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Being greeted by the Chairman of the Parish Council is not an event
 I have had the pleasure of when staying in the Dales.
 What caused this red carpet treatment?
 Fame as the editor of your magazine? Invitation to tea?
 No. None of the above. Parking.
 The do's and don'ts (mainly don'ts) of where the car could be left in the village.
 On our Facebook in March was a piece about dogs chasing livestock.
 In the window of the Askrigg West Mill is a notice telling of problems with visitors in 1830
 with a modern notice concerning the killing of chickens close by.

All these examples highlight the tensions between local inhabitants incomers and visitors.
 There seems to be on occasions a lack of give and take on all sides leading to,
 if not unpleasantness, strained relationships, which is not beneficial to all concerned.
 Perhaps we all need to appreciate of each others needs and expectations.

*On a more pleasant note your committee was welcomed enthusiastically by the ladies on
 reception at the Dales Countryside Museum at our recent meeting.
 We spent some time dealing with the Muster in October - which you should not miss
 especially if you were not present at last year's event
 (We hope to have a fun packed day with new projects coming on line.)
 - and deliberated over our finances. More of that at the AGM.
 This magazine is quite a mixture which I hope you enjoy.*

Peter Dobson



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Metcalfe Stamps and Coins

Michael Peel M1698

Percy Metcalfe (1895-1970) was a son of engineer John Metcalfe (1866-1934) and Hannah Thorpe (1865-1935). He was born in Alverthorpe, Wakefield and died in London. An artist, sculptor and designer, he is better known for his medal and coin designs such as those for the Irish Free State. My Wife Joyce found the coin pictured below in our garden a few months after we moved into our new home in Bridlington. It is the one (Irish old) penny "Hen and Chicks" from the Barnyard Collection minted in 1928; this coin is dated 1942. The harp was chosen for the obverse (the principle side). Percy was chosen as the winner of the reverse. His designs were reproduced on medals struck for the British Empire Exhibition of 1924. His George cross medal is shown on page 30 of Mecca News, April 2016.

An account of his career can be found in Wikipedia (where there is a photograph of him); below are a few more references. Percy has computer number 79605 in the society's data base, where he is recorded as designing the 2^{1/2}d Olympic Games stamp.

Olympic Games 1948, UPU 1949, high value stamps issued 1951:

The colours are : 2½d blue, 1/- brown, 2/6 yellow-green, 5s red. The Stanley Gibbons Great Britain Concise Stamp Catalogue tells us that these four stamps were designed by P. Metcalfe. Presumably this is in every edition of the annual publications; my edition is dated 2007.



Mapping the Practice and Profession of Sculpture in Britain and Ireland 1851-1951, University of Glasgow History of Art and HATII, online database 2011

http://www.academia.edu/1905525/The_British_Empire_and_the_Coinage_of_the_Irish_Free_State

<http://www.royalmailgroup.com/cy/node/6435>

The Mysterious Robert Metcalfe {83057}

Robert Metcalfe was my great great grandfather and I am descended from him through the female line as his daughter, Margaret, was my mother's grandmother. My mother who was born in 1904, almost 13 years before Robert Metcalfe died, remembered him and occasionally visited the isolated farm cottage, known as Dean Head, at Nesfield/Langbar near Ilkley where he lived for many years.

There are four mysteries about Robert; first was he Metcalfe or Metcalf, second what was his age when he died in 1916, third to whom do the initials WM, carved into the stone lintel over the door at Dean Head, refer, and fourth how many children did he have.

As far as his name is concerned his tombstone clearly gives Metcalfe (figure 1) but his marriage certificate to Ann Sherwin on 10 May 1845 is signed Robert Metcalf. However the birth certificate of his daughter Margaret, born on 2nd July 1847 has the father as Robert Metcalfe. Although both the copy certificates in my possession were originally written out by a registrar, I assume that the actual marriage certificate was signed 'Robert Metcalf'. Personally I would prefer to use the evidence of the man himself, rather than a registrar, and assume that he called himself Metcalf at the time of his marriage, but the evidence of the gravestone is overwhelming for the spelling of the name as Metcalfe when he died.

My mother, Hilda Florence Oddy (1904-2004), née Dalby, was proud of the fact that her great-grandfather was said to have died aged 99 and she, in fact, lived to be a hundred. But if Robert Metcalf was 99 when he died on 4th December 1916, as it says on his tombstone, then he can't have been born in 1818 as is recorded in his Metcalfe Society unique record.

So what are the facts about Robert Metcalfe?

1. He was baptised at Pateley Bridge on 25th May 1818.
2. We know that he was born on 4th May and this information comes from a newspaper article written to celebrate his 97th birthday and quoted in full in Mecca News 49. Here it says "on May 4th, Mr Robert Metcalfe, of Dean Head Farm, Langbar, celebrated his 97th birthday, having been born at Fell Beck, near Pateley Bridge on May 4th 1818 ...". The newspaper is also unequivocal about the year in which he was born and this is presumably relying on the memory of Robert himself at the time of the interview in 1915.
3. The source of the newspaper cutting was not given in Mecca News 49 but is presumed to be the Ilkley Gazette because when Robert died one year later there was a long obituary for him in the Ilkley Gazette, some of the content of which was similar to the 1915 article. The obituary was published on Friday, 8th December 1916, where it says that "Mr Metcalfe's remains were interred at the Ilkley Cemetery yesterday", ie Thursday, December 7th, 1916. At the start of the obituary however it reads "... having been born at Fell Beck, Pateley Bridge, on May 4th, 1817 ...". So here there is a discrepancy with the content of the newspaper article of the previous year for whoever was interviewed from the family to form the basis for the obituary believed him to be 99 in December 1916.

4. The tombstone in Ilkley Cemetery reads:

Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Ann, wife of Robert Metcalfe of Nessfield, who died August 24th 1895 aged 71 years fortified by the rights of the church.

Also of Robert Metcalfe, who died December 4th 1916 in his 100th year. R.I.P.

Hence whoever commissioned the gravestone seems to have believed that he was born in 1817. So what is the actual year of his birth?

Since he was baptised at Pateley Bridge on 25 May 1818 there is a strong presumption that he was born not long before this and 4th May 1818 is probable, which would make him 98 when he died. On top of this, the 1915 newspaper article, which was presumably based on an interview with Robert himself, gives his birthday as May 4th 1818 thus also making him 98 in December 1916. So how did the fiction arise that when he died he was one year older than he actually was? We will probably never know. The Ilkley Gazette obituary in 1916 also records that Robert Metcalfe *"used to say that his father only lived to be 86 and his mother 82, and his grandfather died three days short of reaching the century. He [ie Robert] was one of a family of 10, and his wife, who died some twenty years ago, bore him thirteen children."* The Mecca Society unique record indicates that Robert's father, Peter, died aged 84, although from the date of his baptism and the date of his death it is more likely to be 83 and this, perhaps, needs some further research to reconcile it with the 86 recorded by Robert. The Mecca Society record also indicates that his grandfather Peter died aged 90, rather than the 99 indicated in Robert's obituary. However the obituary only says 'grandfather' and so we cannot be certain that it was his paternal grandfather who was meant. Robert Metcalfe's mother was born Mary Graham and it would be interesting to know whether her father lived to be 99.

The third mystery is the inscription on the lintel over the door at Dean Head cottage. It reads WM 1733. So who was WM? The census returns indicate that Robert had moved to Nessfield cum Langbar before 1851, but whether he lived at Dean Head is not specified until the 1901 Census. However it is likely that he had lived there for many years before this and possibly since the 1840s. The newspaper obituary tells us that Robert Metcalfe had lived at Nessfield for more than 70 years and had initially worked for Mrs Hawksworth of Low Austby farm for 4 shillings a week. It continues *"There was a smithy attached to the farm and Mr Metcalfe's practice was to wield the big hammer while Dr Collyer shaped the shoes [for the horses]"*. At the time Dr Collyer was a blacksmith in Ilkley, but he later achieved fame as the author of a history of Ilkley (Rev. Robert Collyer and J Horsfall Turner, Ilkley: Ancient and Modern, Otley, 1885).

Robert Metcalfe's ancestry as given in his Metcalfe Society unique record shows that his father was Peter, his grandfather was Peter, and his great-grandfather was James, so no WM in his Metcalfe line for at least three generations. James Metcalfe's first child was called William and he was baptised in 1737 at Ripon. This places the birth of James Metcalfe in approximately 1710. Robert Metcalfe's ancestors were all baptised at Pateley Bridge or Ripon and so for the time being the identification of WM 1733 remains unknown. If any readers have any ideas or suggestions the author would be pleased to know.

The final mystery relates to the size of Robert Metcalfe's family. Both the 1915 newspaper article and the 1916 obituary tell us that Robert Metcalfe's wife bore him 13 children but his Mecca Society record lists only 12. Robert Metcalfe and Ann Sherwin were married on May 10th 1845 and the 1851 Census records his children as Mary aged 5, Margaret (my great grandmother) aged 3, and James aged 1. By 1861 the family was Margaret aged 13, James aged 11, John aged 9, Joseph aged 6, Annie aged 4, Thomas aged 2, and an infant called Elizabeth. In 1871 the family was James aged 21, John aged 19, Joseph aged 16, Thomas aged 12, Elizabeth aged 10, Maria aged 8, Ellen aged 7, Sarah aged 4, and Francis aged 1. In 1881 there had been no more additions to the family. The list of children is therefore:

Mary c.1846	Margaret 2nd July 1847	James 1849
	John 1851	
Joseph 1854	Annie 1857	Thomas 1859
	Elizabeth 1861	
Maria 1863	Ellen 1864	Sarah 1868
	Francis 1869	

making a total of 12. It must be presumed therefore that another child was born and died before it appeared on the census.

If any reader of Mecca News has researched this family and established firm dates for births/baptisms/marriages or deaths of any of these children, or has identified the missing one, I should be delighted to hear from you. The only unequivocal contributions that I can make at the moment are that Margaret Metcalfe was born on 2nd July 1847, married James Brown on 28th December 1868 at Ilkley Parish Church, died aged 77 on 12th October 1924 and was buried in Undercliffe Cemetery, Bradford. From his gravestone in Ilkley Municipal Cemetery we know that Thomas Metcalfe died on 27th February 1930 aged 70 years (and that his wife was called Elizabeth Mary and that she died on 8th August 1889 aged 24).

A photograph of Robert Metcalfe was published in Mecca News no.53 in 1997 and the photograph of Dean Head farm house in 1905 (*see back page*) with Robert Metcalfe on the right of the group of five people. The man second from the left is probably Robert's widowed son, Thomas, who was about 49 in 1905 and the woman on the left may be Robert's daughter, Sarah Brogan, who was 37. The well-dressed couple in the centre may be Robert's grandson, Arthur Brown, and his wife, Ethel. Arthur Brown was Lord Mayor of Bradford in 1934.

Andrew Oddy M1886.

Where there's Muck*News item on Look North this evening (14 April 2016) about the **Metcalfes** of Washfold Farm, nr Leyburn.*

*The cows are kept for milk but with falling milk prices, the farmer, **David Metcalfe**, has diversified into recycling the waste from the cows into slurry ponds, and then using it to turn the methane produced into electricity - which is much more profitable than just milk production. **Jo Heron***



*Your Committee at the June Meeting at the Dales Countryside Museum Hawes.
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is 1 November 2016.**

Articles comments or snippets to the Editor.

Nappa Hall Update

From the Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning web-site (www.yorkshiredales.org.uk).

Nappa Hall, Nappa, Askrigg.

Listed building consent for internal and external works to owners residential accommodation; conversion of Nappa Hall and associated outbuildings to form five holiday lets; provision of public facilities for visits and events and the creation of a new vehicular access.

April 2016 - Updated details now received and being considered.



MECCA MUSTER

The Society has as its guest speaker **Glenys Marriott**

Chairman of the Upper dales Family History Group,
author of *The Cumpstons of Hull: Master Mariners and Their Families*
and editor of the widely acclaimed *Those Who Left The Dales*.

To be part of the Muster on 8 October 2016
see the booking form enclosed with this magazine.

From the Database Keeper

A strange thing happened at the County Record Office last week. I found a "new" microfilm that nobody had thought to index. On it is Arkengarthdale baptisms 1861-2007, Clapham burials 1896-1993, Grinton Burials 1871-2006 and Hawes Baptisms 1899-2008.

Needless to say I will going through it in the next few weeks. This data is not on Find My Past. On the downside the baptism register currently in use at Ramsgill in Nidderdale has still a long way to go and was started in 1847!. **David Metcalfe M46**

Committee Changes

Liz Waller is handing over sales responsibilities to **Jo Heron** and will later in the year hand over membership matters to Jo.

Liz will take over the enquiries function from **Diane Howarth** while **Lesley Longworth** will become responsible for the Facebook entries.

Michael Pope will assume responsibility for the editor's role taking over from **Peter Dobson** starting with the January 2017 Mecca News.

The Mecca News will continue to produced three times a year in April, August and (a month later) in January to allow membership reminders to be tied in to the magazine despatch.

SWALEDALES

**Don't you just love them.
Sheep with attitude.**



They see you coming along the high dales road and they play "*chicken*" either ignoring you completely or waiting until the last minute to dive off in the most inappropriate direction. Other sheep tend to move away at the sound of a car. Not Swaleys. To them a car is a challenge. Typical of the environment they inhabit - wild and tough!

Swaleys are a relatively new breed of sheep only being recognised in 1919 as a strain. Farmers in the high dales have always needed animals that could deal with the changeable, cool weather and harsh terrain. Over the years individual farmers discovered the traits that gave them stock which could exploit the land to their best advantage.

The Swaledale Sheep Breeders Association sprung up after the Great War when farmers around Tan Hill decided to regularise their flocks of Upper Dales sheep and make certain traits part of the breed. From this start the Association now covers all matters regarding Swaledale sheep. Part of this is the annual Tan Hill Sheep Show held in late May just by the famous pub.

With over 1000 flocks the breed is the main sheep inhabiting the higher ground in North Yorkshire and South Durham in particular with the ewes being crossed with Blue Faced Leicester rams to produce fine lambs for the market.

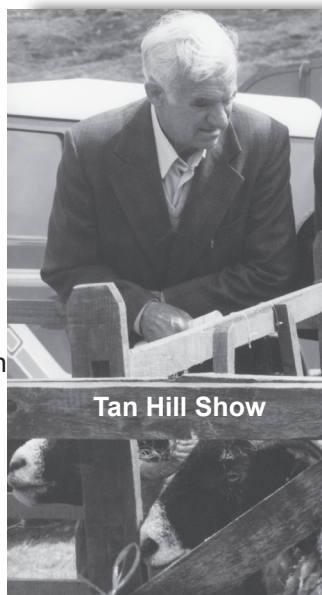
Metcalfes have long been associated with the breed. On the Associations website (www.swaledale-sheep.com) under Breed History there is a picture showing Mr **R Metcalf** of Shepherds Lodge Arkendale with shearing rams in 1943. Whilst a report of the Swaledale Show at Muker in 1925 mentions a **Thos Metcalfe of Frith** and a **Jno Metcalfe of Firs** in the list of participants. Even today there are many other examples of Metcalfes being involved with the breed. Just Google Swaledale Sheep and Metcalf/e and you will find references for example at Usha Gap, Muker, Rosedale East, Pickering and Middleton in Teesdale.

The best tups (rams) can fetch a good price of £20,000 plus with the highest price ever reported at just over £100,000. In Hannah Hauxwell's book *Hannah's North Country* written with Barry Cockcroft nearly 30 years

ago she devotes almost a chapter to **Ronnie Metcalfe** and Glendale Jack Joe a tup raised by him. Ronnie was born near Hawes but was farming in Teesdale. The tup was spotted as being special from early on and a local farmer Brian Lawson was keen to purchase. When Glendale Jack Joe came to market he was bought for the then substantial figure of £30,000.

When visiting the Dales I often take a walk up Shutt Lane near Sedbusk and you can on occasions see anywhere up to ten young tups together. They usually are fairly docile but sometimes they practice "*head banging*" and it is then you see where the breed gets its attitude from!

Peter Dobson M69



Flying Scotsman Update

In the April article (page 21) I was looking forward to the trip on the Flying Scotsman. The outing was on 10 May 2016 and was the first day of a UK summer tour by the train around the country on a number of trips. That day it pulled 10 coaches to from York to Newcastle and return.

Here I am stood in front of the current driver holding a photos of my grandfather **Harry Craggs Metcalfe**, a driver in the war. Amazingly after speaking with the driver, his grandfather also drove the Flying Scotsman too!

The photo is at York as the engine backed out of the museum to the platform and then back to the junction before York to pick up the train (being pulled by a vintage diesel) that had set off from London earlier that morning.

Diane Howarth



Chairman's Jottings

All change!

This edition will be the last edited by Peter Dobson our editor for over 20 years! A remarkable achievement which reflects the successful way in which he has handled the post. Being editor is never easy because one is reliant upon the articles sent in be they brilliant or bad! The deadline always looms for finalising the next edition as soon as the current one is finished. Always polite and courteous it has been a great pleasure to work with Peter in his role of editor. We have not dulled Peter's enthusiasm for the Society as he will be prepared to continue as our deputy chairman and treasurer. Mike Pope has volunteered to take on the role. Thanks Mike.

Liz Waller is relinquishing the membership secretary and despatch roles. Thanks Liz for the meticulous way you carried out both roles. Jo Heron is taking on both jobs. Lesley Longworth will take the lead in postings on our Facebook page, relieving Diane Howarth from the task.

The Muster will take place at Tennants Garden Room Leyburn. A great location as those who attended last year will attest. If you could not make it in 2015 try to join us this year. This year we are asking you to pay £5 on the door to cover, partially, the cost of the day and beverages. Attendance only at the AGM will be free to members.

Several committee members are undertaking more than one role on the committee so we would welcome new members. If you prefer to assist in project work please also step forward!

I am excited that we are creating a new image archive which is going to be launched on the website at the Muster. Come and learn about that on the day! I would like us to hold an oral history archive too. What we know is lost when we 'depart this mortal coil'. Why shouldn't we record our stories and keep them in an oral archive? Presently no more than a pipedream but one worthwhile pursuing I think.

Now some bad news! We have not increased our annual UK subscriptions from £10 for 14 years. Based on inflation it should be now £15, which is the sum recommended by the committee. Whilst our membership numbers have recovered to 342 thanks to 70 lapsed members renewing (welcome back!) our budget forecast suggests income will be exceeded by expenditure in 2017. The cost of Mecca News posted 3 times a year will exceed the subscription of £10 alone. This year's accounts show an improvement in cashflow but this will not be repeated.



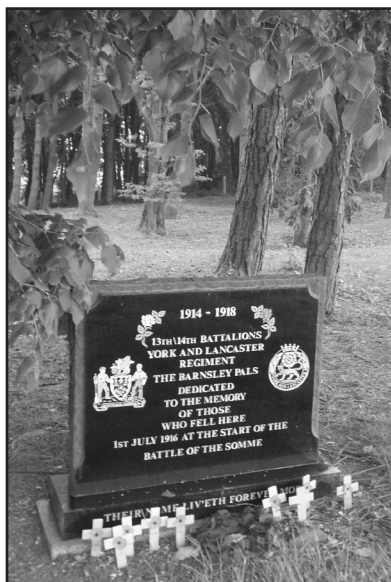
As I write today is the centenary of the Battle of the Somme. There are 17 Metcalfe names (spelt thus) on the Thiepval Somme Memorial alone. Joseph Metcalfe 14896 in the 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) died on the first day of the battle.

Were your ancestors involved in any capacity during WW1? Do you have any photographs of them at the time? Conscription was introduced in 1916. Did yours fight or were

they exempted? Did your ancestors help as volunteers at Red

Cross Hospitals? At least 75 Metcalfes, 27 Metcalfs, 9 Medcalf and 1 Metcalfe did. Have you checked the indexes? Search at <http://www.redcross.org.uk/About-us/Who-we-are/Museum-and-archives/Resources-for-researchers/Volunteers-and-personnel-records>

Some of them must be yours. The WW1 project is for you! Tell us about them. Jo Heron is waiting to hear from you!



Restoration of Two Metcalfe Grave Memorials in South Shields, and Heworth, Tyne and Wear

My name is Michael Metcalfe and for the last twenty years I have been passionately researching the genealogy of the Metcalfe family. The task has been an incredibly labour-intensive undertaking, but also, immensely rewarding. I joined Ancestry, Find My Past and, of course, The Metcalfe Society. I have documented approximately 1,500 direct relations with another 3,000 indirect relations. I am determined to preserve the history of my part of the Metcalfe family, not only through the discovery and collation of written records, but also the restoration of grave monuments. This article documents some of the work I have undertaken, and refers specifically to the restoration of two Metcalfe grave monuments:

Alfred Thomas Metcalfe in South Shields, and George Metcalfe in Heworth.

Unlocking the Past

From being a child I was fascinated by my family history. It was larger and certainly more complex than most: six siblings; nineteen aunties and uncles, and innumerable cousins. There were stories of my Italian ancestors and their journey to England in the 1800s. My father's accordion, un-played after his death, was testament to the family's earlier passion and talent for music. And then there was the Yorkshire connection through my paternal grandfather, Alfred Thomas Metcalfe. Sadly though, Alfred's son, my father, Anthony Metcalfe, died two months before I was born, in 1963. So for many decades I knew very little about the Metcalfe side of my family.

Initial Research

A key part of the research has been, with the help of my wife Lisa, and my sister Diane, searching the graveyards of Yorkshire, and Tyne and Wear. We have found over forty family graves, which has helped my research enormously. Unfortunately, many of the graves have, almost inevitably, fallen into various states of disrepair.

Alfred Thomas Metcalfe Memorial

Two of the graves were of particular interest and concern. Firstly, my grandparents' grave located at Harton Cemetery, South Shields, Tyne and Wear, and secondly, my great-grandparents' grave located at St Mary's Church, Heworth, Tyne and Wear.

My grandfather, Alfred Thomas Metcalfe was born in Heworth in 1881, and

by 1891 had moved to South Shields. In 1908, he married Catherine Pino (1883-1858) of Italian descent, and they had nine children during their 50 years of marriage. Alfred served in The 12th Battalion, Tank Corps in World War One, suffering the loss of one eye during the conflict. Catherine died in 1958, aged 75, and she was buried in Harton Cemetery. Alfred died in 1965, aged 84, and was interred with Catherine.



***Alfred Thomas Metcalfe and Catherine Metcalfe
and her sons, Ronald and Harold***

I first discovered Alfred and Catherine's grave in 2013 and was concerned at its poor condition. The gravestone had been dismantled by South Tyneside Council due to their initiative to improve safety in their cemeteries - a move which has caused not inconsiderable upset to many families discovering their loved ones' memorials having been disturbed. I was determined I would do everything possible to ensure this important Metcalfe family memorial was restored, as far as possible, to its original condition.

I contacted the Council and they explained the steps required before I could arrange for the grave to be repaired. The process included obtaining notarised copies of my Father's 1963 Last Will and Testament, and then my Mother's 2007 Last Will and Testament. These documents proved the chain of ownership of the grave to the executors of my Mother's estate: my half-sister and a local solicitor. Following agreement with the parties concerned, I arranged for the formal ownership of the grave to be transferred to me in order for the restoration to be carried out with all due legal diligence.

Historical Preservation and Restoration

It has been of crucial significance to me to be sensitive to the historical integrity of both the grave monument, and, the broader location itself. The objec-

tive with each restoration project has been to maintain the original stonework; clean the stone; re-engrave the original lettering where necessary; protect the stone from future weathering, and, finally, ensure the grave-stone was re-erected with hidden ground anchors, in accordance with the current Code of Practice, of the National Association of Memorial Masons. In order to ensure the maintenance of the architectural integrity of the memorials, several Stone Masons in the North East were consulted at length over a number of months. After careful consideration I chose Memorial Mason AK Misra, at Abbey Stonecraft in South Shields, and we agreed the detailed restoration plan. Alfred and Catherine's gravestone was a mix of concrete and marble, with embossed lead lettering. After cleaning the marble, all of the lead lettering had to be replaced, as did the two floral motifs. The cracks in the surrounding curbs had to be repaired and a new sandstone base was introduced to protect the grave from any further subsidence. The restoration work was completed in 2014 and I am delighted to say the grave has been returned close to its original condition.



*Alfred & Catherine's Grave
Before and after restoration*



George and Isabella Metcalfe Memorial

Alfred's father, George Metcalfe, was born in Thornton Steward in 1842. By 1861, George was working as an Agricultural Labourer on Mundles Farm, East Boldon, South Shields. It was whilst working on the farm that he met Isabella Ann Wheatley, daughter of the farm owner. George and Isabella were married in Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 1861. They were married for 51 years and had eleven children. In the late 1870s George was the Innkeeper at the Swan Inn, in Heworth, County Durham. By 1891 the family had moved to South Shields where George worked as a Horse Keeper for the local Corporation. Isabella died, aged 66 years, on 15 May 1912, and George died three weeks later, aged 69.

George and Isabella were buried at St Mary's Church, Heworth. When I discovered the grave, the memorial stone had fallen over and was in very poor condition. On addressing my concerns and proposals to the Vicar at St Mary's, he was most helpful and quickly provided approval for the restoration work. Again, I worked with AK Misra to agree a detailed specification for the repair. The gravestone was relocated to Abbey Stonecraft's workshop and the sandstone block was cleaned. The lettering was re-engraved and finally the grave-stone was treated with a weather-resistant protective coat. At the gravestone base three struts were added to provide additional support for many decades to come.



George and Isabella's grave at St Mary's Church before and after restoration



George's father, Thomas Metcalfe, is also buried at St Mary's. Unfortunately, the burial record does not detail the actual location within the churchyard. With the help of my sister, Diane, we have, over the years, repeatedly inspected the gravestones at St Mary's, but unfortunately have been unable to find Thomas' plot. Either he was buried in an unmarked grave, or his gravestone has fallen face down and is not visible. A few years ago, with the approval of the Church, I arranged for ten of the gravestones to be turned over to see if Thomas's plot could be found. Unfortunately we were not successful. In the next few years I plan to return to St Mary's and restart this particular project.

In the meantime, my wife and I are currently in the process of documenting as many of the descendants of my great, great, great, great-grandfather Anthony Metcalfe (1740-1791). Anthony is buried at St Oswald's Church in Thornton Steward, Yorkshire. To date we have identified 730 direct Metcalfe descendants, including spouses, across 13 generations. As with all genealogical research our work continues.

Michael Metcalfe M1885

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 :From the Society's Facebook page :

Maureen O'Leary I can't tell you how much I enjoy seeing these pictures of the noble train engines, as they are in my Metcalf blood. My Great-great Grandfather Charles Metcalf emigrated from London, the family story goes, to the US in 1832 (as memory serves), and as a young man became employed by the Michigan and Southern railroad. He was fireman on The Little Monroe, the train that steamed into Chicago declaring that city to no longer be on the 'wild frontier'. His son, Frederick, was also an engineer for Northern Pacific. He and his engine "The Minnetonka" built the rail line across the northern plains and high Rockies to the west coast. His long employment as engineer caught the attention of Ripley's Believe It Or Not, which featured my Great-grandfather in one of their newspaper panels for having traveled over one million miles as engineer. This was before the end of his career! The Minnetonka was featured in the 1933 Chicago World's Fair. So, you can see why I am so delighted to see the grand engines pictured on your page!

Hi, my Mother-in-law is related to the Metcalfe family (I will locate the details when I can find them). With her moving into a rest home, we have been sorting through her document and located a hand written letter from Kitt Metcalfe posted on 11th October 1935 (Liverpool). The letter provides the read with the names of some of the Metcalfe children and their nick names. Names in the short two page letter are Christopher Duddell (sp) who has a son Christopher Douglas age 9 at the time. Then mention of Donald Alan Christopher who was going into the Australian Navy (age 18) the son of Dorothy Agnes. This message is sent to ask if you would be interest in me forwarding a photo of the letter to you via facebook.

Alison Booker

Howick New Zealand

I imagine all the genealogy sites are not actually adding vast amounts of new information regularly, so keep 'sorting' what they have into different categories to maintain the interest.

Would it be worth appealing to the membership for people with subscriptions to search these files for eg. Metcalfes at Eton or membership of Royal College of Surgeons or whatever comes up, with a view to material for News fillers?

Not a major project like searching Transportation or Emigration shipping lists but perhaps encouraging more members to be active and not costing us as much as paying membership fees for all the various sites?

Lesley Longworth M68

Any takers? - Editor

your letters
and emails



Philippines Send £2,629 To Our Fund

By JOHN METCALFE

A FURTHER striking gesture of support by Americans for the DAILY SKETCH War Relief Fund is announced to-day.

Lady Kemsley, Chairman of the Fund, has received a cheque for £2,629 from "The People of the Philippines."

This magnificent gift follows on one of £500 received from the same source on May 25, and demonstrates the warm-hearted sympathy of the American peoples for our gallant fighting men.

I have some copied of old newspapers, including two from 1940, of the Daily Sketch, a national tabloid published from 1909 to 1971.

It appears that one

John Metcalfe

was a reporter for this paper.

At least his name is given
as author.

Michael Peel M1698

The Yorkshire
Evening Post
Tuesday 7 July 1914
Page 5 column 5.

Does the Metcalfe
society know about
the portrait of Blind
jack mentioned in the
newspaper?

"BLIND JACK OF KNARESBOROUGH."

DESCENDANT PRESENTS PORTRAIT TO THE URBAN COUNCIL.

The Knaresborough Urban District Council have received from Mr. John Metcalf, of New Court, London, a portrait of his ancestor, John Metcalf ("Blind Jack of Knaresborough").

The portrait, which is in a massive gold frame, has been temporarily placed in the Council Chamber. It bears the inscription:—

John Metcalf (Blind Jack of Knaresborough), born 1717, died 1810. He was born at Knaresborough 15th August, 1717, lost his sight in infancy, yet became eminent as a musician, soldier, guide over the then unenclosed forest, carrier, huntsman, swimmer, builder of bridges and houses, and contractor for the making of turnpike roads. He died 26th April, 1810, aged 93 years, and was buried at Spofforth.

The Council decided to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Metcalf for his generous gift, and also to exhibit the portrait in a local shop window for a week, and for a further week in the Council Chamber, which will be thrown open to the public.

I could not find any
reference to it in the
contents of back
issues CD.

I could not find it in Dr
Arnold Kellet's book of
Blind Jack.

I guess it must have
been consulted when
the statue was being
prepared for Knares-
borough Market Place.

Michael Peel M1698

NORFOLK ISLAND

These photos were sent to me by
M2004 Libby Metcalfe Myers,
 with whom I have been in email contact as regards her Birth Brief.
 She took these while on holiday on Norfolk Island.

*Hi Margaret,
 Attached are some photos I took recently on Norfolk Island.
 These people are not related to myself,
 but thought it may be of interest to someone else.*

*The photo of the "Metcalfe Wing" was originally Dr Metcalfe's surgery,
 it is now part of an accommodation block.*

*Kind Regards
 Libby Metcalfe Myers M2004*

I have now done some research on these and found that
Peter Herbert Metcalfe was an ancestor
 of four of our ex-members: **M669 M718 M1013 M1211**.

He appears to have been a medical missionary, first going to Australia
 as a surgeon on an immigrant ship.

According to Wikipedia, Norfolk Island is a small island in the Pacific
 between Aus / NZ and New Caledonia. It is part of Australia.
 Colonised by GB in 1788. It was a convict penal settlement until 1855.
 From 1856 there was a permanent civilian residence when it was
 settled from Pitcairn Island. It was a key airbase in WW11.

Margaret Hodgson - Archivist

**P Herbert Metcalfe as
 crew (surgeon)
 1877.**

LIST of the Crew and Passengers arrived in the ship <i>Surgeon</i>				
Burthen		Tons, from the Port of <i>London</i>		
Semen's Names	of what nation	Age	Of what nation	
<i>Edward M. Sawett</i>	<i>Essex</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>1st mate</i>	
<i>Frederick Fitzgerald Rutten</i>	<i>Wichita</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>2nd do</i>	
<i>Arthur J. McLaughlin</i>	<i>Madras</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>3rd do</i>	
<i>Robert S. Ruck</i>	<i>Cambridge</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>4th do</i>	
<i>P Herbert Metcalfe</i>	<i>Norfolk</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Surgeon</i>	
<i>Robert S. Hodgson</i>	<i>Liverpool</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Assistant</i>	
<i>Angus Miller</i>	<i>Wick</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Carpenter</i>	



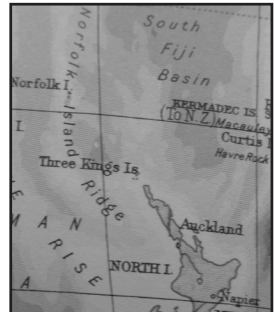
Peter Herbert Metcalfe

appears in both the 1896 Australasian Medical Directory & Handbook and the 1905 Pugh's Almanac and Queensland Directory for Norfolk Island

WARD.

George August Conlan
of *Dispersal*
Master,
to Sydney, New South Wales, 15 November 1871
via Melbourne

Names of Passengers	Description	Remarks
<i>John Hunt</i>		
<i>Wm. Dunlop</i>		
<i>Mr. do</i>		
<i>Howard do</i>		
<i>Grey do</i>		
<i>Griff do</i>		
<i>Harry do</i>		
<i>Adams do</i>		





Books



Early Virginia Immigrants, 1623-1666

published 1912 by George Cabell Greer

Contains over 17000 names of immigrants and
over 25000 named sponsors.

Name	Arrival	Sponsor	County in which sponsor received land
Medcalfe C	1650	James Williams	-
Medcalfe Christopher	1635	Richard Tisdale	-
Medcalfe Henry	1636	John Wilkins	Accomack
Medcalfe Henry	1637	John Wilkins	New Norfolk
Medcalfe Jeffery	1645	John Rode	Warwick
Medcalfe John	1654	John Wyre & John Gillet & Andrew Gilson & John Phillipps	-
Medcalfe Pete	1648	George Hardy & Thomas Wombwell & Peter Hall	Isle of Wright
Medcalfe William	1639	Lt Richard Popeley	-
Medralfe Charles	1652	Ralph Horsley	Northumberland
Medralfe George	1652	Ralph Horsley	Northumberland
Medralfe William	1652	Ralph Horsley	Northumberland

<http://www.evmedia.com/virginia/>

Richard III. Charles Ross. pp.50-I

James & Giles Metcalfe - Retainers to the Earl of Warwick and
Richard III. 1480.

Old Yorkshire

page 160 The **Metcalfe Family**

Description of how Nappa Hall came into being
and reference to **Jane Metcalfe, widow of Henry Metcalfe**
who died in her 100th year. 3 April 1859.

Another book with multiple Metcalfe photographs well worth a look.

Skipton & the Dales in Old Photographs.

Alan Sutton. Craven Museum Friends.

This time a fiction by the well known Jodi Picoult.

Leaving Time

about elephants with three **Metcalf** characters

Jenna, Alice & Thomas.

Supplied by **Patricia Dobson**

Arthur Metcalfe Cyclist

Michael H Peel M1698

Arthur Metcalfe was born in Leeds on September 27th 1938. The family moved to Hartlepool where he started cycling in earnest as a teenager. After national Service he returned to Leeds and became a professional cyclist, having a distinguished career until injury forced him to retire. He lived in Harrogate for the last thirty years of his life and died there 11th December 2001. His life story and career can be found in several websites and need not be detailed here. None of the accounts, however, name his parents or give much in the way of family details. The nearest reference to family I found says that he “was the second of three brothers born to a cycling family. His father was a cycle-tourist.”

Arthur's picture appears on page 34 of Mecca News, August 2014. Research for this article attempted to find Arthur Metcalfe's family tree, and a summary of the results is printed in the tree diagram. Details of census and certificates have been submitted to the society's computer index and are not reproduced here. A few highlights of the search for the data are indicated below. Sources were mainly GRO BMD certificate references (as found for example at FreeBMD.org) a few certificates, census images (eg from ancestry.co.uk) and a little help from Familysearch.org, public trees in ancestry.co.uk and other websites.

The starting point was the birth certificate reference for Arthur Metcalfe Oct-Dec 1938, Leeds North registration district, which shows that his mother's maiden name was Andrewan. There are two other birth certificate references for Metcalfe with the same mother's maiden name, both boys, in agreement with the quotation above. I did not look at any of these birth certificates. There is a unique Metcalfe-Andrewan marriage certificate dated 2nd November 1929, Leeds South registry office (searching after 1916). This marries Oswald Metcalfe age 21 and Winifred Andrewan age 20, with fathers Albert Metcalfe and James Andrewan. I could not find Oswald's 1911 census; it turned out that the writing of the names gave the transcribers little chance of getting it right. So I got Oswald's birth certificate, which named his parents and lead to the family of three in 1911 at Frizinghall Road, Bradford. I found very little else about Oswald. He was an able seaman in the Royal navy according to his 1929 marriage certificate. Winifred's 1911 census was even more difficult.

Census data gets us back to earlier generations. Grand-dad Albert was not straight forward. His occupation on his 1907 marriage certificate is that of “clerk”. On Oswald's 1908 birth certificate it is “fitter's labourer” and in the 1991 census he was a “woollen and Worsted manufacturer's clerk”.

On Oswald's 1929 marriage certificate Albert was a "boiler fireman", (on a steamship or a train maybe). The Yorkshire Post and Yorkshire Evening Post 10th and 11th September and 24th and 25th September 1923 reported that cashier Albert Metcalfe aged 41 of Stocks Hill, Bramley, pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny, misappropriating money from his employers Botterill, Seanor, and Co., Hunslett and was sentenced to four months imprisonment. The defence, in mitigation, revealed that he was badly gassed whilst serving in the army during the 1914-18 war, which resulted in an "almost insatiable desire for spirits". This explains Albert's change of occupation on Oswald's marriage certificate. Oswald's address on this marriage certificate is 149 Stocks Hill, Bramley.

The earlier generations were easy to find. Emma Metcalfe's 1851 census was revealing. She was living at Sharow with grandparents "parish clerk" Isaac Wood, Sarah his wife, and Uncle John Wood (39) born at Coxwold. This confirms the marriage between Isaac Wood and Sarah Greenwood 10th March 1806 at Coxwold. They had 4 children 1807-1812 at Coxwold including John and three at Addingham 1817-1822 including Elizabeth. (Possibly also Isaac 1814 at Bolton Abbey). Marriage certificate references and census pages suggest that Emma Metcalfe married Christopher Prest in Scarborough, Oct-Dec 1860, where her brother William was married.

Arthur's great grandfather William was already in the societies computer index, number 96422. Arthur's great great grandfather Thomas has number 91204. Thomas was a shoemaker in the Ripon area, except that in 1881 his census record reads "cordwainer age 61 widower, born Ripon living alone at 10 Middlegate Street, Hartlepool, Durham". I could not find him in the 1851, 1861 or 1891 census; his death reference is for Jan-Mar 1890, Hartlepool district, age 71, or Oct-Dec 1895, Ripon district, age 75. Thomas' father Richard with wife Mary nee Umpleby have computer number 81733.

The strangest part of this story involves the name Andrewan, which does not seem to exist before the 1929 marriage. Family trees in ancestry suggest the marriage between James Andrewan and Maud Bainbridge in Hartlepool 1907 with daughter Winifred and son-in-law Oswald Metcalfe. This lead to a marriage reference between James Andrew Hand and Maud Bainbridge.

The suggestion is that the names "Andrew Hand" have been combined to make Andrewan. The following records seem to fit with this idea.

Birth certificate Oct-Dec 1887: Maud Bainbridge, Hartlepool district.

Marriage certificate Jun 1907: James Andrew Hand and Maud Bainbridge Hartlepool district.

Birth certificate 28 June 1908: Oswald Metcalfe, born at 12 Carr Syke, Heaton.

Birth certificate Jul-Sep 1909: Winifred Hand, Hartlepool district.

1911 census: James Hand 25, crane driver steelworks, wife Maud 23, married 4 years with Winifred Hand age 21 months, relationship not given.

Marriage certificate 2nd November 1929: Oswald Metcalfe and Winifred Andrewan, bride's father James Andrewan, electric crane driver.

Death certificate Jun 1932: James Andrewan age 45, Hartlepool district.

Death certificate Mar 1969: Maud Andrewan age 81, Hartlepool district.

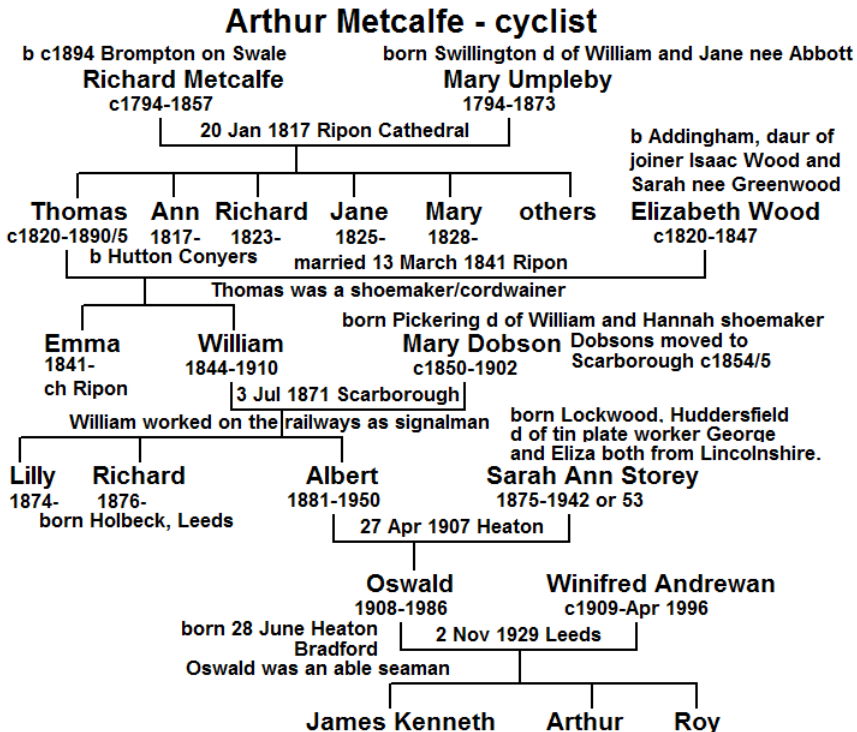
Death certificate Apr 1996: Winifred Metcalfe age 86, Hartlepool district; birthdate 3rd July 1909.

There is no birth certificate reference for c1886/7 for James Hand. The nearest is for a James W Hand age 2 in 1891 followed by James Hand, 12, in 1901, son of iron pudler William Hand and wife Elizabeth (nee McIver) in West Hartlepool, but he has middle name William on a matching birth certificate. There is no birth certificate reference to match our James Hand, with or without Andrew. Perhaps the reason for this is the same as the reason for the change of name.

References

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2. Family search.org



A History of Parish Registers

As we have seen, both Civil Registration and Census Returns run out when you get back to c.1840, and rarely provide information relevant before 1800. At this stage you need to turn to Parish Records - these date back to 1538 when Cromwell, at the Court of Henry VIII, ordered that every wedding, baptism and burial should be recorded.

Early records were made on paper but from 1558 parchment was used, and the older records were supposed to have been copied, although some never were and have been lost. From 1597 a second copy had to be made and sent to the Bishop - these transcripts are often in better condition and written more legibly.

There may be gaps in Parish Registers between 1553 and 1558 and the Catholic Mary Tudor was on the throne, and between 1642 and 1660 during the English Civil War and Commonwealth.

It is worthwhile investing in Parish maps for your relevant counties - these not only mark the boundaries of each parish and show adjacent parishes (very useful for tracking mobile ancestors!) but can also give dates that registration began in each parish formed before civil registration. One such atlas can be found at GenealogySupplies.com, called the Phillimore Atlas and Index of Parish Registers, which gives over 1800 maps and details of how to locate both original parish records and copies of them.

In 1783 a stamp duty of 3 pence was imposed on every entry, although paupers were exempt. Tax evasion naturally occurred, with a decline in working and middle class entries, but a marked increase in pauper's entries. The Act was repealed in 1794, and declared unsuccessful.

By an act of 1812 baptisms, marriages and burials were entered in separate, specially printed books, eight entries per page and including more information. Baptisms included Father's occupation and Mother's maiden name. Marriages included parish of origin of both parties, names, status (e.g. bachelor, widow, etc), ages, signatures/marks, and those of two witnesses. Burials included age, occupation and abode. Between 1678 and 1814 an affidavit was required to be sworn that the deceased was buried in wool or a fine of £5 was given.

Marriages are either by banns or by licence. Banns are found in the parish register, the couple's intention to marry being read on three occasions in the parish churches of both the bride and groom. If you know where the groom lived just before the marriage, this record will tell you of the parish of the intended bride, which is normally where the wedding took place a few weeks later. Licences were sometimes handed to the couple marrying, and have not always survived, though a search can be made for its bond or allegation, which will give information of value, names of those who stood surety, as well as the names of bride and groom and place of marriage, and sometimes occupations of the sureties and groom.

<http://parishregister.co.uk/about/history>

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

Edwin Metcalf M980 continues to make great general contributions which help swell the records on the Society's Computer Index. Recently he found the marriage record of George Christopher Metcalfe and Margaret Biggar in the 'line' of M447 et al. That gave a different parentage for George C than that on our records. George C was baptised in 1839 as the son of William, a joiner of Richmond, Yorkshire but gave his father as Thomas, a currier, when he married in 1865 in London. Thomas was William's brother. After some detailed following up the mystery remains! Which man was his father? However the process of detailed checking was both interesting and also led to a substantial amount of further information on those two generations of that family, including a branch which was found to have moved to the USA.

There are still quite a few of you out there who do not yet have Birth Briefs!

Please do send me some details of your 'tree'. After all, this sharing of information is a major reason for the existence of the Society. You are each likely to connect to at least one other member and, even if you do not, the process between us of working out your Birth Brief often does generate some new information for the Member.

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)

M800 Mr Mike Marsh Croft Cottage, Main Street, Elton, Derbyshire, DE4 2BW mikemarshengland@yahoo.co.uk

S.o. Frederick & Dorothy (Mte) Marsh m 24 Dec 1938 Chesterfield district, Dby. Dorothy b 30 Aug 1919 Chesterfield d.o. John Herbert & Esther Ellen (Hardy) Mte m **20 May 1907 Calow, Dby. John Herbert b**

1884 Brampton / Holymoorside, Chesterfield s.o. William & Beatrice (Swindell) Mte m 1882 Chesterfield. William b 1859 Holymoorside, Chesterfield s.o. Joseph & Lydia (Furniss) Mte m 1856 Chesterfield. Joseph bpt 11 Oct 1827 Chesterfield s.o. Joseph & Grace

(Cartledge) Mte m 12 Mar 1827 Chesterfield. Joseph bpt 28 Sept 1800 Walton, Dby s.o. George & Ann (Clay) Mte m 16 May 1796 Chesterfield. George bpt 2 Oct 1774 Chesterfield s.o. Joseph Mt.

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3 x Gt grd d.o. Francis & Hannah (Mt) Warcup m 14 May 1814 Pickering, Yks. Hannah bpt 6 Feb 1790 Lockton d.o. John & Mary (Pickering) Mte m

12 June 1787 Middleton by Pickering. John bpt 16 Aug 1756 Lockton s.o. William Mte. **Conn. M197 M504 M1385**

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S.o. David Bruce & Mary Felicity (Thompson) Mte m 9 Sept 1954 York. David Bruce b 22 Jul 1921 Ditchling, Ssx s.o. Bruce & Drusilla Penelope (Norton) Mte m 8 Jul 1920 Ditchling. Bruce b Oct 1881 Rooksmoor, Woodchester, Glos s.o. of George Joseph & Anna Catherine (McGillycuddy) Mte m 10 Jun 1878 Kerry, Ireland. **George Joseph b 24 May 1856 Dublin s.o. Francis & Frances Mary (Cummin) Mt m 24 May 1853 St Peter's, Dublin. Francis b 17 May 1797 Gurteen, Kildare s.o. Francis & Sarah (Clibbon) Mt m 17 Jul 1796 Moate, Westneath. Francis b 13 Dec 1757 Gurteen, Kildare s.o. Francis & Sarah (Bewley) Md m 22 Oct 1751 Edenderry. Francis b 8 Feb 1720 Gurteen, Kildare s.o. Joseph & Alice (Barcroft) Md m 1 Aug 1707 Edenderry. Joseph b 18 Feb 1664 Ballintogher, Kings Co. s.o. Francis & 2nd wife Alice (Slade) Md m c1657 Newton County, Fermanagh. Joseph b 15 Feb 1617/18 s.o. Francis & Jane (Ayscough) Mte m 30 Aug 1593 St Mary's, South Kelsey, Lin. Francis b 1569 Louth Park, Lin. s.o. Matthew & Lucy (Parkinson) Mte m 30 Aug 1568 Louth Park, Lin. Matthew b 1540 s.o. Lucas & Katherine (Jackson) Mte. Lucas b 1507 Bellerby, Yks**

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His wife Joy d.o. Roy & Mary (Alton) Frankland m 21 Dec 1948 Colne, Lancs. Roy s.o. John William & Lillian Agnes Duella Arrowsmith (Mte) Frankland m 30 Dec 1920 Wheatley Lane, Lancs. Lillian b 9 Jan 1900 Allegheny, USA d.o. William Henry & Jane Elizabeth (Henderson, aka Arrowsmith) Mte m 18 Jun 1881 Barnard Castle, Dur. William Henry bpt 27 June 1856 Brough under Stainmore, Wes s.o. William Johnson & Agnes (Bousfield) Mte m 17 Nov 1855. William Johnson bpt 26 Aug 1832 Brough s.o. William & Hannah (Harker) Mte m 25 Oct 1831 Brough. William bpt 12 Jan 1794 Brough s.o. James & Jane (Johnson) Mte m 13 Jul 1790 Brough. James bpt 31 Dec 1773 Kirkby Stephen s.o. William & Mary (Williamson) Mt m 25 Nov 1765 Kirkby Stephen **Conn. M610 M687 M994**

Martin grt nephew of George & Ada (Mt) Rooks m 1921 Sunderland, Dur. Ada b 1895 Sunderland d.o. Matthew & 2nd wife Ada (Walker) Mt m 20 May 1893 Monkwearmouth. Matthew bpt 1 Apr 1855 Monkwearmouth s.o. Henry & Ophelia (Watson) Mt m 1853 Sunderland district. Henry b 28 Oct 1832 Monkwearmouth s.o. Matthew & Elizabeth Mte. Matthew b c1801 Co. Dur.

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D.o. Martin Frederick & Adalene Mary (Staples) O'Day m 9 July 1930 Toronto, Can. Adalene Mary b 9 Dec 1897, Manitoba d.o. William D & Ella May (Nellie) (Mte) Staples m 25 May 1892 South Norfolk Rural Municipality, Manitoba. Ella May b 16 May 1872 d.o. Thomas A & Adeline (Kindrie) Mte m 9 Apr 1869 Tyrone County, Michigan, USA. Thomas b c1846/47 Great Grimsby, Lin., England s.o. Joseph & Sarah (Audiss) Mte m Eng? Joseph bpt 25 Aug 1818 Keelby, Lin s.o. Joseph & Ann (Taylor) Mt m 1 Mar 1808 Kirmington, Lin. Joseph bpt 5 Sep 1784 Keelby s.o. Joseph & Elizabeth (Taylor) Md m 13 Sep 1774 Waltham, Lin. Joseph bpt 25 Jul 1753 Great Limber, Lin s.o. William & Mary (Button) Md m 31 Jan 1748 Great Limber, Lin.

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Chapel le Dale.

Conn M812 M957 M1066 M1148 M1278 M1305 M1379 M1648 M1666 M1696

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D.o. Paul & Auriel (Mt) Hindmarsh m 2 July 1966 Longbenton, Newcastle upon Tyne, Nbl. Auriel b 1942 d.o. Nathaniel & Constance Helena (Tilney) Mt m 23 Mar 1939 Longbenton. Nathaniel b 1913 Newcastle upon Tyne s.o. Nathaniel & Eliza May (Dixon) Mt m 1902 Newcastle district. Nathaniel b 14 Nov 1880 Pittington, Dur natural son of Jane Mt. Jane b 1861 Hetton le Hole, Dur d.o. Richard & Hannah (Brooks) Mt m 1848 Ripon district. Richard bpt 12 Aug 1824 Marrick, Yks s.o. Richard & Jane (Fryer) Mte m 14 Oct 1811 Downholme. Richard b c1789

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stead, Grande Prairie, Can. s.o. Thomas Ernest & Jane (Cahoon) Mt m 29
Nov 1904 Winnipeg. Thomas Ernest b 12 Mar 1883 Boldon, Dur s.o. William
Scarth & 2nd wf Jane Hannah (Colpitts) Mt m 14 Aug 1871 Wilton, Yks. Wil-
liam Scarth b 16 Dec 1839 Guisborough district s.o. William & Jane (Scarth)
Mt m 30 Nov 1837 Guisborough. William bpt 9 May 1813 Newcastle, Nbl s.o.
William & Christiana (Allison) Mt m 24 Dec 1810 Bagby, Yks.

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IRISH CONNECTIONS

Hearth Money Roll for Drogheda 1664
Drogheda Bullring Ward **John Metcalfe**, Aldern
<http://www.failteromhat.com/lo1876/limerick.php>

Limerick Land Owners 1876
Metcalf, Rev. Edward 20 Adelaide Road, Dublin
<http://www.failteromhat.com/lo1876/limerick.php>

OTHER NEWS

From Cumbria Libraries

It is that time of year when we are offered the chance to vote for district and county councillors and the police commissioners.

Election leaflets and posters are created for each election outlining the parties' manifestos and promises. Barrow Archive and Local Studies Centre has a collection of historical leaflets as well as more modern ones. They give us a picture of the issues that were important at a given time, nationally as well as locally.

In 1922 Mrs Ellen Robinson stood as the labour candidate for Hawcoat arguing that a mother was needed on the council to fight for workers. In the same election,

Mrs Lee is vilified by the candidate for Salthouse who claimed that she voted against welfare measures for the poor and needy.

www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries/

Interested in your local history? Miners or mariners in the family? Are you curious about what west Cumbria was like to live and work in 100 years ago?

Explore specially selected archives and dig into the past at the Discovery Open Evenings, third Tuesday of the month at Whitehaven Archive and Local Studies Centre (www.cumbria.gov.uk/archives/archivecentres/whalsc.asp).

For further information call 01946 506420 or see the website

www.cumbria.gov.uk/archives

Cumbria Images Collection

www.cumbriaimagebank.org.uk.

The website is a collection of digital images created using original material from Cumbria County Council Libraries and Archive Service. There are also images that members of the public have sent in. There are over 21,000 images, dating back to the mid-eighteenth century, covering the whole of Cumbria.

Mecca Sightings

From the TV programme

"Burma's Secret Jungle War with Joe Simpson"

Executive Producer for Arrow Media

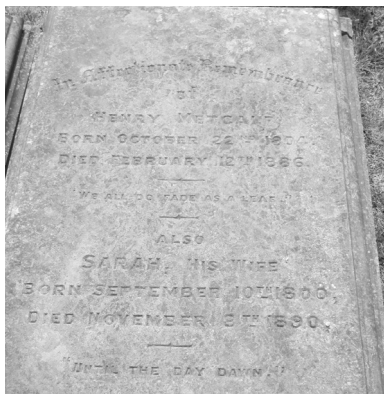
Nick Metcalfe Arrow International Media Ltd

From the June issue of 'Dalesman'. The 'Signs and Wonders' feature was submitted by **Graham Metcalf** from York, who had spotted at his local recycling centre a sign pointing to "Pedestrian and Cyclist Recycling Area"

Both from Joan Metcalfe M63

IMAGE DATABASE

The Society is looking to set up an image database in the near future.
The database will only be able to work if we have photographs and images!
That means sending in your pictures etc with all the relevant details.
The information layout will be provided shortly so dig out those Mecca photographs and watch this space for further information.



A photo of a gravestone lying flat in the Coronation Garden at Beverley, Humberside which I thought might be useful.

Marion Gray Guild of One Name Societies News Watch.

Henry Metcalfe d 12.2.1886

Sarah Metcalfe d 8.11.1890

I spotted the following Memorial Inscription in the church graveyard of St Michael and All Angels, Much Hoole, Lancashire. There are mentions of both **William** and **John Metcalfe** within the pages I looked at. Url is http://www.stainforth.info/Stainforth_archive/01_183465_reduced.pdf

Frank Shiers M1135
John Metcalfe d 13.4.1876



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DONCASTER & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Family & Local History Fair and Craft Stalls Family & Local History Societies, Advice/Help Desk, Transcriptions, Indexes, Genealogy Supplies, New Books, Second-Hand Books, Software, Microfiche, Data CDs, Antiquarian Books, Postcards, Map Reprints and so much more...

Two free talks: Karen Walker M.A. *'Thieves, Drunkards and Undesirables'* and Anisha Christison NCM *'Tracing your Coal Mining Ancestors'*

Saturday 24th September 2016

Doncaster College for the Deaf

Leger Way, Doncaster, DN2 6AY

10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. FREE on site parking. Admission £1

MECCA AGM & MUSTER 2016

Saturday 8 October 2016

The Garden Rooms at Tennants, Leyburn

North Yorks DL8 5SG

Not to be missed! Book now!

METCALFE POSTCARDS

I came across a series of postcards of Wensleydale in *Bygone Yorkshire, Volume 1, Wensleydale*, compiled by Clive Torrens, 1997. Published by Smith Settle, Ilkley Road, Otley, LS21 3JP

Jo Heron

Page	Place	Dated	Metcalfe Connection
44	West Witton	12.05.1914	The Star Hotel when J D Metcalfe was Victualler
66	Aysgarth	30.09.1911	Kelspring House, west end of village, sent to Miss Metcalfe , Dressmaker, Tunstall, Catterick, from her niece/nephew
84	Hawes	06.09.1907	Main road through Hawes, J R Metcalfe , Grocer & Fruiter
87	Hawes	c1925	Main road through Hawes, Metcalfes , Drapers & Grocers
89	Hawes	c.1915	Hawes Girls Friendly Society, taken in National School Ground, photographed are Cissie Metcalfe and Agnes Metcalfe
107	Nappa Hall	11.09.1908	Built 1470 by Thomas Metcalfe, son of James Metcalfe who fought at Agincourt under Henry V.
108	Bear Park, Carperby	c.1904	Brian Metcalfe's home in 16th century, home to Metcalfes for many years.

OTHER SOURCES

*Once you have exhausted the BMD's, wills, parish records etc
why not consider more unusual sources
such as mentioned on the next two pages .
Don't forget to inform the Archivist/Database Keeper of your finds.
Editor.*

Inquests

1st March 1894 Inquest held at The Swan Inn, Gargrave Yks.

James Mte aged 18 death by Misadventure,
killed whilst descending in a hoist.

*Traced to a Gargrave family in 1891 CR William 37; Ellen 37; James 15 labr in silk factory;
Harriet 8; Hannah 7; Lotty 4; George 2: William (mge 1874 Gargrave to Ellen Bradley) a
domestic gardener, changes his birth place regularly from Hawes, Leyburn, Stalling Busk.*

7th Dec 1896 at Police station, Keighley Yks.

James Metcalf Lord aged 51. found dead in a reservoir with his throat cut.
Drowned himself whilst of unsound mind.

*Traced 1891; CR West Lane Keighley. JML aged 46 b Keighley; wife Annie 47. issue Fred
23; Mary A 15; Chales 12; Edgar 7.*

11th Dec 1896 at The Star Inn, Skipton Yks.

Jane Mte, 54, found dead on the Highway without marks of violence.
Died from Syncope owing to heart weakness.

Traced ? record 48560.

3rd Feb 1904 at Town Hall, Barnoldswick Yks.

Robert Mte aged 43 found drowned in ?.. Dam, Barnoldswick.
Without any marks of violence upon him and the Jury say that he
drowned himself being of unsound mind at the time.

Traced nil.

31st July 1905 at Temperance Hall, Skipton.

Mary Ann Mte aged 44. Cut her throat with a razor being of unsound mind.

Traced ? wife of Frederick Mte. Record 74426.

23rd Oct 1905 at Queens Hall, Barnoldswick Yks.

Harper Mte aged 23. Shot himself. no evidence to show
his state of mind at the time.

Traced ? Record 39318

Baptism

Otley Yks on 20 Dec 1896.

Born 19 Nov 1896. **Arthur Md son of David Henry & Margt Anne Md**
of Appleton Wiske, Northallerton.

DH a Clerk in Holy Orders, signed by DH "curate of Appleton Wiske".

Traced ? M417

Nina Benson M29

Reformatory School Records

Find attached the Reformatory school record for Smith Metcalfe.

David Lambert found this on Ancestry. I have checked the computer index and Smith is Record 88908.

Most of the detail on the school record seems to fit but the grandfather issue - according to our records Smith's grandfather was Thomas Metcalfe and he does not seem to be connected to Kirk Hammerton. However the Thomas of our records did have sons called William, Joseph and Smith.

Margaret Hodgson - Archivist

Name: Smith Metcalfe

Gender: Male

Age: 15

Birth Date: 1862

Birth Place: Keighley

Event Date: 23 Mar 1877

Residence: Leeds, West Yorkshire, England

Father: William Metcalfe

Mother: Elizabeth Metcalfe

Record Type: Discharge

Volume Date Range: 1874 - 1885

Reference Number: LC/SS1/8/2-4

Register Numbers: 405-968

Institution: East Moor Community Home School

 Admitted April 21 1877 Smith Metcalfe Age 15 White born Keighley Height 5' 4" Hair Brown Eyes Grey Fingers slender Bones strong Schools attended - Local Church, Keighley Read & Co Write Simple Cipher Simple rules Where Keighley John Nelson, Publisher, Keighley Name of Parents William & Elizabeth Residence 10, Park Road, Keighley Other Relations or Friends - Grandfather, Mr. Metcalfe, East Hammerton Uncle, Mr. Metcalfe, Keighley Smith Metcalfe, Keighley, 10, Park Road, Keighley Officers - William Nelson, Master, Park Road, Keighley Before whom John Nelson, Master, Park Road, Keighley Previous Character - None before the Reformatory School Last Conviction and Sentence - None License - Discharged April 24 - 78 Character when Discharged - Read Write Cipher General Knowledge, etc. Character during Detention Age 15 - Name Smith		Character and Circumstances after Discharge Mr. Smith - Living with his parents in Keighley	
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More News regarding Scrope Metcalfe Esq. Of Nappa 1608-1645

Andrew Metcalfe M1915 writes "*I have assembled and attached a few facts about Scrope Metcalfe of Nappa which you may wish to use as content in Mecca News. I know that George Buxton wrote an article about Scrope in Mecca News No.90 but I like to think that I have added to the information he provided on that occasion.*"

The History of the Clan published by the Metcalfe Society relates a brief life of Scrope Metcalfe who died in the Civil War (see page 124). The main source for the information given is Anthony a Wood's 'Athenae Oxonienses'. It appears to me that Anthony a Wood relied heavily, if not exclusively, on the Royalist Newsletter 'Mercurius Aulicus' for his source of information. During the English Civil War both sides used the printing press as a weapon of war and the main vehicle for Royalist propaganda was Mercurius Aulicus 'a diurnal Communicating the intelligence, and affaires of the Court to the rest of the Kingdome' and printed in Oxford for that purpose.

The History of the Clan relates in detail the circumstances of Scrope Metcalfe's death following a skirmish in Thame in September 1645. However, Scrope was also mentioned in Mercurius Aulicus in an action at Bampton Oxfordshire (described as Bampton in the Bush in the article) four months earlier in the May of that year:

Thursday May 8

...Early this morning an Exprese came to His Majesty, that Generall Goring has sufficiently welcomed 1000 of Cromwels horse neare New Bridge betwixt Oxfordshire and Berkeshire. The particulars thus; The Earle of Brainfords Regiment (under the command of Lieutenant Colonell Scroop) going upon the guard near Bampton in the Bush, hearing the Rebels had passed some men over the water, found about 100 horse, drew up to them, gallantly repulsed them, killed 9 and tooke 30 prisoners. Upon this Alarme the Rebels drew over neare 1000 horse more, and the Lord Goring hearing the Guard, was engaged, got what horse he could in a readinesse before the rest could be had together, and came up as Major Generall Digby (who had beene to visit the Guards) and Lieutenant Colonell Scroope were retiring in excellent order before the Rebels, who followed them in very great bodies; The Lord Goring was not in all full 400 horse, (and no Dragooners) when the Rebels drew three great bodies up to a narrow passage, (where his Lordship faced them) and sent Major Bethell another way with 300 horse to fall upon his Lordships flankes: a small party of the Prince of Wales Regiment was ready to expect Bethel and his 300 Rebels, but falling into a bogge as they were going to charge, forced them to wheele about in some disorder; the Rebels persuing this small party with great shouts and fast though in no ill order, but then the Lord Goring presently brought up to their releife part of his owne Regiment, and of Colonell Richard Nevils (commanded at that time by his Gallant Lieutenant Colonell Standish, Sir Bernard Gascoyne, Captaine Medcaffe, and some other officers) with these his Lordship so dealt with the Rebels, that though their body was twice as strong as both his, he broke them to peeces, though with some difficulty, and that part of the Prince of Wales Regiment which was forced to wheele,

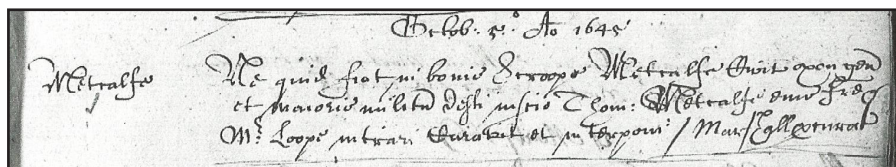
turned backe soone enough to share in beating them; there were very many of them killed and wounded, Major Bethell himselfe (who commanded in cheife) taken prisoner, two Colours of horse, and divers common soldiers, the rest saved themselves in the darke; the Lord Wentworth in the interim with a very small number stopt the Rebels other bodies from coming over at the Passe; no more of His Majesties horse coming up in many howers after. And in all this action his Lordships horse received no losse, but Captain Medcaffe sleightly hurt, Lieutenant Hall and some few common soldiers hurt and not one killed or taken that we can yet heare of.

What can we deduce from this article? The article says that in May 1645 Metcalfe was a Captain in Colonel Richard Nevils regiment. We know that by the September he had been promoted to Major and by then was fighting for Colonel Legge who was commander of the Royalist Garrison at Oxford. Richard Nevil's regiment had originally been raised by the Earl of Caernavon in 1642 and had seen action at Edgehill, Cirencester, Reading, Chewton Mendip, Somerton Down, Lansdown, Roundway Down, Bristol, Aldbourne Chase, First Battle of Newbury, Cheriton, Cropredy Bridge, Lostwithiel, Second Battle of Newbury and Naseby as well as the skirmish at Bampton described above. In how many of these actions was Metcalfe involved?

I presume the Lieutenant Colonel Scrope referred to in the article is Adrian Scrope who came from a Lincolnshire family and was not a relation of Emanuel Scrope the 1st Earl of Sunderland after whom Scrope Metcalfe was named.

Scrope's involvement in the skirmish at Thame on Saturday 6th September 1645 as the First Civil War drew to a close has been previously documented [History of the Clan page 125 and Mecca News Issue 90]. Scrope was mortally wounded and died on 13th September being buried the following day at St Peter's in the East Oxford.

The following document dated 5th October 1645 is kept in the Oxford History Centre and appears to be a caveat issued by the Church Court stating that the administration of his goods and chattels should not be dealt with until his brother Thomas had been informed.



Baptism

14 Apr 1811 Sarah Wood, born 21 Oct 1810,
2nd daughter of Simon Wood (weaver, native of the parish of Hurworth)
by his wife **Mary Metcalfe** (native of the parish of Hipswell, Yorkshire)
Hurworth All Saints in Darlington district,

www.durhamrecordsonline.com

WILLS PROJECT

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.

1612 **John Metcalfe** of Stonham Aspal, Suffolk
1741 **Augustine Metcalfe** of Norwich (administration)
1799 **Charles Metcalfe** of Melton Mowbray

PUNS FOR EDUCATED MINDS

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club,
but I'd never met herbivore.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job
because she couldn't control her pupils?

When you get a bladder infection you know urine trouble.

Broken pencils are pretty much pointless.

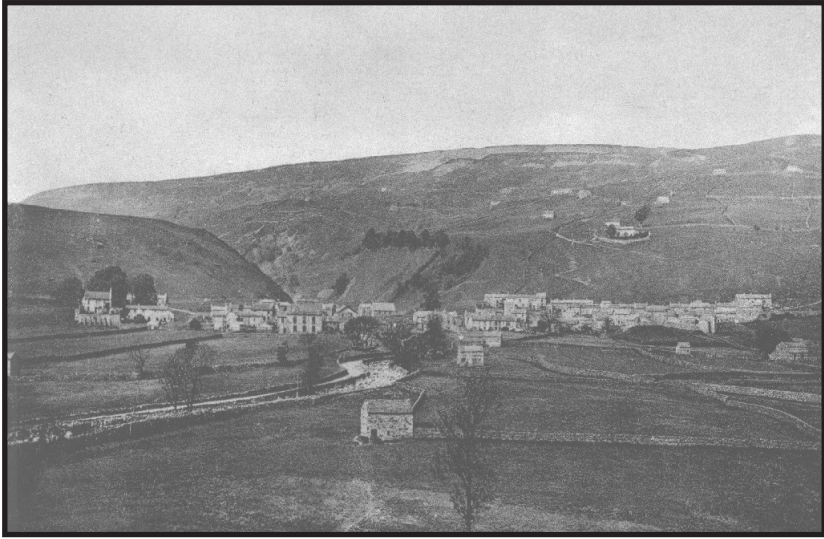
What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

I dropped out of the Communism class because of lousy Marx.

All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen.
As of now, it appears the police have nothing to go on.

I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

John Cooke



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Somewhere in the Dales but where?
Answers to the editor@metcalfe.org.uk
.....

.....and finally from this editor

After twenty two years and 66 magazines I am hanging up my pen (or whatever the modern equivalent is). I hope I have followed the mantra I outlined in Mecca News 92 page 22 - E I U (Entertaining, Informative and Useful) if not it is now a bit late to rectify it!!

As with all farewell speeches they should be kept short but before I go I would like to thank all my contributors over the years and in particular the late George Buxton, Joan Metcalfe, Dorothy Pope and more recently Michael Peel. To those of you I have not mentioned - THANK YOU.

In Mecca News 30 one of my predecessors David Urwin said that he was off to join earlier editors in the "home for the impoverished and bewildered...". I am not quite ready yet to go there but will join the ranks of Metcalfe Society Treasurers for awhile - then I will probably be ready for the home!

As I leave you in the capable hands of Michael Pope, who I wish well for the future, I would like to give you the following found on the fly leaf of an old book (*Lectures Upon the Lamentations of Jeremiah* - Author: John Hull, Publisher: Barnard Alsop 1620.) written in 1696 by a William Moth.

*Little is the Robbin and less is the Ren
Bad is my writing and worse is my pen
And if my pen had but been better
I might have mended every letter.*

Peter Dobson





Dean Head farm house in 1905
See page 7