included daughter Margaret A., married to John Grisdale, butcher, as well as Jane E, Walter B and a grandson Charles Metcalfe⁴. Mary Ann died 4th September 1874 (*there is a memorial inscription to this effect in the church at Long Marton*²). John Bellas and Esther Bowman were married at Long Marton on 11th November 1816³. John was a grocer in 1841 in Long Marton with two sons and two daughters including Elizabeth who married John Atkinson 10th August 1842 at Long Marton³. The latter was the butcher and grocer of Temple Sowerby in 1861, with two daughters. His 1864¹ will was proved by widow Elizabeth who was grocer and draper there in 1871. In 1861 John Bellas was a farmer with 62 acres in the village of Long Marton. I could not find Long Marton in the 1851 census records.

What of the early years of John Metcalfe, the 'hero' of these paragraphs? From census records he was born at Long Marton, Westmorland about 1854; his birthday was 5th March 1854. The birth certificate names the parents as expected, gives place of birth as Long Marton and informs us that James was a husbandman. In 1861 and 1871 he was at home with his parents and family in the village of Long Marton, age 7 & 17. He left home by 1881. The 1889 Carlisle Patriot mentioned above tells us: "...John, who had gone to America, but returned about three years ago...". So John was probably in America in 1881. We can reject the census record for 1881 for John Metcalfe lodging at Mallerstang as a 26 year old shepherd in the household of railway labourer Robert Watson and his wife Ann. *Incidentally the same newspaper report said that John's brother (Walter Bellas) was still in America. Walter must have returned later as we find that John was visited in prison by his "father, brother, sister and brother in law" (Westmorland Gazette 8th March 1890).*

I could not find what happened to John after his release from prison. His father died in 1905. Here is the main part of the will: *"I give all my household furniture and all other my personal estate and effects whatsoever and wherever unto my said son John Metcalfe absolutely"..... "his heirs and assigns for ever".* There is a legacy for daughter Margaret Ann Grisdale and an annuity for son Walter Bellas. John was a yeoman of Kirkbythore on the probate document dated 24th March 1905. There is no sign of John Metcalfe in the 1911 census. There are

several England death certificate references for John Metcalfe born around 1854. The nearest one, in East Ward, Westmorland, Oct-Dec 1907, turned out to be a railway plate layer with a daughter Jane, and so not the one in whom we are interested. The most likely explanation for this lack of information is that he has gone back to America. There are a few possibilities in the emigration records which need following up in North America, including ships passenger lists which suggest John might have gone to Canada.

An hours search in Ancestry's international records in Colchester Library revealed just one document, the 1900 census for the town of Lake, part of the city of Chicago. This names 36 year old Walter B Metcalf boarding with Frederick and Ellen Body. Walter's birthday was May 1864, in agreement with the birth certificate reference for Q2 1864 and a christening date of 26th June 1864 at Long Marton. He was a cattle driver who went to America in 1887.

P.S. The 1889 Carlisle Patriot tells us that the house in Long Marton where the crime took place had an inscription above the door: "John Bellas and Margaret his wife 1740". I got no further in identifying the house in Long Marton until I found, in an internet document "The Path to London"⁴, a reference to a house with inscription "John and Margaret Bellases 1740", the house being known as "Midtown Farm". An internet search soon revealed that Midtown Farmhouse, as it is now



named since is not a farm, but a bed and breakfast establishment.

My thanks go to the proprietress Mrs. Anne Perry for the photograph and permission to include it in this article. Zooming in on the sign above the door in the photo reveals "John Bellas Margraet his wife 1740" (the t looks like f).

References:

1. National Probate Calendar.
2. <http://www.northofthesands.org.uk/westmoreland/>
3. ancestry.co.uk transcript
4. The Path to London by Mavis Price. A History of the Bellas family in Westmorland, which looks closely at some family groups. Mavis Price has kindly given permission for Westmorland Villages to publish her work.
5. See essay by Stephen Lewis at <http://grisdalefamily.wordpress.com/2014/06/30/architecture-and-resistors-the-american-dream-comes-true-for-one-grisdale-family/>

Michael Peel M1698

Subscriptions again kept at 2002 levels!

The Committee's recommendation not to increase subscription rates was unanimously endorsed by the AGM.

So don't delay if you haven't already paid for 2015 follow the instructions enclosed with this magazine and renew your membership today!



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: **WW1 Project** - we have not received any further information since the last :
: Mecca News - if anyone has details of what their family were doing on the :
: Home Front - we would love to hear from you. :
:

Jo Heron

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Membership Numbers holding steady.

As with many family history societies we have seen a decrease in numbers over the last few years.

However membership was reported as 347 at the AGM (similar to last year) and we have recruited a number of additional members since then.

With the proposed launch of our new website (see page 20) we hope to attract new recruits.

DNA project co-ordinator Martin Metcalfe reports that

"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 more members need to take advantage of this and there must be potential to increase this use significantly to the benefit of members."

Contact Martin at dna@metcalfe.org.uk

DEADLINE for the April Mecca News is 6 February 2015.

Articles comments or snippets to the Editor.

WORLD WAR I RECORDS

Appeals against conscription

Form for voluntary attested men, application as to exemption

Ref. No. MH 47/75/100

Case No. 984, April 1916

Harold Stubbing Metcalfe

Age 24 years

5 Alfearn Rd, Clapham, NE

Where attested – Hackney Baths, asking for total exemption Breadmaker, attested.

Grounds of Appeal – On the ground that it is expedient in the national interest that the man should, instead of being employed in military service, be engaged in other work in which he is habitually engaged.

Grounds on which appeal made – Mr Metcalfe is an actual breadmaker and I claim that he is in a Certified Occupation.

It is impossible for me to replace him and his services are indispensable.

Signed: William Haines 379 Seven Sisters Road, Tottenham, Baker, 19th April 1916

Reason for the decision of the Local Tribunal

The appellant claimed that the attested man was indispensable to him as a bread baker; he has, however, four other employees over military age, and in view of this fact the Tribunal dismissed the application

Decision of Appeal Tribunal

*Tempy exemption 6 mos. Conditional upon his continuing occupation as a bread baker.
31 May 1916.*

Ref Number MH 47/63/28

Case Number M5746 17 Aug 1918

Herbert James Metcalfe

Age 43, dob 28/10/1874 Medical Grade II

Married 01/18/1903 Ashmount Road, Tottenham

Occupation Granary Foreman, Hale Granaries, Broad Lane South, Tottenham

Employed for 16 years with present employer; W H Clench, address as above.

Corn, Flour & Forage

Applying for a renewal on grounds of Essential trade,

Indispensability, Only man in Granary with knowledge of trade

Middlesex Appeal Tribunal granted 3 months expires in Sept 6th.

Exemption of last experienced warehouseman expires Aug 20th.

No further appeal has been made. TE 4 months

*This is to certify that **V100660 Private Herbert James Metcalfe** has been enrolled in this Battalion and has joined Section D.*

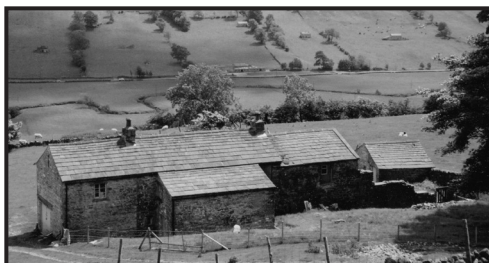
Signed HJ Nickel, Captain & Adjutant,

7th Bn Middlesex Vol. regt.

*Supplied by **David Lambert M11***

'Blind Syke' in Bishopdale

I am not normally an afternoon-TV-viewer but by sheer chance recently 'fell into' a repeat of *Escape to the Country* about halfway through the programme. The potential buyers were searching for a property,



somewhere remote, in North Yorkshire. Because of the location I carried on watching and was amazed when the Mystery House was revealed to be what I know as Blind Syke in Bishopdale, over two miles from the village of Thoralby, most of that on a bridleway track. Blind Syke was once farmed by a branch of the Metcalfe family, part of my late husband Bill's ancestry. The earliest occupant we know of there was his 4 x great-grandfather, at the very end of the 18th century.

February 1800 saw the death of Thomas Metcalfe who left quite a detailed will. Although the disposal of Blind Syke itself is not mentioned, it gives a lot of information about two of his sons, who probably had some sort of possession of it, and about his other properties. The extended family were involved in running Blind Syke at least until the 1830s. In total Thomas had three sons and one daughter, but I have not been able to pinpoint with sufficient accuracy the dates of their possible baptisms in Aysgarth parish, nor to establish how old Thomas was in 1800, to find out more about him.

His daughter Alice is the link in Bill's line. In yet another example of bride and bridegroom with the same surname, she married Thomas Metcalfe, of Stalling Busk, in the church there on 6 July 1789: they had three children, John born 1790, Elizabeth (Betty) 1792, and William 1794, before Alice died in April 1796. Thomas as a widower married his second wife Betty Dinsdale on 23 October 1799, a date which seems to me to be significant as regards the making of the will of his former father-in-law. This was drawn up and signed on 16 October 1799, just one week before the remarriage of his deceased daughter's husband, who is referred to very impersonally in it as "one Thomas Metcalfe". Does this suggest that the forthcoming second marriage was not approved of? And that this will is a revised one?

The two sons who continued to farm at Blind Syke after 1800 were William, who received all his father's property at Marsett, near Stalling Busk, which had been occupied by Alice and her husband and family.

William appears to have been unmarried and died in 1825.

John, (who had married Ann/Nanny Allen in 1795, and had two sons - another Thomas, born 1798 and another John) inherited

a house and lands, seemingly considerable, occupied by a tenant called Anthony Handley. John died in 1823, a little before his brother William.

Unlike the farming sons William and John, Thomas Metcalfe's third son Richard occupied a house at Thornton Rust and inherited this on his father's death, along with land adjoining and all the rest of his father's real estate at Thornton Rust.

Alice's three children benefitted from their grandfather's will to some degree. The eldest, John, was to receive £30 at the age of 21, and the others, Elizabeth and William, £20 each at 21. Elizabeth also received "all my Household Goods and Household Furniture now at Marsett consisting of a Chest of Drawers, a Corner Cupboard, a Warming Pan, four Chairs, a Frying Pan and a Pair of Tongs".

All these bequests indicate that Thomas Metcalfe had prospered enough, either from Blind Syke or inheritances of his own, to leave his family in a state of comparative affluence, which was still the case two or three decades later, according to the wills of the three sons. John's 1823 will leaves his share of Blind Syke to his two sons equally; similarly these two receive their uncle William's share of Blind Syke at his death in 1825. Only in their twenties at this time they must have been considered well-to-do young farmers.

Richard of Thornton Rust died in 1832, aged 84, and a gentleman - the only one whose birth date can be reliably calculated. I think he had been married but he had no children. He left houses and land to his late sister Alice's children and the remainder of his estate to "my nephew John Metcalfe of Blind Syke in Bishopdale".

In 1995, having put together the story of these Metcalfes, we set out to find the buildings, walking up the track from Thoraby in beautiful weather. On the way we met and talked to a farmer who, it transpired, lived at the next farm along, a property called Barker. He told us that Blind Syke was now a holiday let, but as far as he knew unoccupied at that time, so we felt entitled to be a bit nosey and to approach the buildings for a close-up look. The farmhouse was clearly in good order but we did wonder how many weeks in the year it was tenanted on a holiday basis. It is remote.

Which is what the couple on Escape to the Country thought. They greatly admired the views cross Bishopdale towards Newbiggin but soon realised that even in summer a 4-wheel-drive vehicle was an essential and couldn't see themselves being able to live there in the winter. And the asking price? It was on the market for £390 000

Joan Metcalfe M63

MILITARY RECORDS:

Captain Henry Metcalfe and Metcalfe Men of the Durham Militia.

The regular regiments of the British Army were not the only military forces in Britain and Ireland in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The Militia were armed organisations, under civil control, operated on strictly military lines, with an aim strength of approximately regimental battalion numbers of close to a thousand men. The reality was that they were often well below those numbers and the strength could be considered to vary depending on the political situation and the degree of engagement of the Regiments of the Line in other theatres around the empire. A state of war, or uprisings threatening the security of the Imperial territories, invariably led to the Line Regiments being posted abroad and the Militias taking over their duties in maintaining order in Britain itself.

Muster Roll records for the militias are identical to those of the regular army and are found at The National Record Office Kew (NROK) in War Office series WO 13 in which, whilst looking for my wife's Littlefair family, I found a Captain Henry Metcalfe, who served with the Durham Militia from at least August 1794 until he resigned on 6th of January 1800.

It may be that there are members of the Metcalfe Clan who have this Henry Metcalfe as an ancestor and although it is a pity that no attestation records survive, the Muster Rolls allow his movements around the country, to be studied in detail. There were also some Private Men and I refer to them also in the records below.

The Durham Militia were under the Colonelcy of the Earl of Darlington and were structured in six companies comprising the Colonel's, the Lieutenant-Colonel's, the Major's and three Captains' Companies. The Durhams as a force were effectively commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Calverly Bewicke and the Colonel's Company by Captain Edward Grey. The Regiment included the HQ staff posts of Adjutant, Quartermaster, Surgeon, and Paymaster. During January 1798 the Militia cost the British Government £845 17s 1d plus one farthing, thus demonstrating the very high precision of financial control being exercised and the admirable level of army organisation and bureaucracy in place.

Captain Metcalfe, who received pay of £11 12s 6d per month, commanded a company comprising Lieutenant Thomas B. Grantham, three Sergeants, four Corporals, two Drummers and sixty four Privates. The first records for 25 Dec 1792 to 24 Jun 1793 show that the Militia were in Whitby. There was no Henry Metcalfe, but there was a Private Martin Metcalfe and a Private John Metcalfe present.

Service in the militia was by lots, drawn from a list of local men which

was administered by a Justice of the Peace. Men could avoid service if they found a substitute, either when called up or during their service. This process had to be approved by the JP in writing and there are records at Durham Record Office which demonstrate the system in action. Men could also volunteer, and in the case of my wife's ancestors four sons joined the Durham Militia, the eldest John dying in service down in Hampshire and William the youngest transferring and enlisting in the 70th Regiment of Foot, the Glasgow Lowland Regiment, after 2 years with the Militia.

Back to December 1793 when the Militia were stationed in Scarborough and there were Privates William Metcalfe, and John Metcalfe present. Then in the half year Jun 1794 to 24 Dec 1794, whilst the Militia were at Scarborough, the Muster Roll shows that Captain Henry Metcalfe was commissioned into the Durham Militia effective 2 August 1794, and that Privates William and John Metcalfe were serving also.

In early 1795 the Durham Militia marched back to Monkwearmouth in Durham and William Metcalfe's son William junior joined his father in service. The Militia were a very flexible "rapid reaction force" and in the second half of 1795 they marched down to Yarmouth in Norfolk where they were stationed until the beginning of 1797, still having on the strength of 378 men, Captain Henry, and Privates William senior, William junior and John Metcalfe.

There are some missing records during the next few years but in early 1797 the Regiment moved to Hull, then York and back to Durham, and in February 1798 part of the Militia comprising 494 men marched from Durham to Hull. In March and April of 1798 the bulk of the Regiment were stationed at York and on 16 April it is recorded that Joseph Wearmouth, Private, died and was buried with funeral expenses of £3 9s 3d. Privates William and John Metcalfe remained throughout and in May 1798 were joined by two more namesakes, Robert and James Metcalfe.

Captain Metcalfe's Company was constituted as a Grenadier Company in May that year and he was regularly away from the main Corps, presumably on specialist training. On the 28th September, Major General Lord Mulgrave issued orders for the complete Militia Regiment to march to York, and this may have been for an important parade of some sort. The Regiment remained in Yorkshire around Hull and York until November, when they moved down to Cambridge and Newmarket and then to Colchester, where they stayed until October 1799. By August 1799 Private William Metcalfe had been discharged and November 1799 saw them transfer northwards to Huntingdon, Stamford and Peterborough, where they remained throughout 1800. During the summer and autumn of 1799 there was a steady stream of

men being discharged from the Durham Militia and enlisting in regiments of the line, and a total of 212 were lost from the strength in this way.

Captain Henry Metcalfe is shown in the Muster Roll as having resigned his commission on 6 January 1800, but there is no indication of whether he had completed his military service, or was transferring to a Regiment of the Line. Privates Robert and James Metcalfe were still serving up to January 1802 and by February my wife's ancestor John Littlefair had joined the Militia.

Perhaps one or more of our members will recognise these names and will be able to add another piece to the jigsaw of their family trees. I continue to enjoy searching these War Office records which I find most useful and at the same time very interesting. **Michael Pope M1919**

Rather than dispose of my back copies of Mecca News in the recycling (the time has come!) I would rather pass them on to another (new?) member. I have News nos. 43 -101

(7 issues missing, which may turn up in due course).

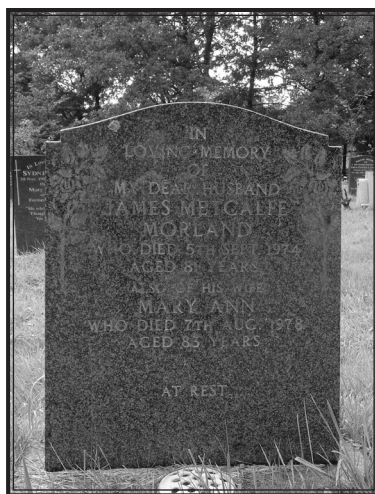
I'd be happy to deliver within a 50 mile radius of my home near Tonbridge, Kent.

I can be contacted at cee.wetton@gmail.com.

Many thanks, **Caroline Wetton M615**

This grave of James Metcalfe Morland is in Hardraw cemetery. James is my great great uncle, one of the many siblings of my great grandfather Jacob Morland. Their parents were Elizabeth Metcalfe (b 1863 d 1935, daughter of James Metcalfe and Margery Thompson) and Thomas Morland. The family lived in Gayle - in 1901 in 'Wynd' and in 1911 'Beckstones.'

Although there is a lot of information about the Metcalfes, I have struggled more with the Morland side of my tree. I believe that Thomas was born in 1856 to Betsy Morland and I think his father may have been a John Dinsdale, but that's about it.



I know a bit more about Thomas and Elizabeth's family - I have the names of their children and a number of their spouses and children but I would be very interested if any Metcalfe Society members have come across any information on the Morlands, whether that be the ancestors or descendants of Thomas. **Gillian Morland M1563**

Mecca News from the Internet

ABSEILING Down Rochdale Town Hall

Press release www.rochdalenewsroom.com on 27 August

Reported on BBC tv North West news 30 August 2014.

Bride Emma Metcalfe will be starting her wedding day in spectacular style – abseiling down Rochdale Town Hall. Before she can walk down the aisle Emma will climb 100 steps to the top of the 190ft stone tower before descending by rope then dashing off to get married!

Daredevil Emma committed to taking part in the charity event before the date had been fixed and when it was announced as part of this weekend's Feel Good Festival she kept her pledge. She said: "It is a once in a lifetime opportunity to abseil down the town hall and when we were planning it I immediately agreed to take part. When the date was finally fixed and they told me I thought it sounded vaguely familiar. Only a bit later did it dawn on me that it was also my wedding day!"

Emma, 42, will be among the first of the 100 people taking part in the abseil on Saturday. As soon as she reaches the ground she will be whisked back home to Norden to start preparations for the ceremony which is being held at St James Church in Ashworth.

Emma's fiancé, firefighter Andrew Dunham, 43, also thought it a great idea but will not be joining his bride on the descent. "He thinks it would be bad luck to see me on the morning of our wedding day. Well that's his reason!" said Emma.

She will be watched by friends and family but the abseil will also be a moving tribute to her mother, former Rochdale Councillor Ann Metcalfe who passed away in February of last year and also her late father, former Rochdale teacher John Metcalfe.

Metcalfe Towers Blackpool

The Guardian Shortcuts Blog 15 June 2014

Hotel owner Peter Metcalfe compared in the past to Basil Fawlty was imprisoned for convening fire regulations after previous health and safety misdemeanours at the hotel.

Supplied by **Lesley Longworth M68**

Unitarian Obituaries

www.unitarianobituaries.org.uk

Rt Hon Lord Metcalfe	died 1846	Page 591 The Inquirer (newspaper)
David Metcalfe	died 1867	Page 125 The Inquirer (newspaper)
J Metcalfe	died 1850	Page 639 The Inquirer (newspaper)
J Metcalf	died 1846	Page 447 The Inquirer (newspaper)
Rev JH Metcalf	died 1925	Page 209 The Inquirer (newspaper)
Mrs Sarah Metcalf	died 1842	Page 797 The Christian Reformer

Stuck my Finger in the wound!

www.globalnews.ca/news 23 October 2104

Bus driver Andrew Metcalfe of Edmonton, Canada staunched the flow of blood from a knife wound in a young man by putting his finger in the hole. The victim was recovering in hospital. The driver played down his part in the incident even though it was claimed he had saved the students life.

Christmas and another New Year almost upon us again! Where do the days go?

I think those of us (about 75) who attended the Muster in Hawes this year enjoyed ourselves very much and the AGM seemed to go well from a chairman's perspective! Our good friends from Minnesota, who probably hold the record attendance at Musters for overseas members, the Sedebergs came but this year 92 year old Fred (Parker) was unable to make it. They have attended 4 Musters now. We also welcomed Ann-Marie Cooper from Australia and Rebecca Metcalfe plus 7 (or was it 8!) others itself I suspect a record for the most number attending connected to one person!

Chairman's Jottings

At the AGM the members re-elected the committee and I would like to thank the members who voted for their confidence in us. We will try to ensure it was not misplaced especially in what will be our 35th anniversary year in 2015! I take this opportunity of thanking everyone for their endeavours in 2014, who have served on the committee or acted as a volunteer, including our agents overseas. Our New Zealand agent Alison Hutton has decided to retire and I would pass on the Society's gratitude to her for undertaking this role so well. We have consulted our members in New Zealand about Alison's replacement but decided not to replace her as they are agreeable to paying us direct and there are no volunteers to take on the role.

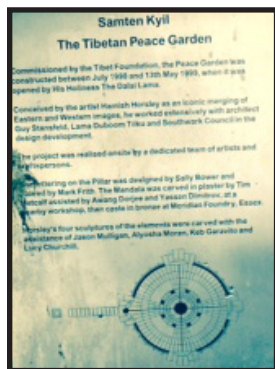
Our speaker at the Muster was Dr Philip Judkins who, for the second year running, was well received and gave a most interesting talk. The AGM heard about and saw some of the work that Margaret Hodgson and Jo Heron are doing on the First World War project. Do keep the stories coming.

I was in London recently and took pictures of the poppies at the Tower of London. It was then an impressive sight, even more so now that all the poppies (1 for each death) have been planted in the moat. A sea of red made up of 888,246 ceramic poppies, one for each British and Colonial death during the conflict which began 100 years ago. Crowds had to be controlled in the last week of October which was also a school half term holiday so many wanted to see it. Just opposite is the Tower Hill Merchant Navy memorial (see above) to those who lost their lives in the 2 World Wars. There is only one memorial to a Metcalfe in the First War namely GEORGE METCALFE a sailor in the merchant marine serving on SS SANHURST. He died on 6th May 1918 aged 18. The memorial also records 6 others who died in the Second World War. *(There are actually 18 Meccas mentioned including 2 from WW1- Ed!)* I have passed on the details.

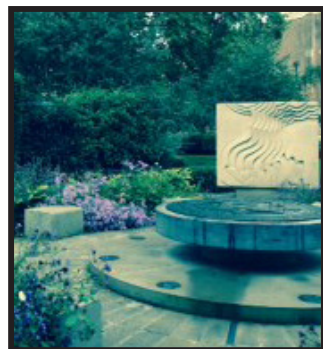


I was able to attend the Imperial War Museum (IWM) First World War exhibition in London in September. A most enlightening exhibition which if you have the time, do visit. The IWM is located in the former Bedlam Hospital for those with mental health problems – or as they were then described the insane, idiots and lunatics.

Before visiting the IWM I wandered around the grounds and happened upon the delightful TIBETAN PEACE GARDEN (SAMTEN KYLL). I was interested in reading on a plaque that TIM METCALF carved the Mandala, in plaster, at a workshop in Southwark with two assistants before it was cast in bronze in Essex. (A Maṇḍala, means 'circle' and is a spiritual and ritual symbol in Hinduism and Buddhism, representing the Universe. The basic form of most mandalas is a square with four gates containing a circle with a centre point). The garden was opened by The Dalai Lama in 1999. The garden is maintained by Southwark Council. Unfortunately they have not stopped birds using the plaque as a lavatory and the vital words about Tim Metcalf are as a result slightly hard to read! (see photo!)



I have said before that I have long felt that an archive of photographs would be useful for a society like ours, especially when one realises that photography is approximately 150 years old and the older photographs are deteriorating and will soon fade, like tomb stone memorials. Those who are uncertain of the identity of people in photographs might receive answers if posted on line on our Website. Pictures of places or events could be posted too and be available for viewing (assuming the photographs are out copyright).



I am writing this after attending the N W Group of Family History Societies committee meeting to which we belong. I was interested to learn that the Ormskirk FHS have done precisely this on Facebook and have been amazed at the number of replies and further enquiries this has generated. I hope that when the communications policy of our society is finalised there might be room eventually for such an archive and 'helpdesk' for want of a better word.

Diane Howarth gave an oral update at the AGM on the work that has been going on 'behind the scenes' to make better use of the Web and internet. She announced that she was hoping that our Webmaster Carol and she will be able to re-launch a bigger and better site for members in December / January. So watch this space if you have access to the Internet. If you do not, do not worry, we will still provide information and data by non-computer methods!

I hope you have all enjoyed being members in 2014 and that you will continue in 2015 (our 35th anniversary) and also encourage anyone who you know who has a Metcalf(e) connection to consider joining the Society! We have room for more: our membership total a few weeks ago was 361 paid up members.

May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and successful 2015.

David Lambert M11

MUSTER ROUNDUP



Some 75 members and guests attended this year's AGM & Muster including two from the USA and one from Australia.

Amongst the biggest group was a family of Metcalfe brought by member M1986 Wendy Metcalfe from the Guildford area. Some eight family members joined Wendy and spent the day at the Muster.



*One of the group **Rebekah Metcalfe** (second from right in the photograph) joined the Society on the day. She said the large family group came up to the Muster "To see what it was all about."*

She went on to say she had got "Fantastic information. I came up with what I had and with the information I've received I have been able to go another generation back, which I wasn't expecting because it is a long way back." The family originally came from Ingleton Fells.

When asked what her most vivid memory of the day she would take away with her, Rebekah responded " Just coming up here and knowing that my family originated from this area - so beautiful. It is nice to feel part of it and my family connections to the past."

Anne Marie Cooper from Melbourne Australia visited the Muster for the first time to "Learn about my heritage - to visit my relatives."

Guest Anne Marie said she "Had a copy of that wonderful book of yours (Metcalfe:History of the Clan). I bought online." She further went on to say she "I hope to absorb as much as I possibly can. I love history, I love to take meaning from the past and perhaps meet some kith and kin. Basically learn as much as possible."



New Recruit:
"Norman"
Metcalf
at the end
of a
hectic day.
*Dales
Museum
Exhibit.*



Muster speaker **Dr Philip Judkins** with
World War I co-ordinator **Jo Heron** before
his well received talk "Women in War".

AGM news in brief

The committee were unanimously re-elected (see page 32 for contact details and **Diane Howarth** *was re-elected as a Vice President.*
Appreciation for the years of service by **Alison Hutton** *as New Zealand agent were recorded.*

Note for your diaries.
Next AGM & MUSTER
Saturday 10th October 2015



Happy Raffle winners

**Happy Raffle
winner?**
Margaret Metcalfe receives the
last prize - a "huge" pumpkin.
How did she get it home?



COMING SOON - OUR NEW WEBSITE!

Coming soon is the new website for The Metcalfe Society.

The image below gives you a flavour of the new home page so you have an idea of how we will be presenting the society from early 2015 as a professional organisation. This is a major project for the society and is part of the communications initiative that has the following objectives:

- for current members - provide an easy way to understand and access all the value that is available to members, whatever their interest
- for recently-joined new members - to encourage them to maintain their membership beyond one or two years
- for prospective members - to present the value of the society as a professional organisation and encourage an increase in new members





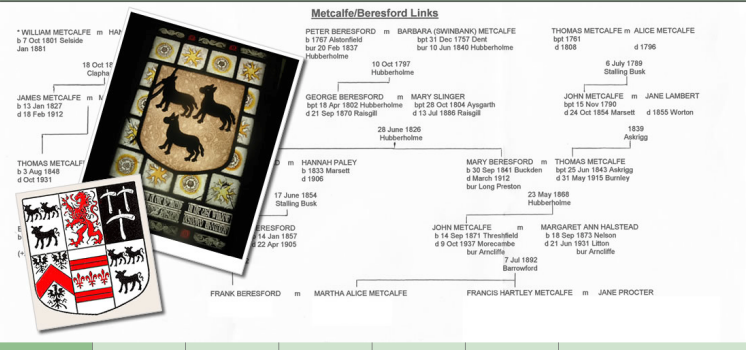
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Welcome to The Metcalfe Society

Do you have an interest in the Metcalfe, Metcalf, Medcalfe, Medcalf, Midcalfe, Midcalf (or any other variant) amongst your ancestors?

"If you have a family link in Yorkshire, somewhere in your past there will be a Metcalfe." ... so the saying goes!

The Metcalfe Society supports the interest in the family history of the Metcalfe name & all spelling variants. So whether you are interested in the name, its origin and history, or need some help with your own Metcalfe family history, why not join what is probably the world's largest one-name family history society. With a database of over 120,000 Metcalfe records, the 800 year history of the name fully researched and published, a free genealogical research service, member access to search records online, award-winning journal, you'll find the relatives and ancestors you never knew you had!



The Metcalfe Name

So what's in a name? ... about 800 years when it comes to the Metcalfes. 'Metcalfe-History of the Clan' brings one of Yorkshire's best known families to life.



The Mecca Muster 2014

Metcalfes Muster at their Wensleydale roots on Saturday 4 October 2014. Enjoy a weekend in the Yorkshire Dales & find out more!



Join Us

Standing at the forefront of the genealogy world as one of the largest & most respected one-name study groups, find out how we can help you.

For members who do not have access to the Internet, we will also be endeavouring to improve the value of the society 'offline' i.e. via post to many members who have no desire to use the Internet so that the same support is available to all members.

Given the current changes in requirements by those interested in family history, you can see we are promoting the society to a wider audience. The project is being coordinated by our Vice President Diane Howarth, who is creating the design and written content. Imagery and various articles are being provided by our editor Peter Dobson and various members. The technical expertise and setup to make it all happen is being provided by our website administrator Carol Herbert.

We will be notifying all members when the website is live in the coming weeks when we will also be requesting feedback. The website will then be developed further to include all projects and facilities available to members.

Diane Howarth, M409.

Sheffield Archives

Research Guide. *The history of mental health provision in South Yorkshire from the late 19th century is largely told by the history of Middlewood Hospital (formerly South Yorkshire Lunatic Asylum) which was established in Sheffield in 1872.*

The records of Middlewood Hospital (1872 – 1996) are at Sheffield Archives. These include patient admission registers dating back to 1872 which list the names of the many thousands of people who passed through the asylum, detailing ages, occupations and 'causes of insanity'.

The names of all patients admitted to Middlewood Hospital between 1872 and 1910 have been transcribed and can be searched using the indexes.

Details below are:

Name/age/date admitted/occupation/location/date released /ref no.

Metcalf Benjamin 14 October 1879 55 Currier Huddersfield 18 October 1880 1319 NHS3/5/1/3

Metcalf Elizabeth 04 February 1876 34 Servant Cawthorne 27 May 1876 679 NHS3/5/1/2

Metcalf Elizabeth 23 January 1878 35 Servant Cawthorn Lane 04 September 1878 1049 NHS3/5/1/2

Metcalfe Elizabeth 27 November 1878 35 Servant Cawthorne 02 January 1908 1247 NHS3/5/1/3

Metcalf Mary 24 March 1876 45 None Birkin 18 November 1876 711 NHS3/5/1/2

Metcalf Mary 09 October 1879 48 None Birkin 06 October 1904 1433 NHS3/5/1/3

Metcalf Matilda 08 July 1898 16 None Ecclesall Workhouse 18 April 1914 5864 NHS3/5/1/12

The guide goes on to say:

"To order a copy of an entry (which will include more information than is in this index) please complete an order form (www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/copying-services) and send with a sterling cheque for £8.00. Please quote the name of the patient, their number and the reference number."

Federation of Family History Societies Yorkshire Group Saturday 25th October 2014

The speaker at this meeting was Ben Sanderson from the British Library, and based at the Boston Spa centre. The British Library is the main reference library in this country and contains a copy of every publication in the UK. Boston Spa is the geographical centre of the country, with good rail links and 24 hour access. The BL is currently running a lottery for tickets to see the launch of the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta in 1215 – the basis of all laws in this country as well as many of other nations across the world.

The Boston Spa centre is in the process of completing and stocking a specially built storage unit for newspapers, and the whole BL collection will be moved to Yorkshire in the near future. This is a 40 acres site where the newspapers will be kept at 14° C and 55% humidity, and an atmosphere of 14% oxygen – so not suitable for people to work in there for any length of time. The stacks are 24 metres high by 24 metres wide and 100 metres long. Retrieval is fully automated, promising a 48 hour turn around on requests.

The copies of newspapers date from the Civil War to the present, with 1200 titles of daily and weekly issues. This amounts to 340 metres of material containing 750 million pages. There is a distinct possibility that we could flesh out our ancestors by looking at newspapers relating to the areas they lived in – Ben suggested that everyone will have appeared somewhere in print. They are also working with DC Thompson Publishing to digitise copies of newspapers, with 8.8 million copies on-line so far. It is free to use the newspapers at Boston Spa, or they can be accessed through the British Newspaper Archive, which is a subscription service. Digitisation has to be funded by the British Library and partners – despite a grant of £95 million for the collection from the Government – none of this is available for digitisation.

Refurbishment of the Reading Room at Boston Spa is in process and will be completed when you read this, and newspapers will be available there, where you can see a print version if it is not available as a digital or photographic version. You will need a Readers Ticket, complete the form on line and pre-order whatever you want to see prior to a visit, up to 10 items, through the British Library web site, then take 2 forms of identification with you. The pass issued at Boston Spa covers the London centre. Manuscripts, rare books and special collections items are still only available at the British Library in London, beside Euston Station. Free wi-fi and workstations are available at both venues.

It was pointed out that digital copies of publications would now be appreciated in place of hard copies, or .pdf's. The centre is open 9.00-4.30 Monday to Friday – but if the Reading Rooms are full very day, they will consider opening at weekends as well. It was very impressive to see what is planned and already in place. Web sites: www.bl.uk www.explore.bl.uk

Contact details: customer-services@bl.uk +44(0)1937 546060
reader-services-enquiries@bl.uk +44(0)1937 546363



The rest of the meeting discussed the Who Do You Think You Are Live at Glasgow where the Yorkshire Federation stands were busy and it was felt that it was very successful. There appears to have been a lot of movement between Scotland and Yorkshire.

The West Yorkshire Archive Service has now been awarded a grant to build a new archive centre in Wakefield – this is to be situated at Kirkgate, close to the railway station.

The Yorkshire Consortium is still being worked on with material from the Borthwick, Doncaster and Northallerton. Find My Past is including transcripts from Family Search, although some of the files are less than accurate. FMP are asking Societies to resubmit new files with corrections.

Who Do You Think You Are Live – Birmingham, 2015 – the Yorkshire Group will be taking a block of 9 tables to be used by the Group and some of the member Societies, including ours. A request was made for assistance at the Fair – so if any members are going to Birmingham – please consider offering an hour or two to work on the stall – it was agreed that a little knowledge of the area was very useful to enquirers. For those of you in Yorkshire, Jackie Depelle is organising a 4 day trip to the Exhibition – Wednesday to Saturday, or a 1 day trip on the Saturday from West Yorkshire – contact Hanson Travel for details.

Keith Sweetmore, formerly of West Yorkshire and Northallerton archives, is now heading up an 'Ancestral Tourism' unit to include a 'Tour de Yorkshire' through the new archive centres and other useful places. If you have any suggestions, please forward to him.

Family History Fairs also took up some discussion time, in view of potential falling numbers. Doncaster made a success of their fair including some craft stalls as well as local interest stalls.

Forthcoming events:

WDYTYA Live at Birmingham – 16th April

Family & Local History Fair, Pudsey – Saturday 25th April

WEA residential weekends, Wentworth Castle, Barnsley, 3rd March and 8th May 2015 – see www.wea.org.uk

There are a batch of leaflets advertising the Yorkshire Group of FHS available from Tony Beardshaw. His email is Beardshaw@my-history.co.uk

Jo Heron

Mecca Bits & Bobs I

*Retirement of tribunal judge **John Charles Metcalf** (64) on 1 June 2013.*

Admitted as a solicitor in 1980, called to the Bar 1990 and

Chairman of Industrial Tribunal(1996) and Employment Tribunal (2002).

The Times 23 July 2013.

Supplied by David Lambert M11

Books

Dr George Redmonds' new updated book
"A Dictionary of Yorkshire Surnames"
 is due to be published before the end of 2014.

You might be interested in my new book
'Wealth and Notability: the Lockwood, Day and Metcalfe Families
of Yorkshire and London' by Robert Ward.

Although the earlier parts of the book are concerned with members of the Lockwood and Day families, Chapters 7-10 follow the genealogy of the descendants of **James Metcalfe (1780-1841)** who was a wholesale druggist in London. His son, **William Hooper Metcalfe (1809-1853)** followed him into business, and then in the next two generations the book follows **Mary Elizabeth Metcalfe (1845-1932)** and her daughter **Constance Metcalfe Lockwood (1864-1949)**.

Many of their Metcalfe descendants, siblings and cousins had interesting or notable lives. Among them we find the Australian artist Rosalie Gascoigne (1917-1999), the actress Gabrielle Drake (1944-) and her musician brother Nick Drake (1948-1974), Priscilla Cecilia Armytage-Moore (1870-1941) who became the Countess of Annesley, and Constance Malleson (1875-1975) who was an actress, writer and long-standing lover of the philosopher Bertrand Russell.

A preview of the first chapter (which gives an overview of all the other chapters) and further details are findable by searching for "Wealth Notability Metcalfe" or by the direct but longer link:
<http://www.lulu.com/shop/robert-ward/wealth-and-notability-the-lockwood-day-and-metcalfe-families-of-yorkshire-and-london/paperback/product-21753398.html>

I would just like to add that I am not trying to make large profits from the book. The price mainly reflects the lulu print on demand costs. Although the book is self published (necessary with non-commercial subject matter of this kind), it is nevertheless scholarly and contains detailed references and citations. Robert Ward, Shepley, Huddersfield, UK. r.d.ward@btinternet.com

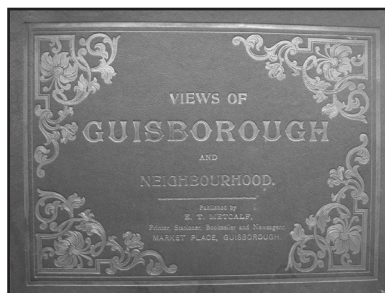
Views Of GUISBROUGH and Neighbourhood

published by **E. T. Metcalfe**, Printer, Stationer,
 Bookseller and Newsagent
 MARKET PLACE, Guisborough.

Gold on a red background:

First page: The New Collytype Album of
 sixteen views.

Back Page: CHESTER VAUGHAN'S Series of
 Collytype VIEW BOOKS.



There is no text (other than identification of the photographs). There is no publication date, but it is inscribed with handwriting "Mrs. George Green, Guisborough July 1901"

I have been unable to identify any "E. T. Metcalfe"s. I will be pleased to send the book any relative of the publisher, or to the Metcalfe society, if that is more appropriate, for the society library. **Michael Peel M1698**

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

The importance of always being open minded in assessing new evidence has been a theme since my last report. Linking in with Linda Power (M1796), whose Birth Brief appeared in the August Mecca News, showed Elaine Zair (M1188) that 'her' Joseph was not the one she had previously believed and has thus led her research away from Lincolnshire and back to Leeds. Two letters to her ancestor George Metcalf from his sister in Bradford, which Janice Lockwood kindly shared with the Society, have revealed several more members of an old Bainbridge family. Lois Bretz has also shared some key documents which have revealed a different parentage for John Metcalfe, who married Jane Baynes, than the one the Society had on record. Please keep the information coming in, for this is the best way for the Society's database to be as thorough and accurate as possible.

Margaret Hodgson M515

archivist@metcalfe.org.uk Postal address on page 32 of this magazine.

**BIRTH BRIEFS FROM EXISTING MEMBERS
(INCLUDING UPDATES – shown in bold)**

M1188 Ms Elaine Zair (this is a revised Birth Brief in the light of new evidence) 69 Downs Park East, Westbury Park, Bristol BS6 7QG redzed1971@gmail.com Grt grd d.o. Samuel & Eliza Ann (Mt) Blackburn m 4 Aug 1890 Leeds. Eliza Ann b 28 Dec 1869 Leeds d.o. John & Mary Ann (Brayshaw) Mt m 25 May 1868 Leeds. John bpt 29 Feb 1832 Barrow upon Humber s.o. **Joseph & Ann (Guest?) Mt. Joseph bpt 18 Nov 1792 Horsforth, Yorks s.o. John Md.**

M1879 Trish Craig 23 Russell Drive, Bearsden, Glasgow G61 3BB trishcraig@btoopenworld.com D.o. John & Clara Annie (Morphet) (a) Wilkinson. John s.o. Charles Harold & Alice (Chester) Wilkinson m 9 June 1915 Kirby Hill, Yorks. Alice d.o. Richard & Annie (Raine) Chester. Richard b 1853 Winterburn s.o. William & Mary (Mte) Chester m 24 Jan 1852 Linton. Mary b 20 Jan 1833 Stainforth d.o. William & Hannah (Marsden) Mte m 14 Dec 1826 Clapham. William b 7 Oct 1801 Selside natural s.o. Jane Mte. **Conn. M4 M11 M41 M46 M52 M90 M135 M195 M246 M466 M731 M790 M1827**

(a) Clara Annie d.o. John Alexander & Clara Eva (Wolfenden) Morphet m 10 Oct 1923 Horton in Ribblesdale. James b 1894 Horton in Ribblesdale s.o. James William & Annie Isabella (Mte) Morphet m 1891 Linton. Annie bpt 31 May 1868 Linton natural d.o. Margaret Mte. Margaret b 20 Oct 1846 Stainforth d.o. William & Hannah (Marsden) Mte m 14 Dec 1826 Clapham. William b 7 Oct 1801 Selside natural s.o. Jane Mte **Conn. M4 M11 M41 M46 M52 M90 M135 M195 M246 M466 M731 M790 M1827.**

NEW MEMBERS

M1981 Mrs Karen Holly Lebel 19 Rivington Drive, West Boylston, MA 01583 USA meholly382436@hotmail.com D.o. Guy David & Josephine (Clark) Mt m 26 Jul 1947 Worcester, Massachusetts. Guy b 25 Aug 1923 Marlboro, MA s.o. John Wellington & Broerkje



Beatrice (Sieswerda) Mt m 1922. John b 27 Apr 1890 Sutton, MA s.o. William Bradford & Edna A (Balcom) Mt m 31 Dec 1882. William b Mar 1842 s.o. John M & Mary G (Clark) Mt m 21 Jul 1839 Oxford, MA. John b 27 Mar 1813 Sutton, MA s.o. William M & Diana (Hewett) Mt. William b c1790.

M1982 Mrs Janice Lockwood 548 W Quail Drive, Lena, Illinois 61048-9232, USA lockwood.j@fronier.com D.o. John Franklin & Meta Caroline Marika (Peters) Mt m 5 Jun 1934 Eleroy, Illinois, USA. John b 11 Oct 1908 Jackson Township, Butler County, Iowa s.o. George Frederick & Amy Laura (Keister) Mt m 8 Aug 1906 Freeport, Illinois. George b 22 Jul 1883 Union County, Iowa s.o. John Miller & Mary Anna (Sager) Mt. John b 28 Feb 1863 Warren, Illinois s.o. George & Mary (Miller) Mt m c1862 Rush Township, Illinois. George b 1 Jan 1825 s.o. James & Mary (Lawson) Mte m 13 May 1799 Askrigg. James bpt 21 Nov 1779 Askrigg s.o. James of Bainbridge. **Conn. M86 M159 M177**

M1983 Mrs Valerie Thomas 25A Whinmoor Road, West Derby, Liverpool L12 2AU Johnval25@hotmail.co.uk D.o. Herbert John & Muriel (Brown) Mte m 4 Aug 1948 Chester. Herbert b 6 Sept 1927 West Derby district, Liverpool s.o. Herbert John & Phyllis (Inchboard) Mte m 1927 West Derby district. Herbert b 10 Sept 1908 West Derby district s.o. John William & Louisa (Parker) Mte m 1898 Liverpool district. John b c1877 Burton upon Trent, Staffs.

M1984 Miss Helen Moore 24 Castlegarth, Sedbergh, Cumbria. LA10 5AN moore007@hotmail.com Grd d.o. Fred & Annie (Leighton) Elvey m June 1922 Sedbergh. Annie b 1901 Sedbergh d.o. William & Annie (Mte) Leighton m 1898 Sedbergh. Annie b 1876 Sedbergh d.o. Matthew & Ann (Marra) Mte m 17 Sept 1860 Hawes. Matthew b 1842 Appersett s.o. Thomas & Elizabeth (Mte) (a) Mte m 15 May 1841 Hawes. Thomas b c1818 Appersett s.o. Matthew & Margaret (Calvert) Mte m 27 Nov 1815 Hawes. Matthew b c1791 Appersett.

(a) Elizabeth b c1815 Appersett

Conn. M1584

Grd d.o. Edmund Chapman Moore b 1912 Wes s.o. John William & Margaret (Chapman) Moore m June 1908 Ulverston. John William b 1884 Ravenstonedale, Wes s.o. Michael & Mary Ann (Buck) Moore m Sept 1883 Ravenstonedale. John bpt 6 Mar 1842 Hardraw s.o. John & Sarah (Mte) Moore m 8 July 1837 Askrigg. Sarah bpt 5 Mar 1820 Hawes d.o. Michael & Agnes (Chapman) Mte m 3 Oct 1816 Askrigg. Michael bpt 28 Feb 1796 Kirkby Stephen, Wes s.o. Edward & Sarah (Shaw) Mte m 5 May 1781 Kirkby Stephen. Edward bpt 30 Jun 1769 Muker s.o. Michael & Eleanor (Coates) Mte m 29 May 1755 Muker. Michael b c1730 s.o. Michael Mte of Thwaite. **Conn. M73 M77 M331 M338 M668 M806 M939 M1276 M1278**

M1985 Mrs Lois Bretz 16464 Sunflower Lane, Morrison CO 80465. USA louie5399@msn.com Gt grd d.o. Benjamin & Harma Wadeson m USA. Benjamin b 9 Dec 1875 Ingleton, Yorks s.o. John & Anne (Mt) Wadeson m 7 Dec 1861 Ingleton. Anne b 18 Aug 1841 Ingleton d.o. John & Jane (a) (Baynes) Mte m 2 Mar 1839 Ingleton. John bpt 10 Dec 1817 Burton in Lonsdale, Yorks s.o. William & Esther (Bradshaw) Mte m 13 Nov 1802 Bentham. William bpt

30 Mar 1777 Thornton in Lonsdale s.o. William Mte. **Conn. M390 M1072 M1671**

(a) Jane Baynes bpt 5 Sept 1824 natural d.o. Margaret Baynes who later m Thomas Mte 6 Apr 1828 Ingleton. Thomas b c1789 Yorks. **Conn. M501**

M1986 Miss Wendy Metcalfe

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M1988 Mr Robert Metcalfe bob.metcalfe@btinternet.com 3 Border Mews, Headley Road, Grayshott, Hindhead, Surrey GU26 6LD



**Changes to the search facility
'Find War Dead'
at Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) website
www.cwgc.org**

You are probably aware that the CWGC has recently revised the search facility on its website where it is possible to use a combination of filters to focus on people of interest who appear in its "Find War Dead" database.

The recently launched Discover 14-18, is a microsite that features richly illustrated timelines and also a calendar of events planned to commemorate particular aspects of WW1. Content is themed around major battles and the different roles of the Army, Navy and Air Force, all linking back to the CWGC memorial sites and other online archives.

New digitised records such as the Grave Registration Documents have recently been added to the 'Find War Dead' database. You will see an additional column headed Docs against entries.

These new resources offer the potential to add to your family history as well as providing excellent material for understanding the context and course of the conflict.

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Mecca Bits & Bobs II

Creative writing postgraduate University of East Anglia student **Anna Metcalfe** was selected for the 16-strong longlist in The Sunday Times EFG Short Story Award.

Sunday Times 2 February 2014.

Supplied by David Lambert M11

Yorkshire Bishops Transcripts

I have always wanted to visit the Borthwick in York so was delighted to discover the Yorkshire Bishops Transcripts were now available on Findmypast and I thought I'd have a browse!

I am lost for words to describe how wonderful they are.
If you have a moment, log on!

I began reading the Transcripts for Whorlton starting in 1601. Once you get your eye 'in' I think you can read some of the words though the writing still resembles hieroglyphics at times. Names like Elizabeth, Margaret, Thomas and William leap off the page.

Nuptia, Funera and Nati usually followed by Baptized, are self explanatory as are filia and filius next to female or male names. Sepultus means here buried. You can feel your way around by recognising the similarity to words we use today. I apologise to our learned members who read Latin, I have less than the barest knowledge as you can tell.

By 1617 the entries contain more English than Latin so it gets easier. Some of the entries don't pull their punches especially towards children born out of wedlock.

I have always loved handwriting styles and looking at the 1841 & 1851 Census gives us a feel for the age of Enumerators in the early Census, the flowery style starts to disappear in the 1861 census when a more modern hand can be seen as those who learnt to write in the late 1700's and early 1800's are not so involved. The Transcripts are somewhat similar.

Our first traced Metcalfe is Richard and his family in Whorlton (thank you Nina) with the births of his children , Rachel in 1691, Jacobus b&d in 1692, Samuel 1695 and Elizabeth 1698 d1710.

It was thought that Elizabeth was his wife who the records show died in 1716, but reading every page from the start of the entries, including that burial entry, I was thrilled to read Richard Metcalfe married Mary Calvert on the 23rd October 1690. Bearing in mind that the priest probably copied into the register later from notes, they did make the occasional error. The entry above 'Elizabeth's' death in 1716 is also an Elizabeth, I think he made an error and it should have been Mary. I have searched unsuccessfully for 30 years to locate Richards marriage to an Elizabeth so you can imagine how

I felt to look at the actual entry. It did feel strange to correct the names, though I was delighted about Mary Calvert it did feel odd to remove Elizabeth, she's been on the Tree a long time !

Richard married again on the 19th Sept 1723 to Mary Sweet but months

ago I found an entry on the IGI showing Mary Groves for this date (that gave me a bit of a turn). Again the Transcript shows in its beautifully twirly writing, her surname clearly 'Sweet'.

Richard's son James married in Helmsley in 1755, I assumed he'd moved from one end of Bilsdale to the other and married, but he hadn't, the transcript shows she is OTP but he is of the Parish of Whorlton, another discovery! As was finding the marriage in 1719 of Rachel b 1691 and later her children.

How often are we told to go to the original documents if possible, well now its possible ! I didn't expect to find anything but I have found several things I didn't know and now mean to look up all our Birth Marriage and Deaths.

I also felt looking at the entries in the Transcripts was a very personal bridge from 1601 to 2015. Today also happens to be the 282nd anniversary of Richard's burial on November 8th 1732.

That made me jump when I realised the date today! They would never have believed we would remember them and care about their lives.

Valerie Metcalfe MN61

ARCHBISHOP OF YORK MARRIAGE LICENCES INDEX 1613-1839

Findmypast have also has put on line those that applied to the Diocese of York for a marriage licence between 1613 and 1839.

These licences were used instead of normal banns on payment of a fee.

If you have any missing parish entries the marriage application just might be included in this index.

There are some 530 Meccas listed in the index
which can be searched (for a fee) at:

<http://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/yorkshire-archbishop-of-york-marriage-licences-index-1613-1839>

The Porch House Northallerton

famous for its Metcalfe connections has recently changed hands and the new owners are to open a bed and breakfast establishment in early 2015.

Metcalfe Society members have been offered a 10% discount on the rates.

For more information see **www.porchhousenorthallerton.com**

Supplied by Nina Benson M29.

William Metcalfe – Redcoat

G. Mould M870

Our Great Grandfather, William Metcalfe was a Weaver in Yorkshire. He had received his apprenticeship, which was seven years in England. William had been caught up in the Industrial Revolution (1780-1830). In the 1800's there were 240,000 weavers in Britain. By 1835 their numbers were down to 60,000. The weavers were working from fourteen to fifteen hours a day. William no longer had a job.

William decided to join the Army. He was listed as coming from Windsordale, York County, Yorkshire (*Nina Benson said this is probably Wensleydale*). He travelled to Blackburn, Lancs. and signed up 16 Dec. 1825. He also had to appear before the Magistrate at Manchester, Lancs. 19 Dec. 1825 to take the oath. (*Note: All the Metcalfes in Brockville, Ont. Canada that came in the 1800's said that they came from Wensleydale. William and his family settled in Brockville, Ontario, Canada upon retirement.*)

At the age of 22 William Metcalfe had joined the British Army. William had taken the "King's Shilling". His first Regiment was the 99th Regiment of Foot. This was a Lanarkshire, Scotland Regiment. In 1826 the Regiment marched down to Gosford, England and sailed for Mauritius 21 Feb. 1826. (*This was run by England at the time and was considered part of India. England ruled Mauritius for almost 200 years.*)

William was at Mauritius for twelve years, 24 days. William returned to Fermoy, Ireland and he was now on his way to Canada, along with 120 other soldiers. This time he was transferred to the 66th Regiment of foot. William served in the Lower Canadian Rebellion 1838-1839. This was a conflict between the French Canadians in lower Canada and the newly arrived British Immigrants, which infuriated the long established Colonists of American origin.

He was then transferred to the 23rd. Regiment of Foot – The Royal Welch Fusiliers on the 1st. October 1840. (*This is listed as Welch not Welsh.*) In 1840, the British organized a special Regiment in Canada. The Regiment was named the Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment and was with British Soldiers not Canadian. The soldiers were drawn from nineteen British Battalions stationed in Canada. You had to have 15 years of service or more and be of good character. The Men would be given land at a discount, or passage back to England. William volunteered to join the Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment. The Regiment was stationed along the border of Canada and the U.S.A. This was to help prevent desertion of British troops to the American Side.

William Metcalfe received four Good Conduct Medals. He had served for twenty four years two hundred and twenty two days. He retired at Niagara,

Ontario Canada in July 1850 and received his pension from the Chelsea Pension Group in England. William settled in the Elizabethtown District, later called Brockville, Ont. Canada.

Ref: Nina Benson of The Metcalfe Society; Military papers of William Metcalfe; Information on Cotton Times, understanding the Industrial Revolution; Records of David Chilton of "The Wardrobe" Salisbury, England; 99th. Regiment now called the Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiments; The British Soldier in India by Richard Holmes.

An Eminent Australian Metcalf

The National Stem Cell Foundation of Australia has given two inaugural \$50,000 Metcalf Prizes for research into stem cells.

One Prize winner lives in Hobart, Kaylene Young, and it was awarded for her work into stem cells endeavouring to repair brain damage caused by head injuries.

The Prizes recognize and honour the exceptional contribution made to stem cell research by

Emeritus Professor Donald Metcalf AC FRS FAA.

Quoting from the web-site of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research :-

For almost 30 years, Professor Metcalf doggedly and painstakingly pursued one task: identifying and purifying the hormones that stimulate blood cells to produce the white blood cells needed by the body to fight infection.

Professor Metcalf is regarded as the 'father of modern haematology' for his pioneering research, which saw him identify colony stimulating factors (CSFs) – critical molecules that tell stem cells to multiply and mature to boost the immune system.

One of the first cancer patients to benefit from Professor Metcalf's work was famed Spanish tenor Senor Jose Carreras. After being diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia, which did not respond to initial treatment, Senor Carreras received a treatment regime that included CSF therapy in 1987. He responded positively and recovered.

Senor Carreras visited the institute in 1991 to meet Professor Metcalf and thank him for his role in developing the treatment. He also attended Professor Metcalf's seventieth birthday in February 1997 to sing him Happy Birthday.

Professor Metcalf has received much recognition for his work. Nationally, he has received the Victoria Prize (2000); the Prime Minister's Prize for Science (2001); made a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science (1969); Fellow of the Royal Society of London (1983); Foreign Associate of the US National Academy of Sciences (1988) and Companion of the Order of Australia (1993).

More details of Professor Metcalf's career can be found on the web-site www.wehi.edu.au/ or "Google" his name.

Rod & Pearl Tedds M149

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METCALFE PUBLICATIONS

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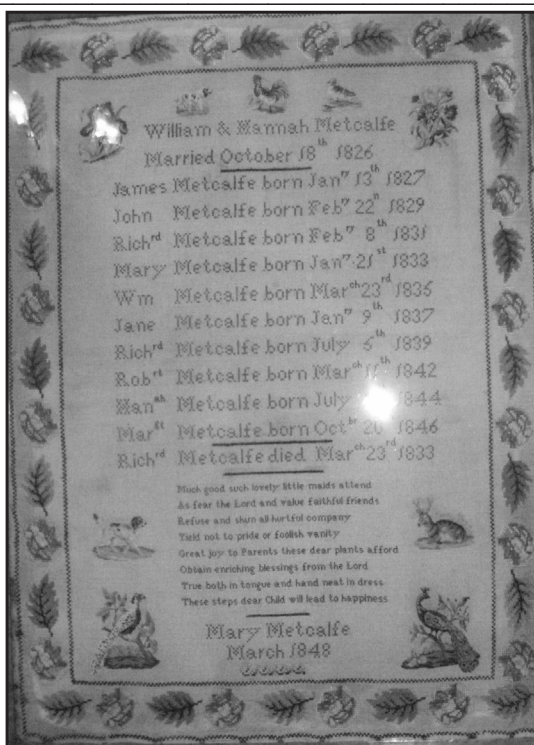
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THE SAMPLER

shows how my parents were both descendants of William and Hannah Metcalfe.

Mary Metcalfe, who did the beautiful needlework, married William Chester and lived at Low Cowhouse Farm, Flasby. Their son Richard b.1853 married Annie Raine and had 9 children, one of whom was Alice Chester who married my grandfather Charles Harold Wilkinson from Brampton Farm, Skelton-on-Ure. Their fourth child was John Wilkinson of Milby near Boroughbridge, my father.



Margaret Metcalfe had a daughter, Annie Isabella, who married James William Morphet, a farmer of Horton-in-Ribblesdale. They also had 9 children one of whom was James Alexander Morphet who married Clara Eva Wolfenden of Selside, near Horton. Their third child was my mother, Clara Annie.

The 2 branches of the Metcalfe family – and I am sure other too – kept in close postal contact for many years with the Morphet family from the Dales, who even travelled over to the Vale of York in pony and trap to visit the Chester Family. This journey took 2 days spending a night with the Metcalfes at The Old Hall Inn, Threshfield on the way from Horton-in-Ribblesdale. James Alexander's sister Betsy Morphet wrote a diary between 1914-1917 and described one such trip.

The families continued this contact over many years and my parents met at one such 'get together' in 1952 – she a teacher in Harrogate and he a mechanic in Otley. They married in 1954.

I have great pride in the history of my family and am delighted that this sampler has come to me, the eldest child of John and Clara. But now I suppose it's up to me to create a further heirloom to pass down to future generations!

Trish Craig (Nee Wilkinson) M1879

Sixteenth Century Pensions - Supplied by TS Metcalfe M305

CORRODIES

The system of corrodies ensured support for the old age of those who could pay the price the monks required. A corrody was a grant of food and lodgings for man and beast, usually in return for a money payment, although sometimes as a return for past services. In 1530 the Prioress of Yeddingham gave to Richard Dobson, husbandman, and Maud his wife, in return for £10, a cottage near the Convent Church, the annual keep of two cows, a horse, six hens and one cock, the keep of one ox for the summer; one pig a year, every third year two calves; and the haulage of four loads of turf a year. The annual value of the corrody was 16s. 4d. Another corrody at Yeddingham for one widow woman was worth 18s. a year, and cost £7 13s. 4d. In 1534 Abbot Roland of Rievaulx granted a corrody to John Benson and Jennett his wife, on the understanding that the wife was to receive only a half if the husband died. The grant included every week six gallons of convent ale, twelve gallons of yeoman ale, ten white and six rye loaves; every day "one mess of meat, both fish day and flesh day, served from the kitchen"; every year one stone of tallow, half a bushel of salt and one bushel of oatmeal; a house and garden, one load of hay, one of wood and one of turf "carried to their door," and one load of each to be carried by themselves. Another corrody, granted by Abbot William of Rievaulx, included seven salt fish, sixty white and as many red herrings to be delivered at the beginning of Lent.²

A Final Thought

The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British.

On the other hand the French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British.

The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British.

The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British.

CONCLUSION

Eat and drink what you like - its being British that kills you!

Anon

Wills Project

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.

- 1640 Anne Metcalfe of Hillhouse Banks, Leeds
- 1641/2 Robert Metcalf of Blyth, Notts
- 1649 Richard Metcalfe of Hollinhal, Yorks
- 1650 Magdalene Metcalfe of Epperstone, Notts
- 1681 Katherine Metcalfe of Orston, Notts
- 1699 Thomas Metcalfe, Notts
- 1728 George Metcalf of Everton, Notts
- 1731 John Metford of Newark, Notts
- 1774 Thomas Metcalfe of Hutton Sessay, Yorks
- 1813 Joseph Metcalfe of Misterton, Notts
- 1815 Dorothy Metcalfe of Hackforth, Yorks
- 1820 George Metcalfe of Satron, parish of Grinton
- 1825 George Metcalfe of Calverts Houses, parish of Grinton
- 1827 William Metcalfe of Satron, parish of Grinton
- 1851 Robert Metcalfe of Aysgarth, Yorks
- 1853 James Metcalfe of Lodge Green, Gunnerside, Yorks
- 1854 John Metcalfe of Newbiggin, Yorks
- 1855 William Metcalfe of Grinton, Yorks
- 1856 Ann Metcalfe of High Blean, Aysgarth
- 1857 James Metcalfe of Grinton, Yorks

I have now visited West Yorkshire Archives in Morley, Leeds twice. I have found that quite a number of the Metcalfe wills there were transcribed in the early days of the Project, when Stephen Newman was coordinator. Thus, I have moved the focus to Administrations. These generally have much less detail than wills but are not without useful evidence for family historians.

I have been pleased to find that several Members have donated wills which they have used in their own researches. Pooling this sort of information is most valuable.

*Following the Muster **Joan Metcalfe M63** has joined the team of volunteer transcribers, without whom this Project would not be possible.*

My continued grateful thanks to them all.

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(Project Coordinator)

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Metcalfe Brewers of Pateley Bridge