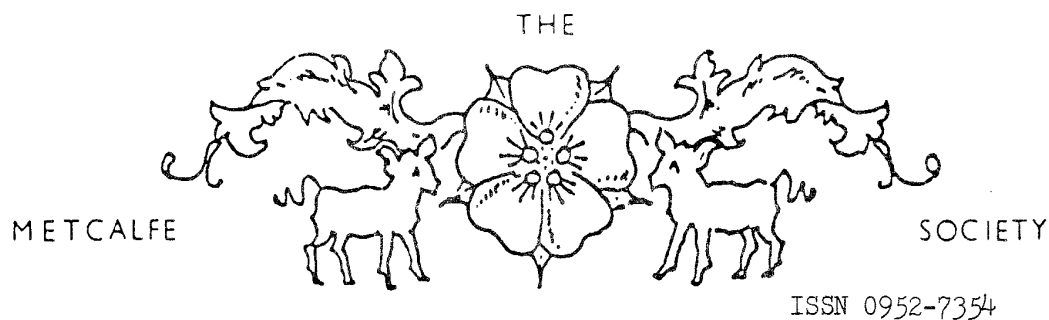




MECCA NEWS

No. 23

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As Christmas approaches, it is, I suppose, natural that our thoughts should turn to prayer. After Valerie Metcalfe's exceptionally flattering introduction of me in the last Newsletter, I should say two prayers for forgiveness. The first for Valerie, because she told so many lies and the second for myself for having had so much enjoyment from reading them.

However, I know that you would wish me to thank Valerie on your behalf for all that she has done during her term as editor and to wish her a happy retirement. I should point out to all of you who, in the past, have thought of submitting articles for inclusion in these columns but have been harbouring private doubts as to whether they were worthy enough to merit publication, that now is the time to write. With an inexperienced and in many ways naive young (Well - why not ? One of the perks of being Editor is that you can pick any adjective you like !) editor, anything is likely to get published.

As for the rest of you - the regular contributors - who thought that the editor might be getting tired of seeing your name, have no fear! The earliest newsletter I have is No. 20. You will be like a breath of fresh air as far as I am concerned! So please keep your contributions coming in.

Also, please do remember that it is YOUR Newsletter - so please let me know if you have any thoughts on its style and content - do you want more lists or more articles ? Would you like to see any new features introduced or are there any old favourites that you would like bringing back ? Please write and let me know. In the meantime, may I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and a prosperous New Year !

Secretary's Notes.

15th September 1987.

I can see daylight in my 'office' !! After four weeks of intensive effort your letters have all been answered, so if you are still waiting for a reply your letter has been lost - by the G.P.O of course. I trust my halo isn't blinding the neighbours and hopefully it will not happen again.

In an idle moment I wanted to pinpoint our overseas members and began by drawing a map of Australia and attempted to find all your home towns. However I cannot find:- BASS HILL, BLAXLAND, & OATLEY in N.S.W. TARINGA in Queensland. EAST MALVERN, LEOPOLD, NARRE WARREN & SHOREHAM all in Victoria. Next time you are writing would you give me an idea where you are please. I'd like to have the maps on display at the Mecca Muster in October.

A copy of an Australian marr: Certificate has been sent to me by member 244, Gary Metcalf, 66 The Strand, Newport, Victoria 3015, Australia...it was obtained in error.

10th July 1889. FITZROY, Victoria, Australia.

John MTE, bach, 23, born Leeds Eng: Painter of Cubit St. Richmond. Son of William & Maria (Reynart) MTE. Engineer.

Frances Gaze, spr, 21, servant, born ?Victoria, of South Grassa, dau of John & Mary (Marshall) Gaze. farmer.

IRISH Ancestry - noted in the Northumberland & Durham F.H.S. Journal :- The Derry City 1st & 2nd Valuations 1832 & 1858 lists all heads of households in alphabetical order. £2.50 the publication can be obtained from the Research Centre, Derry Youth & Community Workshop, 15 Magazine Street, Londonderry, BT48 6HH...no mention is made of cost to overseas requests.

And so....it only remains for me to thank you all for your continued support and to send each and every one of you sincere good wishes for Christmas and may the New Year bring YOUR 'break-through'.

Nina E. Benson

From Mrs Lillah Chapman, member 218, 252 Shipton Rd. York. YO3 6RZ. Yorkshire.

Concerning the article in Mecca News, no: 15 - 'The Yorkshire Woollen & Worsted Industry'.

My maternal Grandmother, Amy (Walker) Caulton was one of the six children of John William Walker. His father Harry Walker is reputed to have walked from Huddersfield to Leeds carrying baby John William in his arms, looking for work. He originally worked in an iron foundry, also mending boots & shoes at night. 26 years later, in 1896, he had the largest & finest factory in the North of England. His son John William, who was an apprentice engineer, went in with his father and they became Messrs Harry Walker & Son, moving out to Kirkstall Road, Leeds. The factory was later sold as a Government Rehabilitation Centre.

Amy, my Grandmother, married Walter Caulton. His father went out to work at 7 yrs old as a puddler in an iron works in Derbyshire. He also went to Leeds looking for work. He eventually started a small side business, buying wholesale, selling retail. He became a clothier, with its trade name 'Notlac'. Between the wars they employed 40 machine hands. My Father, Thomas Wintersgill Metcalfe married the daughter Doris.

My husband, Bertram Foster Chapman, whose Gt Grandparents & before that, started an iron foundry in Leeds. It was called 'Perseverance Forge' and they later ran a hardware shop, both in Meadow Lane, Leeds. My husband's ancestors came down from Durham way to Leeds.

Leeds certainly must have been the land of opportunities, in those days.

For personal reasons Helen feels the time has come to alter these arrangements. EVERYTHING - lists, family trees, etc has now to go direct to George Buxton, who will then pass some on to his team of assistants. Helen hopes to be able to remain one of these for many years to come.

The contribution Helen has made since the very beginning of our Society is the most important factor of our success. Sound basic principles are relevant to raising any youngster and without her guidance we would have foundered long ago.

Words are not sufficient to express our appreciation to you, Helen, so we hope that you will accept the position of our first President with our high regard and grateful thanks.

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NEW RECORDS recently sent off for incorporation into the General Index include a mammoth task contributed by Dorothy Pope. She has extracted all of the Metcalfes mentioned in the MUKER, (Swaledale, Yorkshire) parish registers. They cover :-

Baptisms 1638 - 1670. and 1700 to 1839.

Marriages 1638 - 1670 and 1700 to 1839.

Burials 1638 - 1670 and 1700 to 1886.

The registers covering 1670 to 1700 are missing.

Thank you very much for all your dedicated work, Dorothy.

Nina Benson reports that she is currently working on the records of RIPON, and SKIPTON - both in the old West Riding of Yorkshire. When these are completed the plan is to tackle RICHMOND.

COMPUTER.

Nina E. Benson.

Chairman, John Holden, reported on his enquiries and all the advice received adds up to a FIRM recommendation to go for a computer. K.O.G.I., George Buxton's own recommendation is that we NEED a computer.

The decision has therefore been taken that we will go for the BEST unit for our purposes, for the LEAST cash. This is expected to be in the range of £1000 to £1200.

Whilst it would be ideal if any of our members could contribute this sum to the Society (even as an interest free loan) it is more realistic to open a Computer Fund.

We have therefore given members the opportunity to contribute towards this fund at the same time as paying their 1988 subscriptions - this will save separate payments and enable us to keep clear records.

The intention is to keep the Fund accounts separate, recording all payments received. In the unlikely event that the Society is forced to cancel these plans, all payments to the Computer Fund will be reimbursed.

The earlier we can buy - - - - - The earlier you benefit.

BIRTH BRIEFS

UP-DATING.

179. C.A. Fryer, Manor Cottage, Stillingfleet, York. YO4 6SF. Yorkshire.

See Mecca News Aug '87 p12. Mr Fryer's descent is from Joseph Fryer & his 2nd wife, Margaret. She is now believed to have been the sister of his 1st wife - Elizabeth Wilkinson - and whose mother's maiden name was Eleanor Metcalfe. Proof is sought.

244. G.E. and C.J. Metcalf, 66 The Strand, Newport 3015, Victoria, Australia.

See Mecca News Aug '87 p 13. Copy of the marriage register entry for EDWARD MT of this parish to Eliza Golden of this parish, by licence, 22nd Feb 1824 has been obtained. Both signed & witnesses appear to be James Nicholls & Joseph Tolson. The marriage took place at the parish church, Huddersfield, Yorkshire, Eng:

NEW MEMBERS

245. Mr & Mrs Trevor Metcalf, (family sub) 20 Gartree Drive, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0AE. Leics:

Nothing received.

246. Mrs Rosemary Metcalfe, East Farm, Little Smeaton, Northallerton, DL6 2HD, North Yorkshire.

Three separate Metcalfe lines.

Line One.. Rosemary is dau of John Ralph Fawcett & his wife Alice Jackson Morphet who was dau of James William Morphet of Nether Lodge, North Ribblesdale and his wife Annie Isabella Metcalfe Boothman who was the natural dau of Margaret Metcalfe of Threshfield, Grassington, who later married Mr Boothman.

Line Two.. Rosemary is also Grand-dau of Richard Fawcett and his wife Rose Emma Metcalfe who mar 1884 Hawes. Rose Emma came from Bainbridge Ings, Hawes and was sister to John MTE who mar 21.2.1884 Hawes to Jane Fawcett, Richard's sister. This John & Jane are the subjects on a M.I. in Hardraw:- John d 1.4.1926 age 70, Jane d 17.9.1884 aged 34 and their son Ralph Tiplady MTE died in active service in Italy 22.11.1917 aged 33yrs. There may also be a connection to the Ralph Tiplady MTE who was mentioned in the last newsletter as being buried 1880 in the Friends Burial Ground, Hawes.

George

Line Three.. Rosemary's husband, Duncan James Metcalfe, is the 3rd son of/Donald James MTE b 22.9.1905 & h.w. Olive Alice Hebdon, of Sunset House, Hipswell, North Yorkshire. George D.J. was son of George Herbert & Lilian (Firth) MTE. George H. bpt 9.9.1877, Hipswell, son of George & Elizabeth (Moses) Mte who mar 30.9.1875 Hipswell. George bpt 23.1.1842 Hipswell 1st child of Robert & Elizabeth (Frankland) Mte who mar 28.12.1841 Hipswell. Robert b c1821 2nd child of Robert & Elizabeth (King) MTE who mar 3.3.1818 Richmond. Robert bpt 3.6.1787 7th child of George & Elizabeth (Robinson) Mte, who may have mar 17.11.1768 at Coniscliffe near Darlington, Co Durham.

Hence Duncan is 'cousin' (in varying degrees !) to members 13, 29, 66, 70, 132, 133, 211, 212 and 248. Where will it all end ?

247. Mrs Alison Kidson, 36a Murray Road, Northwood, Middlesex. HA6 2YL.

dau of Cecil J. Blight and his wife Erica Una Metcalf who was dau of Herbert Edward & Madeline Una (Wookey) MT who mar 1916, Vryburg, South Africa. Herbert E. b 1889 Ladysmith, Natal, Africa, son of Joseph & Ann (Oates) MT. Joseph b 12.10.1856 Stickney, Lincolnshire, Eng: son of Samuel & Damaris (Graves) MT. Samuel bpt 28.11.1819 Stickney son of Thomas & Mary MTE.

248. J.Alwyn & Wendy Metcalfe, 38 Frankton Road, Queenstown, New Zealand.

Alwyn fits into the HIPSWELL family thus :- he was born at Kiplin Mill, near Scorton, Richmond, Yorkshire, son of James (brother to George Herbert b 1877) and his wife Elsie Peacock. James son of George & Elizabeth (Moses) MTE and so on.....see 246.

249. Mrs Barbara Woolfitt. PO Box 68, Milang 5256, South Australia, Australia.

Nothing received.

250. Mrs Lorraine Taylor, 27 Sweeney Drive, Narre Warren, Victoria 3805, Australia.

Grand-daughter of Albert Potter & his wife Lizzie Jane Metcalfe, who mar in Australia. Lizzie Jane child of (14) William John & Kate Edith (Nicholls/Nichols) MTE who mar c1874 in Cumberland, England and went to Western Australia c 1886 and then to Victoria c 1888, where there last 6 children were born. Names of all of their children are:- (dates are approximate) John Robert, James, Robert, Edith Mary 1881, Lizzie Jane 1882, Bertha 1884, Fred. Lavinia 1885, William Richard 1888, Godfrey Leslie 1890, Kate Edith 1892, Hannah Vera 1894, Vera 1895 and Elsie. Father William John b c1851 Carlisle, Cumberland Eng: died 1900 Williamstown, Victoria, was a stone mason, son of Robert & Mary (Nicholson) MTE.

251. North Yorkshire Reference Library, 1 Thirsk Road, Northallerton, Nth Yks.

Not applicable.

252. Michael J. Hutchinson, 27 Ironside Street, Weston, ACT 2611, Australia.

Great great grandson of John & Elizabeth (MTE) Readman who mar 14.5.1846 at Ugthorpe, near Whitby, Yorkshire, Eng: when he father was given as John MTE, labourer. Elizabeth is known to have been born c1826 at Broughton or Kirby in Cleveland. The IGI gives :- Elizabeth bpt 30.10.1825 at K in C. dau of John and Jane MTE. John MTE mar Jane Hutchinson 23.7.1825 at K. in C.

253. John Francis Medcalf, 25 Reighton Drive, Rawcliffe Lane, York, YO3 6QP.
North Yorkshire.

Nothing received.

254. Mrs P.A. Daley, 3A, Arno Vale Road, Woodthorpe, Nottinghamshire, NG5 4TH.

dau of Cyril MT son of Sidney MT son of Arminger MT who mar Martha ?Bongay.
Part of the East Anglian group of Metcalfs.

CORRECTIONS to the List in Mecca News no:22 August '87 page 5.....Members who have left the Society.

No: 107 Mrs Barbara Fox....paid two years subs in 1986.

No: 135 Mr Edward Dawson...paid 11th August 1987 (for two years - 1987 & 1988).

No: 143 Mrs Margaret Morley..left in 1986.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

No: 207. Mr & Mrs Jamie Medcof, 81 Westbourne Avenue, Scarborough, Ontario,
Canada, M1L 2Y6.

Would all officials please ammend their records accordingly.

OCCUPATION QUERY. from member 242, Miss Sara Illingworth, 14 Chesham Road,
Colliers Wood, London, SW19 2AT.

Recently Sara has come across the term 'FREMER'. St Catherine's House is inclined to think it is 'FARMER' - Any other ideas ?

SPONSORED SEARCHES.

Nina E. Benson.

To aid The Computer Fund I offer to undertake basic research at the Northallerton County Record Office (NORTH Yorkshire records) with all profits going to the Fund.

FULL DAY i.e 8 hours - £ 20 sterling.

HALF DAY i.e. 4 hours - £ 10 sterling.

Cost of certificates NOT included.

Payments made out to, and full details sent to, Mrs Nina E. Benson.

Up to date the fund has already benefited by £ 10 through work done on behalf of member 108 Mrs Isobel Christian of New Zealand.

SUBSCRIPTION time is nearly upon us and thankfully we can retain the present levels. Please return the Sub sheet as soon as possible.

BIRTH BRIEF BOOKLET available from Mrs Dorothy Pope, 1 Neville Grove, Guisborough, TS14 8BZ, Cleveland. £ 2 UK. £2.50 sterling Overseas. Payments made out to Mrs Dorothy Pope. The response to the sale of this detailed record has been slow - to make it easier for the overseas members particularly, these booklets can be ordered on the sub: sheet.

MECCA MUSTER & AGM. Sat 8th October 1988, Yorkshire. Venue not yet finalised but please complete the provisional question on the sub: sheet to give us some idea how many have to be catered for.

BORTHWICK INSTITUTE (YORK) PROJECT. The secretary is attempting to form a team to extract details of Metcalfe wills/admons etc: (names, dates, any other identifying details) from these huge holdings. The idea is for each volunteer to take a span of, say, 10 or 20 years - the secretary to type up and collate on completion. This is expected to be a long term project but should prove an invaluable addition to our records.
If you could offer ANY help, please complete that question on the subscription sheet.

ACCOMODATION. Anyone looking for the farmhouse accomodation that Yorkshire is famous for - and those wishing to find somewhere to stay whilst attending the Mecca Musters - cannot go far wrong if they contact our new member Mrs Rosemary Metcalfe (see birth brief for address). Rosemary runs her own B & B business, VERY handy for Northallerton CRO, and also is vacancy secretary for the 'Farm Holiday Bureau' in the area between York and Hawes. A quick glance at the brochure shows that many of them are in areas of prolific Metcalfes, for example, Bedale, Otterington, Marske, Helmsley, Oxnop, Masham, Hawes & Langton. All these places feature in member's family trees. See No: 246.

PATIENCE PAYS !

Nina E. Benson.

A letter has just arrived from member 109 Mrs Patricia Wood, 'Kviabol' Sheep Pen Lane, Seaford, Sussex BN25 4QR. Our August newsletter contained details on a Metcalfe family in Derbyshire, gathered by member 51 Mrs Maisie Birch. You can imagine Patricia's delight in discovering that these were her family who went missing from the Gargrave/Rylstone/Kirby Malham area of Yorkshire after the 1841 census. She would like me to repeat her thanks to Maisie and also to the other kind people who responded to earlier pleas re 'The Striding Dales' & 'By Moor & Fell in West Yorkshire'. It is this generous response that keeps us ticking.

AN AMERICAN V.C.

In ' Mecca News' 21, Colin Metcalfe, M.N. 182, from Victoria, Australia, enquired about an entry in ' Whitaker's Almanac ' for 1949, relating to Lance Corporal William Henry Metcalfe V.C.

It transpires that William Henry Metcalfe was a barber in civilian life and was born in Waige, Walsh County, Maine, U.S.A., in January 1885.

He enlisted in the 16th Battalion, Canadian Infantry, Manitoba Regiment, at Valcartier and served in France, during the First World War.

He was awarded both the Military Medal and, on the occasion when he was wounded, in September 1918, the Victoria Cross, for conspicuous bravery in the field.

His citation for the award of the Victoria Cross appeared in the ' London Gazette ' of the 15 November 1918, as follows:

" William Henry Metcalfe, No. 22614, L. Corpl., 16th Battn., Canadian Infantry, Manitoba Regiment. For most conspicuous bravery, initiative and devotion to duty, when, the right flank of the battalion being held up, he realized the situation and rushed forward under intense machine gun fire to a passing tank on the left. With his signal flag, he walked in front of the tank, directing it along the trench in a perfect hail of bullets and bombs. The machine gun strongpoints were overcome, very heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy and a very critical situation was relieved. Later, although wounded, he continued to advance until ordered to get into a shell hole and have his wounds dressed. His valour through out was of the highest standard. "

A V.C. must be a proud addition to anyone's family tree - Are any of our members related to William Henry and, if so, can they tell us what became of him after the war ?

MRS. ELSIE READER

It is with very great sadness that we have learned of the death of family member, number 191, Mrs. Elsie Reader, of Bakewell, Derbyshire, on the 10 July 1987, at the age of 89.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Elsie's daughter, Mavis Cunningham and to the rest of the family on their sad loss.

BOROUGH OF KIRKBY KENDAL. Settlement and Removal Certificates:

Received with thanks from non member, Barbara Smith.

' 12 Aug 1723 : William Medcalfe, his wife and children : To whom it may concern, they've gone to live at CARTMEL. '

MURDER MOST FOUL

Dorothy Pope, M.N. 55, has unearthed the following two legends, chronicling the ghastly and ghostly goings on alleged to be connected with the Metcalfe family, from 'Yorkshire's Ghosts and Legends', by Terence W. Whitaker.

The first of these legends concerns three merry revellers, who were returning from Boroughbridge races, late one crisp moonlight night, when they encountered a ghost on a white steed, at the crossroads, just outside Norton. The phantom horseman pointed to a spot on the ground and then faded from view. Then a stoat with a dead rabbit in its mouth crossed the road and stood in the place at which the phantom had pointed. Suddenly, an arrow from an unseen bow struck the stoat in the heart and, at the same time, someone hiding in the undergrowth was heard to laugh out loudly. Each element of this macabre scene was to turn out to be a representation of a future occurrence.

These strange events were blamed upon a witch, named Liza Horngill. One of the revellers, Owen Metcalfe, urged the crowd to drag Liza from her bed and duck her in the village pond. Liza screamed and cursed Metcalfe as, covered in slime, she crawled from the water, promising that two people, in particular, would soon be sorry.

Because of the cruelty that he had shown to Liza, Metcalfe's girl friend, Alice, told him that she would have nothing further to do with him and broke off their engagement. That night, Gabriel's ratchets (barn owls) howled and cried, which was taken by the villagers to mean that someone had died. It was Alice, whose body was later found in the pond and it was accepted by all of the village that she had been depressed about breaking off the engagement and had taken her own life.

Then, someone remembered the ghostly happenings at the crossroads and demanded an explanation from Liza. She told them that the dead rabbit represented Alice, killed by the stoat before the crossroads were reached. The stoat died when the arrow pierced it and the arrow represented a stake. Liza said that the villagers must tell Metcalfe to take the stake meant for Alice, who, as a suicide, would have it thrust through her heart, throw it in the air and catch it three times. Metcalfe thought it wise to do as was suggested, but as he caught the stake for the third time, a splinter lodged in his hand, causing some pain and, later on, tetanus.

Before lockjaw set in, Metcalfe, in a deathbed confession, said that Alice had not committed suicide, but that he had drowned her in the pond. Alice, then, was buried in consecrated ground; her place in a grave at the crossroads was taken by the body of Metcalfe. It was laid at the spot which the phantom horse man had indicated, many nights before !

The second of Dorothy's legends concerns two cottages, known as Rigg House and Rigg Cottage, which used to stand near Hardshaw, in Wensleydale. Originally they both were part of a single dwelling and local legend tells us that the division of the property took place for the specific purpose of laying the ghost of a witch.

Many years ago, the house was occupied by a man called Metcalfe, who was widely disliked by everyone who came into contact with him. He had apparently formerly been a slave owner in the West Indies.

There lived with him, for many years, an ugly old crone, who was reputed to be a witch, who, one day, disappeared under mysterious circumstances. It was not long after that, that stories were told of her headless ghost appearing round her old home, scaring the daylights out of all who had the misfortune to come across the old woman's ghost.

Metcalfe, much to the relief of everyone, eventually left the area, perhaps on account of the ghost, or perhaps because of the gossip and dark suspicions of his neighbours. Where he went to, no one knew, or even cared, but the ghost of the headless old witch continued to haunt the house, much to the distress and fear of its later occupants.

Eventually, a subsequent owner hit on the idea of demolishing the central part of the house, which is where the ghost was usually seen, as a means of removing the unwanted guest. This action, fortunately, produced the desired effect and the ghost was seen no more, after the property had been reduced to two smaller dwellings.

Dorothy wonders if either of the two Metcalfes, mentioned in the stories above, were related to any of our members !

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ADDING TO OUR LAURELS

As you will recall, in Mecca News 21, Malcolm Boyes, a non member, wrote about the fact that Stan Laurel, (of Laurel and Hardy fame), whose real name was Arthur Stanley Jefferson, was a ' Metcalfe ', on his mother's side. The maiden name of his mother, Margaret, known in the family as Madge, being Metcalfe.

Ruth Kay, M.N. 41, followed this up in Mecca News 22, with additional details of the family, describing how Margaret's father, George, who was a shoemaker, and her mother, Sarah, had come from Hawes, to live in Ulverston, probably in the early 1860's.

Now, Edward Metcalfe, M.N. 158, has taken us one step further, by supplying the entries for George and his family from the 1871 and 1881 Census returns.

There is, apparently, no mention of any George Metcalfe in the 1861 Census for the Ulverston area and this supports Ruth's supposition that the family moved there during the 1860's.

The full details appearing in the 1871 and 1881 Census returns, for the Barrow in Furness district, (which includes Ulverston), in respect of George and his family, are as follows:

1871 Census Return - Soutergate, Ulverston

George	Medcalf	Age 34	Mar. Travelling jeweller & shoe dealer	Y. Bainbridge.
Sarah	"	39	" Hawker of shoes	Y. Hawes.
Margaret	"	10	Unm. Scholar	"
Sarah A.	"	8	" "	"

1881 Census Return - 13 Oxford Street, Ulverston

George	Metcalfe	Age 44	Mar. Shoemaker, General dealer	Y. Bainbridge.
Sarah	"	50	" -	Y. Wensleydale.
Margaret	"	20	Unm. Draper's saleswoman	Y. Hawes.
Sarah Ann	"	18	" Milliner's assistant	"

These returns show that Margaret and her sister, Sarah Ann, were, in fact, born in Hawes and not in Ulverston, as originally thought.

Edward also mentions that he has extracted all of the ' Metcalfe ' entries from the 1841 to 1881 Census returns for the Barrow in Furness district and has sent these off for inclusion in the General Index.

Many thanks, Edward - and keep up the good work!

IGNORANCE IS BLISS

If the saying that ignorance is bliss is true, then I must be an extremely happy man.

I was comforted to learn from your correspondence, however, that I was not alone amongst the ranks of the Metcalfe Society in having had no idea whatsoever what the recent learned discussion in these columns regarding the I.S.S.N./ I.S.B.N. was all about.

For those of you, like myself, who are, unfortunately, of limited intelligence, I can now reveal - well, if not quite all, then at least enough to enable us to hold our own, should the subject ever be raised in conversation at the next Mecca Muster.

I am reliably informed that the letters in question stand for International Standard Serial Number or International Standard Book Number and that these are the numbers given to each new book that is published, to provide a standard method of registration. Each of these numbers consists of ten digits and, from these, it is possible to tell what language the book was written in, who the publisher was and so on.

To those of you who knew all of this and more already, I make no apologies for the above explanation whatsoever!

TIMES PAST

Looking back through the ' Times ' newspaper of one hundred years ago, in search of ' Metcalfes ', I began to become thoroughly depressed, as all four members of the family mentioned in its pages, for 1887, seemed to have suffered some sort of personal tragedy.

Of the four of them, three had been declared bankrupt. These were Francis Henry Metcalfe, a stationer, of Gracechurch Street, London, on the 24 August, Leonard Metcalfe, of Bradford, a beerhouse keeper and horse dealer, on Wednesday the 18 May and William Austin Metcalfe, a Barrister at Law, of Plowden Buildings, Temple, London, on Saturday the 26 March 1887.

The fourth and final Metcalfe, William, ' aged about 40 ', a licensed valuer of 199 Adelaide Street, St. John's Wood, London, had presumably found himself in an even worse position, as he was reported on the 26 January 1887 as having been charged at Marylebone Magistrates Court with attempting to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a silver fruit knife. Fortunately, he was found in the nick of time by a P.C. Hopkins, who even more fortunately had just finished attending ambulance classes and was therefore able to stem the bleeding from the five and a half inch wound, until the arrival of a surgeon.

Metcalfe was said to have been suffering from a bout of delerium tremens at the time, following a bout of heavy drinking and to have been under the delusion that there were not only thieves in the house, but that a serious allegation was about to be made against him. He was remanded in custody for one week.

In the hope that the family's fortunes had improved somewhat over the years, I rapidly turned the clock forward to 1937, being exactly half way between these earlier entries and today.

I was relieved to learn that Mrs. E. Metcalfe's appearance in court, on a police charge had only appeared in the earlier editions of the newspaper and, fortunately therefore, I was at least spared the details of this.

However, the news that did appear in my copies of the paper was still bad, with the report of the death of Corporal Metcalfe of 98 (Bomber) Squadron, R.A.F. Hucknall, having been killed when his was one of two bombers, out of ten returning from West Freugh, Stranraer, to Hucknall in Nottinghamshire, which had crashed in thick fog near Port William, Wigtownshire and had caught fire, with the loss of all crew.

Another Metcalfe death reported later that year, on Friday the 19 November, was that of Engineer Captain Henry Wray Metcalfe CBE., RN., retired, who had died at his home at Harbledown, Canterbury, Kent, on the Thursday the 18 November 1937, his funeral taking place at Harbledown, the following Monday, at 2.30 p.m.

He was, according to his obituary, aged 73 when he died and was the inventor of the Metcalfe Indicator, (Hands up all those of you who hadn't heard of this !), for measuring the revolutions of turbines and other rapidly moving machinery.

He was also known as the inventor of the apparatus used for coaling ships at sea. He was said to have been the son of Dr. J.W. Metcalfe of Geneva, (a parish whose registers few of you would have bothered to check !), the first doctor of the Alpine Club. Henry had been educated at Hereford Cathedral School, prior to his serving in the Royal Navy for thirty four years, where he found himself in the anti-submarine branch during the First World War. As a result of his inventions for the protection of ships against submarines, he was made a C.B.E. in 1919. After the war, he is said to have had a keen interest in the British Legion and in local politics, having served for twelve years on the Bridge Rural District Council. On his death, he left a widow and two daughters.

Well, all very interesting - to me anyway!, but even so, it was another obituary. Surely there must be some good news ? Yes - eventually - after much waiting, there was some pleasure for someone - with the official announcement that on Wednesday, the 4 August 1937, the King had been pleased to appoint Mr. F.W. Metcalfe as the Clerk Assistant to the House of Commons.

Also, on a much more cheerful note than many of the earlier items, a little piece of history, which appeared in the Coronation Edition of the ' Times ' of the 11 May 1937, in connection with the Coronation Medals, struck to commemorate the fact that it was the Coronation of His Majesty King George VI, that year.

" ENGLISH DESIGNER

It is to be noted that with the exceptions only of Thomas Simon (Charles II) and George Bower (James II and Mary), all of the authors of our Coronation Medals, Briot (Charles I), Roettier (William III and Mary), Croker (Queen Anne and George I and II), Natter and Kuchler (George III), Pistrucci (George IV and Victoria), William Wyon (William IV), De Saulles (Edward VIII) down to Mackennal (George V), were either foreign or of foreign extraction. (Croker was a Saxon and Wyon's family came over from Hanover with George I).

The author of both the Coronation Medals on this occasion, Mr. Percy Metcalfe, might, therefore, by tradition, have well been a Prussian - or an Italian. Actually, he is an Englishman, of at least a thousand years standing - though no doubt since he is a Yorkshireman, his ancestors may well have come over with the Danes ! "

It is nice to see that, in the Coronation Honours list, published that day, Percy Metcalfe was awarded the C.V.O. (Royal Victorian Order), for his efforts.

Finally, I should mention the details of the gross estates left in the wills of Mrs. Ellen Fanny Metcalfe of Clare, Suffolk, the widow of George Herbert Metcalfe and of Mr. George Metcalfe of Great Ayton, Yorkshire. Although not large by today's standards, they amounted, in terms of today's values, to very tidy sums indeed. Full details provided to any member who can prove direct descent for an absolutely enormous fee !

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LATE EXTRA

Other ' Metcalfe ' entries in the ' Times ' for 1887 and 1937, not mentioned in the previous article, all appeared in 1937 and were:

Metcalfe, Maj. A.	- address	April 12 P. 17
" Sir A. (India)	- in Parliament re Abyssinia	April 3 P. 11
" Lord	- biography (Thompson)	Oct. 15 P. 10
" Mrs.	- on the Manx Bishopric	Dec. 15 P. 12
" Sir H. (India)	- in Parliament re N.W. Frontr.	Mar. 10 P. 13
" "	- " re Waziristan	Mar. 9 P. 15

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ...

This extract from the diary of George Eberwein Kieser, travelling musician, was spotted by Barbara Kent, M.N. 5, in ' The Midland Ancestor ', Vol. 8., No. 1. , of September 1986.

" Thury. 8th March 1883, rose at 9 great fall of snow called at Hall wrote music for Metcalf of Wolverhampton, found out the swindling of the Agent Mr. G. Barlow, Mrs. Gothard's lectures Bus. better, call at small concert Hall, Hawkins, high street low slum beastly bad beer. Home 10.30.

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THIS AND THAT

The following items of information have been gratefully received from non member, Barbara Smith.

Hornby Mission - Roman Catholic. Tenancy and Mission Papers. Lancs. R.O. Preston.

RCHy 1/3/18. 20 Nov. 1851. Memo of agreement between the Rev. George Gibson of Hornby and ROBERT METCALFE of Twistleton, for the lease to Metcalfe of Beesley's Tenement (Ingleton Yks.) for 7 years from 26. 4. 1852 at an annual rent of £ 60.

RCHy 2/2/78. 27 Nov. 1689. 1) Thomas Medcalfe of Lancaster, draper and his wife Alice. 2) John Tomlinson of Lancaster, cordwainer. Bargain and sale of a parcel of land containing 3 acre in townfields of Lancaster in Sowerholme, between the lands of Elizabeth Medcalfe in the North and of Mary Hunter in the South etc. etc.

RCHy 2/2/82. 7 March 1706/07. 1) Francis Medcalfe of Lancaster, Gent. 2) William Penny of Lancaster, Gent. Bargain and sale of lands in Lancaster called Common Sowerholme, containing $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, lately purchased by 1) George Medcalfe of the City of London, Gent and his wife Anne. Consideration of £ 10.

1695 Inhabitants of Kendal. (Highgate) WD/Ry Box 32.

William Metcalfe, Chapman. Jane his wife and seven children.

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BUXTON'S BRIEFING

From George Buxton, M.N. 3, the Keeper of the General Index.

- 1) You will already have read, earlier in this Newsletter, of the resignation of Helen Offer.

Those of us associated with the maintenance of the General Index, namely Kay Davey, Sandra Metcalfe and myself, would like to take this opportunity of saying " Thank you ! " to Helen, for all that she has done and of expressing our admiration of her perception in the way that she founded ' The system '. We send you our best wishes, Helen and look forward to continuing to benefit from your help and advice in the future.

- 2) I have recently joined the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society, although, to date, I have only received one Newsletter from them. They seem to have a band of people recording all of the M.I.s in Wisconsin, but, so far, I have only found two ' Metcalfe ' references, to wit:

Lester W.		April 30 1824	to	March 10	1904
Elizabeth	Wife	June 7 1837	to	Sept. 1	1931
Laura I.	Daughter	May 20 1874	to	Aug. 2	1874
Annie R.	Daughter	Aug. 1 1875	to	Aug. 22	1875
Ettie L.	Wife of Joseph W. Metcalfe.				
		March 13 1868	to	May 29	(1901?)
Curtis M.	Son of the above	May 25 1894	-	1 day.	

The above M.I.s are situated in Evergreen Cemetery, Shullburg, Lafayette County and in East Bethlehem Cemetery, Linden Township, Iowa County.

- 3) Whilst searching through my own records, recently, I found the following:

Robert Metcalfe	23	Male
Metcalfe Pratt	20	"
Thomas Metcalfe	28	"
Mary Metcalfe	26	Female
James Metcalfe	6	Male
Thomas Metcalfe	4	"
William Metcalfe	2	"
Mary Metcalfe	Infant under 12 months. Dead.	
	Died on this ship.	

All of the above came from Swaledale and left for the U.S.A., on the ship, ' Saxony ', which departed from Liverpool on the 25 February 1849, arriving in New Orleans on the 28 April 1849.

As well as the above, my great, great, grandmother, Hannah (Alton) Buxton, her son, John and her daughter, also named Hannah and her family were all amongst the passengers on this ship.

- 4) I have allocated List numbers to all of the information which Helen has sent me and Kay is kindly typing an alphabetical index, of which more details in the next Newsletter. One thing already stands out a mile - we have a complete dearth of Non-Conformist information.
- 5) I am currently planning to use up two days of my annual leave in copying the index to wills at the P.R.O. and to make a start on the Non-Conformist records there. ANY HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED. A team of two or three of us, working to a plan, could cover it all in 1988.
- 6) Finally, take note that K.O.G.I. WILL BE ' AT HOME ' ON THE 24 APRIL 1988 ! Those members who would like to have the chance to " RUMMAGE AN ANCESTOR ", will have the opportunity of doing so. Please write and let me know if you are thinking of coming along. A buffet will be provided at a charge of £ 4. - with all profits going to the Society !
We have three children, two boys aged seven and twelve and a daughter of ten - not to mention the dog ! So come along and bring the family with you !
(I do hope that he's already got Mrs. Buxton's permission for all this. If not, we are likely to be needing a new K.O.G.I. in the very near future, I fear! - Ed.)

SEDBERGH SCHOOL RECORDS

The following list of ' Metcalfe ' entries in the registers of Sedbergh School, Yorkshire, for the period from 1546 to 1909, has kindly been provided by Sarah Illingworth, M.N. 242. The additional information, shown in brackets, is by courtesy of our Secretary, Nina Benson.

Edward Parr - Ravenstonedale, b. 1842 (? bp. 10.4.1842 s. Edward Mte. & Martha Kaye)
 George Thornton - Born Antigua 1826.
 John - Aysgarth - 1812.
 John - Hawes - b. 2.2.1834 (? bp. 4.2.1834 s. Christopher & Phillis).
 John - Sedbergh - b. 18.12.1860.
 James Simm - Muker, Swaledale - b. 1836 (MN 55 bp. 8.4.1836 s. Lister Washington & Mgt.)
 John Sykes - Askrigg - 19.4.1838.
 Leonard - entered St. John's College, Cambridge, in 1563.
 Lister Washington - Muker, Swaledale - b. 1834 (MN 55 bp. 31.5.1834 s. Lister Washington & Margaret).
 Christopher - Richmondshire - St. John's College, Cambridge, in 1591.
 Robert - Yorkshire - St. John's College, Cambridge, in 1594.
 Thomas - Yorkshire - St. John's College, Cambridge, in 1596.
 Richard - Hawes - b. 20.12.1837.
 Robert Waley - Hawes - b. 1806 (? bp. 29.9.1805 s. John & Anne).
 Robert Webster - Ashfield, Ravenstonedale - b. 23.11.1848. Brother of E.P. Metcalfe.
 (Robert Weston = I.G.I. bp. 25.12.1848 s. Edward Mte & Martha Kaye).

SOMETHING TO SAY ?

The don't forget to let us have your letters and articles by not later than the beginning of February 1988, for inclusion in the Spring Newsletter - remember - we depend on your contributions !

FAMOUS METCALFES

For this edition's contribution to the series ' Famous Metcalfes ', we bring you, thanks to Susanne Metcalfe, of Ontario, Canada, M.N. 150, the following article featuring the physician and reformer, William George Metcalf, taken from the ' Dictionary of Canadian Biography ', published by the University of Toronto Press.

" METCALF, WILLIAM GEORGE, physician; b. 4 July 1847 in Uxbridge, Canada West, son of George Metcalf and Jane Morphet " (who were married at Clapham, Yorks., on the 8 June 1835, according to Nina) " who had immigrated from England in 1845; m. first 31 May 1876 Alice Elizabeth Bustin of Uxbridge, and they had three children; m. secondly 21 June 1883 Emma Clarke of Elora, Ontario, daughter of the Honourable Charles Clarke; d. 16 Aug. 1855 in Kingston, Ontario.

William George Metcalf received his elementary education in Uxbridge, except for five years when the family lived in Ashburn in Whitby Township. In 1870 he entered the Toronto School of Medicine which was affiliated with the University of Toronto. The university class and prize list for MB candidates in 1872 records that Metcalf stood first in surgery, second in medical jurisprudence, third in obstetrics, and fourth in medicine. He became a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario on 12 April 1872 and received his MD in 1874. In 1870, as a medical student, Metcalf had served under Dr. Joseph Workman, the superintendent of the Toronto Lunatic Asylum, becoming his clinical assistant on 7 Aug. 1871. After obtaining his MD., Metcalf practised medicine in Windsor, Ontario, for a few months before returning to the Toronto asylum when Workman retired in July 1875. He remained there until June 1877, then transferred to the asylum at London as assistant medical superintendent to Dr. Richard Maurice Bucke. Less than a year later, on 4 April 1878, Metcalf was appointed acting superintendent of the Rockwood Asylum, Kingston, when illness incapacitated Dr. John Robinson Dickson. After Dickson's resignation Metcalf was appointed medical superintendent on 20 June 1879. John Woodburn Langmuir, the inspector of asylums in Ontario, set his annual salary at \$1,600.

The year before Metcalf arrived at Rockwood the control of the institution had been transferred from the federal to the provincial government. This transfer severed the asylum's connection with the federal penitentiary in Kingston and Metcalf was faced with the difficult task of transforming the institution from an asylum for criminal lunatics into a hospital for the mentally ill.

He concentrated on developing the programme of increasingly humane treatment of patients which had begun under Dr. John Palmer Litchfield and continued under Dickson. He abolished physical restraint and instituted occupational and also recreational activities ranging from tending the garden which supplied the kitchen to dances and concerts. His journal records his progress. On 25 Feb.,

1880, he wrote ' Entertainment - The asylum dramatic club gave their very first performance this evening, assisted by others from the city. " The Stage-struck Clerk " was put on the boards and for the first attempt was very creditable. ' In 1882 Metcalf persuaded his friend and future brother in law, Dr. Charles Kirk Clarke, to come to Kingston as assistant superintendent. Both had been pupils of Workman's and their partnership provided a long awaited opportunity to put the ideas they had discussed many years before into practice. Metcalf's annual reports after 1882 indicate their many innovations. From an essentially custodial institution, the asylum at Kingston became a model of its kind which attracted distinguished visitors. Among them was Daniel Hack Tuke, a celebrated English authority on mental hospitals, who in 1884 expressed himself as ' well satisfied with the condition of things here. '

In 1882 Bucke had initiated an ' open door ' policy at the London asylum to try and increase the patients' sense of freedom. The system, soon instituted at the Kingston asylum was not without risk. It was, however, particularly tragic that Metcalf should become a fatal victim of his own reforms. On the morning of the 13 Aug. 1885, while Metcalf and Clarke were making their rounds, Metcalf was stabbed in the abdomen by Patrick Maloney, a patient suffering from paranoia. Despite all efforts to save him, Metcalf died on 16 Aug. 1885 and Maloney was charged with murder. At Metcalf's funeral, the pallbearers included doctors Workman, Daniel Clark, Bucke, Charles William Covernton, William Osler and the architect Kivas Tully.

Because of his youth and inexperience Metcalf's appointment as medical superintendent had been criticized in the provincial legislature. Despite this inauspicious start he had soon proved himself to be an extremely competent and courageous administrator. In less than seven years he succeeded in overcoming the opposition of a staff whose attitude towards patients was an extremely punitive one. His achievement in transforming Rockwood from a custodial type of institution for insane criminals into a general asylum earned him the respect of his medical colleagues throughout Canada and the United States. His untimely death at the hands of a patient liberated by the ' open door ' policy had a particular poignancy.

CYRIL GREENLAND "

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DID YOU KNOW ?

That if one of your ancestors was a freemason, details of his masonic record can be easily obtained by writing to the Grand Secretary of the Masonic organisation in England, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London WC2.

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FOUND WHEN FILING

More genealogical jottings from genial George Buxton, who hopes to make these fresh facts found whilst frantically filing a regular future feature.

Member number 48 - Alison Rogers of Bargara, Queensland, Australia.

Thomas, born 28 May 1835, Thornthwaite, stonemason, son of John (1814), also a stonemason and Ellen (nee Newbold). He married (1) Hannah, born C.1835 and died C. 1866 at Pateley Bridge. They had issue, Ellen, born C.1859, Annie 1861, Mary Ann, 1864 and William, born Dacre 1866. Married (2) Mary Longbotham. They had issue, Joseph, born 22 July 1869 at Pateley Bridge, Jane Ellen, born 29 October 1870 at Pateley Bridge and died 4 October 1884 at Thornthwaite.

Member number 79 - Mrs. P.A. Wiggins of Richmond, Surrey.

Mary Ann, born C.1858, daughter of Bartholomew (C.1828), Innkeeper of the 'Four Alls Inn', at Ovington and his wife, Mary, nee Robinson (C.1822). 1861 & 1871 Census returns, living at Ovington.

Members number 53 - Ethel Metcalfe of Prestwich, Manchester and number 121 - Dorothy Philp of Leyland, Lancashire.

Anthony (1885), son of Edmund (1856 - ?) and Mary, nee Bibby. Born 22 March 1885 at Aughton Hall Farm. Married Annie Maria Bonton (1877 - 1960). They had issue, Mary (who mar. John Whally), Winifred (who mar. John Hopwood), Ethel and Enid.

Member number 155 - Yvette Dixon of Burley in Wharfedale, West Yorkshire.

Thomas of Hutton Roof, born C.1892, son of Parkin (C.1858), a butcher and Agnes, nee Staveley. He married Ester Elizabeth. He died on the 19 July 1961 and was then buried in Hutton Roof Churchyard on the 21 July 1961. Ester died on the 23 March 1947 and was buried in Hutton Roof Churchyard.

Member number 152 - Denise Smith of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Leonard of Kirby Hill was Churchwarden at Kirby Hill in 1715. On the 31 March 1736, Margaret, widow of Leonard of Burton was buried at Kirby Hill.

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