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Welcome to The Mecca News

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In this edition I have included a variety of internet sources which have a number of Mecca's in their records. These sources may well be worth a further look to see if any of your ancestors were featured and if so don't forget to send in a copy of your findings to the Database Keeper and the Archivist. You never know what you find might assist another member.

One of the National Archives records (page 4) covers the 1815 Waterloo campaign with a number of Meccas featured. I have been reading Bernard Cornwell's book "Waterloo" and whilst I have read accounts of the battle before this one is very good. It also helps to visualise where the various Mecca troops were engaged as it gives their army units in the listing.

The recent committee meeting was held at the Tennant's premises in Leyburn and those that hadn't been before were suitably impressed as I am sure you will be if you come along to our 35th anniversary. There is only one problem you may be so impressed (especially with the cafe and restaurant) you will have to come back for another visit or even an auction! So don't delay book your place for the 2015 AGM & Muster now.

You may wonder about the picture above - where is the fence. No idea!
The stile is in the middle of a field above Aysgarth Falls near Bear Park.



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National Archives

Some recent information from www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

Passenger lists

Trace people coming into the country with our incoming passenger lists 1878-1960 (BT 26) available through our partners at Ancestry.co.uk and people leaving with our outgoing passenger lists 1890-1960 (BT 27) through our partners at Findmypast.co.uk.

To mark the 200th anniversary of The Battle of Waterloo our partners at findmypast.co.uk are making some of our records from the period available to search and download for the first time. This is part of a larger collection of prisoner of war records (series ADM 103) covering 1715-1945 available to search and download now. Explore our prisoner of war records at findmypast.co.uk

**In the British Army Muster Books & Pay Lists 1812-1817
some 79 Metcalf(e)s are named.**

Explore the dedicated Waterloo resource at findmypast.co.uk

In the Waterloo Medal Roll Records

10 Metcalf(e)s are listed (see below).

[See also <http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>](reference MINT 16/112).

John Metcalfe	Private	1st Life Guards
Michl Metcalfe	Ensign	32nd Regiment of Foot
Thos Metcalfe	Private	23rd Light Dragoons
Alexr Metcalf	Private	2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards
Chas Metcalf	Private	2nd Battalion 3rd Regiment of Foot Guards
George Metcalf	Private	2nd Battalion 73rd Regiment of Foot
Jns Metcalf	Private	42nd Regiment of Foot
Michl Metcalf	Private	54th Regiment of Foot
Wm Metcalf	Private	2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards
Wm Metcalf	Serjeant	2nd Battalion 3rd Regiment of Foot Guards

Our partners at findmypast.co.uk have added 1.9 million of our criminal records to their collection, making them available to search and download for the first time. From the Home Office, Metropolitan Police and Prison Commission, these records span from 1770-1935, and reveal many ordinary and extraordinary stories of criminals, victims and law enforcers. Search Crime, Prisons & Punishment at findmypast.co.uk.

These records include 547 Meccas.

Metcalfe Society's 35th Year Celebration

Mecca Muster & 2015 AGM

will take place on

Saturday 3 October 2015

at

The Garden Rooms at Tennants

a new unique 5 star location in Leyburn

North Yorks DL8 5SG

See www.tennantsgardenrooms.com.

New and exciting reasons for members and guests to join us.

Events during the day:

2015 AGM

Rodney Tennant, chairman of Tennants to give an introductory talk on the massive investment into the beautiful facility and give a mini tour of the building.

A small number of valuation estimates at the Muster to individual members.

Guest Speaker - Dr George Redmonds, the renowned historian & author of many genealogy books, especially concerning surnames.

And much more.

Further details with the reservation form accompanying this magazine

Metcalfe's Toothbrush

Michael Peel M1698

*This advertisement appeared on page 1,
a page of advertisements, in 1837:*

The Morning Post.

LONDON, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1837.

METCALFE'S NEW AND ORIGINAL
PATTERN OF TOOTH-BRUSH, made on the most scientific principle, and patronised by the most eminent of the Faculty. This celebrated Brush will search thoroughly into the divisions of the Teeth, and will clean in the most effectual and extraordinary manner. Metcalfe's Brushes are famous for being made on a plan that the Hairs never come loose in the mouth. Ladies of fashion are invited to inspect the new and handsome patterns of Roll Combs for the front and back of the head, and an entirely new Pattern of Dress Comb, which gives an elegance and dignity to the head, far surpassing anything of the kind yet produced. An improved Clothes brush that cleans in a third part of the usual time, and incapable of injuring the finest nap. A newly-invented brush for cleaning velvet with quick and satisfactory effect. The much-approved Flesh-brushes, as recommended by the Faculty. Penetrating Hair-brushes, with the durable unbleached Russia Bristles, and Combs of all descriptions, at Metcalfe's, Oxford-street, opposite Harewood-place, two doors west of Holles-street.

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Such advertisements appeared in various London newspapers¹. The earliest I found was 1837 and the latest 1866. The address of the business in some of them was 130B and 131 Oxford Street. Originally the Metcalfe Company, the advertisements were later using the name "Metcalfe, Bingley and Company" (*Even in London the Metcalfes cannot entirely escape Yorkshire connections!*)

Between 1801 and 1849 a series of exhibitions were held in Paris² to promote the sale of goods made in France. A suggestion that this should expand to a international level was rejected because the local manufacturers objected to bring in competition. The first universal exhibition was held in England in 1851. The first “Paris Universal Exhibition” was held in 1855. The catalogue of this exhibition has an extensive list of the products made by Metcalfe, Bingley and Co. Here is an extract from a digitized edition³:

“METCALFE, BINGLEY, & CO., BY SPECIAL APPOINTMENT TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE ALBERT. BRUSH AND COMB MANUFACTURERS, MANUFACTURING PERFUMERS, AND SPONGE MERCHANTS”

From the Marylebone Mercury, Saturday 24th October 1857:

“INDIAN MUTINY RELIEF FUND. First List of Subscriptions announced at a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants (of Marylebone)....Messrs. Metcalfe and Bingley £3 3s 0d.” From the Standard, Wednesday, May 25, 1864 on the occasion of Queen Victoria’s 45th birthday:

“Last night the clubs, theatres, and the houses of Her Majesty’s tradesman in the West End were brilliantly illuminated. Among the most remarkable of these were the following....

Metcalfe, Bingley and Co., Dressing-case Makers.-

Two glory wreaths surrounding the Royal arms.”

None of these sources told us who Metcalfe was. I found his full name, Jacob Metcalfe, in a website⁴. He founded the company in the 1830s⁴. His census data is summarised thus:

METCALFE	Birth	1841	1851	1861
			St Marylebone	
Address		38 St Maryleborne St.		13 Clarendon Place
occupation		Brush maker	Not given	freeholder
Jacob	St James	60	70	
Elizabeth	Somerset	60	70	80

Jacob’s occupation listed in 1861 looks like “freeholder, fundholder Ve”.

Jacob Metcalf was born 4th November 1780 and was baptised three weeks later on 26th November in the church of St. Sepulchre, London, son of Thomas and Mary (*transcript from ancestry.co.uk*). Jacob Metcalfe and Elizabeth Taverner were married in St James’ Church, Piccadilly, on 6th March 1803 (*Bishop’s transcript*). Elizabeth was born about 1780 at Cufcombe in Somerset according to the one census available with this information. She died Jan-Mar 1861, Marylebone registration district. Elizabeth Metcalfe of 13 Clarendon Place, Maida Hill was buried 10th January 1861 age 80 in All Souls Cemetery (parish register).

Jacob Metcalfe died 26th August 1862 at 13 Clarendon Place, Maida Hill in the Parish of St Maryleborne. His will was proved by Thomas Atkin-

son of Camberwell, Surrey, Gentleman, the great nephew, and Francis Otter Hodgkinson of New Bond Street, London, two of the executors. His effects were worth "under £25000", resworn at "under £35000" the following year. (*National Probate Calendar*). Jacob was buried 30th August 1861 age 81 in All Souls Cemetery (*parish register*).

Here are likely siblings for Jacob, baptised at St. Sepulchre's church with parents Thomas and Mary.

Name	birth	Baptism
Theodosia Charlotte Metcalfe	13 Feb 1762	8 Mar 1762
Mary Metcalf		19 Aug 1771
Sarah Metcalfe		25 Sep 1774
George Metcalfe		27 May 1776
Stephen Metcalfe		7 Mar 1779

Mary Metcalf married Thomas Atkinson 3rd October 1790 in Saint Luke's Church, Old Street, Finsbury. This could be the source of the great nephew in the will. Theodosia Charlotte Metcalfe married William Hart in the church of St Sepulchre on 13th February 1782 (*ancestry.co.uk*).

From electoral registers 1832-4, a stationer George Metcalfe lived at 130 Oxford Street between 1832 and 1834, and later with George Metcalfe jnr at 45 Portland Place in 1835. Directories have George Metcalfe as a brush and comb maker at 130 Oxford Street, for example Pigot 1822 and 1825, and the 1843 Post Office directory.

The "Dickens directory of London" by Charles Dickens jnr 1879 (son of the well known author Charles Dickens):

"Many visitors to London, amidst the wilderness of excellent shops for which the metropolis has so high a reputation, must often experience considerable difficulty in making a convenient and judicious selection No doubt a classified list of some of the principal firms should frequently be of great and obvious utility. The responsibility, however, of undertaking to compile such a list is, it will be readily seen, not one that the Editor of this work would safely or wisely undertake. It has, however, been thought that a list of the tradesmen of Her Majesty the Queen and of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales might in some measure answer the required purpose. Application was therefore made to the Lord Chamberlains office, and to the Controller of their Royal Highnesses households, and by the courtesy of the respective office we are enabled to append the following complete lists."

The list contains the entry
"BRUSH MAKERS - +Metcalf, Bingley & Co., 131b, Oxford-st.,"

The society's computer index has three "Jacob Metcalfe" entries. Unique record number 43885 has Jacob's will reference as above. Number 43886 has the 1851 census data with wife Elizabeth as above. Number 43888 has Jacob Metcalfe a brush maker of 38 Great Marylebone Street, London taken from Pigot's 1838 directory. It is my belief that these entries refer to the same person, the founder of Metcalfe, Bingley and Company..

I could not resist concluding with:

4 THE LEEDS MERCURY. SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1860.

THE FAIRY BOUQUET.—Dedicated (by special permission) to the Queen of the Fairies. This delicious perfume was originally discovered by one of Titania's principal attendants. It is made from wild flowers, culled by fairy hands from "the bank whereon the wild thyme grows." The authenticity of the recipe is vouched for with the same degree of certainty as is the existence of Titania herself. It has accidentally been recovered from the mist of ages, and is now prepared solely by METCALFE, BINGLEY, and Co., Perfumers, &c., 130B and 131, Oxford-street, London, W.

In bottles 2s., 3s. 6d., and 5s. each.

METCALFE, BINGLEY, and Co.'s NEW PATTERN TOOTH BRUSHES, penetrating Unbleached Hair Brushes, genuine Smyrna Sponges, and every description of brush and comb and perfumery for the toilet. Metcalfe's celebrated Alkaline Tooth Powder, 2s. per box,—130B and 131, Oxford-street, London. D 2278 c

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1 British Newspaper Archives.

2 http://www.napoleon.org/en/reading_room/articles/files/479453.asp.

3 Full text of "Paris Universal Exhibition 1855. Catalogue of the works exhibited in the British section of the exhibition: http://archive.org/stream/parisuniversale01goog/parisuniversale01goog_djvu.txt

4 <http://www.myfamilysilver.com/blog/index.php/2009/10/a-shop-in-oxford-street/#.VSq0GPnF8zw>.

(A picture of the shop in Oxford Street may be seen on this website.)

**DEADLINE for the December Mecca News
is 12 October 2015.**

Articles comments or snippets to the Editor.

Preview - to be launched at the 35th Mecca Muster

Many members of our society often wish to be able to pass on their Metcalfe family history to the next generations - their children and grandchildren - for them to grow to treasure their Metcalfe name and family history. The next generations may be too young and/or too busy at the moment.

So why not come along to the 35th Mecca Muster on 3 October 2015 for the launch of the legacy membership and find out how you can make plans to pass on this priceless present to your children and grandchildren. The announcement will also help you with your Christmas shopping too!



Metcalfe Committee Meeting at Tennant's Auction House at Leyburn on 11 July 2015. Unfortunately the car had already been sold!

The Metcalfe Society exhibited at the 20th annual Yorkshire Family History Fair at York Racecourse on 27 June.

Committee members **David Metcalfe, Diane Howarth & Jo Heron** manned the stand. They were delighted to say hello to members, past & present -

M1156 Rosemary Netzel, XM1666 Mr & Mrs Sparling, M169 Christine Wadsworth & M1754 Trevor Metcalf.

See the Metcalfe Society Facebook page for pictures on the day and lots more.

Ten Reasons to Attend This Year's Mecca Muster

Undecided as to whether to go to this year's 35th Anniversary and annual Mecca Muster & AGM. Here's 10 reasons why you should go!

1. Enjoy the super facilities at the brand new location at The Garden Rooms at Tennants the Auctioneers in Leyburn - worth a visit any day!
2. Learn about the multi-million pound investment in this national level conference facility from Rodney Tennant
3. Enjoy a mini-tour of The Garden Rooms by our guest host Rodney Tennant, Chairman of Tennants
4. Have your Metcalfe memorabilia or antique valued by Rodney Tennant
5. Enjoy the presentation by Dr George Redmonds
6. See the launch of the society's new website
7. Receive individual guidance on how you can access the society data yourself on your own computer via the society's new website
8. Find out how you can continue your Metcalfe family history and pass on to your children and grandchildren through the launch of the new legacy membership
9. Individual help from our professional archivist to search the full set of Metcalfe data so you can have the help and advice you need
10. Meet the 'relatives' you never knew you had

.... and the added bonus of a most enjoyable weekend in the Yorkshire Dales, home of the Metcalfes.

Book your place now by completing the enclosed Muster Booking Form and return as soon as possible to secure your place.



WORLD WAR I RECORDS

Distinguished Conduct Medal Citations 1914-1920

Surname	Initial(s)	Regiment Name
Metcalf	C.E.	ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS
Metcalf	J.	ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY
Metcalf	J.	AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY
Metcalf	J.W.	Middlesex Regiment
Metcalf	R.	THE KING'S OWN (YORKSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY)
Metcalfe	A.	THE NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS
Metcalfe	A.A.	The Manchester Regiment
Metcalfe	C.E.	THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S (West Riding Regiment)
Metcalfe	F.S.	Alexandra Princess of Wales's Own (Yorkshire Regiment)
Metcalfe	J.	THE EAST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT
Metcalfe	J.	CANADIAN ENGINEERS
Metcalfe	J.F.	The Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire Regiment)
Metcalfe	T.	The Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire Regiment)
Metcalfe	W.	The Royal Warwickshire Regiment
Metcalfe	W.H.	The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment)

De Ruvigny's Roll Of Honour 1914-1924

(The Roll was compiled by the 9th Marquis of Ruvigny & Raineval who was interested in genealogical history. The roll contains over 26000 biographies of WWI casualties.)

Surname	Forename
Metcalfe	John Claude
Metcalfe	Richard
Metcalfe	William Miles
Metcalfe-Smith	Bertram Cecil

British Officers Taken POW Aug 1914 - Nov 1918

Surname	Initial(s)	Regiment Name
Metcalf	R.	Machine Gun Corps
Metcalfe	J.	1st and 2nd Battalions. Royal Warwickshire Regiment
Metcalfe	L. W.	7th Battalion. West Yorkshire Regiment

*Further record details can be consulted at
<http://www.nmarchive.com/quick-result/initial-all/surname-metcalf>*

Burley Methodist Church, Cardigan Lane, Leeds

Opened 1898, closed June 2012.

During the first world war Burley lost many young men including

Peter R. Metcalfe

Church plaque

www.mymethodisthistory.org.uk

Commonwealth War Graves in Hawes & Askrigg

HAWES (ST. MARGARET) CHURCHYARD

Grave Reference: Grave 19

METCALFE, JAMES

Rank: Ordinary Seaman

Service No D/JX 241291

Date of Death: 05/05/1941

Age: 26

Regiment/Service: Royal Navy H.M.S. Drake.

Additional Information:

Son of Thomas Metcalfe, and of Sophia Isabel Metcalfe, of Hawes.

ASKRIGG (ST. OSWALD) CHURCHYARD

Grave Reference: South-West of Church.

METCALFE, JOHN JAMES

Rank: Private

Service No:501359

Date of Death:25/03/1918

Age:22

Regiment/Service: Labour Corps

Additional Information:

Son of M. A. Metcalfe, of Quaker Terrace, Masham, Ripon, Yorks.

www.cwgc.org

SOLDIER'S WILLS

Late in 2014 the wills of hundreds of thousands of WWI soldiers were made public. Each soldier sent to the front was under orders to pen a hand written will and letter stuffed into their pocket service book.

In a Daily Express article of Saturday 18 October 2014 details of two soldier's wills were given. However many wills were not as detailed as those described, some being merely lists or instructions to their loved ones.

The wills can be accessed at a cost of £10 per will at gov.uk/wills-probate-inheritance/searching-fof-probate-records

Once on the site you click *Search online*
then on the tab *Find Soldier Will*.

For each surname - Metcalf/Metcalfe and Medcalf's (*no Medcalfes*) - there are a number of entries (*each surname has to be searched individually for each year*) as follows: 1914 - 1 Mte; 1915 - 1 Mt, 11 Mte; 1916 - 5 Mt, 15 Mte; 1917 - 7 Mt, 22 Mte. 4 Md; 1918 - 29 Mt/Mte, 5 Md.

I am packing with one hand and typing with the other the day before I go away to France on holiday –not to be recommended! I have only just returned home after our July committee meeting which took place in Leyburn at the venue of our next Muster- at Tenannts, the auctioneers.

Rodney Tennant greeted us and made certain that our meeting proceeded well. We were able to see the rooms that we will be using – brand new purpose built conference rooms and lounges; five star quality and luxury with an excellent café ! I am certain we will enjoy our day there and look forward to meeting more of you than ever. This is a new venue and also marks our 35th anniversary and the committee would like to emulate our 25th anniversary which was the best supported with over 125 present. Let's try to beat the record!

Dr George Redmonds will be addressing us as you will see and he is a leading expert on family surnames especially in the Dales. He has spoken to us before and we are exceedingly fortunate that he has agreed to visit our Muster again. Please see details of the day and tell us if you are coming.

I intend to announce our nominee for the President's post which is to be vacated by Charles Metcalfe whose farewell was written in the April Mecca News! He has done so much for us whilst he has been associated with the Society and indeed he continues to do so. I would like to thank him again on your behalf. Whilst 'the spirit is willing' he does not think he will be able to travel to Leyburn to join us at the Muster.

As always seems to be the case I add my annual plea for volunteers to serve on the committee. We have 2 committee members to replace:- Vivienne Metcalf and Marsden Holden having both decided to retire at the AGM. In addition to the committee there are always hands wanted to assist us on our Wills project, which is approaching 1,000 transcribed Wills. Indeed there are a number of small jobs which could be undertaken by a volunteer to lighten the load on the committee.

Chairman's Jottings

As I say above, we celebrate our 35th anniversary this year and it is remarkable that 2015 marks several anniversaries. I list a few, some of which you will have heard of obviously, but possibly not all.

Magna Carta was sealed (not signed!) by King John and his leading Barons in 1215. As far as I know no Metcalfes were present at Runnymede, although you may prove me wrong! 2015 marks the 750th anniversary of Simon de Montfort's Parliament when representatives from towns and the shires were summoned together to discuss matters of national concern. It included knights and burgesses for the first time. This Parliament is seen as the earliest forerunner of the modern Parliament. It broadened the types of people represented at a high level who were participating in affairs of the nation. <http://www.parliament.uk/about/living-heritage/evolutionofparliament/originsofparliament/birthofparliament/overview/simon-demontfort/>

In the case of the Battle of Agincourt in 1415 there is potentially a dilemma. [*The annals of the Metcalfes say that Nappa Hall was granted to James Metcalfe by Sir Richard Scrope of Castle Bolton in lieu of loans made on the French campaign.*] A list of soldiers held by the National Archives however does not list any Metcalfes. <http://www.medievalsoldier.org/Agincourt.php>. However the grant of Nappa Hall must have been done for some good reason and certainly could well have been as our history relates to James's service]. I refer you to

the History of the Clan book and the details given there (*page 69*).

1685 saw another battle following 1st Duke of Monmouth declaration of himself as King at Bridgewater and the ensuing Monmouth Rebellion ending with the Battle of Sedgemoor. In 1715 The Old Pretender failed in his attempt to recover the British throne for the Stuarts after King George I came to the throne the year before. Were any of your ancestors involved in the armed struggle?

The Battle of Waterloo took place 200 years ago in 1815. Records say 10 Metcalfes received the Waterloo Medal as Peter our Editor states elsewhere. This was the first medal to be issued to all ranks. A list of the recipients [follows] or [is set out on page **]

It is 175 years ago that the Matterhorn the renowned Swiss mountain was first climbed by Edward Whymper and 7 colleagues, 4 of whom sadly died on their descent. According to the internet in more recent times some Metcalfes have followed in their footsteps.

1915 saw the loss of the Cunard passenger ship Lusitania, sunk by a German submarine off the Irish coast as it made its way to the UK. 1800 passengers and crew died. Were any of the dead your ancestors – many were Americans. At that stage of the First World War the USA were not combatants. As far as I can see no one with the Metcalf(e) surname sailed.

1915 also saw the foundation of the Womens Institute in the UK. It was formed to encourage countrywomen to become 'involved in growing and preserving food to help to increase the supply of food to the war-torn nation.' It was originally formed 'under the auspices of the Agricultural Organisation Society (AOS). AOS Secretary, John Nugent Harris, appointed Canadian Madge Watt to set up WIs across the UK. The first one was at Llanfair PG, on Anglesey, North Wales on September 16th 1915, and the first WI in England was Singleton WI in Sussex. [<http://www.thewi.org.uk/about-the-wi/history-of-the-wi/the-origins>]. Now I am absolutely certain hundreds of the Metcalfe family have been or still are members. Indeed the Gunnerside programme offered in September 2013 a talk entitled 'Making Canapes & Petit Fours: by Louise Metcalfe' and in March 2014 Grantley & Winksley branch had as its speaker : Deb Metcalfe who gave a talk 'Call the Midwife' A talk on midwifery today.

1965 saw the death of Sir Winston Churchill and I can still recall the funeral on a black and white TV !

I do enjoy searching the internet!

Is anyone related to a Smith Metcalfe of Keighley born in the 19th century? If so, do you have a photo of him aged 16? Were you aware of his father's name or his occupation? Do you know where the family lived in 1877 or who his uncles were and what they did? Or his grandfather's name and residence? The answers are found in education archives made available on Ancestry.co.uk who have posted Yorkshire Reformatory School records. Smith was at East Moor Community Home School. Not only is there an index but also a digital image of the admission book itself with a lot of genealogical data and a photograph of the miscreant himself! Well worth looking at! There are about 10 entries for Metcalfes, admittedly some not quite as detailed as Smith Metcalfe's page but fascinating nonetheless.

I hope to see you at the muster in Leyburn in October!

David Lambert

I contacted the Archivist a few days ago about a **Mecca sighting that I had made in the Great Yeldham, Essex parish registers** to see if it would help any of her archivist researches.

William Metcalph of Bambridge in Yorkshire glazier buried 27 June 1705.

Taking this to be William Metcalfe of Bainbridge it would seem to be a very early Mecca at Bainbridge and may help anyone stuck in their research.

I have been in touch with Adrian Corder-Birch who has written many books about villages in the area, including two on Great Yeldham to see if he could suggest why a glazier might have come all the way from Yorkshire to Essex and what glazing work could have been occurring there at that time. He wonders if it could have been the church or one of the many 'big houses' in the area. He must have been a specialist or good at his work to travel all that way. The registers do not show any other Mecca entries so he appears to have been there without family.

As well as no early William Metcalfe of Bainbridge in the database there does not seem to be much mention of glaziers either.

I wonder if anyone could shed any light on it or hopefully help to fill a gap in a member's research.

Edwin Metcalf M980

Found in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada newspaper:

Died at Victoria, British Columbia, Mar 2, 1886, of cerebral haemorrhage, **Leonard Falshaw Metcalf**, aged 29, native of Wensleydale, Yorkshire, England.

Deceased, who was manager of the butcher shop of Messrs Beak & Co, corner Waddington alley/Johnson st, was suddenly seized with an attack of apoplexy, and at once conveyed to his home on North Park st, where he shortly after was taken with another fit, and breathed his last.

He was a Brother of **Edward Metcalfe** of this city, and came out with his wife to this province from England a little over a year ago. His death comes with a greater shock to his relatives from the utter absence of any immediate prospects of such a sad event.

He was greatly liked and respected by all who knew him for his frank disposition and strict probity, and the greatest sympathy is felt for his bereaved relatives.

Funeral from family residence, Mason St. Pallbearers: Messrs W McNish, T.L Davies, J Griffiths, J Dudgeon, F G Wright, H C Sullivan.

*G 066 W 17 Paper: Colonist
Pub Date: 1886-02-28*

Susan Harper M266

THE RIGHT TO VOTE

My grandparents were Thomas and Agnes Metcalfe; Thomas's parents were Richard and Ann Shaw Metcalfe. Somewhere in the family is a Gertrude Metcalfe Shaw who was involved in the Suffragette movement. She joined the WPSU in 1903.

I came across a letter in a family history magazine from her grgranddaughter (Liz Curwen) giving a short history of Gertrude.

When she died the family found a medal she had been given by the WPSU.

It appears that she chained herself to Buckingham Palace railings and was familiar with a prison sentence or two.

I cannot find any more about her but as she has got both my grgrandparents names I wonder if anyone can come up with any further information.

Kathleen Robinson M1088

Universal suffrage for adults (those over 21) in the UK was not introduced until 1928. Nearly a century earlier the Reform Act of 1832 had made great strides forward (in relation to what had gone before) franchising some 14% of the adult population - albeit the majority of whom were men.¹

Changes in 1867, 1872 & 1884 saw this increase to 1 in 3 but still the majority of eligible voters were men. Only some women ratepayers/property owners were eligible for the vote.

By the 1880's the groundswell of opinion arising from earlier changes giving women the right to sue after a divorce and married women being allowed to own property was manifest in the Ladies Discussion Societies and the nascent suffrage committees.

The number of differing women's groups - those seeking to improve the social standing of females and those who were seeking political esteem - were starting to evolve into suffrage organisations. In 1897 the National Union of Womens Suffrage (NUWS) was formed by Millicent Fawcett who believed in peaceful protest and eventual success through "*patience and logical argument*".²

Her argument was that if Parliament made laws and women were subject to them, they (women) should be part of the law making process. Progress was slow. Most MP's (men) did not believe women knew how Parliament worked and should not be part of the process.

There were many women angry at this attitude and by 1903 a more vocal organisation the Womens Social and Political Union (WSPU)³ was founded by Emeline Pankhurst and her daughters. They were seeking the vote and determined to get it even by the use of social disobedience.

Initially the organisation was peaceful but in 1905 it started to disrupt political meetings - asking if those present believed women should have the vote. At a meeting in Manchester Christabel Pankhurst and Annie Kenney were thrown out of the proceedings and arrested. Refusing to pay the fine the women were committed to prison which galvanised the suffragette campaign up to the Great War.

Action took many forms some violent including various acts of vandalism, burning Church of England buildings, haranguing and attacking politicians, chaining themselves to prominent buildings and refusing to pay taxes/licences.

The reaction of the authorities was predictable. The perpetrators were fined and if they refused to pay the fine they were imprisoned. The suffragettes were happy to go to prison and promptly went on hunger strike. This action worried the Government who did not want any prison deaths and subsequent martyrs. The prisoners were force fed but this caused an outcry.

"Cat and Mouse Act" was introduced whereby the suffragettes on hunger strike were allowed to starve until they were very weak when they were then released. If they re offended the process was repeated.

Both sides were on a collision course with the suffragette violence increasing leading to the first martyr when Emily Wilding Davison threw herself in front of the King's horse at the 1913 Epsom Derby. Violence escalated and was only brought to a halt with the outbreak of war in 1914. In a demonstration of support for the war effort the WSPU suspended their campaign.

In 1918 women over 30 were given the vote with universal suffrage being granted to all adults over 21 in 1928.

Gertrude Metcalfe Shaw was indeed part of the suffragette movement. Her main claim to fame was an event in April 1913. On 18 April two WPSU activists (one being Gertrude) stormed the Monument (to the Great Fire of London) in Eastcheap, locked up the attendants and got to the balcony near the top of the structure where they unfurled a WSPU flag and a woman's banner. Police were called.

Word soon got out and a large crowd of mainly market workers from nearby Billingsgate Market assembled cheering and jeering both parties.

Gertrude and her colleague were arrested and their photographs taken but were released without charge.⁴

She was also a writer of women's rights and an article was penned by her on 17 April 1914 which appeared in "Votes for Women".⁵ The article entitled "How German Law Protects Women & Children" sets out the experiences of women in both countries regarding female suffrage.

*Another supporter of women's rights **Agnes Edith Metcalfe** (Miss) can be found in suffragette papers. Baptised on 17 April 1870 the daughter of Frank and Judith Elizabeth Metcalfe of Wisbech Cambridgeshire she was mentioned in the 4 April 1913 issue of the magazine "The Vote" supporting women non-taxpayers. She was again mentioned in the magazine on 19 December 1913 being found guilty earlier in the month for not paying her dog's licence fee.⁶ She was reported as having died on 6 October 1923 aged 53.⁷*

Over a century since the above events the fight for the vote has been generally forgotten and there is a sense of apathy around the whole political process. However you may be surprised by the strength of feeling on the topic if you follow up on this article and you never know you might find that one of your female relatives was in some way involved in the movement which gave us universal suffrage.

Peter Dobson M69

Sources: ¹Mecca News 103 page4.

²www.historylearningsite.co.uk/suffragettes

³en.wikipedia.org/womens_suffrage

⁴blog.museumoflondon.org.uk

⁵news.google.com/newspapers

⁶sniggle.net

⁷[mail.womwnshistorynetwork.org](mailto:womwnshistorynetwork.org)

A MODERN DAY MECCA POLITICIAN

Stephen James Metcalfe

born 9 January 1966

Walthamstow London

Became MP for South Basildon & East Thurrock in May 2010.

Re-elected in May 2015 with a 7691 Majority.

From en.wikipedia.org

Supplied by **Richard Metcalfe-Gibson M854**

I saw a similar sampler to mine in the December (2014) edition of the magazine and it prompted me to send a photo of my sampler-of which we are very fond!

It was sewn by my paternal grandmother **Nellie Metcalfe** in 1906,when she was fourteen (born 1892). I think that they lived in Wensleydale,although I'm not sure where!



My father Robert Webster was born in Aysgarth and we often visit that area of the dale to keep in touch when possible. My father moved to Cambridgeshire in the 1930's and of course I was born here and love East Anglia, but I also love the Yorkshire Dales and feel privileged to be at least a "part Yorkshireman", and also a Dalesman.

I always look forward to the Metcalfe magazine dropping through the letter box and then spend an absorbing length of time catching up with the research, news, gossip, events and stories which make the "mag" a great read!

I hope that the sampler is of interest to you and all the other Metcalfes.

John Webster. M1099

Sheffield Telegraph Obituaries

Name	Profession	Date of Death
METCALFE Francis Henry	Accountant, senior partner in Camm, Metcalfe & Co	25 Jan 1926
METCALFE O K	Retired university law lecturer	5 Nov 1960
METCALFE Simon	Wholesale confectioner	7 May 1900

From Sheffield local study library

Full obituaries can be obtained by contacting

www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/research-service

Perth Western Australia

Newspaper Extract

Blacko man became 'Mr Playhouse'

LEGEND OF THEATRE DIES

A former Blacko man who became a luminary of the Australian theatre has died aged 78.

Edgar Metcalfe was a prominent actor and director on the Perth theatre scene for nearly half a century after emigrating in 1963 and creating what has been termed a golden age of theatre in the city.

Blacko born, he and his sister Joan, were orphaned when he was two. He was adopted by Mary and Tom Emmott, of Stone Edge Farm, and attended Blacko Primary School until he was nine.

In 2010 he returned to England to retire but was troubled by asthma and so returned to his adopted home.

Mr Metcalfe leaves a nephew and five nieces in the Pendle area and relatives in Telford. (by Stephanie Beardsworth)

In 1968 I saw a production in Burnley of *The Tempest* given by the touring company Century Theatre in their famous 'blue box' theatre. This was directed by Edgar Metcalfe, who was Artistic Director at the time, and starred Dennis Lill (brother of John Lill, the pianist). In those days it was a very shoestring company and Edgar also played Caliban.

Pat Dyson

Guild of One Name Studies

For those of you generally interested in the Dales I have come across a book "The Inn at the Top" by Neil Hanson all about the Tan Hill Inn.

An interesting read!

A second book about the Inn by the same author is due out at the beginning of August and if the first one is anything to go by it should also be a laugh. - Editor

News & Information

BRITISH LIBRARY

New newspaper building opened 23 January 2015. For full details see

<http://www.bl.uk/press-releases/2015/january/british-library-opens-national-newspaper-building> **Supplied by Jo Heron**

North Yorkshire RO news

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/26333/Record-office---events>

Upper Wensleydale newsletter

<http://www.wensleydale.org/Wensleydale/LocalNewsletter.aspx>

American Film DOA (1988) starring Dennis Quaid as a lecturer had these *unforgettable(!)* lines;

Quaid: **METCALF**. A colour. How about green?

Metcalfe: Young. Raw. Immature.

TRANSPORTED FOR SEVEN YEARS!

If you haven't visited *The Proceedings of the Old Bailey* website
www.oldbaileyonline.org

you are missing out on a wide range of information which gives an insight to crime and punishment in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.

You are also possibly missing out on crimes committed by
or against your ancestors.

Here are a few excerpts to wet your appetite.

Crime: Theft - Housebreaking

Old Court Tuesday 19th February 1833

Second Middlesex Jury before Mr Sergeant Arabin

*Samuel Maycock, Richard Bradley and **John Metcalf** were indicted for feloniously breaking and entering the dwelling house of William Hodges on 1st January and stealing therein 1 washing tub value 3s, 1 cask value 4s and 1 rabbit hutch value 3s.*

John London. I am an officer. On the 13th January I took the prisoners Bradley & Maycock in Company together; Metcalf I took two days after - he acknowledged being in company with the other two at the robbery: I did not ask him any questions but he said he was with them when he broke into the place...

Verdict : Maycock Guilty. Aged 18.

Bradley Guilty. Aged 17.

Metcalf Guilty. Aged 13.

Of stealing only.

Transported for Seven Years.

George Metcalf was indicted for stealing on the 21st November 1832, 7 pairs of shoes value 14s, the goods of Evan Jones and another.

Crime: Theft : Simple Grand Larceny. Trial 29th November 1832.

The case against 18 year old George was simple enough. He was an opportunist thief who was immediately spotted and chased. He dropped the goods but was caught and arrested.

The proceedings were short and after George's denial to being the thief he was found guilty and **transported for seven years.**

Not all the cases at the Old Bailey involved Metcalf's as defendants - sometimes they were the victim.

Philip Metcalf was assaulted,
"putting him in corporal fear and danger of his life."
 then robbed *"of a watch with a gold enamelled case value £18, a gold watch chain value 40s, a watch key and three seals value 20s and four guineas and 10s in money"* on 9th September 1772.
 At the trial on 11th October the defendant
 Richard Fotherell was **acquitted**.

Some of the cases were not just the usual murder, theft or violence against the person.

One of the longest reported cases involved **William Metcalf** a captain's servant on the *St John Pink* out of Padras in Turkey.

On 26th August 1735 four seamen including the mate - Richard Coyle, the carpenter and two others allegedly murdered the Captain, a Benjamin Hartley as the ship was sailing towards Malta.

They were accused of murder and piracy
 at their trial on 24th February 1737..

The four were looking to rob a ship in Padras but it sailed before they were able to put their plan into action. They had had an earlier dispute with the captain and they used this as a basis to take over the ship.

Shortly after leaving Turkey the four attacked the captain and eventually threw him overboard.

The remaining crew members including William Metcalf were threatened by the pirates and locked below deck.

After a number of days when the murderers were asleep the crew escaped from the ship to the island of Fovinianno.

The conspirators made their own escape and went to Tunis where they were eventually apprehended.

They were found guilty and sentenced to **Death**.

*The court proceedings are an interesting social snapshot and also how quickly matters were usually (except the piracy case) brought to trial. The severity of the sentences seems somewhat heavy handed from our perspective but perhaps the only way to keep some semblance of law and order at that time. **Peter Dobson M69.***

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

The useful dialogue which happens when members share and discuss their further researches has continued. In Lois Bretz's case, her investigations have now not only sorted out her problematic John on the Society database but have also found the correct William for the previous generation. I am sure I do not need to tell any of you how common these names are for Metcalfes and how easy it is to embark on a false trail in areas, such as the upper Dales, where there are numerous Metcalfe families. As her 'tree' links to that of other members the work aids others too. A will helped to make the Lancashire link clear!

I would like to thank M1668 Stephen Carr for sharing his very thorough research on female Metcalfe marriages and their issue. At present this is a weaker area of the Society database and one on which David Metcalfe, the Database Keeper, has recently been doing his own further research to strengthen.

Margaret Hodgson M515

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Postal address at page 34 of this magazine

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

M1332 Mrs Cecilia Welk

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D.o. James Alexander & Irene Marguerite Marie (Ayotte) Mte m 23 Dec 1944 Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. James b c1915 Regina, Saskatchewan s.o. James Alexander & Mary Young (Brown) Mte m 8 May 1901 Glasgow, Scotland. James b 12 Apr 1881 Paisley, Renfrew, Scotland s.o. William Musham & Cecilia (Simpson) Mte m 1 Jun 1869 Myrekirk, Liff, Angus, Scotland. William b 1 Sept 1840 York, Yorks s.o. William & Hannah Maria (Musham) Mte m 22 Jun 1839 York. William s.o. Thomas Mte.

M1804 Mrs Kelly Paquette

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Grt grd d.o. Edward Langdale & Agnes May (Plugge) Appleton m 1906 London. Edward b 26 Nov 1877 Adel, Yorks s.o. Henry & Georgina (Hudson) Appleton m 16 Jan 1873 Roundhay, Yorks. Henry bpt 25 Nov 1831 Stokesley s.o. Richard & Ann (Cass) Appleton m 24 May 1811 Kirkby in Cleveland, Yorks. Ann bpt 21 June 1791 Kirkby in Cleveland

d.o. Thomas & Ann (Mte) Cass m 6 April 1790 Kirkby in Cleveland. Ann b c1765 d.o. Rev. James & Anne (Langdale) Mte m 16 June 1764 Leake, Yorks. James bpt 7 Nov 1740 s.o. James Mte of Skellgill.

M1922 Mrs Eleanor Scarr

Coleby Hall, Askrigg, Leyburn, North Yorkshire james_scarr@btinternet.com D.o. Sydney & Alethea (Newton) Mte m 7 Nov 1944 West Rounton. Sydney b 1 Feb 1916 Aysgarth district s.o. William & 1st wf Eleanor (Dinsdale) Mte m 28 Oct 1915 Aysgarth district. William b 1894 Gayle s.o. James & Betty (Iveson) Mte m 6 Sep 1884 Hawes. James b 4 Feb 1865 Hawes s.o. James & Margery (Thompson) (a) Mte m 19 Jan 1863 Hawes. James bpt 6 Apr 1834 Hawes s.o. James & Elizabeth (Iveson) Mte m 3 Jun 1822 Hawes. James bpt 14 May 1799 Hawes s.o. Thomas & Elizabeth (Peacock) Mte m 22 Aug 1780. Thomas bpt 4 Jul 1736 Hawes s.o. Thomas & Margaret (Lambert) Mte m 29 Aug 1734 Hawes. Thomas bpt 25 Mar 1694 Askrigg s.o. Richard & Alice (Stockdale) Mte m 4 May 1678 Askrigg. Richard b c1660 s.o. Thomas & 2nd wf Elizabeth (Rucroft) Mte m 1640. Thomas b c1610 s.o. Thomas Mte. Thomas b c1580.

Conn. M33 M62 M141 M155 M317 M322 M423 M449 M591 M623 M654 M769 M824 M897 M908 M1036 M1122 M1150 M1455 M1563 M1585 M1837 M1838 M1980

(a) Margery Thompson b c1834 Snaizholme d.o. Metcalfe & Jane (Dinsdale) Thompson m 1830 Hawes. Metcalfe Thompson bpt 26 Jul 1801 Aysgarth s.o. John & Margaret (Mte) Thompson m 6 Feb 1786 Aysgarth. Margaret bpt 29 Nov 1767 Aysgarth d.o. John & Isabella (Mte) (b) Mte. John bpt 29 Sep 1726 Aysgarth s.o. Bryan & Margaret (Lupton) Mte m 13 Oct 1725 Aysgarth. Bryan bpt 21 Aug 1698 Aysgarth s.o. John & Grace Mte John s.o. Bryan Mte. Bryan s.o. John & Christian (formerly Mte nee Simpson) Mte. John s.o. James & Ann Mte of Nappa Scar.

Conn. M163 M965 M979 M1223 M1702 M1734 M1902 M1966

(b) Isabella bpt 12 Aug 1733 Askrigg d.o. Thomas Mte of Woodhall

M1927 Mrs Ella Barningham

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D.o. William James & Freda Irene (Kilburn) Mte m 11 Aug 1943 Stalling Busk, Yorks. William bpt 12 Mar 1922 Askrigg s.o. William George & Jane (Tennant) m March 1920 Aysgarth. William b 9 Dec 1869 Throstle Nest, nr Thornton Rust, Yorks s.o. Thomas & Elizabeth (a. Mte) Mte m 16 Nov 1850 Aysgarth. Thomas b 8 July 1827 s.o. Thomas & Elizabeth (Wharton) Mte m 19 Nov 1821 Aysgarth. Thomas bpt 29 Mar 1801 Wensley s.o. John Mte of Preston under Scar.

Conn. M1354 M1512 M1517

(a) Elizabeth bpt 24 May 1830 Aysgarth d.o. Thomas & Elizabeth (Thistlethwaite) Mte m 27 Mar 1827 Aysgarth. Thomas bpt 21 Oct 1798 Ay-

sgarth s.o. John & Nanny (? Allan) Mte m 19 Nov 1794 Aysgarth. John b c1760. Conn. M1586

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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 Thornton in Lonsdale d.o. John & Jane (a) (Baines) Mte m 2 Mar 1839 Ingleton. **John bpt 9 Apr 1820 Low Bentham s.o. William & Margaret (Woodman) Mte m 26 Jul 1806 Melling, Lan. William b c1778 Yks. Conn. M58 M390 M1088 M1336 M1671**

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

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Conn. M418 M481 M482M726 M924

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D.o. Thomas Pounder & Joan B (Padfield) Mte m1941 Manchester. Thomas Pounder b 1914 Hartlepool s.o. Thomas Pounder & Elizabeth Jane (Coulson) Mte m 1910 Hartlepool. Thomas Pounder b 1886 Hartlepool s.o. James Mowbray & Isabella (Thompson) Mte m 1886 Hartlepool. James Mowbray b 12 July 1865 Hartlepool s.o. Thomas Pounder & Elizabeth (Mowbray) Mte m 1864 Hartlepool. Thomas Pounder b 1844 Hartlepool s.o. Joseph Nicholson & Sarah (Pounder) Mte m 1843 Stockton, Dur. Joseph Nicholson bpt 1 Mar 1822 Monkwearmouth, Dur s.o. Andrew & Mary (Nicholson) Mte m 29 Dec 1813 Sunderland. Andrew bpt 1 Dec 1790 Sunderland s.o. Matthew & Mary

(Redhead) Mte m 28 Apr 1790 Sunderland. Matthew bpt 1 Nov 1767 Whickham, Dur s.o. Andrew & Mary (Holy) Mte m 7 Dec 1766 Bishopwearmouth, Dur. Andrew bpt 27 Jul 1740 Whickham s.o. James & Elizabeth (Crozier) Mte m 1 Jun 1735 Whickham.
Conn. M20 M565 M602 M895 M951 M1228 M1715

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Books

Centuries of Change - Ian Mortimer ISBN 978-1-847-92303-5

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I buy secondhand books online sometimes, usually through Abe Books.

Out of sheer curiosity I put 'Metcalf: History of the Clan' into the search box.

Have you ever done this? It showed three available, the CHEAPEST being £52.

There was another at £65 and the third, would you believe, was £225.

Amazon was even worse (or better, depending on how you look at it),
 with just one copy at £339 !!

It was good to see 4-star and 5-star bookseller ratings, and even 'scarce' from Amazon.

Are we all sitting on a fortune?

Joan Metcalfe M63

**If you haven't bought your copy of Metcalfe : History of the Clan
 buy today from Liz Waller in our despatch department
 (address page 34) for £26 plus p&p. A bargain!**

Metcalf's Comet

This letter appeared in the Yorkshire Post on Tuesday, September 16, 1919, page 4, column 4, under the above heading:

"Sir,-The comet was visible to the naked eye last night (September 14) in moonlight. It is in the "Great Bear," a little south of the star Epsilon. With a pair of binoculars it appears as a large hazy object. In the next few nights, before the moon has risen, it should be a conspicuous object. On September 16 it will be in a line with Beta and Gamma, and on September 17 with Alpha and Gamma.-Yours &c.,
WILLIAM MILBURN
Wolsingham Observatory, Tow Law,
Sept. 15."

The comet was so named because it was found shortly before sunrise on August 21st 1919 by the Reverend **Joel Hastings Metcalf**.

It is now named 23P/Brorsen-Metcalf 1 because it was later shown to be the same object as discovered by Theodore J. C. A. Brorson in 1847. Joel also found the comet 97P/Metcalf-Brewington2 in 1906, which was rediscovered by Howard Brewington in 1991. He also found several asteroids, including, on 20th March 1907, Asteroid 792 Metcalfia which is named in his honour.

The photograph of 23P/Brorsen-Metcalf is included by the kind permission of the copyright holders Bill and Sally Fletcher.

It was taken during the 1989 apparition of the comet, using a 16-inch f/4.5 Newtonian telescope and Tech Pan film. Other comet images, as well as numerous deep sky objects can be found on their website <http://www.scienceandart.com/>.



Joel Hastings Metcalf, Doctor of Divinity, was born in Meadville, Pennsylvania on January 4th 18663. He was a minister for the Unitarian church in the United States of America, and served with distinction as an Army Chaplain in France during the Great War of 1914-1918.

His greatest claim to fame however is as an amateur astronomer, having contributed to the science of astronomy by designing and making optical equipment and using his telescopes to find a number of comets and asteroids, some of which are named after him as above.

He married Elizabeth S. Lockman 22nd September 1891 in Somerville, Massachusetts. They had a son and a daughter. Joel's life is celebrated in a number of biographies, for instance in reference 3, Wikipedia, and reference 4 written by his daughter.

While we are in outer space, are members of the Mecca clan aware that NASA collected over one million names and recorded them on microchips which were sent into space in the spacecraft Stardust, launched on 7th February, 1999?

The following stated purpose of this collection is taken from the NASA website⁵: "Placing the names onto the STARDUST spacecraft was a public outreach effort. It allowed people to be personally involved with the STARDUST Mission and helps to promote public interest, awareness and support of the space program. It also provided a way to honor individuals by enabling them to be associated with mankind's most advanced technological endeavor and to be part of the quest of the human species to reach for the stars."

The website has two lists of names, in alphabetical order of surnames, which can be searched. There are **95 Mecca names** in list 1, including "**Asteroid 792 Metcalfia**". There are 16 in list 2, including "**Jerrold Metcoff**"; is this a new variation of the clan name? There is no information, genealogical or otherwise, to be found with these names, so the lists do not need to be recorded in the society's data base.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

City of York FHS 40th Anniversary Family History Fair

Saturday 12 September 2015. 10am - 4pm.

Manor Church of England Academy, Nether Poppleton York

Admission £1 Free Parking.

Doncaster & District Family & Local History Fair plus Craft Stalls

Saturday 26 September 2015. 10am - 4pm.

Doncaster College for the Deaf, Leger Way, Doncaster DN2 6AY

Admission £1 Free Parking. www.doncasterfhs.co.uk

The Metcalfe Society 35th Anniversary Mecca AGM & Muster 2015

Saturday 3 October 2015

The Garden Rooms at Tennants

Leyburn North Yorks www.metcalfe.org.uk

Newcastle All Saints marriages 1813-1821

24 Jun 1818 George Robinson Hutton, of the parish of St Oswald in the County of Durham married **Jane Metcalf**, of this parish, by licence

Witnesses: Jonathan Scott, James Peters

www.durhamrecordsonline.com

FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Meccas sick at Sea

Medical and surgical journal of HMS Arachne, for 11 March 1812 to 15 January 1813 by Richard Palin, Surgeon, during which time the said ship was employed in the West Indies. [ADM 101/85/5].

Folios 10-11: **Michael Metcalf**, aged 24, seaman; sick or hurt, febris; put on sick list, 20 December 1812, at sea; discharged 30 December 1812 to duty.

ADM 101/100/1 Medical and surgical journal of His Majesty's Hospital at Fernando Po [Bioko, Equatorial Guinea] for 18 June 1829 to 16 February 1830 by J.G Stewart, Acting Surgeon.

Folio 2: **James Metcalf**, [age not recorded], corporal royal marine; disease or hurt, fever. Put on sick list, 3 August 1829. Died 12 August 1829.

ADM 101/124/2 Journal of HMS Vanguard by William Cather, Surgeon, between 4 March 1802 and 13 March 1804, during which time the ship was employed on Foreign station

Folio 8: **[Bd?] Metcalf**, taken ill at Halifax harbour; disease or hurt, scurvy; taken ill, 14 September 1802, discharged 4 October 1802 to duty.

Wills Project Most grateful thanks to Edwin Metcalf and to Jennifer and Trevor Metcalf for sourcing wills in their areas and for their sterling work on transcription. Such initiatives are splendidly widening the scope of the records being made available.

I am now spending more time checking will transcriptions against the Society Computer Index and this is proving useful in providing additional material or links which David Metcalfe can then act on as Database Keeper.

Please do keep sending any Metcalfe wills from your own researches which could supplement what the Society currently holds.
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.

- 1618 **Thomas Medcalf** of Mountnessing, Essex
- 1722 **Isaac Medcalfe** of Sytsted, Essex
- 1771 **Mary Medcalf** of Castle Hedingham, Essex
- 1773 **Abraham Medcalfe** of Rayne, Essex
- 1776 **Philip Medcalf** of Walsoken, Norfolk
- 1788 **Thomas Metcalfe** of Hadstock, Essex
- 1810 **William Medcalf** of Bocking, Essex
- 1819 **Isaac Medcalf** of Braintree, Essex
- 1825 **Hannah Medcalf** of Rayne, Essex
- 1827 **Lucy Medcalf** of Bocking, Essex
- 1828 **John Medcalf** of Braintree, Essex
- 1836 **James Medcalf** of Braintree, Essex
- 1852 **Henry Medcalf Hawes** of Colchester, Essex
- 1857 **Philip Medcalf** of Feering, Essex

Dickie Vocator

Richard Metcalfe gained his unusual nickname after proposing a toast to Queen Victoria only to mispronounce "Victoria".

From W R Mitchell Archive. www.wrmitchellarchive.org.uk

Interview with Annie Mason of Burtersett.

Supplied by Lesley Longworth M68

POLICEMEN IN MANCHESTER Index to Enrolments 1858-1918

Whilst lists of policemen's names do exist from the 1830s, no useful information is recorded against them. From 1858, however, a "military" type of enrolment record was kept which recorded age, place of birth, religion, trade and whether married or single. It also included a physical description. Career details were added throughout the man's service within the force and at the end of his service the reason for leaving was recorded. As length of service could vary from as little as a day up to thirty years, the nature and quantity of data recorded can vary considerably.

The service records for members of the Manchester Police are now held by the Greater Manchester Police Museum who welcome enquiries from those whose ancestors served with the force. In most cases there will be more information about the individual officer than is provided in this index. This might include recommendations for awards or disciplinary action following unsatisfactory behaviour.

Inquiries should be made to the museum at the address below. Postal enquirers are asked to provide a stamped addressed envelope for a reply. The index includes for each officer, where recorded, date of joining, age, place of birth, religion, trade and whether married or single. It also in some cases includes additional information such as previous employment (which in many cases involves military service) or reason for leaving.

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Tel: 0161 856 3287 www.gmp.police.uk/about_gmp/history.asp

LOCAL SOCIETIES

Swaledale Museum

7th October Alan Mills - The Work of the Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Local History Group
COST: £3 for Friends and £4 for Visitors
More information : 01748 884118 museum.swaledale@btinternet.com
For the Museum's newsletter go to www.swaledalemuseum.org

Wensleydale Society

<http://www.wensleydalesociety.org.uk/index.html>

Winter Talks

The first meeting of the 2014-2015 season will be held at 7.30 pm on Friday 2nd October 2015 in West Burton Village Hall.

The Society aims to foster interest in and to extend knowledge of Wensleydale, to conserve its natural and cultural heritage, and to extend the knowledge of subjects bearing on that heritage. Membership is open to all. The annual subscription is £5 per person and meetings are open to non-members, admission £1.

FROM THE INDEX:

MEDCALF, Joseph Joined: 05/10/1865; Aged: 22; Born at Bell Bush, Yorkshire, England; Religion: C of E; Married

METCALF, Elijah Joined: 10/12/1868; Aged: 28; Born at Ovenden, Yorkshire, England; Religion: C of E; Single

METCALF, Henry Joined: 15/11/1880; Aged: 23; Born at York, Yorkshire, England; Religion: C of E; Married (L&NW Railway 8mths.)

METCALF, John Joined: 07/10/1880; Aged: 24; Born at Middleton-in-Teesdale, Durham, England; Religion: C of E; Married

METCALF, Matthew Joined: 20/08/1868; Aged: 23; Born at Aysgarth, Yorkshire, England; Religion: Wesleyan; Single

METCALF, Ralph Joined: 29/07/1861; Aged: 22; Born at Hanmer, Flint, Wales; Religion: Methodist; Married

METCALF, Robert Joined: 09/04/1896; Aged: 23; Born at Manchester, Lancashire, England; Religion: Wesleyan; Single

METCALF, Thomas Joined: 09/04/1913; Aged: 22; Born at Preston, Lancashire, England; Religion: Not Known; Single

METCALF, William Joined: 31/01/1882; Aged: 24; Born at York, Yorkshire, England; Religion: C of E; Married (3rd Dragoon Guards; Manchester City Police 12mths)

METCALFE, Frederick Joined: 06/06/1911; Aged: 23; Born at Hemsby, Norfolk, England; Religion: Not Known; Single

METCALFE, John Joined: 30/06/1864; Aged: 27; Born at Burtorsalt, Yorkshire, England; Religion: Methodist; Single

METCLAFE, James Joined: 25/01/1881; Aged: 26; Born at Richmond, Yorkshire, England; Religion: C of E; Single (Nth Eastern Railway 2yrs 6mths)

METCLAFE, James Joined: 29/11/1910; Aged: 20; Born at Hawes, Yorkshire, England; Religion: Not Known; Single

LOCAL SOCIETIES (2)

Keld Resource centre

www.tkrc.org.uk 01325 467834

Keld and the First World War Saturday 12 September 14.00 Keld Chapel

Life in Keld during the First World War and its impact on the families at the head of the Dale. This event draws on recent research by Gillian Figures into the four men named on the Keld War Memorial. There is a wealth of new information drawn from letters, artefacts and family memories.

Snap Local History Group

<http://snapelocalhistorygroup.btck.co.uk/AboutUs>

Formed in January 1985 by members of the community to research the history of the village and Parish (including the village of WELL), both past and present

The Group meets on a Friday evening at 7.30 pm and meetings are held once a fortnight (normally the 2nd and 4th Fridays) in the period from September to April; the last meeting of the programme being the AGM which is held at the end of April annually.

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A POST TORTOISE

An old farmer was talking one day to an visitor about people
in general and politicians in particular and mentioned a post tortoise.

The visitor looked puzzled so the farmer said

*"When you're driving down a country road and you come across a fence post with a
tortoise balanced on top, that's a post tortoise."*

The old farmer saw the bemused look on the listeners's face
so he continued to explain.

"You know he didn't get up there by himself,

he doesn't belong up there,

he doesn't know what to do while he's up there,

he's elevated beyond his ability to function,

and you just wonder what kind of person put him up there to begin with."

"That's a politician!"

Supplied by John Cooke

Member 134 Sandra Metcalf
came across this item for sale on e-bay.
It eventually sold for £56.

responsibility for this listing.

"very good vintage condition"

VINTAGE LEATHER JEWELLERY DISPLAY BOX BROOCH PIN METCALF & CO LONDON

A lovely vintage / antique jewellery display box for a brooch

Made of burgundy coloured leather with blue velvet lining displaying the retailers name of Metcalf & Co London

Box size approx 6.5 x 6.5 cms

Condition - very good condition. Slight marks commensurate with age. Box shuts with a secure snap

Photos are a fair representation of the condition



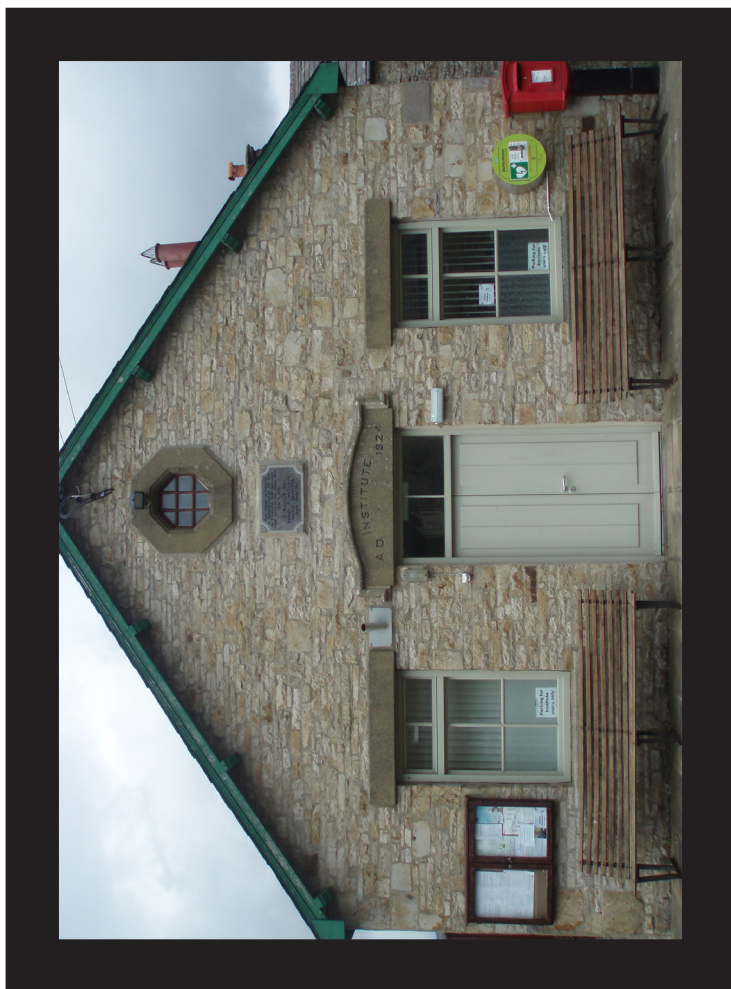
From various Internet sources it appears that
METCALF & CO
were Jewellers, Silversmiths & Watchmakers.
Dressing Case, Travelling Bag makers.

Established in 1825 they operated out of 8 Pall Mall
London SW1 until 1873 when their lease expired.
They moved to 19 Cockspur Street London SW1.
The business failed in 1879 with losses of £70,000.

However the business was still operating under Metcalfe & Co
in 1887 apparently under the new ownership of
Walter Webling a businessman.

*I was unable to find out who the original owners were.
In 2008 a Metcalfe & Co carriage clock was sold at auction
for £240 and recent Sothebys sale items
included a Metcalfe & Co clock.*





*Thornton Rust
Wensleydale*

