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My mother used to tell me that the year's happenings were determined by the way in which one started it. I have always had doubts about this, despite the impeccable source from which the information came, as presumably if this were true, the entire year would be one long public holiday.

I only mention this as, once again, the year promises to be a disaster, with my name included in the list of bad debtors - all sixty six of us - publicly disgraced on pages eleven and twelve of this newsletter. In fairness, we are all only three weeks behind with the payments and many of my co-partners in crime have probably, like myself, been queueing at the local post office counter during the whole of this period, desperately trying to buy a stamp to enable us to send off our subscriptions. I feel particularly sorry for Terry Allinson and John C. Metcalfe, hailed as heroes on page three, only to be cruelly castigated some eight pages later for non payment of their dues. The sooner we introduce payment by standing order the better !

In view of recent happenings in the literary world, I have also paid great attention to the content of this newsletter to try and ensure that I will still be around to edit the summer edition. After all, one can't be too carefull !

I suppose that exception could possibly be taken to references to Michael Metcalfe's persecution by Bishop Wren, in the article on the dornix weaver, but am trusting that the Archbishop of Canterbury (who always seems such a nice man on television) will not see fit to utter any death threats against the Mecca News. In the unlikely event of this happening, however, I would point out that Vera Adams was the author of the offending article.

From the point of view of the number of articles submitted, however, the year has got off to a promising start, with too many received to publish, for a change. But what about you Australian members - are you still out there ?

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A VISIT TO NAPPA HALL

John R. Metcalfe, M.N. 325, of Norton, Stockton, Cleveland, writes " About fifteen years ago, on the occasion of a short stay with friends in Harrogate, my wife and I decided that we would arrange to visit Nappa Hall, the home of the Metcalfes, which is, of course, situated in beautiful Wensleydale.

We duly set off one day during that week, travelling from Harrogate via Ripon and Masham until we reached Wensley Church where we stopped the car, uncertain of whether to proceed left or right at the junction. A local resident proved helpful and we were on the way again, past Redmire and arriving at the large gates with stone pillars, the entrance to Nappa Hall.

We stopped the car and parked just a short distance along the roadway which swung left and descended steeply to the Hall. As we approached the Hall, we encountered the beautiful chapel attached to Nappa Hall. As we came to the Hall, now seeming more like a farmhouse, the door in front of us was not, in fact, a door. Being a warm sunny day the opening was covered only by numerous hanging ribbons, akin to a curtain effect and bedecked with beads.

I indicated to my wife that there was nothing on which to knock to announce our presence. No bells to ring. We looked through the hanging ribbons and seated at a table in a large farmhouse kitchen to the left and adjacent to the room facing us, was a man oiling a cricket bat. I moved away from the doorway and whispered advice to my wife about the occupant of the room. " If that man is oiling a cricket bat, this is definitely the home of the Metcalfes " was her reply.

I must add that I was a league cricketer in Yorkshire in my younger days and still have a passionate following for my beloved sport. The significance of this happening may well be appreciated most by the readers of Mecca News who have a love of, or an understanding of, cricket.

Finally, we did manage to attract the attention of the occupants of that room in Nappa Hall and they welcomed us and were helpful with some details of the buildings. They explained that they were not Metcalfes themselves, however, but merely tenant farmers ".

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19th February 1989.

I send my sincere thanks to all of you who kindly sent me messages of support and good cheer at the time of Michael's illness. I am happy to report his return to work in January and his continued good progress. Thank you too for the many cards at Christmas - all these tokens of your regard and concern were greatly appreciated.

The huge worldwide response to member Terry Allinson's article on the Metcalfe Clan which was published in the October 'Dalesman' magazine has truly amazed me. We had over 100 enquiries and have benefitted by over 40 new members. Strange that the Society's advertisement in the same magazine barely raised any response. Keep on writing Terry ! One result has been the surprising number of new members whose family lines tie in with existing members - always exciting to discover.

Elsewhere in the Mecca News are details of this year's AGM & Muster - please note that we MUST put a top limit of 120 - so first booked, first guaranteed place ! It has been quite a headache to find another venue and we thank Committee member John C. Metcalfe of Skipton for his work in that direction. It would be ideal if we could find a more permanent home, somewhere central to our membership - with expanding walls ! If you think you know of such a place, PLEASE let me have the details and I will follow it up.

With the Spring and Summer holidays before us - please feel free to call in if you are passing through Yorkshire. Give me a ring first (0423-324018) and I will look forward to seeing you.

NEW ADDRESSES - Officials, please amend your records.

- 82. Mrs Carole A. Topham to :- "Mowville", Coneythorpe, Knaresborough. HG5 0RY. North Yorkshire.
 - 147. Miss Mary Morris has returned to :- 3/36 Roxburgh St. Mt Victoria, Wellington 1, New Zealand.
 - 150. Mrs Susanne Metcalfe to:- 6222 Salt Marsh Court, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, L5N 5V7.
 - 204. Mrs Mary Armitage to:- 283 Alder Street, Fartown, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, HD2 1AX.
 - 219. Mr Trevor Metcalfe to:- 907 Jarnahill Drive, Mount Coolum, Queensland 4573, Australia.
 - 220. Mrs Ruth Herzberg to: 1950 Ohio S.W. HURON, South Dakota 57350. U.S.A.
 - 239. Mrs Nellie Keens to:- 10 Merebin Court, Merebein, Victoria 3505. Australia.
 - 247. Mrs Alison Kidson to:- 48 Neden Road, Montrose, Pietermaritzburg 3201, South Africa.
 - 296. Mrs C.E. Sykes to:- Benton House, 64 North Road East, Wingate, Co Durham, TS28 5AY.
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BIRTH BRIEFS.

UPDATING EXISTING MEMBERS DETAILS.

- 13. Ronald Metcalfe, 31 Hawthorn Road, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham.

Son of William Edward & Annie Wilhelmina (Plenderleith) Mte who mge 12.09.1925 Nairobi, Kenya. Wm Ed bpt 15.09.1891 St Mary's Bishophill, YORK Eng. son of Christopher & Mary Isabella (Stoker) Mte mge 18.04.1888 St Mary Bishophill, York. Christopher bpt 20.01.1861 Hipswell Yks N.R. son of Robert & Elizabeth (Frankland) Mte mge 28.12.1841 Hipswell. Robert b c1821 son of Robert & Elizabeth (King) Mte mge 03.03.1818 Richmond Yks. Robert bpt 03.06.1787 Hipswell son of George & Elizabeth (Robinson) Mte. ? mge 17.11.1768 Coniscliffe near Darlington, Co Durham. George b c1733.

52. Mrs Margaret Metcalfe, 17 Duxbury St. Earby Via Colne, Lancs. BB8 6RG.

dau of Thomas & Alice Ann (Angold) APPLETON. Thomas b 1901 son of Wm & Mary Ann (Urwin) APPLETON. Mary Ann Urwin b 1872 dau of Thomas & Hannah (Pratt) URWIN. Hannah PRATT b 1838 dau of Thomas & Ann (Calvert) PRATT. Thomas PRATT b 1804 son of William & Annis (METCALFE) PRATT of Winterings, Gunnerside, Swaledale, mge 30.04.1799 Grinton. Annis dau of Thomas & Annis (Binks) Metcalfe mge 16.10.1769 Grinton, Swaledale. Thomas b c1745 and interred 1828 aged 83 at Barningham Church.

Margaret joins the growing group of members showing descent from Thomas & Annis.

196. Mrs A.M. Dunstan, "Swandale", RMB 828, Donald 3480, Victoria, Australia.

Family records show that my great-great-grandfather JOHN MEDCALF and his wife Anne (Gardiner) had six children, all born in Co.Clare, Ireland between 1835 - 1846. Anne Gardiner, according to family recollection, was born in Hampshire, England. John Medcalf's date of birth is recorded in the family bible as 6th December 1811, along with the death date of his mother, Ann Medcalf, 19th March 1867 aged 84 years. No place of birth or death was recorded. The family thought John may have been born in England, but his death cert: of 1879 gives his birth-place as Ireland. The shipping list of 1864, showing his arrival in Australia, states that he was Irish. No county is recorded on either record. John's dau; and my great-grandmother, Anne Medcalf, gave her father's occupation on her mge cert: of 1876 as GARDENER. John's dau; Sarah Jane Medcalf, gave it as POLICEMAN, on her mge in 1859. Imagine my delight when a search of the Irish Police Records held at the GRO London located the following entry :-

No: 785/name METCAFF Jno./age when appointed 21/height 5'8½"/native county WICKLOW/religion Protestant/married 8th Sept 1832/ native county of wife HAMPSHIRE/ recommended by Major Tandy/trade GARDENER/ appointed 19th May 1831/allocation Tipperary-CLARE Jan 1834/ promotion Constable 1st Dec 1844/ No: of authority 10576-8096/punishments admon@ A1828-98/pensioned for 12mths 1st May 85270-8459/ total service 21years 10 months/pension on quitting service 26 pounds.

AT LAST I had found a county in Ireland, now the search for a town begins.

266. Mrs Susan Liptak, 7567 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. Canada, V3N 3K1. and see December 1988 page 4.

Further news of HENRY the Ostler....Henry was bpt 14.08.1836 at Wensley Yks, son of James of Leyburn & Caroline (Deighton) Mte mge 14.10.1822 Thornton Steward Yks. James bpt 04.08.1799 Thornton Steward son of Anthony & Jane (Collinson) Mte mge 13.09.1786 Bedale. Anthony bpt 19.07.1766 Thornton Watlass, Yks son of Anthony & Margaret (Metcalfe) Mte mge 05.03.1764 Thornton Watlass. Anthony bpt 08.06.1740 Thornton Watlass son of Stephen & Ellen (Moody) Mte mge 19.09.1734 Thornton Watlass.

267. John & Norah Robinson. Norton House, 26 Chester Road, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire. CW4 7DP.

Norah dau of Robert & Grace Ellen Mte. Robert son of Robert & Elizabeth Ayre Mte. Robert b c 1859/60 Yorkshire son of Robert* & Agnes (Kendal) Mte mge Feb 1856 Lancaster. Their eldest son was the Revd. Thomas Mte of Troston, Bury St Edmonds, (writer of the MEDECALF book) who married 06.04.1874 at Inchtute, Perth Scotland to Margaret Ann Anderson.

*Robert reported to be son of Thomas Mte of Nappa Hall.

296. Mrs Christine Sykes, Benton House, 64 North Road East, Wingate, Co Durham, TS28 5AY. and her cousin

297. Mrs Shian Waugh, Mountain Road, RD3, Te Awamutu, North Island, New Zealand.

See also Dec 1988 page 5. MARGARET SOPHIA born 14.08.1883 Bainbridge, Yks, dau of Richard & Dorothy (Madjin) Mte. Richard b c 1849 Bainbridge, blacksmith, clogger and letter carrier, son of Matthew & Elizabeth Mte., postman & farmer. Matthew bpt 07.07.1811 Askrigg son of John & Peggy (Margaret Blades) Mte mge 31.01.1803 Askrigg (& whose son William 1816 is ancestor to mb54. Roger Clough). John born c1781 Bainbridge. Christine & Shian, please note - sec has a mge between an Emma Jane Mte to William Mte, farmer of Countersett, at Askrigg 19.05.1897. ??

298. Albert Metcalfe, 8 Lockwood St. Shipley West Yks. BD18 3JY. See also Dec 1988
page 5.

Samuel & Hannah (Halliday) Mte mge 19th June 1886 Bradford. Samuel aged 31 son of John Mte (deceased).

301. Miss Vera Metcalfe, 282 Livesey Branch Road, Blackburn, Lancs. BB2 4QL.

See also Dec 1988 page 5. It is possible that the JOHN who married Mary Jane Harland is b c1860 West Burton son of John & Jane (Sayer) Mte married 19.10.1840 Aysgarth. John bpt 20.04.1817 Coverham, son of Edward & Sarah (Westherald) Mte mge 21.02.1803 Aysgarth. Edward bpt 22.08.1778 Aysgarth son of William. William ? son of Leonard.

REJOINED *Welcome back ! *

118. Mr & Mrs Robert Metcalfe, West Lodge, Fountains Abbey, Fountains, Ripon,
North Yorkshire. HG4 3D2.

Robert son of Thomas & Eileen (Bould) Mte. Thomas b 1915 son of Thomas Francis & Jane Ann (Hogarth) Mte. Thomas Francis b 1882 Sutton Howgrave Yks son of Thomas Francis & Mary Ann (Lambert) Mte mge 1873 Leyburn, Yks. Thomas Francis b 1853 Thoraby son of Isaac & Ann (Heseltine) Mte mge 21.11.1851 Aysgarth. Isaac bpt 25.09.1828 Hawes son of Thomas & Alice (Whaley) Mte mge 18.01.1826 Hawes. Thomas born Sedbergh 26.10.1796 son of Isaac & Mary Mte. ?? Isaac the one buried at Sedbergh 16.08.1807 aged 60 and son of John & Esther Mte. We now have the Sedbergh Parish Registers covering 1800 - 1898. Sec found this entry in the 1881 census return for Bellerby, RG11-4874 Folio 87 schedule 28. :- Isaac Mt Hd m 53. farmer 60a b Thoraby. Ann Mt wf.m.60. b same. Elizabeth Grace dau Un 23. b same. Isaac son Un 21 b same. William grandson 2 b Bellerby.

NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR BIRTH BRIEFS.

314. Brian & Wendy Metcalfe, Highside, School Lane, Harwell, Didcot, Oxon.OX11 OES.
son of Arthur & Doris (Briggs Mte). Arthur b 16.03.1905 4th child of 8 of Fred & Clara (Wray) Mte. Related to member 137 Paul & Gill Mte.

315. Mrs Marion & Miss Sarah Metcalfe, 22 Fearon Road, Hastings, East Sussex.
TN34 2DL.

Widow and dau of George Henry Mte born 1931 Portsmouth son of George William & Beatrice Elizabeth (Isaacs) Mte who mge Fulham, London, 8.12.1923. George William (Petty Officer, R.N.) was born 01.07.1895 Chelsea, London, son of Henry Thomas Mte (caretaker of Offices).

316. Mrs Jean Steele, 40 Royal Oak Road, Wythenshawe, Manchester, Lancs.M23 8BD.
Grand-dau of Samuel Brown Mte b c1887/8 son of James & Susannah (Brown) Mte. James was station master at Morecambe, Lancs and known as 'Gentleman Jim'.

317. Stanley Metcalfe, 7 Chapel Road, Stanway, Colchester, Essex. CO3 5FU.
born in Leeds son of Harold & Evelyn Gladys (Aistle) Mte mge 11.03.1922 Leeds. Harold b 16.12.1893 Leeds, son of Robert & Mary Ann (nee Metcalfe) Mte mge not traced. Robert ? born Hawes, Wensleydale.

318. Harry Storr Metcalfe & his son Timothy Storr Metcalfe, 16 Chapel Close,
Skirlaugh, North Humberside, HU11 5ED.

Harry born 1921 Hull son of Henry Fowler Mte & his wife Ada Storr, mge 27.04.1903 Hull. Henry Fowler b 12.02.1874 at Raywell, ER Yks. son of Harland & Mary (Fowler) Mt mge 01.05.1869 Cottingham ER Yks. Harland b 20.12.1823 son of John & Jane (Taylor) Mt mge 8.11.1823 South Cave ER Yks.

319. Mr & Mrs David Dartnall, Idsley House, 4 Green Lane, Spennymoor, Co Durham,
DU16 6HD.

Mrs Joan Dartnall b Sedgefield Co Durham dau of Albert & Elizabeth Norah (McCormick) Mte mge 30.11.1940, Sedgefield. Albert b 27 Jan 1911 Auckland Park, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham son of John & Mary (Leadale) Mte mge 24 Dec 1901. John 2nd child of 12, b 22 Dec 1879 Auckland Park son of James & Margaret Jane (Robinson) Mte mge 28 Apr 1877 Bishop Auckland. James b 10 Nov 1854 Wardley Hall, Heworth, Gateshead, Dur. son of James & Mary (Whitton) Mte. mge not traced.

James born c1826 Newton le Willows near Bedale North Yorkshire and his wife Mary born c 1829 Tunstall near Catterick, North Yorkshire. Their issue as follows:- James 1854 Heworth DUR. Mary Jane c1861 Seaton Sluice, DUR. Margaret c 1863 Washington DUR. and Isabel c 1869 Witton Gilbert DUR.

320. Mr & Mrs Leon Metcalfe, 'Conquieso', Spriggs Alley, Chinnor, Oxon.OX9 4BX.

Leon's family came from York.

321. Harold Wilkinson, 8 Cross Street, Nelson, Lancs. BB9 7EN.

Grandmother was Mary WILKINSON born 5 Jan 1869 Garsdale Yks. dau of Richard & Elizabeth (Throup) Wilkinson.

MARY married a Metcalfe and had at least 6 children, one of whom married into the Peacock (Horse Racing) family, perhaps in or around Wensleydale.

322. Mrs Margaret Anne Rendell-Reynolds & son Charles J. Rendell-Reynolds. West Hayes, Cutteridge Lane, Whitestone, Exeter, Devon, EX4 2HE.

Descendants of a Miss METCALFE who married a Mr Taylor. Miss Metcalfe's mother was nee Metcalfe.

323. B. John Medcalf, 26 Park Mead, South Harrow, Middlesex.HA2 8NQ.

born Greenwich, Kent. son of Frank Henry & Amy Elizabeth (Hathaway) Md. Frank Henry born Oct 1894.

GrandfatherMedcalf supposed born Waterloo Farm, Seven Mile Lane, SIX, Suffolk. His sister supposed to have married Sir John Robinson. There were nephews William & Reginald reported to live in the Woburn area.

324. David R.H. Major and his nephew, William D. Kerkham, 'Meadow Cottage', Station Road, Claverdon, Warwick, CV35 8PH.

Son & grandson of Edith Buckton MTE and her husband Henry Ernest MAJOR mge 1910 Leamington Spa. Edith born 1892 in South Africa dau of Alfred & Eleanor (Greaves) Mte. Alfred b 1853 South Africa son of John & Elizabeth (Bell) Mte. John b 1810 was son of Joshua & Elizabeth (Beadle) Mte who married in St Petersburg, Russia. Elizabeth was a Lady in Waiting to the Tzarina. Their children all grew up on an estate on the outskirts of Antwerp, Belgium and John 1810 and his cousin John (son of Joshua's bro David & Sarah (Blackburn) Mte) emigrated to South Africa. Joshua b 1779 Leeds (son of John) entered into the family spinning business and rose to begin opening markets on the continent. His sister Mary b 1786 married an OATES (?William 12 Sept 1813 at Beverley ER Yks) grandparents of Titus Oates of Antarctica fame.

John of Leeds mge 20 Oct 1778 Leeds to Mary Farrer, was the son (bpt 8 Mar 1752) of John & Elizabeth (Rycroft) Mte who lived in the Wensleydale region.

Apparently this John was the eldest son of John Mte of Scarborough Yks who in turn was 3rd son of Thomas and his 2nd wife Ann (Green) Mte. Thomas eldest son of William & Anne (Marwood) Mte mge 21.05.1657 at Stokesley and who lived in York. William eldest son of George (Bro to Sir Gilbert Mte, mayor of York in 1695) and his wife Elizabeth Talbot. George eldest s of George of Thornborough Hall who was eldest s of Richard of Northallerton who built in 1584 the famous 'Porch House' - now another guest house. Richard was 3rd s of George of Hood Grange near Coxwold who was son of Oswald 2nd s of Thomas of Nappa Hall et al.

325. John Robert Metcalfe. 15 Washington Grove, Norton, Stockton. Cleveland.
TS20 1 BU.

son of John Charles & Olive (Beck) Mte mge 1927 Harrogate, Yks. John Charles born 21.03.1894 Tholthorpe, Yks son of John & Annie (Smithson) Mte mge 15 Dec 1891 ALNE Yks. John b 8 May 1860 Aldwark Yks son of Robert & Mary (Anderson) Mte mge 26 Oct 1854 Aldwark. Robert born May 1820 Aldwark son of John & Elizabeth (Watson) Mte mge 15 Dec 1803. John born 7th Feb 1773 Alne Yks. May tie into Raskelf/Sowerby/Thirsk families - confirmation awaited. Related to mb 329 George Pullan q.v.

326. Dr D. Michael Metcalf. 4 St Margaret's Road, Oxford. OX2 6LD.

son of Rev Thomas & Gladys (Moore) Mte. Thomas b 3 Oct 1901 Heversham, Westm. son of Joseph & Mary Jane (Johnston) Mte. Joseph b 1866 Unthank, son of Joseph & Margaret (Allison) Mte mge 11 Jun 1862, farmed at Glassonby Cumbria. Joseph b 1836/7 son of Joseph & Elizabeth Mte. Joseph (weaver at Gamblesby) bpt 31st Aug 1792 ASBY, Westm. son of Joseph & Elizabeth (Emmerson) Mte mge 9 May 1782 Bowes, Yks. Joseph (yeoman at Asby, Appleby & Warcop) bpt 30 Sep 1743 Warcop, Westm. son of Joseph & Elizabeth (Mattinson) Mte mge 3 Sept 1732 Warcop. Joseph (yeoman, farmed Warcop) bpt 15 Apr 1701 Asby son of Thomas & Magdalen (Holm) Mte mge 18 July 1689 Asby. Thomas (yeoman farmer Asby) bpt 11 July 1660 Asby. son of Christopher & Ann Mte.

327. Herbert Metcalf. 12 Albert Road, Portishead, Bristol. BS20 9PP.

9th child of 10 of James Michael Hobson & Sarah (Hider) Metcalf. James born 16 Apr 1893 Spennymoor, Co Durham, was in the Coldstream Guards in the Boer War and again in the 1914-18 war and transferred to R.A.F.

328. Miss Muriel Metcalfe, 2 East View, Thornton Watlass, Ripon, North Yorkshire.
HG4 4AH.

dau of Harry & Mary Hannah (Walker) Mte. Harry b Helmsley Yks son of John Richard Mte who was bpt 8 June 1861 Helmsley son of John & Alice Mte. John bpt 18th Mar 1828 Helmsley son of Thomas & Ann (Moorhouse) Mte mge 17th Mar 1818 Helmsley. Thomas bpt 16th Jul 1797 Helmsley son of Richard & Anna (Meggison) Mte. Richard bpt 15.08.1756 son of James & Margaret (Waddy) Mte mge 09.09.1755 Helmsley. James bpt 26.07.1730 Whorlton near Stokesley, son of Richard & Mary (Sweet) Mte mge 19.09.1723 Whorlton. Related to mb 61 Valerie Metcalfe & Mb261 Jill Coulthard.

329. George T. Pullan. 1693 Featherston Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. K1H 6P3.

Grandson of George & Mary Ann/Polly (Metcalf) Leadley mge 19th Jan 1887 Alne, North Yorkshire, Eng. Mary Ann b 3 Mar 1862 Alne dau of Robert & Mary (Anderson) Mte mge 26.10.1854 Aldwark, Yks. Robert bpt 8.09.1820 Aldwark, son of John and Elizabeth (Watson) Mte mge 15.12.1803. John born 07.02.1773 Alne, Yks. Link is suggested to Raskelf/Sowerby/Thirsk line. Related to mb 325 above.

330. Trevor & Maria Medcalf, 7 Greencliffe Drive, Clifton, York. YO3 6NA.

Trevor born Sledmere, ER Yks. son of Sam Harry & Annie Alexandra (Atkinson) MD. Sam Harry born 14.11.1899 Sigglesworth, ER Yks.

331. Ernest Dodding. 19 Outwood Walk, Horsforth, Leeds, West Yks. LS18 4JG.

Maternal grandfather was *James Mte born 7 Dec 1870 Airtion (Kirby Malham) Yks. He married Hagar Longmire 27 Dec 1897, lived at Hellifield, Horton in Craven and Nappa (Hellifield) Yks. They had 6 surviving children :- William unm. Gladys (mother to Ernest) Mabel (Mrs Jackson); Mary (Mrs Holgate - attention mb 134 Sandra Metcalf - could this be Dennis & 'Polly' ??) James (married) & Blanche.

*James had siblings :- Michael, John, Edward, Christopher, George, Richard, Daniel, Margaret, Agnes (Mrs Coutts), and Isabell (Mrs Wood).

332. Mrs Yvonne Richardson. 1 Verandah Cottages, Cricket Green, Hartley Wintney,
Basingstoke, Hants. RG27 8QB.

4 x great grand-daughter of Mary Metcalfe and her husband Henry Dixon who married
25th Nov 1811 at Dent. Yks.

333. Jeffrey Metcalfe. 15 Hilton Street North, Higher Broughton, Salford.M7 9DH.

son of Frederick & Beatrice (List) Mte mge 06.02.1941 Pendleton, Salford Lancs.
Frederick b 04.12.1917 Higher Broughton, son of James & Henrietta (Bowers or Preston)
Mte. James b Sept 1875-8, son of Henry & Sarah (Winder) Mte mge 25 Dec 1870 at
the Cathedral, Manchester when Henry was 18 years old, a marble mason - as was his
father Henry and his elder brother George. George known to have been born in Liverpool.

334. Miss Joyce M. Baker. 33 Deeside Court, The Parade, Parkgate, South Wirral,
Cheshire.L64 6TX.

dau of Jessie Schofield Metcalf and her husband Edmond Hirst Sanzen BAKER. Jessie
born 02.01.1885 Ryton on Tyne dau of Thomas & Katherine (Reay/Reah) Mte mge circa
1875-8. Thomas b 16.03.1839/40 'Rakewood' Butterworth Freeholdside, Lancaster,
son of Thomas (bricklayer of Blatherworth) and Mary (Schofield) Mt mge 27.05.1839
Rochdale Lancs. Thomas b 12.07.1802 Newcastle, NBL son of Anthony and Jane (Bell)
Mt mge 15 Dec 1794 St Andrews, Newcastle. Anthony a native of Yorkshire.
Related to mb 230 Mrs Angela Baker.

335. Mrs Margaret Goode. 1 Kings Grove, Villa Road, Bingley, West Yks.BD16 4EZ.

nee Metcalfe dau of George Ernest & Margaret Florence (Proverbs) Mte mge 16.05.1918.
George Ernest b 06.05.1874/5 London son of John & Jane (Proud) Mte. John who died
1890 in Narborough, Lincs...may have been born in Swaledale Yks...possible born
c 1847 Healaugh son of George & Mary(Gill) Mte mge 08.04.1843/4 Grinton. George
bpt 11.04.1820/1 son of William & Margaret (Raw) Mte mge 05.07.1804 Grinton who
may have lived at Crackpot c1805-7. Confirmation awaited.

336. Mr & Mrs John Brian & Eveline Rhodes. 8 Springfield Road, Keighley, West
Yorkshire. BD20 6JR.

Eveline is great grand-dau of Louisa Cleminson nee Metcalfe and her 2nd husband
James Little. Louisa b 18.03.1858 at Flax Mill, Askrigg, Wensleydale and also
lived at 'Heugh' Askrigg before moving to Keighley circa 1895-1900 - dau of
Norman* Mte of Askrigg and his wife a Miss AUTON. * Sec:- Norman is a very
unusual Metcalfe name AT THIS TIME, I have searched the IGI for most northern
counties and have not discovered one anywhere - look forward to hearing more.

337. Mr & Mrs Alan & Joyce Wilkinson. The Grange, Rainton, Thirsk, North Yorks:
YO7 3PL.

Alan Metcalfe Wilkinson son of Herbert & Mary Elizabeth (Metcalf) Wilkinson.
Mary Elizabeth dau of Christopher Mte and his wife Miss Ireland.

Joyce dau of James Appleton & his wife Amy Victoria BARLEY. Amy dau of John &
Isobel (Wake) Barley. Isobel dau of William & JANE (METCALFE) Wake mge 07.11.1835.
Jane bpt 15.05.1810 Danby Wiske, Yks. dau of Christopher & Jane (Compston) Mte
mge 30.11.1807 Langton upon Swale Yks. Christopher bpt 25.03.1784 Langton son
of Christopher & Hannah (Brown) Mte mge 17.07.1781 Langton. Christopher born
c 1751 blacksmith. Related to :- 108 Isobel Christian. 180 Alan Thompson.
280 Sheila Barley.

338. Mrs Diane Green. 2 + 4 Dunkirk Lane, West End, Halifax, West Yorks.HX1 3QY.

grand-dau of Frederick Wilson, widower & Lottie (Hill) Mte mge 1.12.1917 Halifax.
Frederick born 4.10.1877 Dundas Street, Bradford son of John William & Sophia
(Wilson) Mte mge 1.10.1876 Calverley, Yks. John Wm b c 1853 was a miner, son of
JOHN a labourer.

339. Winston Ernest Metcalf. 42 King Street, Normanton, West Yorkshire.WF6 1EW.

born Normanton son of Edward James & Harriet (Robinson) Mte mge 30.11.1904 at Normanton. Edward James born c 1873 Wakefield, ?son of Edward Mt. Edward bpt 12.11.1832 Wakefield son of Edward Beet & Jane Mt. Edward Beet/Bete bpt 19.07.1789 Flockton Yks son of John.

340. Douglas Mason. 34 The Rise, Northowram, Halifax. West Yorkshire.HX3 7HQ.

Gt Gt grandson of a Miss MASON of Coverdale, Wensleydale and 'NAPPA JACK' METCALFE.

341. The Revd.Canon Ronald & Mrs Elizabeth Metcalfe, 5 Minster Yard, York.YO1 2JD.

Nothing known.

342. Mr & Mrs Richard John & Patricia Metcalfe, 'Beechwood', Underbarrow, Kendal, Cumbria. LA8 8BL.

Richard bpt Barbon son of George Matthew and Nancy (Bateson) Mte. George born 23.11.1923 Firbank, Sedbergh, son of Mason & Margaret (Postlethwaite) Mte. Mason b c 1884.

343. Mr & Mrs Derek John & Janet Mary Metcalfe. 8 Butter Close, Wigginton, York, YO3 8FX.

Nothing known.

344. Michael I. Metcalfe. 37 Gawthorpe Edge, Padiham Road, Burnley. Lancs.BB12 6PA.

son of Harry & Eveline (Lord) Mte. Harry b 1918 son of Ernest & Nora (Bullock) Mte. Ernest b 1888 son of Leonard & Fanny (Allinson) Mte. Leonard b 1865 son of George & Mary (Benson) Mte. George b 1829 son of ? William & Elizabeth (Parkinson) Mte mge 06.02.1815 Kirby Malham Yks.

345. Mrs Rosemary Metcalfe, 10 Chart View, Kemsing, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 6PP.

and her sister in law :-

346. Mrs Edith S. F. Sykes. 412 West End Avenue, Apt 5H. New York.NY 10024. U.S.A.

Rosemary nee Gowlland widow of Donald Foster Metcalfe and Edith nee Metcalfe sister of Donald Foster Metcalfe.

Donald Foster b 1931 London son of Charles Foster & Dorothy (Marshall) Mte. Charles Foster son of Thomas Mte of ? Masham, Yks.

Late arrival UPDATE.

Mb 164 Mr & Mrs John Hyndes, 20 Cornland, Putnoe, Bedford. MK41 8HZ.

Ancestor Mary Metcalfe born 16.07.1839 Guisborough Yks dau of William and Ann (DOUGHTY) Mte who had children (on the move apparently !) Ann c 1830 Chester 1e Street, DUR. William c 1832 Newcastle NBL Richard 21.08.1838 Newcastle. and then Mary at Guisborough. Father William bpt 15.08.1796 son of John & Jane (Ward) Mte mge 16.05.1795 Ayton, Yks.

CLOCK MAKERS

Following up the snippet in Mecca News Dec 1988 page 12. Mark Metcalfe the Askrigg born (22nd Apr 1693 died 29.01.1776) apprentice of John Ogden, was baptised at Ask:son of John Metcalfe. Mark married 1st Margaret Heslop of Richmond who died the same year (1739). His second wife was Dorothy Harland of Newbiggin whom he married 8th August 1750. There was also another clock-maker, one JAMES Metcalfe of Halifax though not known to have worked in the village of Askrigg he married there on 7th April 1788 to Christiana Smith of Askrigg parish.

MISSPLACED UPDATE OF BIRTH BRIEF.

303. Mrs Denny Gibson. 'Hunter's Hill, Crakehall, Bedale, North Yorkshire.DL8 1LA.

3 x great grandmother was Mary Metcalfe who married Thomas SIDDALL 20 June 1779 at Wensley, Yks. Witnesses were Elizabeth Whaley, Thomas Metcalfe and Samuel Peacock.

Denny's husband is 2 x great grandson of Isabella Metcalf who married John Tiplady 28 Nov 1835 at Bowes. Isabella bpt 25.09.1811 Bowes dau of Robert Mt (a native of Reeth) and his wife Ann Alderson (a native of Muker). Robert b c1772 son of Thomas & Annis (Binks) Mte mge 16.10.1769 Grinton. Thomas b c1745. Hence they join the ever growing family of Thomas & Annis (Binks) Mte :- Mb 52 Margaret Metcalfe. Mb 217 Rosemary & Adrian Bowers. Mb 300 Thomas Pratt and mb 302 Stephen Graham.

MESSAGES FROM SECRETARY.

To 329 George Pullan : Ancestry of Robert conjectured from date of birth supplied and identical on I.G.I. Suggest you liaise with 'cousin' John mb 325 before sponsoring any research - the necessary papers would be at the Borthwick Institute, York.

To ANYONE : where is BOAK in Yorkshire?..please inform Secretary.

To mb 81 Alison Hutton & mb 156 Margaret Mann : Bedale & Burneston churchyard has been partly recorded by mb 142 Gordon Metcalfe though he apologised for the incomplete work. (Notes by Sec:)

Bedale

Christopher d 1899 (21 Aug) aged 71.
Sarah d 1901 (2 Apr) aged 71.
Thomas d 1862 (3 Sep) aged 7yrs.

William d 1884 (1 Dec) (ag 74) (? 1812 son of Wm & Betty (Gale)
Margaret d 1870 (5 Feb) (ag 40) (nee Prest mge 23.11.1859)
William Henry d 1925 (22 Ap) (ag 62) (bpt 10.9.1862)
Sarch Ann d 1949 (17 Au) (ag 86) (nee Walton mge 1.6.1895 = Wm Henry)

John d 1855 (22Sep) age 73 (born BOAK Yks)
Jane d 1825 (29May) aged14 (bpt 14.10.1810)
Henrietta d 1832 (18 Mar) age 5 (bpt 16.9.1827)
Mary d 1859 (1 Sep) aged 73 (nee Langdale mge 26.11.1807).

Burneston

Michael of Theakston d 1792 (1st Mar) aged 39 (see will at Borthwick)
Richard d 1815 (5th Dec) aged 28 (bpt 14.12.1786 s Michael & Mary)
Ann d 1828 (26 May) (aged 40) (bpt 16.4.1788 d " of Theakston.
Mary d 1834 (22 Mar) (aged 76). (said of Bellerby)

Richard said to be son of Widow Mary Mte of Middleham. Ann said to be of Bellerby.

We lose mb 272 Mrs Gwenda Cottle of SeatonAustralia because of the extreme high cost of exchanging monies. She writes to recommend the following book :- The Real Lancashire by Kathleen Eyre (1983) it records the history of Lancs & Preston and remarks on the Metcalfe Clan thus :- 'What gradely folk they are, whose roots strike deep into the good soil of Lancashire..and if you are puzzled about 'gradely' it means all that is decent, upright, honest & properly becoming - and thats what they are and cheerful with it and hard working and clever as a cart load of monkeys'.

I'm not too sure about the 'monkeys' but of course we are everything else and modest too !!

To mb 305 Charles S. Metcalfe : 1851 Census HO 107 - 2371 THORNTON LE MOOR.
in the household of John & Margaret Parvin.

Robert Mte son in law. m 27. Hand loom weaver. b Langton, Yks.
Hannah Mte dau. m 25. b Thornton le Moor.
Margaret Mte grand dau.- 6 mo b " "

To mb 144 Mrs Herd & Mb 145 Mrs Tunstall. ; 1881 Census RG 11 - 4875. Folio 27
schedule 9. AYSGARTH WORKHOUSE includes :-
John Metcalfe inmate unm 88 formerly farmer. b Mallerstang, Westm.

To mb 232 Mrs Ward. : 1881 Census RG11 4875 Folio 6 & 7. Schedule 34.
12 Market Place, Askrigg.

William C. Metcalfe. Hd.m.37. Cooper. b Askrigg.
Ann " wf m 34 b Wood Hall.
Elizabeth " d - 11 scholar b Askrigg
Lucy A. " d - 9 " "
Mary I. " d - 6 " "
Kezia " d - 2 - "
Ada C. " d - 4mo - "

This seems to be William Coates Mte b 1.8.1843. ??

To mb 86 Carol Arkwright : 1881 Census RG 11 4875 Folio 27 Schedule 14.
10 : Old Hall, Bainbridge.

Thomas Metcalfe hd.m.46 farmer 32 a. b Bainbridge.
Mary A " wf m 43 Carperby.
Elizabeth " d U 14 scholar Bainbridge.
Rose M " d - 10 " "
Elizabeth Tanfield sister in law.UNM.38 Dairymaid. Aysgarth.

Will this be elder bro to your James. Bpt 29.9.1833 ??

SUBSCRIPTIONS for 1989

Nina Benson

Once again we have many (66) outstanding. It has been suggested that members lose their subscription slips and that it may help if we sent them out separately, near to the actual due date of 31st January. This would cost the society in the region of £50. We would also be the only FHS that I know, to do this. Being a member of four societies I have had to devise my own system of keeping track of when the subs are due and where to store the forms. ALL are sent out at LEAST two months earlier - with their previous newsletter issue - as ours is. The following members are in arrears as at 21st February 1989 -- please ignore if your subscription would arrive after this date. If you do not intend to renew your subscription - would you consider telling us WHY ? Perhaps we do not fulfill your needs in some way, if we know what is amiss we can try to correct it.

3. George Buxton.	8. David Galloway.	20. James Mowbray-Metcalfe.
21. Pat Russell.	22. Joseph Harker	33. Shirley Withers.
43. James R. Metcalfe.	45. Lucy Rowlands.	57. Richard Woolfall.
64. Peter Kruger.	83. Peter Holland.	85. Dorothy Nash.
86. Carol Arkwright.	90. Miss J.E. Metcalfe.	94. P.M. Gibson.
108. Isobel Christian.	110. J.A. Schultz.	111. K. Krowec.
126. Rita Cawthra	129. Peter Metcalfe.	132. John Kitchin.
135. Edward Dawson.	149. Pearl Tedds.	156. Margaret Mann.
159. Ida Metcalfe.	162. Judith Tattersfield.	166. Hilda Cooper.

177. Alan D. Metcalfe.	184. Rachael Metcalfe.	188. Mr & Mrs John C. Metcalfe.
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214. Anne Austin.	215. Cyril Metcalf	221. Bernard G. Metcalfe.
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233. Michael J. Medcalf.	236. Margaret Hamilton.	254. Patricia A. Daley.
257. Terry Allinson.	259. Thelma Edgar.	263. Mr N.L. Medcalf.
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270. Miss V. Hewitt.	273. Mr & Mrs D.S. Metcalfe.	277. Mrs Yvonne Dalley.
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299. G. Peter Metcalf.	312. Mrs B.A. Metcalfe.	314. Brian Metcalfe.
317. Stanley Metcalfe.	320. Mr & Mrs Leon Metcalfe.	313. Mrs D. Boothroyd.

WE WILL MISS YOU IF YOU GO !

RECENT DISCOVERY

Nina E. Benson

For the attention of MEMBERS 325 & 329.

1881 Census Return. RG11 - 4816. ALDWARK.

Folio 134 Schedule 32.

Robert Mte Hd Wid 60	farmer 125 acres	b. Aldwark.
Sarah E. Mte dau UN 25		"
Thomas Mte son UN 24		"
John Mte son UN 20		"
Frederick Mte s UN 18		"

This appears to confirm that THOMAS 24.01.1857 does NOT die in 1858.

UNCLAIMED DIVIDENDS

Sal Illingworth, M.N. 242, now of New Malden, Surrey, has sent details of ' unclaimed dividends ' of bank stock and public funds transferable at the Bank of England, due before 5 January 1812 and remaining unpaid as at the 31 December 1814. These details were extracted by Sal from a book of unclaimed dividends held at the Society of Genealogists. Unfortunately, limitations on space prevent publication of all of the details in this issue. Therefore, more details later !

Bank stock:

Reduced £ 3 per cent annuities.

Name and address	Date first dividend due	No. of dividends due
Rev. John Metcalfe	April 1806	1
Ashes, Yorks		
Margaret Metcalfe	October 1754	1
Brownlow Street (widow)		
Sarah Metcalfe	April 1788	44
Kennington Lane (Spinster - dec'd)		
Thomas Metcalfe	April 1769	1
Southwark (bricklayer - dec'd)		
and Mary Metcalfe, his wife.		

THE DORNIX WEAVER

Having entitled the article in the last edition, ' The Dornix Weaver - The Sequel ', I should have known that this title was bound to ensure that I received a sequel to the sequel ! So here it is ! The possible ultimate experience. ' The Dornix Weaver - The Sequel II '. The way we are going it is highly likely that a host of Hollywood producers will be descending upon me at any moment, trying to secure the film rights. (Eat your heart out Theophilus Metcalfe !)

This latest addition to the tale comes from Vera Adams, M.N. 2, of Garforth, near Leeds.

Writing at the end of last year, Vera says " We returned from our American holiday last week after six unforgettable weeks.

We stayed part of the time with friends who stayed with us in 1984 when they were researching their ancestors in the Leeds area.

I discovered that one of them had Metcalfe connections and thought that it may be of some interest to someone in the Society.

I am enclosing a copy of the will for your perusal. Briefly, Michael Metcalfe, born 29 August 1620 married Mary Fairbanks. He was the third son of Michael and Sarah Metcalfe.

Michael and Sarah emigrated to America in 1637. His story is quite remarkable. He was a weaver in Norwich and had been persecuted by Bishop Wren because of his Puritan beliefs. In one incident his wife hid him under straw in the roof of the house so that the Bishop's men could not take him into custody.

He decided to flee to America with his wife and nine children. The ship left London in mid September and was tempest tossed until Christmas when the Captain veered back to Plymouth harbour.

He was so determined to start a new life he took his family to Yarmouth and they shipped out again on the ship, ' The Rose '. The ocean voyage lasted from mid April to mid summer. They docked at Boston Harbour.

He was one of the original settlers at Dedham, Mass. and was elected Selectman in 1641. (Selectman is a Town Clerk or Councillor.) He signed the Covenant in 1637. In a town vote on the 1st January 1638 he and three others were chosen to contrive the fabric of a meeting house and to order men to work upon the same. The meeting house was built to serve as a church and for town meetings.

The above is taken from the family history written by Alice Fisher Michels who we stayed with.

Michael's son and grandson were also called Michael. The third Michael married Elizabeth Kingsbury on the 17th September 1672, a member of another early Dedham family. Their son, Nathaniel, married Mary Gay on the 17th February 1712 and had a daughter, Lydia, who married Timothy Fisher on the 21st April 1757. They had five children and Timothy Fisher was an ancestor of the above Alice Fisher Michels whom we stayed with. "

Writing of Michael's voyage, Vera says " We did the same journey in five hours. When I think of the journey that they must have had in 1637, at sea for three months

with nine children, I'm glad that I wasn't born then ! "

The copy of the will of Michael and Sarah's son, Michael, who married Mary Fairbanks, the daughter of John Fairbanks senior, is reproduced below:

' Michael Metcalfe senior, of Dedham, being aged, Doe make this my Last will.

Wheras, there is a Couenant Between my selfe and Mary my Wife, made before our marriage, bearing Date the 13th of August 1645, wherein it may appear that she reserued to her selfe, and to her dispose, her Lands and Estate, so that I receiued no Estate with her; yet neuertheless, I giue unto her ffor the terme of her widowhood, in household stuffe, and other goods, as shee thinkes meete to Chuse, for her use, not exceeding the ualue of sixteene pounds, and being not such as I shall particularly otherwise Dispose of, in this my Last will; which household stuffe, so Chosen by her, shall Bee to ffurnishe the Roome, which my Executor shall prepare for her, at his house, to Receiue her into, after my Decease. All which household stuffe and goods, I giue to my Executor, to haue, after the Decease of my wife. Unto my wife, six pounds, to be paid to her, within one moneth after my Decease, in Currant pay. Unto Sonne John Metcalfe, of Medfeild, one ffeather bed & Bolster, my second Book of Martyrs, Mr Perkins second Book, Luther on the gala; one siluer spoone, one pair of sheets, one Long Chest, in the upper Chamber, one Diaper Boardcloth. Unto my Executor & his Heires, all that my Land in Naponset plaine, and three Acres Laying in ye Low plaine, next Peter Woodward. Also, half my Diuident in ye Cedar swampe, neer the Saw mill, & 3 Commons & ye odde. Unto my Grandchild, Michael Metcalfe, the Elder, all that my Land and Improuements within the Lott I Dwell in, my three acres in ye wigwaom plaine, my swompe next my house, prouided he giue my Executor that Little parcell of his swampe west end of his house, otherwise my gifte to be uoyd. Also I give him my Naticke Diuidend of twenty three acres, more or Lesse; four Cow Commons; halfe my Cedar swampe, at the Saw mill; my wood Land, at the West end of the Towne; all the particulars I haue belonging to husbandry, in one Kind or another; all the Remainer of my Household stuffe not Disposed of in this my Will. Also my first Book of Martyrs, Mr Perkins ffirst Booke, one siluer spoone. To my Daughter, Wilson ffortye shillings. To my Daughter Elizabeth Bancrafte, ffiue pounds. To my Daughter, Martha Stowe, twenty shillings. To my Daughter Joane Waker, forty shillings. To my Daughter Rebecca Mackintosh, ffiue pounds. To my wife's Daughter, Martha Bullerd, twenty shillings. To my Daughter, Sarah Onion, three pounds. All which six Legacyes, Last named, shall bee paid at, in, or Before, the second March next after my Decease, in Current payment.

To my Daughter Stowes Eldest sonne, which she had by her first husband, Wm Brignall, ffour pounds, to bee paid him, when he shall attayne to Lawful age. To my grandchild abovesaid, Jno. Mackintosh & Robert Onyon, all my wearing apparell, to bee equally diuided by my Exect', in order as their names bee heer set Downe; my Grandchild to choose ffirst: - To my Granchild, abouesaid, all the Lumber in my House. Moreouer, if any of ye p sons that are Legatees in ye my present will, shall by themselues, or by any others, make, or Cause to bee made, any Disturbance, or Contortion, in word or Deed, in Reference to any thing given in this my will; then, all that Legacye, to

that p son, shall be utterly uoyde. Thomas Metcalfe, of Dedham, my sonne, to be my executor, to whom I giue all the Rest of my Lands and Goods, not formerly Disposed of.

Michael Metcalfe.

Before the witnessing hereof, I giue to my Grandchild abouesaid, my single acre of Meddow, also my Largest gray Horsmans Coate, also two oxen, one Cow, to be Deliuered to him at Lawfull age. All the Books, aforesaid, giuen to my sonne John, after his Death, I giue them to his sonne Michael, my Grand childe.

Signed and sealed in the presence of us,

Peter X Woodward

His Marke.

Edward Rawson, Recorder.

Jonathan ffairbanke. "

Attached to the abstract of the will are details of Michael's father and mother's children (i.e. Michael and Sarah's children) and also of Michael and Mary's own children. If any member would like these, I will be happy to send a photocopy, on request - Ed.

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ST. CATHERINE'S HOUSE PROJECT

Sal Illingworth, M.N. 242, now of New Malden, Surrey, writes to say that members may be interested to have an update on her St. Catherine's House project. She says that due to pressure of work progress has been a little slow, " but I hope to have reached Births 1850 by Easter. Please could you alert any members who intend to search the indexes to check with me to see if the year has been done - If not, they can note all the Metcalfes for whatever quarter/year they search - either for births, marriages or deaths - that way the project will be completed quicker. "

If anyone is able to help Sal in this way, please contact her at 87 Phyllis Avenue, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 6LB.

Sal mentions in her letter that amongst the Metcalf(e) entries she has come across for the years she has already searched are the following Christian names:

George Stranger, Octavius, Hardisty, Theophilus Edward, Gervase Albert, Felia Fertia, Emanel Ephram, Frankleton Philip, Hephzibah, Constantine Edward Belt and Elkariah O'Connor. Names no doubt that will already be familiar to some of our members !

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NAPOLEONIC CONNECTIONS ?

Mr. C.S. Metcalfe, M.N. 305, of Hayling Island, Hants, has come across an intriguing press cutting, although the paper it comes from or the date of publication are not, unfortunately, known.

The cutting is a letter to the Editor from one A. Pringle of 7 Cain Terrace, Wheatley Hill and concerns the fact that the writer, having read an article in the same paper about Nappa Hall, is interested in whether another Metcalfe mentioned in a book he

has read is related to the Metcalfes of Nappa Hall. Apparently the article in the book which he had read mentioned that a James Metcalfe, a carpenter, born at Coverdale, had made Napoleon's coffin, after his death on St. Helena in 1821. Can any of our readers throw any light on this interesting possibility ?

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" METCALF FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD "

A number of members, including Sandra Metcalf, M.N. 134, of Tring, Hertfordshire, have written regarding this publication, sold by direct mail by Halbert's Inc. The letters, which are personally addressed, tell how " Finally after years of effort and considerable expense, we are ready to publish a new book entitled " Metcalf families around the world " and you are listed in it ! " The letter, which is signed by one John E. Metcalf, claims that the book covers specific topics such as:

- How the old and distinguished Metcalf family got its name.
- Why the early emigrants left their birthplace and the fascinating story of their journey to new lands.
- Newly developed statistical information about the Metcalf population in Great Britain, Canada, Northern Ireland, America and Australia and where Metcalfs live in these countries today.
- A unique heraldic blazon granted to an early Metcalf.
- How you can use the Metcalf 1988 International Registry to aid you in tracing your family tree etc.

This book first came to my attention through a B.B.C. Television Consumer Programme which was not, it appears, impressed by the book. It is apparently a compilation in the main of current telephone directories and electoral rolls with only a few very general parts concerning family history at all. Similar letters have gone to most other popular surnames you can think of regarding their family and the signatory of the letter seems confused as to his own identity, being able to change from John E. Metcalf to John E. Smith, Jones, Brown etc., at will.

According to Sandra, the publishers have already been prosecuted in Australia and further prosecutions are pending in other countries. You have been warned !

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METCALFES AT THE MARITIME MUSEUM

John Balderston, M.N. 62, of Silchester, near Reading, Berkshire, writes " recently I spent half a day looking up Balderstons who had crossed the Atlantic, either voluntarily or involuntarily, to seek a new life.

During my research in the Maritime Museum at Greenwich, I also noticed the following list of Metcalfes who had gone to Maryland - and, in addition, Peter Goldham's book on ' Bonded Passengers to America ', but unfortunately this lists no destinations, so that some of these passengers could have been sent to the West Indies. Chancery

Lane (P.R.O.) holds the Assize records, Bills of Indictment, Series of deposition, etc. - which could make an interesting study.

Equally interesting (I find) is to enquire of the landing circuits in the Hall of Records at Annapolis.

On the topic of overseas Metcalfes, I did look at the Dominica papers in Kew P.R.O., following Shirley Withers ' Caribbean Connection ' in ' Mecca News ' 24.

Deposited at Kew are some 130 original hand written volumes of the day to day affairs of the island - looking at one book for the year 1787, when George Metcalfe was 30 years old, I found that he was a member of the Lower House in the Government and that he was applying for leave of absence to visit Europe on business. No mention of brother Robert - and I had no further time to search. "

John then gives the following details of Metcalf(e)s, he came across during his research at the Greenwich Maritime Museum.

' The Early Settlers of Maryland 1633 - 1680 ' by Gust Skordas

Compiled from Records of Land Patents (1633 - 1680) in the Hall of Records at Annapolis, Maryland, U.S.A.

		Liber	Folio	
Metcalf	Alexander	15	442	Transported 1677
"	Allen	WC2	183-4	" 1680
"	Gilbert	1	24	" 1641
"	John	3	77	Immigrated 1635
"	John (Gent.)	ABH	206	Cousin to Antho. Metcalf decd. 1651
"	Rachel	4	207	Transported prior to 1659
"	William	ABH	84	Immigrated 1640 of Isle of Kent. (May be connected with Capt. Wm. Clayborne of Isle of Kent.)
Metcalf	Gilbert	ABH	59	Transported 1641
"	Mr. John	ABH	50	Immigrated 1635 July (claims land)
"	Thomas	WC2	21	Transported 1679

Notes :

(a) " Transported means that someone other than the person indexed paid for their passage.

Quite often a person " transported " is also described as a servant, which means that the individual had contracted to repay the cost of their transportation by agreeing to act as his servant for a period of years.

Under certain Conditions of Plantation, a servant was entitled to claim 50 acres upon completing his period of servitude.

(b) " Immigrated " means that the individual furnished his own transportation to Maryland.

John also gives the following details from Peter Wilson Coldham's volumes covering the history of transportation 1615 - 1775, with specific listings of convicts who passed through London (Volume III), the Home Counties (Volume IV) and the Northern Circuits, including Yorkshire (Volume VIII).

The Gatehouses of London acted as prisons and 17,000 convicts passed through the London Gatehouse of Newgate, including:

Metcalfe	James	S.W. and T.	December 1771 on the ship ' Justitia '.
Medcalf	Joseph	R.	July 1774 to be T. 14 years.
Metcalfe	Michael	S.	July 1773.
Metcalfe	Thomas	S.	Feb - April T. May 1775 on the ' Rose '.
(alias Smith)			
Metcalfe	Thomas	S. January T.	January 1769 on the ship ' Thornton '.
Metcalfe	William	S. Q. Sept. T.	December 1771 on the ship ' Justitia '.
Metkirk	William	S.Q.	December 1761. Contract for him to be made with
Lt. Col. George Ogilvie of 3rd Regiment of Foot Guards re his T.			

S = Sentenced T = Transported W = Westminster Sessions Q = Middlesex Sessions

John adds " From the Northern Circuits (including Yorkshire) reference is made to John Metcalfe S. Lent 1735 but as the Northern Counties contracted independently for the transportation of their own felons no reference is made to John Metcalfe's transportation in Mr. Coldham's book. "

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HAIRPOWDER CERTIFICATES

Nina Benson came across the following Hairpowder Certificates for North Yorkshire, for the period 1795 to 1797 at North Yorkshire Record Office. (Ref: NYCRO mf 1424)

Askrigg 27 May Mr. James Metcalfe, Housekeeper and his wife -

16 June Mrs. Alice Metcalfe.

Aysgarth 2 June Rev. John Metcalfe, Housekeeper.

Northallerton

20 May Mrs. Ann Metcalfe, Housekeeper & Miss Dorothy Metcalfe, daur.

Richmond 4 June Mrs. Jane Metcalfe, Housekeeper and Miss Mary Metcalfe, daur.

Thirsk 27 May Mr. John Metcalfe, lodging with Mrs. Jas. Addison.

Well * Thorp Perrow *

Millbanks family - Jeremiah Metcalfe, Postillion.

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1 pm - Buffet lunch.
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North Yorkshire. YO5 9GD.

Please reserve _____ place(s) @ £ 6.50 per person. £ _____ enclosed.

Payments made out to "The Metcalfe Society". If you would like an acknowledgement
please include a stamped addressed envelope. If you need accommodation please
make your own arrangements with the hotel or contact the Tourist Board.

Please give FULL NAMES of those attending. Non-members are welcome but do
remember they cannot take part in the A.G.M. and cannot vote.

Name(s)Membership No:.....

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Address

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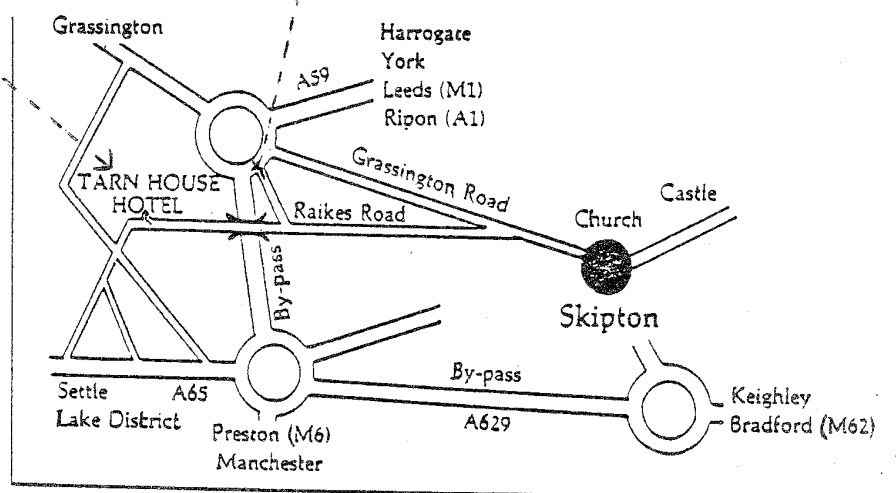
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