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Editorial Musings by Michael Pope M1919

I wish all the members of the Metcalfe Society a happy new year and hope that you are all blessed with good health and much success in your family history researches. I hope also that not too many of you in Britain were inconvenienced by the short but very severe burst of snowfall at the end of February which hit many parts of the country not used to such weather. The impact on life in Scotland, Cumbria, the Dales and Pennines was considerable and clearly made things difficult in our motherlands of Swaledale, Wensleydale and Barbondale.

This type of extreme weather, which may or may not be a consequence of climate change, has caused major problems recently in both Australia and the USA, at the other end of the temperature spectrum and equally I hope that our members outside these shores have avoided some of the terrible results of fires and droughts.

We do not often have much snow in Lincolnshire where I live, and if it does fall, does not remain long. It certainly adversely affected my mother's 100th birthday celebrations, but her reaction was one of quiet dismissal and a history lesson on the privations of the winter of 1947. I remember vividly the winter of 1962/63 when my family moved out to Guisborough in North Yorkshire and it started snowing the day we moved in on 20th December. I never played any football in the winter/spring term because the ground was snow-covered until Easter, but the school never closed once. We were entertained daily for about a fortnight, as Sea King helicopters landed on our cricket and football pitches and loaded up both human and animal provisions for some of the more remote villages and farms.

In this edition we have a portrait of someone who takes great delight in walking in snow "up a height" on our beautiful fells in winter - our Treasurer Peter Dobson - and a most interesting piece it is. We also have excellent contributions from Michael Peel with another WWI article, Andrew Metcalfe on the Mayor of Woodstock and Graham Metcalf on historic clan members from the East Riding of Yorkshire. Jo Heron has provided an update on the Yorkshire Group of FFHS and a request for specific articles on WWI, whilst our chairman David Lambert's Chairman's Jottings are a tour de force covering many different areas.

On the subject of WWI. We are approaching the end of the 100th anniversary year and I urge any members who still have stories to impart, to send in material which will go both into this journal and into the project to

agglomerate all the history we have collected on the war, into a compendium monograph for the society, which is being led by Jo Heron.

There was a meeting of the Metcalfe Society Committee on Saturday 24 March 2018 and the first item on the main agenda was a discussion on the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which come into force in May and which our chairman David Lambert covers in his Chairman's Jottings later in this edition. The discussion took up nearly an hour of the meeting, which demonstrated its importance to the Society and the members. It was concluded that before we move to ensure compliance we need more information on the requirements and in particular, a clear understanding of the approach to be taken by the Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS) which will act as a guide to all organisations like ours. We will be contacting you soon, so watch this space.

The committee welcomed two members who attended the meeting and who will probably be co-opted onto the committee in due course. We are still in need of more volunteers to help run the society, because the age profile of the committee is long in the tooth to say the least and it is likely that in the not too distant future some key members of your management team may be stepping down and retiring. Please consider if you could help and contact any committee member to let us know of your interest, as we urgently need some new, and preferably young, blood in our team.

As editor, I made a presentation on the possible future developments on the provision of electronic pdf versions of the society journal. We have no intention of withdrawing our paper copy in the foreseeable future, but it is clear that there are many advantages in moving towards an electronic Mecca News, including significant reductions in printing and postage costs and a journal in full colour and higher definition and thus quality. I would welcome your views on on this topic, via e-mail to my editor's address on the inside cover, if possible, and I will be making a presentation on the subject at the October 2018 Mecca Muster.

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YOUR TREASURER – PETER DOBSON

A personal portrait commissioned for Mecca News

**We are related to Nelson.
Your grandma was a guy!
Great great grandma forgot to put the pistols
in the squire's saddlebags and he was killed.**

These and other family tales fired my imagination as a youngster and made me want to know more about my past family.



A large number of my ancestors come from the North East where their background was very much the sea and the land. My father's side were mainly seafaring whilst mothers were land people. Surf and Turf!

My interest in past family matters continued through my early teens with stories from aunts and great aunts. The females of the family seem to retain the history rather than the males. However when I went to London they took a pause, it was the Swinging Sixties, and my interests were elsewhere!

It wasn't until the early 70's that family history became back into view and I decided to put "flesh on the bones" of those stories. I went to see my father's sister who had always been a fount of information as far as family matters were concerned. She apparently learnt all these tales at her mother's knee. She was the eldest and with Granddad away at sea a lot, my aunt was the one Grandma talked to.

From what was said we were related to everyone and the stories so long and involved that I eventually gave up writing them down and taped her instead! Nearly fifty years on I still have the recordings of her and other family members.

My mother wrote down her family memories in an exercise book, which I recently printed along with family pictures, and armed with details of both sides of the family I started searching for documentation in the Northumberland Record Office, then at Melton Park Newcastle and the for BMD certificates in St Catherine's House London.

BMD's had been held at Somerset House for many years but had transferred to St Catherine's House in 1973. I remember heaving the large Index books from the shelves (the index I wanted was always on the top shelf) to see if I could find a reference to order a certificate. A far cry from today's internet searching.

The information I gathered fired my wish to find out more so I began to visit the locations mentioned in the records. If you want to know the whys and wherefores of your ancestors read all the relevant publications of the time and go and see where they lived and worked. Many of our holidays at the time were spent in Northumberland and North Yorkshire and it became a standing family joke that the places we visited were "So my Dad could look in the local graveyard/church."

Yes I did find the Norfolk connection. However it seems to be a story put about by the Norfolk Fyshs who married into the Dobson line. They were from Downham Market – Nelson's birthplace – and were probably trying to impress their new North East relatives!

Grandma was a guy – Margaret Fairbairn Guy

and

My great great grandma did work for Squire Fairless who was murdered, as he was on his way to read the Riot Act to a miners strike, by a William Jobling in 1832. Jobling was the last man to be gibbeted in the North East: his body hanging in chains on Jarrow Slake. It is debatable that she forgot his pistols, as she continued to work for the family after the murder.



I left the North East in my late teens to work in the Diplomatic Service and Foreign Office where I stayed for nearly five years. After that my career was with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) in the Midlands, South Wales and the North West.

I mainly dealt with businesses from the very small to the large international companies. Along the way I picked up computer/systems analysis, accounting and business skills.

I must admit I enjoyed working with companies learning of their investment plans and indirectly, through the DTI's schemes helping them to expand and create local employment. I also saw the other side with bankruptcies and liquidations which gave a greater insight into the rise and fall of industry in the UK.

From my perspective the 70's/80's and 90's were periods of massive change – a new Industrial Revolution – times which I found exciting, challenging and enjoyable working with a lot of dedicated people before ending up as the DTI's NW Industry scheme Team Leader.

By 1983 I had hit the usual family history brick walls on most of my lines and decided to “advertise” in one of the many National Genealogy publications which looked to link others researching your names. Out of the blue I received a letter from the relatively new Metcalfe Society expressing interest in one of my names and asking whether I wished to join and contribute my research. I had found a Metcalfe lurking in the family tree in mid-Northumberland in the late 1700's but hadn't been able to go back further. A chance to advance (retreat?) the line.

On joining I soon found I had a number of 6x removed cousins in Dorothy Pope, Bill & Joan Metcalfe, John Holden and the late Warwick Metcalfe amongst others, all related to Anthony Metcalfe of Wensleydale.

The line stretched back to the mid 1600's a pleasant surprise. Another surprise was that I had visited the area in the early 60's. I had stayed only a few miles from the Metcalfe haunts and had felt quite an affinity to the Dales.

I now appreciate why – it's in the genes.

I received the Society's magazine, corresponded with other "family" members, went to the Mecca Musters and eventually volunteered to do research locally in Manchester. Big mistake!

I was hooked and after a while I was invited onto the committee and when the editor's post became vacant I was asked if I would have a go. Rather naively I thought it would be just a matter of putting articles written by others into the Mecca News format. It wasn't but I did learn a lot about desktop publishing, inserting photographs into text and later producing a colour magazine!



It also gave me a great insight into the Clan, Yorkshire (the North Riding in particular) and social/economic/political history and geography for various periods of history. The role also provided new sources of research and as a result I have built up a large number of Metcalfe documentation/sources and photographs, which should eventually be installed in our database and new digital library.

I guess I have stayed with the Society for the best part of 35 years and volunteered to be your current treasurer as I enjoy meeting up with members, working with friends and colleagues on the committee and carrying out research for articles and other projects.

I especially enjoyed working with Warwick Metcalfe, Charles Metcalfe and the other members of The Clan Book committee in the late 1990's and with the late George Buxton on the second Metcalfes in India booklet which I edited (copies of both still available from the Society!).

This experience led me to produce my own memories of working in the DTI and a few (too many) photo books although I still feel I have a couple left in me!

All in all I have enjoyed researching my family history and I am still trying to get past those "brick walls". As long as this enjoyment lasts I will continue to delve especially if I can find information regarding Anthony Metcalfe who died in 1659!

Peter Dobson M69 Metcalfe Society Treasurer

Private David Metcalf 2

by Michael Peel M1698

My maternal grandparents were Arthur Wood and Jane Metcalfe. The discovery of an earlier Metcalfe marrying a daughter of a cousin of Arthur led to this investigation. From the marriage certificate, the groom was David Metcalfe, porter age 24 living at New Park, Bilton, son of labourer John Metcalfe. The bride was Rose Hannah Wood age 23 also of New Park, Bilton, daughter of William Wood, labourer. The marriage took place on 21st April 1900 in Bilton Parish Church. A second David Metcalfe, born about the same time, kept intruding into the proceedings, so I also looked for his life story in order to keep them separate. (that is why there is "2" in the title.)

My David Metcalf was born 30th May 1876 at West Tanfield, son of John Metcalf and Jane formerly Yellow (certificate). His census career is straight forward: age 4 with parents in West Tanfield in 1881, and a farm labourer at Clothorholme in 1891 age 15. Rose Hannah was living with her parents William and Christiana nee Kitchen in Bilton in 1881 age 3 and in the 1891 census appears aged 13.

In 1901, the couple lived at 71 Regent Ave., Harrogate; David was a "railway horse shunter." David was 25, Mrs. Metcalfe 24. Their address in 1911 was 11 Chartsworth Place, Harrogate when David, age 37, was a drayman for N. E. Railways; R Hannah was 36. A drayman was historically the driver of a dray, a low, flat-bed wagon without sides, pulled generally by horses or mules, used to transport all kinds of goods, but now associated with brewery deliveries. What happened to David after this was more of a problem.



The answer seems to be that he joined the army during the 1914/18 war. CWGC shows us that Private D Metcalfe died 2nd May 1917, regimental number 44603, 9th Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers. A transcript in ancestry.co.uk gives additional information: he was born in Tanfield, enlisted in Harrogate, died in Hull 4th May 1917 (transcribed from volumes listing soldiers who died in the great war, published by the British government in 1921). ("Hull" must be an error).

He was buried in Stonefall cemetery, Harrogate, Sec. 3E. Grave 1280.

How do we prove this is the same David Metcalfe? A death certificate reference for June 1917, Cambridge registration district gives him age 41. These documents are linked by David's entry in the "UK Army registers of Soldiers Effects" volume 288 which, says he died 3-5-17 at Cambridge (it has the same regimental number). It also says his effects were granted to "sole executrix Miss Annie Watson", as was a war gratuity in 1919.

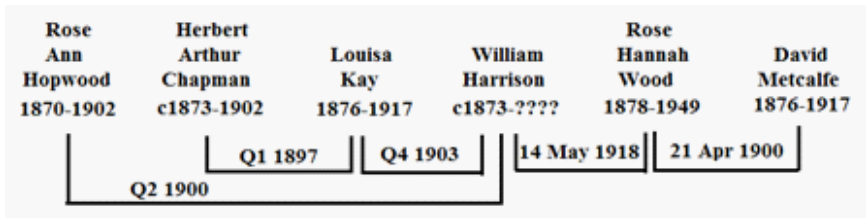
There is no mention of wife/widow Rose. A "Graves Registration Report Form" gives his age 41. The age is almost right; he would have been 41 on 30th May. The last document that turned up was David's will, leaving everything to Annie Watson of Longwestgate, Scarborough. It was written 3rd June 1916 and does not mention wife Rose. Everything is left to Annie Watson who was the sole executrix. The probate records say he died 4th May 1917 at "the 1st Eastern Hospital in the city of Cambridge." The only link to Rose is that in the will he has fixed abode "number 11 Chatsworth Place Harrogate", their address in 1911. The will says he was a horseman.

So far the only connections between the soldier David Metcalfe and Rose's husband are his age, occupation as a horseman and the address.

A further question occurred to me; who bought the grave in which David is buried? A telephone call to the Bereavement Services of Harrogate Borough Council put me in contact with a pleasant young man who gave me this information: two others were buried in the grave, Jane Metcalfe on 5th March 1919 and Georgiana Metcalfe on 1st March 1955; the grave was bought by Jane Metcalfe.

This must be David's mother and sister who were living in Harrogate (letting apartments) in 1911. John Metcalfe and Jane moved to Harrogate between 1901 and 1905 when John died in Harrogate. Still no mention of wife Rose Hannah, though.

It appears that husband and wife were estranged by 1916. Was the relationship another casualty of the war? A certificate of marriage shows that widow Rose Hannah Metcalfe, age 42, married 45 year old caretaker William Harrison in St. Luke's Church, Harrogate on 14th May 1918, after a culmination of three earlier marriages on the groom's side:



David Metcalfe has Unique Record Number 17861 in the society's computer index. His father John Metcalfe has Unique Record Number 51465. His grandfather William Metcalfe has Unique Record Number 96570. Further details may be found in the data base.

The second David Metcalfe turned up amongst the army medal and effects cards, with regimental number 16/1145, Northumberland Fusiliers.

CWGC tells us that this Private D Metcalfe, identified by his regimental number, died 1 July 1916 and is remembered with honour in Lonsdale Cemetery, Authuille. According to an ancestry.co.uk transcript, he was born in "Tindelfell" (Tindale Fell), Cumberland, enlisted in Newcastle -Upon-Tyne and died in "France and Flanders." The UK army registers of soldier's effects informs us that his effects were authorised to his widow Jane Ann, who also received a war gratuity in 1919. This is enough to convince me that the following is his story.

David Metcalf was born Q1 1876 Brampton registration district, at Farlam, or Brampton, Cumberland according to census pages. Tindale Fell is almost four miles west of Farlam. He was a son of John Metcalfe and his wife Margaret, living with them age 5 in 1881 at Prospect Place, Brampton.

At the age of 15 he was a farm servant in Old Burdon, County Durham. David Metcalfe married Jane Ann Beveridge in Newcastle registration district during Q3 1897. He was a coal miner, living in Elswick, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne in 1901 and living in Tyne Dock, Newcastle in 1911, with his wife and five children.

David's Unique Record Number in the Mecca Computer Index is 17863 where further details may be found. I believe John's wife was Margaret Steward (perhaps Stewart on her birth certificate), married Q3 1865 Sunderland district. The census records before and after 1865 are consistent for both. After John died in 1889, Margaret married Thomas George Hopper in 1890. John Metcalfe's Unique Record Number is 52038; details can be found in the Computer Index.

Michael Peel M1698

DEADLINE for the **August 2018 Mecca News**
is **17 June 2018** for articles, comments or snippets to the **Editor**

**The Death of William Metcalfe
Mayor of New Woodstock Oxfordshire
January 1608**

by Andrew Metcalfe M1915

William Metcalfe passed away at some point between Monday 18th and Friday 22nd January 1608. From the Calendar of Woodstock Court Books (Oxfordshire Record Society Vol.65) we read: "William Meatcalfe died in the time of his mayoralty and since no record could be found of any man so doing heretofore, it was considered by the common council that the opinion of the borough recorder should be taken. Whereupon Edmund Hiorne, town clerk, took the opinion of the recorder James Whitlocke esquire, who had advice from Sir Lawrence Tanfield, lord chief baron of the exchequer and lately recorder of the borough. It was ordered and agreed that the commonalty of the borough should meet at the guildhall and there elect and choose one of the aldermen to be mayor and govern for the residue of the present year from 23 January until 25th March. The said election to be in such sort as used to elect the mayor at any time heretofore, with the like oath to be given to the new mayor as to any other. Testified by Edmund Hiorne."

The Metcalfes had moved to Woodstock in 1528 [Oxford Church Court Depositions 1570-1574] and William's ancestor [presumably either his father or grandfather] Abraham, became Mayor in 1563. At some point Abraham had been "disenfranchised by [John] Fletcher for disobedience" but was later reinstated.

We also have a record of William's brother Nicholas assigning to William the lease of a place called Chappell Yarde in the Borough of New Woodstock in 1580. Nicholas had originally taken the lease out in 1569. It would appear that Nicholas lived in Kidlington. The parish registers there record the baptism of three daughters; Maudlen 1587, Mary 1589 and Alice 1596. Nicholas was buried at Kidlington in 1597 and the following year there was a Metcalfe wedding there when Margarett married Francis Hopkins. It seems highly likely to me that Margarett was Nicholas's widow.

Returning to William, he was probably born in the middle of the 16th Century. Some genealogists have suggested that he was the William that married Elizabeth Skirmoth in Henley-on-Thames in 1567. I think this is speculative in the extreme. It is far more likely that the record of his marriage has been lost or destroyed. There are no extant registers for Woodstock for example before 1653 and even then there are gaps. William does not mention a wife in his will, so we can assume that she predeceased him, consequently we do not know her name.

Civic Life:

We do know that William was a draper, like Abraham before him [see Mecca News Issue 107]. At the time of his death he owned two drapery shops, one in Woodstock and another in Bicester. He also followed Abraham into civic life and became a Woodstock Chamberlain in 1589, serving as such for one year. In 1591 he became an Alderman, (a position which he retained until his death). He then had several turns as Mayor of New Woodstock: 1595-1597, 1602-1604 and 1606-1608. Oxfordshire Record Society has published the Calendar of the Court Books of the Borough of New Woodstock 1588-1595 and in that period William appears in the records of the Portmoot Court in 18 cases, more than any other alderman.

Abraham alias Metcalfe:

Interestingly, especially for members connected to Branch 59 in the 'History of the Clan', in four of those cases he is described as either Will Abram [10 Nov 1589 and 15 June 1590], Will Abram BRACKETS (Medcalfe) [9 Feb 1590] or significantly Will Abram ALIAS Medcalf (16 March 1590).

Why did he use the alias Abram or Abraham? Were he and his family the beneficiary of the will of one Mr. Abraham? To complicate matters further, William seems to have dropped the "Abraham alias" prefix after 1590 while other family members subsequently used it, but in a very erratic manner. We read of a Katherine Abram alias Medcalf in the Woodstock Court books for 1592. Katherine must have been a relation of William, but what? : wife, mother, grand-mother?

In 1635 William's son William is recorded as "Master William Meadcalfe alias Abraham of Woodstock resident all his life, aged about 50, gentleman." [Oxford Church Courts Depositions 1634-1639]. But the branch of the family that fully adopted the 'alias' was that of William's grandson Thomas [the son of William's eldest son Thomas]. This grandson Thomas married Elizabeth Martin of Long Combe and their family tree is shown in the History of the Clan page 214.

Metcalfe in the Portmoot Court:

Of the 18 cases brought by William Metcalfe in the Portmoot Court, 13 were chasing debts. One was a case of conveyance. He was also involved in cases of trespass, assumpsit (breach of contract) and qui tam (fraud) but perhaps the most interesting entries for us are the two occasions when he sat on "The Assize of Wheat and Ale", which convened to determine what prices should be paid for those products, and the occasion in 1592 when he was bound over to keep the peace. William recognised his "debt to the Queen of £10" and "that he will keep the peace towards all people of our lady Queen and particularly towards Jerome White in any manner".

William's will:

William did leave us a detailed will from which we can deduce a great deal. In addition to his dead brother Nicholas, William had a sister Ursula who was very much alive. Ursula had married George Noble and their children Nathaniel and William were both beneficiaries of the will. Nicholas's daughters also received a portion, although they are not individually named.

William left his eldest son Thomas "all my free land ... plus £100 money". His youngest son William, received various leased properties (including the Chappell yarde referred to above) and crucially the accounts books of the shops at Woodstock and Bicester. Much of his other stuff was to be divided half and half.

He had five daughters: Fryswide Bartholomew of Burford received £5, Elizabeth Trulocke £5, Anne Bradshawe £5 and Johane and Margaret who were not yet married [and Margaret was under 20] £100 each for their portions.

William left money for the poor of Woodstock, Bicester and Thame plus money to buy a new bell (presumably for the chapel although the money was left to "the Mayor and Commonality of New Woodstock") and also "£3 towards making a water conduit to serve the whole town." His body was to be buried in the chapel and he gave £5 for a sermon to be given in his name annually in perpetuity, but in 1639 William junior transferred the responsibility for maintaining the sermons to the borough corporation.

William's legacy:

William's male descendants enjoyed the lives of wealthy merchants. Both sons Thomas and William entered the drapery trade. They both lived and died in New Woodstock and both followed their father into civic duty. William junior was four times Mayor of Woodstock (1624-5, 1625-6, 1634-5 and 1635-6), Thomas was Mayor in 1628 and died in 1629. Thomas's son Thomas adopted the surname Abraham Alias Metcalfe, became an apothecary and began a dynasty in Banbury. William junior's son John became a wealthy draper and established a dynasty of his own in Bicester.

Post Script:

In 1766 a new Town Hall, designed by Sir William Chambers, was built in the heart of New Woodstock. The residents of Old Woodstock felt that the Mayor and Chamberlains had got ideas above their station and responded by staging a Mock Mayor-making ceremony. After a break in the early twentieth century, the festival was revived with enthusiasm in the 1980s. There is a procession of the outgoing Mayor and his officials in fancy dress, accompanied by a Town Crier at the hustings.



Candidates make their speeches then the committee elect their new Mayor for the year, forming a procession across Blenheim Park to the New Woodstock Town Hall for dancing with morris men and the real Mayor of Woodstock.....then the Mock Mayor is ducked in the River Glyme, and a good time is had by all.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

May I remind any members who have **not yet renewed for 2018 to do so as soon as possible**, either by cheque or standing order and that the fee is now **£15**. If you have renewed already please could you **check that you have paid the correct amount**, that your standing order has been amended and that all your **address and e-mail details are accurate** and up to date. Any address changes should be notified to the Membership Secretary Jo Heron - see details inside the front cover.

Please ensure that you add your membership number to all correspondence and especially on renewals.

Chairman's Jottings

I have been taken to task, correctly, by our former President Charles Metcalfe! He points out that HE was 'volunteered' to work with Helen Offer and George Buxton to computerise the General Index lists, as he stated in Issue 105 of Mecca News. I said in issue 112 that David Metcalfe succeeded Helen and created our computer index. Not so - it was Charles who did and I recall the AGM when he was persuaded to take this on! It just shows how one's memory can play tricks when growing older! I apologise for my error.

Changes this May mean that we will need to amend some of our forms and processes in order to comply with the new Data Protection Law. The main change is that we must obtain your express permission to process details about you which can identify you. We must not retain the data for longer than is necessary. Now you can 'opt out' and we must ensure we do not hold data about you on computer.

From May 2018 we need to ask you to indicate if you positively agree to us holding and using such details. We only use it to assist us to run the society: to claim gift aid for example if you have been kind enough to take advantage of that scheme; to send out the Mecca News to your home address, or invite you to the Muster. We do not sell your personal details to anyone and only use it whilst administering and managing the Society. If you want to refuse or ignore a request from us to indicate your preference, we must (and will) remove your personal data from our computer databases.

You will be aware of these changes I feel sure, the nearer we approach 25th May as many organisations will have to take similar steps.

I am writing this in February, which marks the centenary of women (or at least some of them) being enfranchised and eligible to vote for the first time in Parliamentary elections. The Representation of the People Act 1918 gave the vote to women over 30 who held £5 of property, or had husbands who did. Less well known, for the first time all men, aged over 21, were given the vote irrespective of land ownership or tenure, which until then had been a prerequisite to the vote.

As a result, the electorate was increased to about twenty-one million, of whom about eight and half million were women. It has been estimated that a fifth of all women aged 30 or more did not qualify as they had no property interest. It was not until 1928 that the age of women voters was reduced to 21 and the need for a property qualification was removed.

The right to vote is something taken by us for granted; how we got that right was hard won by our ancestors for us. It seems very strange that in effect one half of the population could not vote in a General Election until just over one hundred years ago.

The extension of the franchise, started with the 1832 Reform Act, initiated gradual and nationwide dissatisfaction, and culminated in the Chartist Movement of the 1840s and 1850s.

To read more see <http://www.parliament.uk/about/livingheritage/transformingsociety/electionsvoting/chartists/overview/>

I feel sure many of your ancestors would have been involved in the Chartist Movement, which was strong in Yorkshire, and court records may find their arrest for riot or other breaches of the peace. Newspapers too will record marches and petitions as well as court hearings.

The same goes for women who sought the right to vote, both Suffragists and Suffragettes: broadly the first believing that they would achieve their objective by peaceful ends: petitions, non-violent protests and lobbying, whereas the Suffragettes were prepared to take direct action.

In 1897, the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies was established under the leadership of Millicent Fawcett. In 1903 Emmeline Pankhurst broke away and established the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU), essentially the Suffragettes, their motto being 'Deeds not words'.

In 1907 the WSPU itself split and some left to found the Women's Freedom League. It should not be forgotten, either, that some women were actively opposed to extending the suffrage and urged women to unite to defeat the movement too!

Did any of your ancestors belong to these organisations? Do you have any family stories and keepsakes? Do let us know and maybe bring them to the Muster in October for others to see.

The National Archives (TNA) has an excellent guide to what is available and where in the archives: see <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/womens-suffrage/#2-overview-of-our-collection>

The British Library has pamphlets and documents as do many record offices. Seek them out and report any Metcalf(e) and Medecalf(e) findings.

Findmypast (FMP) on its website has a 'Suffragette Collection', taken from the WSPU newspaper and a search today revealed 55 results for Metcalf(e). The Suffragette newspaper (later named 'Britannia') was a weekly newspaper announcing the activities of suffragettes, upcoming meetings, and articles related to a wide range of women's issues. The paper had a circulation of 40,000 which has been digitised by FMP.

Family historians can consult earlier records to see if their ancestors had the right to vote and indeed how they voted. The poll books have been printed until 1872. These show voters and how they voted-there was no secret ballot unlike today until 1872. These have been reprinted and also are on commercial websites: Ancestry, Findmypast and the Genealogists for example.

Free copies are available selectively on the electoral registers website: <http://www.electoralregisters.org.uk/index.htm> which explains what the Poll books reveal and where you can access them. It is an excellent starting point.

As an example in the 1806 Poll Book for Liverpool (printed free on the electoral registers site) John Metcalf of Peter Street, Liverpool, a watchmaker, voted for General Tarleton as did Townley Metcalf of James Street , also a watchmaker. General Tarleton came last of 3 candidates. The British Library has a large collection too.

The Land Tax Returns from around 1780s until 1832 were compiled annually and show land owners (freeholders, copyholders and long leaseholders) and occupiers who were tenants. Tax was collected from the owners and payment of the tax was evidence of their right to vote, the right being dependent upon land ownership. Many Returns have survived because duplicates had to be sent to the clerk of the peace and they are to be found in the Quarter Sessions records usually at County Record Offices (CRO).

The Electoral Rolls have been compiled annually since 1832 showing eligible electors and the property they owned or tenanted (pre 1918) entitling them to the vote. This did not mean that the Land Tax returns ceased to be compiled: indeed Land Tax was collected until 1949 but their significance for the franchise ceased in 1832.

Electoral Rolls from that year to date have been prepared annually except 1916-17 and 1940-44. They too are to be found in CROs as part of the clerk of the Peace's records deposited in the Quarter Sessions.

Having located a family in a Census return in say 1891, 1901 or 1911 you should be able to locate their whereabouts in the electoral rolls as the franchise was extended and more men (later women) became eligible to vote.

In October 1918 and April 1919, 'electoral roll absentee voter lists' were prepared and as many members of the armed forces did not return home until 1919, they may well be found on the lists. With the availability of the 1921 census being unlikely until 2022 /3 these Lists are useful since they show the home address unit rank and number. CRO's and local libraries may hold them.

They have not all survived. I was able to discover the regiment and number for my grandfather (the son of Mary (Polly) Metcalfe and Thomas Lambert from the 1918 list having tried for years to discover this information, the original Army records being lost for him.

If you are interested in finding out more the Chris Baker's excellent Long, Long Trail Website is a very good starting point, if you have access to a computer and the internet. It explains what these lists involved and where they can be located on and off line (indeed it gives much more besides that). <http://www.longlongtrail.co.uk/soldiers/how-to-research-a-soldier/finding-soldiers-through-the-1918-absent-voters-lists/>

FMP have digitised a large number held by the British Library. There are a good number for the Leeds area. Free copies are available for Barnsley (see <http://www.barnsleywarmemorials.org.uk/p/absent-voters.html>) and Wakefield (see <http://www.wakefieldfhs.org.uk/abscent%20voters.htm>).

If you find your family ancestor in these lists do please tell Jo Heron, so we can add the information to our World War 1 project, which is now in its fourth year. We will be deciding in the coming months what to do with the information we have collected but do please keep passing it on. The Barnsley war memorials site referred to above has some deceased Metcalfes and shows what information you can find and how it can be presented.

The 1867 Reform Act extended the franchise for men, granting the vote to all householders in the boroughs, as well as lodgers, who paid rent of £10 a year or more. It in addition reduced the property threshold in the counties to £5 and gave the vote to occupiers of agricultural land who paid rent of £50 p.a. at least thereby including those who did not own land but who paid rent to occupy it. The Act roughly doubled the electorate in England and Wales to two and a half million men.

A third Reform Act in 1884 established a uniform franchise throughout the country and brought the franchise in the counties into line with the 1867 Act householder and lodger franchise for boroughs.

Another consequence of having the vote has been for many years the qualification for jury service. Now you can be called to serve until you are 75 (something I find not a lot of people realise so be aware!) and you qualify if you have the right to vote.

I am aware of this since when you (and I) read this in April, I will be sitting in Court awaiting my selection to serve on a jury in the Crown Court in Manchester as the computer has plucked my name off the electoral roll and decided I should serve. I understand there is a fair amount of waiting involved so will need reading matter!

David Lambert M11 Chairman

Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe - another Governorship.

Elizabeth Metcalfe M1648

Seeing Chairman David Lambert's piece on Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe on p.34 ("Anniversaries") of the December 2017 Mecca News, reminded me that Sir Charles was also at one time Governor of Jamaica in the West Indies.



Sir Charles was appointed as Governor in 1839, but despite his successful time there, he was compelled to give up the post in 1842 because of ill health.

In Wikipedia, I found the attached photograph of the monument of Sir Charles, situated in St. William Grant Park, Kingston, Jamaica.

"St." is presumed to be an abbreviation for 'Sergeant' but, according to Wikipedia, the man after whom the park is named was always known as "St. William Grant".

The East Yorkshire Metcalfes

by Graham Metcalf M1073

In the ten years or so that I have been researching my family history, I have been trying to make connections with other branches of the Metcalfe Clan, with little real success. My Metcalfe ancestors were all from the East Riding of Yorkshire, the earliest being one Janson Medcalf, also recorded as Hyanson, Jensen and several other spellings. Some of these give a clue as to the pronunciation of the name, which is definitely non-English.

Janson married Elizabetha Hardy at Brandesburton on 23rd November 1710. Many branches of Metcalfes in the East Riding of Yorkshire seem to have descended from this union but I have so far failed to find a birth record for him.



Brandesburton St Mary's Parish Church
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In 2010 I was fortunate to be offered a DNA test, funded through the Metcalfe Society. (See the article by Martin Metcalfe in Mecca News No 110). This test indicated that I am not related to any persons previously tested within the Metcalfe Society. It did show however, that I am probably descended from Northern Europe within the Germany or Scandinavia area.

I was later contacted by another person who had a similar DNA profile and although we did not appear to be related, he suggested that the surname METCALF could possibly be a corruption of METZGAU, METZER or similar Germanic name (it means butcher), and so I concentrated my online searching to these areas and found what I believe to be an intriguing possibility.

Running a search in the LDS (familysearch.org) database I found the birth record below, which seems to be a good date match and is further supported by the fact that traditionally Germanic people used their last given name rather than their first, and that surname spellings changed frequently. Also the father's name Joan (or Johann) ties in nicely with Janson's first born son Johannes.

I can well imagine the change from METSCHER to METCALF for a foreigner settling in Yorkshire, whether or not this change was accidental or intentional. This is of course difficult to prove, but in the absence of any other records for this person, I see it as a possibility worthy of further research.

Wilhelm Jansen METSCHER

Deutschland Geburten und Taufen (Germany Births and Baptisms)

Name Wilhelm Jansen Metscher

Gender Male

Christening Date 03 Mar 1679

Christening Place Essen Oldenburg, Germany

Father's Name Joan Jurgen Metscher

Mother's Name Clara Linkman

Janson became a yeoman farmer, with a small acreage of land at Burshill, near Brandesburton, and a map exists showing the extent of his holding. His wife, Elizabeth Hardy, was the daughter of Stephen Hardy and Anna Acklam. The Acklam family owned extensive land in East Yorkshire and I imagine that Elizabeth was possibly heiress to some of it.

In the year 1709, there was a huge migration of German people to England via the low countries, and it is possible that Janson was part of this wave of immigrants. If this is true, he obviously soon became accepted within the East Riding community, as indicated by his marriage to Elizabeth in 1710. Tragedy struck later however, as between 1720 and 1728, Elizabeth and four of their eight children died.

Janson remarried and had four more children with Ellen, his second wife. When Janson died in 1752 he left a considerable sum to his close family. The name Janson carried on through several of his descendants, notably the families KEMP, KIDD and the family of Christopher Metcalf b.1758.

I hope that this information might be of interest to other members researching the Metcalfe family in East Yorkshire, and I hope that further information may come to light as a result.

Reference: The German exodus to England in 1709 (archive.org)

Yorkshire Group of the FFHS

Having missed the last meeting, due to attendance at our Muster, I'm including list of items of interest you might find useful.

The **Oxford Reference Collection Surname Study** may be accessed via your local library at <http://www.oxfordreference.com/view/10.1093/acref/9780199677764.001.0001/>

Yorkshire Indexers information,

<http://www.yorkshireindexers.info/forum/db/dbonline.php?tabid=40>

YAS Journal (YAHs) from 1869-2010 is now available online at archive.org network.

Northampton Archives were suggesting limiting free access to archives for four hours on two days per week, and charging £31.50 per hour at other times. Following a petition, it rescinded this decision but the problem is the reduction of 'footfall' at these centres, so members need to be aware that it be creeping in to some archive centres, and we do need to encourage everyone to use your archive.

Derbyshire Parish Registers are now online at Ancestry.

At the latest meeting, 17th February 2018, at the AGM, the Officers were returned, Jackie Depelle (Chair), Sue Steel (Vice Chair), Chris Welch (Secretary) and Peter Lord (Treasurer). Ripon FHS has closed down as there was no member of the group willing to take on an Officers role at their AGM. Their archive has been deposited in the Workhouse Museum.

The ordinary meeting which followed the AGM, dealt with routine business. The Heritage Open Days for 2018 will be held on 6th-9th and 13th – 16th September – over two weekends this year. We then had a paper from Eric Jackson (Pontefract) about the General Data Protection Regulations which come into effect on May28th 2018.

If you are involved in organisation which holds data on members or enquirers, it is worthwhile to check what you hold, where and how, and how secure it is. The threat is up to a 20m Euro fine for infringement. Unfortunately, despite leaving the EU, the GDPR will still apply even when we leave. It was thought that it is a measure to stop all the spam mailings we get from the large companies like Amazon and the large charities.

Seems like a sledge hammer to crack a walnut

Coming events:

Family History, Local History and Crafts, Proact Football Stadium, 19th May, 10-4 pm

Family History Fair, Sheffield Wednesday Football Ground, 9th June 2018, 10-4 pm

Family History Show, York Racecourse, 23rd June 2018, 10-4.30

There are also day schools and conferences being organised by the Federation of FHS – it's worth check out their website.

And finally a plea – **USE YOUR LOCAL ARCHIVE, not just the internet, OR LOSE IT.**

Jo Heron M1042 Membership, Sales, Enquiries, WWI Project

The Suffrage Movement

Are there any Metcalfe Society members who had activists in the Suffrage Movement in their families, whether prominent or not? There must be some interesting and informative stories to tell of the trials, tribulations and exploits of Metcalfe women in the early part of the twentieth century.

Given the fact that a great many men did not have the vote either in that period, there may equally be Metcalfe men who were agitating for the right to vote, and we would be delighted to hear from anyone who has a contribution to make.

Jo Heron

World War I Canaries

Not more avian secret weapons along the lines of carrier pigeons, but women who worked in the munition factories and who had to suffer the indignity of having their skin turn yellow as a result of contact with the chemicals which were being used to manufacture explosives for the shells, grenades, bombs, and other ordnance. The World War I Project will draw to a close later this year when the centenary of the Armistice has passed and we are very keen to hear also of any Metcalfe women working in this field.

Jo Heron

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

Thanks to all members who have sent updates from their own research which have meant extra detail for, or corrections to, the Society database. Checking detail in the light of newly accessed resources is a valuable process which I know we all carry out within our own research. For instance, in my own case, being able to check with the original parish records, as at the moment Find My Past allows for some parts of North Yorkshire, has been of great use in looking again at parts of my own family tree, particularly in trying to distinguish one John Hodgson from another!

However such checking is also very important at the level of the Society. There are bound to be some mis-transcriptions or misunderstandings and it is only by contributing our own findings that these can be altered to the benefit of all.

I am hoping to hear back from more of the Society's new members to find where they fit into the web of Metcalfe families.

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

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BIRTH BRIEFS FROM EXISTING MEMBERS CONTINUED INCLUDING UPDATES - shown in bold

Robert b c1724 s.o. William & Margaret (Lodge) Mte m 19 Jan 1705 Hubberholme. William b c1680 s.o. William Mte.

Conn. M812 M957 M1066 M1148 M1278 M1305 M1379 M1666 M1696 M2016

Elizabeth M1648 (Birth Brief above) would welcome any information which would help to explain how **William b 8 Mar 1752**, son of an Ingleton farmer, was able to transfer from local schooling in Horton in Ribblesdale and Dent to Cambridge University (Sidney Sussex College) in 1771 at the age of 18, where he gained a BA and then an MA before being ordained priest. When William went to Cambridge he was described as a 'sizar', a role which implied carrying out some menial duties. Elizabeth would be interested to find out more about this system.

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Conn: M1475 M1537 – please note that Christopher married Mary Mason (not Mary Hudson). Thanks to Mike Herbert for spotting this discrepancy.

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Conn. M123 M127 M162 M165 M266 M480 M493 M522 M545 M616 M626 M632 M644 M838 M843 M1269 M1313 M1341 M1404 M1487 M1682 M1831 M1885

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WILLS PROJECT REPORT

Working through the pre-1858 wills and administrations in the Durham archive has led to very useful additions to the information on the Metcalfe families in that area. Thanks is due to Joan Metcalfe, Jennifer Metcalf, Margaret Medcalfe, Janet Knowles and Edwin Metcalf for their careful transcriptions.

Some non-Metcalfe wills can also be very informative on Metcalfe matters as in the case of William Coates, gentleman, of Crackpot, found on the list below. His daughter Mary married George Metcalfe and they had a son, John Coates Metcalfe. She died in 1834, probably from complications of childbirth, she being buried on the same day her son was baptised.

George rapidly married again, to her sister Elizabeth (Betty), the wedding taking place at Manchester Cathedral. Thanks to M1890 Christine Hart for sending in this will and also for her earlier detective work in tracking down that Manchester marriage, which was not the expected place for those generally resident in the Askrigg area. George and Elizabeth, probably very wisely, named their first child, born in 1835, William Coates Metcalfe.

If you have any non-Metcalfe wills which are nevertheless informative about Metcalfe families then please do send them to me for transcription.

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.

1671 Charles Metcalfe of Newcastle upon Tyne (administration)

1672 George Metcalfe of Evenwood, County Durham

NEWLY TRANSCRIBED WILLS CONTINUED

- 1678 Christopher Metcalfe of Romanby, Yorkshire (administration)
- 1683 George Metcalfe of Newcastle upon Tyne (inventory)
- 1684 Ralph Medcalfe of Bishop Middleham, County Durham (inventory)
- 1713 Richard Metcalfe of Romanby, Yorkshire
- 1714 William Metcalf of Lanchester, County Durham (inventory)
- 1736 George Metcalf of Stockton on Tees (administration)
- 1737 Elizabeth Metcalfe of Bishop Auckland (administration)
- 1745 Alice Metcalfe of Osmotherley, Yorkshire
- 1763 George Metcalfe of Grinton, Yorkshire (administration)
- 1767 Christopher Metcalfe of Tynemouth, Northumberland
- 1768 Frances Metcalf of Stockton on Tees, County Durham
- 1754 Cuthbert Metcalfe of Birkby, Yorkshire
- 1774 William Metcalfe of Newhouse Gill, Aysgarth, Yorkshire (administratn)
- 1774 George Metcalfe of Bainbridge, Yorkshire (administration)
- 1784 Ann Metcalfe of Newcastle upon Tyne
- 1820 Christopher Medcalf of Staindrop, Durham
- 1849 William Coates of Crackpot, Grinton, Yks (this will links to URN 34369 George Metcalfe who married first Mary and later Elizabeth, both daughters of William Coates)
- 1857 George Metcalfe of Greatham, County Durham
- 1861 Matthew Metcalfe of Appersett, Aysgarth, Yorkshire

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ane Howarth Conference Secretary, as this will help to keep
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Society News

OBITUARIES

The Metcalfe Society extends its profound condolences to the families and friends of the following recently deceased Metcalfes.

John Howard Metcalfe M567 on 9 July 2017 aged 80 years of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Phillip Dennis Metcalf in the summer of 2017 of Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

Lawrence James Metcalf on 18 August 2017 aged 89 years of New Zealand, Botanist & Conservationist.

Archer Metcalfe on 20 December 2017 aged 86 years of Lytham St Annes.

Geoffrey Ian Metcalfe on 23 December 2017 aged 69 years of Burnley Lancashire.

GRAVESTONES

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Maryland USA



Dorothy Pope - a Metcalfe Centurion by Mike Pope Editor M1919

On Wednesday 28 February 2018 Dorothy Pope (nee Pelmear) M55 reached her 100th birthday.



The intended celebrations comprised an afternoon tea at The White Swan Hotel in the village of Scotter Lincolnshire, with 18 close family members followed two days later by a lunch buffet for all her friends at her residence, Dorchester Lodge Anchor Flats in Scunthorpe Lincolnshire. The weather had other ideas, and on Wednesday, attendees from London, Sheffield, Newcastle, and Guisborough could not make it because of the snow, although her grandson Gavin flew in from Switzerland and niece Katie and family from Aberdeen did arrive.

Most unfortunately, the event had to be cancelled, but an impromptu party was held in the late afternoon between snow storms, which encompassed her son, yours truly and wife Anne, 3 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and two spouses. Balloons were released and much cake was eaten – a satisfactory result, all things considered. The “Dorchester Do” took place on the Friday as planned but also with a reduced attendance.

Dorothy has been a member since the early years and has held posts including Wills Project Coordinator, General Registration and Indexing, and New Members. Her favourite contribution was in proof reading “Metcalfe – History of the Clan” and in the preparation of the book with the committee, and especially with the late Warwick Metcalfe.



She has three Metcalfe lines, based on Branch 2 and is linked with Peter Dobson, Marsden and John Holden and Warwick Metcalfe amongst many others, and also derives from Dales Calverts and Raws. As a maiden Pelmear, she is the oldest of that copper mining and farming Cornish family to have lived, as far as my researches have established, and she may or may not be, the oldest member of the Metcalfe Society.

I am sure that you will join me in wishing her a happy and healthy future.



St. Michael and All Angels Parish Church Hubberholme