



'M E C C A' N E W S

No. 15

Dear Member,

I am, at the moment, in the happy position of having too much material on hand for one Newsletter, so if your contribution is not included don't despair, it will be next time - or the time after.

As the membership increases so does the workload and I would like to take this opportunity of asking for a volunteer to take over the job of Editor. I feel that if the work is shared and the officers are changed from time to time (we have just got a new Treasurer) it will enable more members to be involved in the running of the society.

Please think about this. Any 'applications' for the job will be gratefully received.

Gratéful thanks to all who have sent items for this Newsletter and for all your letters. That the Newsletter is appreciated is very obvious from all your comments.

Best wishes for a happy Easter and a fruitful summer, family history-wise, to follow.

Yours sincerely,

Vera Adams (Ed.)

THE METCALFE INDEX

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49. Mr. P. Dodson: Hartburn, Wallington, Newbiggin, Felton, Woodhorn,
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50. Mrs. Leonie Hiller: Aberystwyth, Oswestry.
51. Miss V. Shafto: Holywell cum Needingworth, Houghton cum Wyton,
Hemingford Grey, Swavesey, King's Lynn
52. Mrs. Joan Teale: Muker
53. Mr. B.E. Kearton: Muker
54. Mr. J.J. Metcalf: Fenny Compton, Birmingham, Warks.; Norfolk;
Germany; Singapore.
55. Mr. & Mrs. Topham: Richmond, Gilling, Northallerton, Harrogate, Harmsby.
56. Mr. P.A. Holland: Abergavenny, Mons; Hingswinford, Walsall, Staffs.
57. Mr. Derek Metcalfe: Nelson, Barrowford, Lancs.; Malham, Burnsall,
Bainbridge, Yorks.
58. Mr. David F. Tunstall: Tunstall
59. Mrs. B. Davis: Fenny Compton, Birmingham, Warks.
60. Mrs. Margaret Metcalfe: Aysgarth, Starbottle, Kilnsey
61. Mrs. K.M. Davey: Donington, Lincs.
62. Mrs. J. Thomason: Burley Woodhead, Burley in Wharfedale, Yorks; Burnley, Lancs.
63. Miss Irene Burgess: Bell Busk, Gargrave, Yks.; Manchester, Lancs.
64. Miss Eddleston (sent by Mrs. S. Wallis): Countersett, Askrigg.
65. Miss L. Huntington: Ingleton, Thornton-in-Lonsdale
66. Mr. K. McKenzie: Brignall, Yks.; Chatham, Kent; Sunderland, Chester-le-Street, Durham;
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67. Mrs. P.F.L. Wood: Rylstone, Gargrave, Kirby Malham, Yks; Inlington West;
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68. Mr. R. Bellinger: Norwich
69. Mrs. J. Forrester: Spennithorn, Bedale, Marske-by-Richmond.
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72. Miss Dianne Fox: Fort St. George, Madras; Roxton, Beds.; Lidgate, Fordham, Suff.;
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A 'CRI DE COEUR'

Please, please would family historians and transcribers from the Parish Registers remember that before 1752 the year began on 25th March and that therefore in the registers the months of January, February, and March to the 24th are given as of the previous year, hence are a year out of date. Therefore it is most important for accuracy to give the two years, i.e. 1652/3, for these months in everything you record. It is not sufficient to correct the date in your recording, since no future genealogist would know whether you had done so or not. Be accurate, be professional.

D.H.O.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mrs. Pat Wiggins, 7 Egerton Court, Paradise Road, Richmond, Surrey, Member No. 79 has moved to 10 Niton Road, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4LH. We wish her well in her new home.

11th March 1985

Firstly may I say thank you for the many beautiful Christmas cards, if you haven't already received a personal note - it will be coming. The difficulties surrounding the production of a new Grandson had to take precedence.

Changes are again in the wind. We send our sincere appreciation to George Buxton, who has kindly agreed to take over the majority of the work with the General Index - long may he reign!

It is hard to put into mere words the thanks due to Helen offer for all the hard work, time and expense she has contributed to our Society since the very beginning. Without such endless patience and accuracy this society would have ceased long ago. Thank you Helen.

Sadly I have just learned that Vera Adams feels she must ask to be relieved of the Editorship. This poses yet another problem because we really need someone capable of getting the paperwork to the printers in Harrogate. Otherwise it could mean new printers and new distributors. HELP!

On a bright note we welcome the 24 new members who have joined us since our December issue. We trust you will all enjoy your membership and benefit in your research. An advertisement will be appearing in the April issue of the Dalesman magazine, under the Genealogy section heading, hopefully this may spread the word a little further.

We also owe belated but most heartfelt thanks to Jean & Frank Bradley who have painstakingly extracted all the Metcalfe entries from all the Leeds and area registers as printed by The Thoresby Society. They cover roughly 1572 to 1776 and at present are still held by me until Helen Offer has room for fresh supplies.

Having only recently discovered the M.I. (Monumental Inscriptions) lists which have been recorded by various people and held by the Yorkshire F.H.S. I have begun extracting all references to our 'families'. Askrigg St. Oswald, Bainbridge & Hawes Friends Burial Grounds and Stallingbusk INSIDE only, are completed so far. Hawes Anglican had already been passed to the General Index before I began. Queries to me at present. SAE/IRC please.

Kind regards and happy hunting!

Nina Benson

GENERAL INDEX

IMPORTANT CHANGES WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT

Mr. George Buxton now holds the General Index and will deal with ALL enquiries and family trees.

Address: 128 Stanwell Road, ASHFORD, TW15 3QH, Middlesex.

Mrs. Helen Offer will continue to welcome and deal with all LISTS, i.e. Census returns, parish registers etc.. The completed cards will then go to George Buxton to be incorporated into the General Index.

Address: 'Far End', Chalkdock Lane, ITCHENOR, Sussex.

If you want any reply PLEASE remember to enclose a STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE or the necessary international reply coupons.

BIRTH BRIEFS.

Member 89. Mr Douglas E. Metcalfe, 11900 Wickchester Lane, Apartment 1715,
Houston, Texas 77043. U.S.A.

Gt.gt.gt. grandson of James MTE bpt 1.3.1823 Westward Cumb: England. James
son of James & Anne (Finlinson) who mar 4.4.1810 Bolton Parish, Cumb: James
bpt 15.8.1756 Crosscanonby Cumb: son of Simon.

Member 100. Mr Nigel Metcalfe, 2 Springfield, Skeeby, Richmond, North Yorks.

son of Neville Sidney MTE b 1914 Westward Ho, Devon son of Sidney b 1878
North Leeds, Yks: son of Moor Nichols MTE bpt 20.3.1843 Stallingbusk in
Wensleydale son of Joseph & Jane (Hopper) who mar 6.5.1833 Stallingbusk.

Member 101. Mr David Metcalfe, 5 Melrose Drive, Winstanley, Wigan, Lancs.

Brother to 100.

Member 102. Mr Andrew Metcalfe. Hill Top Farm, Bishop Wilton, York. YO4 1TE.

Brother to 100.

Member 103. Mr Peter Metcalfe. 39 Ashburnham Grove, Greenwich, London. SE10.

Brother to 100.

Member 104. The Rev. N.S. Metcalfe DSO. MA. 56 Ouse Lea, Clifton, York.

Father of 100. 101 102 + 103.

Member 105. Mr Ken McKenzie. 31 Longmeadows, East Herrington, Sunderland,
SR3 3SB. Tyne & Wear.

Son of William Metcalfe McKenzie + his wife Violet nee Metcalfe (1st Cousins)
William MTE McKenzie b 1883 Sunderland, son of Alexander McKenzie + h.w.
Mary Elizabeth (Metcalfe) who mar 1882 Sunderland. Mary Elizabeth b 1858
Sunderland, 7th child of William & Sarah (Kell) who mar 1843 Monkwearmouth.
William b 1817 at Lamb Hill, Bowes, North Yorks: son of William + Margery
(Heron) who mar Middleton in Teesdale. William b 1789 Brignall nr Barnard
Castle Co Durham son of John + Margaret (Todd) who mar 1789 Brignall.

VIOLET MTE b 1885 Sunderland 5th dau of Thomas + Elizabeth Jane (Harrauld)
who mar 1878 Sunderland. Thomas b 1854 Chatham, Kent 6th child of William
and Sarah (Kell) as above.

Member 106. Mrs A.B. Ford, 33 Grange Road, Eldwick, Bingley, BD16 3DQ.
West Yorkshire.

Descendant of Thomas MTE & h.w. Elizabeth (Stuart) who mar 1844 Hardrow,
nr Askrigg, Wensleydale, who in 1851 lived at New House, Gayle nr Hawes.
Thomas b ? lived at 'Riggs House' at the time of his marriage, when he
was of 'full age' and son of William, a farmer.

Member 107. Mrs Barbara Fox. 201 West Walnut Street, Dodgeville, Wisconsin,
53533. U.S.A.

Descendant of Clinton Oliver MTE b 1876 son of James & Margaret Alice
(Alton) mar 1865. James b 1841 Gunnerside, Swaledale, Yorkshire, 5th
child of 13, of James & Margaret (Nattrass) who mar 1833 at Grinton,
Swaledale. James bpt 1808 Grinton, son of Christopher & Mary (Allen)
who mar 1807 Grinton, Christopher bpt 1785 Grinton son of Christopher
who was bpt 1764 Grinton, son of Christopher 'of Gunnerside'.

Member 108. Mrs. A.I. Christian. 37 Hampton Terrace, Tauranga, New Zealand.

Dau of Herbert John Metcalf Barley who was son of John Barley & h.w. Isabel (Wake). Isabel b 1849 dau of William Wake & h.w. Jane MTE who mar 1835 Danby Wiske, Yorkshire. Jane bpt 1810 Danby Wiske dau of Christopher & Jane (Thompston) who mar 1807 Langton upon Swale, Yks. Christopher bpt 1784 Langton son of Christopher & Hannah (Brown) who mar 1781 Langton. Christopher was son of Christopher.

Member 109. Mrs Patricia Wood. Timbers Garth, Brookhill Road, Copthorne Bank, RH10 3PJ. Sussex.

Descendant of Francis Blake Metcalfe bpt 1831 Kirkby Malham Yks. 8th child of Thomas & Jane (Blake) who mar 1816 Rylstone nr Arncliffe Yks. The family lived 1816 - 27 at 'Friarhead' Gargrave, Yks and 1829+ at 'Crakemoor' Kirkby Malham. In 1841 Census they were in Airton village. Francis Blake MTE mar Fanny Haddon c 1860. Fanny, at some time and for reasons as yet unknown, changed her name to CURTIS. Her husband Francis changed his and was known as METCALFE-CURTIS and later as CURTIS.

Member 110. Mrs Jo Anne Schultz. 1510 Norvell Street, El Cerrito, California 94530 U.S.A.

Descendant of Bertha Rees Metcalf (and her husband Samuel Tilden Haight) b 1886 Illinois USA 10th child of James Andrew MT & Nancy Jane (Gray) who mar 1862 Ky USA. James 1st child of 10, b 1833 Calloway Ky USA son of Thomas Fleming MT & Jane Anne (Graham). Thomas Fleming b 1809 USA, son of Thomas & Anna (Fleming) mar 1791 USA. Thomas b 1769 USA son of William & Hester (Braselton) who mar 1766 USA. William b 17.1.1745 ?Yks, England OR USA was son of John & Mary.

Member 111. Mrs Kathleen Krowec. 412 - 701 Esquimalt Road, Victoria, British Columbia, V9A 3L5, Canada.

Descendant of Benjamin OATES & h.w. Lavina (METCALF(E)) who mar 1883 Bierley, Yorkshire, England. Lavinia b 1860, Cringles, Hunsworth nr Cleckheaton, Yks dau of John & Hannah (Pearson) who mar c1850 Yks. John b 1828 Low Moor nr Bradford, Yks son of James & Betty/Elizabeth (Holden) who mar 13.8.1821 at Bradford Yks.

Member 112. Mr Albert Mawson. 16 Claremont Avenue, Clitheroe, Lancs:

Nothing received.

Member 113. Miss Dianne Fox. until Aug 1985 at :- C/o 2 Barberry Road, Boxmoor, Hemel Hempstead. HP1 1SD. Herts. England.
Home:- "Harrow", 622 Warrandyte Road, North Ringwood, Victoria 3134, AUSTRALIA.

Descendant of Charles James MTE & h.w. Elizabeth Mary (MAY) who mar 1813. Charles James b 1786 Fordham, England, son of James & Susannah (Banyard) who mar 1785 St Paul, Covent Garden, London. James b 1742 Suffolk was son of William & Catherine (Affleck) who mar 1733 Lidgate, Suffolk. William b 1697 in India, son of Captain Charles (b c1655) of Fort St. George, Madras, India.

Member 114. Dr Roseann Hogan. 4504 Arvice Court, Lexington, Kentucky 40503. U.S.A.

Descendant of Tilford Thomas METCALFE & h.w. Polly Ann (Mann) who mar 1832 U.S.A. Tilford b 1811 Ky. USA son of Thomas & Margaret Alsop (Hutchinson) who mar 1809 USA. Thomas b 1783 Maryland USA son of John & Amelia.....

Member 114 continued.....

son of John & Amelia (Shackleford) who mar 1782 USA. John b c1760 ? USA.

? son of John & Dianna (Gwatkins) who mar Virginia USA in 1723. John b c1680 Yorkshire, England. son of Theophilus b c1620 Yks, son of Francis son of Simon.

Member 115. Mrs Nancy H. Metcalfe. 7 Colvin Street, Hughes A.C.T. 2605, AUSTRALIA.

Husband Ronald Usher Metcalfe b 1920 Sidney Australia, son of John George & Florence May (Whyte) mar Aus:. John George b 1892 Newcastle, Aus: son of John Usher & Charlotte (Armstrong). John Usher b 1868 N.S.W. Aus: son of John & Elizabeth (Usher) mar 1853 Melbourne, Aus:. John b 27.11.1830 Kendal, Westmorland, England, son of George & Ann (Woodall).

See "Plea for Help".

Member 116. Mrs Margery Boddy. 12 Quaker Green, York. YO2 2SS.

Descendant of Mary Metcalf & Epaphras Lee who mar 1861 Leeds, Yks. Mary b 1842 Armley, Leeds, dau of James & Ann (Rushworth) who mar 1827 Leeds. James b 1807 Armley, Leeds, son of William & Martha (Davison) who mar 1806 Leeds. William b c1787.

Member 117. Mrs Jane Parker. until mid Aug 1985 at:- Westminster College, Cambridge. CB3 0AA.
Then at: 2 Grenville Crescent, Kingston, Ontario K7M 3A7. CANADA.

Descendant of William Metcalfe & Margaret (Watson) who mar 1868 Ousby in Cumberland England. William b 1842 Addingham, Cumb: son of John & Hannah (Bleamires) who mar 1831 Addingham, Cumb: John b 1806 Orton, Westmorland, son of Anthony & Mary (Sanderson) who mar 21.8.1786 Orton, Westm:

Member 118. Mr Robert Metcalfe. West Lodge, Fountains Abbey, Fountains, Ripon, HG4 3DZ. North Yorkshire.

son of Thomas & Florence Eileen (Bould) who mar Yks. Thomas b 1915 at Yeadon, Yks. 2nd of 11 children of Thomas Francis & Jane Ann (Hogarth). Thomas Francis b 1882 Sutton Howgrave, Yks. son of Thomas Francis & Mary Ann (Lambert) who mar 1873 Leyburn, Yks. Thomas Francis b 1853 Thoraby, Wensleydale, son of Isaac & Ann (Heseltine) who mar 1851 Aysgarth, Wensleydale. Isaac b 1828 Hawes son of Thomas & Alice (Whalley) who mar 1824/26 Hawes. Thomas b 1796 Sedbergh Yks son of Isaac & Mary (?Shaw).

? Isaac b 1748 Stallingbusk, Wensleydale, son of John & Isabel (Metcalf) who mar 1747 Stallingbusk.

Member 119. Mrs V. Simpson. 41 Bailey Street, Huntly, New Zealand.

Grand-daughter of George William & Selina (Downs) mar Co.Durham, England. They and their family of five children left Riseburn, Shildon, Co.Durham for New Zealand in c1912. George William b 1868 Shildon, Co. Durham, son of David & Isobel (Harry).

See "Plea for Help".

Member 120. Mrs Josi Birkbeck. Bell Cottage, Bell Street, Feltwell, IP26 4AL, Norfolk.

Husband is descendant of Thomas Turner & Elizabeth (Metcalf) who mar 28.5.1747 Grinton, Swaledale, England.

Member 121. Mrs Dorothy Philp. 46 Harrock Road, Leyland, Preston. PR5 2TX.
Lancs:

Grandmother was a Metcalfe.

Member 122. Mrs Lucy Roper, 79 Hindburn Close, West Bessacarr, Doncaster,
DN4 7RW. South Yorkshire.

Step-father Norman Metcalf b 1930 Bolton upon Dearne, Yks. son of George & Rose (Nicholson) whp mar 1924 Thurnscoe Yks. George b 1900 in Leeds, Yks son of John.

? John a descendant of Douglas, a brushmaker, of York.

Member 123. Mrs Pam Jarmain, 15 The Garth, Ash, near Aldershot. GU12 6QN.
Hants:

dau of Percy Metcalf b 1903, Budelle Street, Wallsend, Tynemouth, Tyne & Wear, son of Ralph & Dora (Sparks).

See "Plea for Help".

FURTHER DETAILS just received for Member 89. Mr Douglas E. Metcalfe, see first birth brief in this issue.

Son of Earle Ralph MTE & h.w. Margaret Guthman, who mar 1952. Earle bpt 1929 Grimsby, Ontario, Canada son of Ralph Arthur MTE & h.w. Pearl Pearson who mar 1928. Ralph bpt 1908 Essex, Ontario, Canada son of Arthur Wilkinson MTE & h.w. Gertrude Beamer who mar 1898. Arthur bpt 1872 Toronto, Canada son of James Finlinson MTE & h.w. Mary Wilkinson. James bpt 1848 Toronto, Canada son of James MTE & h.w. Ellen Howson who mar 1843. James bpt 1823 Westward Parish, Cumberland, England, see first birth brief.

A STUDY OF METCALFS

Mr. Clayton G. Metcalfe in the U.S.A. has written a book 'A Study of Metcalfes' published in 1979 by Andrews and Smith. it contains a great many different Metcalfs (in all its variations of spelling) families throughout the U.S.A. The book is fully indexed, illustrated, 649 pages and bound in a gold, hard cover with black letters. The price of the book (while they last) is 20 dollars (prepaid) plus postage to G.B. \$1.66 surface mail and \$7.20 airmail. Orders may be sent to Metcalf Enterprises, 408 North Rawls St., Enterprise, Ala-36330. U.S.A. Phone 205-347-8390.

The earliest known Metcalfs to settle in the U.S.A. was the Michael Metcalf line of Massachusetts and a Captain Joseph Metcalf of that region. They settled in Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and in the Colonies during the Colonial Period.....and afterwards. Some of these served with the British.....in the Revolutionary Forces.

The principal southern Metcalfs descended from those in the Virginia Colony....to North Carolina.....to Tennessee....to Georgia....and elsewhere. Those in the author's family descended from a Lt. Anthony Metcalf, a Revolutionary Officer from Rutherford County, NC.....through his many offspring. Related families these were: STROUD, HOGAN, McDONALD, CAMPBELL, CHAPMAN, DILLARD, JONES, BRILEY, DOWING, BRACKIN, KEAHEY, MORRIS, AUSTIN, POTTS, WILLIAMSON, MONK, CLAYPOOL, KUYKENDALL, SKETO, HAMPTON and many others.

Some of these Metcalfs emigrated to Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, Texas, Colorado and further west as far as Washington and California.

From a section of the Index...

TITHE MAP OF MUKER (Township) 1841

LOT NO.	HELD BY	OCCUPIED BY	DESCRIPTION NAME OF PROPERTY	AREA IN ACRES OR PART OF a. r. p.	LOCATION. Or APPROX.
734	Metcalf, Alice reps of	Jonathan Hunter	Thwaiteside Allotment	02.00.00	19 Chains N/W THWAITE
782	Metcalf, Lister Washington	William Kearton John Metcalf	Dwellinghouse	00.00.3p	THWAITE.
789	Metcalf, John reps of	Edward Kearton	Dwellinghouse	00.00.4p	THWAITE.
849	Metcalf, John late of Hawes	Richard Guy	Allotment Pasture	23.03.30	50 Chains W/THWAITE.
866	Metcalf, John	Edward Kearton	E/Intake Meadow	01.01.30	5 Chains S/W THWAITE
867	Metcalf, John	John Metcalf	East Intake Meadow	01.02.20	6 Chains S/W THWAITE
869	Metcalf, John late of Hawes	Richard Guy	Rowe Meadow	02.00.18	14 Chains S/W THWAITE
870	Metcalf, John late of Hawes	Richard Guy	Rowe Pasture	03.01.12	14 Chains S/W THWAITE
871	Metcalf, John	John Metcalf	Pasture	01.02.22	18 Chains S/W THWAITE
892	Metcalf, John reps of	Edward Kearton	Intake Meadow	01.00.08	40 Chains S/W THWAITE
896	Metcalf, Lister Washington	Francis Carth Butson	Pasture	01.03.18	35 Chains S/W THWAITE
894	Metcalf, John	John Metcalf	Pasture	01.02.22	40 Chains S/W THWAITE
1443	Metcalf, John reps of	Thomas Metcalf	West Squire Hill Meadow	02.01.07	38 Chains S/W IVELET
1449	Metcalf, John reps of	Thomas Metcalf	Dwellinghouse	00.00.4p	36 Chains W. IVELET.
1449A	Metcalf, George reps of	Themselves	Dwellinghouse	00.00.7p	34 Chains W. IVELET.
1450	Metcalf, George reps of	Themselves	Garden	00.00.3p	as above
1451	Metcalf, George reps of	Themselves	High Close Meadow	03.01.04	31 Chains W. IVELET.
1452	Metcalf, George reps of	Themselves	Middle Close Meadow	02.02.23	30 Chains W. IVELET.
1453	Metcalf, John reps of	Thomas Metcalf	East Squire Hill Meadow	02.02.10	33 Chains W. IVELET.
1468	Pratt, William	Thomas Metcalf	High Close Meadow (2)	03.01.11	14 Chains N/W IVELET
1469	Metcalf, John (Junior)	Himself	Quack Close Meadow	03.00.15	9 Chains N/W IVELET.
1477	Kearton, Joseph (Junior)	Ralph Metcalf	Garden	00.00.2p	IVELET
1481	Metcalf, John (Junior)	Thomas Metcalf	Garden	00.00.6p	IVELET
1487	Metcalf, John (Junior)	Thomas Metcalf	Dwellinghouse	00.00.4p	IVELET
1490	Metcalf, John (Junior)	Godfrey Cantrill	Dwellinghouse	00.00.23	IVELET
1492	Metcalf, John (Junior)	Thomas Metcalf	Gill Piece Allotment	00.01.20	IVELET
1506	Metcalf, Thomas and John	John Metcalf	West Wharf Close Meadow	02.02.02	19 Chains S/West IVELET

Muker Township contains the villages of Muker, Angram, Keld and Thwaite and the Hamlets of Birkdale, East & West Stonedale, Oxnop, Ravenseat, Ivelet, Satron, all in Swaledale, North Yorkshire.

The following account has been sent to us by Mrs. D. Pope, Member No. 55

A VISIT TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM REFERENCE LIBRARY

Finding myself unexpectedly in London and having a couple of hours to spare I decided to put the time to good use and visit the British Museum Reference Library in search of a book which I understood was written by my Gt. Gt. Gt. Grandfather the Rev. Lister Metcalfe. Under the mistaken impression that all I had to do was to obtain a Readers' Ticket and then proceed to the appropriate shelf and find the desired volume, I found the reality somewhat different. I've never tried to get into M.I.5 but I imagine the procedure must be akin to entering the B.M.R. Library.

To begin with I couldn't even find the entrance so I enquired of one of the security guards who pointed me in the direction of a large screen which effectively hid the doorway to the admission office. There I was handed a questionnaire and shown into a waiting room where I found several other would-be readers and joined them in the pen-sucking, head-scratching business of completing same. I finally managed it and patiently awaited my turn to be called into the inner office where I was again interrogated by a friendly clerk, who filled in more forms, handed me a rule book and asked if I minded having my photo taken. Heavens! all I wanted to do was to have a look at a book - was I to be fingerprinted too? Five minutes later I received a small plastic card with a tolerable likeness of myself in one corner and ushered outside where I had my bag searched and, at last, I was on my way to the holy of holies.

To say I was stunned by the vastness of the reading room is a under-statement and I could only think I had strayed into the Albert Hall where, instead of people, the whole place was filled with books and, furthermore, I was to discover that these were only indexes, calendars and directories. I never did find out where the original publications were stored, probably in some huge subterranean vault.

Being rather pushed for time I quickly found a seat, noted the number, consulted the General Index which immediately yielded up the Folio Number of the book I wanted, filled in another form, presented it at the desk and returned to my seat. To while away the time I decided to read the book of rules (I always do things in the wrong order) and was horrified to learn that I might receive the book in a minimum of ONE HOUR! As I was supposed to be on a train out of Waterloo at 3.25 and it was then 2.30 you can imagine my consternation. There I was, firmly in the system and no means of communicating my predicament to my friend who I knew to be somewhere in the museum or perhaps even looking for me in the entrance hall. Deciding there was nothing to be done I ventured to examine a few of the thousands of genealogical and historical collections, themselves well worth a visit.

One hour and fifteen minutes later I was handed my application which informed me that my requested book was now available for my inspection in the North Library Gallery and, after negotiating more corridors and a spiral iron staircase, I was at last handed the coveted volume. I cannot describe my feelings at actually handling the book written by my Gt. x 4 Grandfather over 200 years previously and it was worth all the hassle.

Though I now had time for only a very cursory examination I realised it was a very literate publication and most of it way above my comprehension. Besides the text and question and answer sections, there were many extracts from classical literature and poetry. The book, dedicated to the Mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, was a first edition published in 1771 and according to the frontispiece was the first English Grammar of its kind to be written. It was revised and reprinted in 1773 and again in 1776.

I am sad to think it is probably the only copy left in existence and I may never have the pleasure of owning one myself. Regretfully I returned it to the desk but consoled myself with the thought that it will be in safe keeping for years to come and, who knows, perhaps one of my descendants may seek it out in another 200 years. Incidentally on leaving I was again frisked, so I would not have been able to sneak it out even had I dared to perform such a dastardly action.

D. Pope

Joan Metcalfe of Preston, Member No. 63 has send the following Metcalfe births which she thought might be of interest to someone.

20th August 1842 Thomas Metcalfe at Burterset, near Hawes, son of Thomas (ag.lab.) and Rosamond, nee Mason.

8th January 1843 Thomas Metcalfe at Langthorn (reg. district of Bedale) son of Jonas (stonemason) and Dorothy, nee Stelling.

HELP WANTED

Member No. 123 Mrs. Pam Jarmain, 15 The Garth, Ash, near Aldershot, Hants. GU12 6QN

Marriage of her grandparents Ralph Metcalfe and Dora Sparks, sometime during the 1890s in Tynemouth, or perhaps, London.

She would also be interested to hear from the children of her father's first marriage which must have taken place around 1920-23, but to whom or where she does not know. Her father was Percey (he always spelt his name this way) Metcalfe born in Tynemouth district on 17th April 1903 and she thinks there were two sons and a daughter probably born in the 1920s. His wife died about 1953 a year after her divorce from Percey.

Replies please to address above. Mrs. Jarmain will be happy to refund postage to anyone who can help.

Member 119. Mrs. V. Simpson, 41 Bailey Street, Huntly, New Zealand

- 1) Marriage required DAVID METCALFE to ISOBEL HARRY pre 1868 near SHILDON, Co. Durham.
- 2) Parentage of DAVID
- 3) Marriage of GEORGE WILLIAM METCALFE (son of the above couple and born 1868) to SELINA DOWNS,

Sec: holds IRC. Anybody with access to Co. Durham records PLEASE help our distant 'cousin'. The marriages are NOT on the I.G.I.

Member 115. Mrs. N.H. Metcalfe, 7 Colvin Street, Hughes, A.C.T. 1605, Australia

- 1) Marriage required GEORGE METCALFE to ANN WOODALL, son John b. 27.11.1830 Kendal, Westmorland, England.
- 2) Parentage of George.
- 3) Birth/Bpt details of John.

Sec: holds postage. Kendal CRO "have searched Kendal parish records from 1825 to 1830 refs WPR/38/25 and 26 and have failed to locate any marriage". The marriage is NOT on the I.G.I. Can somebody PLEASE help?

5,79,1660,70.	Francis Metcalf ; 7, 14, 1 B (?)
K, 14, 1723.	Ann Metcalfe, Fewston, widow, Feb 15, 1722 ; Joh. Holyday
19, 2, 1680, 5.	Anthony Metcalfe. ; A.
M 25, 1731	Elizabeth Metcalfe, Padside, widow, May 19, 1730 ; Pet.M.
L15	Elizabeth Metcalfe, Bastrick, Nov 27, 1734.
AC 74, 1832,	Elizabeth Metcalfe, Farnham, June 24, 1817 ; Joh. M.
6, 43, 1662, 6.	Ellen Metcalfe, A; 5, 51, I.
K 25, 1724.	Ellen Metcalfe, Darley, widow, Nov 22, 1723 ; Alice Skaife.
H 8, 1736	Jane Metcalfe, Thornthwaite, widow, April 2, 1729; Mary M.
14, 35, 36, 1684, 5.	John Metcalfe, I ; 19, 157, W B
I 28.	Joh. Metcalfe, Dike lane, Ripon, cordwainer, July 20, 1695 ; Anne Metcalfe.
S 40.	Joh. Metcalfe, Harrogate, mason, April 26, 1777 ; Eliz.M.
V 26, 1791	Joh. Metcalfe, Thornthwaite, whitesmith, Dec 1, 1782 ; Joh.M.
AB 1, 1825.	Joh. Metcalfe, Menwith with Darley, yeo, March 25, 1822. Joh., Tho. M.
AH 76, 1856.	Joh. Metcalfe, Thruscross, farmer, Dec 8, 1855; Joh.S.Hannam, Chris. Pullan.
K 27, 1724.	Jos. Metcalfe, Thornthwaite, Aug 2, 1723; Jane M.
AC 78, 1832.	Jos. Metcalfe, Darley, April 16, 1832 ; Geo. M.
25, 43, 1702, 3.	Mary Metcalfe, (Spinster), I. (A. Will.M., Darley).
O 36,	Mary Metcalfe, Thornthwaite, spinster, March 31, 1752; Joh.Wood.
17, 40, 1688, 9.	Matthew Metcalfe, W ; 15, 140, W B (?)
Q 15,	Pet. Metcalfe, Menwith Hill, Oct 30 1764 ; Rich.M.
AG 81, 1852.	Pet. Metcalfe, Menwith Hill, yeo. March 17, 1851 ; Pet.Jos. & Will. M.
AG 103, 1853.	Pet. Metcalfe, Menwith Hill, farmer, Feb 14, 1853 ; Willm.M.
14, 44, 45, 1684, 5.	Ralph Metcalfe, W, I ; 15, 134, W B (?)
I 24, 1728	Rich. Metcalfe, Menwith Hill, Jan 11, 1723 ; Eliz.M.
R 42	Rich. Metcalfe, Ferrensby, yeoman, June 23, 1773 ; Margt. & Joh.M.
Y 71, 1811.	Richard, Metcalfe, Darley, linen manufacturer, Oct 13, 1808 ; Joh., Josh. M.
AB 72, 1827	Rich. Metcalfe, Ferrensby, yeoman, Jan 12, 1827; Ann Sergeant.
6, 12, 1662, 6.	Robert Metcalfe, A
11, 3, 1675, 80.	Robert Metcalfe, (?Henry), T (?A).
11, 4, 1675, 80.	Robert Metcalfe, T (Ann M. widow).
G 12, 1721.	Robt. Metcalfe, Darley, Tanner, Dec 9, 1712 ; Anth.M.
3, 40, 1651, 8.	Thomas Metcalfe, Menwith Hill, W ; Ellen M., rel.
P 9, 1756	Tho: Metcalfe, Thornthwaite, Sept 12, 1756 ; Joh. M.
Y 25, 1807.	Tho. Metcalfe, Padside, May 20 1802 ; Sus. Demaine.
AC 97, 1833.	Tho. Metcalfe, Thornthwaite, farmer, Oct 6, 1832 ; Jos., Hardisty M.
20, 35, 1690, 5.	William Metcalfe, A (Will.M.)
22, 38, 52, 1694, 5.	William Metcalfe, W, I ; 20, 55, W B (?)
B 23, 1709.	Will. Metcalfe, Hampsthwaite, A ; Ellen Spence.
O 37.	Will. Metcalfe, Darley, yeoman, Dec 20, 1751 ; Isab.M.
W 6.	Will. Metcalfe, Menwith cum Darley, Oct 22, 1794.
AC 120, 1834.	Will. Metcalfe, Darley, linen weaver, March 6 1834 ; Isaac, Ral. Umpleby.

Reference and date of Probate precede the name. Date of Will follows the name.

W = Will. A = Admin: T = Tuition. I = Inventory. B = Bond.

From the Westmorland Gazette of 27th October 1984 - Died at home 23 Loftus Hill,
Sedbergh, John James Metcalfe aged 75 years, husband of the late Florence and
father of Rose, John, Marjorie and Violet and grand-daughters.

p 225-6 :

"Men of Catholic sympathies who were holding offices of profit in the early years of Elizabeth's reign, usually preferred to hide their religion and the same motive helped to strengthen the loyalty of schismatics like Sir William Ingleby and Sir Nicholas Fairfax, when the Northern Rebellion broke out. Moreover, it must be recognised that here again the law was not always observed, ANTHONY METCALFE of Aldborough for example, was both a convicted recusant and a successful lawyer. In 1607 it was alleged that he travelled up to London every term on legal business, although as a recusant, he should not have been allowed within ten miles of the capital*".

*source. British Museum. Lansdowne MSS 153. F 169

Of Nappa..... "Litigation weakened many an estateIn 1609 Sir Thomas Metcalfe of Nappa had an action brought against him over the tithes of the Rectory of Aysgarth, of which he had a lease from Trinity College, Cambridge. According to his own testimony, the litigation which followed cost him £2000 and resulted in the overthrow of his estate....."

.....In 1618 Sir Thomas Metcalfe of Nappa, who had inherited a sadly diminished estate and was heavily indebted to moneylenders, was said to be living in obscure places, or 'places of privilege'.....

NORTH COUNTRY WILLS..... EX SURTEES SOCIETY VOL 121

N.E.B.

13 March 1575/6. THOMAS METCALF, citizen and goldsmith, London. Wife, Alice.

To cousin John Bussey, of the Middle Temple, gent., for his pains to be done at Bagbie, co. York, and to cousin George Metcalf, steward of Lincoln's Inn, a ring. Thomas Metcalf, my nephew; Margaret Norris, my brother Matthew's daughter; sister Katherine Todde; Alice, John, Thomas, Richard, children of Richard Elkynne; and my daughter Anne, now wife of Henry Alington; nephew George Metcalf. To poor of Bagby, where I was born, xl^s. Probate 29 Mar, 1576. (Carew, 3).

..... EX SURTEES SOCIETY VOL 112

Inventory of Anne Hebburn.

Inventory of goods of Maystres Anne Hebborne* of Shotton, vidua, layt diseased (1568).

*The lady was Anne, sister of Sir Christopher Metcalf, knight, and widow of Richard Hebburn of Hardwick, by whom issue she had four sons and five daughters.

Mention is made in the inventory list of debts owing to the said "Mysteres An Hebborne"George Medcalf, 40^s.

BIRTH BRIEF

Miss Shiela Metcalf; Member No. 78 107 Cadogan Gardens, London SW3 2RG
Gt. Gt. Grandfather, George Metcalfe 1795-1861 m. Rachel Robinson. Gt. Grandfather Charles 1835-1918 m. Anne Brown; born in Ebberston nr. Scarborough, lived from 1858 in Middlesborough. Grandfather, George Herbert, b. Middlesborough 1861 m. Susannah Robus 1891 and d. Hertford 1947. Father George Ernest b. Kimpton, Herts. 1892.

"THE YORKSHIRE WOOLLEN AND WORSTED INDUSTRIES" Herbert Heaton NEB.

West Riding merchants generally sprang from local families of clothiers. The father would be a clothier probably on a rather large scale of business, selling his cloths in the market at Leeds or at Blackwell Hall and Bartholomew Fair. Thanks to the father's energies and thrift, the son was able to become apprenticed to some merchant, and in time set up as a qualified merchant, and member of the trading companies, taking the wares of the West Riding to foreign parts.

.....and this line of development accounts, in part at least, for the rise of the Armitages, Jacksons, METCALFES, Walkers, Wades etc.

Ulnage = 'Subsidy on cloth for the replenishing of the Exchequer'

1637-8 at this time, the control of the ulnage for the West Riding was in the hands of THOMAS METCALFE of Leeds, described as a gentleman of great estate, but also a merchant who carried on foreign trade in the very wares over which the dispute arose.

The relations between Metcalfe and the kersey-makers were harmonious until October 1636 Metcalfe eventually recognised the hopelessness of his case and therefore 'after he had spent a greate deale of money, did desist the suite and accept of a penny seale'....

1626..Corporation of LeedsTHOMAS METCALFE 'of the front rank of local industry and commerce, found place on the council'.

OBITUARIES IN THE TIMES 1951-1975

Ref.

30th Sept. 1957	12d	Sir Aubrey Metcalfe
9th Oct. 1957	13a	Brian A. Metcalfe
20th Nov. 1957	13d	Major Edward D. Metcalfe
21st Nov. 1957	14g	" "
10th Dec. 1960	8e	Ernest Metcalf
6th Feb. 1956	12b	Joyce Metcalfe
8th May 1964	17a	Eleanor M. Metcalf (tribute not obit.)
30th Dec. 1966	12e	Alexander I. Metcalfe
5th June 1965	12b	Sir F. Metcalfe
3rd Aug. 1965	10d	John Metcalfe
3rd Aug. 1966	12g	Thomas E. Metcalfe
8th Jan. 1972	16g	Maurice Rupert Metcalf
12th June 1975	20h	Maj-Gen. John F. Metcalfe

Extracted 6/11/1984 from Quarter Sessions indictment Book, Kendal

8/9/1832 Anthony Metcalfe the Younger of Ravenstonedale, appointed gamekeeper for the Manors of Ravenstonedale, Langdale, Tebay, Grayrigg, Wharton, Wateby, Kirkby Stephen, Brough and Crosby for the benefit of Earl of Lonsdale.

Evidently this Langdale is near Ortoh, not the Langdale above Ambleside and, NOTE, Wharton, not Warten near Carnforth.

8/4/1833 John Metcalfe of Sedbergh penalty 20/- acting as driver of two carts drawn by one horse each, the horse of the hinder cart not being attached by a rein to the back of the cart which was foremost.

What a mouthful for having a loose horse on the road the magistrates seem to have had a down on this type of offence at that time, cases are frequent.

H.O.

REGARDING PHILIP METCALFE (1733-1818)

With reference to the note in 'Mecca News' No. 13, about the portrait in the National Portrait Gallery, this is of Philip Metalfe, F.R.S., F.S.A., second son of Roger (1680-1744) surgeon of Drury Lane and Jemima, nee Astley, who died, without heirs, and was buried, 18th August, 1818, in the Church of St. Nicholas, Brighton. He lived at Hill Street, Berkeley Square, and Halstead, Suffolk.

In "Metcalf Records", collected and arranged by Walter C. and Gilbert Metcalfe, London 1891.

H.O.

WHERE AND WHEN WAS SHE MARRIED?

1695 Sice married John Bell at Cundall - Boyd's Marriages

1695/6 21 Feb. Siciely married John Bell of Burton at Kirby Hill
Kirby Hill P.R.

[illegible]

VARIATIONS ON A THEME

It is extraordinary the variations in one persons birthdate and birthplace that one comes across in the different Census Records. Even though the 1841 Census was taken 7th June of that year and the ages of adults only given to within five years; the 1851 on 30th March; the 1861 on 7th April and the 1871 on 2nd April, this could not account for the differences shown in the examples below sent me by Mrs. D. Nash from her researches:-

Joseph Metcalfe was 35 in 1841; 45 in 1851; 55 in 1861; but 66 in 1871

However his wife Elizabeth 35 in 1841 (understandable, given to the nearest 7 years) is 44 in 1851; 56 in 1861, and 67 in 1871.

His son George, age 10 in 1841, is 21 in 1851; 32 in 1861; and 40 in 1871.

William, his son, is 7 in 1841, doesn't appear in 1851; is 25 in 1861; and 34 in 1871.

George, who for the 1851 and 1861 censuses is born at Brocklesby, in the 1871 census decides he was born at Great Limber. He commences, 1851, as a woodman, became a butcher by 1861 and in 1871 reverted to woodman.

But even more tantalising from the genealogists point of view is the fact that three of the brothers are in a different order of seniority in the 1841 and 1851 census. Even in the 1841 census children were given their correct age. In the 1841 census the boys are given as:- Joseph 11 (i.e. c. 1830), George 10 (c. 1831), and Charles 9 (c.1832). In the 1851 George was 21 (c.1830); Joseph 19 (c.1832); and Charles 17 (c.1834), the latter having now the same birthyear as William 7 (c.1834) in 1841!

Luckily Mrs. Nash was able to get the correct birthyears from the church records of the birth place given in the first two censuses. But it would have proved very frustrating as I know from my own researches. It took me two years to discover that an ancestor wasn't born in Threshfield as the census stated but in Horton-in-Ribblesdale.

H.O.

WE ARE ALL HUMAN!

Another authority has feet of clay! Indexing different parish registers from the lists of Metcalfes contained therein sent me by Mrs. N. Benson, I have been astonished to find the following errors in Boyd's Marriages usually quoted as an authority.

The marriage of Ranard to Alse Robinson is given in the P.Rs. of Marske in Cleveland as 16 Nov. 1658 and he has given sons baptised there commencing with 1659. Boyd gives (as in the list given in chronological order sent me by Mr.K.R.McLaughlan) Ranard Metcalfe = Alice Robinson 1675 Marske in Cleveland.

In the parish of Bingley he omits one marriage (or perhaps Mr. McLaughlan missed it). There is Frances who married John Leach, 1611 and Thomas who married Mary Fairburne 1652 at Bingley but no Agnes who married William Wright, 1636.

Also Boyd (according to Mr. McLaughlan) gives it as Joseph who married Elizabeth Knaggs at Marske, 1749, whereas the P.Rs. (as listed by Mrs. Benson) gives it as Thomas.

Again Boyd gives Charles marrying Elizabeth Clark in 1786 at Skipton, whereas the parish registers as recorded by Mrs. Jean Bradley gives it as Christopher, who was the illegitimate son of Jane of Embsay born 1766 and who had four children by Elizabeth. His parentage and hers is given on the birth of the first child.

Another - Boyd gives it as Joseph who married Mary Walker at Skipton in 1793 and our copy of the P.Rs gives it as Joshua which makes more sense as he is the son of John (1743-1807), papermaker of Skipton and Ann, born 1770, and there is no Joseph in the parish registers of marriageable age at that time.

And is Elizabeth nee Hewler, the wife of Arthur married 1682 at Stokesley as Boyd gives or is it Anthony as given in the P.Rs?

It is obvious that Boyd, the Mormon microfiche, even the Metcalfe Index are only as accurate as the people who contribute to them, and since we are all human errors creep in. Hence they can only be used as helps and pointers and each one of us should go back to the original in our researches whenever possible. And be as accurate as humanly possible in our contributions to research.

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