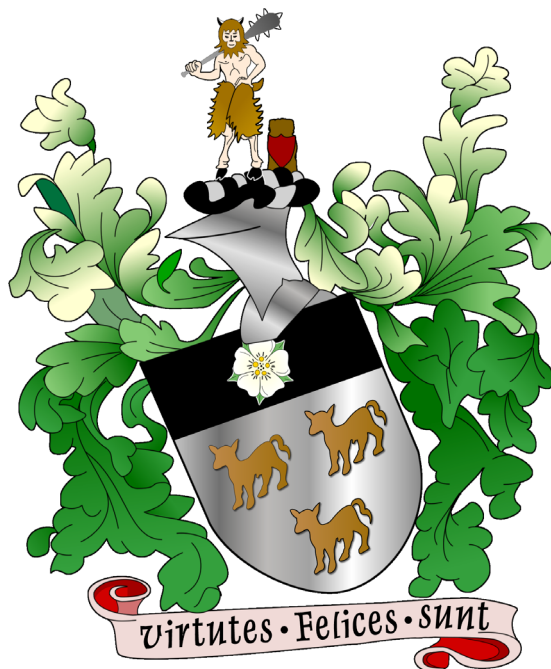


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Editorial Musings by Michael Pope M1919

I bid all Metcalfe members everywhere a happy new year and trust that you experienced a better winter than we had last year. In the UK we seemed to have commenced Spring in February which was ridiculously warm and a real contrast to the extreme cold and the snow of 2018. As usual we were rather lulled into a false sense of security; March has been more windy than I can remember, and in some places, particularly in the Metcalfe heartlands of Western Swaledale and Wensleydale, very wet indeed.

Mention of our overseas family brings me to a point about excessive UK centricity. One member in the past few months has expressed a view that there are not enough articles from North America and the Antipodes and as always we listen carefully to the views of our membership and take the point.

I have tried as editor to print all the articles which have been submitted to me, although sometimes it may be 3 or 4 editions before contributors see their efforts in print. The fact is that I think there should be more stories from overseas too and I am more than willing to include them in future editions if our Canadian, USA, Australian, New Zealand and European "clanspersons" send me their copy - it is in your gift to redress the balance.

We have excellent articles in this edition from Michael Peel on a Metcalfe involved in civil rights, one from our Website Administrator Dave C. Metcalfe on his grandparents, and a very interesting one from our Treasurer Peter Dobson on Red Hall in Leeds, as well as lots of shorter snippets.

Chairman David Lambert's Jottings again refer to the parlous state of our soon to decline executive committee membership, but I would like to say how sorry we were to lose Sam Benson from the committee, as a result of very much increased work demands following a promotion, and we all wish Sam well in his future career.

I should also point out that on our project to encourage conversion to electronic pdf versions of the Mecca News, we will actually be sending out paper copies to all members for this April 2019 edition, because we recognise that not everyone will have informed Jo Heron of their decision to stick with the hard copy. From August onward however only pdfs will be transmitted to the membership unless that paper option has been requested from Jo.

As it stands at the moment, 159 members have indicated their preference to Jo and the split is 50/50 paper vs electronic pdf. However, this leaves circa 140 whose preference is still uncertain, hence our caution on waiting until August. For information, there were 342 members registered at the end of 2018 and 46 (13%) have not yet renewed.

I was very sad to hear of the death of Dr George Redmonds in August last year and our condolences go out to his family and friends. George was a good friend to the Metcalfe Society and made two superb presentations over the past decade to the Muster. His scholarship was of the highest order and his work on Yorkshire place names, surnames, words and expressions has illuminated a great deal of the cultural history of "our" county, as Jo Heron describes later in the journal.

George was ever generous with his time and readiness to discuss thorny problems, and he helped me greatly with one of my maternal grandmother's offshoots, the Bendilowes. When I told him that I had documented 28 variations of the name, he laughed and replied that I should keep going as he thought that there may be over 50! He also explained that the name was probably Cumbrian and derived from Bindloss, or Wolf Binder - I would never have worked that one out. As a retired steelmaking metallurgist, I was able to help him with a little of his research on terms from the metal winning, smelting and working industries of the past, but I think I learned more in those conversations than did he.

I have just celebrated my 70th birthday and my mother presented me with a copy of George's tome entitled "A Dictionary of Yorkshire Surnames". The book is superb and I could read it for hours, but life being what it is, I had to laugh when I turned to "Flounders" my wife's maiden name, which I have researched back to the 1550s and 1560s in East Cleveland, and found it entirely absent: a reminder that even the giants of cultural history can sometimes miss things. I would counsel reading, or even buying any of his books, because they are tremendously informative and a permanent and fitting epitaph for a life of highly productive intellectual industry.

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Metcalf and Civil Rights by Michael Peel M1698

The Reverend Martin Luther King was assassinated on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee. Although the 50th anniversary has now passed, this 51st year is just as much an appropriate time to celebrate the life of this hero of Civil Rights, by reporting how the problems Dr King stood up to affected the life of one George Metcalfe.

In the 1960s, George Metcalfe was an African-American living in Natchez, on the banks of the river Mississippi, in the state of Mississippi, USA.

The area was a centre for Klu Klux Klan (KKK) activity, an organisation set up to preserve white supremacy in the Southern states by means of extreme violence and intimidation, with much support of the white population (until the violence became too extreme), and with members in positions of authority in the police and local government.

George was elected as president of the recently established Natchez chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (the NAACP was created in 1909) when his friend and fellow activist Wharlest Jackson became treasurer. During a period of increasing intimidation by white supremacists and increasing protest activity by NAACP, George filed a petition asking for desegregation in schools.

He worked for the Armstrong Tire and Rubber Company where he was awarded a promotion to a job as shipping clerk which was previously the preserve of whites. (one report says he forced the company to give him the promotion). The Klu Klux Klan noticed such activities.

Soon after these events, on 27th August 1965, a KKK car bomb exploded as George was about to drive home after work. He was severely injured but survived and was able to return to work a year later.

His friend Wharlest Jackson helped to care for him. Wharlest, a veteran of the Korean war (1950-1953), was also promoted to a white job in the Armstrong factory. He was assassinated by a KKK car bomb on 27th February 1967. The family are still seeking justice. The FBI concluded that one Raleigh "Red" Glover was responsible for both attacks, but did not have enough evidence to prosecute. Glover was the leader of the KKK's ultra-violent "Silver Dollar" faction, which is known to have included members of local law-enforcement.

There are numerous websites covering these stories. A couple are given below. The utube film was recorded by Carlee McNealey, a junior at Natchez Early College Academy. None of the reports I have seen mention George's family. I suppose that he was not married; there is scope for an investigation into his family background.

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/mar/20/wharlest-jackson-civil-rights-racist-killings-unsolved>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hVuok0CgMmg>

On the other side of the coin, James Metcalfe (1789-1867) – Unique Record Number 44754 in the main computer index - was born in Paris, Kentucky and died in New Orleans. He acquired several cotton plantations in Adams County. His son Dr Orrick Metcalfe (1824-1898) – Unique Record Number 79087 - bought a 100 acre estate, including slaves, in 1856.

He renamed his house "Fair Oakes"; it was added to the US National Register of Historic Places in 1976 (Wikipedia). Details of his family can be found at findagrave.com, which lists 194 Metcalfe burials in Mississippi, of which 55 are in Adams County. The Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) holds several volumes (microfilm) on the running of the Metcalfe plantations:

<http://www.mdah.ms.gov/new/>. There is material for an article on the Metcalfes of Adams county, if not for a book.

This story seems to have started with John Metcalfe who emigrated to the United States in 1720 and died 1751. Consensus of opinion suggests he was born in Richmond, Yorkshire 1680, son of Theophilus.

The family tree is very interesting indeed and presented on the next page (P8) to enable the following details to be readily understood and the text continues on page 9.

The following generations comprise:

Captain John (1724-1799) and Sybil Farrow (1726-1776):

John (1760-1833) and Amelia Ann Shackleton (1764-1821):

James (1789-1867) and Sarah Williams Baker (1796-1876):

- they are in the Mecca computer index and are widely researched.

<http://www.genealogy.com/ftm/h/a/r/Ralph-E-Harker-NJ/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0659.html>

John Metcalfe52233 Diana (G)Watkins

1680-1751 plantation owner

1723

Ann, Margaret, Sarah
James 1723-1776

Christopher 1728-1777

Capt John Metcalfe 51853 Sybil Sabina Farrow

1724 - 8 May 1799

1726-1776

Mary (Molly) 1730-1770

Elizabeth 1739-1773

1745 Fauquier

3 wives and 18 births recorded in computer index

John Metcalfe 51575 Amelia Milly Ann Shackleton

1760-1833MI 1764 - 16 Feb 1821

James moved from
Kentucky c1814

1 May 1782 Fauquier

Thomas 1783-1883 90814?

John Jack 1791-1870

Louisa 1798-1872

Mary Amelia 1799-1870

Volney 1804-1852MI 96218

Orrick

Dr James Metcalfe44754 Sarah Williams Baker

19 Sep 1789 - 1/2 Jun 1867MI

26 Mar 1796 - 7 May 1876MI

2 Oct 1817, Louisiana*

Dr Orrick John Thomas

17 Jul 1824 - 10 Jul 1818 -

3 Mar 1898MI 30 Jan 1902

Helen C Gillespie

d Egypt Plantation

79087

James Wistar

2 Nov 1819 -

12 Jan 1865MI

Sarah Jane S

YoungMI

47352

Henry Laurens

15 Nov 1829 -

4 Apr 1912MI

Eliza C KinseyMI

The Grove Plantation

10662

Amelia L

1832 -

10 Jan 1893

1865

Charles

1837 -

John c1839

m 26 Feb 1867

Susan Whitelock

New York

familysearch.org

3749

* St Mary Parish Louisiana Heirship series Vol1 compiler Mary Elizabeth Sanders (1972 Pelican publishing co) Page8a

The early part of the story is supported by Note N17 in the House of Burgess (Virginia) journal, p. 128 for the years 1761-65, which I found in Ancestry.co:

"mention is made of the right of John Metcalfe Jr. to vote on a petition as follows: John Metcalf holds 150 acres of land which was left by William Spiller to John Metcalfe, his heirs and assigns, bearing the date of Nov. 27, 1738. Said John the father, his wife Diana and the said John the son. That the said John Metcalfe the elder died sometime in the year 1751 intestate and the said John Metcalfe Jr. hath ever since resided on the land, together with his mother, who always paid quit rent for the same. His right to vote was upheld. On p. 118 of the William and Mary Quarterly, Bk. 31 for the year 1924 a note says 'Diana Medcalf was living in 1761 and is listed under buyers of cattle and living in 1765.'"

The next article has a detailed analysis of the evidence with numerous references concerning the earlier generations:

<http://www.genealogy.com/ftm/h/a/r/Ralph-E-Harker-NJ/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0659.html>

Finally, the Concordia Sentinal reported (21st January 2009) that George Auto, the local Chevrolet-Caddilac dealer owned by Orrick Metcalfe (a board member at B&K Bank) was hit with a stink bomb on 15th October 1964. There is still a "Metcalfe, Mississippi Chevrolet Dealers" chain which can be found at:

<http://www.newcars.com/chevrolet/car-dealers/mississippi/metcalfe>.

Michael Peel M1698

A SAILING MEDCALF

Mr E. Medcalf was the Club Commodore in 2009/10 of the Brancaster Staithe Sailing Club in North Norfolk close to Burnham Market, spotted and photographed by Paul Howes.



Chairman's Jottings

The following may be controversial reading: not admittedly as bad as the Brexit debates so far this year! When you read this you may (or maybe won't because of deferral) know if we have left EU and if it was a no deal exit or one agreed with the EU.

Of more concern to the committee is the future of the society and how it is going to function in the short and long terms (next 2 years and beyond 2020) due to the lack of volunteers to join the committee. This will become a challenge since in just over 18 months 3 of us will be standing down (assuming you re-elect us this year).

We can have 12 members on the committee and until fairly recently we had around 8 to 9, after 2020 there will be 3, unless we can attract new committee members. Whilst we might be able to have contingency plans in the short term to ensure that the society continues to function, it is certainly not fair on those remaining and they too will want to step down probably during the next 10 years. The support team can still carry on dealing with enquiries and projects but it will be the administrators and managers that we will lack.

The long term future of the society is in my opinion potentially at risk, as well, due to what I believe will be a gradual but significant decline in members. This is likely to accelerate during the next 10 to 15 years. Many of our core, long-established members are the same age, so membership numbers will decline unless we can retain new members for 10 to 20 years.

Societies like ours, having been around for 40 or 50 years, are discovering that the average age of members is increasing alarmingly. I estimate (based admittedly on no data except my knowledge of attendees at society meetings) that the average age of members of most societies is probably 65 and committee members probably the same, or even higher, in the low 70s. What is to be done? We are carefully looking at enhancing the benefits of being a member.

I think we are coming up with some good ideas; more about that later in the year.

Faced with these concerns, your committee held a special meeting in November to see what we feel can be done. We are preparing a strategy to enable us to continue the society for the foreseeable future (at least 15 to 20 years).

I will be 85 or 90 then and if I am around, certainly not as active then as I am now, unlike our oldest member Dorothy Pope (101 in February)! Congratulations to her !

The most immediate concern is the election of new committee members. We have been pleading, cajoling, encouraging and virtually shaming you to join us but so far, since last October, to no avail. I repeat that this is becoming urgent. Without a functioning committee the society will have to close down, subject to charity rules on the transfer of assets to a similar charity.

We particularly need a treasurer to take over from Peter Dobson. He wanted to retire in April this year when our financial year begins. He would still like to be able to do so. We know that our editor Mike Pope always stated that his term would expire in December 2020 and so it will. Someone to take on the chairmanship role will be needed too.

I stated last October that **this** would be my final year.

Our first conclusion was that we needed time to plan and so Peter and I were persuaded to continue after this year's AGM if no one comes forward (which we fervently trust they will). What we will **not** agree to do however is to continue after 2020. If there are no candidates then it could be impossible, at worst, and very difficult, at best, for the remaining members to continue: no more Mecca News or the recently issued Newsletter; no one to control the cash and prepare accounts- something we cannot allow to happen without falling foul of the charity commission and charity law. The role of chairman to an extent is less difficult to fill.

We do not derive comfort from the fact that we are not alone in facing these challenges. They are being met by an increasing number of Family History Societies. Some have closed down and others merged or been taken over.

It seems to me that we are the authors of our own misfortune in the sense that society members have been happy to sit back and allow a committed and dedicated team of committee members to carry on: that's what they like to do – it's in their psyche –they will rally round and carry on to the keep the 'show on the road'.

All very laudable and understandable. I've sat back and been happy to re-elect committee members in other organisations even when the incumbents have pleaded to be released!

The reluctance to stand for office is due to a variety of reasons, several being the same reasons that our committee members want to retire: the fact that many have been on the committee for 20 years or more, health issues which weren't there before but which now impede one; travelling to meetings becoming more difficult and a lack of the energy (and maybe ideas) we had 20 years ago.

It's no one's fault: its advancing years! I will be 70 when you read this - the second best time of your life I read in the papers – the other being 16. I don't feel old but I realise that time is marching on! I cannot remember being 16!

So PLEASE will you think about joining us on the committee or volunteering your help! We meet usually twice a year and clearly meet the day before our annual muster to set it up and, after it has taken place, we hold a short meeting. We ideally would like new general committee members, with potential individuals to shadow us in our roles, so that we can hand over in a timely and smooth manner. We have a very detailed set of procedures outlining roles and responsibilities of committee members which can be made available if you are thinking about helping us. Please contact me or any other committee member if you feel you can help!

In previous jottings I have tried to mention records which are available but which you might not have used or know about. I would highly recommend, if you can do so, looking at Quarter Sessions records.

The Sessions were held by Justices of the Peace (JPs) 4 times a year-hence 'quarter' sessions. From the 16th century onwards the JPs were responsible for local government in the county shires (in Yorkshire the 3 Ridings). They fulfilled judicial as well as administrative functions. They were magistrates and in effect local county council administrators. Their records survive in large numbers and are various.

West Yorkshire Archive Service at Wakefield holds the West Riding Quarter sessions papers, including Court Sessions' rolls; Order books; Indictment books. It also holds records relating to visiting JPs of the West Riding Pauper Lunatic Asylum; House of Correction; Visitors of private asylums; Militia Depots Committee; Police Committee; Reformatory and Industrial Schools Committee; Licensing Committee; Transferred records: Liberty of Ripon; Liberty of Wistow, Cawood and Otley.

List extracted from TNA Discovery online page
<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/2da17195-97f4-4eab-acd4-9dddb3e55d9a>]

In Yorkshire some of the West Riding records (Order and Indictment books) can be found indexed and digitised online at Ancestry. They cover the years 1637 to 1914.

The quarter sessions courts themselves ceased to function in 1971. If you are able to access Ancestry's website at home (you have to pay a subscription) or in a local library or record office give it a try!

Alternatively visit Leeds or Wakefield after first establishing what they hold.

<https://www.wyjs.org.uk/archive-service/our-collections/leeds-collections/>
<https://www.wyjs.org.uk/archive-service/our-collections/wakefield-collections/>

I made a search against 'Metcalf(e)' and it revealed 743 records, including digital copies of the pages of the Indictment books (basically criminal cases) and Order books (these containing mainly civil cases: relief of insolvent debtors, settlement orders forcibly resettling persons under the Poor laws of the day and lists of jurors and lots more beside).

Leeds had its own Quarter Sessions and Court and the rest of the West Riding held cases around the Riding in places such as Wakefield, Halifax, Huddersfield and Bradford; the latter were called the 'West Riding Quarter Sessions'.

The records themselves are held by West Yorkshire Archive Service. North Yorkshire and East Yorkshire archives have so far as I am aware not been indexed or digitised online so you will need to approach the archives direct. For information of what might be available nationally and where see Quarter Sessions Records for Family Historians [Fifth Edition 2007] by Jeremy Gibson, published by the Family History Partnership (now Federation of Family History Societies).

3 helpful booklets on West Riding of Yorkshire Quarter Sessions Indictments have been published by Wakefield and District FHS covering 1892- 1906 each costing no more than £2.50.

For details go to <https://wdfhs.co.uk/publications/>

The Y.A.S. Record Series Vol. 54 contains some orders made at Quarter Sessions.

They are worthwhile studying! Today I have located 2 of my Lambert ancestors being fined and sent to the pillory in Wakefield in 1658 for being rude about Oliver Cromwell; a case against another for maybe misappropriating the Poor Rate; my direct ancestor having to give a guarantee of £10 for his brother's attendance at court.

Lots to discover and we are lucky that West Yorkshire records have been made available by Ancestry and the Archive service. As I say above, there are at least 743 Metcalf(e) references: get looking AND tell us what you find!

Finally, I hope to be at the new Family Tree Live 2 day event at the Alexandra Palace London on 26 and 27 April. This is a new show run by Family Tree Magazine's owners and supported by FFHS. I hope to see some of you then!

For details see:

<https://www.family-tree.co.uk/news-and-views/news/new-uk-family-history-show-family-tree-live>

We are also going to be at York Fair on 22 June too so look out for us!

David Lambert Chairman

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

May I remind any members who have **not yet renewed for 2019 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.

**Report to Committee from the FFHS Yorkshire Branch.
Saturday 23rd February 2019**

A.G.M.

The meeting was informed of the recent death of Geoff Otterburn, who may be known to some members, and later a short silence was held for Dr George Redmonds and Ian Dewhurst, both who have died in the past 6 months and both well known in the area.

The Chairman requested that members point out to their Societies the value of Monumental Inscriptions (MIs) – they are not so popular with the big websites, but they can offer surprising information on dead relatives. There was a report from the Webmaster subgroup - I can provide a summary if required. We were also reminded of the 1910 Valuation Surveys which are being digitised. David Morris has left West Yorkshire Archives and is now at the National Archives, and Lincoln archives has a reduce staffing level.

The Treasurer proposed a holiday for subscriptions again for 2019, but the Committee decided that they would rather not incur a deficit and would be asking member Societies to pay a subscription of £25 pa. This would also help to cover the cost of the Webmasters group meetings, where they have to pay for accommodation. The Society has a current surplus of £3,375, and the cost of the Webmasters meeting is £100 pa.

The Officers were returned en bloc, Jackie Depelle (YAHS FHS - Chair), Sue Steel (Bradford – Vice Chair), Chris Welch (Wakefield – Secretary) and Peter Lord (Calderdale – Treasurer) and the next AGM will be on 15th February 2020.

Committee Meeting

The Chair reported that the Tracks in Time website is not yet online, although due anytime. Anne Lister's diaries are being digitised, and contain a mass of information on life in a Yorkshire manor. The excursion to Hovingham was opened to other members (Sat 15th June 2019, £12 per head - contact Chris Welch).

There was a query about whether West Yorkshire Archive Service is using the new system for access which I will check - some seem to be doing so. A request went out for leaflets for the various Family History Fairs. The Huddersfield Committee reported a new card system that donates money back to Societies on sales – we need to find out more on this development.

The Chair commented on the ongoing project to publish a Yorkshire Historical Dictionary covering the period 100 to 1800. I tried to get the project leader and one of our clan, Alexandra Medcalf, to come to the Muster, but she could not justify taking time off once the project ends at the end of March.

There were a number of items of interest throughout the meeting

- The New York Times Dialect quiz
- S&N FH Fairs would be held in York, Swindon and Bristol this year
- Family Tree Live and Rootstech Fairs – the latter being imported from the USA
- New Yorkshire data had been loaded on Find My Past
- The Manorial Records project should be completed in 2022 (FFHS is preparing a leaflet)
- Markenfield Hall, Yorkshire was featured in Discovering your Ancestors
- Certificate charges from Registry Offices will be increased, although pdf's will remain the same.
- Bradford tithe maps will be live on West Yorks. Archive Service web site: Leeds tithe maps are the next to be loaded.
- Ryedale FHS has acquired the Baptismal records, 1837 to present, from a local Methodist church and will transcribe them and deposit them in Northallerton Archive.
- A number of Wellbeing projects are dealing with Family History topics.
- Manchester and Lancashire FHS are starting a project on the railwaymen who died in WW1 and are listed on the main memorial, 1370 names in total, 350 from Lancashire, 135 from Yorkshire.
- Bradford FHS has now become a Limited Company – this will safeguard the Officers from potential massive fines.
- The Rootstech Fair will be held in London, 24-26 October 2019. At a cost of £1200 per stall, the Committee could not justify the expense, but hoped someone would visit and report back how useful it might be in the future.

Changes to a number of Societies include the merger of Wharfedale and Keighley FHS's, and Rotherham FHS will be folding at the end of March. Rotherham's photograph collection will be deposited in the Rotherham archives. There has been an offer to merge with Doncaster FHS which is being discussed.

Jo Heron

Membership, Sales, Enquiries & Conference Secretary

RALPH TIPLADY METCALFE BY JUDITH ROBINSON M631

David Lambert's Jottings in the December Mecca News included a few paragraphs in memory of Ralph Tiplady Metcalfe of Bainbridge Ings, near Hawes, who died on active service in November 1917.

This Ralph Tiplady Metcalfe (there were two others of the same name) was my Grandfather's first cousin and his story was told in the family. He was the only child of John and Jane (Fawcett) Metcalfe. Shortly after his birth his mother "caught a chill crossing the yard" (ie. going to the privy) and died. John never remarried and young Ralph was reared by his maiden aunt, Belle (Isabella Blythe Metcalfe), who had been deaf since suffering whooping cough as a girl.

According to family tradition, Ralph grew up to be a shy boy who suffered dreadfully from travel sickness on the shortest of journeys and rarely went beyond the farm, although he loved reading travel books. The furthest he ever travelled from Hawes was a visit to his cousins (my family) in Kendal. The story went on that he volunteered in 1917 but died of 'travel sickness' on his way to the front.

For such a recluse to volunteer to go to France was out of character. I should have realised that being an unmarried man aged 32 he would have been subject to conscription. So, I was interested to learn in David Lambert's article of his appeals against conscription, on the grounds that there was no-one to take over the farm. He had been in partnership with his father but it is recorded that he sold his stock before enlisting, so presumably his father, aged 70, was not well enough to manage the farm alone. (John Metcalfe died in 1926).

Ralph joined the 12th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry, which was in northern France but in early November, the battalion travelled by rail to join the fighting on the Italian front.

However, the information which David Lambert had found at Ripon is incorrect in one respect. Ralph was not wounded: like his mother, "he caught a chill" which turned into pneumonia. He was taken off the train at San Remo, in northern Italy, died there and is buried there.

Casualty listing report: Bordighera British Cemetery, Italy:

"Metcalfe, Private Ralph Tiplady, 45122, 12th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry,"

As mentioned above, there were three men bearing the name Ralph Tiplady Metcalfe.

The first was my great-great grandfather, farmer and hosier of Bainbridge Ings (1813-1880). He is buried in the Friends' burial ground at Hawes. He had four daughters but only one son, John, mentioned above. As Private R.T. Metcalfe was John's only child, that Metcalfe line died out. However, one of the daughters, Phillis Ann, married a Metcalfe (Henry (1852-1927)) and named her eldest son, Ralph Tiplady Metcalfe. This man was just two years older than his cousin and namesake who died in Italy. He farmed at Bainbridge and by 1916 he was married (to another Metcalfe, Mary Alice) and so probably not subject to conscription.

I wondered if confusion with this cousin led to the false trail which David Lambert noted suggesting that Ralph Tiplady Metcalfe was buried at Muker. But then I remembered that I have seen and photographed a gravestone near Semerwater, in the old churchyard of the former church of St Matthew, Stalling Busk. This stone commemorates Phillis Ann Metcalfe and her son Ralph Tiplady Metcalfe, who died on 3rd January 1926.

Oddly, the General Registration Index shows that he died at Penistone, near Barnsley, but they must have brought the body home to be buried, as the burial record also confirms this. The last figure of the date on the stone is unclear and could be read as 1925, which is presumably the origin of an incorrect entry on the Metcalfe database, giving him as buried at St Matthews in 1925.

David Lambert mentions that in one of the appeals Ralph Tiplady Metcalfe is described as living at Bainbridge not Hawes. This could be an error for 'Bainbridge Ings, near Hawes' or perhaps that was an appeal by the other Ralph Tiplady Metcalfe who did live at Bainbridge.

Judith Robinson M631

FAMILY HISTORY IN ONE BOOK BY SANDRA WALTON

I hit a roadblock in researching my Metcalfes & Overgards after 20 years of searches. I decided my research needed to be in a book form for future generations to appreciate. I therefore decided to include family history, personal stories, education, employment, medical information on death and over 150 photographs in the publication.

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This book was dedicated to my grandparents, Benjamin & Bertha Metcalfe (below left) who met in Calgary in 1907, after he emigrated from Leeds, and her family from South Dakota. Benjamin's father, also Benjamin, owned the Royal Hotel in Dewsbury until he sold it in 1908 and also came to Canada. I suspect, but cannot prove, that Benjamin senior is standing in the doorway in the picture below right.



In the book I included pictures of personal treasures still held in the family including the 18C satinwood inlaid card table that Annie Louise Metcalfe brought to Canada in 1908. I also took a photograph of Bertha's 1913 Kodak camera which she used to capture their early life.

After raising their own four children, Benjamin & Bertha took in my mother and her 3 children after mom's divorce in 1946. We all moved to a 10 acre waterfront farm near Victoria, BC, a picture of which I used for the back cover of the book. The end result was a 55 page volume with a section dedicated to the history of each grandparent and each of their four children and their descendants. I used an excel sheet to list each of the 4 descendants of Benjamin & Bertha and their next 2-3 generations.

I printed & sold 43 copies of this book, ordered through "My Publisher" and the feedback from younger family members has been very positive. It was worth my six months of design and preparation online. I also included a story of 4 family members who have passed early, but not forgotten.

My Publisher closed in May 2017 so it created an unexpected early completion date for this book. One could now use Shutterfly.com. Each book cost about \$50US and the cover photograph was taken near Banff, Alberta where Benjamin & Bertha spent many vacations after moving to Lethbridge, Alberta in 1917. The museum in Lethbridge requested a copy, which would have pleased my grandparents!

Sandra Walton M541

Charles & Mary Elizabeth Metcalf – my great grandparents by David Charles Metcalfe M983

Charles Metcalf, my great grandad, was born in Fishtoft, near Boston Lincolnshire in 1855. He was the youngest son of John Johnathan Metcalf and Charlotte (nee Gower). Charles worked the land like his father, and at the time of the 1871 Census he was employed as a farm servant for the Sykes family located on the outskirts of Boston.

Mary Elizabeth Smith was born in 1857 in Sutterton Fen, near Boston. Her father, Robert Smith, was a labourer, who must have been short of work and so in 1861 the family are recorded in the Census that year residing in Doncaster, where Robert was employed as a railway labourer.

Ten years later the family were back in Lincolnshire, at a village called Donnington.

Charles Metcalf and Mary Elizabeth Smith were married at a small chapel at Holland Fen on 21 September 1877. They made their home in Fishtoft, although also lived for a while in nearby Wrangle, and later in life moved into Boston itself.

Charles and Mary had twelve children! – six boys and six girls. Two children died in infancy. Three sons enlisted during World War one, and two of them lost their lives on the Somme in 1916. A daughter Alice Maud emigrated to Canada, married, but sadly lost her life within a year or two (cause unknown at this stage). Another daughter, Jessie, emigrated to Australia. Charles became sexton and bell ringer at St Guthlacs church in Fishtoft, as his father had also been. He was a very strict man, and even kept a stick hung on the wall above a picture which was for disciplinary purposes!

He didn't particularly get on with his son's (Charles William) wife, Alice, and one day he was going to use the cane on his young grandson (Leonard) but was stopped in his tracks by Leonard's mother Alice, who said "If you hit him then I will use it on you!". I guess he had never been challenged like this before - well done Alice!

Charles continued to work as a farm labourer and also acquired a smallholding. They later moved into a nice terraced cottage on Willoughby Road, Boston just along from the Maud Foster windmill (which is one of the tallest windmills in the country and is still operational today.

See <http://maudfoster.co.uk>.

Sadly, Charles passed away on 22 June 1934 at the age of 77 years.

In August 1937 Mary Elizabeth (along with a neighbour Mrs Madison) were featured in an article in the Boston Standard newspaper, entitled "Enjoying life at eighty". In the article, Mary Elizabeth and Mrs Madison give their views on the "modern girl" who they considered didn't wear enough clothes! The newspaper quoted Mary Elizabeth as saying: "If we had dressed our children as people dress them now, others would have cried shame on us"!

But the two ladies did think that today's children were better behaved than in times past! They partly attributed this to more education and so the children knew how "better to go on".

Regarding her own life Mary Elizabeth confirmed that she had left home (to go into service) before 9 years old and never lived at home after that. She had about four years of schooling, and mostly then in the winter time when there was nothing else to do. Once in service Mary Elizabeth's only form of education was by attending Sunday School.

She married at the age of twenty and told the Boston Standard reporter that she had given birth to twelve children, and now had twenty-six grandchildren, and six great grandchildren (more were to follow!).

Mary Elizabeth also explained how she had learnt to play the American organ at age 65, and recently had taken up needlework. Both ladies were not tied to their homes and found time to get out and about. Mary Elizabeth had recently been on a fortnights holiday to Skegness with some friends, and was planning to go on another holiday to Yorkshire with her daughter Emma (Gostelow). They both went to the cinema sometimes, but Mary Elizabeth thought there were better things to do with your money than that!

Apparently, Mary Elizabeth had once said that the best years of her life were after her husband Charles had died! Concerning her health Mary Elizabeth said that she had never needed to see a doctor except for her times in confinement, and she partly attributed this to a hard-working life, but also to having plenty of clothes on!

About a year after the newspaper article was published Mary Elizabeth moved a short distance to live with her daughter Emma (Gostelow) at the age of 81 and died in 1948 aged 91. Both Charles and Mary are buried close to each other in a peaceful corner of the main Boston Cemetery.

David Charles Metcalfe M983 Web Administrator

DID YOUR ANCESTOR LIVE & WORK IN ATHENS GREECE?

Jo Heron Enquiries

We have had a query from a researcher asking about a Metcalf who was working in Athens as a school teacher, as follows.

"I have a question regarding a Mr. Metcalf and his wife who both taught in an English school in Athens, Greece during the years: 1929 -1935. Unfortunately I do not know his first name, just his surname.

My mother (between approximate ages 12-16) and aunt (between ages 7 - 11) attended this school and they studied with Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf. My mother, who died in 2013, spoke often of Mr. Metcalf and about how very much she appreciated his teaching and about how much she owed her knowledge to him.

Would you have any records regarding this gentleman named Mr. Metcalf who lived in Athens, Greece around 1929-35?"

Margaret Hodgson has found Albert Mayer Metcalfe, born in 1871, in Manchester. He married Dorothy Bond in Istanbul in 1913. His parents were Thomas and Agnes of Manchester.

In 1881, he is listed as an orphaned scholar, aged 9, at Crossley Orphan Home & School, Savile Park, Halifax. Then, in 1891, he was assistant schoolmaster aged 20 living at Church Yard Passage, Laxford, Nottinghamshire. He died in 1936, in Athens. He and Dorothy had one child, John Leonard Mayer, born in 1914 in Istanbul, in our records.

Do you know anything about this Mecca? Is he part of your family? We would love to hear from you.

If you do, please contact Jo Heron, jo.heron@gmail.com with details. Any assistance would be most appreciated.

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DEADLINE for the **August 2019 Mecca News**
is **23 June 2019** for articles, comments or snippets to the **Editor**

The Metcalfe Society 39th Mecca Muster & AGM 2019

The 2019 Muster will again be held at the Garden Rooms at Tenant's, Leyburn on Saturday 5th October 2019. The day will include a variety of talks on issues relevant and of interest to members, details yet to be confirmed at the next Committee Meeting. There will be a chance to look round the auction house and most importantly, to renew old acquaintances with members of the Clan and meet new friends and perhaps relatives. Also, there will be a lot of assistance for members in tracing their ancestors. As always, admission to the Annual General Meeting is free, but there will be a charge to attend the Muster events which will be advised in the near future. More information on the Muster will be available soon on the Metcalfe website: www.metcalfes-online.co.uk/

Jo Heron

ROD & PEARL TEDDS – AN INDIAN CONNECTION

The story commences almost 70 years ago, when Squire Priest Metcalf sat in front of a roaring coal fire quietly smoking his pipe in the company of his youngest daughter, Pearl (M0149). Suddenly he took his pipe out of his mouth and said, "You know that your great grandmother was Indian – white Indian that is". He then said, "You can get throwbacks, you know". He said nothing more about it.

Some years' later, we started researching the family tree and Pearl realised that at least 3 of her father's first family were darker in complexion and had black "Indian like" hair. Mrs Nina Benson did quite an amount of research for us many years ago and found the baptism information at Felixkirk Parish Church of Squire Priest's grandmother, Charlotte who actually brought him up, but that is another story. However, that record only indicated the mother's name, Sarah Eaton.

We have been chasing up various leads ever since and continually finding blanks. Pearl has been saying for some time that we should try to see if the Society had any information. We contacted the Society and Margaret Hodgson found valuable information within a couple of days, which indicated that Sarah Eaton was the possible Indian link! Margaret located connections with Chandernagore, Bengal, India where Sarah Eaton was born apparently. There are many questions left to pursue including why a person born in Bengal ended up living at Boltby in Yorkshire. We were amazed at Margaret's ability to find out all the information within 2 days when we had been searching for almost 60 years!

Pearl Tedds M149

RED HALL by Peter Dobson

LEEDS 1626. The town was awarded a Charter of Incorporation after successfully lobbying by the great and the good citizens.

The wealthy wool merchants of Leeds had been seeking Corporation status since the arrival of the Stuarts in England. A petition to James I in 1615 was unsuccessful but found favour from the newly crowned Charles I. Sir John Savill was appointed the first Alderman (today's Mayor) who, being a member of the royal circle, spent most of his time in London. The actual Alderman was John Harrison. The Burgesses (Councillors) were nearly all wool merchants or gentlemen and they set off to show the rest of the West Riding the importance of their newly granted status.

The town was relatively small in the 16th century, and was much less influential than York or Hull. It was centred around the streets of Briggate and Headrow. The former being the entrance from the south across the river Aire and the latter the road from the west from York and Hull.

Soon after the town was incorporated, Harrison undertook to raise its importance (and show off his wealth) by building firstly Moot (Meeting) Hall, Wade Hall, the Free Grammar School, a hospital and also St John's Church situated near his home in Upper Headrow.

Amongst the burgesses was one Thomas Metcalf(e) the son of John and Bridget Metcalf(e). John had farmed land to the north of Briggate since the late Elizabethan period and had also been bailiff (a position he had purchased in 1611) to the town. He had signed the unsuccessful petition in 1615 and gained some notoriety shortly afterwards when he was accused by the Vicar of appropriating the monies meant for the poor of Leeds for his own purposes. It had led to changes on how the poor relief was handled, but had not seemingly affected John's reputation!

Thomas was born in 1588 and was by 1626 a highly successful wool merchant with trading connections to the Baltic, and collector of ullnage (a cloth tax) for the West Riding. His trading and tax revenues made him a rich citizen of Leeds and to show of his wealth in 1628 he had erected the first brick building in the town – **RED HALL**.

Red Hall was located in Briggate just down from Moot Hall with the junction of Upper Headrow. A three storey building, it was a change from the Tudor buildings of the town and an innovation for its time. Fronting Briggate it had substantial gardens and orchards to the rear.

The Metcalfe family were related to the other major wool merchant families through marriage. These included the Busfields, Hillarie(y)s, Lowthers, Lodges, Tomlinsons and Pultons making the Metcalfes one of the primary families of the town. Thomas's appointment as the fourth Alderman in 1630 demonstrated his position in Leeds' hierarchy.

Thomas used his position as collector of ullnage to increase his wealth but in 1636 he overstepped the mark. He sought to raise the tax but encountered resistance from three clothiers from Halifax. He sought to kidnap their cloth and this led to a case in the Court of the Exchequer in 1637 where he lost. However, this seemed to make little difference to him as he was again appointed Alderman in that year.

King Charles was rapidly alienating his Parliament and this caused friction across the realm. In Leeds the ruling class were pro-monarchy and when hostilities broke out in 1642 they declared for the Royalist cause, although there were some who blamed the Royalists for disrupting trade, and many of the workers supported Parliament.

The town was left relatively alone until 1643 when Sir Thomas Fairfax the Parliament Commander stormed the defences on Briggate from the south, whilst a second force attacked from the west up Headrow. Red Hall appears to have been in the thick of the fighting as in the early 20th century a cannonball from the era was found in the walls. The battle was over in two hours with the Roundheads victorious. However, their success was short lived and it wasn't until the following year that Parliament finally took Leeds and eventually defeated the Royalists.



1645 was a crucial year for the citizens of Leeds. They were visited by the plague, which started in March and killed around a fifth of the population. The war still raged, affecting trade and the Royalist merchant families were forced to take an Oath of Allegiance to Parliament. Undoubtedly in some instances this was barely skin deep and demonstrated when the captured King Charles stopped at Red Hall on his way to London.

Thomas Metcalfe and his fellow merchants sought to free the king. Thomas's servant offered the king a disguise and a way to escape (he declined) whilst another merchant gave him a goblet of wine filled with gold coins (which he took). Later Charles escaped to Sandown on the Isle of Wight. As a result Thomas's position was compromised and he left Red Hall and sought sanctuary with fellow Royalists. However he was arraigned by Parliament and in 1647 was declared a delinquent and composited by the House of Commons. His fine was one quarter of his wealth, which amounted to £120 (equivalent to £12,400 today). His health was deteriorating and he subsequently died on 10 May 1650 "without issue". In his will, Red Hall was left to his brother John. However his siblings did not seem to have Thomas's drive and over the following decades the family influence decreased and by 1715 Red Hall was owned by Richard Thornton the Recorder of Leeds.

As Leeds expanded so Briggate and the merchant areas of the town changed. The ruling classes moved away from the manufacturing areas and slowly Red Hall deteriorated. Briggate became a commercial area and in the twentieth century Red Hall became offices and then part of a department store.

Red Hall's position as the first brick building in Leeds was long forgotten and it was finally demolished during another town centre development in 1961. Today there are signs off Briggate of the old courts around the Hall, but not of the wealthy merchant family of Metcalfe.

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Peter Dobson Treasurer M69

The Yorkshire Dictionary Project, 2017-2019

Based on the work of Professor David Hey and Dr George Redmond, two of the greatest Yorkshire scholars of recent years, the dictionary tracks the development of language in Yorkshire from about 1100 to 1750 and so far, 9000 local and dialect Yorkshire words have been included. The Project Archivist is Alexandra Medcalf and the project is underwritten by the Marc Fitch Fund, and supported by the Borthwick Institute, the University of York and the Yorkshire Archaeological & Historical Society.

It is largely based on George Redmond's filing system – thousands of file cards for each individual word, detailing where he found the words with full referencing. At the moment, all the information is online, but a printed volume is being prepared for later this year. The dictionary reflects long usage of words in Yorkshire, with some overlap into neighbouring counties, and covers all aspects of life and speech, collected from a wide range of early documents, such as Court documents, Parish Records and Wills.

Wherever possible, the more unusual words are explained, e.g. there are 240 variations of 'nail' – which possibly reflects the number of different uses for a piece of metal used to hold a number of items together or in some other similar capacity. Did you know that 'barne' (pronounced 'bearne') as in 'barnepart', was the original term for a child often in wills, until with the dominance of latin in written records, it became 'filialpart' or what was being left to the child/children of the deceased.

The Project team hope that the online dictionary will continue to grow. Viewers are welcome to send in additional words, preferably with reference details, that can be added, or new sources for the words already contained in it. Access is free and comments welcome.
<https://yorkshiredictionary.york.ac.uk>

Jo Heron M1042

WORLD WAR I BOOKLET **Have you bought yours yet?**

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 Booklet with CD £10 plus p&p
 Booklet with USB£12 plus p&p

WORLD WAR II RECORDS & STORIES
 Please send your contributions to Jo Heron.

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

Thank you to those who have sent updates of their 'tree'. These are keeping me busy at present. For those with the eagle eye, (Nina!) you will see that M2107 is the daughter of Mary Metcalfe M1, one of the founders of the Society. It is good to see more of the next generation getting involved. This is essential if the Society is to survive.

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George & Jane (Peacock) Mt m 1857 Auckland district. George bpt 21 Nov
1833 Cockfield s.o. Thomas & Jane (Stephens) Mte m 29 Dec 1832 Cock-
field. Thomas bpt 31 Jan 1808 Bishopwearmouth s.o. George & Ann (Briggs)
Mte m 12 Oct 1801 Monkwearmouth.

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S.o. Arthur Margison & Annie Gertrude (Fielding) Mte m 19 Aug 1939 With-
ington, Manchester. Arthur Margison 10 Apr 1910 West Derby district, Lan
s.o. Arthur & Mary (Allenson) Mte m 26 Dec 1908 Spalding, Lincs. Arthur b
18 Mar 1883 Manchester s.o. Frederick & Jessie (Pilling) Mte m 25 Dec 1907
St George's, Manchester. Frederick bpt 3 Nov 1857 St George's, Manches-
ter s.o. Edward & Ann (Lydiate) Mte m 5 May 1844 St Nicholas's, Liverpool.
Edward bpt 10 Nov 1824 St Peter's, Liverpool s.o. Christopher & Ann (Bar-
ber) Mte m 2 Oct 1814 Manchester Cathedral.

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WILLS PROJECT REPORT

Thank you once more to the core of transcribers who, since October, have been joined by Lesley Wormley, and who have again produced so much for the common benefit of Members. Transcriptions of Durham and Northumberland Metcalfe (and variants) wills until 1858 are now largely completed.

Thank you too to those who have sent in wills used in their own researches. In particular, Bernard Metcalfe M221 in Australia has given much transcription on Middlesex wills which he has completed over the years whilst searching for his own English roots. This thorough work allows much insight into some wealthy Metcalfe families based in the capital and in Suffolk. Some of Bernard's research will follow in the next edition of Mecca News.

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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.

- 1674 Thomas Mitcalfe of Alnwick, Northumberland
- 1682 Richard Medcaffé of Longnewton, County Durham (inventory)
- 1696 Nicholas Metcalfe of Lanchester, County Durham (inventory)
- 1702 James Metcalfe of Hartford, Berkshire
- 1710 George Metcalfe of the parish of St Giles in the Fields, Middlesex
- 1711 Elizabeth Metcalfe of Isleworth, Middlesex (dau. of Ann Church)
- 1711 Ann Church of Brentford, Middlesex (dau. Elizabeth (above) m James Metcalfe)
- 1711 Sarah Metcalfe of parish of St Andrew, Holborn, Middlesex
- 1716 John Church Metcalfe of Brentford, Middlesex
- 1716 Theophilus Metcalfe of parish of St Anne's. Westminster, Middlesex
- 1721 Richard Metcalfe of Farnham, Yorkshire
- 1739 John Church Metcalfe of New Windsor, Berkshire
- 1767 Henry Mitcalfe of North Shields, Northumberland
- 1776 George Metcalf of Billingham, County Durham
- 1781 Thomas Metcalf of Well Gill, Alston, Cumberland
- 1793 Lucy Metcalfe of Hawstead, Suffolk
- 1796 Henry Mitcalfe of Tynemouth, Northumberland
- 1798 Edward Mitcalfe of Tynemouth, Northumberland
- 1801 Christopher Barton Metcalfe of West Ham, Essex
- 1815 Robert Metcalf of Bishopwearmouth, County Durham
- 1816 Roger Metcalfe of Clifton, Gloucestershire
- 1818 Philip Metcalfe of Hawstead, Suffolk
- 1820 Margaret Metcalfe of Hawstead, Suffolk
- 1824 Nelly Metcalfe of Hawstead, Suffolk
- 1828 Jane Metcalfe of Hawstead, Suffolk
- 1848 James Mure of Abbots Langley, Hertfordshire (links to Hawstead Metcalfes)
- 1849 Henry Metcalfe of Berkeley Square, Middlesex & Hawstead, Suffolk
- 1857 Henry Theodosius Mitcalfe of Tynemouth, Northumberland (administration)

Society News

OBITUARIES

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

Albert Metcalfe M1286 of Blackburn died in the summer.

Mrs Norma Metcalfe XM509 the mother of Diane Howarth M409, passed away peacefully on Saturday afternoon 16 February 2019.

METCALFE HASOCK



This hassock bearing the inscription Metcalfe of Nappa was spotted in the Central Methodist Church in Horsforth Leeds Yorkshire .

Can anyone throw any light on its origin and how it relates to Horsforth or to this particular church?

Comments please to editor@metcalfe.org.uk

Dorothy Pope - a Metcalfe Centurion Plus One by Mike Pope Editor M1919

On Thursday 28 February 2019 Dorothy Pope (nee Pelmear) M55 reached her 101st birthday.



I am in the happy position of informing you that my mother has broached another milestone and added one to her impressive 100 years on this planet, being now 101 years of age. She remains well, is still going strong, and looking after herself at her residence in Scunthorpe. The meteorological outlook on her birthday this year could not have been more different, the snow and icy cold of -2 degrees C in 2018 being replaced in 2019 by balmy sunshine and a heady 9 degrees, although the day before it had been 16 degrees C. She received a creditable 47 birthday cards but not one from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth this year!

As her son, the Editor, was attaining his own significant birthday of 70 the day after, and wished to be in his native Yorkshire at Harome near Helmsley on St David's Day, we decided on a small family buffet lunch at our home in Scotter, the Sunday prior to her actual birth date.

She found this event to be most pleasant and celebrated with a fine glass of Premier Cru Chablis, which disappeared with alarming rapidity and, as she put it, set her up nicely for the main event on the following Thursday.

Her choice of celebration on her 101st anniversary was a gin & tonic in our local, Pooley's Wine Bar Messingham and she was as usual, admirably looked after by mine hosts Neil & Sharon Poole who provided the G&T on the house and some very fine small cakes which disappeared as if by magic. Dorothy is a keen fish eater, so this debauchery was followed by fish & chips, from George & Pam Markham's fish shop next door, taken back to our bungalow and rounded off with a superb cup of proper Yorkshire Tea.

I am beginning to think that 110 is a realistic possibility, but we never know, and the main thing is that she is still living a very satisfying life reading history and fiction and watching, nay, even playing, with her great grandchildren, whilst keeping her ageing son in order. Clearly, when Wensleydale and Swaledale ancestry meet Cornish lineage, a powerful set of genes are forged. We wish you continuing good health Dorothy.



A & M METCALFE'S SHOP PICKERING NORTH YORKSHIRE