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A Summer Welcome to The Mecca News

Editorial Musings by Michael Pope M1919

I bid you a very warm welcome indeed from the Costa del Wensleydale and hope that those of you currently enjoying this fabulous British summer are at least comfortable and not yet executing rain dances on your parched lawns. Rain, or the unusual lack of it, is now becoming a problem and up in the dales, although the cereal crops are well ready for the combine, the excellent first cut of hay looks as though it may be the only one, as the grass is not growing in the fields.

My wife and I were up in Wensleydale walking in early July and aiming to set out for the day by 0800hrs to avoid the afternoon temperatures of 28 Deg C, which is only normally a tactic of southern Mediterranean walking. The superheated sheep looked totally bemused and amazingly, it was possible to hold a conversation whilst crossing the Gayle Beck Bridge in Hawes, as the water flow was so miniscule, one could hear a mouse squeak!

This edition is as usual throng with papers for the Muster on 6 October and packed with articles including another monster Jottings from our Chairman and contributions on legal battles, Metcalfe emigration, an alternative view of the origin of a name, and an obituary of a renowned scientific Metcalf. There is also an article on how the Society is meeting the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which hopefully will help understanding of the requirements. Meeting regulatory codes is absolutely essential, and that, we as a committee, believe we have accomplished, but I for one will be glad when we can forget GDPR and get down to some serious uninterrupted research.

Of equal, if not greater importance though, is the news that two of our long standing committee officers are retiring, and I would like to thank them on behalf of the whole Society for the hard work they have done, the time they have given to our organisation and to wish them well for the future. David Lambert refers to the expected loss of two more in the next two years and the editor's term of office will expire at the end of 2021. Thus without any further unexpected perturbations, the Metcalfe Society will have lost 6 committee members in just 4 years, not surprising given our age profile and the enormous length of service of most. We now desperately need some of the younger members of the Society to volunteer for committee roles and be trained in the running of the organisation, or we will simply cease to exist.

Diane Howarth Stepping Down

Our Vice-President, Diane Howarth (M0409), has reluctantly stepped down from the committee and her various society commitments for the foreseeable future. She has an ongoing health issue which is taking priority along with other family & business commitments. We thank Diane for all her help over the last few years and hope to welcome her back sooner rather than later. In the meantime, with immediate effect, Jo Heron will be taking over from Diane as the main contact to deliver this year's Muster and any queries regarding passwords for the website. Diane will continue to manage the website with support from Carol Herbert as usual - this they can both do on a reactive basis when they are available. If you are unsure about who to contact, check the website 'Contacts' page or send an email to enquiries@metcalfe.org.uk

Margaret Hodgson Retirement

Margaret Hodgson, our Committee Secretary, Archivist and Wills Project leader is retiring from the role of Committee Secretary and as a committee member immediately after the Muster in October 2018, although she will retain her Archivist and Wills project responsibilities. Margaret has been Committee Secretary since 1999, Archivist from 2012, and Wills since 2010. She has given sterling service to the Clan, and we will miss her vast experience and calm Yorkshire common sense in committee discussions and decisions. We are highly indebted to both of you - all the best.

I wish all the members a very pleasant summer, or winter depending on your location, and hope that you do not become overheated in the various record offices, archives and libraries across the United Kingdom.

Mike Pope M1919 Editor

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METCALFE VERSUS METCALFE
A case in the Court of Chancery 1701
by Andrew Metcalfe M1915

The plaintiff in this case of 1701 was Davenant Metcalfe and the defendant John Metcalfe. The case revolves around property (i.e. land) in Shillingford Oxfordshire. Judge Bridges presided.

Let us examine the protagonists: firstly our plaintiff Davenant. She was baptised Davenant Sherborne. Her father William was the vicar of Pembridge in Herefordshire, I assume therefore, that Pembridge was her place of birth. Her mother was Alice, maiden name Davenant. Alice's father John was a well-known Inn-keeper in Oxford. His tavern, the Crown (which still exists) had twenty rooms, was owned by New College of Oxford University and was said to be frequented by William Shakespeare. It was rumoured that one of John's children, William, was sired by Shakespeare and indeed William Davenant went on to become a famous playwright and was knighted for his efforts. John Davenant, meanwhile, became Mayor of Oxford shortly before his death (1622) and now has an Oxford road named after him.

Davenant Sherborne married Adrian Metcalfe on 16 December 1679 at Kelham in Nottinghamshire. It is my guess that they had met in London (there is a record of Davenant being robbed "of a gold locket worth five pounds" in the Parish of St Martin-in-the-fields Middlesex on 6 June 1688).

The pedigree of Adrian's family can be seen in A.R.Maddison's 'Lincolnshire Pedigrees' published about 1902 under the heading 'Metcalfe of Louth Park and Keddington'. Adrian himself was baptised at St Margaret's Lincoln on 22 February 1651-2. He was the son of another Adrian who had married Anne, maiden name Salmon (occasionally recorded as Gammon). His father was a doctor of medicine and I will cover Dr Adrian and his wife Anne in a little more detail later.

The defendant John Metcalfe was Davenant's brother-in-law, therefore son of Dr Adrian and brother of Adrian the younger. Although John does not appear in Maddison's pedigree, I am confident that Adrian the younger's will dated 1685 confirms these relationships. John became a lawyer at Gray's Inn in London and married one Philadelphia. John and Philadelphia appear to have had at least nine children, five of whom reached adulthood and one of these they named Davenant. Maybe Davenant the elder was Davenant the younger's Godmother, or perhaps John and Philadelphia just liked the sound of the name.

John's father Adrian the elder was Lincolnshire born but with strong Yorkshire connections. He was baptised on 8th March 1606-7 at Keddington near Louth, the fourth son of Sir Francis and Jane Metcalfe of Louth Park. He travelled south to Oxford to study and was created an MA on 2nd December 1642. At 35 years old he must have been quite a mature student.

Less than a year later it was recorded that he achieved the qualification of Bachelor of Medicine. The entry in the annals of St Mary Hall College gives his name as Francis (perhaps some confusion with his father?) and the date of 17th October 1643. He must have supported the Royalist cause in order to remain in Oxford during this Civil War period. On 6th May 1645 he was created a Doctor of Medicine.

He is recorded as being a gentleman of the king's bedchamber and this may be the reason that he did not leave Oxford immediately after graduation. On 28 September 1649 he was licensed to marry Anne Salmon, a spinster. The wedding took place 6 days later at St Peters in the East, Oxford (the church is now Edmund Hall library). In the register of Anne's home parish of St Laurence Warborough Oxfordshire, the marriage is also recorded – the date given there is 4th October 1648. I have noticed that marriages were occasionally entered in the parish book and dated as one year before the actual date. My assumption is that on such occasions the bride was already pregnant and the deceit was done to save family blushes in the event of anyone comparing the age of the couple's first born to the date of the wedding.

At or around this time, Anne's father John died and Adrian and Anne became embroiled in a legal battle over the deceased's personal estate, in particular his property in Shillingford (a hamlet adjoining Warborough whose boundary runs alongside the River Thames) that would drag on in the Court of Chancery one way or another for many years. [C6/106/101 1650 and C7/431/76 1655].

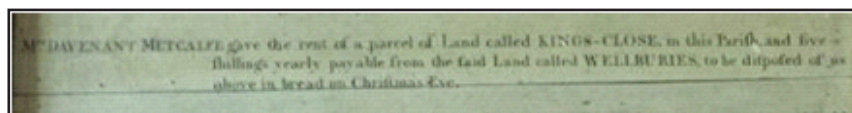
My assessment of what ensued is this: Dr Adrian and Anne must have been successful in their court actions of 1650 and 1655 against Dorothy Oner (or Over) and the Shillingford property passed into the hands of the Metcalfe family. When Adrian the elder died (1658) the property must then have passed to Adrian the younger who, when he drew up his will in 1685, made his brother John sole executor. On the face of it this was a wise choice. John was a lawyer based in London, and thus well placed to expedite the will quickly and efficiently when Adrian died in 1694. However, it would seem that brother John grabbed more for himself than he was entitled to, including the property at Shillingford. This was, unsurprisingly, unacceptable to Adrian's widow Davenant and it was this which precipitated the law action in 1701.

For reasons unclear to me, Davenant lost the law suit. But the land was a poisoned chalice and John's children fell out over this and other matters.

Post-script: Adrian the younger does not mention any children in his will. His widow Davenant died in 1717 and in her will she made a charitable donation to the parish of Pembridge, Herefordshire which is recorded on a board in the church there.



Details of Davenant Metcalfe's charitable donation extracted from the Pembridge Church Board above.



"Mrs Davenant Metcalfe gave the rent of a parcel of Land called Kings-Close in this Parish and five shillings yearly payable from the said land called Well-buries to be disposed of as above in bread on Christmas Eve"

It would seem that John's wife Philadelphia pre-deceased him. John meanwhile continued with his property deals sometimes in conjunction with his daughter Davenant. We have records of one or two of these deals involving Christopher Rich the Theatre Manager of Drury Lane.

John appointed Davenant to be his executrix but further complications arose due to the fact that she also died in 1733 before she could perform the task. That left four siblings alive and they did not get on. The eldest son, another Adrian, wrote his will in 1735. He does not mention a wife or children but granted his three siblings John, Theophilus and Philadelphia 1 shilling each "and for all their unjust actions towards me I pray God of his infinite Mercy to forgive them".

In 1741 he then revoked this will and he wrote a codicil in which he granted his sister Philadelphia the copyhold of the Shillingford estate, adding: "I put in my Sister Philadelphia Metcalfe life but not that I ever intend it for her but only as a nominall life I never yet had the Copy from Segt Skinner." He died in 1742. Theophilus died in 1754 and also granted Shillingford to Philadelphia. Theophilus also mentioned one Susannah Maria Metcalfe - I do not know who that was, but I am assuming it was not his wife. It would seem that Theophilus was a dissenter and was buried in the dissenters burial ground at Bunhill Fields London. Apparently the last to go was Philadelphia the younger who died in 1757. She never did marry but mentions Sarah Metcalfe, Henry Metcalfe (to whom she left the leasehold of Scamblesby Manor not far from Louth in Lincolnshire) and Ann Metcalfe in her will, I have not yet been able to find who these people were. She does however mention the lease of Bensington Manor. Bensington, or as it is now known Benson, is the neighbouring hamlet to Shillingford; this she granted to Robert Cromwell of Lincolns Inn Fields.

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Ancestry.co.uk

Metcalfe Society Members Room

CHAIRMAN'S JOTTINGS

Tour de France and Tour de Yorkshire yes, but whilst flattered, I am uncertain if my April jottings were a 'tour de force' as the editor described them in the April edition! I promise this to be a 'tour' rather than a 'tour de force'! It's odd how these jottings develop. A blank page and panic about what am I going to write, often leads to a number of coincidences. This time is no different.

You may recall that I had been summoned to serve on a Crown Court jury in April. I duly attended and for over 2 weeks the Crown Court became my daytime home. On my first day I was fortunate to be amongst the first 15 potential jurors to be selected and was chosen from them to serve on the jury-which deliberated at the end of the week. We were escorted to the jury room and locked in. I cannot disclose what happened during our deliberations but after we drew lots I ended up the foreman! Not what I wanted!

Week 2 (the first 3 days): my colleagues and I did nothing but wait to be selected, at random, for a new trial to start. Finally we were chosen. Our case did not finish until the third week. Not selected to be the foreman this time.

I must admit that I was impressed by the care and fairness shown by the judges, who were polite and fair to all and when it came our time to deliberate, who explained clearly what we had to decide as a jury. The lack of animosity between the opposing barristers towards one another and the various ways in which they examined or cross-examined witnesses was fascinating. It was most certainly not like the US court room scenes we see on TV. No cries of 'Objection' or barristers walking up to the witness box to examine witnesses! I felt that the system, despite being a little ponderous and time consuming, was fair to the defendant and I enjoyed the experience.

Most of our male Metcalfe ancestors will have served on juries – not maybe criminal ones at the Assizes, but more likely on a manorial court jury. Some Court Leets had a criminal jurisdiction (view of frankpledge, which was a medieval form of collective surety to keep the peace) as well as dealing with petty offences such as nuisances and manorial disputes.

The Court Baron enforced the customs of the manor: it regulated the way in which tenures were granted and transferred - copyhold tenure. Their records when surviving can be most illuminating. There are a lot of manorial court records and decisions available to research if you are lucky enough to find the manor where your ancestor lived.

The National Archives keeps the Manorial Documents Register and has been making this available online. It is easily searchable by manor (if known) or if unknown, by county or Parish. It assists you to identify who holds them and what records survive. For example, a search of the North Riding for Hawes, Leyburn and Bellerby revealed no entries, but one for Thirsk showed 4 manors: Woodhill, Thirsk, Carlton Miniott and Sowerby.

The link can be found here: http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/results/c?_sf=textstman&_ocn=Yorkshire%2C%20North%20Riding&_naet=M&_st=mdrc

First coincidence – one of these manors contains documents for Kirkby Malzeard to where an errant branch of my Lambert clan escaped in the 17th century, so I will certainly follow up this lead!

Manorial records are a very much under-used source. No one is certain how many existed, but the number of between 25,000 and 65,000 in England has been suggested. Not all manors have surviving records – but a large number do.

In the former West Riding the greatest and most extensive Manor was Wakefield which covered a huge part of the county. Their records are accessible and thanks to the Yorkshire Archaeological Society (so named then) the Manorial records are being transcribed. The rolls for 1781-2, 1790-1, 1792-3 and 1812-3 have been published: those for 1360-1, 1373-4 and 1439-40 are in preparation by the Wakefield Court Rolls committee of the YAAHS. At this year's Muster, Jackie Depelle will be speaking about Manorial Records, so that is an excellent reason for coming!

My second coincidence relates to page 27 of the April edition, in which member M1648, Elizabeth, had a query about her ancestor William Metcalfe born on 8 March 1752. His day of birth (not year!) coincided with mine, so I started what has turned out to be an interesting journey. Elizabeth wanted to know more about a 'sizar' at Cambridge University. He arrived as a sizar at Sidney College Cambridge. Coincidence no. 3 was that before going to Cambridge William was at Horton School which was where my Metcalfe's lived and were educated too!

As I think Elizabeth knows, but you might not, a sizar was the name given in Cambridge and at Trinity College, Dublin to an undergraduate who received financial help from a college, which involved him in medieval times carrying out menial duties in consideration for his financial help.

The English Oxford dictionary (<https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/sizar>) states that the word derives from the obsolete word size, meaning "a ration of bread, beer, etc." and quotes the use of the word in two sentences thus

'At first he was a sizar but from his second year onwards he received a full scholarship.' 'He'd won a scholarship - he couldn't have gone otherwise - but as a sizar, his expenses paid at the weekly rate of one shilling and sixpence, he could hardly expect to keep up with the young lords around him.'

So young William Metcalfe would be expected to pay his way at Sidney College by carrying out some menial tasks for other students or the college in return for the payment of his living expenses.

I have never researched Oxford or Cambridge University registers, since I did not believe any of my ancestors went to either university. Until the 19th century they were the only Universities in England. Registers for both universities have been published. Alumni Cantabrigienses in 10 volumes was published by Venn and Venn covering the period from the 13th century to the end of 19th. Brief biographic details including date of birth and name of father are given as well as the graduates degrees and later life.

A search online for Cambridge Alumni revealed 28 Metcalfes, including William.

To see them all go to this link on the internet: <http://venn.lib.cam.ac.uk/cgi-bin/search-2017c.pl?sur=metcalfe&suro=w&fir=william&firo=c&cit=&cito=c&c=all&z=all&tex=&sy=&eye=&col=all&maxcount=50>On

William's entry shows him admitted in 1771, four days before his birthday, as a sizar. He is stated to be the eldest son of Robert, a farmer at Ingleton, which is where William was born. He was educated at Horton and Dent schools. (My third coincidence is that my Metcalfe branch lived at Horton (Selside) and will have attended school there too).

William gained his BA in 1775 and MA 1778. He was ordained a priest in 1779 and became a Precentor, Registrar and Minor Canon of Ely 1778 until 1827, which was when he died. It also refers to his son William.

Some helpful genealogical details.

Sidney Sussex College was founded in 1596 under the terms of the will of Frances Sidney, Countess of Sussex. It was from its inception an avowedly Puritan college.

Coincidence no. 4 (of a sort!) is that following the recent Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Megan Markle the Prince had the Dukedom of Sussex bestowed upon him and his wife is the present day Duchess of Sussex! The title had been in abeyance until then. Much was made of the newly designed Coat of Arms for the young couple in the media. The College of Arms website is well worthwhile looking at for the subject of Heraldry generally: the following page specifically deals with applying for a grant:

<https://www.college-of-arms.gov.uk>

The Herald's visitations in the Tudor and Stuart eras are helpful as they set out to prove entitlements to Grants of Arms thereby enabling the Crown in the 17th century to recover fees! Many visitations were published and several have found their way onto the internet.

For example : <https://archive.org/details/visitationofyork00flow> is the 1563/4 visitation for the county of York.

7 separate trees include Metcalf(e)s.

Another Sidney undergraduate was Frederic Metcalfe (born 1886 son of W.P. Metcalfe of Ceylon and Stone Hall, Oxted). He was appointed the first Speaker of the House of Representatives in Nigeria having had several parliamentary roles in the UK from 1919 until 1954.

For details see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frederic_Metcalfe.

In World War I, Frederic served from 1914 to 1919 with the 6th Special Reserve Battalion of the Rifle Brigade. The university registers are well worth a look. I am not certain I have answered Elizabeth's request but enjoyed the research! I think it was the way in which poorer students who passed a scholarship were able to fund their time at the university.

Referring to Elizabeth's birth brief leads me to refer to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and changes to Data Protection laws.

Like many proposed changes, a lot of media hype exaggerated the impact and requirements and, indeed my statements about needing consent from you all was not completely accurate, as our compliance can be dealt with in another way. I refer you to the new privacy policy on the society's website and to our membership renewal forms later in the year.

In 2 years the society will celebrate its 40th anniversary and some thought is being given by the committee as to how we might like to celebrate this achievement. Have you any ideas? Do get in touch if so!

At this time of the year the committee is working hard preparing for the Muster; this year is no different. I always ask, as I do again, that if any of you feel able to join us on the committee or to carry out a support role for the society, maybe assisting with the Wills project, please do contact us!

We can then explain what is required. It is very important that we do have more new committee members since in the next 3 years at least 4 members (out of the present 8) will be retiring. With no committee the society cannot function. You will see elsewhere that Diane has resigned from the committee. Margaret Hodgson intends to do so at the Muster. I repeat my intention stated at the 2017 Muster to do likewise, as chairman, at the very latest in 2019. Last year Dave C. Metcalfe and Sam Benson agreed to serve and have been co-opted to do so pending the 2018 Muster elections.

The Muster proceedings are being finalised as I type this. I can announce that one of the Federation of Family History Societies Vice-Presidents, Lady Teviot, whom several of you may recall meeting at previous Musters, is planning to join us as a guest on the day, despite having no Metcalfe forebears! She has enjoyed her previous visits when President and asked if she could come again as she enjoyed herself so much! Why don't you do the same! I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in October.

David Lambert M053 Chairman

FFHS Conference - Beyond the Census III

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Saturday 29th September 2018 from 10.30am – 4.30pm (GMT)

So who's going to be addressing us this year? Our speakers list includes:

Myko Clelland - FindMyPast Peter Bailey - FFHS + FIBIS

Leigh Dworkin - Jewish Genalogical Society of Great Britain

Sharon Hintze - Professional Genealogist and Lecturer

Peter Higginbotham - "Mr Workhouses" - in person!

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THE VIEW FROM THE WESTERN FRONT MARCH TO AUGUST 1918

By Mike Pope Editor M1919

The Mecca News August 2018

The April edition No 114 of Mecca News was ready for despatch to the printers on 21 March 2018, and by a strange coincidence, 100 years ago to the day, the stasis which had defined the Western Front in World War I, was shattered by a major German offensive, which had been predicted with astounding accuracy by Chief of Intelligence, Major General John Charteris' GHQ intelligence staff.

The military situation was not a happy one and the commander of the British Expeditionary Force, Field Marshall Douglas Haig was at loggerheads with Prime Minister David Lloyd George who was deliberately withholding reinforcements, bitter at what he saw as the fruitless sacrifice of life during 1917, and was waiting for the Americans to concentrate in France.

Around 5am a German bombardment from 6000 guns, many firing gas, opened up on the misty countryside and 74 divisions were thrown against the 26 divisions of the BEF Fifth and Third Armies. Within 48 hours the Germans had pushed back the Fifth Army 15 miles beyond the Somme and by 3 June Ludendorf's offensive was at Chateau Thierry only 50 miles from Paris.

However, the Germans had overreached themselves and the excellent cooperation between the French, British and Belgian armies, the critical effect of Australian, Canadian, New Zealand and other Commonwealth troops, combined with the impact of the American forces, turned the tide – the key point being the tremendous resurgence of the French Armies from late July and early August and their victory at the Second Battle of the Marne.

Haig began his major counter offensive on 8 August and immediately pushed back the German Armies 8 miles and inflicted 27,000 casualties in the greatest German defeat since the commencement of the war. It was truly the beginning of the end and through August into the autumn, the Allies steadily forced the Germans back, now in a war of movement, toward their homeland and the consequent Armistice on 11 November.

Two high profile Metcalfes were prominent in this period. In the pursuit to the Haute Deule, the Fifth Army under GOC General Sir William Birdwood had amongst its senior staff, Brigadier-General S.F. Metcalfe who, in XI Corps was Commander of Heavy Artillery (CHA). By 17 October at the Battle of the Selle he was in the Fourth Army commanding Heavy Artillery comprising 8 brigades of the Royal Garrison Artillery and 4 siege batteries.

His namesake Brigadier-General F.E. Metcalfe was serving in VI Corps 3rd Division 76th Brigade of Infantry, which included the 1st Gordon Highlanders, at the second phase of the Battle of the Selle, leading to the advance to the Sambre Canal, Le Quesnoy and Valenciennes.

Metcalfes of every rank and armed service were of course involved in all aspects of these battles and the deaths and casualty statistics for the members of the Metcalfe Clan show clearly the peaks and troughs of military activity.

In 1918 at least 96 Metcalfe soldiers were killed including 2 in the UK, 2 in India and 1 in Mesopotamia. In the "quiet" period at the beginning of the year, 1 was killed in January and 2 in February. In March 15 died including 14 immediately following the German offensive: 16 in April and 7 in May. In June and July the fatalities fell to 2 and 5, as the German advance was arrested and then rose during the Allied attacks – 8 in August; 14 in September ; 9 in October and 10 in the last two weeks of the war in November.

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Mike Pope - Editor

Janson Medcalf: an Alternative Theory by Caroline Wetton M615

I was interested in Graham Metcalf's (M1073) article in the April Mecca News, page 22, as I, too, am descended from Janson Medcalf, but have a different theory.

I think it could come from the root l'Anson of which there are many variations. [See <http://ianson.one-name.net/name.html>] I came to this conclusion when I looked closely at the Janson name as written on the Letter of Administration granted to Janson Medcalf to administer his son William's estate, who had predeceased him. Although Janson has signed his name as Jensa, the scribe has written l'Anson throughout. This appears to correspond with how his name was written on his marriage lines in 1710 Hyanson, which I think could give a clue as to how it was pronounced.

Was there a marriage between a Medcalf/Metcalf and an l'Anson, or even an Ianson, a name with Scottish origins? Having said this, the short form of Johanson (Scandinavian origin) may have been written as J'anson.

If anyone comes across an l'Anson / Medcalf relationship I'd love to know.

TWO SISTERS EMIGRATE TO OPPOSITE ENDS OF THE WORLD

by David Charles Metcalfe M983

Charles and Mary Elizabeth Metcalf were my great grandparents. They married on 21 September 1877 at a little chapel in Holland Fen near Boston, and lived in the Boston and Fishtoft area of Lincolnshire.

Charles was a farm labourer, church sextant and campanologist. Mary Elizabeth was a housewife who had twelve children in all – six boys and six girls. Two children (a boy and a girl) died in infancy, and two of the boys, or rather young men, were tragically killed in the first world war.

Of the remaining children, two girls decided to emigrate to different parts of the globe – with very different outcomes.

Alice Maud Metcalf

Alice Maud was born in Fishtoft near Boston in 1882, she left home at an early age to work as a chambermaid at the Temperance Hotel in the centre of Boston, and was recorded there in the 1901 Census at 19 years of age.

Nine years later Alice was bound for Canada sailing on one of the prize steam ships of the day, the *Virginian* of the Allan Line – sailing from Liverpool to Quebec. The ship sailed on 27 May 1910, and arrived in Quebec on 8 June 1910. The list of passengers recorded Alice Metcalf as a single girl, 26 years old [Note: she may have deducted a couple of years from her actual age!]. Her final destination was listed as Winnipeg, Manitoba, and she was emigrating “to be married”!

The fiancé eagerly awaiting her arrival was Levi Smith, a young Englishman originally from Oldham, Lancashire who had emigrated to Canada in April 1906 then returned to England (this is presumably when he met Alice). He returned to Canada in March 1909.

On arrival in Canada Alice travelled on the Canadian Pacific Railway from Quebec, probably via Toronto and Montreal, to Winnipeg. The rail journey – a distance of well over 1500 miles, which is a tremendous distance when you consider the trip across the whole Atlantic was 3000 miles - would have taken around 3 days. The CP Railway had been developed in the late 1800s and enhanced in the early 1900s specifically to bring immigrants and open up the western prairies of Canada.

Alice arrived at the newly built CPR Railway Station on Higgins Avenue – the scene would have been much as in this photograph below (taken just two years later). The train in the foreground was parked there as a museum piece as it was the first CP train to cross the country and ride into Winnipeg.



[Photo – Canadian Pacific Railway Station Winnipeg courtesy of Rob McInnes Postcard Collection WP1339]



There is no doubt that Alice's "husband to be" – Levi Smith - would have met her at the station. The very next month, on 1 July 1910 Alice and Levi were married. They would have had a lovely time in the warm summer of 1910 and may even have visited an early Winnipeg theme park called Happyland which proudly boasted a revolutionary Ferris Wheel – see left.

[Photograph – the Ferris Wheel in Happyland ... courtesy of "Winnipeg Then and Now"]

The following year was very different as Alice would have experienced a severely cold Canadian winter – the temperatures in Winnipeg plummeted to -42 degrees Fahrenheit.!

Sadly, the newlyweds were to be dealt a tragic blow when in February 1912 Alice died; she was just 29 years old. We have no information regarding her death – perhaps it was in childbirth, although there is no record of an actual birth. Alice Smith (nee Metcalf) was buried in the Elmwood Cemetery, Winnipeg.

Alice had sailed across the Atlantic to start a new and exciting life only for it to be cut so cruelly short. Levi had lost his new wife and would no doubt have been in despair.

Four years later, in March 1916, Levi enlisted in the 90th Infantry Battalion Winnipeg Rifles – at the time he was living in Winnipeg and working as a postman. He was 29 years old, a widower. Levi left Canada with his Battalion and spent the rest of the first world war in France. He was demobilised in early 1919 and returned to Canada in July of that year.

On 30 December 1922 Levi married Florence Bardett, and some time later the couple had at least one child Gladys. In the 1940 Voters List for Winnipeg, Levi was shown as a postman, and living with his daughter Gladys. It seems Florence may have passed away before that date and Levi died on 2 August 1957 in Essondale, British Columbia he was 70 years of age.

Jessie Metcalf

Jessie, the younger of the two sisters, was born on 30 August 1884 in Fishtoft, near Boston. She went into service at an early age and was recorded in the 1901 Census living and working as a “general domestic” for the Lacey family who were located in Leverton, near Boston.

In January 1904 Jessie married Edwin Thomas Dexter. Their first child, Gladys Beatrice was born in October 1904 in Boston. In 1905 Edwin Thomas, Jessie and baby Gladys attended the wedding of Edwin’s older sister Elizabeth (called Beatrice) Dexter to Roger Pike. The wedding was held in Kirton, Lincolnshire and a photographer was on hand to record the happy occasion. Jessie, Gladys and Edwin are all in the picture. Jessie is standing on the left of the group holding baby Gladys in her arms with Edwin the second person just behind her and to the right

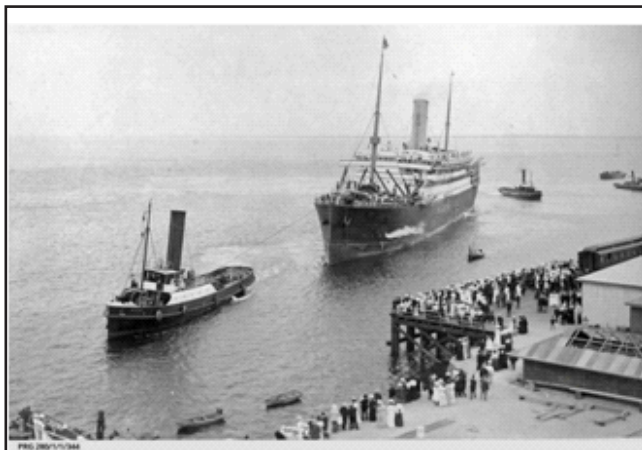


[Photo – of wedding group. Courtesy of the Pike family].

In 1906 a second child Phyllis was born. It was at this time that the family took a big decision: to emigrate to Australia. And so, in 1907 Edwin Thomas Dexter departed England on a German ship – the Buelow – arriving in Sydney on 29 June 1907. Jessie and the two young children remained behind until the following year, when on 24 January 1908 they boarded a brand new ship in Liverpool – it was called the RMS Asturias.

The RMS Asturias was at the time the largest steamer built in Great Britain. Run by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company the 2,509 ton Asturias was on her maiden voyage. It was an historic occasion, well described by the Western Mail (Perth Australia newspaper): “Never in the history of Australian shipping has a vessel of such luxurious passenger accommodation been seen in the waters of the island continent.”

Waxing lyrical, the newspaper included a quote from one of her early distinguished guests “No one could wish to be in a hotel with better accommodation than this boat affords, or on board a liner with better sea going qualities”. The ship was designed to carry a grand total of just over 1500 passengers. And, it is interesting to note that the design included a nursery area for young children – an innovation for British steamers – that would have proved extremely useful for Jessie Dexter with her two young children. The ship departed Liverpool on 24 January 1908 and sailed via London, Marseilles, Naples, Colombo and arrived in Freemantle Australia on 27 February 1908. She then sailed around the Australian coast to Adelaide and onto Brisbane, reaching there on 13 March.



The photo shown here is the actual arrival and berthing in Adelaide Outer Harbour as recorded by a newspaper reporter at the time. Jessie and her two young children were on the boat somewhere in the picture!

Jessie and children were eventually reunited with Edwin Thomas, and made their home in a place called Ingham, Queensland. The following year on 13 June 1909 Jessie gave birth to another girl who they named Jessie. Sometime after this they moved house to Innisfail also in Queensland. On 11 February 1918 Jessie gave birth to a boy – Edwin Walter Leonard Roy. They were still living in Innisfail at the time.

Sadly it wasn't long after this that the marriage failed and the couple were divorced. Subsequently Jessie met and married Stanley Owen on 6 July 1922. The couple had one child – Leslie Frederick Owen born in 1925. Unfortunately, Leslie Frederick only lived to be 14 years old when he died on 19 August 1939. Stanley Owen died on 18 March 1958. Jessie lived until 1972 when she died on 20 January at the grand age of 88 years.

At relatively young ages my two great Aunts took very bold decisions to emigrate to far off places – as I have done myself in 2002 when I emigrated to New Zealand, but have returned since – and I have the utmost respect for them in the great adventure they each undertook. They would have had little knowledge of what lay ahead of them in terms of the country, climate and living conditions. Even the voyage to get there would have been quite daunting in itself. Despite the break-up of her first marriage Jessie seems to have settled well in Australia and led a full life. It is sad to discover that her sister Alice Maud did not get to live out her own particular dream.

David Charles Metcalfe M983

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

Thanks again to all those of you who have responded to the call to send in your updates. I continue to hope that more new members will send some details of their 'trees'. It does not matter if you have not yet got far with your research.

Margaret Hodgson M515 **archivist@metcalfe.org.uk**

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Conn: M62 M155 M317 M423 M591 M769 M824 M897 M908 M1036 M1371 M1585 M1837 M1838 M1980

(a) Jane bpt 5 Mar 1771 Hawes d.o. Ninion & Ellen (Mte) (b) Mte m 17 Nov 1766 Hawes. Ninion bpt 22 Mar 1739 Hawes s.o. Thomas & Margaret (Lambert) Mte m 29 Aug 1734 Hawes. Thomas bpt 25 Mar 1694 Askrigg s.o. Richard & Alice (Stockdale) Mte m 4 May 1678 Askrigg. Richard b c1660 s.o. Thomas & 2nd wf Elizabeth (Rucroft) Mte m 1640. Thomas b c1610 s.o. Thomas Mte. Thomas b c1580.

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(b) Ellen bpt 8 Apr 1739 Askrigg d.o. Christopher & Jane (Dent) Mte m 10 May 1738 Aysgarth. Christopher bpt 10 Apr 1717 Askrigg s.o. James Mte of Bainbridge.

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WILLS PROJECT REPORT

Thanks to Jennifer Metcalf, Edwin Metcalf, Joan Metcalfe, Margaret Medcalfe, Janet Knowles and Dianne Fox for their individual work on transcription which has led to another very useful batch of wills and administrations being added to the website, with additions to the Main Index where new information has been gleaned from these documents.

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.

- 1666 Matthew Metcalfe of East Harbourne, Norton, Stockton on Tees (inventory)
- 1680 Robert Metcalfe of Stockton on Tees (inventory)
- 1687 Richard Metcalfe of Northallerton (administration and inventory)
- 1699 William Metcalfe of Northallerton, Yorks (administration)
- 1707 Thomas Metcalfe of Barnard Castle, County Durham
- 1709 William Metcalfe of Newcastle upon Tyne (administration)
- 1713 James Metcalfe of Old Elvet, Durham
- 1720 John Metcalfe of Newcastle upon Tyne
- 1725 Jane Metcalfe of Hamsteels (maybe Hamsterley), County Durham
- 1738 John Metcalfe of East Hartburn, County Durham
- 1750 Richard Metcalfe of Newcastle upon Tyne (administration)
- 1773 Margaret Metcalfe of Newcastle upon Tyne
- 1776 William Metcalfe of Stockton on Tees
- 1778 John Metcalfe of Finghall, Yorkshire (administration)
- 1799 John Metcalf of Old Elvet, Durham, County Durham
- 1801 Robert Metcalf of Well Gill, Alston, Cumberland (administration)
- 1801 Thomas Metcalf formerly of Alston, Cumberland (administration)
- 1802 Henry Metcalfe of Preston, parish of Tynemouth, Northumberland
- 1821 Henry Metcalfe of North Shields (administration)
- 1829 Margaret Mitcalfe of Tynemouth House, Northumberland
- 1853 Hannah Metcalfe of Lamesley, County Durham
- 1856 Thomas Metcalf of Pallion, Bishopwearmouth (administration)
- 1856 Thomas Metcalf of East Boldon, County Durham
- 1867 John Bellas of Long Marton, Westmorland (relates to URN 74649)
- 1904 James Metcalfe of Kirkby Thore, Westmorland
- 1917 David Metcalfe of Harrogate, Yorkshire

THE GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS GDPR - A GUIDE

Editor – Mike Pope

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OBITUARY FOR LAWRENCE JAMES METCALF 1928 - 2017**by Alison Hutton nee Metcalf M081**

Lawrie Metcalf was one of New Zealand's foremost horticulturalists and a distinguished author and conservationist. His particular interest was in New Zealand native plants, and he wrote many books on the subject over the last 60 years.

Lawrie was born in Christchurch New Zealand to Tom Metcalf, b. 1896 Leeds, and Janet Isabella Mack who emigrated with their family to New Zealand in 1912. Tom was the son of Henry Metcalfe, b. 1863 in Carthorpe, and Patience Mary Barratt. Lawrie attended Wharenui School where his interest in flora and fauna was fostered by a teacher and the Principal. He was given six native seedlings which was the basis for a native garden at our house in Riccarton.

After leaving Christchurch Boys' High School, he began work at a local evening paper office. However Lawrie was determined to work with plants so began work at a plant nursery learning the skills of propagation. Keen to gain an apprenticeship at the Christchurch Botanic Gardens, he applied to the Superintendent and began there in January 1946. He also enrolled with the Royal NZ Institute of Horticulture to do the National Diploma examinations.

On completing his apprenticeship he went to the North Island for further experience, followed by time working in the Gardens in Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth in Australia. Lawrie's determination to gain overseas experience led him to contact Kew and Wisley Gardens and although no work was available he sailed for the UK and worked there for five years, first at Ingweresen's Hard Plant Nursery in East Grinstead, then Hilliers in Winchester. Finally he was Head Gardener at Winkfield Place in Windsor, which was owned by Constance Spry.

In 1955 Lawrie returned to New Zealand and was appointed Assistant Curator at the Christchurch Botanic Gardens. In 1957 he finished his Diploma of Horticulture, his thesis being "Cultivation of Alpine Plants". In 1977 he and his family moved to Invercargill where Lawrie was Director of Parks and Recreation.

From 1960 he wrote more than 15 books on NZ native plants, and he was the recipient of many awards including the QSO (Companion of the Queen's Service Order) for services to horticulture and conservation. Lena, his wife, helped and supported him in all his work, including the publishing of the books. Last year the Christchurch City Council named the Herbarium in the Gardens after Lawrie, as he had collected and pressed many of the specimens in there. He was taken to visit it not long before he died.

Many years ago Lawrie encouraged me to start research on our Metcalf family tree, so I joined the Metcalf Society in 1982 and we enjoyed reading the articles, although I have only found a link with two members.

Lawrie's family is justifiably proud of the contribution he has made to horticulture in New Zealand.

Society News

OBITUARIES

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

Dennis Armstrong Foster M1129 buried 13 February 2018 aged 73 years at Tockwith near the City of York.

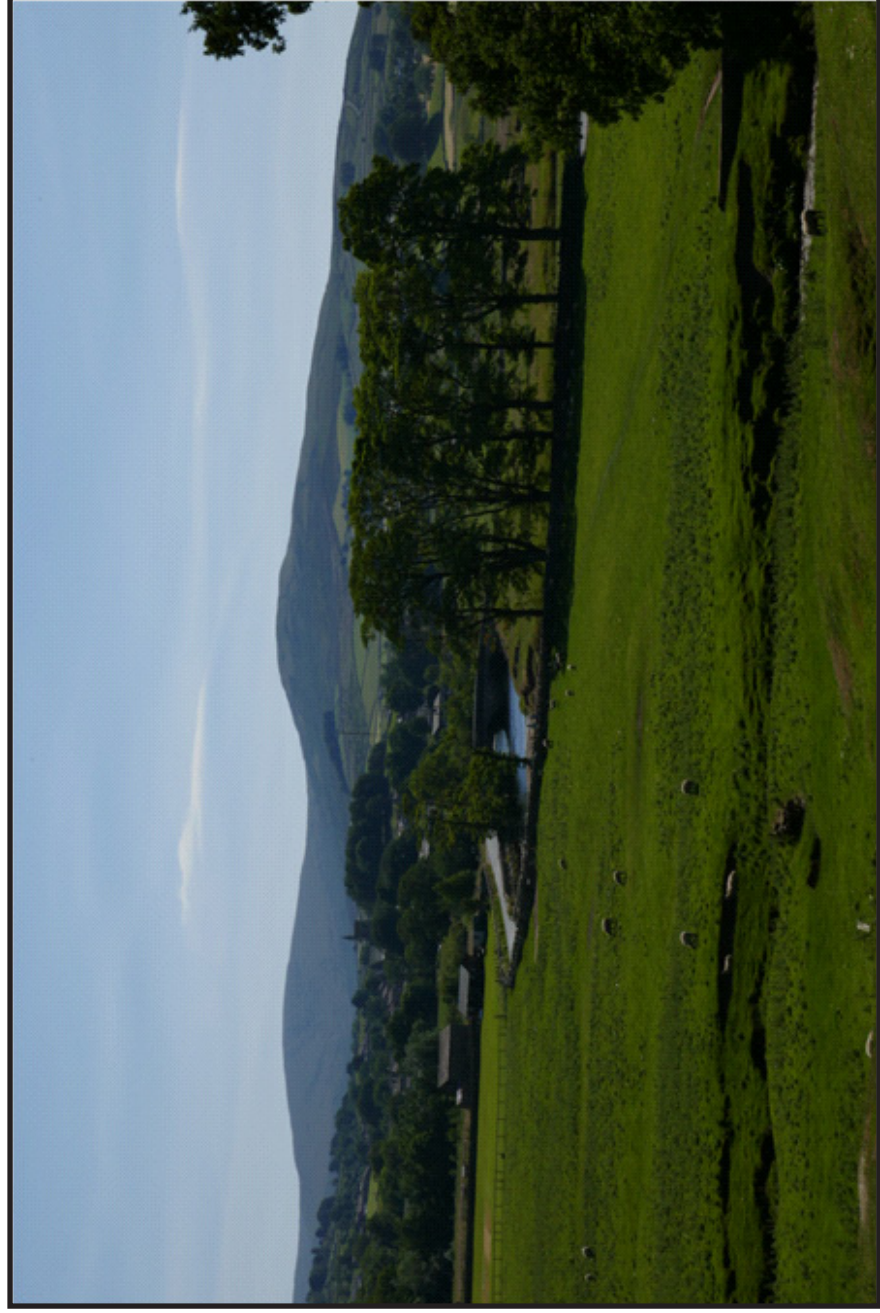
Colin Metcalf M182 on 12 May 2018 in Flinders Australia

Joseph Alan Metcalf M210 on 18 May 2018 aged 83 years at Newsome Nursing Home Huddersfield.

A Remembrance Plaque on a Wooden Bench by a Canal

The following two photographs were sent in by Peter Dobson our Treasurer and were taken of a seat by the side of the Macclesfield Canal at Higher Poynton Cheshire. The plaque reads - In Loving Memory of Ernest & Marion Metcalfe Reunited 30.1.2011





The River Ure, Hawes, and St. Margaret's Parish Church