



'M E C C A' N E W S

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Dear Members,

Our series on 'First Interests Aroused' begins in this issue. I make no apologies for wandering off the Metcalfe path at times, I felt the accounts were such fascinating reading it was justified. I hope you agree. My thanks to those who have contributed and please let me have more accounts.

In December issue we will have a page on helpful hints for the beginner, with a list of some useful books.

I look forward to meeting those of you who will be at Septembers muster.

Best wishes

Valerie Metcalfe.

Editor

BIRTH BRIEFS.

Updated :-

Mrs Mary Metcalfe, member no: 1. Researching husbands family.

Marriage traced of Gt x 3 grandfather Moses Metcalf to Elizabeth Ritson, at Sheriff Hutton, Yorkshire on 25th March 1788. Mary's address on back page.

Mrs Jean Bradley, member no: 59. address on back page.

Great x 3 grandfather Christopher Mt married 6th Mar 1787 at Leven, Yorks: to Milcah Fallowdown. Christopher was son of Isaac who married Elizabeth Hunter 9th June 1753 at Kingston upon Hull, Yks. Isaac was son of Jansen/Jenson/Hianson Metcalf whose baptism is still sort.

Mrs Alison Hutton, member no: 81. 197 Highsted Road, Christchurch 5, New Zealand.

See Aug '84 no: 13 edition for first birth brief. Henry who was a tailor and tavern keeper in Leeds Yks was born 26.7.1863 at Burneston near Bedale Yorkshire and was son of George and Elizabeth (Gatenby) Mt. George was bapt 23.7.1837 at Bedale, third of 10 children of George & Margaret (Barwick) Mt who mar 8.12.1832. George was bapt 3.12.1809 son of the first marriage of William Mt to Betty -. William who was a shoe maker in Bedale later married Emma Cagil in 1814 and it is from this marriage that our member no: 156, Mrs Margaret Mann in Viking, Alberta, Canada, is descended. Another success in discovering new cousins !

Mrs Kay Davey, member no: 93. 20 Hinkley Close, Harefield, Middlesex. UB9 6AA.

Marriage traced between James Mt & Jane Johnston (see Dec '84 no:14 ed) this took place at Donington, Lincolnshire on 5th Dec 1797 and therefore has no connection with the couple of the same names having children bpt at Brough in Stainmore, Westmorland.

Mr Peter Metcalfe, member no: 129. 17 Bowness Avenue Bromsbrough, Wirral, L63 OEY.

(See Aug '85 no: 16 edition). James born circa 1855 ?.....the 1881 census for Darlington, Co. Durham revealed that James was born at Cowton, Yorkshire. A mixture of Parish registers and IGI show that he was bpt 18.8.1854, the son of Edward and Ann (Etherington) Mte. Edward was the fifth child of James & Elizabeth (Ward) Mte who were married 28th May 1821 at Richmond, Yks. Edward being bpt 10.1.1830 at South Cowton. James bpt 12.10.1800 was the forth child of James & Mary (Whiliar) Mte who were married 25 Nov 1794 at South Cowton. James bpt 18th Nov 1770 at South Cowton was the second child of James & Eleanor (Swalwell) Mte who mar 21st Nov 1757 at South Cowton. This lineage shows some connection to member no: 65, Mr Harry Metcalfe, Hill Top Farm, North Cowton.

Mr Paul Metcalfe, member no: 137, 13 Station Road, Thirsk, North Yorkshire. YO7 1QF.

See Dec '85 no 17 edition. Re Fredrick thought to have come to Ripon from the 'Dallow Gill' area of Yorkshire. The Fellbeck (near Pateley Bridge) census for 1881 reveals the following family at the Half Moon Inn, Fellbeck. George 44 farmer & Innkeeper b Felbeck, Hannah wife, 36 born Felbeck. Children John 17, Sarah A. 13, Joseph 11, Arthur 9, Ernest 7, AND FREDERICK, nephew 16, farm servant, indoors, born WILSILL. Wilsill in 1822 was in parish of Ripon but it is possible that this had changed by 1865.

Mrs Audrey King, member no: 138, 19 Pemberton Street, Parramatta 2150, Australia.

See Dec '85 no 17: edition. William & Dorothy (Sargeson) Metcalf were married at West Witton, Yks; 21st May 1821 when William a labourer, was described as 'of the parish of RIPON'. This couple had four children baptised at Ripon Cathedral :- Christiana 15.5.1822 of Bridge Hewick, Margaret 18.3.1827 of Ripon, Rebecca 23.5.1830 (ancestor of Audrey) of Ripon, and William 17.11.1833 of Ripon. The family has not yet been traced in the 1841 census but by 1851 they had moved to Heaton Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland where Rebecca was working. The farm was owned by Addison L Potter, a coalowner. Does anyone know of any connection this Potter family may have with Ripon in the 1830s.?

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

See Dec '85 no 17 edition. Edward Mte married Sarah Wetherald on 21st Feb 1803 at Aysgarth, Wensleydale, Yks. The first few years of their married life was spent at Linton in Craven where they had three of their children baptised :- Leonard 1.1.1804, Elizabeth 2.3.1806 and Ann 23.4.1809. Therefore James the ancestor of Mrs Magee was not the 6th child of seven - but the 9th child of ten. EDWARD is now believed to be the son of William and bapt 22.8.1778 at Aysgarth, and William possibly the son of Leonard.

Mr Gordon E. Metcalfe member no: 142, 7 Millgate, Masham, Ripon.HG4 4EQ, North Yorkshire.

See Apl '86 no 18 edition. Thomas Mte who married Elizabeth Sayer was bapt 18.3.1824 at Burneston, near Bedale, forth child of Richard and Catherine (Beckwith) Mte who married 2nd Spt 1815 at Burneston.

Correction

Miss Sandra Metcalf, member no: 134, 14 Charles Street, Tring, HP23 6BD. Hertfordshire.

See Apl '86 no 18 edition. Sandra's fathers name is NOT William Arthur Metcalf but WILSON ARTHUR.

NEW MEMBERS

Mr Edward Metcalfe, member 158. 18 Larch Rise, Barrow in Furness, LA13 0JZ. Cumbria.

born Barrow in Furness son of Thomas & Hilda (Downing) Mte who mar 1940 Barrow in Furness. Thomas bpt 15.4.1906 son of Edward & Mary (Emmott) Mte who mar 21 Feb 1904 St Matthews, B in F. Edward bpt 31.5.1869 at Low Bentham Yks. son of Thomas & Ann (Holmes) Mte. Thomas was a shoe maker and was possibly born c1843 Burton in Lonsdale the son of Mary Ann Mte - work continues !

Mrs Ida Metcalfe, member 159. 30 Westgate Park Road, Morecambe.LA4 4RN. Lancashire.
Mother to member 86 Mrs Carol Arkwright.

Married to Nathan Raw Metcalfe who was b 1910 Carperby, North Yks: the son of Richard Lawson & Margaret Tomlinson (Raw) Mte who mar 1895 Aysgarth. Richard Lawson Mte b 1870 Bainbridge, Wensleydale son of William Lawson & Alice (Batty) Mte who mar 1867 at Redmire, Wensleydale. Wm Lawson Mt b c1840 at Bainbridge, son of Richard Lawson & Elizabeth (Cockbone) Mte who mar 1829 Aysgarth. Richard Lawson Mt bpt 12.5.1803 Askrigg so.James.

Mr John R. Metcalfe, member 160. "Fron Haul", Wrexham Road, Ruthin, Clwyd.

b 1914 son of Thomas & Ethel (Ellison) Mte who mar 1911. Thomas b 1882 son of John & Margaret (Walker) Mte who mar 1875. John b 1848 son of Lister Mte. Lister b c1824 son of John & Isabella (Raw) Mte.

We regret to report the sudden death of John R. Metcalfe on 18th March 1986 and our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

Mrs Barbara Page, member 161. Clandeboye, Manitoba, CANADA, ROC OPO.

great grand-daughter of Fanny Metcalfe & her husband Thomas Parker who mar 1884 in Canada. Fanny b 1861 at Palmerston, Ontario, Canada dau of Joseph & Sarah (Audiss) Mte. Joseph b 1818 at Keelby in Lincolnshire, England. ? son of Joseph & Ann (Taylor) who mar 1.3.1808 Kirkington, Lincs:

Mrs Judith A. Tattersfield, member 162. "Wootton", 60 Faversham Road, Kennington, Ashford, TN24 9DB, Kent.

Grand-daughter of Thomas Mte son of George & Hannah (?Limbert mar 16.3.1844 Woodhouse in Leeds). George settled in Swillington near Leeds but was bapt 7.12.1810 at Danby Wiske, Yorkshire, son of George & Ann (Marshall) who mar 16.2.1802 Danby Wiske. George bpt 12.3.1777 Danby Wiske son of George & Margaret (Ewebank) Mte who mar 15.3.1775 Danby Wiske when George was described as husbandman of Kirby Wiske.

Mrs. H. Stothard, member 163. 1 St Johns Way, Bilton, Harrogate, HG1 3AL, North Yorkshire.

Has three lines of Metcalf(e) in her fathers (James Metcalfe Atkinson) side of the family. 1. Her paternal grandfather was the gt gt grandson of Matthew Hutchinson & his wife Margaret Metcalfe. Margaret b 1736 at Carperby, Wensleydale dau of Bryan & Margaret (Lupton) Mte who mar 30.10.1726 at Aysgarth. Bryan bpt 21.8.1698 at Aysgarth son of John of Carperby. 2. Her father's mother was gt grand-dau of (Ann)Hannah Metcalfe and her husband Thomas Haw who mar 17 May 1819 at Leeds, St Peters. Thomas & Hannah Haw's son James married (3rd line) ELLEN Mt in 1845 at Kirby Malzeard Yks. Ellen b 1829 8th child of 14 of Matthew & Hannah (Peacock) Mt who mar 26.11.1817 at Ripon Cathedral, Yks. and who later lived at Azerley Grange near Ripon, "Newlands" and "Lawnwith". Matthew bpt 15.6.1788 at Kirby Malzeard son of George.

Mr John Hyndes, member 164. 20 Cornland, Putnoe, Bedford. MK41 8HZ.

Son of Harold Hyndes & his wife Alice Metcalfe who was born 18.12.1900 at Hunslet, Leeds, Yks. dau of John William & Mary Ann (Walls) Mte who mar 14.7.1887 St Peters, Stockton on Tees, Co. Durham. John William born 1.4.1858 Middlesbrough, Yks. son of William & Mary (Lax) Mte. William was an innkeeper and later moved to Guisborough, Yks and then to Stockton on Tees.

Mrs Audrey Hall, member 165. 51 Stanton Road, Shirley, Solihull, B90 2DY, West Midlands.

Dau of Ralph Metcalfe and his wife Alice Toase who was his second wife. Ralph was born circa 1870 at Newcastle upon Tyne. His first wife was Dora Sparks and they were also grandparents to member 123 Mrs Pam Jarman - another success for the society !

Mrs Hilda Cooper, member 166. 8 Meadow Gardens, Sunderland, Co. Durham.

Gt grand-daughter of Henrietta Metcalfe & her husband James Murray who married 15.5.1816 at Sunderland. Henrietta bpt 16 Feb 1790 at Reay in Scotland dau of Richard & Catherine (Innes) Metcalf who mar 4 Nov 1775 at Wick, Caithness, Scotland. Richard supposed to have been born in Yorkshire.

Mrs Ettie Sheaves, member 167. 5 Wyong Street, Oatley 2223, Australia.

Gt. gt grand-daughter of Naomi Metcalfe & her husband John Relton, who mar 29.4.1823 at Holywell, Huntingdon, England.

Mr John Rich, member 168. 24 Alder Grove, Malpas Park, Newport, Gwent.
NP9 6WU.

Grandmother was Dorothy Ellison Metcalfe b 1900, Newport, dau of George Arthur Mte bpt 29.7.1864 Pillgwenlly, Newport son of John David & Mary Ellen (Jones) Mt. John David Mt born 24.3.1842 at Scott Street, East Sculcoates, East Yorkshire, son of John & Martha (Ellison) Mt who were married 16 May 1833 Sculcoates.

Mrs Christine Wadsworth, member 169. 1 Queen's Park Drive, Castleford,
WF10 3DE, West Yorkshire.

Grand-daughter of Ellen Metcalfe & her husband Arthur Toft. Ellen b 1880 dau of James & Elizabeth Mte. James b c1849 Scriven near Knaresborough son of James & Mary Mte. James b c1808/11 at Grewelthorpe, Yks.

Mrs Valerie Hepworth, member 170. 10 Wyche Cottages, Shaw Lane, Stoke Prior,
Near Bromsgrove, B60 4EH. Worcs.

Gt gt grand-daughter of Isabella Metcalfe & her husband John Dobby who married 29.6.1816 at Well near Bedale, Yks. and the family later moved to Bradford, Yks.

Dr Tom Dukes, member 171, PO Box 9, Kemptuille, Ontario, K0G 1J0.Canada.

Grand-son of Eliza Metcalf who married Samuel Kilburn 12.12.1831 at Wakefield, Yks. England. ?Eliza dau of Joseph & Ann (Stephenson) who married 27.5.1799, Ecclesfield, Yks.

CORRECTIONS TO MECCA NEWS No: 18 APRIL 1986.

SADDLEWORTH METCALF FAMILIES page 13.

1. Mally (Benson) should read - Mally Benson, her full name.
2. Jonathon (Leech) should read - Jonathon Leech, his full name.
3. Marriage date for Christopher to Hannah Rhodes should read 11th Sept 1797 and not 1787.
4. No line of descent should be shown from the above couple to Luke Medcalffe.

On the same page it is unfortunate that the Monmouth records were not more clearly separated.

The above were due to printers, rather than editors, errors.

N.E.B.

Held at the Lancashire County Record Office, Preston, Lancashire. Researched by Mrs Joan Metcalfe, 15 Shaftesbury Avenue, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 0AY, Lancashire. Joan very kindly offers to extract details of families, or property, bequests etc: from any will held at Preston (except for a few of the very early ones, which may be in Latin). If these prove to be of interest, the enquirer could then write to the CRO for photocopies so avoiding unnecessary expense. Please do NOT forget SAE/2no: IRCs with any request to either Joan or the CRO.

Part One, covering the years 1545 to 1837 was published in Mecca News no: 18 April 1986, copies of which are still available from the Secretary at 60p for U.K. orders, 80p overseas.

PART TWO 1838 - 1858.

Wills proved at Chester, taken from a card index. These are for Lancashire SOUTH of the river Ribble.

W = Will. A = Letters of Administration.

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| W. | June 1838 | Medcalf Thomas, builder of Kirkdale. |
| * W. | Sept 1840 | Metcalfe(e) Roger, victualler of Manchester. |
| A. | Jan 1842 | Metcalfe(e) Ann, spinster, of Benthams, Yorkshire, formerly of Manchester. |
| W. | Aug 1847 | Metcalfe(e) William, Chandler of Liverpool. |
| W. | Sept 1847 | Medcalf Anne, widow of Everton, Liverpool. |
| A. | Feb 1852 | Metcalfe John, bookkeeper of Bury. |
| * A. | Mar 1852 | Medcalf Mary, of Liverpool, wife of Cuthbert Collingwood Medcalf. |
| W. | Oct 1852 | Metcalfe(e) Isaac, merchant of Liverpool. |
| W. | Aug 1853 | " James, cabinet maker of Little Bolton. |
| W. | Sept 1855 | " Mary, spinster of Kirkdale. |
| A. | Feb 1856 | " Seth, tailor of Oswaldtwistle. |
| W. | Nov 1856 | Medcalf William the Elder, brush manufacturer of Manchester. |
| W. | May 1856 | Metcalfe(e) Anthony, carver and gilder of Manchester. |
| W. | Sept 1857 | Metcalfe Ann, widow of Liverpool. |
- * Roger 1840 IGI = Roger son of John & Margaret Metcalfe bpt 21.10.1798, at Manchester Cathedral.
- Roger Mt = Mary Lowe 30.1.1821 Manchester Cath: and had the following children bpt at Manchester Cath:-
- Eliza 28.10.1827. William Lowe 1.6.1834. Mary 15.5.1836.
- * Cuthbert Collingwood Md. 1852. IGI = CCM bpt 30.9.1807 Liverpool Cath: son of Townley Md & Margaret Hodson. Marriage not traced but they had 4 other sons bpt between 1800 & 1809 all at Liverpool. TOWNLEY Metcalf bpt 16.8.1772 son of Cuthbert, at Liverpool St Nicholas. CUTHBERT ? son of John Mte bpt 6.4.1747 Ribchester, Lancs: John Mt = Dorothy Cottam 24.12.1744 Ribchester.

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INTERESTS FIRST AROUSED

From Member 81. Mrs Alison Hutton, 197 Highsted Road, Christchurch 5,
New Zealand.

Whilst I belong to the Christchurch & New Zealand Society of Genealogists, I have not seen any sign of the Family Societies here. It is interesting to note that while my father came from a large family, only four of us from the next generation can be found in Christchurch and only six elsewhere. While pondering on the question of what it was that sparked off my interest in tracing the family history, I realised that it was my brother who initiated the research. As Director of Parks & Reserves in a New Zealand city, he was frequently asked to research records and graveyards for people far and near who were genealogists. His rationale was that if our generation didn't start looking, it would become increasingly difficult for following generations. It only took one conversation to set me on what has become a fascinating obsession with my 'roots'.

I knew little about my father's ancestry. He was born in Leeds, Yorkshire and emigrated to New Zealand in 1912 with 12 brothers and sisters and his parents, Henry and Patience Metcalf. Henry died 9 months later aged 50. He had owned a tavern in Woodhouse Road, Leeds, but was a tailor by trade.

My brother has the family Bible and was able to give me a birth date for Henry, but I was misled by the fact that he married in Stockton-on-Tees, Co. Durham, so my search for him was difficult. By chance a prayer book was found which showed Henry lived in Leeming Bar (near Bedale Yks) at 12yrs of age, so I sent for his birth certificate from St.Catherine's House and was delighted to receive it, showing his birth in Burneston. A look at the A.A. atlas of Britain showed a cluster of villages, including Leeming Bar and Burneston close together in the Vale of York.

Delighted with this information, I ordered three census films - 1851, 1861 and 1871 and in January viewed them over a period of hours, with amazing results. Not only Henry and his brothers & sisters, but also his father George, his grandfather George and possibly his great grandfather William, all living in Bedale and born there also.

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From Mrs Alison Hutton...

Their wives came from Carthorpe, Catterick and Well, all close to Bedale.

From the census I have found that the families shifted within the villiages as well as from village to village. Names such as Heaths Yard Bedale, West side Bedale, Rose Cottage Bedale, 112 Leeming Bar, Market Place Bedale, show a certain transience and leaves me wondering why this was so. The jobs of my ancestors are interesting:- Henry - Tailor; George - Whitesmith; George - Postman/shoemaker; William - Shoemaker/master.

This research leaves me with no choice. I will have to save hard to visit the places where my forebears lived and hopefully find distant relatives. Somewhere in Britain are the descendents of Henry's siblings:- George William b 1860; Margaret b 1866; Christopher b 1868 and Sarah Ann b 1869. It would be a fitting climax to my research to meet them.

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From Member 63. Mrs Joan Metcalfe, 15 Shaftesbury Avenue, Penwortham, Preston Lancs.

Tracing the family tree is something I have long wanted to do but didn't begin at all until about 11 years ago when our daughter was 14 and she became interested also. The Metcalfe side which has proved to be the most intriguing because it was known in the family that links between Metcalfe and Beresford, another prolific Dales family, had occurred over several generations and my husband's Aunt and Uncle (Martha nee Metcalfe and Frank Beresford) are in fact third cousins. Their common ancestors are Peter Beresford and Barbara Metcalf (nee Swinbank) who were married at Hubberholme Yks 10 October 1797. Barbara was the widow of Christopher Metcalf of Raisgill and her entry of marriage to Peter is the last entry in a line of baptisms, marriages and burials which appeared under the heading "Twenty five years in Raisgill" in the Mecca News no: 11.

Barbara is one of my favourite characters; she had nine children that I know of and lived to the ripe old age of 82 or 83.

The Aunt and Uncle I just mentioned have been our source of remembered family legends and are the only 'couple' of that generation of Metcalfes still living. Both are in their eighties.

Another of the fascinating aspects of our Metcalfe history, as I suppose with other families who were farmers for generations, is that the country where they lived and worked is so little changed, and it is not difficult to imagine the lives they led. My husband's gt gt grandfather John Metcalfe was baptised at Stalling Busk in 1790 and was farming at Marsett when he died in 1854. In the North Yorkshire C.R.O. booklet "Bainbridge in the Middle of the 19th Century" (the discovery of which was a godsend) are all the 1851 Census details, tithe map and Schedule, so that we have been able to work out exactly which fields were part of John's holding at that time. Meat on the bones as they say in genealogical circles!

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From Member 62. Mrs Barbara Kent, 17 Red Hill, Stourbridge, West Midlands.

Like many other genealogists my interest was aroused by the spelling of my name, only to find out very quickly how unimportant that was ! My maiden name is DALLEY and everyone in my immediate family, when spelling it aloud always stressed the 'E'. We felt it made us different. It was also a fairly rare name around Leeds. On tracing it to Bristol and myself moving
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Mrs Barbara Kent.....

to the Midlands, I discovered it was not at all uncommon but by that time I was thoroughly bitten by the family history bug.

To find my Metcalfe interest I have to go back to my 4xGt grandmother who was Elizabeth Metcalfe who married Benjamin Potter in Escrick, Yks in 1767. Elizabeth was the daughter of Richard Metcalfe and Jane Hunt (married in Escrick 1725). Richard was the son of Richard and Ann Metcalfe and he was baptised in Foston Yks in 1700. I have not been able to find out anything further back than this.

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From member 61. Mrs Valerie Metcalfe - address on back page.

Again my interest was aroused through my own family. My maiden name of STRAKER comes from the Vikings, who made the longships, the horizontal beams were called 'STRAKES' and the men who made them, STRAKERS. My grandmother Jean Straker nee McIsaac, told us wonderful tales round the fire, often with a smattering of Gaelic thrown in. Her own family originally came with the Monks from Ireland when they came to bring Christianity to Scotland (Iona was mentioned), they eventually stayed on the Outer Hebridean isle of Harris and then much later settled on the mainland of Scotland.

When I moved to North Yorkshire I read about the Metcalfe Society in my local newspaper and thought as Metcalfes were prolific here I'd hand over to my sister and change direction, with marvellous results.

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From member 2. Mrs Vera Adams, 2 Moorland Terrace, Garforth, Leeds, Yks.

My own interest was 'sparked off' by my husband, who began researching his own family history some 10 or 12 years ago. He had in his possession a family Bible which had been presented to his great grandfather in 1876 when he was in the army in India. In it were written all the births, deaths and marriages from there on and my husband himself continued this with our generation and is still adding to it. I started helping him in his research and realised what a thrill it was to discover your family name in old records. This was brought home to me particularly when we visited the PRO in London and looked through the Muster Rolls for the British Army in India and found his great grandfather's name. These rolls were meticulously kept and marked off in three monthly periods, recording exactly where each soldier was or what he was doing at each particular time. For instance - 'Recruiting' or 'At Sea' or 'On leave'.

Well I had to start on my own family history after that and with a name like Metcalfe, I soon ran into difficulties - there were so many with the same name. I think I am getting them sorted now, although I keep coming up against a blank wall. How much easier it would be to have an uncommon name I thought. So I started on my mother's name which was Allum. This family came from Suffolk and I found them much easier to trace. In fact I found the name back to the 1524 when it was included in the Suffolk Subsidy Returns. I have not, as yet, found anyone else tracing that name, even though I have contacted the Suffolk F.H.S. so if you hear of anyone please let me know.

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Interests First Aroused....continued

From Member 126. Mrs Rita Cawthra, 23 Belmont Rise, Low Moor, Bradford, BD12 0PB. West Yorkshire.

My interest was sparked off by an article in the Telegraph & Argus (our local newspaper) on the importance of being a 'Cawthra'. The article reproduced below was printed shortly after our American relatives had asked us to trace their 'roots'. I spent a lot of time delving into old records and visiting graves. I found the subject fascinating but did not pursue it further until I saw the advertisement placed by The Metcalfe Society in "The Dalesman" magazine. I remember about 30 years ago a cousin who emigrated to Canada - so there are obviously Metcalfes over there but unfortunately we lost touch. (Any connection with the Cawthra family mentioned by member 152 Denise Smith, in Mecca News no: 18 page 12 - ED)

The importance of being... CAWTHRA

Few surnames have changed their appearance as dramatically as Cawthra. Although this is now essentially associated with Bradford, it is merely one of at least a dozen variants which share a common history. The others which are well known in the area are Cawthray and Cawtheray, but the one which provides the clue to the family's history is Cawdry.

In contrast with many other local names, Cawthra was already numerous 600 years ago. There were at that time families as far apart as Slaiddburn and Snaith while others lived to the east of Leeds. From a Bradford point of view, however, the most interesting family was that of Robert Cawdra of Bramhope in the parish of Otley.

It was in this part of Wharfedale and in 1451 a lived for generations. In 1402 Adam Cawdray witness-

sed a deed at Burley in Wharfedale and in 1551 a rent roll for Kirkstall Abbey lists James Cawdre as the tenant of land at Pool, for which he was paying 2s. rent. In the subsidy rolls of the 16th century Cawdrays were well established at both Otley and Bramhope and from that period their history can be traced in the parish registers and a variety of other documents.

In 1561, for example, John Cawdre of Bramhope wrote in his will: "George my sone shall have my fermhold...during my lease taken of Mr. Dymeloy, and he to fynd my wyf, meat and cloth honestly during her lyf naturell."

In 1639 William Cawdre of Bramhope, husbandman, appeared at the Sessions at Wakefield accused of "unlawfully taking there and driving away, a wether sheep, value 4s."

In many ways, however, it is the Hearth Tax of 1672 which provides the most directly interesting information, for it is there that we first find the modern spel-

ling in the name William Cawthrey of Bramhope.

Rather earlier than this, one branch of the family had already migrated into the "Calverley" area from where it was later to establish the link with Bradford which still survives. Robert Cawdre was living in 1672 at Horsforth and even earlier in 1592 Thomas Cawdre had been involved in a land transaction at Pudsey.

Although by 1400 Cawdray was the usual form of the name, this had evolved via Corderay from Querderay, the name of a family holding land at Stubham (Ilkley) since the middle years of the 13th century.

Significantly, in another deed John's name was given as Quir de ray, confirming that the word is a version of the French "coeur de roi" (heart of a King)).

Linguistically, therefore, even if not genealogically, the Bradford Cawthras are directly related to present day families in France called Corderoy.

GEORGE REDMONDS

STRAYS

Sandal Magna (near Wakefield, Yorks:) St Helen's Church.

Marriage by Lic: 2nd Aug 1835. ELY TETLOW of this par. to HANNAH METCALF of Rothwell near Leeds. wit: Charles Robarts & Ann Schorey. Both of full age.

Burial 29th May 1868 age 43 yrs. EDWARD METCALF of Huddersfield, Yorks.

THE GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE.

A list of Metcalfe mentions between 1731 - 1786.

by NEB

Anything contained in brackets is additional information traced by NEB.

- 1732 March - Mr Laselles Medcalf, an eminent Quaker married Mrs Rachel Boswel, widow, of the same persuasion.
July - Robert Metcalfe of Threadneedle Street, London, bricklayer, declared bankrupt.
Nov 27 - John Medcalfe of Norfolk Street, Esquire, died.
- 1733 March 5th - death of the sister of John Medcalf Esquire.
- 1736 Nov 5th - death of William Metcalfe Esquire of Banbury, Oxford in Red Lyon Square. He was fellow of Queens Collage, Cambridge.
- 1737 Jan 2nd - Death of John Metcalf Esquire at Bath. Worth 1700 l per annum.
- 1739 Sept 19th (?18th) - Richard Holford Esq: married Miss Ann Metcalf(e) of Lamb's conduit Street, (Sutton, Surrey). 7000 l.
- 1741 Ecclesiastical Preferment - Mr Metcalfe, vicar of Alkeborow, Lincs:
- 1742 From other papers (than the London Gazette) - George Metcalf Esq: made solicitor to the Commisioners of the Customs in room (place) of Thomas Bryan Esq:.
- 1744 July 16th - Death of Samuel Metcalf of Clapham Esq: reckoned worth 10,000 l.
- 1747 Aug 21st - marriage of Matthew Graves Esq: (widower of Serjeants Inn) solicitor in Chancery to --- (Sarah) only dau of the late Reverend Dr Metcalf (of Sunbury, Middlesex).
Alteration in the list of Parliament since the returns - Bedwin - Lascelles Metcalfe - duly elected.
- 1748 Sheriffs - Oxfordshire - Edward Metcalfe of Drayton, Esquire.
April 15th - death of Sloper Metcalfe Esq: in Hertfordshire.
April 16th - death of William Metcalf of Ayton nr Scarborough, Esq:
- 1751 Promotions - Michael Metcalfe Esq: collector of customs at Boston and on the coast of Lincolnshire.
- 1756 April 22nd - death of Thomas Metcalfe of Napper, Yks, Esquire.
- 1757 Feb 11th - death of Dr Theophilus Metcalfe MD at Ambroseden.
- 1759 July 27th - death of Christopher Metcalf Esq: at Edmonton.
Nov 1st (Oct 30th) - marriage of Robert Dalton of Turnham, Lancs Esquire to Miss (Bridget) Metcalfe of Bunbrough, Yorkshire. (at Wrawby, Lincs).
- 1764 July 18th - death of Joshua Medcalf of Great Portland Street.
- 1766 Mar 22nd - marriage of Thomas Metcalfe of Richmond, Yorkshire, Esquire to Miss Hone of St. James Place.
- 1767 Nov 29th - William Metcalf Esq: died in Gt. Ormond Street, London, aged 84.

- 1768 July 1st - death of James Metcalf Esq: of Chelsea.
- 1770 Isaac Medcalf of Rumford, Essex. Grocer, bankrupt.
- 1771 Sept 16th - Thomas Metcalfe Esq; a daughter - in Portman Square.
- 1772 Richard Metcalf of Muker, Yorkshire, a victualler, bankrupt.
- 1773 Ecclesiastical Dispensations. Rev Mr. Metcalf to Crofton R. in Yorkshire.
Ecclesiastical Preferment August 28th Rev Thomas Metcalfe to Barrow Rectory in Suffolk.
- 1774 March - death of The Rev Mr Metcalf, Rector of Kirkby Overblow.Yks.
- 1775 May - John Metcalfe, Dykeheads, Yorkshire, miner, bankrupt.
- 1776 Feb - Thomas Metcalfe, Wapping Dock Street, dealer, bankrupt.
Mar/Apl - Richard Metcalfe Esquire married Miss Stephenson, dau to Lord Mayor of York. (Ann Stephenson otp = Richard Metcalf of parish of St Helen's in York. by licence from Mr. Place. at St Martin's, Coney Street, York. on 23rd April 1776. Richard could be son of Conyers Metcalf)
- 1777 Jan 28th - death of Rev Mr Metcalf aged near 100, Rector of Tott and Hardwicke, both in Cambridgeshire.
- 1780 March 12th - death of William Henry Metcalf at Hackney, Esquire of Fort George, North Britain.
May - Rev George Metcalfe married Miss M. Pierson.
- 1781 Aug 13th - death of Lascelles Metcalfe Esq: of Red Lion Square.
- 1783 Bankrupt - Elizabeth Metcalfe, Wickham Market, Suffolk, shopkeeper.
Bankrupt - Corn. Metcalfe of Manchester, fustian manufacturer.
- 1784 Ecclesiastical Preferment - July - Rev FRA. Metcalf MA of Rudston, V. county Yorkshire.
- Nil up to 1786.
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LINCOLN QUAKER.

From Mrs B. Kent (5)

From the First Minute Book of the Gainsborough Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends 1669-1719.

Printed by the Lincoln Record Society.

"Nicholas Medcalfe of Garthorpe, presented as a Quaker in 1662, not known otherwise".

TRAVELLER

Christopher Metcalf mar Frances Thompson 23rd March 1811 at Bedale, Yorks.

George Thompson Metcalfe bapt 25.7.1819 at Bedale, son of the above.

George Thompson Metcalfe buried Holbeck, Leeds March 1882 aged 62.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Nina E. Benson

I am happy to report that our Editor Valerie Metcalfe has now (June 29th) returned home from hospital after a major operation. We send you our love and best wishes Val and trust that you have a speedy and satisfactory recovery. Val has asked me to say that she looks forward to picking up the threads again. Please do keep sending her news and articles for publication but don't expect replies to any queries etc for a while ! It is doubtful whether she will be able to attend our Muster but time will tell.

Our welcome is extended to our new members and we sincerely trust they get pleasure from their memberships. 14 new members is another healthy increase, some result from sending out notices to those - with Metcalfe interests - listed in the 'International Genealogical Directory' and also the 'Yorkshire Families' publication. If your own local society publishes similar directories why not send me a list of the 'Metcalfe' entry members and I can then follow it up if they have not already been contacted.

Mr and Mrs Frank Bradley have worked hard to find our new printers after the Harrogate firm closed down and I should like to say thank you to Jean and Frank for their help.

I look forward to meeting as many of you who are able to come to the Mecca Muster and hope we have a SUPER day !

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BIRTH BRIEF BOOKLET.

Member 55 Mrs Dorothy Pope, 1 Neville Grove, Guisborough, TS14 8BZ, Cleveland, Dorothy has suggested that a separate publication of birth briefs would be of great benefit to members and has offered to help with the work. Naturally these want to be as up to date as is possible and therefore the procedure will be as follows :-

The Secretary will send copies of ALL members birth briefs, as published in the newsletters, to Dorothy Pope. We would like you to send DIRECT to Dorothy your own version (but in the usual format) plus any alterations or additions, after double checking what has already been printed of your own particular details.

The entry could then be ended by noting a birth/marriage for which you currently search.

Could we send a plea to those members who have NEVER sent us any details, to PLEASE let us know something , at least the areas from which you hail !

Hopefully we plan to publish in the New Year but this will depend on the speed of your response. Further report in December.

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KENDAL, Cumbria, QUARTER SESSIONS.

December 1852.

Among those listed as convicted for being drunk and fined five shillings is one JOHN METCALFE.

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MECCA MUSTER Saturday 6th September 1986. Boroughbridge High School.

So far (June 29th) only 31 members of the 65 who provisionally hoped to attend have returned their completed forms and cheques.

You have until AUGUST 15th to decide. Do not worry if you have mislaid the form, a short note with the cheque (£5 per head) will do.

If this means you require another 'Directions' leaflet just let me know.

DO NOT DELAY - DO IT TODAY !

From Member 152. Miss Denise Smith, 454 Wakabayashi Cr. Saskatoon, Sask:
Canada SK7 7A4.

Where is MARTHA METCALF(E) nee Railton, wife to CORNELIUS METCALF(E) ?

Martha was born in 1791 at Barnard Castle, Co. Durham, England and was married to Cornelius there in 1813.

In 1828 she was listed as a milliner (hat maker). I cannot locate a date of birth nor where she is buried. Nothing seems to surface at Barnard Castle although this is where CORNELIUS lies.

Can anyone help ?

From Member 152. Miss Denise Smith - address above.

CORNELIUS METCALF.

Cornelius Metcalf was the son of Enos Metcalfe and Elizabeth Nelson. He was born at Danby Wiske, Yorkshire, Eng: on April 19th 1789. He was baptised on April 21st of the same year.

Cornelius married Martha Railton on 31st July 1813 at Barnard Castle, see above article, so had moved there either as a young man or child. The 1834* census lists him as a 'Heckler' which was the title of a flax dresser of this time. Later, in the 1847* and 1856* census returns, he was listed as a shop keeper and dealer in groceries. This is likely the same shop his son, Benjamin, operated at the same time, under the name of Metcalf, Timms and Co.

Cornelius' children are unknown except that he had a son Thomas, in addition to Benjamin.

At 68 years of age Cornelius Metcalf died. His body was interred in the Barnard Castle churchyard, Co. Durham, England. He died on 16th July 1860.

* Sec: Notes - I reprint the dates of the census returns as sent by Denise and have no way of knowing if 1834 should read 1831; 1847 should read 1841 and 1856 should read 1851 - or if indeed it should be 1841, 1851 and 1861.....please let us know Denise.

From Member 3. Mr George Buxton, 128 Stanwell Road, Ashford, TW15 3QH.Middx.

On a visit to the Westminster Abbey Muniment Room, which contains documents relating to the Monastic foundations, all aspects of its life, estate papers, accounts etc: I noted down the Metcalfe references - we do have a card for Alexander Metcalfe, so the system does work, sometimes !

METCALFE F.W. - Letter 1946 Ref: 66952.

METCALFE George - Vicar of Heklington, Lincs: Letter of Parish affairs.
Temp Edw VI Ref: 561.

METCALFE (JOHN) junior. - Auditor of Lord Westmorland's Lands in Durham
Bishopric. Petition for the Kings Letter to bring up
his Accompts to London 1502/3. Ref 16073.

METCALFE (JOHN) - Rent collector and Farmer at London. Onus 1562.
Ref 33025.

METCALFE JOHN - Rent collector in London, Brief of his accmpt for
Westminster College. Dated 1566/7. Ref 38590.

METCALFE JOHN - Rent Collector Brief of his accmpt for Westminster College
Dated 1566/7 Ref 38625.

METCALFE JOHN - Charges of the suit against circa 1568 Ref 38715.

METCALFE JOHN - Rent Collector at London, views of accompts of 1560-70.
Ref 33216-18.

METCALFE JOHN - Rent Collector at London. Cert: of money due 1562.
Ref 38040.

METCALFE - - Cook Bill for Westminster College election dinner.1651.
Ref -.

METCALFE (ALICE wife of Robert) - Guardian of N.Plott Recognizance of a
debt in the Kings Court at Aldenham, Herefordshire.
Dated 1545 Ref 4605.

METCALFE (AUSTIN) - Petition to Westminster College for remission of arrears
of rent for his late parent's house. Date Temp commonwealth
Ref 24967.

METCALFE (THOMAS) - Petition to Westminster Collage for remission of arrears
of rent from his late parent's house. Not dated except
Temp Commonwealth. Ref 24967.

METCALFE W. - Application for Lay Vicarship 1851 Ref 60154 A-E.

MEDCALF (JOHN) - Rent Collector in London. Acquittance for part payment of
his arrears in 1568. Ref 38869.

METCALFE (MAURICE) - Petition to Westminster College for remission of arrears
of rent from his late parent's house. Temp Commonwealth,
Ref 24967.

METCALFE (ROBERT) - Yeoman of Westminster. Lease for Mansion House in the
Great Sanctuary 1572. Ref 36850.

PHELPS - METCALFE - Record of proceedings in a writ of Error in the case
of John Phelps Esq; and ALEXANDER METCALFE - clerk of
Settrington, Co.York, for a debt of £ 400. Easter Term
1659. Ref 11954.

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Mrs Dorothy Pope, 1 Neville Grove, Guisborough, TS14 8BZ mentions that she holds a complete copy of the Index covering the Middlesbrough, YKS, 1851 Census and offers do to a search for members on receipt of S.A.E.

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REDMIRE, YORKSHIRE. PARISH REGISTERS.

N.E.B.

Odd ones only.

5.6.1707 mar RALPH METCALFE to Margaret Scurrch at Bolton cum Redmire.
(I.G.I. has ngt Scurrery ?)

May 1784 bpt Leonard Bearpark son of Henry Bearpark of Redmire, farmer,
son of John Bearpark of Redmire, farmer. Mother of child,
ELEANOR METCALFE dau of Christopher Metcalfe of Ivelet,
miner, by Elizabeth his wife.

Sunday 23rd Sept 1782

William Roger bpt. father - James Roger of Bolton, miner, son of William
of Bolton, miner by Christiana dau of Thomas Storey of Bolton, miner.
Mother - Mary Roger nee Furniss dau of Richard of Burton in Bishopdale,
badger, by Helen his wife, dau of MATTHEW METCALFE of Hawes, badger.
(Hows that for a pedigree)

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