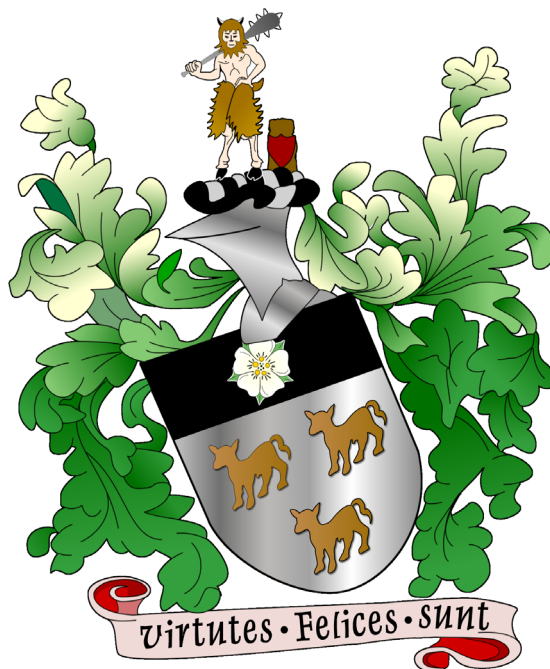


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Editorial Musings by Michael Pope M1919

I should open these editorial musings with a burst of song by one Robert Dylan Esq., Nobel Laureate, and give a rendition of “the times they are a-changin’”, but as my opera singing days are well behind me, and in reality never existed, I will offer you most cordial wishes for good health in this my penultimate journal as editor. I was about to add the words ‘in these troubled times’ but over the past five years and eight editions of Mecca News, the times seem never to have been anything else but troubled.

The Covid19 virus pandemic has exploded across all countries of the globe and is wreaking such havoc with world economics as has not been seen before. As a genealogist and amateur historian, I am attempting to view the recent events, current status and potential future scenarios from an objective point of view and the first thing which strikes me forcibly is that we are living through a period, of as yet undetermined length, which will be the subject of decades of analysis and writing by professional historians, politicians, economists, medical scientists and sociologists, which will appear in books, learned papers, documentaries and in the stories passed down to children and grandchildren right across the world.

History has always been considered to be written by the victors, but that really only applies to battles, campaigns, wars and invasions, and it is by no means clear who will be the victors in this horror story. What is certain is that the histories will be different in every country and will be heavily influenced by the prevailing political climate, the outturn in terms of mortality rate, infection level, consequential impact on mental health and confidence, the view of the medical community on who got it right and wrong, and not least on the economic impact, which is clearly going to be staggering.

Metcalves everywhere will have been touched by these events and will continue to be affected for the foreseeable future. Some sadly will not have survived and there will be many tragic narratives of families devastated by loss and by incapacity, as the virus makes its sometimes deadly way through the world populations. There are undoubtedly thousands of Metcalves intimately involved in fighting the pandemic in hospitals, surgeries and care homes, and in pharmaceutical companies, universities and research establishments, engaged in the scientific search for cures, vaccines, improved and effective medical techniques and an understanding of how the virus spreads, attacks the body and how it may be combated. An effective vaccine is, as it has always been since the technology was first developed, the key to minimise the medical impact on society, but it seems unlikely that this partial solution will be available until at least mid 2021.

As a retired scientist myself, who was involved in both fundamental research and then technological development and forensic enquiry, I was trained to seek, review, challenge and confirm "incontrovertible" facts, as the basis for rational examination and the development of explanations on a range of problems. Some facts (not of the Trump type!) turn out to be best estimates, but can be a very useful means of securing a calibration of the magnitude and seriousness of phenomena, and I offer some which may be relevant in arriving at a balanced view of the current Covid 19 situation.

The Black Death had killed around 150 million, or about one third of the world population in 4 years by 1351. The UK plague in 1666 killed 100,000 or 2% of the population and in the 1918/19 "Spanish" Flu outbreak, 40-50 million died worldwide and 200,000 or 0.5% of the UK population. In the 1968/69 Hong Kong Flu pandemic, 1 million died worldwide and 80,000 or 0.16% of the UK population. In 1918 and 1968 there was no lockdown, and although productivity fell, there was no major impact on the economy. I was at Sheffield University in 1968/69, cannot remember there being a huge fuss, and was shocked to learn that so many people had died. The current death toll in the UK after 5 months of the pandemic is 45,000 or 0.07% of the population, but we have massive debt, an economy which has slowed to a crawl, an enormous backlog of hospital operations and treatments for cancer, heart disease and other conditions which blight the lives of many individuals, a very worrying interregnum in the education and future prospects of our young people and apparently, a mental health time bomb ticking.

History is surely concerned with the posing of questions and hopefully the attempt, with the aid of scholarly objectivity, to generate solutions on how to address similar situations in the future. An immediate question is whether governmental and health strategy worldwide, has been proportionate and effective given the appalling impact on work and trade everywhere and the potentially ruinous consequences of failed economies. Predictions are being made of 5 million unemployed in the UK, two decades to recover financially, and possibly 200,000 more to die from interrupted health care. Changing and troubled times indeed!

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The Metcalfes and the Afflecks

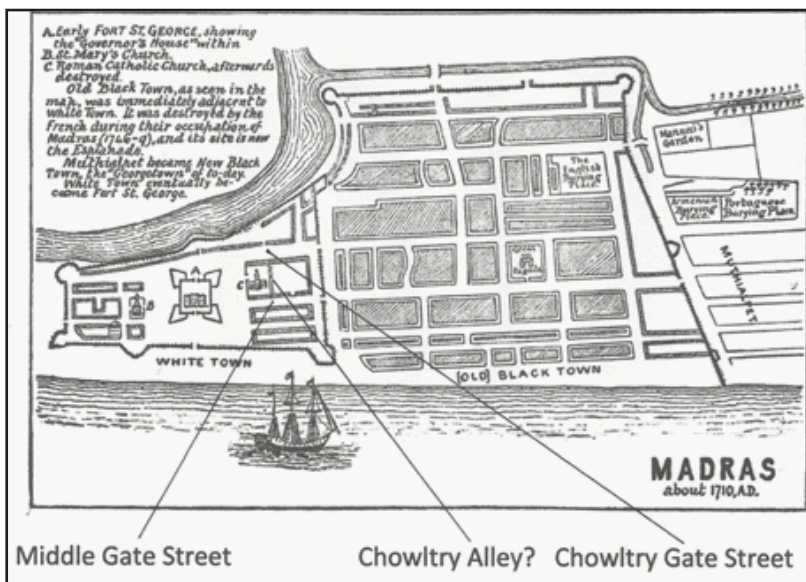
A friendship forged in seventeenth century Madras

Andrew Metcalfe M1915

Editor's note - This article describes the relationship in 17th century India between Charles Metcalfe, who was living in Chowltry Alley, and John Afflek domiciled in Middle Street, both in Madras, who were merchants, traders and ship owners.

Chowltry Alley was too narrow to be clearly shown on any early maps of Madras, but we do have maps of Fort Saint George showing Chowltry Gate Street (sometimes contracted to Chowltry Street) and Middle Gate Street (likewise contracted to Middle Street) and between them appears to be an alley. I am assuming that this is Chowltry Alley and it is here that Charles Metcalfe lived in his own house. Around the corner in Middle Street lived John Affleck [Rent Roll 1688]. In addition to the house where he lived, John owned two more properties; one was rented out to a Ursula O'Neal and the other to a Mr Troughton.

These two men forged a friendship which lasted for several generations and two of John Affleck's grandchildren married into the Metcalfe family. Let us unpick the story.



The English set up their first trading station in India at Surat in 1608. By 1639 the East India Company were desirous to have an east facing trading post and they bought a piece of land from the local King Peda Venkata Raya on the shores of the Bay of Bengal and started there to build a fort. The building of the fort was allegedly completed on Saint George's day 1644 so consequently was named Fort Saint George [letter A on the map on the previous page]. The original fortress was not particularly big and in later years the only occupants were the governor and his household. In order adequately to protect all the other company employees and their wares, more extensive fortifications were built and this area was known as White Town.

Despite the fact that they were both Free Merchants i.e. not employees of the East India Company (affectionately known as 'John Company') Charles and John enjoyed the protection offered by the walls, sconces and cannon of White Town. The population of White Town was only 119 men and 71 women (figures for 1699), a crowded little settlement of 12 streets and alleys, beset by insanitary conditions (in 1688 the community buried 101 souls).

Pre-Madras days: Charles Metcalfe was baptised on 21st May 1650 at St Mary's Banbury, son of Thomas. Curiously the entry is in brackets and precisely what this signifies I do not know. The family had kin in Woodstock, Bicester and London and a number of these were drapers by profession. Charles' father Thomas was always recorded as Thomas 'Abraham alias Metcalfe' as were most of his children, however Charles would avoid this extended epithet and was always recorded as plain Charles Metcalfe. Charles had 8 siblings, 6 of whom survived beyond 21 years. He was probably son number five (I say 'probably' because I do not have the date of birth for one of the boys). Their father Thomas was an apothecary (or as it said on his monumental inscription a 'pharmacopocious') and he died in 1677. Fifteen months later Charles is listed as a Freeman living in Fort St George (source J.Talboys Wheeler).

Debrett's 1835 edition described the Afflecks as a "family of Scotch extraction, and possessed formerly, during a long hereditary succession, an estate from which it derives its name, at Auchinleck, in Ayrshire". It would appear that John's father Thomas was a merchant in the Baltic and he married Ann Petersen from Ocland in Sweden. The date and place of their son John's birth are unknown, but from his monumental inscription we know he was 67 in 1718, therefore born around 1651.

Vere Langford Oliver described how one branch of The Affleck family "went to Holland" and it would be extremely convenient if this was Thomas and Ann.

I can imagine them settling where most merchants lived i.e. Amsterdam, where the talk of the town was the Dutch East India company (the V.O.C.), the only true joint stock company in the world at that time (the English East India Company followed suit and became a joint stock company in 1657). By 1650 the V.O.C. had 120 ships bringing all manner of exotic goods and spices from the Dutch trading posts in the Moluccas and Batavia to Amsterdam. Perhaps the Afflecks even bumped into a merchant from the Moluccas named Gisbert van Gulibrand Schaap and just to bring this conjecture to a logical conclusion, maybe Schaap's stories of travels in the east and the fortunes to be made, determined the young John Affleck that he should go there and make a fortune of his own.

Of the two, Charles Metcalfe arrived in Madras first and is recorded on a list of free merchants there dated January 1679: he was unmarried. In a similar list dated January 1681 he was now married to a "musteez" woman. The officials of the East India Company were keen to categorise by race the inhabitants of Madras, presumably so that they knew who they could rely on to support the Company in a crisis. As time went by, the racial delineation became more and more blurred. The label 'musteez' indicates a woman of mixed European and Indian heritage. She is known to us as "Mary".

I have no doubt that Charles was a busy free trader, but the only extant records we have relate to his dealings with 'John Company'. Back in England many of his kinsmen were drapers and I suspect that he was particularly keen to trade in the exotic fabrics of the east, especially silk. In the Oxford History Centre there is a document dated February 1684 in which one of the parties is "Edward Metcalfe, citizen and silk thrower of London" [BOR2/XXXVIII/i/1]. From where was Edward sourcing his silk? My theory is that his kinsman Charles was shipping him silks from Madras.

The Metcalfe Society book entitled 'Metcalfes in India' was researched by George Buxton who unearthed so much information about Charles Metcalfe that it would be impossible to reproduce it all in this article. Therefore, I will limit myself to a few salient facts (especially those where Metcalfe and Affleck are working alongside each other) and if you wish to read more, I would recommend you obtain a copy of the above mentioned book.

In 'Metcalfes in India' we read that whilst Charles was "clearly in Madras as a merchant out to make his fortune, he seems to have been able to command and sail a ship, make surveys of ships, supervise building a hospital, serve as an officer in the East India Company's trained bands, be a landlord, a lawyer and act when necessary as diplomat, the negotiator for the Governor of Fort St. George with the local princes."

The first mention of John Affleck in Madras is the record of his wedding to Neeltje Schaap on 30th June 1683 in St Mary's church. The building of an English church had been mooted in 1678 and the structure was finished in 1680, so John's marriage to Neeltje was one of the first to be performed in the relatively new building. Using the racial categorisation previously referred to, Neeltje was labelled a "casteez", or half-Portuguese. We know her father was Dutch, so maybe her mother was Portuguese. How did John meet Neeltje? Did the two families know each other when the Afflecks lived in Holland? Or did they meet in Madras?

Neeltje's sister Luiza married a company man, John Coventry "sometime attorney-general and town clerk of Fort Saint George" in 1684, which indicates to me that Gisbert and his family probably spent some time in Madras, although his name is not recorded there. Affleck either had access to capital or he was a wealthy man in his own right. He owned four ships: the George (a sloop), Happy Returns, London (which in 1697 was captured by Arab pirates) and Welcome, and ultimately as already noted he owned three houses in White Town too.

Charles and John had much in common as they were of a similar age and their primary interest was trading in Chinese goods. I can imagine them sharing more than the occasional bumper of arrack. They were soon doing business together and eventually they became joint owners, along with other merchants, of a ship called Eagle Band. In John Company's Diary and Consultation Book for 1686 is recorded an enterprise on which they were both involved: "Mr Affleck and Mr Metcalf came this morning and gave their voluntary oaths of the prices they sold their china goods at, which they brought for their own account in the ship Pink Saphir, which is ordered to be sent home". The goods listed on board the Pink Saphir were: rhubarb, musk, china bowls, gelongs (a variety of silk) and china flowers.

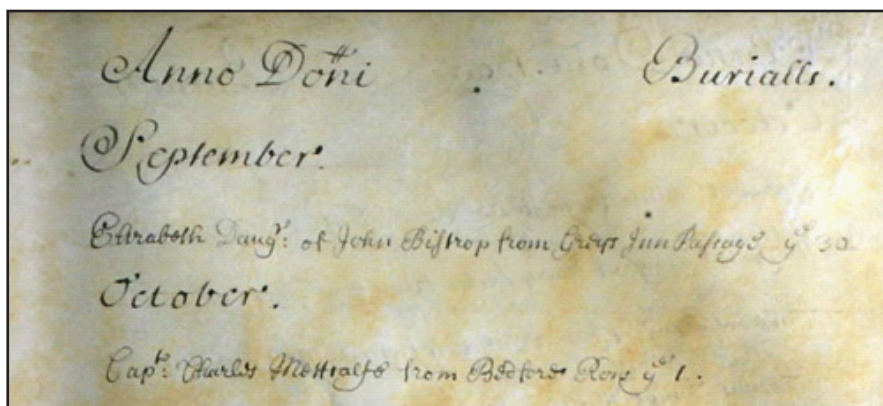
On 7 September 1691 Metcalfe and Affleck both signed a letter recording how they and others were alarmed at the practices of the President the East India Company settlement at Fort George Madras, Elihu Yale (after whom Yale University is named). Yale acted unjustly towards the natives and for this and other trading and financial malpractices he was eventually replaced.

In 1696 Mughal warlord Zulfikar Kahn approached Madras with 10,000 cavalry. All the 'English' inhabitants were summoned to appear with arms at the Fort Gate. Charles was commissioned as an ensign in the Trained Bands and John as lieutenant. Zulfikar Kahn, however, received orders to besiege Jinji and not to waste his time with the English, and so the immediate threat subsided.

By the end of the year Charles was being referred to as 'Captain', which indicates that he had been promoted.

Charles and Mary had eight children and they buried three in Madras. The eldest son James was sent to London on board the Sampson, probably on the autumn sailing of 1693 and the eldest girl Ann was likewise despatched to London, as was Sarah in 1698. The youngest two, William and Caroline, accompanied their parents to London probably on the autumn sailing of 1699 on board the Benjamin.

On his return to England, Charles is recorded in the 1706 Land Tax Returns as living in Bartlett's Buildings in Holborn. Just around the corner in Dean Street is James who, coincidentally, was the assessor and collector of the Land Tax for Holborn parish. He was buried three years later on the 1st October 1709 at the church of Saint Andrew Holborn, where the entry in the register reads "Capt. Charles Mettcalfe from Bedford Row". A transcript of Charles' will is available on the Metcalfe Society website. Mary followed on in June 1724.



Entry in the Holborn register for the burial of 'Capt. Charles Mettcalfe from Bedford Row ye 1' Oct 1709'

Meanwhile, John and Neeltje Affleck had also quit Madras, sailing for London on 13th October 1705 on board the Queen. The Fort St. George Diary and Consultation Book entry overleaf reads "and his family" by which I assume is meant their son Gilbert, and also a Mr Dolben. John Dolben had been sent by the EIC to be Judge Advocate at Fort St George in 1692 and although he was dismissed in 1694 for taking bribes, he once declared that he "likes Fort St George better than England", so he stayed there until 1705 and was to return again in the future.

Diary and Consultation Book, 1705

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—FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1705—

This morning Mr. Dolben, and Mr. Affleck and his Family with the 13th. Commander of Ship Queen went all on board this morning, about one in the afternoon Ship Sail'd.

On his arrival in England, young Gilbert Affleck was introduced to John Dolben's daughter Anne. It seems they got on like a house on fire and a wedding was quickly organised. At the time of his death, John Dolben's father had been Archbishop of York, but prior to that he had been Dean of Westminster and thus it was that Gilbert Affleck was able to marry Anne Dolben in Westminster Abbey. The date usually quoted as the wedding day is 3 November 1705, but at that time the Affleck family, along with the bride's father, were on the high seas east of the Cape of Good Hope, so I assume this is an error and the true date is probably 1706.

This was in all likelihood the first time that John Affleck had been to England and in 1708 he applied for naturalization. This process was successfully steered through the Houses of Commons and Lords by his friend and newly elected MP, John Dolben. Charles Metcalfe's eldest son James stood as MP for Bedford in 1728 and was elected, his opponent Brace being "unseated on petition". However, James passed away in 1730 and despite leaving a detailed will (PROB11/641/213) a dispute erupted between his younger brother William and his seventeen-year-old, only daughter Sarah. Gilbert Affleck waded in on Sarah's side and the affair ended up in the Court of Chancery (C11/1832/16) where Judge Zincke presided.

This matter was resolved (possibly by rendering up James's recently acquired Bedfordshire estate of Roxton to William) and peace restored, in fact the year after the court case William Metcalfe married Gilbert and Anne's third daughter Catherine (Catherine was one of seventeen surviving children). They married at Lidgate Suffolk on 26th April 1733 (he was 36 she was 15). Three years earlier William had bought Fordham Abbey in Cambridgeshire. Fordham is less than 10 miles from Dalham Hall which John Affleck had bought some time between 1707 and 1714 (opinions differ about the exact date). The purchase of Fordham may have been precipitated by the vicar of Fordham who in turn was married to one of the Afflecks' relations [source Vere Langford Oliver]. Was the purchase of Fordham in such close proximity to Dalham yet another indicator of the intimacy of these two families?

Gilbert and Anne's eldest son John also married a Metcalfe. His bride was Charles Metcalfe's grand-daughter Sarah, daughter of the late James (he was 26 she was 21). They married at Fordham on 31st July 1736.

Post script: The fortunes made in Madras served the Metcalfe and Affleck families well. William Metcalfe's son James preferred the distractions of Bath over Cambridgeshire and he moved west and sold Fordham in 1790. Roxton remained in the Metcalfe family until 1854 but the Afflecks remained at Dalham until 1901.



The Affleck memorial in Dalham Church Suffolk

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Chairman's Jottings - David Lambert

My final 'Jottings' as your chairman, penned at a time of immense worldwide uncertainty, coupled with dread and maybe incredulity at what has happened as a result of Covid 19. No one knew in December what we would be experiencing in March through to June. We are living through a worldwide pandemic comparable to the Black Death of the Middle Ages, with its impact on feudal society, or the Spanish flu, post World War 1, when in 4 waves, the influenza infected, it has been estimated, about a third of the world's population. Imagine living through the Great War and then succumbing to influenza between February 1918 and April 1920. It killed the younger members of the population in the 18 to 35 age group unlike the present pandemic.

I hope all of you have survived Covid 19 unscathed and that the easing of the lockdown in recent days has made life more bearable? I am certain that unlike other revellers you have not been celebrating on crowded beaches or outside football stadiums or pubs, where it seems to me social distancing has been ignored, to the potential peril of them and us all.

Have you spent your time doing more family history or sorting out you notes into a more ordered state? On BBC Radio 4 a couple of days ago reference was made to the fact that the lockdown has encouraged many people to sort out their paperwork. I was full of good intentions in April to do so, but in truth not achieved even 5 % of what I intended to complete!

Strangely, time has not lagged at all and life has taken on a new pattern. The pandemic has certainly brought the little community in my road closer together, (social distancing of course prevailing). We clapped in unison on Thursdays for the carers and the NHS. We now know one another by name and the junior neighbours help the more senior of us to cope with not being able to go out. One positive outcome.

It occurs to me that new 'archives' will have been created during the time of lockdown. How many of you have written down your thoughts and concerns about the situation in which we have been living? A diary of unprecedented times. Are you a budding Samuel Pepys? A potential gem for researchers in 100 years to read what life was like.

Will the records to be created for pub and restaurant visitors be preserved after they have served their purpose? Pubs and restaurants will be required to keep a register of customers' contact details for 21 days, although there will be no identity checks so a few Joe Blogs or Donald Ducks might be in attendance!

Hopefully some of these records will survive, as it would be interesting for those who follow us in 100 years, to see our contact details (if genuine and bearing in mind the next census is in 2021!) and maybe even choice of drinks and food if that features too!

What about the tests for Covid19? Will the results be kept and find their way into an archive in the Cloud? Possibly the odd one, since the results are sent digitally.

During our enforced isolation we have added in the last few weeks, several new Wills (not yet transcribed) from 15th to 19th centuries, thereby continuing the Wills project which Margaret Hodgson has in recent years so ably co-ordinated, with the help of her band of volunteers. We have recruited some new helpers who we hope will make a start on transcribing the new Wills. We are open for more help and this is something you can do from home if you have a computer.

'Black Lives Matter' has raised more awareness of slavery and how compensation was paid to the families of slave owners whose slaves were freed. Some Metcalfes were slave owners and you might be interested in looking at this website: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/lbs/project/details> which includes a searchable "online Encyclopaedia of British Slave-ownership". Type in Metcalfe in the surname part of the form and learn about Edward Metcalfe (1805-1865) born in Hawes to Thomas and Ann (nee Wilson) Metcalfe. He was entitled to compensation under the Will of George Metcalfe along with his younger brother and two others. Have a look at the dataset on this website.

In April I said that the time of our 'lockdown' enabled the committee to reflect on the perils of holding the Muster this year as well as the future of the Society. We have said that important decisions would be taken in the summer and at our second virtual committee meeting we reviewed our decisions in April, against the latest Covid 19 restrictions.

You will find elsewhere a summary of our decisions similar to the notice we printed in the April edition of Mecca News. Please read it carefully. You will see we plan to hold the AGM on 3rd October 2020 virtually and a leaflet regarding this will be enclosed with this edition of Mecca News.

We envisage that the only way in which the society can continue is by using the internet, upsetting though this will be for about 10% of you who have not given us an email address and so who might not use the internet or own a computer.

You can still use the post and ask queries by letter and will remain a member of the society, unless you resign but the thrust of our future endeavours will be online, in common with many other family history societies, voluntary organisations and charities. The lockdown has demonstrated successfully the possibility of holding 'virtual' meetings online using Zoom, Webex or Skype and as I say our 2020 AGM will be held in that manner. If you have a question to raise prior to or at the AGM please contact us before 1st October. You can write by post or email me or (if about the annual accounts) Peter Dobson or (if concerning membership issues) Jo Heron. Details of our contact addresses are on the inside front cover of the Mecca News.

40 years is a long time and the founders of the society can be proud of what has been achieved. We became the largest one name society in the world and have had over 300 members paying subscriptions annually for many of those years.

To mark our 40 years, Dave C Metcalfe and Dr Mike Pope, have co-authored a celebratory book incorporating facts and figures about the society and its members. Selected articles taken from 40 years of Mecca News are reproduced and updated with lots more recent research on them. The book comprises 300 pages with over 230 photographs and illustrations, many in colour. It is a fascinating read and a book each of you will be proud to have on your bookshelves. To reflect the fact that we are not holding a Muster in this special year, and as a memento of our 40 years, we have decided to offer the book to all paid up members (one book per household) at the pre-publication price of £10. You will need to pay postage and packing in addition. Further copies can be bought if you would like one for other members of your family at the retail price of £25 plus p & p. Please refer to the enclosed leaflet to see how you may take up this special offer. It is time-limited so be sure to order your copy early.

A few years ago, when I thought that my time as your chairman was up and I would be standing down I wrote a farewell piece. It proved to be premature! This time I won't be tempting fate but if all goes according to plan I will retire as chairman before the final edition of Mecca News is published. It has been a great privilege to have served on the committee for about 30 years and to have been elected as chairman for nigh on 22 years. I have enjoyed composing my jottings, which the two editors I have been involved with have allowed me to publish remarkably unedited! I hope that some of what I have written has been of interest to the readers.

I wish Jo well, if you elect her, and express my gratitude to all the committee members with whom I have served, for their time, energy and enterprise, and think that is an eminently apposite closing remark.

THE STATUS OF THE METCALFE SOCIETY

from Chairman David Lambert

The Mecca Muster

Given the uncertainties inherent in a second spike of the pandemic (as I write, this outcome is a real possibility), the age profile of the members (many of whom are vulnerable or shielding) and the fact that further lockdowns are possible until a vaccine is developed and available for the general population, the committee has decided that there will be no 40th Anniversary Grand Mecca Muster this year, since to book such an event is risky in the extreme.

Tennant's, which has been closed until recently, have informed us that they need the venue on the date we had chosen for the Muster, to facilitate weddings which have been postponed in this spring and summer. Subject to the status and extent of the pandemic, we plan to hold a Muster in 2021 although the format and venue are still to be decided.

The Annual General Meeting

It is our intention to hold an AGM 'virtually' online, to deal with the business that is required by our constitution: elections, fixing a subscription for 2021, review of the accounts and appointment of an Independent examiner of our accounts. The Charity Commission have issued general guidance confirming that due to Covid 19, annual general meetings can be postponed until next year, or held virtually if that is practicable

The AGM agenda is enclosed and within the leaflet you will find the committee's report on the society's activities during 2019/2020. The minutes of the previous AGM were circulated with the December 2019 Mecca News.

A booking form is enclosed explaining the details of how to access the meeting, which is to be held online at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 3rd October. You will need to tell us if you would like to join the meeting so we can give you a link and password. This is one of the purposes of the form.

If you cannot join the meeting online, you can still write to the chairman by post (contact details in Mecca News) and this year appoint him as your proxy for the purposes of voting at the AGM. The attached form includes the proxy which needs to be signed, dated and returned to the chairman if you do not intend to participate in person by virtual link.

The Future of the Metcalfe Society

There are no candidates for the roles of treasurer, editor, website administrator, archivist, or Wills project co-ordinator, all of which will fall vacant at the AGM. We have stated before that if this was the case then we would have to consider changes of a fundamental nature. A very useful and generally supportive discussion on ideas for the future took place last year and we expressed concern about the potential decline in member numbers.

Our membership this year end has reduced by a net 40 to 293, after taking into account new members who have joined recently. The impact of research online continues to make its mark, even more so with the recent Covid 19 lockdown. There are too many unfilled gaps on the committee and extended team to enable us to continue in the way we have for 40 years.

We must reduce the number of administrative processes currently required to operate the society, as there are fewer persons available to undertake the tasks. The good news is that Jo Heron has offered to be your next Chairman which is a brave thing at this time. But she will chair a society which differs considerably from the one we have become accustomed to in our 40 years of existence.

The committee has agreed that, certainly at this stage, there is no need to close the society or to merge with another charity with similar objects, if one could be identified. Nor is it felt necessary to create a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) constituted charity to replace the present membership based society. The current Metcalfe Society constitution can continue to regulate our organisation without fundamental changes.

As there will be no editor, we cannot produce a journal, and December 2020 will see the final publication of our award-winning Mecca News as a special 40th anniversary edition. The society cannot fairly charge a subscription of the amount now current if there is to be no Mecca News, and so the committee has decided to recommend to you all that the subscription on January 2021 be reduced for that year to zero. Membership will be free therefore. A consequence will of course be that members will need to cancel standing orders and where they have paid for several years in advance, a refund, unless they are happy to treat such payments as a donation to society funds. There is no need to take action now and you will be notified about this in the December edition of Mecca News.

We have sufficient funds to run the society solvently for about 4 to 5 years, possibly longer, albeit at an annual deficit. Existing Members will still have access to the Website and be able to ask for help by email or letter.

Members will be entitled to attend events either live such as a Muster or potentially online such as talks or discussions. Persons who want to join after 31 December 2020 will be invited to do so. We hope to use an automatic system to give them a number so we can identify them and their data. They will register as members of the society, but pay a fee to gain access to search our data for a stated period, probably a month, on our website. Existing members, who do not resign, will have access without having to pay.

We will design and build a new website and hope to have it operating on 1st January 2021. It should contain general information about the society and what we can offer. It would be expected to have a free Question and Answer section about the society and potential avenues of research into the Metcalfe family. Once someone is interested enough to register as a member, they will be able join in a forum area for discussions and debate, and have the ability to post comments about family history research and request help. They will be permitted to consult our databases for a limited time for a fee on a "pay per view" basis. Access to the databases we now hold should be facilitated when members log in with a password.

We propose to fill the new website with new documents and research material, including very many more images. This will be available to all users, including the new pay per view members, who will be encouraged to give us their trees or birth brief information when they register to join, in order to extend and add to our databases. The databases we hold will be secured and locked against hackers or overenthusiastic researchers compromising the data and information we have checked and created.

We would hope periodically to send out an online newsletter or ezine with up to date news and information plus links to other appropriate sites, to keep in touch with existing members. We plan to look further at using Twitter and other social media in addition to Facebook where we have a larger following than members of the society.

We would intend to continue to hold a Mecca Muster for members which will be self-funding. We might also consider having lectures online on suitable subjects. Our projects will continue and be developed with the family references discovered being added to our databases and available to researchers.

We will continue to be a charitable membership society fulfilling our aims to promote and encourage family and local history, genealogy, heraldry and demography with particular reference to the surname Metcalfe and its variants. We will also seek to promote the preservation, security and accessibility of relevant archival material.

A Letter from Gallipoli

Contributed by Bill Metcalf M42

Editor's note - Bill (William S.) Metcalf M42 sent me this letter and a great deal of information on his family background in April this year, thinking that it might be of interest to the society and I have used his material to put together a story which I hope that the members will enjoy. He has had a most varied and interesting life, as did his mother and father, and achieved a great deal in both academia and in business, which I will describe later in the article.

Bill told me that whilst going through his father's papers very recently, he found a letter he had never seen before, written by his father Wilfrid Metcalf, from Gallipoli, to the latter's cousin Marian Wilson (or Marie as he called her) in June 1915.

Firstly though, some historical context within a story of much complexity. Bill's parents were Wilfrid Metcalf and Dorothy (nee Snowdon) who had met whilst Dorothy, who was a trained nurse, was looking after Bill's Aunt Gertrude (nee Metcalf) who had married Charles Wilson a high-end couturier with an extremely successful business in London, where they lived in the most fashionable areas.

Eventually, Charles and Gertrude owned a chain of haute couture shops in Manchester, Leeds, Harrogate, Newcastle and London (initially at 15-19 Great Titchfield Street and, latterly, in Blenheim Street – just off New Bond Street). Charles Wilson and Gertrude had a daughter Marion Wilson, to whom the letter referred to above had been written.

Wilfrid (or 'Wink' as he was generally known), was recorded as Wilfrid on his birth certificate and he signed himself Wilfrid on his army enrolment record but many published documents refer to him as 'Wilfred'. He was born on 20 January 1884 in Prestwich Manchester the youngest son of eight children to Thomas and Clara Anne (nee Chadwick) Metcalf, his father having a highly successful chemical business registered as Thomas Metcalf & Co Manufacturing Chemists and Tar Distillers.

Wilfrid started work as an apprentice cabinet maker but this apparently didn't suit him and he appeared in the 1911 census as living in New Brighton (across the Mersey from Liverpool) as the manager of the Electric Light Theatre. He travelled to Australia when he was 30, departing Liverpool on the SS Runic on 9 January 1914 and, in 1914, was proud to have been the very first person to volunteer for the army in Melbourne after the outbreak of WWI.

He joined the 14th Battalion Australian Infantry Force (AIF) in September 1914 and was located in Broadmeadows Camp where the battalion's recruits, principally from Melbourne and its suburbs, were taken on the strength and trained. With the 13th, 15th and 16th Battalions, the 14th formed the 4th Brigade commanded by Colonel John Monash. It embarked for overseas duty on the troopship HMS Ulysses on 22 December and, after a brief stop in Albany, Western Australia, arrived in Egypt on 31 January 1915. In Egypt, the 4th Brigade became part of the New Zealand and Australian Division with which it would serve at Gallipoli.



Wilfrid Metcalf in ANZAC uniform.

The 4th Brigade landed at ANZAC (Australia & New Zealand Army Corps) Cove, Gallipoli on the afternoon of 25 April 1915. On 19 May the Turks launched a massive counter-attack and during this fighting Lance Corporal Albert Jacka of the 14th was awarded the AIF's first Victoria Cross. Jacka's leadership and courage became legendary within the AIF and he was eventually commissioned in the 14th Battalion, which came to be widely known as "Jacka's Mob". From May to August 1915 the battalion was heavily involved in establishing and defending the ANZAC front line. In August, the 4th Brigade attacked Hill 971 which was taken at great cost, although Turkish reinforcements compelled the Australians to withdraw. At the end of the month, the 14th Battalion suffered further heavy casualties when it was committed to the unsuccessful attack on Hill 60.

The letter which Bill uncovered was written by his father Wilfrid to his cousin Marion Wilson (who was attending Princess Helena College, Ealing, London) in the June of 1915 and is reproduced in its entirety below.

My dear Marie,

I was so pleased to receive your letter and have now had the opportunity of writing to you a letter although I cannot say much because the censorship constraints are very tight. Well Marie [correctly, Marian], I have been here in the Dardanelles for 7 weeks and have been right through the thick of it and, my word, what a time we have had. I suppose you read in the papers about our landing, how we had landed on an area of open beach in face of terrific rifle and shrapnel fire. It was awful and I shall never forget it, if you can imagine a narrow beach with hills several hundred feet high rising straight up from the sea and the Turks entrenched all the way up the hills with machine guns etc it will give you a slight idea what we had to face. Of course, we could only land in small boats and pontoons etc from the transports and as fast as we came in near the shore the Turks simply mowed us down, chargers(?) were put out of action even before they set foot on the land.

However, we all leapt from the boats waist high in the water and made some sort of a line, fixed bayonets and made a charge up the hills, the boys never waited for an order from the officers but took it on their own hands. Well, you should have seen the Turks, they scattered in all directions. I don't think they liked the idea of solid steel through them. Trench after trench was taken and as we had no machine guns or big guns to cover our charge we had to stick to it the best we could, all this was going on xxx a little – of rifle and shrapnel to say nothing of the machine gun fire and our poor chaps were dropping like rabbits but it made no difference to us . . . we . . . reached the top of the hills where we made ourselves secure until they brought xxx for xxx, guns etc to say nothing about the water and food.

Well Marie, I could go on for ever about this but the “man with the big eyes” will probably not dispatch this letter if I say too much. Am sorry to say that five of my best friends in my corps have been killed. Five were killed the second day we landed, poor chaps were shot through the head and only lived a few seconds it was awful, the Turks were using explosive bullets and are simply playing havoc amongst our fellows, they will have to answer for it though, they will get it all back - with interest. Three weeks ago, the Turks asked for a 24-hour armistice to bury their dead. Well, we only gave them 9 hours and I don't mind telling you that it was like heaven for that time to be able to move about freely without Nickel Birds flying around you.

Well Marie, if a man is spared out of this lot what an experience and what a story he can tell when he arrives home. I could go on writing a book about my experiences since landing – I don't mean on the face(??) but with bullets went right through my breeches pocket and riddled my handkerchief without touching my leg. Am keeping the handkerchief as a memento, have several of those already and expect to have more before pushing(?) this lot. We are having a few day's spell at present in what they call "rest gully". It is great I can assure you after having six solid weeks in the trenches without a spell, one thing we can have is a ??? each day as we are very close to the sea, this is appreciated very much. I don't mind telling you it was the first bath I had for 6 weeks and as for a change of clothes that was out of all question. One has to put up with a lot at this game.

One thing we get very good "???" considering of course we have to cook everything ourselves in the ??? of the world, scouting around for wood to light the fires and dodging the bullets and the ??? ???, we get ??? of fresh meat, ham, bacon, etc. we have great ??? cooking it. I shall be able to qualify for a chef's job at one of the London hotels if I return! I am keeping OK and feel very well and happy. A man gets as hard as nails at this game and as long as he keeps fit and able to dodge the bullets and shrapnel he will be as happy as a school boy.

Fancy this being your last term at school. You will be quite a big girl now. I suppose. What a lovely house it must be at Petersfield. I had a letter from your mother [Gertrude] telling me all about it. I should dearly love to be there now where one could sit and hear the birds singing in peace etc. I don't mean ??? ones. I hope you will write to me often Marie you don't know how much one looks forward to letters from home when he is in the trenches as you can imagine our ??? is very much perturbed. The only thing we can send? Is field service ?? and postcards I sent you last week more as a novelty as anything else it is rather fancy having all your correspondence provided don't you think.

I hope you can read this letter Marie and that you will excuse dirt etc. but you will understand the conditions under which it is written. I have written this on 9th June but goodness only knows when I shall be able to post this as we can't get envelopes for love nor money, I'm afraid. I shall have to post this without and just fold the ends in so goodness knows what sort of state it will be in when you receive it.

Well Marie, I must switch off now and don't forget to write please.
With much love and kisses
Yours affectionally
Wink

The battalion served at ANZAC Cove until the evacuation in December. Wilfrid was wounded in this fighting, was evacuated to the Canary Islands and the effects of gas and shell-shock were to be with him for the rest of his life. He was eventually discharged as a Warrant Officer (Class 1) in January 1919 and, in 1920, was back in Britain, listed in Kelly's Directory for Manchester as 'Ladies Outfitter' of 50 King Street – presumably in association with his Aunt Gertrude (nee Metcalf) Wilson.

Bill's mother Dorothy (or Dolly) Snowdon trained in Newcastle as a nurse and travelled to work in London in 1922. She became a nurse to Charles Wilson and, in the 1920s ended up as a nurse/companion to both Charles and Gertie, travelling with them to Paris and the Riviera on a regular basis. Bill recalls seeing a picture of Gertie sitting on a camel, wearing a cloche hat and in front of the Pyramids circa 1925. Charles died on the Riviera in the Grand Hotel Monte Carlo in 1927. Wilfrid either moved to London to work in the clothing business with his aunt Gertie, or met Dorothy whilst on a visit there and they became romantically involved. Dorothy and Wink were married secretly in 1931 (presumably to avoid upsetting Gertie) and then lived in London with her.

Wilfrid and Dorothy later branched out and bought a pub, the White Horse in Otham near Maidstone in 1938, but then moved to Gertie's house and farm, the Grove in Hooe near Battle, East Sussex, in 1944 when Gertie became very ill. Dorothy took over the administration of the Wilson's business and Wink looked after the farm. Dorothy commuted between the Grove and a flat in Upper Harley Street throughout the war in a huge Chrysler. When the Grove was sold in 1948, they moved to Halls Cross Farm in Hooe.

Bill Metcalf had been born in Stanmore to the north west of London in 1937 and he went to Oakham School in 1950, but within six weeks of arriving there both his parents died and a year later in 1951 Gertrude also passed away. Marion daughter of Charles and Gertrude and her husband Jack Frith, who lived at 243 Baker Street, just along from 221B where Arthur Conan Doyle had placed Sherlock Holmes, were appointed Bill's guardians. He had a number of temporary homes before he then went to live with Marion and Jack Frith's daughter Anne who had married a George Zarnecki and lived in Sydenham and then Finchley in London.

In 1957 Bill went to London University and obtained a degree in Electrical Engineering before moving as a design engineer to the HF Group working on Electronic Counter Measures Radar, having already had experience as an undergraduate with MTR (moving target indication radar).

He spent some time at the prestigious Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge and also married his first wife Gillian in 1961 following which they had three children Richard, Rosalind and Jansy before moving to California in 1967 working for Hewlett Packard on their first scientific calculator, the HP35. Bill moved into the electronics industry with Pye in 1969 then Cambridge Electronic Industries working on a wide range of technologies including crystallography, thin film deposition and lens manufacture. In the eighties and nineties, he spent a fair amount of time rock climbing in North Wales, the Lakes, Scotland and English sea cliffs.



Bill sailing a 40ft yacht in the Aegean

During this period, he visited Romania where he met his future wife Daniela in 1987 although they had no further contact until 1990. In 1993 they set up a company in Romania selling geographic information systems which led on to another organisation Geostrategies which moved into navigational mapping before selling the technology to Nokia, now part of Microsoft and providing the technology for Bing maps. The final phase was to become a partner of Experian in 2003 and operating as business analysts specialising in bank network optimisation, ATM planning, business analytics for insurance, retail, and automotive sectors.

Bill and Daniela were married in 2002 and moved to Waterbeach near Cambridge together with Daniela's children Alexandru and Theodora, and also have a holiday home in Porumbacu-de-sus, Transylvania.

We are living in strange and difficult times and perhaps for some, in many parts of the world, their family history research has been something of a haven during a long period of 'lockdown'. I count myself in their number, with many hours tracing non-Metcalf ancestors in 18th century County Durham and involving the use of parish record resources as well as DNA evidence.

This modern combination was also used by Sandi Walton to break down the 'brick wall' which had existed in her 'tree' for many years (see update below). There, the parish record originals now available on Find My Past pointed to a mistake in the Society Index record and the Society DNA project results supported this conclusion. Other evidence came into play, particularly the rare use of Henrietta Maria as a Metcalfe forename. Thus the 'brick wall' tumbled!

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Conn. M81 M156 M935 M1652 M2005

(a) Mary b 13 Jan 1857 Bedale d.o. Christopher & Sarah (Sadler) Mte. Christopher b c1828 Hawes s.o. Thomas & Agnes (Lambert) m 5 Dec 1807 Stallington Busk. Thomas bpt 2 Jun 1784 Hawes s.o. Thomas & Eden (Tennant) Mte m 29 Mar 1775 Hawes.

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William b 6 Jan 1789 s.o. John & Prudence (Clark) Mt m 25 Dec 1788 Madison, Kentucky. John b 19 Jun 1767 Guilford, North Carolina, USA s.o. William & Hester (Braselton) Mt m 1766 North Carolina. William b 17 Jan 1745 Baltimore Co., Maryland s.o. John & Mary (Norris) Mt m 6 Aug 1735 Ann Arundel Co., Maryland. John b c1710-14 Maryland s.o. John & Lydia (Crutchley) Mt. John b c1680 Maryland.

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net, Vermont, USA. William James b 9 Nov 1879 Newbury, Vermont s.o.
James Henry & Sarah Lucy (Mt) Clark m 4 Nov 1876 Newbury, Vermont.
Sarah Lucy b 5 Oct 1861 Newbury d.o. Ephraim Burgess & Sophronia Row-
land (Avery) Mt m 6 Jul 1854 Newbury. Ephraim Burgess b c1821 Vermont
s.o. Burgess Joseph & Lucy A (Hall) Mt. Burgess Joseph b c1795 Vermont
s.o. Ephraim & Martha Mt m 1791. Ephraim b c1770 Westmoreland, New
Hampshire s.o. Burgess & Jerusha (Chandler) Mt m Piermont, New Hamp-
shire. Burgess b 28 Aug 1741 Medway, Massachusetts s.o. Michael & Mele-
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Dec 1676 Medfield. Michael b 20 Aug 1650 Dedham, Mass s.o. John & Mary
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England s.o. Michael & Sarah (Ellwyn) Mte m 13 Oct 1616 Tatterford, Nfk.
Michael b 17 Jun 1586 Tatterford s.o. Leonard & Amy (Thurston/Thursby)
Mte m 1582 Tatterford. Leonard b c1545 Tatterford s.o. Brian & Joanna Mte.
Brian b c1519 Tatterford.

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**THE SPECIAL 40TH ANNIVERSARY MECCA NEWS
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The December 2020 Mecca News will be a special full colour edition to mark the 40th anniversary of the Metcalfe Society.

I would like to invite members to contribute to this journal and to send in items which they would like to see which will mark and celebrate forty years of the society and its historic and prize-winning principal means of communication - Mecca News.

Tell me what you have gained from society membership both socially and in terms of successful research into your particular branch, and why you have enjoyed being a member. Let me know who is your favourite Metcalfe from the historic multitudes presented over the years in Mecca News and which story you most enjoyed reading.

If you have a final Metcalfe story of significance, please send it in and if it fits the bill and the available space and format, it will appear in this final version of the Mecca News.

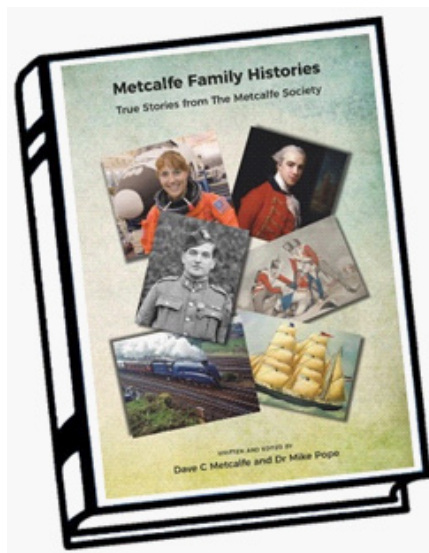
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