



'MECCA' NEWS

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Dear Fellow Members,

I'd like to thank all of you who have sent their good wishes and support and I hope that the standard set by Mrs. Adams continues. However I feel that I am a temporary Editor only, the post is open at all times to anyone who would like to take over. The Editor of Mecca News is only a link between members of the Society and it is your contributions which result in an interesting Newsletter or not. I thank all the contributors to this edition. (S.A.E. with all correspondence please for acknowledgement/reply).

I would be delighted to hear from every member of the Society of what it was which sparked off their own interest in tracing their family history, this was also mentioned in Newsletter No. 12. I am fascinated to hear anyones family history, be they Metcalfe or not, so would be very pleased to hear from each and every member, particularly from members in Canada, America, Australia and New Zealand. Do we have branches of pioneering Metcalfes out there?

I have gained so much from membership of the Society and due to the kind help of our Secretary, Mrs. Benson, can now trace our family back to 1670 to a small village six miles from our home, where, yesterday, we spent an enthralling Sunday afternoon. All that remains of the village of Whorlton is a ruined Castle, a marvellously well kept Norman Church and village graveyard and surrounding earthworks. We were thrilled to discover the only Metcalfe gravestone for "Elizabeth, daughter of R. Metcalfe, deceased 30 Oct. 1710", looking at our family tree we found she was the eldest daughter of the first marriage of my husband's Great, Great, Great, Great, Great, Great, Grandfather, Richard, and who died when she was only 12 years old.

I wish you all similar success especially if you are as inexperienced as I am.

Best wishes

Valerie Metcalfe

Editor

SECRETARY'S NOTES

7th October 1985

You will notice a strong leaning towards the village of Hipswell (near Catterick Camp, Yorkshire) in this issue. All due to a letter which appeared in the Darlington & Stockton Times newspaper from a lady who had found a poem amongst her late husband's papers. My reply to the Editor brought a copy of 'Hipswell Mill' and five new members, two being related to my own and other member's line. The Mill has been in a Metcalfe family from at least 1773 when the first child of George Metcalfe and his wife Elizabeth Robinson was baptised at the village church. It is still occupied by a direct descendant of George and Elizabeth. Having been repeatedly 'struck' by co-incidence, it was with only mild surprise that, when attending the North Eastern Regional Group of the Federation of Family History Societies Conference held at York University recently, one of the lectures - "The Medical History of a Yorkshire Family in the 17th Century" given by Dr. Margaret Barnett, turned out to be of the Wandesford family who lived for many years at Hipswell Hall. The story of the young daughter Alice having to escape the unwanted amorous advances of an army captain by climbing out onto the leaded roof caused some amusement. The lecture was based on the Surtees Society publication 'The Diary of Mrs. Alice Thornton' (nee Wandesford) and include many fascinating details of her many pregnancies. I shall be trying to see the complete book as soon as possible in the hope of some village details.

We are very grateful to member No. 80, James J. Metcalf of West Heath, Birmingham, who has kindly paid for another (larger) advertisement in the October issue of The Dalesman magazine. We have already received enquiries and trust we shall gather in more of our 'flock'.

It is with deep regret that I report the death of member Mrs. Joyce Thomason of Beverley. After exchanging many views, hints and news by post it was a pleasure to meet Joyce at our Mecca Muster in 1984. I'm sure you will all want to join me in sending our sincere condolences to her husband.

We extend our welcome to ten new members and hope they all benefit from their membership. This is a nice steady increase and hopefully the slow additions to our extensive information bank will prove beneficial all round.

I do hope the subscription price increase will not be too much of a shock, we really do need the extra money if we are to buy the new I.G.I. it is rumoured that the next edition will not be on microfiche but on floppy disc for computers and from what I have seen of computer print-outs, they leave a lot to be desired!

Please remember to fill in the Mecca Muster question on the subscription slip - you have no idea how much it helps with arrangements to have an approximate figure to work to. There was no volunteer from elsewhere so it is again in Yorkshire - if there are any 'locals' who can offer B. & B. to members, please let me know what you have available. Hope to see you ALL there!

We all owe Vera Adams, one of the Founders of our Society, a huge debt of gratitude for all the hard work she has given over the last five years and hope she enjoys her rest from office - and welcome as Editor, Mrs. Valerie Metcalfe of Stokesley, the mother of two young daughters, she has our thanks and admiration for taking on this task, which will be much easier if we keep her supplied with ample material - so keep those articles rolling in - by at least six weeks prior to publication date.

Last but not least - although I can hardly credit it on the 7th October, a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to everyone.

Nina Benson

NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR BIRTH BRIEFS.

No: 131 Mrs Miriam Hopper "Keld Springs", Carperby, Nr Leyburn, DL8 4DA.YKS.
nee Metcalfe born Darlington, Co. Durham. Forebears came from Durham or the Barnard Castle area.

No: 132 John Kitchin 14 Seymour Road, Shottery, Stratford upon Avon,
CV37 9EP. Warwickshire.
son of Horace William Kitchin and his wife Laura Annie nee Metcalfe. Laura Annie b 1873 dau of John and Mary Ann (Iley) MTE. John b 28.5.1848 Hipswell Yorkshire was the 4th child of 11 of Robert & Elizabeth (Frankland) MTE who married 28.12.1841 Hipswell. Robert b 1821 Hipswell son of Robert and Elizabeth (? King) MTE. Robert b 3.6.1787 Hipswell 7th child of 9 of George & Elizabeth (Robinson) MTE who may have married 17.11.1768 at Coniscliffe near Darlington.

No: 133 Mrs Dorothy Galliford, 226 Hillmorton Road, Rugby, CV22 5BG.
Warwickshire.

dau of Lawrence & Elizabeth (Walker) Swalwell. Elizabeth Walker b 1911 dau of Robert & Amy (Metcalfe) Walker, mar 1907. Amy b 8.9.1878 Hipswell dau of George & Elizabeth (Moses) MTE who mar 30.9.1875 Richmond Yks. George bpt 23.1.1842 Hipswell 1st child of 11 of Robert & Elizabeth (Frankland) MTE who mar 28.12.1841 Hipswell. Robert b 1821 Hipswell SEE ABOVE.

No: 134 Miss Sandra M. Metcalf, 14 Charles Street, Tring, HP23 6BD.Herts.
Forebears mostly from Yorkshire, Otley & Holbeck (Leeds).

No: 135 Mr Edward Dawson, Bleak Bank, Clapham, Lancaster, LA2 8HY.
Grandson of Edward Dawson and his wife Elizabeth nee Metcalfe. Elizabeth b Linton in Craven 1854 dau of John and Isabella (Dawson) MTE who were married 22.9.1851 at Clapham Church. John of Threshfield fits into the line of Helen Offer and her cousins !

No: 136 Mrs Audrey Trott, 15 Marlowe Close, Stevenage, SG2 0JJ Herts.
Gt. Granddau of Matthew & Mary (Tyson) MTE. Matthew bpt 18.6.1837 Pickering Yks son of James & Ann (Piercy) MTE who married 19.3.1832 Pickering.

No: 137 Mr Paul Metcalfe, 13 Station Road, Thirsk, YO7 1QF, Yorkshire.
b 1953 Ripon Yks. son of Neil & Rita (Pearson) MTE. Neil b 1927 Ripon son of Sidney & Kathleen (Whayman) MTE. Sidney b 1894 eldest of 8 of Fredrick & Clara (Wray) MTE. Fredrick thought to have come from the Dallow Gill area of Yorkshire.

No: 138 Mrs P.J. King, 19 Pemberton Street, Parramatta, New South Wales 2150
Australia.

Gt grandmother was Rebecca MTE who mar Matthew Purvis circa 1856/7.
Rebecca bpt 23.5.1830 Ripon Cathedral Yks dau of William & Dorothy (Sargeson) MTE who mar 21.5.1821 West Witton, Yks.

No: 139 Mr Andrew R. Metcalf, 52 Henthorn Road, Clitheroe, BB7 2NU, Lancs:
Nothing known.

New Members and their birth briefs continued.....

No: 140 Mrs Anne Magee, Glen Cottage, Carlton, Stockton on Tees, TS21 1EA.

Gt Granddau of William & Sarah (Metcalf) Thompson who mar 5.5.1877 at Holy Trinity church, Darlington, Co. Durham. Sarah bpt 18.1.1852 was born at West Burton in Wensleydale 5th child of 9 of James and Ann (Falshaw) MTE who married 31.10.1843 Aysgarth, Wensleydale. James b 2.6.1821 at Woodale in Coverdale, Wensleydale was the 6th child of 7 of Edward and Sarah (?) Metcalfe of Coverdale in Wensleydale.

Extension of Birth Brief.

No: 70 Mr K.M. Banks, 51 Edgcumbe Green, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 5EE.

son of William Hodgson Banks & his wife May Elizabeth Henrietta nee Metcalfe who were married 1916 in Richmond Yks. May E.H. b 1.5.1891 Richmond dau of Robert & Elizabeth (Pickard) MTE who were married 1876 at Darlington, Co Durham. Robert bpt 1852 Hipswell Yks son of Robert & Elizabeth (Frankland) MTE who mar 28.12.1841 Hipswell. Robert b 1821.....see no 132 etc:::

Member 89 Mr Douglas E. Metcalfe - from Kitchener, Ontario, Canada to:-
281 Faraday Court, Waterloo, Ontario, N2L 6A4, Canada.

Member 97 Miss Linda Huntington - from Moss Place, Lancaster to:-
"Stonestar", Carus Park, Lancaster, LA2 6BN.

BOOKS WANTED by Mr. J.J. Metcalf, 449 Rednal Road, West Heath,
Birmingham B38 8HP. Member no: 80.

"NAPPA HALL"....."METCALFES OF NAPPA".....any dealing with Nappa Hall.

EXTRACTS FROM "PENNINE PANORMA" by Peter Wightman, Published by Gerrard 1969

Askrigg famous for its clocks. Mark Metcalfe's clocks are often found with the following inscription:

"Behold this hand
Observe Ye motions trip
Man's precious hours
Away like these do slip"

Nappa built in 1450 by Thos. Metcalfe. his father was captain at Agincourt and received payment for his services in the form of the Nappa Estate as the incumbent Lord Scrope could not find enough money to pay his own soldiers let alone his neighbours.

Theophilus Metcalfe was a master of the art of shorthand writing. Born in 1620 he wrote on the subject a book that went through 35 editions under the title "Short Writing, the most easie exact lineall and speedy method that hath yet been obtained or taught".

Rev. John Metcalfe, Curate of Colne Parish Church during the 1780's is described as "A person so notoriously immoral that at length his conduct induced inhabitants to take steps to rid the parish of his presence"

An account of a famous hall and a famous family.

Nappa originally spelt Nappay, or Nappey, for many generations the residence of the one time important family of Metcalf, was built about 1460 by a Thomas Metcalf, of Warton, ** on land which he bought from a certain Scrope of Bolton, whose forbears had somehow come into possession of it in 1357. The only building then existing was a small cottage the possible site of which (a grass mound) can be seen in the field to the east of the hall.

Here close by, Metcalf built a fine house consisting of two square embattled towers of unequal height, the larger being about 50 feet high connected by a large hall. A wing on the east side was added later on. The great hall originally 44 feet in length was divided by a wall cutting off a passage containing the stairway to the east tower. Over where the high table stood part of the wainscoting still remains.

Traces of the shields of the Metcalfs were visible a few years ago but these have now disappeared. Formerly reaching to the roof it has lately been underdrawn and has a modern appearance; interesting features still left are the attractive windows and the stone arches over the doorway, but all traces of the minstrels gallery have gone.

The larger tower in the west consists of three stories reached by a narrow winding stone stairway. The ground floor now a kitchen, was the big parlour. In the first storey is a good sized room leading out of which is what was most probably a chapel, a dark little place with a piscina and recess in the wall for an aumbrey. A small window is in the east end wall. Higher up were two stories each consisting of a large room, but the flooring of the top room has been removed leaving the lower one open to the roof. They were the state apartments and were panelled with oak long since removed. Some of the old oak joists are lying on the floor just as they were taken down many years before. In the walls of each room can be seen blocked up fireplaces, and in one a blocked up window. In the lower room at the west end there remains what was originally a garderobe.

Mounting again still higher the outside of the roof is reached through a narrow door at the top of the stairs. The view is enchanting and well worth the trouble of the ascent.

The lower tower in the east contained the general offices and bedrooms all the windows are very attractive and mostly remain in their original state, probably dated about the end of the fifteenth century.

Standing in a well sheltered situation with lovely views over Wensleydale, the Hall seen from the outside presents a most picturesque object. As Whittaker says "the shell of the building is perfect" and with a little careful restoration could have been made indeed a lovely residence, but unfortunately the hand of the despoiler has been very heavy on the interior.

The west entrance to the courtyard was through a fine archway, with the stables and other buildings on either side. A fine oak bedstead formerly in one of the tower bedrooms, and in which Mary Queen of Scotland is said to have slept - a doubtful legend - was removed by the Vyners, the then owners of Nappa, to Newby Hall, in or about 1880.

The indefatigable Leland, who knew the house, described it as being called No Castle, and the surrounding land of poor quality crops but good for feeding cattle "about seven miles from the market town of Veusela (Wensley), the whole not more than 400 acres".

In the east wing there is a lead gutter having upon it the letters:

T M 1767 1847

these initials evidently stand for Thomas Metcalf, but the last of the Nappa line died in 1754 being unmarried, so they may refer to his godson, Thomas Metcalf of Leicestershire,

a younger branch of the family, to whom he left many articles, or they may refer to Thomas Metcalf his father, who died in 1774, late Rector of Kirkby Overblow near Harrowgate, though there is no evidence that either of these lived at Nappa Hall.

Stories that Mary Queen of Scots and James the First stayed at the Hall are doubtful. The guardians of Mary, at that time prisoner at Bolton Castle, are not likely to have allowed her out of their custody even for a night. It is equally unlikely that James the First ever stayed there, as according to records of his two progresses in the North in 1603 and 1617 no mention of him being near the place is made.

There were at one time two families of great importance in Wensleydale - the Scropes and the Metcalfes. The latter who owned and lived at Nappa Hall for several generations were not of the wealth or prominence of the Scropes, nevertheless their prestige and influence was undeniable. Some were soldiers who gained renown others held high places in State affairs. Their history is an interesting one. They flourished for many years, but through extravagance and other causes sank from their high estate and eventually disappeared.

The first mention of their name refers to an Adam "Medcalf" of Dent in 1278 but why or when they first came to Wensleydale is obscure. The first of them is mentioned in their pedigree by Whittaker as John Metcalf, whose name is included in the chantry founded by his son James in Askrigg Church. He married a lady of the name of Alice surname unknown. James his son lived for some time at Worton probably his father did before him. James incorrectly described as of Beare Park and Nappa went as captain under Lord Richard Scrope, to fight in France for Henry V, and was present at the battle of Agincourt 1415. In the old church at Aysgarth destroyed in 1865 were shields of these two families in the east window, but they were unfortunately removed privately.

James married a daughter of a Mr. Gibson of Ireby Hall Lancaster and had two daughters and four sons. Joan the elder of the former married William Tempest of Broughton near Skipton. Cicelie was Prioress of Marrick. He founded a chantry in Askrigg Church to pray for the souls of his King Edward IV and several of his own relations. In 1472 he received some land at Nappa from the widow of Henry Scrope of Bolton. Of his sons Bryan was granted revenue of the lordship of Middleham by Richard III. Myles had an important position being a Judge of County Palatine of Lancaster, and Richard III recommended him for election of the chief justiciary of Lancaster. Before then he was a member for the city of York of the Parliament held in 1477 and 1483. He was also Recorder of the City of York 1477, on the special recommendation of King Edward IV and was admitted a member of the Guild of Corpus Christie at York, 1470. Altogether a notable person. he died in or around 1536 and was buried in "Mynster of Seynt Peter" where there was at one time a brass plate to his memory.

Thomas, fourth son of James, was a Privy Councillor and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster for life. he was granted the Manor Wynynstone, in Northamptonshire for knight's service by Richard III. He like his brother Myles was excepted from the pardon granted by Henry Tudor after the battle of Bosworth. he was an executor of the will of Lord John Scrope, dated 1494. He was also a member of the Guild of Corpus Christie, at York 1490. He lived to a great age and died sometime before 1530. He had been appointed Surveyor of Middleham Castle and held leases of all the lead and coal mines in the lordships of Richmond and Middleham, and with the liberties of Richmond - a rich office - and altogether, as Leland says he "waxed rich".

He married sometime before 1494 Elizabeth, daughter and co-heir of Henry de Hartlington of Hartlington, in Craven, a family great distinction and antiquity, also owning the Manors of Hanlith and Kirkby Malham. He served under the Cliffords of Skipton Castle through all their troubles. On Elizabeth's marriage these lands were transferred to the Metcalfs.

Although there seems to have been a son Robert, he evidently did not get the Manor. There is the possibility that it had been forfeited on account of Henry Hartlington being in the service of the Lancastrian Clifford, and that it was afterwards transferred to Thomas Metcalf. Thomas had a family of three sons, the eldest, James, inherited the property of Nappa and those Manors in Craven coming from his mother. At Windsor 1528 he was knighted by Richard III and took part in the Scottish campaign in 1480. For services rendered he was granted the office of Master Forester of the game in the King's forests of Wensleydale and Bishopdale, and Keeper of the Park at Woodhall, Yorkshire.

He was given the office of coroner of the Marshalsea of the King's Household, High Sherrif of the County of York, 1525. He died in 1539 and was buried in St. Wilfrid's Church, Burnsall, where in Dodsworth's time there was a fragment of glass in one of the windows inscribed "pray for the soul of James Metcalfe", but the church itself has been much restored.

He married Margaret, daughter and co-heir of Thomas Pigott of Clothierham, near Ripon. She died in 1530 and her son Christopher, being about 17 years old. Sitting as Commissioner of the Army in the North, he held a muster of all the arms in the Wapentake of Hang West on Middleham Moor; it included the large number of ninety-eight Metcalfes, sixty-two of them coming from Ryedale.

When Sir James died in 1539, his son, Christopher, having succeeded him began his career by having an action brought by Lord John Scrope contesting his right of the Manor of Nappa, in which Scrope was successful after prolonged litigation. The case was settled by Christopher giving up the estate at Healey, which had belonged to his mother.

Although still having considerable means, he had extravagant tastes and Nappa Hall, as probably never before - and certainly never again - was often the scene of high revelry. It was during his life that Mary Queen of Scots, in custody at Bolton Castle, was supposed to have stayed at Nappa. He was High Sherrif of York, 1555, when he met the Judges with a following of three hundred mounted attendants all of his name and family, and clothed in his livery. he married Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Clifford, First Earl of Cumberland, of Skipton Castle; the Manor of Hartlington being charged a hundred marks as jointure - later he sold the manor for £1200. Dying in 1574 aged 58 years he left four sons and one daughter. His wife's father, Henry Clifford, who died in 1541, seems to have left a rather peculiar Will as regards his daughter Elizabeth, for he left her £1000 if she married an Earl, 1000 if she married a Baron, and if a Knight 800 marks. For some unknown reason Elizabeth's name does not appear on her father's tomb in Skipton church.

Sir Christopher, had through his extravagance and love of show, run through his wealth leaving only Nappa and some small property round it and the Manor of Clothierham (which came to him from his mother) which later became part of the Studley Estate. His religious views seem to have altered with the times, but in the reign of Elizabeth he and his family were certainly protestants, and in this respect had a good deal of influence in Wensleydale. His eldest son James was twenty-three years old at the time of his father's death, but he survived him by six years, and he died in 1580, leaving one son Thomas born in 1579 who was knighted in 1603 by James I and was made a Commissioner of the Peace for the North Riding when he was only twenty-six years old.

He had a hard time to make ends meet and in 1617 in order to meet a sum of £1400 he mortgaged Nappa hall to Sir Thomas and Sir William Smith and Mr. John Colbey, and a year later mortgaged Clothierham. For some years the Colbey family occupied Nappa, but through the help of some friends he was able to return there until his death in or about 1650. He and his wife, a daughter of Sir Henry Slingsby, of Scriven, were both buried in Askrigg Church. From an attack on Raydale House, occupied by the

Robinsons, to which he laid seige, he got the name of the Black Knight of Nappa. He had four sons and five daughters.

James the eldest son, resided at Nappa for a time practising as a barrister, and was Recorder of Richmond in 1665. A couple of years later he agreed, with his brother Thomas, to divide Nappa Hall and each live in his own part - in which division it would seem that James got the better bargain. He had no family. Thomas, who was living at Nappa, was twice married but had no children. He died about 1685. An elder brother, Scropo Metcalf, was officer in the army of Charles I, and was killed at Thame and buried in St. Peter's Church, Oxford 1645. Another brother, Henry, married and had two sons. The eldest, Thomas, of Nappa, born in 1687, was a barrister and J.P., and died unmarried. His brother James died at Nappa unmarried. His aunt Joan, daughter of Sir Thomas, mentioned him in her Will as "the hopeful heir to the old ruinous house of Nappa". Thomas was buried in Askrigg Church 1756. he was the last of the direct line of the Metcalfs of Nappa.

He left the residue of his personal estate to Richard Weddell, of Newby, and some personal effects to his godson Thomas, son of the Rev. Thos. Metcalf of Tilton, who was afterwards Rector of Kirkby Overblow, Yorkshire. Frances Metcalf, sister of Thomas and Henry, married Sir William Robinson, of Newby-on-Swale, from whom were descended the Marquess of Ripon and Earl de Grey, who inherited Nappa and the property from his relation William Weddell - it later passed to his youngest daughter and co-heiress Lady Mary Vyner.

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"Nappay" - old English meaning "Turnip-field"

** Estate of 400 acres given to James Metcalfe by Sir R. Scrope of Bolton Castle under whom he had fought at Agincourt.

Source: Wensleydale by E. Pontefract and M. Hartley. - W.M. Editor

FROM MARY METCALFE with searches by NINA BENSON

1881 CENSUS LEEDS. St. John's Parish

11 Alma Street:

James Metcalfe	head 79	Tailor	Yorkshire
James Metcalfe	son 39	Tailor	YORK
Cordelia Metcalfe	dau 38	-	"
Charlotte Buckley	19	Granddau.	LEEDS
Lilley Buckley	17	"	LEEDS
Eliza Parker	marr. 52		LEEDS

(Search revealed:

James bpt. 3.6.1803 son of Jas at Kippax

James bpt. 13.4.1841 son of James & Mary at St. Olave, York

Eliza bpt. 26.10.1828 dau James & Mary Leeds)

1881 CENSUS LEEDS St. John's

34 Dolly Lane:

Moor N. Metcalf	40	dairy man milk	Leeds
Hellen "	w 27		Leeds
Joseph "	s 4		Leeds
Sidney "	s 3		Leeds
Wallace "	s 5 months		Leeds

(Search revealed:

MOOR NICHOLS Metcalfe bpt 20.3.1843 at Stalling Busk son of Joseph and Jane)

Now connects with member 100

"A STRANGER VISITS YORKSHIRE"

by James J. Metcalf member No. 80

My name is Jim Metcalf, who until recently had travelled these islands quite extensively but had never visited Yorkshire. I had heard of the Dales but could, and have, seen Dales anywhere and everywhere. Sorry folks but your 'Dales' held no attraction at all.

Interest in genealogy developed some time ago and I learnt that Yorkshire was the home of the Metcalf(e)s, that certainly warranted a week-end visit which would surely suffice my needs. However, a friend who regularly visits Yorkshire listed other places of interest and my wife and I headed north from Birmingham.

On to Bradford, and viewing the museum, the screen five storeys high - no one should miss that experience. To Wetherby and Spofforth, where due to the Mecca News I was able to locate Blind Jack Metcalfe's grave and take my usual quota of photographs. We finished that first day determined to see EVERYTHING.

Knaresborough - an obvious must, with the castle, the well and a 'meeting' with Blind Jack in the museum - all much more interesting than I thought possible. Don't mention it to anyone but I'm pleased with the photograph I now possess of Jack, taken without flash, ever tried holding a camera perfectly still on 'time'?

We now criss crossed over various Dales, taking in the views and places of interest, far too many to mention. This was taking far longer than I thought, the week-end stretched to six days and I resigned myself to being unable to see half of that available.

I have held the Bainbridge Horn on the village green, my thanks to the lass at the Rose and Crown. Rather disappointed at not meeting Alistair Metcalfe. Please continue with the tradition. Bless you.

What a wonderful area! What grand people! For instance - the gentleman in the museum at Reeth and his friend, they spent their time telling me tales of the Metcalfes. If only I had more time. Mrs. Hodgson not only arranged a couple of nights stay at Mrs. Woodward's but supplied me with half a dozen books to read, all about Metcalfes and The Dales. As I said before, grand people.

Nappa Hall - Hardraw Force - Aysgarth Falls - The Buttertubs - had I missed anywhere? Of course. Six days and 812 miles later I was back home, to view the numerous photographs and to realise how much had been missed. I shall certainly return, as I'm not a stranger anymore, for this I thank the hospitality from the good people of Yorkshire.

If you are interested in Metcalfes you have GOT to visit there, if you are not interested in Metcalfes (or other Yorkshire names) visit anyway. It is well worth the time.

FROM MEMBER No. 96 Mrs. Jean Forrester

1. HAUXWELL tombstone: YKS

Christopher Medcalfe, late of Richmond. Died 24th January 1787 aged 29 years

2. CENSUS RETURN 1841 Moreditch Field, Tilney St. Lawrence, NORFOLK

WILLIAM Medcalf	65	farmer	yes
Ellen "	35		yes
Elizabeth "	5		yes
Frederick "	9 months		yes
Ann Cuzens	30	independent	yes
Louisa Cuzens	9 months		yes

3. 1861 CENSUS Terrington St. Clement, NORFOLK

William Medcalf	m	28	h	Ag Lab	Embeth Nfk
Mary Ann "	m	29	w		Cambridge
William "	s	8		scholar	"
Richard "	s	4		scholar	Walpole
John "	s	2			"

4. 1861 CENSUS Tilney Hall, Tilney St. Lawrence. NORFOLK

William E. Medcalf	h	m	30	farmer 476 acres emp 13 lab & 3 boys	St. Marys
Rebecca Jane "	w	m	30		Terrington
William Hugh "	s		6		Tilney
Edwin Arthur "	s		5		"
Florence Jane "	d		3		"
William H.C. Brown	visitor	m	60	Landed proprietor	Kilkenny Ireland
Sarah Ann Holland	unm	21		Dairy maid	Terrington

5. 1861 CENSUS Lynn Road, Tilney St. Lawrence. NORFOLK

Frederick Medcalf	unm	20	farmer 200 acres	Emp 7 men	Tilney
Susannah "	unm	27	sister	& 4 boys.	Magdalene*

* Wiggenhall, St. Mary Magdalene

REGARDING No. 2 a search revealed:

William bpt 5.6.1776 EMNETH son of William & Ann Mt.

William married ANN THORN 25.5.1772 EMNETH

Also issue: Anthony 18.11.1772 and Andrew 25.5.1777

JONAS

In our issue number 15 page 13 there was an entry of a baptism sent to us by Joan Metcalfe of Preston, member 63. It read:-

8.1.1843 at Langthorne (reg: district of Bedale, Yks)

Thomas son of Jonas (stonemason) and his wife Dorothy nee Stelling.

Further meat to the bones can now be added !

1881 Census RG11 - 4871 LANGTHORNE in parish of St.Gregory, Crakehall (which is near Bedale, Yks.)

17 : Street,

JONAS METCALFE	head m 70	Grocer	b Darlington, Durham.	
DOROTHY	"	wife m 69	-	b Langthorne, Yks.
AGNES	"	gd dau unm 17	-	b Crakehall, Yks.

A search of the I.G.I revealed :-

JONAS son of Thomas Metcalfe and Margaret Hunter bpt 24.2.1810 at Haughton le Skerne, Durham.

ANN dau of above bpt 8.3.1808

CHRISTOPHER son of above bpt 8.1.1812

No marriages of either Jonas or Thomas listed.

LOW ROW WESLEYAN CHAPEL - MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

N.E.B.

36. JOHN Metcalf of Townend Hall, Reeth d 27.6.1885 age 50 and
DINAH his wife d 30.9.1912 age 70.

37. WILLIAM METCALF of Healaugh d 1867 age 66 and
dau CLARA METCALF d 27.12.1898 age 24 and
MARY his wife d Oct 1893 age 73 or 78 and
JOHN their son d 1865 age 14 and
MARY their dau d 1899 age 57.

38. JOHN METCALF of Grinton b 23.11.1837 d Healaugh 26.9.1913

39. JAMES METCALF of Reeth d 1.7.1869 age 54 and
MARGARET his wife d 4.10.1869 age 64 and
GEORGE their son d 14.2.1871 age 15

LOW ROW is in Swaledale, between Reeth and Gunnerside.

EASTBOURNE 1871 Census, Sussex.

Lewes Record Office ref Xa 17/1.

From member 109, Mrs Patricia Wood.

All as spelt on census.

BATTLE - Sussex.

81 : Lake.

LESTER METCALF	head.	wdr	55	Ag Lab	b Battle
HARRIET	"	dau	unm 22	Dom serv	"
EMILY	"	dau	unm 18	Dom serv	"
FRAK ??	"	son	unm 15	Houseboy serv	"
HELEN	"	dau	- 13	Scholar	"

ex IGI :- Lester born 12.10.1815 son of George & Elizabeth Metcalf recorded at Great Meeting - Presbyterian or Unitarian, Battle. No mar Sussex of George = Elizabeth, nor Lester. Other children of Geo & Eliz :-

Edwin born 7.4.1800 Francis born 7.10.1806 William born 14.7.1808

Horace born 16.6.1812 Henry born 2. 2.1817 George born 4.1.1819

All at Battle, as above.

82 : Lake.

MATILDA METCALF	head	?	50	-		b Westfield Sussex.
WILLIAM	son	unm	31	or 21	labourer	b Battle
HORACE	son	unm	19		labourer	b Battle
GEORGE	son	unm	19		labourer	b Battle
ALICE	dau	unm	14		scholar	- -

Nothing on IGI

60 : High Street

LOUIS METCALF	head	mar	23			b Battle
GARRIAL ?	"	-	2-	Shoemaker	Journeyman	b Battle
ROSA M	"	dau	- 4 mo			b -

(Was Louis meant to be Louise ? Could not decipher age of 'Garrial' apart from the 2)

Nothing on IGI

EASTBOURNE TOWN

3 Hyde Gardens: JANE METCALF serv unm 12 servant/nursemaid b Hackney.

ex IGI:- ?Janet Annie Metcalf bpt 8.4.1859 Stepney, St Peters London dau of Francis & Ann Gordon Metcalf. Francis Metcalf & Ann Gordon Clark mar 12.6. 1858 Stepney, St. Peters, London.

Hipswell Mill

An appreciation of kindness 1918 - 1919

By Fergus Brown 1919.

A tiny village by the brook,
A Church, a school, a mill.
A green, a dozen houses too,
A Hall, a shop a mill.

A peaceful English country scene,
A little babbling mill,
That merrily pursues its course,
And helps to drive the mill.

So picturesque, so commonplace,
That's all there is, until
One wanders down, where I have done
So often - to that mill.

A cottage, shyly hid'n away,
Below the shaded hill,
As though 'twould hide itself from view-
They call it "Hipswell Mill".

To add to its tranquility,
'Tis "OUT OF BOUNDS", but still
One boldly passes through the gate
And enters that old Mill.

The smiling faces, kindly thoughts,
Of that dear household, fill
His soul with loving memories
Of dear old Hipswell Mill.

Hundreds of miles away from home -
His duty to fulfil -
A soldier strayed one day into
That cheerful, cosy mill.

What gracious friends he there has made !
How blessed is the Mill,
That led his steps to love and cheer
That fill that dear old Mill.

The evening hours, when duty's done,
The happy children fill
With music, laughter, mirth and joy,
At quiet Hipswell Mill.

At night, when they have gone to rest,
And father's work is still,
He brightly chats and smokes with him
In comfort at the Mill.

And though he'd lost his dearest friend -
His loving Mother - still
That soldier found another one -
His Mother at the Mill.

And Auntie's gentle spirit gives
Him hope and joy; and will,
Until he joins his friends at home,
To talk of Hipswell Mill.

Thank God for every blessing giv'n,
His promise to fulfil,
For hearts as large as those we find
At Hipswells peaceful Mill.

HIPSWELL MIXED SCHOOL RECORD BOOK

Kindly lent to us by member Mrs Gillian Morrison.

Metcalfe pupils mentioned:-

- 23 Jan 1871 Frederick Metcalfe new pupil, found backward & placed in the lower class.
- 15 May 1871 Walter Metcalfe re-admitted.
- 5 Feb 1872 James Metcalfe new scholar, placed in the 4th class.
- 5 Jan 1874 Jane Elizabeth Metcalfe re-admitted.
- Feb 1876 Frederick Christopher Metcalfe, prize for good attendance.
- Nov 1876 Mary Ann Metcalfe, prize for answering the Inspector's questions well.
- Jan 1877 Isabella Metcalfe, prize for best attendance.
- Dec 1877 Mary Ann Metcalfe - highly commended for work in Division 1.
- 1878 Jas. Metcalfe - obtained 'A' in paper work in Division 2.
- Feb 1879 James Metcalfe - Honour Certificate.
- 1880 Isabella Metcalfe - obtained B.B, in paperwork.
- 18 Feb 1881 James Metcalfe - punished for behaving badly during School hours.
- 3 Oct 1884 Amy Metcalfe, new scholar.
- 22 Apr 1887 Isabella Metcalfe admitted.
- 12 Apr 1889 Ada Metcalfe, new scholar.
- 29 Nov 1889 Frederick Christopher Metcalfe, a scholar at this school in 1881 took the "third prize for a Fretwork Photo Stand at the first Industrial Exhibition held in Richmond".
- 5 May 1890 Annie Metcalfe - new scholar.

When the term "re-admitted" is used it refers to pupils who have probably been absent during the winter months due to ill/delicate health which was quite a common occurrence. The weather also played havoc with attendances - "smaller attendance this week owing to another storm of snow preventing many children from attending school" - February 1879. Then on September 29th 1884 we note "Good attendance on account of the close of the corn harvest". James Metcalfe was by no means the only child to be punished for bad behaviour, others were in trouble for "smoking" and "teasing the girls". Times haven't changed much !.

NOTE FROM TREASURER - MRS. MARGARET METCALFE

Very many thanks to our members for their kind donations and a mention to recognise all the hard work put into the Society by Nina. She really does deserve a medal..

I am sure that everyone who has come into contact with Nina will agree with that sentiment. Ed.

MECCA MUSTER '86

ADVANCE NOTICE

This has been arranged for SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 1986, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Wetherby at the Masonic Hall, where there is ample off street parking and because of the larger facilities, there will be no need to restrict numbers, so families and friends will be most welcome.

We hope to keep the cost in the region of £5 per head including lunch, morning coffee and afternoon cup of tea.

At this stage we plan to have ALL our records and recorders there. WILL YOU BE THERE?

Our 'musters' are usually VERY informal, with the accent on giving everyone the time and opportunity to study the files, meet new friends and discuss any problems.

To help our secretary with the arrangements we would like you to complete the short questionnaire on the subscription repayment slip. We don't need firm commitments yet, this is only to get a rough idea of the possible numbers involved.

Now is the time too, to think about the agenda for the business (short!) meeting - anything you would like to discuss? Please send the ideas to the secretary.

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 1st NOVEMBER 1985

1.11.84		<u>Expenditure for Year</u>	
Cash at Bank	62.59	Newsletter printing	144.00
Cash in Hand	29.77	Newsletter distribution	61.66
Sec.'s Credit Bal.	1.31	Editor's expenses	3.00
		Ass. Editor's expenses	
<u>Income for Year</u>		photocopying back numbers	
Interest	0.94	postage, labels, etc.	16.00
Subscriptions	320.50	Index keeper	
Donations	55.46	Index cards etc.	18.39
Back Numbers	57.50	Sec.'s Expenses	
		Stationary, Postage	
		Files, Dalesman Ads. etc.	68.66
		<u>Balance at 1.11.85</u>	
		Bank	210.53
		Cash	5.83
	£528.07		£528.07
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EASBY

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTION

N.E.B.

Easby is near Richmond, Yorkshire

29. MARY wife of Bartholomew Metcalfe of Red House, Easby
died 23rd March 1900 age 70 or 79 and
BARTHOLOMEW METCALFE her husband d 27.7.1900 age 73 years.

N.B. Mrs. Pat Wiggins member No. 79 Could this be YOUR Bartholomew -
bpt 25.5.1828 at Catterick son of Thomas & Elizabeth Metcalfe ???????
Bartholomew married 30.8.1854 at Hipswell, Mary Robinson.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 1986

Nina Benson

Yes, I'm afraid they HAVE gone up!

There was no way we could hope to start to buy copies of the new I.G.I. which
is due out in the Spring, without increasing our reserves. 1985 prices only
just managed to cover costs without any major expenditure.

After sounding out all those I was able to, a decision had to be made - was
50p sufficient OR did we need a full £1 increase?

It cost me a few finger-nails and sleepless nights I can tell you and I shall
have to stand or fall by my decision of an increase of £1 sterling on all classes
of subscriptions.

Now I can only await your decisions but do plead with you to accept the necessity.
It will ONLY be used to expand our records and so will be of benefit to everyone.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR SOCIETY.

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