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Welcome to The Mecca News

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This magazine has a flavour of Church of England records to it as I have accumulated a great deal of information on the topic and it seems the right time to get it into print. Dales families have many links into the Church which gives them access to many levels of nobility and land owning classes giving surprising results for the family historian. I hope you get some ideas from this issue.

This is my 22nd year as your editor (some 65 magazines so far) and I have (in the main) enjoyed the challenge of creating each new Mecca News and some I feel have achieved what I set out to do (some haven't!). Nonetheless I have gained a serious amount of knowledge and information concerning the Metcalfe Clan and the Dales in particular. A definite plus!

If all goes to plan this will be my penultimate Mecca News. The Committee have agreed the change and a new editor Michael Pope will start with this December's issue.

The Society trustees have been able secure a second year on favourable terms for the Muster & AGM at the Tennants Auction Facility in Leyburn. If you didn't make it last year or if you did and enjoyed it here is your opportunity to see it this year.

Note your diaries for
Saturday 8 October at Leyburn.



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From The National Archives

THE 1939 Register

TNA 2016

What are these records?

The 1939 Register, taken on 29 September 1939, provides a snapshot of the civilian population of England and Wales just after the outbreak of the Second World War.

The records were used to produce up-to-date population statistics and identification cards and, once rationing was introduced in January 1940, to facilitate the issuing of ration cards. Information in the Register was also used to administer conscription, and to monitor and control the movement of the population caused by military mobilisation and mass evacuation.

The 1939 Register is a useful resource for family, social and local historians. As the 1931 census for England and Wales was destroyed by fire during the Second World War and no census was taken in 1941, the 1939 Register provides the most complete survey of the population of England and Wales between 1921 and 1951.

Whilst the 1939 Register is not a census, it is arranged along similar lines and includes similar, if less detailed, information.

Essential information

The 1939 Register was designed to capture the whereabouts of the civilian population on a specific date.

These records do include the civilian populations of:

- England
- Wales

How to access the 1939 Register online

Open records of the 1939 Register for England and Wales are available online at findmypast.co.uk (£). Search by name or address, or browse by place or street.

It is free to search for these records, but there is a charge to view full transcriptions and download documents.

This service is pay per view only at present.

However, you can view these records online free of charge at The National Archives in Kew.

A Church Living

Advowson - *English Ecclesiastic Law.*

Right of presentation to a vacant benefice (The Collins Dictionary).

Benefice - *A Church Living*

- Property or revenue attached to an endowed Church office yielding an income to its holder.

(The Oxford Dictionary)

Since 1154 the appointment of Church Officials (parsons, vicars, rectors) has been governed by canon law. This was a property right transferred by gift or sale known as an advowson. Appointments of Church officials (and more so after the break with Rome and the setting up of the Church of England (CofE)) was subject to patronage.

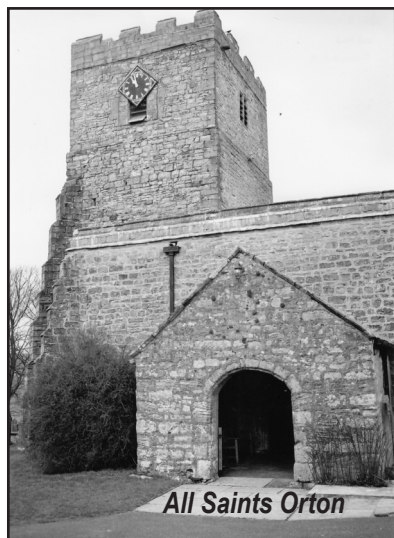
Neptism and favouritism were considered normal by the Crown, noble/landowning families and senior Church officials as a means of controlling their congregations or pushing their own religious persuasion. Changes in the early 20th century restricted the gifting of appointments whilst the 1986 Patronage Measure further restricted the control and allowed lay members of the Church some involvement in parish appointments.¹

Around 25% of parishes are in the hands of bishops whilst the Crown, University colleges, public schools public corporations and the holders of manorial rights also can recommend and ultimately influence appointments.

In the early 1800's with the rise of industrial urban conurbations incumbents who held parish rights over the area could appoint their own (new) officials thereby creating extra revenue.

Once parish vicars were appointed they were there for life or until they upset their patrons! Positions therefore were infrequently available and under the advowson approach were hardly if ever readily open to all comers. An aspiring vicar or rector had to gain favour by monetary, family ties or local influence.

An example of this can be seen at Orton in (now) Cumbria. In 1539 with the Dissolution of the Monasteries All Saints Church at Orton was seized by the Crown. They held the advowson until the early 1600's when they sold the living to two gentlemen -one from the City of Westminster the other from the City of London. The pair sold on the liv-



ing fairly quickly and by 1618 the local landowners held the living. Twelve of them acted as freehold land trustees (feoffees) for the parish and they were responsible for the selection of the parish curate. They arranged election/selection of a new incumbent with the freeholders of the parish an arrangement still adhered to today.²

Often appointees already had other benefices (some in out of county parishes) resulting in them appointing their own rector or vicar (at a reduced income from what they themselves received). In the early 1700's some local parish vicars were

earning less than £50 per annum and a report in 1854 stated that over 2500 incumbents were on less than £150pa whilst deans, canons and bishops earned between £2000 and £15000pa. This led many rural incumbents to petition (*secretly as they didn't want to diminish their position in the eyes of their parishioners*) for relief to the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy (www.clericalcharities.org.uk). The Corporation founded in the 17th century has a wealth of information contained within its records which are held at London Metropolitan Archives.³

¹ Family Tree Magazine October 2009.

² AllSaints Orton. A Historical Guide.

³ Family Tree Magazine March 2009.

Lt Colonel John A Metcalfe Jnr

West Point class of 1932

"Dickens assigned me to travel with the remnants of "A" and "B" companies of the 116th who were pulled together under the command of
Lt. Colonel John A Metcalfe, Jnr.

Metcalfe was from Birmingham and a graduate of West Point. He was 30 years old. We were sent to attack Point du Hoc from the rear to divert the Germans attention from the Army Rangers who were approaching from the cliff side. The attack lasted 3 or 4 days before the Germans finally withdrew.

Metcalfe was among the many men we lost in that action."

www.fold3.com/page/88370909_tommy_alfano/

Flodden Field 1513 - A Poem

I found the poem on www.hathitrust.org.

It is a small book of 247 pages of which 124 are taken up by the poem.

The remaining pages are made up of some interesting notes and further

Flodden based poems. I enclose extracts of some of the verses.

It seems likely that Metcalfes were present at this battle. **Peter Dobson M69**

*From Pennigent to Pendlehill,
From Linton to Long Addingham,
And they that Craven coasts did till,
All with the lofty Clifford came,*

*All Staincliff hundred went with him,
With striplings strong from Worledale
And all that Haughton hills did climb,
With Langstroth too, and Littondale.*

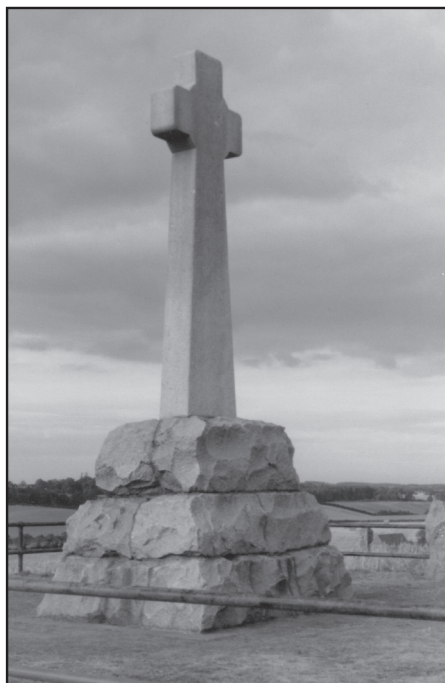
*With many a gentleman and squire,
From Rippon, Ripley, and Rydale,
With them marched forth all Massamshire,
With Nosterfield and Netherdale.*

*Next whom in place was 'nexed near
Lord Scroope of Bolton stern and stout,
On horseback, who had not his peer,
No English man, Scots more did doubt.*

*With him did wend all Wensledale
From Morton unto Morsdale-moor :
All they that dwelt by the banks of Swale,
With him were bent in harness-store.*

*From Wensdale warlike wights did wend,
From Bishopsdale went bowmen bold ;
From Coverdale to Cotter End,
And all to Kidson Causeway cold.*

*From Mollerstang and Middleham,
And all from Mask and Middletonby,
And all that climb the mountain Cam,
Whose crown from frost is seldom free.*



*With lusty lads and large of length,
Which dwelt on Seimer water-side ;
All Richmondshire its total strength,
The valiant Scroope did lead and guide.*

BATTLE OF FLODDON: IN VERSE.

WRITTEN ABOUT THE TIME OF QUEEN ELIZABETH.

**IN WHICH ARE RELATED MANY FACTS NOT TO BE FOUND IN THE
ENGLISH HISTORY. PUBLISHED FROM A CURIOUS MS. IN THE LIBRARY OF JOHN
ASKEW, ESQ. OF PALINSBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND; WITH NOTES,
BY ROBERT LAMBE, VICAR OF NORHAM. NEWCASTLE: 1809**

It is with great sadness that we report to the death of
M855 Doug Cutting
 on 16 March 2016.

Doug and his wife, June have been long standing members and supporters of the society and on the committee, attending the Muster every year until the last few when Doug has not been well enough to travel.

They both always enjoyed their regular trips abroad and to friends around the UK. For a number of years Doug was fastidious in managing what is now called the Master Membership File prior to it going online, work which also included managing the Gift Aid and labels for the Mecca News. He had it so well organised which took a lot of time given the manual aspects of the work at that time. This really helped when it came to being able to manage the transition online.

We extend our sympathy and condolences to June, family and friends.



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I have just received this from Sydney about our now new member who visited me whilst over for the Rugby.

Liz Waller
New Members Secretary

Hi from Sydney

Dear Elizabeth

It has been a few weeks now since we met back in early November and I would like to thank you again for your fabulous hospitality. In particular, the very unexpected and excellent chocolate cake you had baked. I have returned to Sydney (and also visited my family in New Zealand) and have had the opportunity to show my brothers and sisters the incredible work the Metcalfe Society has carried out for our family. I started reading the Society's 'History of the Clan' and soon found I had completed the book from beginning to end. A great adventure through English history in the North.



I have also been able to share with my wife (a Stockton on Tees lass) and my brother in Sydney the Wensleydale cheese you kindly gave to me on a local fruit cake. It is rare to see Wensleydale cheese here so that was a pleasant surprise for us all.

I have attached some photos of my lovely visit. Sometime in the new year I will send a letter to the editor of the Mecca news with an account of our get together.

I hope you have a very happy Christmas and that 2016 is a good year for you and the Society. Thanks again for making me feel so welcome in your home

Best regards

Nigel Metcalf



THE REVEREND GEORGE METCALF OF HART COUNTY DURHAM

I first came across the Reverend George in the Durham Records online website (www.durhamrecordsonline.com) where he showed up as the minister/curate of the parish carrying out the duties of an incumbent. Later I found that he had been buried on 11 January 1820 aged 68 after ministering to the parishioners of Hart for over 38 years. I was intrigued. I set out to find out more. I found out a bit but by means not all about the Reverend George.

Hart is a village in south east Durham some 3 miles from Hartlepool. Hart was the centre of the parish but was superseded by its coastal neighbour. The Manor of Hart went through a number of hands before being bought by Sir George Pocock an Admiral of the Fleet in 1770. He died in the 1790's and the manor passed to his son another George.

Details of the holders of the Curacy of Hart shows that a Benjamin Pye was appointed in the late 1770's and held the post until 1808 when he died. He had been appointed as curate of Whitburn (outside Sunderland) in 1769. Benjamin was later Archdeacon of Durham a senior Church official.

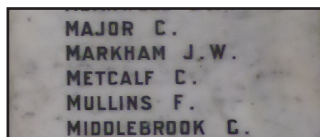
George Metcalf, born in 1751, appears on the scene in 1780 (24 September) when he is ordained as deacon /priest for Whitburn the same parish as Benjamin Pye. The next year (1781, 23 September) he follows Benjamin Pye to Hart where he works as minister remaining for the next 38 years.

However the advowson for Hart undergoes a number of changes. On the death of Benjamin Pye a Richard Ridley is appointed with the sponsor given as George III ! He remains the apparently absent incumbent (with George Metcalf carrying out the parish duties) until he dies in 1814. Edward Moises (a cousin of Richard Ridley) is appointed thereafter although in 1811 the advowson was acquired by Lord Eldon of Newcastle Upon Tyne, the Lord Chancellor. Edward Moises was a well known school headteacher in Newcastle who may well have taught the Lord!

It is in 1814 (27 December) that George is seemingly appointed curate, although under Edward Moises, a position he retains until his death. I have found out a bit about George and his service in Hart, where seemingly he was well liked by his parishioners but where he came from and who his antecedents were I still have to discover. There is nothing on our database to help us so if anyone knows more about George please let me know.

Peter Dobson M69

Spotted this in Holy Trinity Church Hull (largest Parish Church in GB!) as I was leaving my bell ringing class last night. I can't think why I've never noticed this before! **Lesley Longworth M68**



From our Archivist Margaret Hodgson

It may possibly be the person below. He is commemorated on the Arras Memorial.

Name: Charles Metcalf Birth Place: Hull Death Date: 23 Jun 1917

Death Place: France and Flanders Enlistment Place: Hull

Rank: L Corporal Regiment: East Yorkshire Regiment Battalion: 13th Battalion

Regimental Number: 26547 Type of Casualty: Killed in action

Gift to a soldier of Agincourt

By ALEC DONALDSON

NAPPA HALL, for centuries the home and stronghold of the famous Wensleydale family of Metcalfe, is beginning to show its years — in one part at least.

Though its 4ft. thick walls are as straight as those of near-by Bolton Castle, the roof timbers and stone slates of its west tower have been found to be unsafe.

Grants are being sought from the Ministry of Public Building and Works, the North Riding County Council (the old hall is in a National Park) and Aysgarth Rural District Council, towards the cost of its repair, which could run into thousands of pounds.

Built in the 1450s, it is now listed as a category-one building by the Ministry, which describes it as one of the most interesting examples of medieval architecture in the North of England.

Ella Pontefract and Marie

Hartley in their "Wensleydale," describe it as one of the few castellated houses left in Yorkshire . . . once the home of famous men but now a farmhouse.

It is still owned by a Metcalfe — Mr. W. J. Metcalfe, who was born in the old house. He now lives at near-by Nappa (from an Old English word meaning turnip field), while Nappa Hall and its land is farmed by Mr. John Fawcett.

Because of its position under the shelf which bears the Askrigg-Carperby road, Nappa Hall is not well known to the dale's summer visitors, but it has a very formidable history.

Most of that history is associated with the Metcalfes, who, according to the Pontefract-Hartley book, came into Wensleydale in the 12th century as Medecalfs. They continue: "The main branch settled at Nappa in the 15th century. The estate, consisting of about 400 acres, was given to James Metcalfe,

who then lived at [near-by] Worton, by Sir Richard Scrope, of Bolton Castle, under whom he had fought at the Battle of Agincourt.

"His grandson, born the year after Nappa Hall was built, held many powerful offices. He was Master Forester of the Forests of Wensleydale, Raydale and Bishopdale, High Sheriff of Yorkshire, and in 1525, was knighted by the King.

"He was also one of the king's commissioners, and held musters of men-at-arms, archers and billmen for the Wapentake of Hang West on Middleham Moor."

For two or three hundred years the Metcalfes lived in princely dignity, but by the middle of the 18th century their extravagance had led to a decline in the family fortunes.

This remarkable clan left a mark on Wensleydale which has continued throughout the centuries. Metcalfes still abound in many of its villages, and in those of near-by dales as well.

**your emails
& letters**

Recently sorting paperwork I came across this newspaper cutting. It has no date on it but that it may be of interest.

I thought I would send it to you rather than throw it out.

**Carole Topham
M82**

Six Degrees of Separation Ribblehead Viaduct to Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe

Last summer we called in at the railway station at Ribblehead on the Settle to Carlisle line. I was fascinated by the storyboards relating to the shanty towns for the Viaduct construction workers and their families. Despite flowery township names as Jericho, Belgravia etc life was grim! Perhaps Batty Wife Hole was nearer reality, it sounds awful.

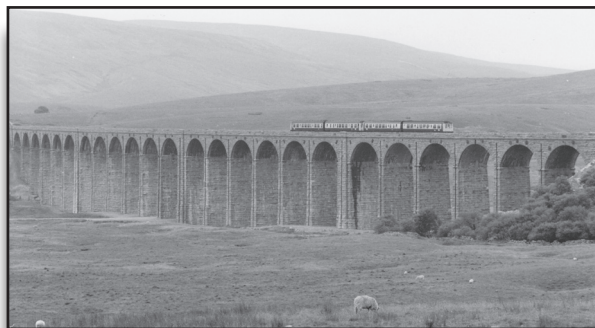
Being a keen family history researcher once we got home I quickly accessed the 1871 census (enter Ingleton Fells) and enjoyed reading the families , occupations etc and imagining how hard their lives must have been up in that remote place .

Recently TV adverts have appeared regarding a new TV series (*Jeri-cho*) about that very place, so I looked again at the Census. I didn't expect to see anyone born in Jamaica listed, as Frederick M Leveson (sic) Surgeon, born 1843 was. Obviously I had to look deeper!

On the 1861 Census he is living in Leamington Warwickshire with his parents, Henry aged 75 Land Owner & Cecilia 53 and brother Hubert 18 both also born in Jamaica. Popping Henry into Google, up came a Google ebook 'Farewell Addresses of the Inhabitants of Jamaica' which records that on Monday, 21st March 1842, Henry Levison took the Chair at a meeting ` *expressing deep regret of the much deservedly and esteemed Governor Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, who was to depart from Jamaica* ` (at the mention of a Theophilus Metcalfe, I immediately thought of the late George Buxton).

Perhaps Frederick will get a mention in the TV series, he died though in London six years later. Its a small world !

Valerie Metcalfe M61



I am just decluttering the house at the moment and whilst examining the books that “we no longer need”, I came across one called A Country Camera 18441914. In it was the following picture.

The copy I have only contains pages 55 onwards, so I’m not sure on the copyright etc of the book, but would be quite happy to pass it on, rather than throw it out, if anyone from the society is interested.

Frank Shiers M1135

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75 Kit and Betty Metcalfe knitting stockings outside their cottage at Gayle, near Hawes, in the North Riding of Yorkshire, in about 1900. They knitted stockings from yarn supplied by Hawes Mill; they specialised in cycling stockings, of which Kit knitted the fancy tops while his wife did the rest.



Cottingham ER Yorks

By 1918 105 names were recorded on the village memorial plaque including **J Metcalfe** above.

Lesley Longworth M68

Sir Thomas Metcalf, the Commissioner of Delhi (1835-53), lived in a colonial bungalow which was built in 1844. The house contained a library of over 20,000 books including Napoleon memorabilia, however during the Uprising of 1857 the library was destroyed and looted.

I was reflecting the other day how the present interest in family history is not just a recent phenomenon. A programme on the radio about Benjamin Franklin, one of the founding fathers of the USA and a writer of its Constitution, mentioned how he and his son visited their English ancestral roots and looked up the parish registers, as well as visiting the graveyard where their forbears were buried.

In my Lambert family a collateral ancestor in the early 1820s visited the family's home parish and consulted the registers, which enabled him to draw a Family Tree seemingly going back to the fifteenth century, although I am uncertain how that could be given that the registers did not start until 1585! Maybe there were more surviving records in the nineteenth century parish chest?

A lot of you will have family bibles containing a family tree drawn up by your ancestors. Could you tell us about the trees they contain? Have you already done so? We would be interested in hearing from you if you have not. Contact our Archivist Margaret.

Chairman's Jottings

How lucky you are to have this type of early record and the 21st century technology to enable you to check the entries without leaving your armchair or computer desk should you chose not to do so. Our Facebook pages continue to receive 'likes' from more people than we have as members. The website which was re-launched at the Muster last year continues to give access to members to our online data on the family. As you will learn later we have ideas to add new records which members have not been able to see easily for themselves.

I write this a day before the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Budget. No one likes to have to pay more taxes but as family historians we ought to delight in the fact that several of our ancestors had to (or were exempted). The records left help us to identify them and learn about their status and quality of life. Hearth Taxes in the 17th century, Land Tax during the 18th and into the 19th centuries together with the 'death duties' of the 19th century - Legacy Duty, Succession Duty and Estate Duty to name but a few. Have you consulted them?

Tithe Awards of the Victorian era list land owners who paid or were excused from paying the 'tax' to the Church of England and if they rented out the land named their tenants. The accompanying map

identifying the location of fields, buildings and houses is particularly helpful especially when considered in conjunction with the censuses of 1841 and 1851. The Genealogist have placed all England and Wales Tithe Award Maps online since the end of last year. If you have not looked at the Award and maps I would strongly recommend you consult them. It is a fee paying site but there is an interesting free article which can be found at <http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2015/the-tithe-maps-project-317/awards>

Many County Record Offices hold Tithe Awards and several have been digitised and are available to consult. Have a look and tell us about your discoveries so we can add them to our databases.

At the committee meeting a few days ago we reviewed the Society's finances, particularly as the financial year end is almost upon us. We noted the membership is slightly less than 300, thanks partly to some of you responding to our reminders a few weeks ago. It is good to have you back!

It was agreed that I should warn you that we might decide in June to recommend to the AGM an increase in the society's subscriptions to start in January 2017. We last raised subscriptions an incredible 14 years ago. We estimate that taking into account inflation during the period, we should now be charging £15 rather than £10. Printing the Mecca News is our largest outlay and we discussed ways to potentially reduce the cost. We will make some decisions in June, especially as Peter our editor wishes to step down from the role at the Muster and it might be opportune to make changes. We will make proposals for your consideration in October.

I must stress that we are far from insolvent -we have more than enough cash in our reserves to cover the running costs of the Society for about 3 years even if we had no more subscription income but we need to be realistic and would like more income to cover what we want to do to expand the services we give you!

We have decided to look into the feasibility (and costs) of creating and maintaining an image library, where out of copyright photographs of people and places associated with Metcalfes can be stored. It would be interesting to see family resemblances which might, like DNA, help

to support relationship theories. Might I enter a plea on behalf of Martin Metcalfe. If he contacts you, as he might, to see if you would agree to be tested for DNA please consider agreeing! It is safe and painless and the Society buys the kit. We are trying to establish if the research on paper is supported by DNA. We need volunteers, selected by Martin, to undergo DNA tests. He has selected what seem to be the main lines of the family and eventually we ought to be able to determine if they are descended from one common Metcalfe ancestor.

Preliminary details of the 2016 Muster are to be found elsewhere. To reduce venue costs £5 will be charged, at the door, to everyone attending the Muster, inclusive of beverages. Attendance at the AGM will be free of course.

We have exciting new ideas which we should be able to put in place later in the year to make your subscription very good value indeed.

David Lambert

DEADLINE for the August Mecca News is 6 June 2016.

Articles comments or snippets to the Editor.

Time for a break!

Supplied by Walter H Metcalf M655.

Solution page 34.

*There are 8 words hidden in this grid.
Words can be read horizontal, in reverse,
diagonal or vertical.*

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WELLINGTON'S CHAPLAIN

Those of you of an age to remember Eric Burdon lead singer of The Animals pop group may recall his rendition of a song entitled "Sky Pilot" about chaplains to the forces. (I still have the vinyl LP and enjoy listening to it once in awhile).

Chaplains have been part of the British Army/military for many a long year (In a battle between Britons and Saxons at Chester in the 7th century the British side had a group of monks praying for victory.) but have only formally been part of the army establishment since 1796 when George III created the post.

I have been interested in the Napoleonic era for some time, in particular the British involvement in Spain and Portugal known as the Peninsula War in which Wellington along with a relatively small British contingent (in comparison to the French military numbers) together with Portuguese and Spanish allies (some of them reluctantly) over a six year period drove the French out of the peninsular.

Many years ago the Society's late President John Holden said that he had heard that a Metcalfe minister had been Wellington's Chaplain in the Peninsular but had no firm details. I have spent many hours exploring this possibility and have at long last found out who the Metcalfe was and to which family he is associated with.

John Metcalfe BA was appointed to be Chaplain to His Majesty's Forces on 4 March 1811. So said an entry in the Royal Military Chronicle (Vol 1811) from the War Office dated 12 March 1811. A similar entry appeared in the Caledonian Mercury on Monday 1 April 1811.

Other sources give him as serving with Wellington's Army of the Peninsula from July 1811 through to the French surrender in April 1814. His arrival coincided with a build up of Wellington's forces after some three years of being chased around Spain and Portugal by the French. The arrival of a much needed siege train and the increased numbers allowed the Allied force to take the war to the enemy.

From sources it appears that the Chaplain's (Nearly every regiment had one as well as those appointed to "the Forces".) were not well

thought of being "... of no more use to the army than a town pump without a handle.". They were further accused of only delivering Sunday Services whilst the rest of their time was spent hunting and hare coursing. Once military action started they were said to be little in evidence ¹. Whether Chaplain Metcalfe was one of the derided ministers is not clear as there is little or no mention of him in any reports/books/sources for his time with Wellington apart from an attachment to 2nd Division 3rd Battalion in 1812.

He returned to England in 1814 and was at Gosport Garrison until Napoleon's escape from Elba returning to be with Wellington at Waterloo and in France during the Allies occupation up until 1816.

Whilst I had a sense of John Metcalfe's location from 1811 until 1816 there was no clear indication of where he fitted into the Metcalfe clan.

In 2014 I came across this World War I obituary in the *West Yorkshire Pioneer Illustrated War Record Entry*:



METCALFE,
Major John Chaytor,
aged 34, Cheshire Regiment,
son of the late Major
John Augustus Metcalfe,
Ings House, Hawes,
killed in action in France
July 3, 1916.

Another obituary regarding Major Metcalfe then provided the following:

His grandfather, who resided at
Hawes, was
Chaplain to the
Duke of Wellington,

The breakthrough!

Further research came up with the *dalesgenealogy* site containing a family listing for Major Metcalfe's family which gave the following:

*John Metcalfe of Ings House, clerk MA d 13 Jun 1873 aged 88 yrs.
Eleanor wife of Rev John Metcalfe d 1 Mar 1900 aged 90 yrs.*

There are some obituaries around the time but nothing (as yet) in any detail. In earlier research I had found a Reverend John Metcalfe in the Landowners of England & Wales 1871 as holding some 4000 acres mainly in Yorkshire - a major landowner. I had also taken - some 20 or more years ago - a photograph of a sizeable gravestone in the churchyard of St Margaret's in Hawes which at the time I had no indication of the importance it would have. The stone lists the family providing links back to the mid 18th century and possibly John Metcalfe's father

John Metcalfe of the Ashes, clerk MA Jun 1812 aged 62 yrs.

They are an interesting bunch who were well established in the Dale and beyond. James Wood Metcalfe MA of Ashes (probably brother to Chaplain John) mentioned on the gravestone was also clerk at Hawes (from the *Clergy List for 1841*).

Whilst I have found John Holden's Chaplain I have not found any substantial detail concerning him.

How was he appointed to be Chaplain to the Forces? That required some substantial patronage.

Where did he carry out his divinity studies? Nothing has (yet) appeared in the Church of England database or Oxford and Cambridge University listings of clergy. Where was he located after his Peninsular War Service?

When did he marry - probably not until his late 40's given his wife's age?

How did he acquire such a large landholding?

If you have any answers don't hesitate to let me know!



Peter Dobson M69

Sources: ¹ A Commanding Presence Wellington in the Peninsula 1808-1814
- Lionel S. Challis's "Peninsula Roll Call"

A Metcalfe Drives The Flying Scotsman



The UK national treasure steam locomotive engine 60103 The Flying Scotsman is back on track this year after a £4m restoration taking 10 years. Testing in early 2016 preceded the inaugural main line service run from London to York on a beautiful day on 25 February 2016, resplendent in the traditional British Rail Brunswick Green livery.

So what is the Metcalfe connection? Harry Craggs Metcalfe (grandfather of our Vice President, Diane Howarth) was a proud driver of the Flying Scotsman in the 1940s when just a work horse in the Stockton/Hartlepool area. Indeed Diane has a six generation Metcalfe railway ancestral heritage in the Stockton/Hartlepool/Darlington area where the first ever railway started, which you can read about in the book 'MetcalfeHistory of the Clan'.

As part of the testing, a rare 'must see' was in the Yorkshire Dales on Saturday 23 January when two icons came together for a few seconds the Flying Scotsman steaming over the Ribbleshead Viaduct again. Even though the engine was still in its black undercoat that day, Diane waited patiently in the cold, wind and rain along with hundreds of people at the viaduct. Amazingly Diane chatted to nearby bystanders that included Bill Huddleston & daughter in law Juliet. Bill has a Metcalfe ancestry and is very good friends with M86 Carol & David Arkwright. What a small world!

The wait was so worthwhile when at 4.58pm as the Flying Scotsman gave off a head of pure white steam & the horn sounded as the engine rolled majestically across the Ribbleshead Viaduct pulling a host of carriages lighting up the dale, just as the light was fading but the memory of those few seconds will last a lifetime. A special moment!

Diane knows her father Malcolm & grandfather Harry Craggs were watching too as they always went together in years gone by. The last time was on 7 September 1968 when the Flying Scotsman did a tour including passing through Hartlepool. Diane's family have a photo of her as a 7 year old sitting on a railway deal (large timber) on the bend at Mainsforth Terrace, in the late afternoon waiting for the locomotive to steam past. Her memory is still quite

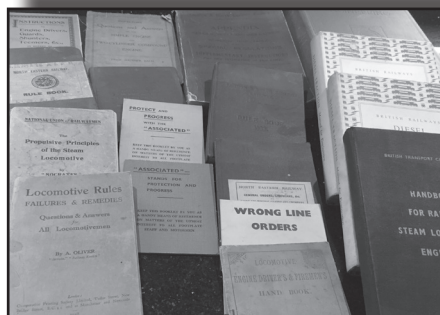
clear of the day and surprisingly stumbled across a video (originally cine film of course) of this tour which included footage of the engine steaming past Lancaster Road in Hartlepool, just seconds after passing Diane and her family in Mainsforth Terrace! Diane's late father Malcolm, a railway guard at the time, was there to watch too of course. Unfortunately, his father Harry Craggs wasn't well enough to join them as his health was failing, but he said at the time it was not a problem as he knew the engine like the back of his hand and could see it quite clearly from his armchair!

Diane carried on the tradition by introducing her own daughter to the Flying Scotsman before the current restoration on a day out to Scarborough. Awaiting the return journey, speaking to the driver on the platform about her family story, she was delighted for them both to be allowed on the plate to stand in the spot where her grandfather had worked for many years half a century earlier. Diane treasures her grandfather's NER documents & books which are still in good condition.

The railways were a large part of Hartlepool through the 19th and middle of 20th century. Indeed the Flying Scotsman was the last locomotive to be watered and bunkered in the Hartlepool sheds before they were closed in 1967. There are many opportunities to see and travel on The Flying Scotsman across the UK during 2016 and for years to come. Indeed Diane is already excited for her own Scotsman journey as a birthday treat on 10 May from York to Newcastle return.



Why not see, hear and smell for yourself the wonder of this steam legend.
Find out more at www.nrm.org.uk
or www.flyingscotsman.org.uk



Photos

* Harry Craggs Metcalfe in railway overalls ready to go to work with the usual rollup in his fingers!

* Harry's NER books

* Flying Scotsman on the Ribbleshead Viaduct January 2016

Yorkshire Federation of Family History Societies AGM and Meeting – February 2016

The meeting started with a talk by Kevin Trickett, President of Wakefield Civic Society and Chair of the Yorkshire & Humber Association of Civic Societies on the work and importance of Civic Societies. As each Society is different, with different priorities, there could be a role for any Metcalfe member who wishes to volunteer for a local group, but they often play a valuable role in civic life, so we were encouraged to spread the word.

At the AGM, the Officers were returned unopposed.

The Chair reported that 85% of the material held by the British Library can now be accessed at Boston Spa, with 48 hours notice, this includes microfilms and books, as well as the Newspapers which are already held there. Family Treemaker has been sold. Family Historian and Legacy are to link to Find My Past. 1000 records from Parish Register are due to be released shortly. The Yorkshire Group will be taking a number of stalls at the Who Do You Think You Are? Exhibition at Birmingham (at which the Metcalfe Society will be sending some material).

The Treasurer gave a short paper on website security in view of the increasing hacking from overseas. It is worth checking with your provider as to what they are likely to do re restoring your site and how often they back it up. In some cases, there may be a very high charge (£1000's) for restoring websites between their providers regular restore.

Interesting pieces of news include:

- The 5 years contracts entered into by our Yorkshire Archive Services is about to end and the Services are looking to set up their own on-line service, possibly free of charge – Watch this space!!!
- Ancestry Tourism for Yorkshire will be launched at the WDYTUA exhibition in April.
- 10 million Irish indexes will be going on-line shortly
- Civil Registration and Beyond (1939 records), if you find some information redacted, look at the original document as it may not be blocked out on that. Also, check back on what you already have opened, as it may be opened up later, the open-up date is 101 years. If you want help on accessing data, check out Audrey Collins' podcast on the National Archive website. It is 1 hour long, but very clear on how to use the transcripts – see, <http://media.nationalarchives.gov.uk/index.php/civil-registration-and-beyond/> . Civil Registration data can sometimes go through to 1991.
- Also genealogydiscount.co.uk offers discount codes of up to 25% on genealogy materials and products.
- A new project is starting at York University called Rereading the British Memorials which will use new techniques to read memorials that are becoming, or already have become, illegible.

Worth noting is a change to Gift Aid by HMRC, if your principle source of income is from investments, it will no longer be considered eligible for Gift Aid exemption, and claiming it may be considered fraudulent – worth noting for all the Societies you (we) belong to.

Jo Heron

Rep on the Yorkshire Federation FHS

Wills Project

The 1000th transcription has now been added to the Wills Database! Thanks yet again to all the voluntary effort that the Wills team have continued to put into this Project.

Many of the early wills recently accessed go back to a time when parish records are patchy and thus can be a valuable source of detail not otherwise available.

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.

- 1607 **Robert Medcalf** of Earsham, Norfolk
- 1662 **John Metcalfe** of Billingford, Norfolk
- 1662 **Thomas Medcalfe** of Thundridge, Herts
- 1662/3 **Elizabeth Metcalfe** of Hellesdon, Norfolk
- 1664 **Nicholas Metcalfe** of Blakeney, Norfolk
- 1668/9 **William Metcalfe** of Wood Norton, Norfolk
- 1697 **John Metcalfe** of Norwich
- 1704 **John Metcalfe** of Ripon parish, York
- 1722 **John Metcalf** of Great Yarmouth, Norfolk (*administration*)
- 1764 **John Metcalf** of Great Yarmouth, Norfolk
- 1799 **Francis Metcalfe** of Norwich (*administration*)
- 1837 **William Metcalfe** of Southery, Norfolk (*administration*)

The Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum Hawes
November 2015 magazine NOW THEN

has a number of articles concerning Metcalfes.

Nora Hannah Oversby (nee Metcalfe) of Mallerstang (2 articles 10 pages)
 and a twelve page article on **Nappa Hall**.

FINDING MECCA MINISTERS

The yeoman farming families of the Dales had achieved a certain status by the late 17th century which meant that they had the financial and family ties allowing them to make good marriages for their daughters and allow their second and subsequent sons to pursue careers not necessarily attached to the land.

The first son (nearly) always inherited the land whilst the second could join the military leaving the third to the Church. This was not necessarily a drawback. Many such as the Curates of Hawes did exceedingly well out of their positions.

Searching for Meccas in the Church should normally start with the Church of England database (www.db.theclergydatabase.org.uk). This is a really useful site. Finding a Mecca (there are quite a few dating from the 16th century through to the 19th century - don't forget the various spellings) allows you to follow their careers which may encompass more than one living, give details of their parentage, education, details of patrons and may also indicate life style. You can build up quite a lot of detail (see page 31). (The database lists some 32 Mt's, 61 Mte's, Mde's and 3 Md's.)

There are also printed publications available online such as the
Clerical Guide & Ecclesiastical Directory 1836 by Richard Gilbert
which listed the following details:

Name	Parish	Patron	Position	Appointed
F Metcalfe	Bessingby EYorks	H Hudson	Perpetual Curate	1828
J Mte	Hardrow N Yorks	Lord Wharnccliffe	PC	1827
Robt Mte	Sunk Island E Yorks	Lord Chancellor	PC	1830
Wm Mte	Foulmire Cambs	Earl of Hardwicke	Rector	1814
W Mte	Kirkhammerton Yorks	Rev W Metcalfe	PC	1822
John Mte	Canterbury Kent	D&C Canterbury	Minor Canon	
		receives £80pa plus shared house paid by D&C		
		also Vicar of Stone Kent		
				1825

From the C of E database this John was ordained at St James Piccadilly Midx on 27 March 1814 after obtaining his BA at Queens College Cambridge.

Oxford and Cambridge University Colleges also have online publications which list those receiving Divinity BA and MA's which can indicate useful family and educational information.

Peter Dobson M69

Bits & Bobs

Storm Desmond which ravaged the North of England and Southern Scotland in December 2015 left a trail of woe in its wake.

The Lakes and Dales had around 14 inches of rain in two days which led to widespread flooding.

Kendal. The Castle Inn run by Geoff Metcalfe was flooded and some six weeks later the town and pub still had not recovered with continuing rainfall threatening more damage.

BBC TV North West News 26 January 2016.

Tadcaster in West Yorkshire saw its old bridge demolished by the flood waters with vivid footage shown on Tv and You Tube. In the resulting discussion about the replacement, Councillor Chris Metcalfe expressed the town's concern over the seemingly obstructive view taken by Smith's Brewery to providing temporary access across the river. See : <http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/analysis/battle-of-tadcaster-bridge-leaves-bitter-taste-1-7678656#ixzz40WmTSEaR>. Sighted by Jo Heron

York Castle was the prison for the whole of Yorkshire from 1705. The Castle Museum Prison exhibition has a database which can be accessed from the exhibit which lists all those who were put on trial and their sentences in the 18th century.

Between 1705 and 1835 15,000 prisoners were held in the prison.

Some 4,000 were transported (to America up until 1787 and then Australia thereafter).

Five hundred were executed and the remainder acquitted or released after various punishments.

Amongst those incarcerated were:

John Metcalf(e) ~ Lent 1735. Transported 7 years (TNA: ASSI 45/20/1 (57/62)

George Metcalfe ~ Summer 1735. Awaiting transportation from York goal. (TNA: ASSI 41/3)

Thomas Metcalfe of Clayworth Nottinghamshire and formerly of Saltfleetby Lincolnshire, drover 1772. Debtor. London Gazette 11248 12 May 1772. Page 5.

Lamberton Toll Northumberland. The marriage of George Gibson and Ann Metcalf on 5 March 1842 may have started out as a normal wedding but ended as a riot! By the end of the night three of the 20 guests were accused of an affray when they could not get more drink and did not like the bill. There were some injuries (one man lost the tip of his nose) but only one person was convicted.

Supplied by Pam Jarman M123.

(From Discover your Ancestors in association with The Genealogist.co.uk)

Memberships

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

Thank you very much to those of you who have responded to my emails regarding your Birth Briefs and also to those of you who have taken the initiative in submitting your updates. Contributing your research to the general 'pot' is very useful for the Society as a whole. Most members do link in with at least one other member and many with several.

Again, the benefits of sharing research are apparent. Liz Sheppard had accessed a marriage certificate which showed detail which the mixed information on censuses had previously obscured. Therefore the move of her ancestor, Francis, from the Dales to the Vale of York is now known about to the benefit of those other members to whom she is linked. These moves of area, presumably often in response to the need for jobs, are so frequently situations when even the best of researchers lurch to a halt.

New member, Janet Gibson's 'tree' has a richness of marriages with a number of the main line marrying a second, third or, in one case, a fourth time! Two Peter Metcalfes, father and son, both widower farmers and both marrying ladies called Mary in 1796 in Pateley Bridge. What are the chances of that! Well it did happen. Online resources only seem to bring up the older Peter's marriage. This may be because there is a critical gap in the relevant Bishop Transcript records which Find My Past has used. Thus was again highlighted the importance of the Society's resources built up over so many years, much from early members visiting in person the parishes or the record offices and taking the time to go through the actual registers, back in those days when one was allowed to use the original documents!

You will notice that M1985's line has another update. With much tenacity, Lois has tracked an entry on the 1841 census back through two marriages and an illegitimate birth to make the link between the generations. It is always worth having another look at where your research is currently at a sticking point!

I will look forward to hopefully hearing from more of you.

Margaret Hodgson M515

archivist@metcalfe.org.uk

Postal address on page 8 of this magazine

BIRTH BRIEFS FROM EXISTING MEMBERS

(INCLUDING UPDATES – shown in bold)

M581 Mr Gary Smith (additions to previous Birth Brief) 11 Galtres Avenue, Stockton Lane, York YO31 1JU gs@queeg500.org.uk

Grt grd s.o. John Thomas & Maud (Mte) Bendelow m 28 Apr 1895 Thirsk District. Maud b 29

Nov 1877 Sowerby nr Thirsk d.o. Thomas Thompson & Mary (Thompson) Mte m 14 Feb 1852 Sowerby. Thomas Thompson bpt 9 Aug 1829 Kirby Wiske natural s.o. Ann Mte. Ann bpt 29 Sep 1805 Kirby Wiske d.o. John & Catherine (Hornby) Mte m 29 Sep 1803 Kirby Wiske. John bpt 17 Jan 1776 Topcliffe s.o. Alexander & Hannah (Wilkinson) Mte m 31 May 1773 Topcliffe.

Conn. M199 et al

Also 6 x grt grd s.o. Robert & Martha (Mte) Walker m 15 May 1780 South Kilvington. Martha b c1759 Thornton le Street

Also 5 x grt grd s.o. William & Jane (Mte) Carter m 17 Nov 1768 Bedale. Jane bpt 1 Feb 1752 Bedale d.o. William & Eleanor (Elam) Mte m 4 Oct 1749 Finghall

M1548 Mrs Wendy Watson 49 Badgers Gate, Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU6 2BF david.watson23@btinternet.com D.o. George & Peggy (Mte) Taylor m 7 Dec 1940 Haltwhistle, Nbl. Peggy (**M412**) b 2 Jan 1922 Shildon d.o. George William & Eliza (Wilson) Mte m 4 Jun 1904 Shildon, Dur. George William b 18 Apr 1874 Shildon s.o. John & Mary Ann (Hutchinson) Mte m 12 Jun 1869 Forcett, Yks. John b 29 Jun 1844 Brompton on Swale s.o. Christopher & Elizabeth (Caygill) Mte m 19 Dec 1838 Aysgarth. Christopher bpt 22 Nov 1807 Askrigg s.o. Thomas & Esther (Iveson) Mte m 14 Mar 1801 Askrigg. Thomas bpt 28 Jun 1778 Askrigg s.o. James & Elizabeth (Harker) Mte m 25 Nov 1771 Askrigg. James b c1746. **Conn. M188 M258 M412 M535 M1443**

M1637 Mr Philip Cobham 24 Churchfields, Ormskirk, Lancashire L39 3AR phil@cobham.demon.co.uk His wife Wendy d.o. Keith & Lilian Maud (Mt) Ashley m 1 Feb 1928 Portsmouth district. Lilian Maud b 2 May 1908 Avonmouth, Bristol d.o. Stephen & Florence Martha (Slater) Mt m 9 Dec 1899 Barrow-in-Furness, Cul. Stephen b 26 Jan 1878 Stile Side, Millom, Cul. s.o. William & Mary Jane (Shackley) Mt m 12 Nov 1871 St Bees. William b 13 May 1849 Whitehaven s.o. Stephen & Elizabeth (Clark) Mt m 28 Nov 1829 Whitehaven. Stephen bpt 23 Jul 1806 Gosforth s.o. Thomas & Dorothy (Dolly) (Smith) Mt m 23 Jun 1794 Gosforth. Thomas bpt 1 Feb 1770 Finsthwaite, Lanc s.o. Robert & Mary Mt. **Conn. M913**

M1650 Mr John Metcalfe 28 Keys Drive, Wroxham, Norwich NR12 8SS meatcalfe2@tiscali.co.uk S.o. John Allen Foster & Elizabeth Margaret (Ward) Mte m 28 Jul 1934 Aylestone, Leics. John b 11 Aug 1908 Leicester district s.o. Charles Challoner & Charlotte Ellen (Gill) Mte m 21 Dec 1905 Knighton, Leics. Charles Challoner b 1877 York district s.o. William & Annie (Foster) Mte m 20 Oct 1866 Leeds. William bpt 30 Oct 1843 Hawes s.o. William & 2nd wife Sarah (Bushby) Mte m 10 Jan 1842 Hawes. William bpt 9 Sept 1793 Hawes s.o. Thomas & Rachel (**Mte (a)**) Mte m 13 Nov 1788 Hawes. Thomas b c1764 (a) Rachel bpt 24 Jan 1762 Hawes d.o. William Mte of Gayle

M1885 Mr Michael Metcalfe 18 Willow Road, Houghton-le-Spring, Tyne & Wear DH4 5QF michael_metcalfe@hotmail.com S.o. Anthony & 2nd wife Doris (Powell) Mte m 1954 South Shields, Dur. Anthony b 1906 s.o. Alfred Thomas & Catherine (Pino) Mte m 20 Aug 1908 South Shields. Alfred Thomas bpt 19 Jun 1881 Heworth, Dur s.o. George & Isabella Ann (Wheatley) Mte m 10 Nov 1861 Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Nbl. George b 1842 Thornton Steward, Yks s.o. Thomas & Ann (Dodsworth) Mte m 1841 Auckland, Dur. Thomas bpt 20 May 1821 Thornton Steward s.o. Thomas & Mary (Brown) Mte m 1 Jun 1812 Finghall, Yks. Thomas bpt 15 Mar 1789 Bedale s.o. Anthony & Jane (Collinson) Mte m 13 Sept 1786 Thornton Watlass. Anthony bpt 19 Jul 1766 Thornton Watlass s.o. Anthony & Margaret (**a**) (**Mte**) Mte m 5 Mar 1764 Thornton Watlass. Anthony bpt 8 Jun 1740 Thornton Watlass s.o. Stephen & Ellen (Moody) Mte m

19 Sep 1734 Thornton Watlass. Stephen b c1715 Rookwith

(a) Margaret Mte bpt 23 Sep 1739 Thornton Watlass d.o. Thomas & Ann (Meek) Mte m 23 Nov 1728 Thornton Watlass. Thomas bpt 4 Mar 1704 Thornton Watlass s.o. Elias Mte b c1657. Elias s.o. James Mte. James s.o. Roger & Anne Mte. **Conn. M123 M127 M162 M165 M266 M480 M493 M522 M545 M616 M626 M632 M644 M843 M1269 M1313 M1341 M1404 M1487 M1682 M1831**

M1886 Dr W Andrew Oddy 5 Albany Terrace, Worcester WR1 3DU waoddy@googlemail.com S.o. William Tingle & Hilda Florence (Dalby) Oddy m 5th September 1934 at Baildon, Yks. Hilda Florence b 31 Jan 1904 Bradford d.o. Samuel Colchester & Florence Annie (Brown) Dalby m 15th July 1902 at Sion Baptist Sanctuary, Bradford. Florence Annie b 18 Mar 1879 d.o. James & Margaret (Mte) Brown m 28 Dec 1868 Ilkley. Margaret b 2 Jul 1847 Nesfield, Yks d.o. Robert & Ann (Sherwin) Mte m 10 May 1845 Ilkley. Robert bpt 25 May 1818 Pateley Bridge s.o. Peter & 2nd wife Mary (Graham) Mte m 21 Mar 1796 Pateley Bridge. Peter bpt 7 Jan 1770 Pateley Bridge s.o. Peter & 1st wife Hannah (Richmond) Mte m 2 Apr 1766 Ripon Cathedral. Peter bpt 29 Jul 1739 Ripon Cathedral s.o. James Mte of Eavestone. **Conn. M148 M193 M309 M476 M513 M514 M680 M831 M867 M868 M1051 M1684 M1865 M1963 M2009**

M1895 Mrs Elizabeth Sheppard 10 Chestnut Avenue, Beverley, East Yorkshire HU17 9RB lizshep10@hotmail.co.uk D.o. Geoffrey William & Margaret Annie (Skelton) Mte m 18 Apr 1944 West Lutton, Malton, Yks. Geoffrey William b 25 Feb 1921 Driffield district s.o. Harry & Beatrice Hannah (Thornburn) Mte m 25 Nov 1914 West Lutton. Harry b 11 Nov 1886 York natural s.o. Elizabeth Mte. Elizabeth b 17 Mar 1870 d.o. Francis (Frank) & Mary (Johnson) Mte m 15 Dec 1862 Hovingham, Yks. Frank b 3 Aug 1837 Hawes s.o. Richard & Jane (Yeoman) Mte m 23 Nov 1826 Aysgarth. Richard bpt 6 May 1804 Kirkby Stephen, Wes s.o. Richard & Sybil (Whitfield) Mte m 20 Mar 1793 Kirkby Stephen. Richard bpt 17 Jan 1773 Askrigg s.o. John Mte of Low Coat **Conn. M144 M145 M389 M658 M807 M810 M1044 M1161 M1549 M1554 M1594 M1605 M1792 M1829 M1849 M1873**

M1937 Mrs Alice Gedge 2201 West, 13400 South, Riverton, Utah 84065 USA adgedge@gmail.com Grt grt grd d.o. Joseph Pettus & Sarah Jane (Ruff) Ament m 12 Apr 1849 Muscatine, Muscatine Co., Iowa USA. Joseph Pettus b 20 Oct 1823 Nashville, Davidson Co., Tennessee s.o. George Henry & Judith Dudley (Pettus) Ament m 11 Mar 1818 Green, Kentucky. George Henry b 25 Sept 1796 Bourbon, Kentucky s.o. Gabriel & Hannah (Mte) Ament m 14 Dec 1795 Bourbon Co., Kentucky. Hannah b c1778 Longbranch, Fauquier Co., Virginia d.o. John & 2nd wife Mary (O'Brien) Mte m c1777/8. John b c1724 Stafford Co., Virginia s.o. John & Diana Watkins Mte m c1723 Fauquier Co. John b Yorkshire, England? **Conn. M114 M863 M1039 M1249 M1257**

M1985 Mrs Lois Bretz (additions to previous Birth Brief) 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 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 **bpt 5 Nov 1779 Dent natural s.o. Alice Mte. Alice bpt 31 Mar 1759 Horton in Ribblesdale d.o. Thomas & Frances (Peacock) Mte m 8 June 1758 Ingleton Fells. Thomas ? bpt 17 Mar 1733/4**

**Horton in Ribblesdale s.o. John & Alice (Sidgwick) Mte m 17 May 1730
Horton in Ribblesdale. Conn. M58 M390 M1088 M1336 M1671**

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

M2003 Mrs Patricia Dennis 6 Brockenhurst Close, Woking, Surrey GU21 4DS trisha.dennis1@gmail.com Grt grd d.o. William Leonard & Annie (Temple) l'Anson m 9 Jan 1883 Darlington, Co. Dur. William Leonard b 14 Sept 1858 Leyburn, Yorks s.o. Leonard & Margaret (Mte) l'Anson m 3 Jan 1854 Hipswell. Margaret b 1826 Scotton d.o. Thomas & Elizabeth (Blenkiron) Mte m 3 Oct 1825 Marske by Richmond. Thomas bpt 25 Dec 1799 Bedale s.o. Thomas & Margaret (Carter) Mte m 18 Jul 1798 Bedale. Thomas bpt 5 May 1773 Spennithorne s.o. Thomas & Mary (Hutchinson) Mte m 21 Sept 1769 Spennithorne. Thomas bpt 2 Apr 1749 Wensley s.o. Francis & Elizabeth (Boulmer) Mte m 21 Oct 1746 Spennithorne. Francis bpt 6 Apr 1725 Askrigg s.o. Thomas Mt of Nappa Scar. **Conn. M79 M87 M96 M99 M179 M383 M688**

M2004 Mrs Elizabeth Metcalfe Myers 3765 O'Connell Road, Bathurst, NSW 2795, Australia libby_myers@bigpond.com D.o. Charles George & Joan Maxey (Dunmore) Mte m 6 Nov 1943 Abbotsford, NSW, Australia. Charles George b 1919 Auckland district, Co. Dur, England s.o. James Robert & Harriett Ellen (Hopwood) Mte m 20 Jan 1917 Plumstead, London. James Robert b 4 Sept 1896 Evenwood, Co. Dur s.o. George & Mary Emma (Howe) Mte m 26 Oct 1895 Evenwood, Co. Dur. George b c1875 Ramshaw, Dur s.o. James Bowe & Sarah Ann (Raine) Mte m 14 Nov 1867, Brancepeth, Dur. James bpt 19 Sept 1841 Kirkby Fleetham, Yorks s.o. John Bowe & Mary Mte. John b 8 May 1803 Tunstall, Yorks s.o. John Bowe & Jane Mte. John bpt 20 Apr 1769 Bowes s.o. John & Elizabeth (Bowe) Mt m 14 Nov 1763 Brough under Stainmore, Wes. John Mt b c1741. **Conn. M418 M481 M482 M726 M924 M1990**

M2005 Mr Nigel Metcalf 3/215 Spit Road, Mosman, Sydney, NSW 2088, Australia judithandnigel01@aapt.net.au Nigel s.o. Jack & Doreen Valentine (Grant) Mt m 8 Sep 1951 Wellington, New Zealand. Jack b 25 Jan 1928 Wellington, NZ s.o. George William Gatenby & Emily (Lemon) Mt m 1914 Wellington, NZ. George William b 22 Jan 1889 Leeds s.o. Henry & Patience (Barrett) Mt m 14 Jun 1886 Stockton-on-Tees, Dur. Henry b 26 Jul 1863 Burneston, Yks s.o. George & Elizabeth (Gatenby) Mte m 21 May 1859 Bedale. George bpt 23 Jul 1837 Bedale s.o. George & Margaret (Barwick) Mte m 8 Dec 1832 Bedale. George bpt 3 Dec 1809 Bedale s.o. William & Betty (Gale) Mte m 1 Jan 1807 Bedale. William bpt 21 May 1786 Bedale s.o. William & Ann (Turbot) Mte m 22 Nov 1775 Bedale. William b c1727. **Conn. M81 M156 M603 M935 M1652**

NEW MEMBERS:

M2006 Mrs Rachel Copeland Plaisance, Les Merriennes, St. Martin, Guernsey CI, GY4 6NW copeland@cwgsy.net Grt grd d.o. Thomas & Alice (Hibbert) Dover m 7 Feb 1880 Bolton, Lancs. Thomas b 1857 Turton, Bolton s.o. George & Mary (Tennant) Dover m 20 Jul 1835 Sedburgh. Mary b 1814 Beck Bitts, Askrigg d.o. Christopher & Alice (Metcalf) Tennant m 23

Nov 1813 Stalling Busk. Alice b 2 Oct 1791 Stalling Busk d.o. Joseph & Mary (Hebden) Mte m 28 Mar 1786 Stalling Busk. Joseph bpt 10 Nov 1765 Stalling Busk s.o. George & Margaret (Moor) Mte m 14 Jun 1759 Ingleton. George bpt 27 Jan 1733 Benthams s.o. Thomas & Jane Mte of Benthams. **Conn. M881 M1268**

M2007 Mr Ron Metcalf 9115 Gibbons Creek Way, Cypress, Texas 77433, USA rmetcalf@att.net S.o John Dotson & Minnie Estelle (Brooks) Mt m 28 Oct 1950 Benton, Saline, Arkansas, USA. John Dotson b 26 Oct 1915 Evening Shade, Sharp, Arkansas s.o. Dotson Bacon & Anna Bell (Graddy) Mt m 25 May 1913 Evening Shade, Sharp, Arkansas. Dotson Bacon b 22 Dec 1892 Evening Shade, Sharp, Arkansas s.o. Addison Hamilton 'Bud' & Cynthia B (Stout) Mt m 1870 Sharp Co., Arkansas. Addison Hamilton b 10 Jun 1848 Rutherford Co., North Carolina s.o. Andrew K & Elizabeth (Murray) Mt c1830 North Carolina. Andrew K b 1808 Rutherford Co., North Carolina s.o. Warner & Elizabeth (Kilpatrick) Mt m 12 Apr 1785 Lincoln, North Carolina. Warner b c1762 Rutherford Co., North Carolina s.o. Anthony & Mary 'Polly' (Hogan) Mt m Virginia.

M2008 Mrs Linda Lear 6 Thorne Park Road, Torquay, Devon TQ2 7RX linda@lear20.eclipse.co.uk

M2009 Miss Janet Gibson Dalecroft, Fairway Crescent, Haworth, Keighley, W Yorks BD228RL JANET@janetgibson.wanadoo.co.uk (a) 4 x Grt grd d.o. George & Elizabeth (Mte) Cowling m 22 Sept 1834 Ripon Cathedral. Elizabeth bpt 24 Oct 1819 Pateley Bridge d.o. Peter & 2nd wife Mary (Graham) Mte m 21 Mar 1796 Pateley Bridge. Peter bpt 7 Jan 1770 Pateley Bridge s.o. Peter & Hannah (Richmond) Mte m 2 April 1766 Ripon Cathedral. Peter bpt 29 Jul 1739 Ripon Cathedral s.o James Mte of Eavestone. **Conn. M148 M193**

M309 M476 M513 M514 M680 M831 M867 M868 M1051 M1684 M1865 M1886 M1963

(b) 3 x Grt grd d.o. Ann Huddleston m 2nd husband George Metcalfe 1880 Keighley. George b 2 Oct 1824 Keld s.o. John & Jane (Willan) Mte m 25 Jul 1818 Muker. John b 14 Mar 1793 Keld s.o. George & Mary (Rukin) Mte m 18 Sept 1792 Muker. George b c1766. **Conn. M879 M940**

George Cross Medal 1940

I have a snippet to send to you.

The society archivists may have it already. It is taken from the Britain at War magazine Sept. 2015 issue 101. page 50.

For Gallantry, Page 55,

" King George has chosen the design for the George Cross and the George Medal",

before adding that the Cross was designed and modelled by

Mr Percy Metcalfe CVO, RDL,

the artist responsible for the King's Coronation Medal.

John White M1958.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sheffield & District Family History Fair
 Saturday 21 May 2016 10am - 4pm
 1867 Lounge Sheffield Wednesday Football Club
www.sheffieldfhs.org.uk

Pudsey Annual Family History Day
 Saturday 11 June 2016 10am - 4.30pm
 Admission £2.50
 Pudsey Civic Hall, Dawsons Corner, Pudsey

Yorkshire Family History Fair
 Saturday 2 July 2016 10am - 4.30pm
 Admission £4.50
 York Racecourse

Doncaster Family & Local History Fair with Craft Stalls 2016
 Saturday 24th September 2016
 Doncaster Deaf Trust

MECCA AGM & MUSTER 2016
Saturday 8 October 2016
The Garden Rooms at Tennants
North Yorks DL8 5SG
Missed out on last year's event?
Here's your opportunity to see what it's all about.

John Metcalfe

Linc Coll MA 30 June 1772
 Magd Coll BD 28 Apr 1780
The Catalogue of Graduates etc in the University of Oxford 1782
 Reverend **John Metcalfe** DD
 fellow of Magdalen College Oxford appointed
 one of his majesty's preachers at Whitehall.
The Gentleman's Magazine Vol 71 1792.

 Rev **John Metcalfe** BD
 Clipston Co. Northampton
Ecclesiastical Preferements
Gentleman's Magazine Vol 61 pt1 1791.

THOMAS METCALF of Hucknall

I have been aware of a building in Hucknall that has 'Metcalf' on the side of it and I enclose a photograph of it.

Research of the family in the library, the square building also in the photograph, has allowed me to find birth, marriage & death data for the family that I have been able to pass on to David Mte. I also found two articles in the towns weekly paper that I have also attached.

They seem to be written by the founder of the Hucknall Dispatch who was assisted in starting in the early days by Thomas Metcalf.

Edwin Metcalf
M980



Hucknall Dispatch 26 August 1949 *A history of the Liberal Club*

Before being a Liberal Club the premises were utilised by Mr Thomas Metcalf for the manufacture of boots and shoes and on the frontage of South Street can still be seen faintly 'Buy your boots from the maker'. Mr Metcalf created a generation of cobblers, or should it be repairers as per a recent discussion. Mr Metcalf built up quite a big business with about a score of shops in the district. A Mr Wesley was his supervisor and at the time of sales as many as 100,000 bills (10 inches x 15 inches) would be printed to go round his shops. Mr Metcalf's son Arthur was in charge of the works.

It was in the lower premises that the Dispatch was born. For six months printing orders were executed. One day Mr Metcalf who occasionally looked in said 'Morley when are you going to start a paper?' Having only a small machine I told him that I shall require a larger machine that would serve the purpose but he advised a new one from the makers. To cut a long story short Mr Metcalf bought the machine outright for me and I paid him off by instalments or by executing his large printing orders.

Hucknall Dispatch 31 May 1963
Henry Morley looks back

Mr Thomas Metcalf who became one of Hucknall's most successful businessman and a prominent public figure was born in Nottingham in 1844. Like many of his contemporaries he never went to school. At the age of seven he began work as a winder for the old fashioned stocking 'frame'. In consequence of bad times his father forsook the stocking trade and began to repair boots at his home.

Tom helped his father in his spare time until at the age of eleven when he went into the lace trade. Bad times again fell to his lot so he returned to his father to spend his whole time in cobbling. Even his father said 'he was the best man of the two'.

Thomas Metcalf equipped himself for the boot trade by having practical instruction with the firm Parkes & Booth at the same time taking unto himself a wife. A Mr Smith was the next employer. Shortly afterwards Thomas found his way to Hucknall being engaged by Mr James Jackson, more probably known as General Jackson, one of Hucknall's leading shoemakers of the time. The 'General' forsook the trade in favour of building and lime burning and this led Mr Metcalf to think seriously of starting business on his own account at Annesley Road.

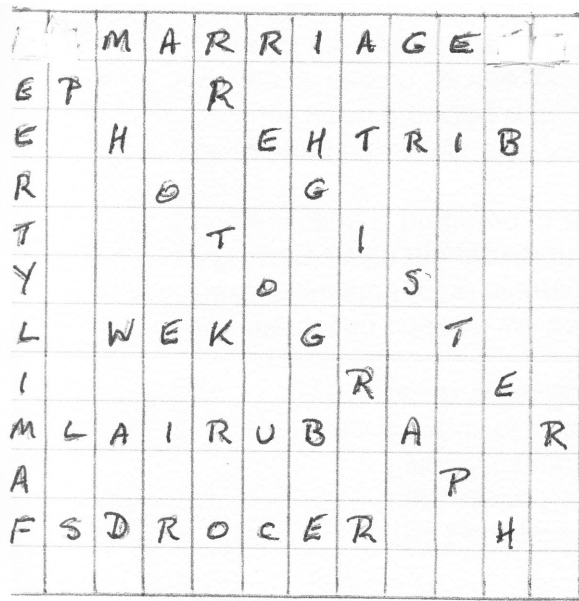
Being ambitious to forge ahead he became the owner of the Annesley Road property in a curious way. While he was in Nottingham the brothers Smithurst obtained part of a deposit from Mrs Metcalf for the sale of the premises being confident it was the best thing to be done. This incident was the foundation of his success. He subsequently opened shops in Hucknall and other towns. So fast did the business grow that Mr Metcalf bought land in South Street from Mr Henry Rhodes and erected a factory and warehouse. He advanced until he had a total of 32 shops and would doubtless have forged ahead had it not been for the loss of his son Charles was a victim of consumption.

Concerning his public career Mr Metcalf was elected member of the old Local Board in 1885 but his own health forced him to take a back seat after ten years. Five years later he again offered himself for election and eventually became Chairman of the Council.

In addition to Charles Metcalfe whose fiancée was Miss Parker, a teacher at the National School there was another son Arthur (also in the boot trade) and two daughters Lily & Gertrude. The daughters married Arthur Plumb and William Moss. I well remember seeing the carriages proceeding through High Street to the Parish Church for the double wedding.

I cannot conclude these memories of the Metcalf family without a personal note. When started in business Mr Metcalf let to me premises in South Street and also advanced money for the purchase of a cylinder machine when I had not a shilling to spare. In other respects Mr Thomas Metcalf was a father to me, and I will always respect his memory.

Solution to Page 16.



*First user of the White Rose as an Emblem
Richard Plantagenet Duke of York 1461*

HEADLINERS

(Not what they seem!)

(Actual newspaper headlines)

Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over

Miners Refuse to Work after Death

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant

War Dims Hope for Peace

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures

Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges

Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge

John Cooke

I walked around the Sculpture Trail and one of the bigger pieces is made from a large piece of sandstone (I think) and makes good use of some chestnut coloured patterning in the stone to create a recumbent bovine with its tongue up the right nostril - as is off to be seen!!!

Not exactly a facsimile of our Metcalfe calf but an interesting piece none the less.

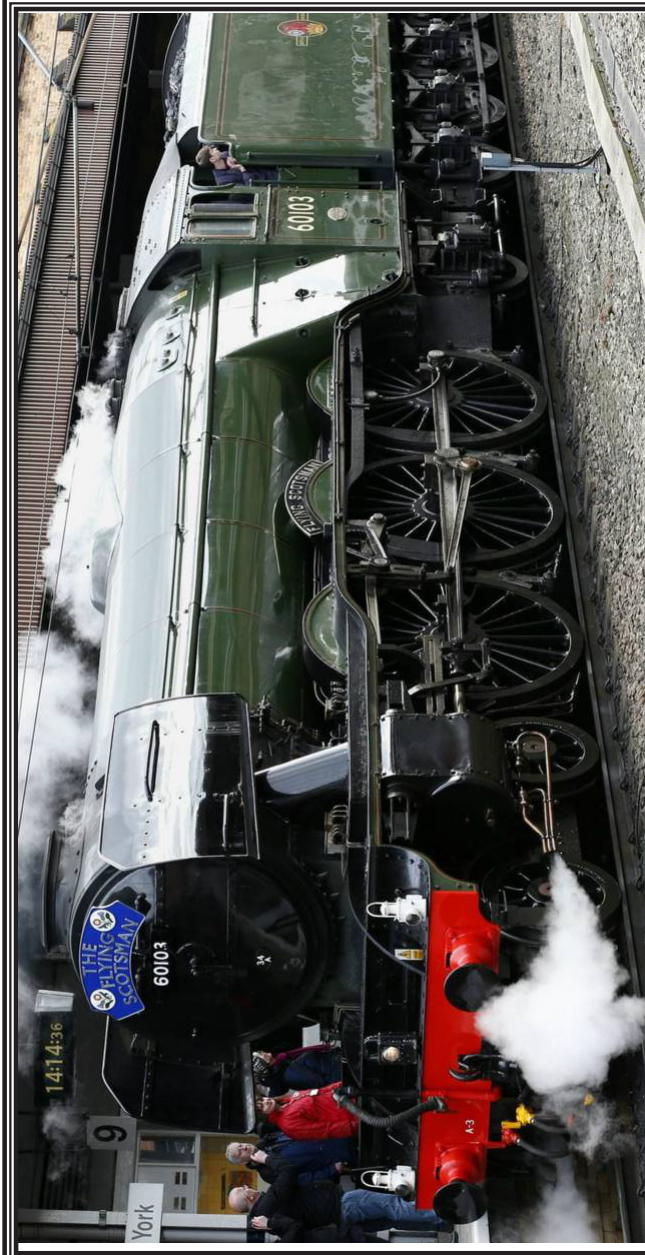
Lesley Longworth M68



***KING CROSS (ST. PAUL)
CHURCHYARD, HALIFAX**
(Index No. U.K. 1255)
METCALFE, Lt. LESLIE, M.M. 23rd West Riding (Halifax) Bn. Home Guard. 21st December, 1941. Age 53. Son of Tom and Ellen Ann Metcalfe, of Halifax; husband of Gladys Metcalfe, of Halifax. Also served in the 1914-18 War. Grave 67. *ψ The grave marked A.C.*



In Memory of
Lieutenant Leslie Metcalfe MM
Remembered with Honour
King Cross (St. Paul) Churchyard
23rd West Riding (Halifax) Bn., Home Guard
who died on 21 December 1941 Age 53
Son of **Tom and Ellen Ann Metcalfe**, of Halifax;
husband of **Gladys Metcalfe**, of Halifax.
Commonwealth War Graves Commission



***The Flying Scotsman
at York February 2016
See article page 20.***