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Hopefully this issue of the newsletter will reach you in reasonable time, unlike the previous issue. In view of continuing printing delays which seemed fated to increase from one issue to the next, culminating in the lengthy delay with the April newsletter, this edition, perhaps unsurprisingly, comes to you courtesy of a new printer.

I know that you will be sorry to read inside that, unfortunately, both George Buxton and Vera Adams, two of our founder members, are having to resign from office, due to personal reasons, (No - they are not eloping together ! - Or at least not as far as Mrs. Buxton, Mr. Adams and I are aware), although I understand that both of them intend to play as active a part as possible in the Society. I am sure that you would wish me to thank them both most warmly for all that they have done over the years and to wish them a long and happy ' retirement '.

It is always a blow to lose such stalwarts as the sad fact is that without the support of a small core of active members the Society might well cease to exist, due solely to the apathy of the bulk of its membership. (Does he mean us ? - He surely does !) So if any of you are able to help in any way at all, no matter how small, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our Secretary, Nina Benson, whom I know would be absolutely delighted to hear from you. Nina puts in a tremendous amount of time and effort, from which we all benefit and just a few offers of assistance would help to lighten the load considerably.

Finally, on a brighter note, it will not be long before the Mecca Muster and A.G.M. at the Spa Hotel, Ripon, North Yorkshire, on Saturday the 8 October 1988. Do come along if you possibly can and join us for the day. We would love to meet you all. For those of you who unfortunately will be unable to be with us - we will be thinking of you, just the same !

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WILL PROJECT - PROGRESS REPORT

Following the resignation of Vera Adams as co-ordinator, (see page 3), have we anyone willing to take on this important task ? Replies to the Secretary please.

YORK Only twenty years of the period 1389 to 1858 remain to be searched.
Due to a slight hiccup in the good health of Frank Bradley production
has slowed slightly. Our best wishes to you Frank. Take care !

MANCHESTER No report received.

OTHER AREAS Vera Adams reported that NOBODY at all had contacted her. Are you all
working independently ?

Until a new co-ordinator is appointed, please contact the Secretary with any offers
of help, or queries.

COUNTRY LIFE

Mr. J. E. Metcalfe, M.N. 190, of 6 Edwalton Close, Edwalton, Nottingham, writes to tell us of a bound volume of the ' Methodist Magazine ', dated 1810, that he has. This volume originally belonged to his great grandfather, Robert Metcalfe, of Kilburn (of White Horse fame). The blank pages and fly leaves of this have been filled in with random manuscript notes such as the records of family births and deaths, as well as with a series of miscellaneous jottings, of which the following give a brief flavour.

" May 26 1821. Snow this morn from 5 o'clock while 10 in the forenoon and ice shogel five inches and hafe long. "

" April 10 and 11 1824. A hard frost and much snow and much ice. "

" March 28 1825. On that day I kill 3 woodcocks, 1 snipe, 1 hare hafe grown. Hard the kaouckow cry twice. "

Mr. Metcalfe writes " The first two of these entries show that even then our spring climate could be fickle ! The use of 'while' for 'until' is common Yorkshire practice. 'Ice shogel' must mean 'icicle'. The spelling of the bird's name is certainly unusual. "

An interesting insight into everyday country life over one hundred and fifty years ago !

As the pace of all my work seems to have increased steadily over the last few months I often wonder when there will be any time to return to my own research. Perhaps that is why I am so keen to publish the WILL material. One person cannot hope to travel round all the holdings, searching for missing wills but between us all, we may, one day, cover the whole country. Each newsletter seems to carry new pleas for member's assistance in one field or another but it is only by spreading the load that we can continue providing our excellent services. A new Index Keeper is top priority and essential to our continuation. Please consider carefully where you could help - in any capacity.

Vera Adams has resigned as committee member and 'Will Project' co-ordinator, although she will continue her membership. Thank you Vera for all your hard work from the very beginning. Whilst in the 'thanking' vein, may I once again thank Jean and Frank Bradley for their continued support, for coping so well with the badly delayed April Mecca News and Frank for his auditing of our accounts.

I'm looking forward to the Muster in October (though my nails are getting shorter by the minute) and hope to meet old and new friends on the day - A.G.M. will start at 10am PROMPT. PLEASE BOOK SOON, remember to bring along your copy of the Constitution and Accounts. Anything for the Agenda, please let me know A.S.A.P. Remember we also have that wonderful picture by Lillah Chapman to raffle, David Urwin, Editor, will be selling the tickets and the draw will take place at 3.30pm.

Nina Benson

KEEPER of the GENERAL INDEX

George Buxton wrote to me in June that he wishes to cease to be our 'Keeper' because of family commitments. I'm sure we all owe him a huge debt of gratitude for all his hard work since taking over from Helen Offer and take this opportunity to say a big 'THANK YOU' George.

SO - WHO NEXT ? Have we anyone who is willing and able to take on this job ? There is no point in beating about the bush - it IS a lot of work and with circa 40,000 cards to store, it needs space.

Although plans are in hand to put it all onto a computer I have no true idea of the length of time it will take and queries must be dealt with and new material collated until we can effect a smooth change-over.

George Buxton and/or Nina Benson would be delighted to give you further details.

Please continue to send queries and new material to George until further notice.

COMPUTER REPORT

At an April meeting our Executive Committee, after studying a feasibility report by Sandra Metcalf, took the decision that our Society would benefit from the use of a computer. Our secretary gave details of the availability of a second-hand IBM PC XT with 640 Kilobyte, Displaywrite 2, Database 3 and Spreadsheet plus our own special programme. The cost is still not finalised but would have a upper limit of £ 500. It was proposed, seconded and passed unanimously that the purchase be pursued. To enable the Society to make full use of the computer, a printer will (in the future) also be purchased.

It is evident from the amount of material which needs to go onto the computer that we will need to pay for qualified operators. To this end we trust you will all continue your generous support of our Computer Fund.

ST CATHERINE'S HOUSE VISITOR.

Member 271, Mrs Linda Meaden, Springfield Cottage, Morleys Road, Weald, Sevenoaks, TN14 6QY, Kent.

Linda is willing to help members find missing METCALFE information. A charge of £2 towards train fare costs with each request please. If you want copy certificates the FULL cost MUST be enclosed with your request....all payments to Mrs M.L. Meaden.

Thank you Linda - we all hope it 'runs' smoothly.

PUBLICATIONS

Nina Benson

1. Birth Brief Booklet is still available.
2. Index to Lists - clarification of several queries are outstanding and as soon as these are received from George Buxton we hope to go ahead with the printing.
3. WILLS - Held at Archives Dept: Sheepscar, Leeds - 1540 to 1857. We hope this will be at the printers by the time you are reading this. No price is available yet.
4. WILLS - held at Preston CRO, proved at Chester. 1546 - 1858 Lancashire, south of the Ribble. 1457 - 1858 Western Deaneries of the Archdeaconry of Richmond.

Almost complete - we URGENTLY need a few ' snippets ' to fill up the few empty spaces. By ' snippets ' I mean short extracts naming either beneficiaries and/or goods taken from any wills/inventories held at Preston. Send them to the Sec. ASAP. We sincerely hope that most of the above will be ready and available for sale at the AGM/Muster in October 1988.

For the Attention of Member 53, Miss Ethel Metcalfe, Prestwich.

Nina Benson

Are you still interested in a marriage between a Mary Metcalfe and a Mr ...Whalley ? Because in the will of JOHN of Hunton (near Bedale YKS) circa 1848 he mentions his sister MARY WHALLEY's child Elizabeth.

MARY was bpt. 22.07.1759 at Hornby near Bedale and brother JOHN was bpt. 05.03.1768 at nearby Patrick Brompton, children of John Mte.

For the Attention of Member 104, Rev. Neville Metcalfe, York.

Nina Benson

1871 Census returns, Leeds.

Lincoln Fields Row.

Moor Nichols Metcalfe 28 Milk dealer Born Countersett.

Elizabeth Metcalfe 17 Sister Born Leverton (Laverton in Kirkby Malzeard parish.?)

William Mason 3 Nephew

From information sent in by Terry Allinson.

For the Attention of Member 196 Mrs. Ann Marie Dunstan, Donald, Australia Nina Benson

Jane Gardiner Metcalf, born Clare, mge. Alfred Titheridge born Winchester, in Victoria Marriage Index 1877. Register No: 2912.

Albert age 4 b. Melbourne buried 1872 son of Robert Gardiner and Ellen (Readen) Metcalf in Victoria Burial Index. Register No: 4940.

Robert Gardiner Metcalf of Frankston buried 30.12.74 at the Necropolis Cemetery, Springvale, Victoria.

The Australian information given above is taken from two different sources :-

From Members Gary and Christopher Metcalf, Newport, Victoria, Australia, who have recently sent me the following :- a) Cemetery Index for the Necropolis as at 13.03.87. b) the Cemetery Index for Karrakatta, Western Aus: c) Details for the Metcalfe United Shire. d) 1828 Census N.S.W. e) Births N.S.W. f) Marriages N.S.W. g) Shipping Arrivals for Port of Albany, Western Aus: h) Arrivals Victoria and N.S.W.

From member Bernard G. Metcalfe, East Malver Aus: - Who has sent me sample sheets of the Victoria Birth, Death and Marriages Index.

News comes from Canadian member Jamie Medcof - he is busy compiling information from his side of the Atlantic. Jamie's father died last fall and Jamie asks ' How is this for a longevity record ? Thomas Metcalf 1806-1897 91 years (Medcof after emigration); John Dowker Medcof 1851-1934 83 years; William Thomas Medcof 1891-1987 96 years; a total years spanned 181 years '.

OFFICIALS PLEASE TAKE NOTE :-

New Addresses

Mb 9. Mrs Marion Collins. From Walsall to 42 High Point, Richmond Hill Road,
Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 3RX.

Mb 47. Stuart Metcalfe. From San Jose to 3441 Edgewood Road, Eureka, California
95501. U.S.A.

Mb 131. Mrs Miriam K. Hopper. From Carperby to 5 Hales Close, Cotgrave, Nottingham,
NG12 3HW.

Mb 147. Miss Mary Morris. From Wellington, New Zealand, to C/o Mrs N. Williams,
Darnbrook Farm, Malham Moor, Near Settle, BD24 9PY, North Yorks

Mb 219. Trevor Metcalfe. From Victoria AUS: to 907 Jarnahill Drive, Yaroomba,
Queensland 4560. Australia. (But no Sub paid for 1988)

Subscriptions not renewed in 1988. Now deemed to have left the Society.

44 Arthur Metcalfe, Histon Cambs.	48 Alison Rogers, Bargara AUS.
84 Derek Metcalfe, Fence, Lancs.	89 Douglas E. Metcalfe, Waterloo, Canada.
90 Miss J.E. Metcalfe, Bentham.	95 Mrs B. Murray, Ealing.
117 Mrs J. Parker, Kingston Canada.	118 Robert Metcalfe, Fountains, Ripon.
138 Mrs P.J. King, Parramatta, AUS.	140 Mrs Anne Magee, Carlton, Cleveland.
150 Mrs Susanne Metcalfe, Mississauga.	152 Miss Denise Smith, Saskatoon, Canada.
161 Mrs Barbara Page, Manitoba, Canada.	167 Mrs Ettie Sheaves, Oatley, Australia.
168 John Rich, Newport.	171 Tom Dukes, Kemptville, Canada.
172 Leone Fabre, North Melbourne, AUS.	183 Mr S.P. Whiting, Harrogate.
187 Don Halliday, Exmouth, Devon.	203 Richard Metcalfe Singapore.
204 Mrs Mary Armitage, Huddersfield.	206 Mr & Mrs Winter, Leeds.
213 Edward Metcalf, Natal, S.A.	216 Mrs Pauline Heald, Tadcaster.
219 Trevor Metcalfe, Yaroomba AUS.	222 Mr Leslie Skelton, Ross on Wye.
224 Mrs Gillian Speed, Eccleshall.	225 Mrs Laura Metcalfe, Nepean, Canada.
229 Thomas Hutchinson, Edmonton, Canada.	231 Mrs Vera Mellor, Loughborough.
235 Wm.E. Metcalfe, Northwood.	238 Mrs Dulcie Regan, Blaxland AUS.
240 Ian Gladman, Leopold, AUS.	241 Mrs M.A. Colemand, Wagga Wagga, AUS
245 Mr & Mrs Trevor Metcalf, Melton Mowbray.	248 Mr & Mrs J. Alwyn Metcalfe, Queenstown, New Zealand
249 Mrs Barbara Woolfitt, Milang, AUS.	250 Mrs Lorraine Taylor, Narre Warren, AUS.
253 John F. Medcalf, York.	261 Mr & Mrs Coulthard, Wimborne.

A total of 40 members lost this year - terrible - so many of them our precious overseas members. How are we failing them? Suggestions welcome, to Secretary.

POSTAGE STAMPS

British postage stamps may be bought from :- The British Philatelic Bureau,
20 Brandon Street, Edinburgh, EH3 5TT, Scotland. Postage and handling is a mere
.34p for all overseas orders (but I have no idea what the charge is for the stamps).
They are also supposed to be 'readily available' from stamp dealers in Australian
capital cities, the cost being 84 cents for a 34p stamp - about half the price of
International Reply Coupons.

BIRTH BRIEFS

UP-DATING PREVIOUS ENTRIES.

Mb 6. John Holden, 49 Brooklands Rd. Towneley, Burnley, BB11 3PR. Lancs:

Thomas Mte did NOT marry Agnes Batty 07.04.1768 Clapham. but he DID marry :-
AGNES KNIPE 26.06.1758 at Middleton in Lonsdale, Westmorland, when Thomas is
described as "of Widdale in parish of Aysgarth".

Mb 119. Mrs Vi Simpson, 41 Bailey St. Huntly, New Zealand.

With help from various sources Vi has made the break through ! Her family of
Metcalfes was traced in the 1881 census to Middridge, Co Durham England :-

Henry 44 b Yks. Isabella wf 29 b Yks. James s 15 b Yks. Wm s 14 b Yks. ELIJAH s
10 b Yks. Francis s 6 b Yks.

The Elijah threw a lot of people and it turns out that HE should be SHE, namely
ELIZABETH as the 1871 census for ARKENGARTHDALE Yks shows :-

Henry 35 b Swaledale. Isabella 22 b Westmorland (and manages to only age 7 years
to 1881 - would that we all could) James 5 b Arkengarthdale. George W. s 2 b same
Elizabeth dau 7 months b Arkengarthdale.

Son James, the ancestor of Vi, was born 2nd Jan 1866 at Tan Hill, Muker son of
Henry and Isabella (Airey) Mte of Smithy Holme, Muker.

Henry & Isabella Airey, 36 widr and 17 spr respectively, married 31st Dec 1865
at Bowes, Yks. Henry's father given as Richard Mte coalminer.

The 1851 census for Smithy Holme, West Stonesdale (at the very head of Swaledale)
gives :- Richard 51 widr farmer & coal miner, b Scafe Head, Muker. various (9)
sons & daus including HENRY 15 coalminer born Keld, Muker.

The 1841 census for the Keld area, gives at 'Hartlakes' :- Richard 40 coalminer,
Betty 36, 8 children including HENRY aged 5.

Richard (mar 18.10.1827 Muker to Elizabeth Fawcett) was born at Stonesdale 06.02.1800,
son of Leonard & Nancy (Bushby) Mte who mar 03.06.1784 Muker. This Leonard MAY be
the Leonard of Thorns who was buried at Muker 07.11.1813 aged 53 years therefore
born c1760.

Work continues apace and Vi hopes to come over soon to visit the Dales.

Mb 146. Mr & Mrs Roland Metcalfe, 'Cristolie' Caythorpe, Nottingham. NG14 7EB.

Their 'tree top' was John Mte mar 29.11.1757 to Frances Skaife at Sand Hutton
near Thirsk.

Study of the parish registers revealed that John was buried there 21.08.1793 but
no age was given; Frances was buried 25 Aug 1804 - again, no age given. John was
not baptised at Sand Hutton but before this church was built Sand Hutton was in
the parish of Thirsk. Thirsk parish registers give a John bpt 15.07.1729 son of
William, labourer. Wm married 14.11.1723 to Jane Knott both of Thirsk. Wm ? bpt
06.05.1696 son of John Mte. Work continues to attempt to prove the link.

Mb 170. Mrs Val Hepworth, 10 Wyche Cottages, Shaw Lane, Stoke Works, Bromsgrove,
B60 4EH.

Was stuck at Isabella Mte who mar 29.06.1816 at Well near Bedale, Yks. to John
Dobby. Isabella now appears to be the dau of Christopher & Hannah (Cheesebrough)
Mte and was bpt 27.05.1792 at Easby near Richmond, Yks. Chris & Hannah were mar
28.10.1780 at Well. Their first two children were born at Well, they then had 3
bpt at Balk near Thirsk. Isabella & two sisters then bpt Easby. These three girls
appear to have returned to Well to be married. Work continues to prove the case.

Mb 179. Claude A. Fryer, Manor Cottage, Stillingfleet, York. YO4 6SF.

Mr Fryer's only source of information began with a sampler 'Eleanor Metcalf born 2nd Oct 1808'.

Grandfather Joseph Fryer married two Wilkinson sisters - both daus of John and Eleanor (MT) Wilkinson who mar 07.05.1827 at Marske in Swaledale. Eleanor was bpt 16.10.1808 Marske dau of Thomas & Margaret (Carter) Mte mar 18.07.1798 Bedale, Yks.

The two sisters - first was Elizabeth married 24.04.1854 Marske, buried 26.05.1854 aged 20 years. Second was Margaret married 14.08.1855 at the parish church, Leeds.

Mb 242. Miss Sara C.L. Illingworth, 14 Chesham Rd. Colliers Wood, London, SW19 2AT.

Great, great grand-dau of William & Agnes (MTE) Leighton marr 15.10.1853 Dent, Yks. Agnes bpt 24.04.1831 Dent dau of James & Ann (formerly METCALF) Metcalf no marr yet traced. Siblings of Agnes were :- Mary 19.06.1827 Hawes, Thomas 26.04.1829 Hawes, Isabella 30.06.1837 Dent, James 30.06.1837, John 19.04.1838 Stone House, bpt May at Dent, Ruth 06.12.1840 Cowgill, Joshua/Joseph 05.04.1844 Cowgill, Richard 02.04.1847 Cowgill. The 1851 census suggests that the family hailed from Mossdale.

Mb 254. Mrs P.A. Daley, 34 Arno Vale Rd. Woodthorpe, Notts. NG5 4TH.

See Dec 1987 issue.

Dau of Cyril Durrant Metcalf who was born Aug 1911 son of Sydney George and Ethel May (Pegg) Mt who marr 1906 Wroxham, Norfolk. Sydney George born Nov 1880 Norwich, Norfolk, son of Joseph Armingier & Martha (Bangay) Metcalf.

BIRTH BRIEFS - NEW MEMBERS to whom we say 'welcome'.

Mb 263. Mr. N.L. Medcalf. 55 Abbey Rd. Witney, Oxon. OX8 7LG.

Nothing known.

Mb 264. Mrs Joyce Blum, 27 Burrows Avenue, KARORI, Wellington, New Zealand.

Great great grand-dau of William & Fanny (MT) Calvert who marr 13.06.1833 at Kirmington, Lincs, England. Fanny bpt 15.11.1810 Kirmington, dau of William & Anne MT.

Can anyone help Joyce to trace this family?

Mb 265. Mrs Patricia Younghusband, 59 Lockeridge Close, Blandford Forum, DT11 7TU, Dorset.

Great grand-dau of Benjamin & Ann (Medcalf) Harrison marr circa 1836 ? Stockport, Cheshire.

Mb 266. Mrs Susan Liptak, 7567 Canada Way, Burnaby, British Columbia, CANADA V3N 3K1.

Mother Mary Christina Harper nee METCALFE b 1914 Winnipeg, Canada, dau of Walter & Victoria Alice (Edgar) Mte who marr 24.07.1912 Minneapolis, Minnesota U.S.A. Walter born 30.09.1878 North Stainley, Ripon, Yorkshire England., son of William & Sarah Jane (SLY) Mte who marr 20.04.1878 North Stainley. Their second child, Anne bpt N.S. 06.02.1881 but was born at Morley, Leeds. William gives his father's name as Henry, an Ostler. William is supposed to have been born in the Ripon area. However, complete blanks have been drawn at the Harrogate and Northallerton Registrar's offices.

Can anyone help Susan to trace this family in the 1881 Leeds census ?

Mb 267. Mr & Mrs John Robinson. Norton House, 26 Chester Rd. Holmes Chapel,
CW4 7DP, Cheshire.

Mrs Robinson, Norah, was the 4th of 6 children of Robert and Grace Ellen Mte.
Robert was son of Robert & Elizabeth (AYRE) Mte, who also had a son Thomas who
became Vicar at Holywell C.E. church, North Wales. Robert born circa 1859/60
in Yorkshire son of Robert & Agnes (Kendal) Mte who marr Feb 1856 Lancaster.
Robert ? bpt 02.06.1833 Ingleton, son of Thomas & Elizabeth Mte.

Mb 268. Mrs Dorothy Benden, 5 Wordsworth Avenue, Bateau Bay 2261 New South Wales,
AUSTRALIA.

Great grandfather William Mte emigrated to Australia circa 1853/4 *. He was bpt
21.04.1832 Burneston, near Bedale Yks, son of John & Elizabeth (Ramshay) Mte who
marr 15.11.1827 Burneston. John could be the one bpt 28.10.1800 Burneston son
of Francis & Margaret Mt. Francis buried Burneston 25.03.1831 'of Newton' aged
72 years and therefore born c1759.

*From recently received Shipping Lists sent by members Gary & Christopher Metcalf:-

William arrived Port Phillip May 1853 on ship Marco Polo.

William Newcastle, Sydney - 1854 Anglo Saxon, aged 24 years.

William " " - 1855 Rose of Sharon, aged 24 years.

Mb 269. Thomas C.G. Glover, 'Ashbrook', Hunton, Bedale, DL8 1PX, North Yorkshire.

Great x 4 Grandparents were Robert & Elizabeth (MTE) Dixon who mar 18.11.1741 at
Sessay near Thirsk, Yks. Elizabeth bpt 14.12.1724 Sessay dau of Thomas & Dorothy
(Mason) Mte who marr 11.02.1720 at Sessay. Thomas of Sessay was buried there
27.04.1774, no age given.

Mb 270. Miss Violet D. Hewitt, 27 Victoria Rd. Ulverston, LA12 OEP, Cumbria.

Great grand-daughter of Nancy Metcalfe bpt 22.02.1835 at Sedbergh dau of Richard,
publican of Cautley) and Jane (Canby) Mte of whom she was the 10th and last child.
Richard & Jane married 28.06.1812 at Sedbergh. Richard b c1790 (? son of George
& Bella Mte) appears to have been buried at Sedbergh 15.09.1848 'of Cautley'.

Mb 271. Mrs Linda Meaden, Springfield Cottage, Morleys Road, Weald, Sevenoaks,
TN14 6QY.

Ancestor was Mary Metcalfe who married William Crooks GOODALL pre March 1871
? in the Leeds area. William was a printer of Northfield Villas, Leeds in March
1871 when their son Frederick William was born.

Can anyone help Linda by tracing the family in the 1871 census ?

Mb 272. Mrs Gwenda Cottle, 204 Trimmer Parade, Seaton, South Australia 5023. AUSTRALIA.

Grand-dau of Charles David MT who was born 31.03.1856 Penwortham, South Australia,
son of Joseph & Mary Ann (Booth) MT who marr 14.03.1849 ? Preston ENGLAND. Joseph
was a miller and died 22.06.1909 aged 80 at Jamestown, South Australia. He was
born 14.12.1828.

Mb 273. D. Stuart Metcalfe, 31 Blake Hill Drive, Mirfield, WF14 9NL, West Yorkshire.

Ancestor Thomas Mte marr July 1830 at Bedale, Yks to Ann Simpson. Stuart is back
another century to Christopher Mte born c 1700 in Bedale or maybe Hackforth.

Mb 274. Mrs Heather Lambert, Haighs Access Road, Redvale RD2, Albany, Auckland,
New Zealand.

Great grandmother Emma Harriet MTE (marr SENIOR) born 1865 Tasmania dau of George
Robert & Bridget MTE. George Robert bpt 03.04.1821 Marylebone, St Mary, LONDON Eng:
son of Joseph & Eleanor Mte who also had (1813-1835) :- John Edmons, Harriet, Mary
Caroline, Joseph Hencock, Henry, Eleanor Catherine, Sarah & Emma. George Robert
had married 21.06.1845 at All Souls, Marylebone to Louisa Elizabeth SEXBY and they
had two sons bpt Westminster, St Anne Soho, London :- George John 17.01.1847 and
Joseph William 01.02.1849. Father George Robert was convicted of theft 12.06.1848....

Mb 274 continued.....

and transported to Tasmania for 10 years. Following the 'Hancock' clue, it is possible that Joseph was the one bpt 18.11.1781 at St Saviour, Southwark, son of George & Catherine (Hancock) who married 14.08.1774 St Olave, Southwark.

Mb 275. James L. Watson, 28 Glenaden Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario, M8Y 2L7, CANADA.

Great Great Grandson of Thomas & Hannah (MTE) Sedgwick who married 20.04.1829 at Kirkby Wiske, North Yorkshire England. Hannah bpt 08.02.1809 KW 4th child of 7, dau of John (innkeeper of Newby) and Catherine (Hornby) MTE who marr 29.09.1803 at Kirkby Wiske. John bpt 17.01.1776 at Topcliffe near Thirsk, Yks, son of Alexander of Dalton & Hannah (Wilkinson) Mte who marr 31.05.1773 Topcliffe. Alexander names his father as Thomas of Horton and it is thought that he was bpt 26.02.1738 at Horton in Ribblesdale son of Thomas & Frances Mte. ? Thomas married Frances Metcalfe 01.05.1729 at Hawes.

Do any of those members with Horton connections recognise this family ?

Mb 276. Miss Sylvia E. Metcalf, 75 Overstrand Mansions, Prince of Wales Drive,
London SW 11.

Dau of Harold Frederick & Anne Elizabeth (Markham) MT who marr 1917 Putney Hill, London. Harold Frederick born 7th Sep 1892 Hastings, son of Henry & Kate (Baker) Mt.

Can anyone help Sylvia trace their marriage ?

Mb 277. Mrs Yvonne Dalley, PO Box 28061, Thorrrington, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Great grandfather Anthony Metcalf arrived in New Zealand by the ship Zealandia in 1869.

Anthony was born 27th Oct 1846 at Low Pennystone Green bpt 30.10.1846 at Stainmore, Westmorland, son of Anthony (farmer & Publican) and Isabella (Turner) Mte who marr 16.11.1833 at Ravenstonedale, when they were bach & spr, both of that parish. Their first child James bpt 13.01.1834 Ravenstonedale, 2nd child Elizabeth bpt 02.05.1835 Mallerstang. We then have a ten year gap before dau Isabella is bpt 02.01.1845 at Stainmore followed by Anthony above. All the decendants of Anthony Metcalfe are planning to hold a reunion in New Zealand early in 1989.

Please could someone do some further research ?

Sec:- I notice mb 119 Mrs Vi Simpson (address in 'UP-Dates') also has a mention of Low Pennystone along her line - ? any connection. I have also very recently discovered that an Anthony Metcalfe the younger of Park House, Ravenstonedale was in 1872 an executor with Eleanor Benn to the will of her husband John Benn of Tirril House in the parish of Barton in county of Westmorland. This Benn family is a branch to my own line from Cumberland & Lowther in Westmorland.

Mb 278. Gary R. Medcalf, 46 Hale Creent, Bayview, Glenfield, Auckland. New Zealand.

Son of Colin Christopher & Patricia Eleanor (Pattenden) Md who marr 1951. Colin C. born 15. Dec 1925 Middlesbrough, Yks, England, son of William John & Mary Daisy (Hobbs) MD, who marr 17.09.1921 Middlesbrough. William John born 27.03.1891 Burslem in Staffordshire Eng: son of Joseph Bodman & Lydia Margaret (Breeze) MD marr not traced.

Mb 279. Mrs Elaine Scott, 19 Aotea Crescent, GORE, Southland, New Zealand.

New found relation of Member 239 Nellia Keens.

Two lines as two cousins married in Bradford, Yks, England in 1917 :- William George BUCHANAN to Nellie SEWELL, their son James is ancestor to Elaine., he was born 1923 in New Zealand. William G: Buchanan b 1896 in New Zealand, son of James & Sarah (Metcalf) Buchanan who marr 1888 in New Zealand. Sarah b 04.03.1869 Dunedin NZ dau of George* & Margaret (Madden) Mte. George b c1835 son of Christopher Hoggarth & Martha (Hodgson) Mte who marr 13.05.1833 Warton, Lancs, England. Christopher Hoggarth b 25.08.1808 son of George & Margaret (Hoggarth) Mte who marr 02.01.1799 at Halton, Lancs by Lic. George* had a sister Margaret Mary b 1849 marr 1871 to Robt Hetherington their dau MarthaAnn marr George Sewell. Can anyone help ?

Mb 280. Ms Sheila Barley, 189 Barkers Butts Lane, Coventry, CV6 1EJ.

Related to 108 Mrs Isobel Christian, New Zealand and to 180 Alan Thompson, Bradshaw Yorkshire.

Great grand-dau of William & Jane (Metcalf) Wake who marr 07.11.1835 at Danby Wiske, Yks. Jane bpt 15.05.1810 D.W. dau of Christopher & Jane (Compston) Mte who marr 30.11.1807 Langton on Swale, Yks. Christopher bpt 25.03.1784 Langton, son of Christopher & Hannah (Brown) Mte who marr 17.07.1781 Langton. Christopher b c1751 ? son of Christopher and Martha Mte.

Mb 281. Mrs Stella and Miss Joanne Linfoot, 128 Osbaldwick Lane, York. YO1 3BB.
Descendants of an Osbaldwick Metcalfe family.

Mb 282. George E. Baker, 14 Maes Cantaba, Ruthin, Clwyd, LL15 1YP, North Wales.

Decendant of George & Eleanor (Metcalf) Tiplady who marr 16.12.1832 Richmond, Yks. Eleanor ? bpt 03.03.1808 North Cowton Yks (also in the tree of Peter Metcalfe of Bromborough mb 129) dau of James & Elizabeth Mte ??

Sec:- George Baker had Eleanor bpt 05.09.1805 dau of James & Mary (Whitaker) Mte who marr 25.11.1794 South Cowton. However, on research in the parish registers, this Eleanor was buried 02.04.1807 aged 1 year. The Eleanor above, bpt 03.03.1808 IS given as dau of James & Elizabeth Mte although there is no marriage for a couple of these names NOR any other children baptised. I am of the opinion that Elizabeth may be an error for MARY. Research continues.

Mb 283. James J.R. Nicholls, 48 Lee Ave: SIMCOE, Ontario N3Y 3K5, CANADA.

Descendant of Michael Metcalf born 17th June 1587, Tattessford, Norfolk England, son of Leonard, rector of Tattessford. Michael went to America 1637 with his wife Sarah ELWYN, whom he married 13 Oct 1616, together with their surviving children from the following :- Michael 1617, Mary 1618, Elizabeth 1619, Michael 1620, John 1622, Sarah 1624, Martha 1628, Thomas 1629, Anne 1631, Joan/Jane 1632/3, Rebecca 1635.

Mb 284. Miss Jay Aukland, Lodge Court, Scrooby Top, Bawtry, Doncaster, DN10 6AX,
South Yorkshire.

Grand-dau of John Metcalfe b Haddenham, Cambridgeshire 03.10.1864 son of Elijah and Elizabeth (Darwood) Mte. Elijah b 1837 son of John Mte who came to Cambs: early 1800s from Tayside Scotland with brothers William and ? Ezra.

Mb 285. Mrs Joan Noble, 31 Parkside Avenue, Benton Lodge Estate, Newcastle upon Tyne,
NE7 7NP.

Dau of George & Isabel (Olson) MTE who marr 01.08.1940. George b 08.04.1913 son of John George & Margaret Ann (Hutchinson) Mte. John George b 26.04.1880, 20 Model Place, Darlington, Co. Durham, son of George & Jane (Pickersgill) Mte who marr 06.02.1877, St Johns, Darlington. George b c1854 son of George Mte, both were plumbers.

Sec:- The 1881 census for Darlington shows George 26 born Richmond Yks. 1851 census for Richmond show a George 29 plumber b Northallerton, wife Mary 32 b Gilling, son Thomas 6 b Richmond and dau Elizabeth 1 b Richmond - all in the household of JOHN RUSSELL widower, to whom Mary is listed as DAU. The household also contained visitor JOHNSON METCALFE married, watchmaker age 55 b Northallerton. I.G.I. reveals George bpt 12.03.1819 at Northallerton son of Johnson & Mary Ann Mte.

Mb 286. Mrs Eileen Metcalf, 4 Bristol Ave: Farington, Leyland, PR5 2QP, Lancs.

Husband was Alan Francis b 29.01.1940 son of William & Mary Elizabeth MT of Ulnes Walton, Leyland. William, one of 11 children, had brothers James & Harold and sisters Mary, and Betty who became a Nun in Africa., other christian names not known.

SECOND TIME AROUND

Barbara Kent, M.N. 5, of 17 Red Hill, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY8 1NA, writes to say that she joined the Metcalfe Society at the time of its inception but whilst she enjoys being a member and looks forward to receiving her copy of ' Mecca News ', she has still not managed to break through the dead end she was at then, as far as her Metcalfe line is concerned.

She is desperately trying to trace the baptism of Richard Metcalfe and the marriage of Richard and his wife Ann, who had a son, also named Richard, at Foston, Yorks., in 1700. She is hoping that this publishing of her interest for the second time might produce some positive leads and asks " Has anybody a spare Richard on their family tree who could be mine ? "

If anyone can help Barbara, please contact her direct at the above address.

When writing, Barbara also enclosed this item from ' The Essex Record Office Update No. 12 Winter 1987/88 ' in the hope that it might produce a lead for someone else. ' New accessions July - Dec 1987.

Metcalfe, Chas. of Inglethoepe Hall, Norfolk: pprs. re rectory of Hadleigh 1709 - 1869 (A7633: D/DU 1419). '

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CHERRY TREE FARM

Anthony Pearson, M.N. 258, of 435 Norton Road, Norton on Tees, Cleveland TS20 2QQ, is trying to trace a place called Cherry Tree farm, somewhere in Wensleydale.

Anthony says, " on the 27 March 1926, my great grandmother, Rachel G. Pearson, nee Metcalfe, died of tuberculosis in Stockton. My grandmother who married into the Pearson family in 1922 used to relate to me (and indeed to the rest of our clan) a story which has become almost legendary to us all, but which we cannot verify since my grandmother died in 1981.

The essence of the tale was that Rachel came from a place called Cherry Tree farm, (or cottage), in Hawes. No-one had any reason to doubt the story, but as I embarked last year upon a serious study of my ancestors, I quickly discovered that Rachel came not from Hawes but from Stockton !

As I searched back through our Metcalfe history I continually puzzled over the significance of Cherry Tree Farm. Eventually the trail led from Stockton to Hartlepool and thence to the place where Rachel's father, Christopher, was baptized in 1832, at Askrigg.

This place being only five miles or so from Hawes lends substance to what may have been a misinterpretation of a statement my great grandmother made all those years ago. Coincidentally, Christopher Metcalfe's mother, Betty, nee Whitfield, came from Grisedale, 7 miles west of Hawes.

Is there anybody out there in Wensleydale who knows, or has heard of, Cherry Tree Farm ? "

If any of our members can help Anthony, please contact him direct.

THE METCALFES OF FERN HILL

The following forms the first part of a two part article regarding the Metcalfes of Fern Hill, by Sandra Metcalf, M.N. 134, of Tring, Hertfordshire. The second part of Sandra's article will appear in the next edition of the newsletter.

" In a previous edition of Mecca News were two contributions which aroused my curiosity. One was about Baron Metcalfe of Fern Hill, a former Governor General of Canada and the other was a picture of Metcalfe House in Delhi. There was, I was sure, a connection between the two - but I couldn't remember what it was. Being rather involved in various other things at the time I pushed the puzzle to the back of my mind. But two unrelated events brought the pieces together for me with hardly any effort on my part - oh that researches into my own family would go so smoothly!

The first event was the return by a friend of a book, the second was the chance discovery of a will. The book was M.M. Kaye's ' The Golden Calm: an English Lady's life in Moghul Delhi ' published as part of the vogue for illustrated diaries and bought partly because of my interest in India, but also because I am a reader of subtitles and this one continues: ' Reminiscences by Emily, Lady Clive Bayley and by her father, Sir Thomas Metcalfe '.

The starting point for the book was Sir Thomas Metcalfe's ' Delhie Book ', a collection of paintings of Delhi specially commissioned from some of the finest of the native artists at the beginning of the nineteenth century, accompanied by Sir Thomas's descriptions. The facsimile pages of the ' Delhie Book ' are interspersed with extracts from the journal in which Emily, Sir Thomas's daughter, recorded the story of her life in India and England between 1831 and 1848 and the whole is linked by M.M. Kaye's commentary which is lively and illuminating - particularly about Emily's family.

Sir Charles Metcalfe, eventually Governor General of Canada, was Emily's uncle, the elder brother of her father, Sir Thomas Metcalfe who was responsible for the building of Metcalfe House in Delhi. Sir Thomas Metcalfe, Emily's father, like his elder brother, Sir Charles, became Delhi Resident and like him received a large monthly allowance from the Honourable Company of Merchants of London trading to the East Indies, to maintain the style his position demanded. Having spent most of his life there he regarded Delhi as his home and acquired an estate on which he built Metcalfe House ' near the banks of the Jumna River ... a magnificent porticoed palace which he crammed with treasures, surrounded by trees, artificial lakes and beautifully laid-out gardens '. There are several descriptions of the interior of the house in Emily's journal.

Emily describes her Uncle Charles on several occasions in her journal; ' ... and the spring of that year, 1838, was ever memorable for the return of our uncle, then Sir Charles Metcalfe, from India. He was Aunt Smythe's idol, so of course after an absence of nearly forty years his return was a cause of much rejoicing,

India ' and in 1833 was asked by the Court of Directors to act as Governor General on the departure of Lord William Bentinck. Not confirmed in office for political reasons (English politics rather than those of India) and at odds with the Directors for his removal of censorship from the Press in India, he resigned and retired from the service in 1838.

It was not to be expected that such a man should not be recalled to public office and as Governor of Jamaica (1839 - 1842) and Governor General of Canada (1843 - 1845) he acquitted himself with honours at extremely difficult periods in the history of both countries. His devotion to duty had been outstanding all his life as Emily illustrates in her account of the Christmas holidays in 1842: ' Uncle Charles has returned from Jamaica ... and was suffering from swelling and wounds in his face which caused him much pain. But when recalled to duty again as Governor General of Canada he would not refuse and went out there in 1843. He suffered very accutely for two years, when he was obliged to give up his office and return to England in 1845, where he was made a peer. He continued to suffer terribly from cancer in his face until he died in September 1846 '.

A remarkable man; his memorial in the parish church at Winkfield, written by Lord Macaulay, perhaps says it all:

' Near this stone is laid Charles Theophilus, first and last Lord Metcalfe. A statesman tried in many high posts and difficult conjunctures and found equal to all. The three greatest dependancies of the British Crown were successively entrusted to his care. In India his fortitude, his wisdom, his probity and his moderation are held in honourable remembrance by men of many races, languages and religions. In Jamaica still convulsed by a social revolution, he calmed the evil passions which long suffering had engendered in one class and long domination in another. In Canada, not yet recovered from the calamities of civil war, he reconciled contending factions to each other and to the mother country.

Public esteem was the just reward of his public virtue. But those only who enjoyed the privilege of his friendship could appreciate the whole worth of his gentle and noble nature.

Costly monuments in Asiatic and American cities attest the gratitude of nations which he rules; this tablet records the sorrow and the pride with which his memory is cherished by private affection. '

As the memorial indicates, Charles had a second christian name, one which he shared with his younger brother Thomas, the builder of Metcalfe House in Delhi - they were respectively Charles Theophilus and Thomas Theophilus. Thomas's son was named Theophilus John, Emily's full name was Emily Annie Theophila and her aunt, the sister of Charles and Thomas, was Emily Theophila, Lady Ashbrook.

With the discovery of the will of Sir Theophilus John Metcalfe Bart of Fernhill dated 21 June 1818, I was sure that I had found another member of the family - the elder brother from whom Charles had inherited the title in 1822; He too had been in India, but his service took him even further afield than his brother Charles.

for he had gained a great public reputation in addition to his many estimable qualities which endeared him to his family.

We children remembered him well, having seen him only two years before in Calcutta; and indeed he never seemed to alter to the day of his death ... preparations were made for his removing to Fern Hill, near Windsor, Berkshire, the family estate which he inherited with the baronetcy and where he and all the family lived in their youth with my grandfather and grandmother. He at once filled his house at Fern Hill to overflowing with relatives and friends ... so that his proverbial hospitality, remarkable even in India, was most freely taxed. But as he cared nothing for ' show ' but only for comfort and the society of his friends, he thoroughly enjoyed this style of life '.

Charles Metcalfe's personal qualities seem to have been more than matched by his abilities as diplomat and administrator. Until the Mutiny in 1857 when the Crown took over the Government of India, all Britain's interests there were represented by the Honourable East India Company whose diplomats, administrators and officers in the ' Bengal Army ' acted for the Company. Charles Metcalfe's father had been an officer in that army and had risen to be a Director of that Company - it was natural that he should wish his son to take advantage of the opportunities which he could provide through his contacts on the sub-continent. Charles was not enthusiastic at the prospect. A studious and intellectual young man he would have preferred to continue his education at home longer, but in 1801 he arrived in Calcutta at the age of 16 to begin a career which included, at the age of 23, the negotiation of a treaty to define the frontier between ' Britiash India ' and the Punjab with no less a person than Ranjit Singh that dynamic and unscrupulous ' Lion of the Punjab '.

By the age of 27, he had become Resident at Delhi, a position described by John Kaye in his ' Life and Correspondence of Lord Metcalfe '; ' The duties of the Delhi Resident were onerous and complex. The Residents at other Courts were simply diplomatists. They were bound to confine themselves to the political duties of their situation and to refrain from all interference with the internal administration of the country in which they resided. But the Delhi Resident was at once a diplomatist and an administrator. Philip Mason says of him: ' The Delhi administration under Metcalfe was the most enlightened in the world. In England men could be hanged for a forty shilling theft; the United States permitted slavery for another fifty years. But there was no hanging in Delhi and no selling of slaves ... in most of his penal theory he was a century ahead of his times '.

Charles Metcalfe left Delhi in 1819. ' He left for two appointments in Calcutta; he was both Private Secretary to the Governor General and Secretary in the Secret, Foreign and Political Departments, with the salaries of both posts - just under ten thousand pounds a year, with no income tax ... He was thirty four. ' (Mason) By 1827 he was a member of the Supreme Council, the body which ruled ' British

' This is the last Will and Testament of me Sir Theophilus John Metcalfe Bart of Fern Hill, Berkshire and President of the Select Committee of Supercargoes at Canton in China and I do hereby revoke the two former wills made by me one will signed in Calcutta and dated March 1816 one ditto signed in Canton and dated 20 Feb 1818 '. "

Sandra Metcalf c 1988.

As mentioned earlier, the second part of Sandra's article on the Metcalfes of Fern Hill will be featured in the next issue of the newsletter.

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BOER WAR CASUALTIES

Paul Metcalfe, M.N. 137 of Thirsk, Yorkshire, has kindly provided the following list of ' Metcalf/e ' casualties in the Boer War, amongst the South African Field Force. These details are taken from the full casualty list for the British Army in the Boer War, 1899 to 1902.

Army No.	Rank	Name	Casualty	Place	Date
8439	Pte.	J. Metcalfe	Killed	Enslin	25 Nov
Royal Naval Brigade					1899
3185	Lance Cpl.	J. Metcalfe	Killed	Modder River	23 Nov
3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards					1899
S.A.R. 129	Lance Cpl.	W. Metcalfe	Wounded	Nr. Coleberg	1 Jan
Royal Berkshire Regiment					1900
5813	Pte.	F. Metcalf	Wounded	Magersfontein	12 Dec
Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry					1899
5914	Pte.	J. Metcalf	Killed	Paardeberg	18 Feb
Shropshire Light Infantry					1900
-	Corporal	H.G.P. Metcalfe	Wounded	Mafeking	26 Dec
The Protectorate Regiment					1899
23653	Sapper	J.L. Metcalfe	Died disease	Springfontein	20 May
Telegraph Battalion					1900
6875	Pte.	W. Metcalfe	Prisoner	Roodeval	7 June
Sherwood Foresters					1900
					Later released
5910	Pte.	J. Metcalf	Killed	America Siding	23 Oct
Royal Warwickshire Regiment					1900
30	Sergeant	F. Metcalfe	Wounded	Belfast	7 Nov
Canadian Contingents					1900

Army No.	Rank	Name	Casualty	Place	Date
12244	Pte.	B.J. Metcalfe	Wounded	Karees Poort	1 Apr 1901
Imperial Yeomanry					
6132	Lance Cpl.	J. Metcalfe	Died disease	Machado Drop	1 Feb 1901
2nd Battalion Irish Fusiliers					
236	3/c Trooper	J. Metcalfe	Severely wounded	Rietfontein	19 Oct 1902
B. Division South African Constabulary					
2357	Pte.	S.H. Metcalfe	Slightly wounded	Roberts Drift	13 Apr 1902
3rd Kings Own Hussars					

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SEDBERGH SCHOOL REGISTERS

Sal Illingworth, M.N. 242, of Colliers Wood, London, has written concerning the article which appeared in the December 1987 edition of Mecca News, regarding the Metcalfes who attended Sedbergh School. Sal points out that, in fact, in most cases, each entry has a few sentences or short paragraph giving educational, occupational and migrational details (where applicable) as well as the dates of birth and, in some cases, death.

If anyone is particularly interested in one or more of those persons mentioned, Sal would be happy to extract the information for them, provided that they enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

Sal's full address is: Miss S.C. Illingworth, 14 Chesham Road, Colliers Wood, London SW19 2AT.

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OPEN HOUSE AT ASHFORD

John Balderston M.N. 62 of Silchester, Reading, writes on the subject of George Buxton's recent open day at his home at 128 Stanwell Road, Ashford.

" 24th April 1988 saw the arrival of eight interested members of the Metcalfe Society at the home of George Buxton, M.N. 3, the Keeper of the General Index. These were namely Rosemary and Adrian Bower M.N. 217, Pam and Ron Jermain M.N. 123, John Harker M.N. 192, Sandra Metcalfe M.N. 134, Margaret Metcalfe M.N. 52 and myself, John Balderston M.N. 62; all of us keen to peruse the index cards lists and records. We were greeted by George, Janet and family and welcoming cups of tea and coffee. After George's brief interpretation of the card index system each member pursued his or her own interests.

Pam and Ron were querying and still are searching for Ralph Metcalfe, Pam's grand father's parents, Ralph and Elizabeth (Ruddy). Ralph was born on the 11 October 1874 in the Parish of Whickham, Gateshead. Additionally, Pam is still searching for her two half brothers, Ralph and Kenneth, with only a photo of Ralph in an airman's uniform and no service number as yet to provide a lead.

Rosemary and Adrian were interested in Thomas and Annas Binks. Thomas 1745 - 1824 and Annas 1746 - 1827 were married at Grinton in 1769; further information is required concerning their children. It is thought that the parents were of a dissenting religion, possibly Roman Catholics.

John Harker was researching John Metcalfe, father of Thomas Metcalfe of ' Thorns ' near Hawes and had established Thomas's baptism in 1762 and a possible link with the father, John.

Sandra was in attendance with the lists to add confirmation to any further querying from the members present.

Margaret, our Treasurer, had not made any further progress concerning Robert of ' Smarber ' above Gunnerside - prior to 1760, this being through her own father's line. Through Margaret's paternal grandmother, Mary Ann Urwin's, line appears the name Wm. Pratt of Winterings who married Annas Metcalfe on the 30 April 1799.

Mary Ann was the daughter of Thomas and Hannah, nee Pratt. Hannah being the daughter of Thomas Pratt and Ann Calvert, Thomas being the son of Wm. Pratt. From the conversation between Margaret and Rosemary it appeared that Rosemary is also researching the same line of Pratts, a happy coincidence.

I am still trying to locate the parents of Thomas Metcalfe of ' Ashes ', Hawes, (Will dated 14 December 1663). Thomas, a widower, had married Elizabeth, the widow of James Rucroft and they had five children, Richard, Thomas, Agnes, Dorothy and Elizabeth.

George and Janet provided us with a buffet lunch and in the afternoon George was on hand with additional cups of tea.

I felt it was a good opportunity for members in the South of England to see the index and lists and frankly I was surprised that so few people took part."

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NICKNAMES OF UPPER SWALEDALE

Looking through an old copy of ' The Yorkshire Dalesman ' - 1943, to be precise, I came across an article by Edmund Cooper regarding the use of nicknames amongst the population of Upper Swaledale in the 18th and early 19th centuries, when the lead mining industry was at its peak.

The article pointed out that by that time due to the rapid increase in the dale's population, many of the old families had become so numerous that it became nearly impossible to maintain their identity because many not only bore the same surnames but also the same Christian names, as it was customary to pass on Christian names from parents to children.

It therefore became neccessary to distinguish one from another by means of nicknames. These varied according to the parentage, occupation, dwelling place or mental or physical qualities of the individual. Some of them were insulting and disparaging but often quite inoffensive and were accepted as a matter of course.

Amongst those nicknames suggesting the mental or physical peculiarities of their

owners, were, in 1747, ' Thick Ligd James ', who was James Metcalfe, in 1771, ' Holliday ', or Jas. Metcalfe of Calvert Houses, (Holiday Jack being a man fond of holidays and the display of clothes) and, in 1815, Edw. Metcalfe, who was known as ' Rough and Strong ' and Edm. Metcalfe, who was simply known as ' Rough '.

Nicknames revealing paternal and family relationships were also common and in the 1804 Vestry Minute Books of Muker Chapelry can be found Sarah Joan Kit, which was the nickname of Christopher Metcalfe. Quite how he gained this nickname is unclear but in the case of Edward Alderson, a former landlord of the ' Joiners Arms ' at Thwaite, who was known as Matty John Ned, Matthew was the Christian name of his grandfather, John that of his father and Ned was short for Edward, his own name. Presumably, therefore, ' Sarah Joan Kit ' referred to the maternal line of ' Kit ', or Christopher, Metcalfe.

In 1820, Jno. Metcalfe is referred to as ' Oggy ', but for what reason I am afraid I have no idea. The derivation of ' Sailor Metcalfe ', found in 1835, is no doubt perfectly clear to someone but again, unfortunately, not to me.

It is, however, possible to guess at the reason why, in 1771, Jas. Metcalfe was nicknamed ' King ', his wife Eleanor, ' Queen ' and Margaret, their daughter, ' Princess '. The most likely explanation is that one, or both of the Metcalfe parents once impersonated royalty in a mumming play which was a popular form of entertainment during the festivities known as ' Muker Awd Roy '. Their daughter then would naturally be known as ' Princess '.

One other Metcalfe mentioned in the article appears in an account of the Swaledale men who responded to an appeal to join the ' Loyal Dales Volunteers ' to repel the threatened invasion during the Napoleonic Wars and who did permanent duty at Richmond Castle, where reference is made to " Captains Metcalfe and Stewart's companies ".

Readers interested in pursuing any of the above information further may wish to know that, in writing his article, Edmund Cooper used various sources, the principal ones being a list of witnesses called to give evidence at a trial in 1771 - 2, the old Minute Book and Accounts of the Select Vestry of Muker Chapelry, the administrators of Poor Relief from 1790 to 1840, accounts of the festival of Muker Awd Roy and the Muster Rolls of Loyal Dales Volunteers.

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HELP PLEASE

Eunice Herring, M.N. 50, of 40 Parkway, Etwall, Derby, DE6 6HU, asks if any of our members are descended from the children of Anthony Metcalf and Ann Storey, whose children, Thomas, James, William, George Frederick, Isabella, Ellen Ann, Jane Elizabeth, Frances and Mary Ann were born at Stanwix, Cumberland, between 1832 and the 1860's.

She would also like to hear from anyone who knows any descendants of Alice, the daughter of Anthony Metcalfe and Alice Blades b. 15 June 1775 at Butterset.

THE ROAD TO THE MOOR

The ' Yorkshire Dalesman ' for 1942 carries an interesting illustrated article by R. B. Fawcett on John Metcalfe, who was a herdsman who tended sheep and cattle on Middleham Moor at a low wage with a ' gait ' thrown in, i.e. eatage for two cattle or four sheep and their followers.

John is shown with his wife in the picture reproduced below taking her for a ride on his beloved Middleham Moor, which he would often do in his spare time when not blowing the organ at Middleham Wesleyan Chapel.



As the road to the moor was on an incline, John, or ' Johnny ' Metcalfe was obliged to rope his wife into his wheelbarrow where, apparently, she reposed contentedly, enfolded in her two shawls, often falling asleep during her outings.

They are both dressed in the fashion of their time, she with her silk dress and bonnet tied on with a scarf and Johnny himself with his whiskers so trimmed that his face was clean shaven. This style of whiskers added years to the appearance of any man, so despite his apparent age in the photograph, he was only sixty five years old when he died on the 29 June 1880.

KIRBY SIGSTON PARISH REGISTER

Nina Benson, M.N. 29 of Langthorpe, Boroughbridge, Yorkshire provides this extract from the Parish Register for Kirby Sigston, near Northallerton, Yorkshire.

12 June 1726 Thomas Metcalf of Middlesbrough in Cleveland married Elizabeth Ludley (the IGI has Ludlowes) of Sigston.

SIM'S SNUFF BOX

Dorothy Pope, M.N. 55 of Guisborough, Cleveland, sends this extract from the book "Richmond, Yorkshire in the 1830's", edited by Leslie P. Wenham of Richmond, being the reminiscences of William Wise, an old Richmond lad.

"One of the oldest inhabitants I can recollect was a man named Sim(m) Metcalfe, an old tradesman whose recollections went back to near the middle of the last century. His shop was at the corner of King Street facing the town clock. This of course was when King Street was but a narrow entrance. His wares were not numerous and it would be difficult to say exactly what he did sell. However I well remember one item in his stock - snuff.

When he died a small deal box in which from time immemorial he had stored his snuff, was purchased for my use. In it I kept my small stock of school books, my private library - wonderful possessions. I was as proud of this box as a dog with a curly tail. The box was scrubbed many, many times and exposed for long periods to the Richmond ozone, but to no avail. The titillating dust of 'Wilsons Prime Scotch' was ingrained deep in the wood and even in the forties when it passed into other hands, it retained its strong snuffy smell."

Dorothy writes that Sim Metcalfe was born in 1765 at Crosthwaite, Westmorland, and died in Richmond in 1837. He was the eldest son of the Rev. Lister Metcalfe and was the brother of Dorothy's Gt. x 3 Grandmother, Margaret Metcalfe. Simm was not married, to the best of Dorothy's knowledge and was buried in the family plot in Muker churchyard.

HARDRAW MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

The following monumental inscriptions from Hardraw in Wensleydale, Yorkshire's Anglican churchyard record only those deaths which took place before c. 1920.

Jane wife of John Metcalfe of Bainbridge Ings, Hawes,
died 17th Sept 1884 aged 34 years
also their son Ralph Tiplady Metcalfe died in active service in
Italy 22nd Nov 1917 aged 33 years
also above John Metcalfe d. 1st April 1926 aged 70 years.

John Metcalfe of Old Cams House, d. 14th Nov 1812 aged 42 years.
Margaret his widow d. 4th Oct 1847 aged 69 years.

Robert son of John and Elizabeth Metcalfe of Thwaite Bridge
d. 1st May 1831 an infant
and Edward their son d. 28th Oct 1846 aged 3 years.

James Metcalfe of Sedbusk, Gentleman d. 25th May 1781 aged 72 years.

Leonard Metcalfe of Hardow d. 18th May 1855 aged 77 years

Mary his wife d. 24th June 1849 aged 78 years

Thomas their son d. 21st Nov 1869 aged 62 years.

Isaac Metcalfe of Hawes d. 15th Dec 1914 aged 62 years

Thomas Edward Metcalfe of Rigg House, brother of the above
died 5th Jan 1909 aged 59 years

Alice Ann his wife d. 5th May 1932 aged 77 years

and Ethel daur of Thomas Edward and Alice Ann Metcalfe born 19th Feb
1897 and d. 24th Feb 1897.

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THE DORNIX WEAVER

The following extracts regarding Michael Metcalfe, ' The Dornix Weaver ' are taken from an American publication, the ' Metcalf News-Letter ', published by Metcalf Enterprises, 408 North Rawls Street, Enterprise, Ala-36330, U.S.A.

According to the News-Letter, Michael Metcalf was made a Freeman of the City of Norwich on the 21 June 1618. " His occupation was stated as being a ' Dornix Weaver.' This ' Dornix ' was a kind of Damask or tapestry used in making heavy curtains and the like. It was said that he employed a hundred or more in his business.

Michael Metcalf was a very zealous non-conformist and as such, became embroiled in a controversy with his Bishop, Matthew Wren. It was said that Bishop Wren was a very bitter man and notorious in his persecution of Puritans .. or any that failed to conform to the teachings of the church. About twenty years later Oliver Cromwell and his people were in power and they tried Bishop Wren for treason, because of his persecutions of the Puritans. "

Michael is said, in the News-Letter, to have been the first Metcalf in America, having sailed to America on the good ship ' John and Dorothy ' with his wife, Sarah and his children, Mary, Michael, John, Sarah, Elizabeth, Maratha, Thomas, Ann and Jane.

It also contains a letter written by Michael to his own family, describing why he had emigrated and telling of his first, abortive, as well as his second, successful, attempt at emigration, as follows:

" I was persectuted in the land of my father's sepulchres for not bowing at the name of Jesus and observing the ceremonies inforced upon me at the instance of Bishop Wren of Norwich and his Chancellor Dr. Corbett whose violent measures troubled me in the Bishop's Court and into the High Commissioner's Court.

Suffering many times for the cause of religion, I was forced for the sake of the liberty of my conscience to flee from my wife and children and go into New England, taking ship for the voyage at London 17th Sept 1636 and being by tempests tossed up and down the seas till the Christmas following and then veering about to Plymouth in Old England. Leaving the ship I went down to Yarmouth, in County Norfolk, whence I finally shipped myself and family to come to New England; sailed April 15 1637 and

arrived three days before Midsummer with my wife, nine children and our servant,
Thomas Comberbach - age 16. "

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SOUTH EAST DURHAM MARRIAGE INDEX

These details of South East Durham marriages for 1813 to 1837 were kindly supplied
by non-member Carol McLee.

Ann Mt.	to John Taylor of Darlington, at Staindrop	17.05.1819
Ann Mt. of Barnard Castle	to John Deighton of same, at Gainford	12.08.1833
Christopher Midcalf	to Elizabeth Hodgson, at Staindrop	26.04.1817
Charles Harburn Midcalf	to Ann Wilkinson, at Darlington	26.12.1829
Dorothy Midcalf	to Thomas Graham, at Darlington	26.11.1831
Elias Mte, Bolton on Swale	to Mary Ann Hornsby, at Long Newton	25.07.1825
Elisa Mte.	to William Hepple, at Staindrop	07.06.1821
Elizabeth Mte, of Yarm	to Henry Doughty at Egglescliffe	14.05.1825
Frances Mte.	to Thomas Stephenson, at Staindrop	14.07.1832
George Bentham Mte.	to Jane Richardson, at Haughton le Skerne	23.07.1822
Hannah Mte.	to William Fogg of Stockton. At Middleton St Geo	19.02.1833
Isabella Mte.	to Robert Chamberlain, at Darlington	21.08.1830
Jane Mte.	to Ralph Dawson, at Darlington	04.09.1836
John Mte.	to Mary Mann, at Long Newton	14.05.1822
John Mte.	to Mary Ann Gascoigne, at Darlington	29.09.1833
John Stephen Mte.	to Elizabeth Hannah Kelley at Darlington	25.11.1834
Joseph Mte of Catterick	to Elizabeth Moore, at Gainford	31.08.1830
Margaret Mte.	to James Tarran, at Haughton le Skerne	01.08.1831
Margaret Mte.	to Mark Armstrong (w), of Gainford, at D'ton	22.12.1832
Mary Mte. of Forcett	to John Beck, at Winston	29.11.1817
Mary Mte.	to William Collinson of Whorlton, at Gainford	16.02.1822
Mary Mte.	to Joseph Henderson, Long Newton, at Sadberge	13.03.1824
Mary Mte, Barnard Castle	to William Naisbitt, Barnard Castle at Gainford	14.05.1834
Mary Mte	to Robert Thompson, at Darlington	25.12.1834
Robert Mte. of Pickhill	to Ann Robinson, at Staindrop	01.12.1821
Susanna Mte	to John Jones, at Gainford	26.02.1831
Thomas Mte.	to Jane Stephens, at Cockfield	26.12.1832
William Mte.	to Elizabeth Kell, at Darlington	02.10.1825

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SMITH METCALFE

The Editor would be interested to hear from any member who may be related to Mrs.
Mary E. Metcalfe, formerly of 30 Cliffe Field Road, Swinton, Mexboro', whose husband's
brother and uncle's Christian names were Smith. Her husband's second cousin lived
at Wilsill and, according to him the Smith part of the name derived from the fact
that his grandfather, Mary's husband's grandfather and another brother married three

Misses Smith, who were all sisters. I am particularly interested in obtaining further information about Smith Metcalfe whose half sister later married to become Mrs. Swires of Pateley Bridge. Any information would be most welcome.

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THE LOAN ARRANGER

Whilst reading a book on the subject of the growth of the banking system in the County of Yorkshire, I was interested to read of William Metcalfe, for thirty years a tenant farmer at Sessay Park near Thirsk, who was an agent for the earliest York bank of Swann Clough & Co. Not only did William play a very large part in helping the bank to extend their business into the farming districts round about but, fortunately for any of our members who may be related to him, he kept a detailed daily diary, which was subsequently published as ' The Diary of William Metcalfe, Banker and Farmer '. (A. Dyson - editor).

The flavour of William's diaries can be gleaned from the following extracts, the first from July 1787, when he recorded his visit to York and the second ten years later, in February 1797, when the banking system was in crisis and rumours were rife that Napoleon was about to invade England. The rumours were, however, not so wild as in the same week that William wrote about the banking crisis in the North East, French troops landed in Wales, although they immediately surrendered on landing. It is thought that their landing may have been purely designed to cause panic - whether or not that was their purpose it certainly was their effect!

The first of William's entries reads:

" 19 July 1787: I went to York this morning. Dined at Mr. Swann's, supt and laid there. Went to their hayfield at night.

20 July 1787: Settled our accounts this morning and forenoon. Dined and then called on Mr. Crompton. I took a walk afterwards while almost supper time. I was out of the Walmgate Bar on the Bar Walls new walk. Showery day.

21 July 1787: I dined and then set forward home. "

The second, nearly ten years later, reads:

" 23 February 1797: I went to York this morning. Was much astonished when I got there to be informed the Newcastle and Durham banks were stopt, and that Mr. T. Swann, with Mr. Crompton and Mr. Tweedy were gone to London to fetch cash. It will make sad work, and is occasioned by a rumour of the French landing. I dined at the bank, drank tea at Jacky Metcalfe's, slept and supt at Rd. Swann's.

27 February 1797: Callop Monday. I had a hard day's work. Sad deed about banks at Northallerton, stopped immediately.

2 March 1797: This day's paper announces the Bank of England refusing to issue any more cash till the sense of Parliament be taken. Winnowing oats. Fine day."

ANNALS OF YORKSHIRE

Whilst browsing through ' The Annals of Yorkshire ', Vols 2 and 3, compiled by John Mayhall, FRHS, I came across the following 'Metcalf/e' references:

" 1862 March 11th. Johnson Metcalf, aged 65, was tried at the York Assizes for the murder of William Parker, of Northallerton, on the 26th January last, by firing a gun at the deceased. He was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to ten years penal servitude. "

" 1866 May 28th. Mr. Thomas Metcalfe, of Otley, died very suddenly at Pool, near Otley, while travelling in a second class carriage on the North Eastern Railway. He was an active member of the Burial Board and the Local Board since their formation, and took great interest in everything that would promote the welfare of its inhabitants. The melancholy occurrence cast a deep gloom over the town of Otley, where the deceased was highly esteemed. "

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NORTHERNER

' The Yorkshire Post - Two Centuries ' by Mildred A. Gibb and Frank Beckwith, has this account of the death of its columnist, ' Northerner '.

" In December 1928 began the well liked feature ' This World of Ours ', a column of notes by ' Northerner ', who was F.A. Rice, whose aim was to deal with the topics of the day in a light and friendly manner - Rice was succeeded as ' Northerner ' by H. W. Metcalfe, who lent his own gay and serene note to the column and gave it such an individual character that when he was called for service in the Royal Navy shortly before the outbreak of the Second World War, it was decided to suspend publication of the feature. It was revived some months later when the Yorkshire Post fused with the Leeds Mercury.

The hope was that Metcalfe would resume editorship of ' This World ' after the war; but this spirited and delightful man was killed while serving with the Fleet Air Arm in 1943. He had been mentioned in dispatches for rescuing three of his comrades when the aircraft carrier ' Eagle ' was sunk.

Since many readers identified ' Northerner ' with Metcalfe, the pen name was subsequently changed to ' Northerner II ' ".

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MADELINE OR MABELINE

From ' The Church ', Toronto, Canada. " 18th Nov. 1847 at Christ Church, Hamilton.

J.S. Hogan married Madeline Wharton Metcalf, youngest daughter of the late Robert Metcalf of Hull, Yorkshire, England. " NOTE: The I.G.I. has Mabeline Wharton Metcalf bpt. 24 April 1834, Sculcoates, Yorkshire, daur. of Robert and Jane.

Is it Madeline or Mabeline ? Perhaps one of our readers knows the answer.

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THE KIRKBY MALZEARD METCALFES

The following is an extract from a very comprehensive series of notes sent to us by Terry Allinson, M.N. 257, of Bardsey, Near Leeds, West Yorks. Whilst shortage of space prevents us from publishing all of Terry's piece in this edition of the Newsletter, we feel that this extract gives a flavour of the whole. We understand that Terry is currently working on an article for the ' Dalesman ' magazine and we await its appearance with great interest.

Terry writes " My Metcalfe line begins with the marriage of my great grandfather, Robert Allinson, to Jane Metcalfe at Masham in 1875. Jane's parents were George Metcalfe and Elizabeth (Foster), who married at Middleton Tyas when George was a gardener at Aldbrough Hall, in May 1844. Witnesses were Mary Foster/Forster and Robert King.

George was born out of wedlock - the Easby Parish Register Transcript showing, " George, bastard son of Sarah Metcalfe of Easby Mill b. 15 July 1812 ".

Surprisingly, however, I found that George's marriage certificate shows his father was Robert Harrison, farmer !

Sarah's parents appear to be the George Metcalfe and Elizabeth of Hipswell, near Richmond. If so, from here my Metcalfe line is the same as a number of Society members. But, in view of the fact that George (the younger) settled in Masham and lived there for the rest of his life, I must consider these other possibilities for Sarah's baptism; - Sarah to John Metcalfe and Mary, Masham 1777 and Sarah to William Metcalfe and Ruth (Kendrew), Masham 1770 - although this latter would have Sarah aged 42 when George was born. I would, therefore, be happy to trace both these Sarahs - for negative reasons !

It seems to me possible that I have another Metcalfe line. One of my Allinson ancestors had a daughter, Mary, baptized at Kirkby Malzeard in 1683; Her father, Thomas lived at Dallowgill and Mary's sureties were Charles Groeson/Grayson ? of Grewelthorpe, Tryphoena Metcalfe of Swetton and Mary Torsey/Taisey ? of Grantley. I feel certain that Tryphoena could be a relative; a surety is one who makes herself responsible for another's obligations, or a sponsor - one who answers for an infant baptism. However, the Kirkby Malzeard registers begin in about 1650 so I could never prove a second Metcalfe line.

Tryphoena, however, is of much interest to me. It is a very distinctive name. I have only seen it three times in all. Once in the IGI - Triffyna to Edward Scowthrop, Ripon, 1600 and, rather more recently, in the ancestry of member 189 ! Apparently the maternal grandmother of Charles Metcalfe was Tryphena Blair. Triffyna Scowthrop did not marry at Ripon, or at least the IGI does not record the marriage. It seems possible ? Even likely, that she married in the neighbouring parish of Kirkby Malzeard.

A Thomas Skothropp purchased land in Dallowgill from Sir Marmaduke Wyvill in 1613 and the IGI records these Scowthrop events at Kirkby Malzeard:

1683 Geo to Bernard Scowthrop.

1693 Richard Stevenson = Frances Scouthorp

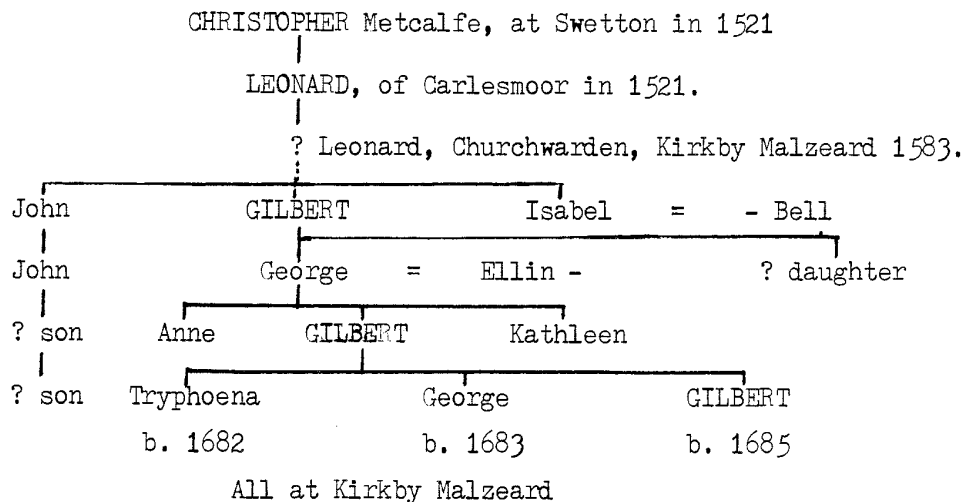
Did Triffyna Scowthorp marry a Kirkby Malzeard Metcalfe ? If she did and was the godparent of my eight times great grandfather's daughter, Mary - she had reached the grand age of eighty two !

I have constructed a family tree (shown below) of the Kirkby Malzeard Metcalfes using Parish Registers and other records, but especially the will of Gilbert Metcalfe of Carlesmoor, Kirkby Malzeard 1663, a superb document which is available for study at the Leeds Archives, Sheepscar, Leeds.

The will mentions his grandson, Gilbert. Also referred to are a nephew, John, son of John ' my kinsman ' ; Isabel Bell ' my kinswoman ' ; Kathleen and Anne Metcalfe, sisters of Gilbert junior; Tramos ? wife of George Wilson of Swetton; Miles Smith ' my in-law of Ripon ' and sons George and Gilbert; Isabel Cundall, daughter of John Cundall of Bishop Mountain; Sarah, wife of Sampson Stavley of North Stainley; and two Braithwaites - Kathleen of Kirkby Malzeard and Francis of Carlesmoor.

The Kirkby Malzeard Churchwardens Account Book begins in 1576, it contains several Metcalfe entries, especially this: Leonard Metcalfe - one of three churchwardens I believe, the others being Gilbert Braithwaite of Azerley and Andrew Horsman of Laverton.

Leonard could possibly be the son of Christopher Metcalfe but it must be unlikely - if Leonard was 20 in 1521 (itself unlikely statistically) he would have been aged 82 in 1583 - it seems quite probable therefore that Leonard could be Leonard's son.



NOTES:

Christopher linked with Carlesmoor and Swetton, Kirkby Malzeard parish in the Fountains Abbey Lease book, 1521.

Leonard, son of Christopher, mentioned in 1521 Fountains lease book. Indenture to John Sixforth mentioned.

Leonard may have had a son Leonard, who is mentioned in the Kirkby Malzeard Church Wardens Book 1583.

This possibility seems unlikely, but worth the reference - 1569 - in the rising of the North, Leonard Metcalfe of Bear Park was condemned to be hung and quartered, but was released. Did Leonard settle at Kirkby Malzeard after his imprisonment ? It lies only 17 miles from Aysgarth.

Leonard, probably the younger, may have had a daughter, Barbara, mentioned in Pavers Marriage Licenses 1594. Wm. Braithwaite of Masham intended to marry Barbara. Gilbert, the elder, of Carlesmoor in his will of 1663 mentions his grandson, Gilbert, also his brother and sister ' my kinsman John and kinswoman Isabel Bell '. Gilbert may have had a daughter, since he refers to ' Wm. Nowell the younger of Ripon, grandchild. '

John the younger may have had a son Leonard. The Kirkby Malzeard parish register shows John born to Leonard Metcalfe 1695.

George Metcalfe married Ellen - since the IGI shows Gilbert born to George Metcalfe and Ellen, Kirkby Malzeard 15 September 1658. "

Terry's article raises a number of interesting questions. It would be interesting to hear the comments of some of our other readers on ' The Metcalfes of Kirkby Malzeard '.

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METCALFE OBITUARIES

The following short selection of obituary notices has been gleaned from a number of different sources. They encompass such diverse areas as the playing fields of Eton, a Benedictine Monastery and the Australian Gaslight Co. For more information - read on !

From the ' Dictionary of Catholic Biography ' by John J. Delaney and James Edward Tobin.

METCALFE, Edward (1792 - 1847)

Born in Yorkshire, England, he joined the Benedictines at Ampleforth in 1811, was ordained in 1816, served on mission at Kilvington and in 1824 left Ampleforth to found a monastery at Prior Park, which shortly after 1830 was secularized. In 1831 he went to Wales, was transferred to Newport in 1836 and in 1847 to Bristol. He did considerable translation into Welsh. When the plague broke out in Leeds, England, he offered his services and died there on May 7 of the plague.

From ' The Wisden Book of Obituaries ' compiled by Benny Green.

METCALFE, Evelyn James, who died on June 14 1951, aged 87 was a member of the MCC for 60 years. Soon after leaving Eton he went to Australia, where he lived for 25 years and played for Queensland against New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, being referred to as one of the best slip fieldsmen in Australia. He also represented the State at lawn tennis. On occasional visits home he appeared for Hertfordshire and, when finally returning to England, took teams to Philadelphia and Canada. Born on the 29 September 1865, he was a member of I Zingari, Free

Foresters, Eton Ramblers, Butterflies and Incogniti.

From the ' Australian Dictionary of Biography '. General Editor, Douglas Pike.

METCALFE, Michael (1813 - 1890) merchant and customs agent, was born on 4 October 1813 at Tranby, Yorkshire, England, son of Michael Metcalfe, shipowner and his wife Ann, nee Bell. Educated for commerce, he went to sea and by 1831 was working at St. Katherine's Docks, London. In July 1837, he arrived in the ' Achilles ' at Sydney, where he became a customs agent and later a partner of James Powell. About 1857 he formed Michael Metcalfe and Co., shipping and insurance agents and in 1862 was manager of Metcalfe's Marine Assurance Co. In 1864 he took over the shipping agency of his brother, John Bell and in 1869 was joined by Joseph Henry Storey as partner. In 1839 Metcalfe had helped to form the Australasian Steam Navigation Co., being auditor and later a director till 1881.

In 1853 as a provisional director of the Sydney Dry Dock Co., Metcalfe gave evidence to the parliamentary select commission on its operations. In 1858 he promoted the Newcastle Wallsend Coal Co., of which he was a major shareholder and in the 1861-90 period, its chairman. He was a director of the Clarence and Richmond River Steam Navigation Co. and in 1863 - 90 of the Illawarra Steam Navigation Co. He helped to establish the Sydney Exchange Co. and was auditor and a director. In 1862 - 90 he was a director and after 1874, chairman of the Australian Gaslight Co. A trustee and director of several building societies, he served on the committee of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce, the first committee of the Union Club and as treasurer of the Australian Library.

An active High Church Anglican, Metcalfe in 1838 became a foundation churchwarden of Christ Church St. Laurence, patron and trustee of its schools and long a parochian nominator. He joined the committees of the Church of England Lay Association and the Australian Board of Missions (1850) and was for years treasurer of the Melanesian Mission. As a member of the Diocesan Committee he gave to the building fund of St. Andrews Cathedral and in 1868 belonged to its first chapter. He helped to endow the diocese of Grafton-Armidale in 1867 and Bathurst in 1869; at St. Paul's College, University of Sydney, he was bursar and a fellow in 1860 - 1885.

In 1866 - 89 he represented the college on the synod of the Diocese of Sydney. He was sometime a committee member of the Benevolent Society and the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children and a director of Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary.

In 1875 he was appointed by Parkes to the public charities commission.

Metcalfe died of heart failure on 27 October 1890, leaving an estate of £24,982 to his wife Agnes Georgianna, nee Robinson, whom he had married at Christ Church in 1845 and to four sons and four daughters.

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" Jully the 8th 1665 Recieved for a Brafe for one Richard Browne in Massom ...
for his hous B.. the som of 1s. 5d. by Anthony Metcalfe, Adam Alderson ".

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THE METCALFE SOCIETY.

Sat: 8th October 1988

To be held at The Spa Hotel, Ripon, North Yorkshire.

10 am prompt.

AGENDA

1. Chairman's opening remarks.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Reports a) Secretary. b) Treasurer. c) Editor.
4. To consider the following motion :

"This meeting resolves that the objects of The Metcalfe Society will be to promote and encourage the public study of family and local history, genealogy, heraldry and demography with particular reference to the name 'Metcalfe' (and its variants) and to promote the preservation, security and acceptability of archival material in relation to the foregoing, by continuing the name and activities, conforming to these objects, of a group known (and to be known) as The Metcalfe Society."
5. To consider the following motion :

" a) That the constitution placed before this meeting be adopted as the constitution of The Metcalfe Society subject to any amendments approved by the Executive Committee on legal advice or advice of the Charity Commissioners:
b) that The Metcalfe Society seek charity registration:
c) that the constitution when agreed by the Charity Commissioners, be then submitted for confirmation to an Annual General Meeting of The Metcalfe Society."
6. Keeper of The General Index.
7. To elect the following officers and members of the Executive Committee to administer The Metcalfe Society :

a) Chairman. b) Secretary. c) Treasurer. d) Editor. e) Up to 6 members.
8. Approval of accounts for 1987/8.
9. Nomination of Auditor.
10. Subscription rates.
11. Publications - current and future plans.
12. Computer situation.
13. Any other business.
14. Date of next AGM/Muster - Saturday 14th October 1989.

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If you have lost/mislaid the booking slip in our April issue. The price per person for the day is £ 6. Registration is from 9.30 am. Light luncheon is provided.

Send your cheque, made out to The Metcalfe Society, together with full names and Membership number(s) to the Secretary. Enclose SAE for acknowledgement and/or Accommodation List, if required - please indicate.

ALL BOOKINGS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 1st SEPTEMBER 1988 - DO IT NOW !

Try and remember to bring along your copy of the draft Constitution and Accounts Accounts 1.11.1986 to 31 Oct 1987 on page 10 Mecca News April 1988.

1 NAME

The name of the Society shall be "The Metcalfe Society" (herein referred to as "The Society").

2 OBJECTS

The objects of the Society shall be :-

- (A) To promote and encourage the public study of family and local history, genealogy, heraldry and demography with particular reference to the name "Metcalfe" (and its variants).
- (B) To promote the preservation, security and accessibility of archival material in relation to the above mentioned objects.

In furtherance of the above objects but not further or otherwise the Society shall have the following powers :-

- (i) To produce a newsletter for circulation amongst its members ((and to be available to the general public)).
- (ii) To hold lectures and discussions and to organise research visits for members of the Society ((and interested members of the general public)).
- (iii) To hold and maintain a library of printed and other works for the use of members of the Society ((and of the general public)).
- (iv) To obtain, preserve and, where appropriate, to transcribe or publish original source materials including documents and monumental inscriptions.
- (v) To pursue collaborative actions with similar Societies and with established supportive bodies such as churches, libraries, record offices and educational institutions.
- (vi) To support the activities of the Federation of Family History Societies and the Guild of One Name Studies in their pursuit of these and similar objects and to appoint representatives or delegates to these or other similar bodies with which the Society may from time to time be concerned in pursuance of its own objects.
- (vii) To take any other lawful action to promote the said objects.

3 AFFILIATION

The Society may affiliate to the Guild of One Name Studies, the Federation of Family History Societies and such other charitable organisations whose objectives are compatible with and supportive of its own objects as the Annual General Meeting of the Society shall determine.

4 MEMBERSHIP

- (A) Membership of the Society shall be open to all persons showing genuine interest in the support of the Society's objectives, application for which shall ordinarily be made to the Secretary.
- (B) Classes of membership shall be as determined by the Executive Committee of the Society and may include such categories as :-
 - (1) Full member, who shall pay a full subscription.
 - (2) Honorary member, who shall not pay any subscription.
 - (3) Family member, who may be two or more persons, entitled only to one edition of the Society's newsletter or journal, at a subscription to be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee.

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4 MEMBERSHIPcontinuation

- (C) Subscriptions shall be payable at the time and at the rate determined by the Executive Committee and confirmed by the Annual General Meeting.
- (D) The Executive Committee may suspend from membership any member whose activities or actions, in its opinion, are prejudicial to the Society. Any such member shall have the right of appeal to the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

5 THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

- (A) The Society shall be administered by an Executive Committee consisting of not more than ten, or less than eight, members, to be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election. The honorary officers of the Society, who shall be ex officio members of the Executive Committee, shall be the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Editor of the newsletter or journal of the Society. All members and officers of the Committee must be members of the Society. The Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than four additional members. A quorum of the Committee shall consist of five members.
- (B) The Officers and Committee members shall be elected annually by the membership (as described here-after) and their terms of office shall commence with the declaration of election results at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations must be made by submission to the Secretary, in writing, and have the written agreement of the nominee, before the A.G.M.
- (C) The electorate shall consist of all fully paid-up members of the Society at the time of the Annual General Meeting at which voting will be conducted and actually present there.
- (D) The Society may designate as a Patron a member who donates a sum of money to the Society, the amount of which shall be determined by the Committee from time to time.
- (E) The Society may have a President to serve for a period of three years at the invitation of the Committee, and may appoint a number of Vice-Presidents to serve for a similar period, all of which appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the Annual General Meeting next following the appointment.

6 COMMITTEE POWERS AND DUTIES

The Committee shall have the general management and direction of the funds and affairs of the Society and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) :-

- (A) May nominate any of its delegates to serve on another body.
- (B) May pay the whole or any part of the expenses of any Officer or Member of the Committee or of any other member of the Society, in or about the execution of any of their functions and duties on behalf of the Society.
- (C) May make, and from time to time vary, regulations not inconsistent with this constitution, for governing the conduct of its proceedings.
- (D) May fill casual vacancies from time to time in its membership.

7 MEETINGS

- (A) An Annual General Meeting shall ordinarily be held during the month of October when the Officers of the Society shall, where appropriate, present their reports : and when elections for their successors shall take place. Notice of this Meeting shall be given to all fully paid-up members of the Society at least twenty-eight days prior to the Meeting.

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7 MEETINGScontinuation

- (B) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at the request of the Executive Committee or at the request of ten members, with prior written notice furnished to the membership at least twenty-eight days before the Meeting. A quorum at such a Meeting shall consist of not less than 40% of the membership. Decisions at such a Meeting shall be by simple majority.

8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Except for matters dealing with the annual rate of subscription, the rules may be amended by a simple majority of the fully paid-up membership present and voting at a General Meeting. Notification of such Meeting shall be given to all fully paid-up members. The Constitution shall be amended only if three quarters of those attending and voting, vote for such amendment. The rules governing annual subscription rates may be amended at a General Meeting in the same way as the other rules, save that the vote of one half of those attending and voting shall be sufficient for such alteration. The Chairman of the Meeting shall in this instance have a casting vote or a second vote. Voting shall ordinarily be by show of hands. (No alteration or amendment shall be made to the Constitution which would cause the Society to cease to be a charity at law).

9 FINANCE

- (A) The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion and execution of the objectives of the Society as defined at paragraph (2) above, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly in any manner by way of profit to any member of the Committee or Society; providing that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper repayment of out-of-pocket expenses necessarily incurred on behalf of the Society.
- (B) The Committee or the Treasurer on its behalf shall cause proper books of account to be kept with respect to all sums of money received and expended by the Society and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditures take place.
- (C) Once, at least, in every year, the Society's accounts shall be audited by one or more (qualified) auditors. The results of this audit shall be presented to the members of the Society.

10 DISSOLUTION

The Society may be dissolved by a resolution passed by not less than three quarters of those members present with voting rights at either an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting called for the purpose and for which twenty-eight days prior notice has been given in writing. Such a resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by the Society after all debts and liabilities have been paid, the balance left to be transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions having objectives similar to those of the Society.

11 TRUSTEES

The Committee may appoint not less than three persons (and not more than six persons) to hold any property held by or in trust for the Society.

12 Rider Clause

That this Constitution be subject to approval and acceptance by the Charity Commisioners.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

In October 1987, the Committee decided to change the Society's accounting year, which had previously ended in October, so that, in future it would end on the 5 April each year, thus running concurrently with the tax year.

Because of this change, the new balance sheet as at the 5 April 1988 is reproduced below, together with the auditor's report.

The Metcalfe Society. Balance Sheet as at 5 April 1988.

Capital at 31 Oct. 1987	£ 685.56	Assets.	
Surplus on accounts to		Typewriter	
5 April 1988	£ <u>302.98</u>	Cost	£ 50
Capital at 5 April 1988	£ 988.54	Accumulated Deprn	£ <u>23</u>
			£ 27.00
Computer Fund	£ 462.39	Cash at Bank	
Current liabilities		T.S.B.	£ 334.29
Mecca News 24	£94.96	N.S.B.	
Secretary	£95.40	Computer Fund	£462.39
1989 Subs in adv.	£16.00	General Fund	£ <u>837.61</u>
Birth Briefs pd.			£1300.00
March 1988	£ <u>4.00</u>		
	£ 210.36		
	<u>£ 1661.29</u>		<u>£1661.29</u>

Signed Margaret Metcalfe, Treasurer.

Auditor's Report.

1. The change of the accounting year end to the 5 April follows a Committee decision in October 1987.
2. Although Mecca News No. 24 - affected by long printing delays - was not distributed until May 1988, costs would normally have been incurred by 5 April 1988. Their inclusion as accrued expenses makes the surplus shown more truly reflect the Society's position.
3. The minor adjustment for the £ 2.50 Birth Briefs item corrects an error of presentation in the 1986/87 accounts and includes it in Mrs. Pope's Birth Briefs income and hence in her surplus transferred to the Computer Fund.
4. All documents and supporting evidence have been seen and all transactions were properly recorded and vouched for.

Signed Frank Bradley 27 May 1988.

COMPUTER FUND

Our Treasurer, Margaret Metcalfe, has asked me to thank, once again, all those of you who have contributed so generously to the Computer Fund.

1851 LEEDS CENSUS INDEX

Members whose ancestors lived in Leeds, Yorkshire, in 1851 will find the index of the 1851 Leeds census, published by the Family History and Population Studies Section of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society invaluable.

The index, which is published in two volumes, covers the township of Leeds, which in 1851 included the villages and hamlets of Woodhouse, Woodhouse Carr, Little Woodhouse, Little London, Sheepscar, the greater part of Buslingthorpe, Black Bank, Ivy House, Knowstrop, Hillhouse, Burmantofts and the Barracks.

The index shows, under each surname, the first name, age, birthplace, piece number and folio number.

The following extract of the Metcalf(e)/Metcalf/Medcalf(e) entries from the index illustrates how valuable the index is.

Agnes 30 Lancs, Caton 2319/467	Agnes 18 Leeds 2321/595
Alfred 1 Leeds 2319/337	Alicia Ann 8 Leeds 2320/1013
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