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I suppose that this editorial should be a bright and sunny one, in view of all the fine weather that we've been having recently, but to be honest my mood has not been helped by acute typewriter failure. No doubt a brief spell in bed and a dose of Epsom salts will see it fit and well in time for the December issue, but its choosing to have a nervous breakdown just before this issue was due for publication nearly had me joining it.

I see that I would not have been alone, judging by the Secretary's notes, as both she and the various project leaders are also suffering from an acute disease known as ' apathy of the members '. This is a malaise that I, as editor, can readily identify with. It was, after all, after precisely the same amount of time that I have spent in the hot seat that the previous editor was taken away, a complete nervous wreck.

As Nina Benson rightly points out in her notes, inside, we are very heavily dependant upon a small number of ' willing horses ' to assist with projects, the running of the Society generally and to act as contributors to this newsletter. Thank heavens for excellent articles by Warwick Metcalfe and Carole Parkhouse this month ! As many of you will by now have returned refreshed from your summer holidays, may I make a sincere plea for more help from the up until now silent majority.

Anything you can do, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated.

I do hope that some of you will respond to the above plea. I honestly sometimes wonder if anyone really does read ' Mecca News '. The only reason I have to suppose that more than about a dozen or so people are out there is the fact that Frank Bradley keeps insisting on having several hundred copies printed for distribution. Either someone is out there, or Frank has some very unusual wallpaper. So let's see some action, please !

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GAYLE, YORKSHIRE, M.I.s.

James Allen of Scarhead House d. December 20th 1861 aged 68 years

Hannah his wife d. 25 October 1872 aged 84 years

Their son Thomas d 11th January 1890 aged 70 years

" daughter Phoebe d. 29th May 1909 aged 79 years

" son John d. 11th April 1914 aged 88 years and his wife

Mary METCALFE d. 5th August 1897 aged 80 years, and his second wife

Mary Pratt d. 14th February 1935 aged 81 years

Altar tomb

Isaac METCALFE of Hawes d. 9th May 1791 aged 66 years

Mabel his wife d. 23rd October 1773 aged 49 years

Robert son d. 11th December 1793 aged 41 years

Thomas son d. 8th February 1819 aged 60 years

Ann his wife d. 22nd September 1839 aged 67 years

Isaac son of Thomas & Ann d. March 10th 1827 aged 27 years

Ann daughter of Thomas & Ann d. March 24th 1846 aged 48 years

Robert son of Thomas & Ann d. April 12th 1851 aged 47 years

also Rose wife of Edward Metcalfe d. May 25th 1854 aged 37 years

and their infant daughter Rose Ann d. March 5th 1853 aged 6 weeks

also said Edward Metcalfe d. at Simonstone February 24th 1865 aged 59 years

and of Elizabeth Metcalfe wife of the above d. at Brandmire October 1st 1886
aged 72 years

Thomas METCALFE of Birk Rigg who died June 27th 1869 aged 53 years

Isabella his wife died April 6th 1886 aged 59 years

Jane wife of William METCALFE of Liverpool d. 5th December 1900 aged 57 years

A FIFTEENTH CENTURY LAWYER

Carole Parkhouse, a non-member, of 92a Penwith Road, Southfields, London SW18 4QD, recently contacted the Society regarding her interest in Miles Metcalfe and his brother, Thomas and their families. She would love to hear from any descendants of Miles, himself and would be very grateful for any information that any of our members can give her about either Miles or Thomas and their families. She would especially be grateful for the sight of deeds, etc.

When writing, Carole enclosed a copy of the Richard III Society journal 'The Ricardian', for March 1989. This contained an article, written by Carole, entitled "The Career of a Fifteenth Century Lawyer: Miles Metcalfe of Wensleydale". Unfortunately, once again, the amount of space available prevents us from being able to give all of the detail contained in Carole's article, but the following extracts will, hopefully, manage to give the flavour of the whole.

"Miles Metcalfe is known to us chiefly through his association with Richard, Duke of Gloucester, later King Richard III. .. It is generally assumed that the success of his career was due to the patronage of Gloucester, as part of his northern 'affinity'. Metcalfe had been a successful lawyer, however, for some time before his association with Gloucester. Patronage naturally exerted a great influence in the fifteenth century and Miles Metcalfe was fortunate in enjoying the patronage, if not the friendship, of many of the great men of the day.

His earliest patrons were the Nevilles, initially Richard Earl of Salisbury and later, to a greater extent, Richard Earl of Warwick. It was through Warwick that he eventually served all three royal brothers: Edward IV, Clarence and Gloucester. Miles Metcalfe was the third son of James Metcalfe of Worton in Wensleydale, later of Nappa. He was born about 1432. The Metcalfes were a numerous family and the use of the same first names in successive generations has caused some confusion!

.....Miles as third son was sent to Gray's Inn to study law The cost of maintaining Miles at an Inn may have taken up a sizeable proportion of James' income. It seems at least possible that some assistance was obtained to pay for Miles' education, most likely from the Nevilles, whom Miles was to serve for the rest of his career. Miles was called to the bar in 1455 by the end of the 1450's Miles was an established member of his profession... His first reading at Gray's Inn was in Autumn 1459. Gray's Inn was by tradition favoured by northerners. The duty of a reader was mainly to teach the 'old' statutes of the realm and in particular the great statutes such as Magna Carta in a simple and accurate manner Two readings were the norm at the Inns of Court - only a truly exceptional reader would give a third reading Miles gave his second reading at Gray's in Lent 1467 and by then would have been considered one of the seniors of the Inn. Meanwhile he had been appointed as attorney-general to Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick in September 1465, which may confirm a Neville interest

in his career, but certainly shows that his abilities made him a desirable employee.

His connections with his home county have been reaffirmed at the death of his eldest brother, Edmund. Together with his older brother, Thomas, he sued successfully for the custody of the widow, Katherine Metcalfe. An inquisition held on 19 July 1464 declared her incompetent to manage her affairs and custody was initially granted to Thomas Witham, Chancellor of the Exchequer. This was overruled and custody granted to Thomas and Miles on 26 September 1464. The grant was made for ' their good service to the king, the king's father Richard, late Duke of York and the king's uncle Richard late Earl of Salisbury '. There appears to have been no other claimant to the property which consisted of land in Lund, Beverley, Marton Burton, Bemingham, Osgodby and Barlby, all in the East Riding. The estate seems to have passed into the hands of Miles in particular.

.... It was probably about this time that Miles began his association with the City of York. He appears in the York city chamberlain's accounts for 1468-69 as being retained for his legal services at a fee of 20s.being retained by the City did not mean residence there, although Miles undoubtedly found it in his own interest to establish good relations with the citizens.

He was, however, still very much practicing law in London and is so described in a deed dated 22 July 1468. One transaction undertaken for Richard Earl of Warwick was .. for the Earls payment of rent for certain lands in Sowerby by Thirsk to the king - a fairly trivial task for any lord's attorney.

Association with Warwick's other retainers brought Metcalfe into contact with men of influence, with whom he maintained friendly and business links until his death. Chief amongst these were Sir John Conyers, who was Warwick's steward in Richmondshire, .. Sir Richard Redman, whose son Edward would later be sent to Gray's Inn and work closely with Metcalfe and Sir William Parr.

Sir John Conyers was probably one of the most significant figures in Yorkshire at this time, as far as the career of Miles Metcalfe was concerned. Not only was he a high ranking figure on Warwick's council, but through his wide family connections, he had influence with all the major families in the county. ... The Conyers connection provided Miles with a network of prospective clients and potentially useful contacts. On 20 March 1469 he became one of Sir John Conyers' feoffees (trustees) for the manor of Yarom and a moiety of the castle and manor of Whorlton. ... In the same year he also became a feoffee of George, Duke of Clarence, for the castle, lordship and manor of Myntished in Kendal By 1469, therefore, he was in demand as a legal adviser and administrator by some of the most important men in the kingdom, and particularly in the North.

The Kendal grant was Metcalfe's first official work for George, Duke of Clarence. Clarence by this time was being directed by Warwick and the connections between

Clarence and Metcalfe are likely to have been at Warwick's instigation. When Warwick's rebellion against Edward IV succeeded in putting Henry VI temporarily back on the throne, Miles Metcalfe was elected member of parliament for Dartmouth, a position in the gift of Clarence. At this time he was described as 'lawyer of London'. He was again returned for Dartmouth in the parliament of 1472-75, then being described as 'of York, lawyer'.

The connection with York was strengthened in 1470 when he and his wife .. became members of the main religious fraternity of the City, the Corpus Christi Guild.

.... Unfortunately, it is not known whether Miles purchased property in Yorkshire, although since he was described as 'of York' rather than 'of the county of York' it seems likely that he at least rented property there. However, Brian Metcalfe, who has been variously identified as either a brother or a cousin did maintain a property in the City and it is possible that Miles stayed there when he had business in the City. Certainly at this time the Metcalfe family was flourishing in Yorkshire; as many as fourteen were employed on the Middleham estate in 1473 and Miles' elder brother, Thomas, was a member of the council of Richard, Duke of Gloucester and an administrator of the Middleham lordship. Thomas ... had inherited the Nappa estate on the death of his father about 1472 and is said to have been responsible for most of the building of Nappa Hall.

.... In 1476 Miles Metcalfe acquired a new area of business and duty and was also drawn firmly into the affinity of Richard, Duke of Gloucester. He was appointed deputy chief steward for the north parts of the Duchy of Lancaster, Gloucester being the chief steward. The influence of Gloucester on Miles' career was now the all important one: his appointment as deputy in the stewardship was followed by his admission to the freedom of the City of York in the same year and then his elevation to the position of its recorder. Many of Metcalfe's duties as recorder ... involved the arbitration of disputes, mostly to do with the grievances of its citizens or guilds but occasionally of more powerful parties ... he was also in demand as an arbitrator in cases which did not concern York and its citizens.

... Thus during the last years of Edward IV's reign, Miles Metcalfe was profitably employed in several fields which illustrate the versatility of a good fifteenth century lawyer; he provided legal advice and arbitration for the City of York and in private practice ... he was administrator for the Duchy of Lancaster and acted as feoffee for local gentry as well as executor and administrator of wills in his locality. ... In December 1482 he was selected to replace the sick John Tong as the City of York's second member for parliament.

... The highlight of 1483 in York was the visit of the new King and Queen with their son and as a trusted adviser of the King, Miles Metcalfe was naturally to the fore. The council ... decided upon a present of a pair of basins of silver gilt for the King containing 500 marks and £100 to the Queen in a similar vessel.

The list of contributors shows Miles Metcalfe's donation of £100 to be far in excess of any other. ... Not only does this suggest that Metcalfe held the new King in great respect but also that his career had made him wealthy. He was thus in the fortunate (or otherwise) position of being able to lend the King money when asked: during one of the King's visits to York Metcalfe lent him £20 which was repaid early in 1485.

.... During the reign of Richard III the Metcalfe family as a whole flourished. Thomas had been appointed chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in 1483 and James Metcalfe coroner of the Marshalsea in London for his good service.

... Nothing is heard of Miles after April 1485 until well after the demise of Richard III which lends substance to the belief fostered by the family that he and his family were involved directly in the battle. .. The next direct reference to Miles Metcalfe is the proclamation delivered at York on 8 October, specifically excluding from pardon Richard's notable Yorkshire supporters, Sir James and Sir Robert Harington, Sir Thomas Pilkington, Sir Thomas Broughton and Sir Robert Middleton and Thomas and Miles Metcalfe. The day before this King Henry had written directly to the city council nominating Richard Grene as recorder, specifically excluding Miles from that office by reason that: " Miles Metcalf, which as yit occupies) the rome and office of Recordour of our Citie of York hath doone mo(ch) ayenst us which dishableth hym to exercise things of auctoritie concernyng an hool commonalitie, which my his sedicious means might ... and falle to diverse inconvenients. "

It is clear that Henry VII regarded Metcalfe as more than just a moderately successful northern lawyer, and was intent on making it impossible for him to maintain his position of influence. Exactly what he had done against Henry VII which made him unfit to exercise authority is not clear; even if he had taken part in the Battle of Bosworth, this would not necessarily have banned him from holding office. Other law officers of Richard III continued to flourish under Henry VII. It must have been believed that he had extremely close connections with the workings of Richard III's administration and was dangerous to employ.

.... On 18 January 1486 Miles Metcalfe attended what was to be his last meeting of the City Council as recorder. It must have been evident to all that he was terminally ill....Henry Percy, Earl of Northumberland, who had long maintained ties nearly as friendly as those of Gloucester's with the City, wrote from Alnwick upon hearing of Metcalfe's illness on 27 February: " And whereas I am enfourmed that my right wellbeloved Counsaillor, Miles Metcalfe your Recordour, is visited with such infirmity that ther is noo liklyhode in hym but that he is departed by this frome this present lyf whereof i was right sorry. "

The council had .. noted in the minutes of 29 February the death of Miles Metcalfe " whome God assoile ",

Miles .. had made his will on 12 February 1486, in the knowledge that he wouldnot

survive his illness ... The brevity (of his will) and the few possessions which he had to bequeath suggest that for some time he had taken care to dispose of his estate presumably to his children, in order that it might not be confiscated The will is rather pathetic in the paucity of bequests but the reference to those who had " many anevyl night and daye " is evidence that the new regime had caused Miles and his household real hardship. There is also an unconfirmed local legend that Miles died in poverty in rooms over Monk Bar. There was indeed a dwelling above the Bar in the fifteenth century, which in the sixteenth century became a prison, and this would have been in the parish of St. John del Pyke, which Miles mentions in his will as his parish church. His request that he be buried in the style to which his office entitled him can be seen as his last defiance to the new order. Little is known about the descendants of Miles Metcalfe in contrast to those of his brother Thomas, who are well documented and, after an initial period of mutual distrust only to have been expected under the new regime, Thomas and his family flourished under the Tudors. Miles' family, on the other hand, seem to have made no noticeable attempt at reconciliation with the government, or at any rate, made no impact on local or national politics. James Metcalfe, the eldest son of Miles and his wife Anne were both members of the Corpus Christi Guild in 1490 but little else is known of him. He does not appear to have lived in Wensleydale and presumably lived on the East Riding estates inherited from Katherine Metcalfe. He died in 1502, apparently without issue and his widow remarried, first Robert Conyers and secondly John Carre by whom she had children.

Of the other two children, nothing is known. Richard, the second son, may possibly be the ' Rukes Metcalfe ' referred to in Richard III's reign as serving Prince Edward at Middleham and who was then transferred to the household at Sandal on the Prince's death. Of Katherine there is no word.

Miles' widow, Maud, remained in York until her death in 1492. She was assisted by John Metcalfe, alderman and later mayor of the City, whom she named in her will and who was a relative. Nothing is known of Maud's family and it is possible that she did not come from a Yorkshire family and may even have come from London. She names as a beneficiary in her will Peter Pekham, who had been an associate of Miles in London. She also mentions George and Sybil Hill, who may have been relatives, her children James, Richard and Katherine, James' wife Anne and her kinsman John Metcalfe who was also her executor along with James and his wife Emma.

Miles Metcalfe's career serves as an example of a man of comparatively humble origin flourishing under the Yorkists. ... Miles for most of his career was fortunate in his patrons. The support of the Nevilles from Salisbury onwards ensured that Miles was able to establish important connections with the local gentry and to make a very profitable living. Although there are large gaps in this account of his career, what does

become apparent is the physical activity required of a lawyer in the fifteenth century ! Whether as an attorney or ' man of business ', or as a justice, a lawyer was expected to travel a great deal, between the courts of Westminster, London and the estates of the persons he served. In the case of Miles Metcalfe, working on behalf of the Duchy of Lancaster and the great estate of Middleham as well as serving the City of York the amount of ground he covered was impressive. ... Possibly Miles' early death (in his mid fifties) was influenced by the events of August 1485. Certainly the respectful, even affectionate remembrances of Henry, Earl of Northumberland and the York City Council show that he was held in some esteem while he lived. He was buried, according to his wishes, in York Minster.

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THE CANADIAN CONNECTION

Mrs. Susanne Metcalfe of 1951 Rathburn Road E, TH65, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, L4W 2N9, kindly supplied the following details from Might's 1899 Directory for Toronto, Canada.

Metcalf, Edward	Woodcarver	480 Gerrard E. Toronto
" George	Shoemaker	71 Arthur, Toronto
" John J.		396 Wilton Ave. Toronto
" Lily (Miss)	Forlady	Cummings and Sellars 396 Wilton Avenue, Toronto.
" Wm. R.	Pressman	Meth. Book and Publ. House 4 Lippencall
Metcalfe Alfred	Druggist	179 Crawford, Toronto
" Francis A.	Sign painter	29½ Adelaide W. h. 126 Peter
" George		179 Crawford
" George	Blacksmith	C.W. Little 764 Bathurst
" George H.	Machinist	Ont. Wind Eng & P. Co. 179 Crawford
" James H.	Labourer	38 Agnes
" John		1 House of Providence
" Leah (Wid. Thomas)	Dressmaker	778 King W.
" Mary (Wid Wm.)		84 Richmond E.
" May (Miss)	Clerk	T. Eaton & Co. 197 Oxford
" Theresa (Miss)	Dressmaker	85 Sommerhill Avenue.
" Thomas	Engineer	97 Oxford
" Thomas	Labourer	47 Teraulay
" William	Carpenter	T. Turff, 778 King W.
" William	Property Manager	Princess Theatre, 141 Berkeley
" William	Ex Revenue Officer	76 Bismark Avenue

UNCLAIMED DIVIDENDS

In Mecca News, number 27, I promised further details of unclaimed dividends of bank stock and public funds transferable at the Bank of England, due before the 5 January 1812 and remaining unpaid as at the 31 December 1814, unearthed by Sal Illingworth, M.N. 242, of New Malden, Surrey, at the Society of Genealogists.

Name and address	Date first dividend due	No. of div'ds due
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CONSOLIDATED £3 PER CENT ANNUITIES

Rev. John Metcalfe, Ashes, near Hawes	January 1811	8
Thomas Metcalf - Lincolns Inn (Gent)	July 1781	67
and Mary Metcalf - St. Martins in the Fields (Spinster).		
Sir Thomas Theophilus Metcalfe, Portland Place, Bart.	July 1810	2

£5 PER CENT NAVY ANNUITIES

Charles Metcalfe (dec'd) Chelsea (Gent)	January 1803	24
Rev. George Metcalfe, Stanmore, Sussex and Margaret Metcalfe, his wife (dec'd)	July 1801	1
John Metcalfe, Holburn Hill, (Perfumer)	January 1809	1

£3 PER CENT ANNUITIES 1731

Diana Metcalfe (dec'd) wife of Richard Metcalfe - Whitehall (Gent)	December 1744	1
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£5 PER CENT ANNUITIES 1797

Philidelphia Metcalfe - Hatton Garden (Spinster)	April 1757	1
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THE CORNISH CONNECTION

Mr. K.M. Banks, M.N. 70, of 51 Edgcumbe Green, St. Austell, Cornwall, writes to say that whilst researching the probate records at various places in Cornwall, he came across the following information in a bibliography produced by the librarian of the County Museum, Truro, which may be of interest to other members of the Society.

MARRIAGE:

Richard Metcalfe, Officer of Excise and Hannah Doidge, Probus, Cornwall 7/5/1778

Thomas Medcalfe of Penzance and Mrs. Jane Ustick at Ludgyan 21/2/1718

ASSIGNMENTS:

Family - Ustick - landowning

Thomas Medcalfe to Mary Medcalfe, Ellel in Lancashire 3/8/1747

Jane Metcalfe of St. Just in Penwith, widow, to John Ustick
of Botallack, gent, Ellel in Lancashire 22/8/1748

BIOGRAPHY:

Medcalfe Thomas (eldest son of Thomas Medcalfe, Alderman of Lancaster, d. Lancaster December 1712). Collector of H.M. Customs, Penzance at £100 per year and bound in £1500 for due discharge of same 1712. Collector of the salt duty at Penzance at £50 a year 1712. Went to London to settle accounts with the Custom House 1726.

Died Penzance 1726. C/f. J. Harland's Autobiography of William Sturt of Lancaster (1851) pp. 85 - 86, 103 and 108 - 109.

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A COMMON SOLDIER

Sandra Metcalf, M.N. 134, of Tring, Hertfordshire, has sent a number of extracts from ' Rank and File: the Common Soldier at Peace and War 1642 - 1914 ', compiled by T.H. McGuffie (Hutchins 1964).

Sandra writes " The book is compiled from the original writings of private soldiers and deals with their lives at home and abroad. The accounts of various individuals in differing circumstances are grouped together under chapter headings such as ' Soldiers at Sea ' or ' Life on Campaign ' so that several extracts from one man's diary can be scattered through the whole book, as is the case with the passages written by Private Henry Metcalfe, of H.M. 32nd Regiment of Foot, of which a couple of examples are given below.

HAND TO HAND: INDIAN MUTINY

Well, there happened to be a great tall soldier of the Grenadiers with the party. There were two ladders placed against the two windows and the word ' Forward ' was given. We all rushed off together, and whether me being light or small, or what, I reached one of the ladders just as the tall Grenadier reached the other, and it was a race between him and me, and although I reached every rung of my ladder as soon as he reached his, still he seemed to be higher than I was, and so he was, and I never allowed for his height. However, I believe he got in at his window before I got in at mine, and when I got in I could not see anyone in my room. Consequently I concluded that the enemy did not wait for us but took to their heels as soon as we rushed forward. Well, I looked round the room to see if there was anything worth

laying hands on in the shape of provisions etc. Well, there was a very large box something about or nearly resembling a large flour bin. The lid was partly up so I threw it entirely up up, and what was my astonishment to see three of my sable friends sitting on their haunches in this big box. Well, I shot one and bayonetted another, but the third was on me like mad and before I knew where I was he had hold of my muskett by the muzzle so that I could not use the bayonet at him. So there I was, he chopping away at me with his native sword, and me defending myself the best way I could by throwing up the butt of my musket to protect my head and trying to close with him, which I knew was my only chance. In doing this I received a chop from his sword on the left hand which divided the knuckle and nearly cut off my thumb. Well, he had his sword raised to give me, I suppose, the final stroke, when in rushed the tall Grenadier. Tom Carrol took in the situation at a glance and soon put an end to my antagonist by burying the hammer of his musket in the fellow's skull, and when he saw me all covered with blood he shouted a great hoarse laugh and said 'You little swab, you were very near being done for ', and indeed so I was. I then showed him the box and its contents, and I can tell you it rather astonished him.

AN OLD SOLDIER STILL SERVES

I was appointed Garrison Sergt. Major at Port Elizabeth and remained here my own master for a considerable time. While I was stationed here I witnessed a terrific storm, the wind blowing from the south east. There were 19 ships wrecked, and one of these ships was totally smashed to pieces and all hands lost and this in sight of thousands who could render them no assistance. I remained at Port Elizabeth until 1871 when I was ordered to rejoin the left wing of my Regt. which was stationed at King William's Town. This was rather unexpected for I was drawing my week's allowance of fuel about 12 noon and was on board the mail steamer bound for East London again at 4 p.m. Rather quick work which caused me to part with a good many articles at a great sacrifice. However, there was no help for it. I had to grin and bear it. We arrived at East London all right after a very nice run of two days and disembarked the same day and marched again for King William's Town where I remained till November, 1871, when I passed the Board of Claims and retraced my steps to East London, there to embark once more for England.

And now once more we were homeward bound. My services in the Regular Army would expire on the voyage home. We embarked again at East London, called in at Simon's Bay where the soldiers and ships company had great fun in catching fish. We sailed from there and had Christmas off the Island of St. Helena, the grave of that once famed Napoleon. Next called at the Island of Ascension, so-called through being discovered on Ascension Day. We coaled there and proceeded on our voyage, next called at St. Vincent, after that crossed the Bay of Biscay which was very stormy

but our ship rode through it like a duck. We arrived at Queen's Town after a beautiful passage. Our next place was Plymouth where we took in Supernumeraries for the Channel Fleet which we left at Portland.

Our next and final stage was Portsmouth and on the 29th January 1872 we landed and proceeded by rail to Chichester, the discharge Depot, where I remained a few months as Clerk in the Discharge Depot, when I was discharged and joined the East Yorkshire Militia at Beverley, Yorkshire, as Musketry Instructor, where I remained for three year and six months and after being thoroughly disgusted with the Militia I purchased my discharge and joined the 27th Cheshire Rifle Volunteers at Wilmslow. There I thought I would remain and settle down after many roving years, but it was not to be. After being there about 4 years where I was nicely settling down, my commanding officer, in acknowledgement of my services, promoted me to the post of senior instructor with the Macclesfield Volunteers. This was to better my position and so it did in a monetary sense but I was much happier where I was.

Those of you related to Private Henry Metcalfe, or interested in reading further about him should see " The Chronicles of Private Henry Metcalfe, H.M. 32nd Regiment of Foot " Edited by Lieutenant-General Sir Francis Taker, Pub. London 1953.

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NORTH RIDING M.I.s

Mr. C.S. Metcalfe, M.N. 305 of Hayling Island, Hants, obviously a man after my own heart with his reference to the North Riding, rather than North Yorkshire, gathered the following M.I.s on a recent tour of Yorkshire.

South Otterington

Catherine w. John Metcalfe of Otterington

Catherine died 21 December 1850 age 71

John died 19 April 1853 aged 77

Margaret Ann w. William Metcalfe of Surbiton, Surrey

Margaret died 11 September 1902 aged 65

William died 25 December 1907 aged 69

North Otterington

Robert Metcalfe of Thornton le Moor died 18?? age 55

Margaret Ann daughter age 8

Hannah wife died 1897 age 7? cf. M. News 27. p.11

Elizabeth w. Christopher Metcalfe late Northallerton

Elizabeth died 5? March 1800 age 65

also brother Ch ? died 1800

plus two small stones EM and WM

THE REVEREND LISTER METCALFE

The following is the first part of an article by Warwick Metcalfe, M.N. 256 of Tudor House, 6 High Street West, Uppingham, Leics., concerning his great great grandfather, the Rev. Lister Metcalfe, 1740 - 1797.

Unfortunately, limitations on space prevent us from publishing the whole of Warwick's fascinating article in this issue of ' Mecca News ' but the second part of the article, in which Warwick looks in more detail at the sermons of Lister Metcalfe, will, all being well, be included in the next edition of the newsletter.

Warwick writes " Through various strokes of fortune which are by no means entirely unravelled at this moment I have inherited a quantity of memorabilia chiefly connected (but not wholly) with our branch of the Metcalfe family, which Dorothy Pope with her superabundant energy has spent a great deal of time tracing back to its roots. It is typical of fortune's unfair disposition that so many relics of the field she has diligently researched with only determination to spur her on, should fall into my lap with no effort at all on my part !

Never mind Dorothy, HEREDI MAXIMA OBLIGATIO HEREDITAS (To an heir his inheritance is the greatest obligation). Since this material has come my way and I have recently retired, I have no excuse for not doing something about it; so this is my first offering. Being unaware of the existence of the Metcalfe Society until recently and only establishing contact by chance - I answered an advertisement searching for relatives of a Miss Margaret Spencely Metcalfe published in the Darlington and Stockton Times sent me by a friend - it seems hardly appropriate to unload everything at once, having only just started looking into it. But, when I attended my first highly enjoyable Mecca Muster at Ripon las October, it occurred to me how nice it would be if an opportunity arose in the course of filling in the gaps in the family tree to fill out one's forebears in a way which would bring them to life.

The fascinating diaries kept by Emily Annie Metcalfe, daughter of Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, the East India Company's Resident at Delhi in the period before the mutiny being published under the title ' The Golden Calm ' by M.M. Kaye are a splendid example. Her words bring the young woman to life and give a marvellous insight into the pleasures and perils of a girl s existence between homes in England and India in the early years of Queen Victoria's reign. There is no way I can match such magnificent adventures, but I can to some extent attempt the opposite by lifting a corner of the veil which shrouds the life of my great great grandfather, a clergyman and schoolmaster whose posts and ministry kept him well within the bounds of the County of Yorkshire throughout his life.

Lister was the son of Alice (1704 - 1778) and Anthony Metcalfe, a yeoman of Gayle, who was born between 1694 - 99 and buried at Hawes, nearby. Lister himself was

baptised at Hawes on June 14th 1740 and died at Muker in Swaledale, where he was the incumbent from 1773 until his death at the end of May 1797. His life therefore began in the middle of the reign of George II and spread over two thirds of the reign of George III, and he was alive during the ministries of early prime ministers such as Robert Walpole and the Pitts, father and son. His span included such events as the War of Jenkins Ear, War of the Austrian succession, the Jacobite Rebellion, Quebec, General Wolf and the annexation of Canada, Clive of India and the founding of the Indian Empire, the Seven Years War, the American War of Independence and the French Revolution.

Exciting years through which to live, but no evidence has come down of what impact, if any, these great political events had upon his outlook. The papers which have come down to me suggest on the contrary that his theological concerns were partnered by a strong interest in the literary achievements of his day and natural science, rather than military or political.

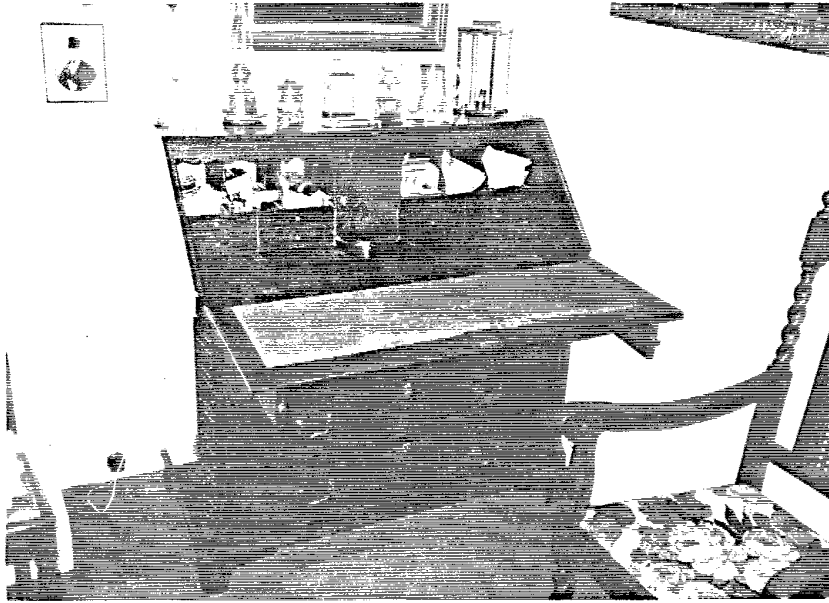
Lister was buried in Muker churchyard on May 31st 1797. A large pair of memorial slabs fixed to the outer wall of the north side of the chancel of the church commemorate Lister, his wife, Isabella (whom he married at Sedburgh on October 2nd 1764) and eight of their ten children, plus three grandchildren. A daughter (Eleanor) is buried at Arkengarthdale and a son, Lister Washington (my great grandfather) who may have been responsible for erecting the monument has his own memorial slab with extensive inscription, alongside his parents' grave.

At last October's muster there were eight of us, including our Chairman, John Holden, who could claim Lister and Isabella as our grandparents prefixed by various numbers of greats. Thanks to Dorothy's initiative and Eunice Herring's camera it was possible to photograph us all as a group. As it turns out the only hope of continuing the family name of our branch through the male line apparently lies through my two sons Alistair and Timothy, the latter is in the photograph.

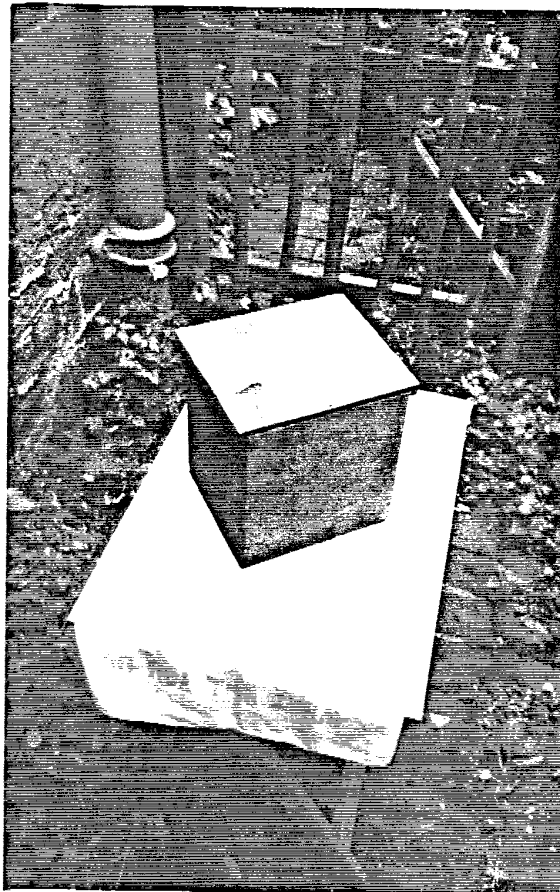
Left to
Right.
Warwick Mte.
Eunice
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Bill Mte.
Dorothy
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Young
Mark Young
John
Holden
Timothy Mte.
Jean Mte.



Two particular treasures have come down to me from Lister. The first is a fine bureau in the Chinese Chippendale manner (complete with small secret compartment which really is difficult to find) and the second is an old wooden box with hinged lid approximately 9 inches square whose contents are the subject of the rest of this article.

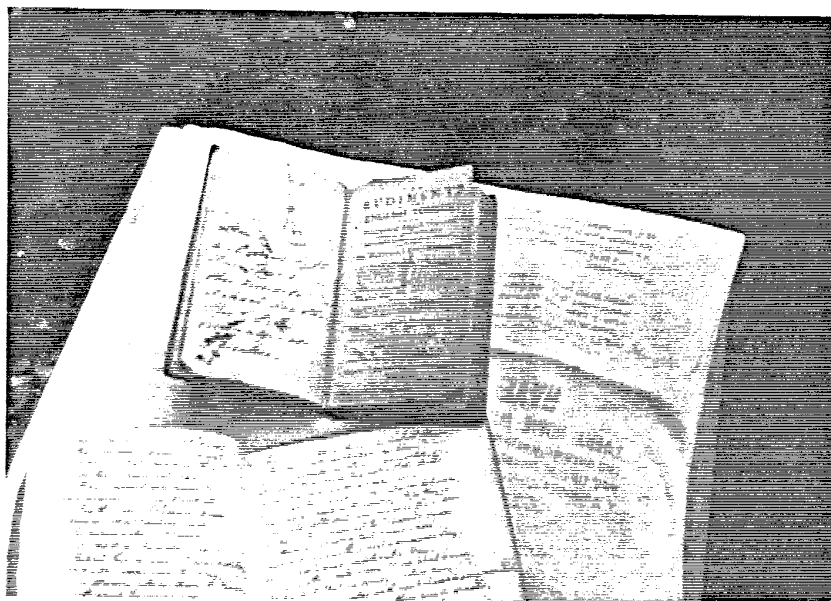


Lister's desk - a Chinese Chippendale Bureau



Old Wooden Box containing over 90 handwritten sermons.

In the box I found a copy of a rare English grammar which Lister had revised and printed in 1773, the year he entered his ministry and the mastership of the grammar school at Muker. Tucked inside is a letter to his publishers in Lister's hand evidently correcting the proofs. The copy is a second edition - the date of the first is unknown to me - but this particular copy apparently belonged to a boy called William Spencely who was at school at Muker in 1780, as he informs us in a well-formed if childish hand in the flyleaf, together with other inscriptions. The only other copy known to me is one seen by Dorothy Pope at the British Museum.

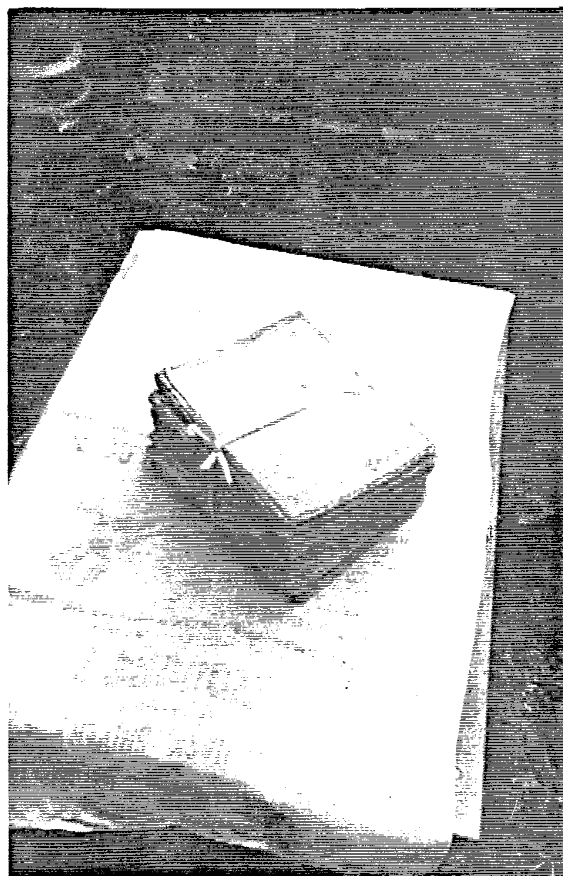


Lister's ' Rudiments of The English Tongue ', 1773, with pupil William Spencely's inscription on the flyleaf (1780)

The next objects of interest were an occasional book full of verses and epigrams culled from literary figures of Lister's day. Oliver Goldsmith, Dr. Johnson, Dryden, Congreve and others feature, along with doggerel in characteristic 18th century style which I suspect is Lister's own concoction. There were also two notebooks containing scientific observations on organic animal and vegetable life and a ' chronological table of historical events ', which begins with the birth of Adam in 5,508 B.C. and appears to be copied from W. Emerson's ' chronology ' produced in 1770. All these were written out in a neat copperplate hand with a quill pen.

But the real treasure from my point of view was a package done up with old tape of some 92 sermons. So far as I can tell these are not standard copies from a book, but are originals composed and written out by my great great grandfather in his neat copperplate and preached at various venues during

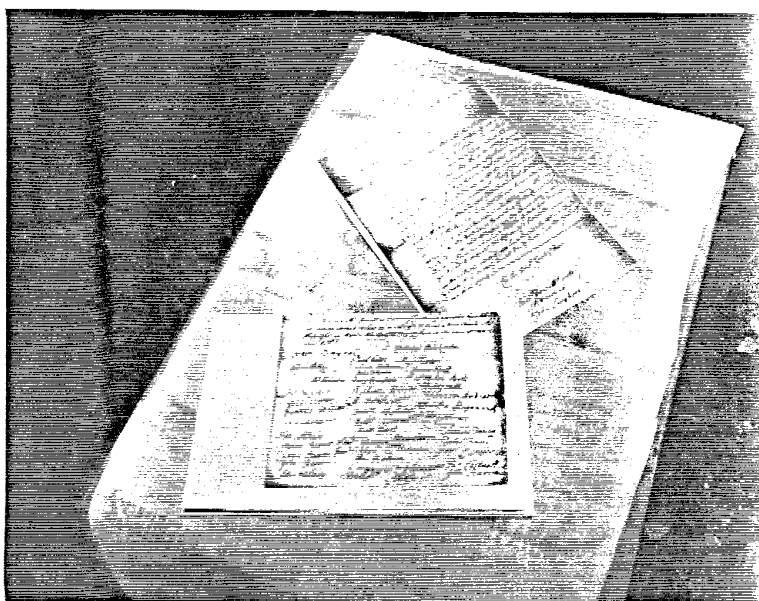
his ministry between 1763 and the year of his death in May 1797.



Part of a pile of 92 sermons by Lister found in his box.

The parishes covered include Garsdale, Howgill, Middleton, Ingleton, Sedburgh, Crosthwaite, Cartmel Fell, Middleham, Bonas (Bowness), Whitehaven (Trinity Chapel), Grinton, Firbank, Hatton, Holker, Crook, Kendal, Lowsby and Silton amongst others, as well as Muker - I have by no means been through them all as yet. Each sermon comprises several folio sheets stitched together about the size of an exercise book, varying from six to eight sheets making a dozen to eighteen sides and there are no covers. In three or four cases the folio size is smaller but there are more pages. The text of the sermon is written at the head of the topmost sheet. In the case of some of the earlier ones there are also serial numbers and breaks in these indicate a certain number are missing. Nevertheless 92 is still a large number to collate ! The names of the parishes where each sermon was given, together with the dates on which it was preached are mostly given at the end, though occasionally on a separate page. For example No. 7 first given at Howgill in 1764 is also shown as having been repeated at Cartmel Fell in 1765, 1789 and 1795. So Lister was evidently careful to give his congregation plenty of time in between to forget

what he had said on the previous occasion ! This would be in character with a parson who appears from these lists to have been thoroughly systematic. The two earliest which survive are shown as having been preached at Garsdale in 1763 when Lister was twenty three. Number 23 appears to have been delivered at Sedburgh on Good Friday 1764; his marriage to Isabella (aged 21) took place in the same parish in October of the same year. Several interesting documents have been dug out by Dorothy Pope relating to Lister's career as a schoolmaster. One dated 1760 is an applocation to the Bishop of Chester from the inhabitants of the Chapelry of Howgill (Problem here. I can find Howgill Fells on the map, but no actual settlement of that name - nearest in the area are Low Gill and Cowgill, but in the document the letter 'H' is quite clear.) in the parish of Sedburgh to elect Lister to the mastership of their school. A similar document in the same year describes Lister as ' late schoolmaster in Middleton ' and seems to be a testimonial as it describes him as ' duly and properly qualified to support the office of a schoolmaster ', and is signed by the incumbents of Hawes, Hardraw, Garsdale, Middleton and Mansergh(?). Since Lister could have been no more than twenty at the time of this testimonial it seems reasonable to assume Middleton was his first post and Howgill his second.



Lister's testimonials for a Schoolmastership and also for a Curatorship (see below)

Whether he occupied any other teaching post between this and his mastership of the school at Muker is unclear, but Dorothy has obtained copies of two other documents which throw more light on Lister's career. The first is a letter from the churchwardens of Crossthwaite to the Bishop of Chester stating that Lister

resigned the curacy of their parish in 1767, which implies a move of some kind in that year, whilst a second letter addressed to the same diocese (but to a different Bishop) in 1774 is signed by the curates of Hawes, Hardraw (as well as somewhere illegible) recommending Lister as ' a person duly and properly qualified to support the office of a curatorship '. As this is in the year following the date given for his ministry at Muker it seems to imply that his ordination was not automatic but through some form of election which required confirmation.

The pattern produced by these documents indicates Lister's youth was spent at Hawes as the sone of a yeoman farmer with a move during his late teens to become a schoolmaster at Middleton. Where he received his own education is not revealed at present but it must surely have begun at Hawes and I am inclined to think an investigation into records at Sedburgh School might reveal something, though it was unusual in those days to keep regular records of pupils. In 1760 to ' Howgill ' near Sedburgh as schoolmaster where he got married. in 1765, he was at Crossthwaite when his eldest son was born and gave up the curacy there in 1767, eventually arriving at Muker in 1773, where he remained as curate and master of the grammar school until his death twenty four years later. The old vicarage at Muker and the grammar school fortunately survive, though much altered. "

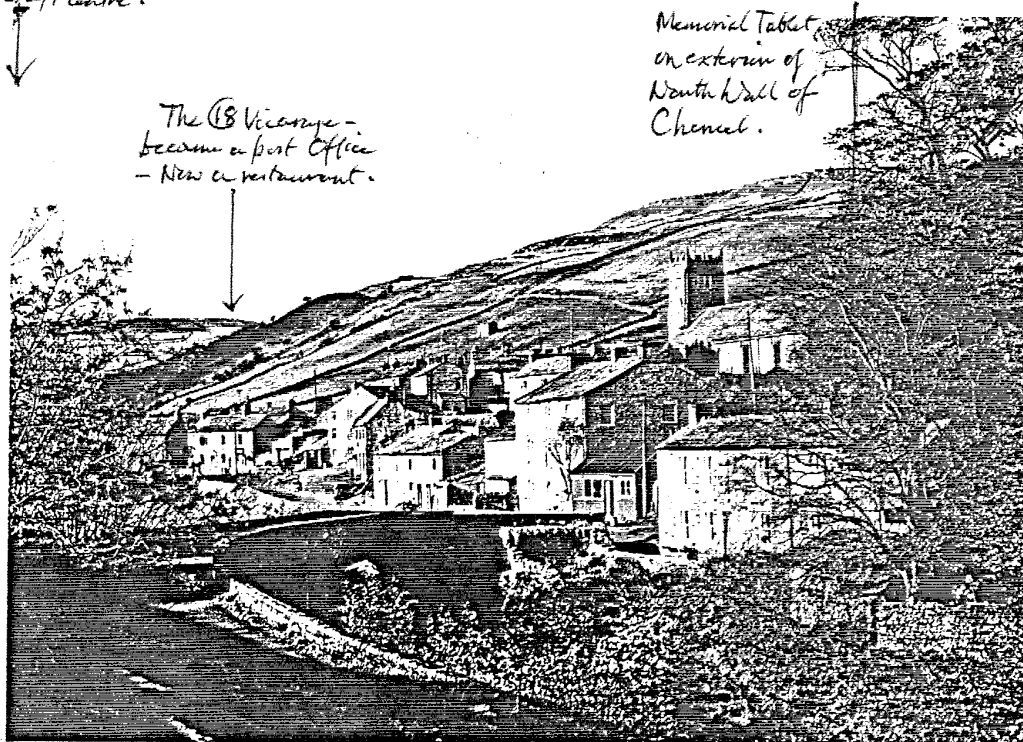
Muker School
Now Craft Centre.



The Vicarage -
became a post Office
- Now a restaurant.



Muker Church. Lister Meten Gai
Memorial Tablet
on exterior of
South Wall of
Chancel.



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It is encouraging to see that we have reduced our annual loss to 20 members. The total new members resulting from Terry Allinson's article in the October issue of the 'Dalesman' magazine has reached 59.

Thank you to those of you who contacted me regarding 'BOAK' - it has proved to be the village of BALK which is near Thirsk, Yks. and ties the John Metcalfe found in the Bedale 1851 CR into the Christopher & Hannah (Cheesborough) Metcalfe family of Snape and Well. Another snippet arrived from mb 303 Mrs Denny Gibson - copy of the family story of the Pratts of Bradford who also link into the Snape family via Hannah Cheesborough - small world ain't it !

Once again we have been forced to make changes in respect of the General Index and Lists and there are new pleas for help with on-going Projects and to assist new members with their research. It is very difficult when we have only a small band of regular helpers. If these get overloaded because of their willingness to help they can easily throw up their hands in horror - even I get depressed at how many sit back and take all and give nothing in return, sometimes not even an acknowledging letter of thanks. We are only human you know and there are demands of various kinds on our time and patience. We have some elderly and some ill members who need help with research - PLEASE think carefully - can YOU spare the odd hour now and then to help either them or the Society in general ?

The Muster draws closer and I'm really looking forward to seeing you all. Michael and I have already had visits by some members passing through Langthorpe in one direction or another - do give me a ring first if you are coming anywhere near.

Nina E Benson

BIRTH BRIEFS

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS

Mb 347. Mrs Margaret Fisher. Les Fontaines, Trinity, JERSEY, Channel Islands.
b Ipswich, Suffolk dau of Jim MTE who was b circa 1907 in Yorkshire.

Mb 348. Mrs Margaret Greensill, 20 Hardthorn Crescent, Dumfries. DG2 9HS. Scotland.
b Grangetown near Middlesbrough. Yks.

Mb 349. Mr & Mrs Jack & Vera Metcalfe. 26 Wylies Road, Beverley, North Humberside,
HU17 7AP.

Nothing received.

Mb 350. Gordon James Metcalfe, 1 The Chase, Off New Sturton Lane, East Garforth,
Leeds. LS25 2NP.

In the post - see the end.

Mb 351. Ms Eleoner Metcalfe, 45 Deepcar Street, Levenshulme, Manchester. M19 3BA.
Sister to Mb 316. grand-dau of Samuel Brown MTE b 1888 in Morecambe son of James and Susannah (Brown) MTE. James known as Gentleman Jim was a station master.

Mb 352. Walter Moorey, 175 Fleckgate Road, Blackburn, Lancs.

son of Harriet Moorey nee MTE born circa 1848 dau of John MTE. Harriet married Richard Shoesmith Moorey 29th July 1865 at Bacup, Lancs.

Mb 353. Mr & Mrs Eustace & Barbara Metcalfe. 41 Keats Drive, Towcester, Northants.
NN12 7LT.

Eustace is son of John Baptist & Constance (Sanderson) MTE whose mge was in 1923. John Bartist b 1878 Salford, Lancs was son of Thomas & Agnes (Mayer) MTE. Thomas b 1846 at Sedbergh, Yks: son of a Metcalfe who founded a quarry at Sedbergh who in turn was a son of a Metcalfe who had a farm at Appersett near Hawes, Yks.

Mb 354. Mr & Mrs Leslie and Fiona Metcalfe. 52 Caldane, Orchard Park, Hull. HU6 9AH.

Leslie b Hull Yks son of Tom and Doris (Dean) MTE. Tom b Hull 1921 son of Charles & Edith (Atkinson) MTE. Charles b Hull 1893 son of Thomas & Elizabeth (Clarke) MTE. Thomas b Wilstrop near York 1859 son of John & Elizabeth (Monkman) MTE. John born Oct 1825 Kirk Hammerton Yks. son of Thomas & Hannah MTE. Thomas bpt June 1796 at Bilton in Ainsty, Yks son of John & Jane (Young) MTE mge 1778 Acomb, York.

Mb 355. Mrs Agnes Saggerson and her brother Harold Ray Metcalfe. 20 Maryville Road, Prescott, Merseyside. L34 2TA.

Children of James Harold & Constance (Ray) MTE. James H. born 1899 son of James and Agnes (Park) MTE - lived at Firbank, Prescott. James b Oct 1863 ? Sedbergh Yks.

Mb 356. Douglas Cragg Metcalf, 15213 Reserve Road, Accokeek, Maryland. 20607.U.S.A.

And see Mb 372. Son of William Stanley and Florence Helen (Bennett) MT mge 1937 New Jersey, USA. William S. b 1909 New York, USA son of William Henry Cragg and Margaret Nicol (Lamb) METCALF. William H.C. b 1883 son of William & Mary (Cragg) MT. William bpt August 1855 Cumbria, England. son of Richard & Elizabeth MT. (to be confirmed :- Richard born Nov 1809 Whitehaven, Cumbria son of Thomas & Ann Mte of Tangier Street. Thomas bpt Sept 1781 Whitehaven, son of Richard Mte.)

Mb 357. Miss Peggy Theophila Metcalfe, 'Scribbens', Benenden, Cranbrook, Kent. TN17 4DT.

dau of Eric Debonnaire Theophilus & Winifred C. (Shackle) Metcalfe. Eric D.T. born 1889 son of Charles Theophilus & Esther (Eddis) MTE. Charles T. b 1837 son of Thomas Theophilus & Felicite Anne (Browne) MTE. Thomas T. b 1795 son of Thomas Theophilus & Susannah Smith (Debonnaire) MTE. Thomas T. b 1747 descendent of Theophilus MTE bpt 3rd June 1610 Richmond, Yks. son of Matthew & Maria MTE. (?? Matthew son of Thomas MTE of Askrigg).

Mb 358. Michael T. Richardson, 18 Gordon Way, Dovercourt, Harwich, Essex. CO12 3TW.

PATERNAL grandmother was Mary Metcalfe of Shildon, Co Durham later of Darlington Co Durham.

Mb 359. Mr & Mrs Peter A. & June R. Metcalfe. 3 Selwyn Crescent, Welling, Kent. DA16 2AP.

Peter born York son of Thomas William Allan & Catherine (Broadhead) MTE mge 1932 at Heworth, York. Thomas W.A. b Oct 1907 Escrick near York, son of William & Ada ? (Gray) MTE.

Mb 360. Mrs C. Ann M. Willis. 44 Blind Lane, Chester le Street, Co Durham. DH3 4AG.

Great grand-dau of Joseph & Charlotte (MTE) Pyburn. Charloote born Jan 1818 at Newcastle NBL dau of Joseph & Hannah (Fleck) MTE mge May 1799 at Seamer near Stokesley Yks. Joseph b circa 1770 was agent for Lord Ravensworth at Trench Hall, near Lamesley.

Mb 361. Peter Clerehugh, 21 Rectory Close, East Hoathly, Nr Lewes. East Sussex,

son of Reginald & Katherine (Metcalf) Clerehugh, mge 1938. Katherine ^{BN8 6EG.} born 1911 at East Dereham, Norfolk, dau of George and Elizabeth (Vincent) MT. George b 1882 son of George and Louisa (Bambrook) MT. George b 1859 son of William and Agnes (Varley) MT.

Mb 362. Michael Leon Aldus, 74 Longmead Avenue, Great Baddow, Chelmsford,
Essex, CM2 7EY.

Great grandson of Joseph & Martha (Metcalf) Scott mge Nov 1855 Doncaster, Yks.
Martha bpt May 1836 St.Peters, Leeds, dau of James & Sarah MT who in 1841 CR
lived Moorside, Hunslet and in 1851 CR at 14 Brewery Place, Hunslet. James
b c1793 Hunslet.

Mb 363. Clive C. Metcalfe, 24 Denton Road, Denton, Newhaven, East Sussex.BN9 0PX.

Son of Charles Alfred & Eva (Potter) MTE mge 1933. Charles A. b 1905 son of
Alfred & Annie (Bryant) MTE mge 1903. Alfred b 1877 ? at Elsworth, Cambs. died
1950 Newhaven, son of Charles.

Mb 364. Mrs Ruth Cross, 18 Richmond Ave. Morecambe, L ancs.

born Whitefield, Manchester dau of Arthur & Rachel (Moshensky) MTE who married
c1925 at Bury, Lancs. Arthur b 1902 Ardwick, Manchester son of Charles and May
(Timmins) MTE. Charles was a self employed copper plater in Manchester.

Mb 365. Mr & Mrs Peter & Barbara Metcalfe, 44 Sandown Road, Stevenage,
Hertfordshire, SG1 5SF.

Peter is son of Cecil Stanley & Evelyn (Lane) MTE. Cecil S. born 1895 son of
Robert Ives & Caroline (Graves) Mte who married 1883. Robert Ives b 1861 son
of Robert Ives & Sarah Ann (Adams) MTE. Robert Ives bpt 27 Nov 1834 at Tydd
St Mary, Lincs. son of Robert Ives & Ann (Snushall) MTE who married 1833.
Robert Ives b 1792 son of Robert Sowden & Elizabeth Denton (Ives) MTE who mar
2nd Dec 1791 Spalding, Lincs. Robert Sowden bpt 12 Sep 1766 Gainsborough, Lincs.
died 1803 in Kingston, Jamaica, son of George and Rebecca (Morehouse) MTE who
married 1765. George b 1736 died 1813.

Mb 366. Ian White, 24 Mabel Street, Colne, Lancs. BB8 0JR.

Great grandson of John & Jane (Metcalf) Hillary, mge 1872 Marrick, Yks. Jane
(to be confirmed :- b C1850 at Muker dau of William & Rosamund MTE. William
bpt Sept 1821 Muker son of John & Ann (Scott) MTE mge 25.05.1812 Muker. John
bpt June 1779 Muker son of John (of Rash) and Sarah (Whitehead) MTE mge 7th
May 1772, Muker.)

Mb 367. Dale Metcalfe, 52 Princes Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN23 6HG.

born Steeton WR Yks. son of Jack & Margaret (Hanson) MTE. Jack b 1932 Burnley,
Lancs son of Robert & Mary Jane (Stuart) MTE. Robert b 1908 Burnley, Lancs son of
EPHAS MTE.

Mb 368. Mrs Sandra Quinn, C/- PO Coen, Queensland 4871. Australia.

Great great grand-dau of Carl & Margaret (Metcalf) Schiffermiller who married
July 1869 at Barton Church in parish of Tatenhill in Staffordshire, England.
Margaret bpt 1st April 1836 Masham, Yorkshire dau of John (Blacksmith of Masham)
and Margaret (?Elizabeth) (Beckwith) MTE who married 25th Jan 1834 Masham.
John b c1811 at Ilton, Masham, Yks.

Mb 369. Mrs Marjorie Unger, 15 Kanoona Avenue, St Ives, Sydney, New South Wales,
2075, Australia.

Grand-dau of John Alder MTE b c1839 Sudbury, Essex/Suffolk border, England son
of Abraham & Eliza May MTE.

Anyone willing to give Marjorie a helping hand ??

Marjorie called to see Michael & I earlier this year when on holiday near us
and joined on the spot !

Mb 370. Joseph W. Awmack, 3913 Olivia Place, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada,
V8P 4T3.

Son of Mr _ & Gertrude (Metcalf) Awmack. Gertrude b 1882 RIPON, Yks dau of John James & Hannah Elizabeth (Greenwood) MTE. John James bpt 1854 Ripon son of John & Mary Ann (Holmes) MTE mge March 1842 Leeds, Yks. John Bpt Dec 1820 Ripon son of Thomas & Dorothy (Longthorne) MTE mge Jan 1803 Ripon. Thomas bpt June 1781 Ripon son of John & Elizabeth (Hartley) MTE mge Nov 1777 Ripon. ? John bpt July 1746 Ripon son of James of Eavestone.

Mb 371. Kenneth Barrell, 21 Manor Park, Norton Fitzwarren, Taunton.Somerset TA2 6SG.
grandson of Jeffrey & Ann (Williams) MTE. Jeffrey born 23 July 1883 Ribbleshead, Yorkshire. died Dec 1956 Waterfoot, Lancs.

Mb 372. Mrs Marjorie Secher, Cocker Brows, Lamplugh Road, Cockermouth, Cumbria.
CA13 0DP.

and see Mb 356. Dau of Richard MTE son of William & Mary (Cragg) MTE. William b 1855 Whitehaven, Cumbria son of Richard & Elizabeth MTE. Richard bpt Dec 1809 Whitehaven, St James, son of Thomas & Ann MTE. Thomas bpt Sept 1781 Whitehaven son of Richard MTE.

Mb 373. Mr & Mrs Brian & Maureen Metcalfe, 24 Fairfield Road, Barnard Castle, Co Durham, DL12 8EB.

Brian son of William Edward & Adelaide Eleanor (Baty) MTE mge 1920 Darlington, St Cuthberts, Co Durham. William Ed b March 1890 Darlington son of George & Jane (Pickersgill) MTE mge Feb 1877 St Johns, Darlington. George b July 1853 Richmond, Yks son of George & Mary (Russell) MTE. George bpt March 1819 at Northallerton, Yks son of Johnson & Mary Ann (Pallister) MTE mge June 1818 Northallerton. Johnson bpt Apl 1799 Northallerton son of John & Jane (Carter) MTE mge Aug 1779 Northallerton. John bpt 16 Oct 1756 Northallerton son of John & Martha MTE. ?? John bpt 16 Nov 1721 Northallerton son of Christopher & Martha (Pybus) MTE mge 14 July 1714 Northallerton.

Mb 374. John Timothy Metcalf, 53 Cunningham Hill Road, St Albans, Herts.AL1 5BX.
Nothing received.

Mb 375. Miss Winifred M. Metcalfe, 220 Dimsdale Parade West, Newcastle, Staffs ST5 8EA.

and her sister

Mb 376. Mrs Margot E. Doyle, 1642 East 56th Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60637 USA.

Daughters of Robert Munkman & Emily (Berry) MTE mge 1902 Milton Church, Huddersfield Yorkshire. Robert Munkman born 1875 Huddersfield son of Thomas & Marget Jane (Munkman) MTE mge 1870. Thomas born 1835 Bold Street, Huddersfield son of John and Jane (Foster nee Cornthwaite) MTE.

Winifred & Margot would greatly appreciate any help that could be given by members living in the Huddersfield record area. Please would someone try to trace this family ?

Mb 377. Miss Rosemary Metcalf, 18 Hemmant Street, O'Connor, Canberra, ACT 2601, AUSTRALIA.

Descendant of Richard MT who arrived in Australia in 1863 OR his brother Edward who followed later. (Sorry Rosemary - you do not state which brother is YOUR ancestor). They came from Ardmore, Co Armagh, Ireland. To be confirmed :- (Richard & Edward sons of Edward & Margaret (Stephenson) MT mge Aug 1824 Montiaghs, Co Armagh.)

Mb 378. Mrs Marian Young, 13 Needham Place, Stirling, Canberra, ACT 2611, Australia.

Great great grand-dau of James & Margaret (Metcale) LAW who married 21.05.1850 Sedbergh, Yks, England. Margaret bpt Oct 1830 Sedbergh dau of Richard & Jane (Canby) MTE mge June 1812 Sedbergh. Richard b c1790 son of George & Bella MTE.

Mb 379. George Ramsay Metcalfe, 1781 Keith Place, Victoria, British Columbia.
Canada, V8P 1E5.

Born Alberta, Canada son of George Ramsay & Mary (Potts) MTE mge 1923. George Ramsay b 1887 son of George Ramsay & Barbara Jane (Laird) MTE. George Ramsay b 1875 Glasgow, Scotland son of William & Jessie (Ramsay) MTE. mge c1850.

Mb 380. L. Stuart Mitcalfe, PO Box 35297 Northway 4065 Durban, Rep of South Africa.

Grandson of Mowbray & Eveline Frances (Webster) Mitcalfe mge Southend on Sea, Essex England pre 1894. Mowbray bpt 28 May 1842 Old Church, St Pancras, London Eng. son of William & Mary (Dowson) Mitcalfe mge 2 Jan 1835 St Pancras, London. William b 3rd Mar 1787 of Tynemouth House in Huntington Place, Tynemouth/North Shields, Northumberland, son of William (of Dockwray Square, North Shields) & Margaret widow of John Kelso and dau of Stephned Wright, mge 12 Aug 1776. William bpt 15 Jan 1751 son of William of Tynemouth & Susanna (Brodrick) Mitcalfe mge 16th Jan 1746. William bpt 6th Mar 1720/21 Tynemouth son of John and Dorothy (Reed) Mitcalfe mge 15 July 1707 Tynemouth. John bpt 1 Sep 1684 Tynemouth son of William of North Shields. Williams bpt 7th Aug 1650 Tynemouth son of William of North Shields.

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Mb 350 Gordon James Metcalfe, see before...

Son of Albert MTE b 18 June 1904 (brother Percy was a sculptor & Medalist) son of John Harold Metcalfe b c1870 ? Mount Pleasant, Batley, Yks moved to New Scarborough near Wakefield, then to Barras Garth, Wortley - worked Leeds Fireclay Co: Wortley, Leeds.

BIRTH BRIEF UP-DATES

Mb 105 Ken McKenzie, 31 Longmeadows, East Herrington, Sunderland. SR3 3SB.

Mge of William Mte 1789-1868 to Margery HERON took place at Romal Kirk, Yorkshire now in Co Durham, 4th Dec 1813.

Mb 115. Mrs Nancy H. Metcalfe, 7 Colvin Street, Hughes, ACT 2605, Australia.

Mge of George Metcalfe to Ann Woodhall took place at Romal Kirk, Yorkshire now in Co Durham, 13th May 1826.

Mb 244. Gary & Christopher Metcalf, 66 The Strand, Newport, Victoria 3015 AUST:

William bpt 3 Dec 1826 Huddersfield, Eng. son of Edward & Eliza (Golden) MT mge 22 Feb 1824 Huddersfield. Edward c 1794 son of Edward & Sarah (Crowther) MTE mge 15th Aug 1791 Leeds. Edward bpt 21 June 1770 Leeds son of Edward & Susannah (Clifton) MTE mge 29 Nov 1767 Leeds. Edward buried 7 July 1775 of Meadow Lane Leeds.

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

Grandson of Noah Fenner Wade Frank MEDCALF born 26 Feb 1864 at Risbridge, Haverhill, Suffolk/Essex. son of Henry & Eleanor (Pettitt) Medcalf. Henry corn & coal merchant & bailiff may be the Henry bpt 26 Oct 1834 Suffolk son of Henry & Mary Ann Metcalfe.

REJOINED - BIRTH BRIEF

Mb 225 Mrs Laura A. Metcalfe. 62 Cleadon Drive, Nepean, Ontario, Canada. K2H 5P3.

Wife to Stanley Gardner Metcalfe b 1924 Ottawa son of Stanley Gladstone Gardner & Helena Janet (McNaughton) Metcalfe, mge 1922 Montreal. Stanley G.G. b 1888 at Riceville, Ontario son of Archibald Henry & Margaret Ogilvie (Gardner) MTE, mge 1886 Cornwall, Ontario. Archibald H. b 1857 Riceville son of Christopher & Mary (Campbell) MTE, mge 1851. Christopher b 20 Oct 1820 Woolleey parish of Yorkshire England son of Henry & Mary (Copley) MTE, mge 5 Aug 1816 Royston, Yks. Henry born circa 1779 Yorkshire.

Laura wonders if Henry born 1779 may have served in the Battle of Waterloo. Has anyone any idea of what records are available and where ??

CORRECTION - BIRTH BRIEF

Mb 230. Mrs Angela Baker (see New Address list).

BERNARD METCALFE who died in Newcastle, Northumberland in 1817 aged 80 years therefore born c 1737, supposed to be in Yorkshire.

OFFICIALS - PLEASE AMEND YOUR RECORDS :-

NEW ADDRESSES

Mb 61. Mrs Valerie Metcalfe from Stokesley to:- "Toft", 4 West End, Hutton Rudby, Yarm, North Yorkshire.

Mb 149. Mrs Pearl Tedds from Tasmania to :- 44 Sydney Street, Riverstone, 2765, New South Wales, Australia. (Sec:- I cannot find on map ?)

Mb 214. Miss Anne E. Austin from Tingley Yks to :- 9 Kenilworth Road, Cheadle Heath, Stockport, Cheshire. SK3 0QU.

Mb 230. Mrs Angela Baker from Harbury to :- 3 Gisborne Close, Yoxall, Staffs.DE13 8NU.

MEMBERS whose subs are still outstanding and are therefore deemed to have LEFT :-

22 Joseph Harker, USA.	90 Miss J.E. Metcalfe, Lancaster.
110 Mrs Jo Anne Schultz, USA.	135 Edward Dawson, Clapham.
223 Mrs E. Featherstone, Ipswich.	227 Mrs Dale Piercey, Western Australia.
236 Mrs Mgt Hamilton, Reading.	263 Mr N.L. Medcalf, Witney.
264 Mrs Joyce Blum, New Zealand.	268 Mrs Dorothy Benden, NSW, Australia.
270 Miss Violet Hewitt, Ulverston.	272 Mrs Gwenda Cottle, South Australia.
277 Mrs Yvonne Dalley, New Zealand.	278 Gary R. Medcalf, New Zealand.
285 Mrs Joan Noble, Newcastle.	286 Mrs Eileen Metcalf, Leyland.
287 Mrs Janet Cox, Bracknell.	293 Mr & Mrs Keith Metcalfe, Huddersfield.
299 George Peter Metcalf, Lincs.	313 Mrs Dorothy Boothroyd, Leeds.

MESSAGES from the Secretary :-

Mb 41 Mrs Ruth Kay. A Mr Charles Metcalfe, 22 Abercorn Grove, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, R3R 1V5 - recently made enquiries but hasn't joined. He was born 1962 son of Fred who was born 1903 son of William & Catherine (Windle) Metcalfe.

To Mbs 146. Mr & Mrs Roland Metcalfe. Census Return HO107 2371 near Carlton Miniott, John MTE head m 50 publican b Sandhutton, wife Sarah 44 b Hutton Sessay, son George 16, Ag lab b Kirby Wiske.

Kirby Wiske Parish Registers :-

Bpts : George 10 Aug 1834. John 13 Nov 1836. Sarah Alice 19 Dec 1841.

Burs : 21 Mar 1853 John MTE of Newsham aged 57.
08 Dec 1855 Sarah Alice MTE of Newsham aged 13.
10 Apl 1867 Sarah MTE of Newsham aged 62.

The above John born 1836 appears in 1851 CR at Cartersgill near Carlton Miniott, aged 14 servant, Farm labourer b Kirby Wiske.

John Metcalfe married Sarah Robinson 19th Sept 1833 at Thormanby, Yks.

To Mb 275. Jim Watson, Canada. Alexander Metcalf of Bilsdale (born Kirby Wiske) married 16 July 1825 at Northallerton, Yks to Mary Tyerman. by Banns.

To Mb 289. Mrs Debby Rose. Thank you for the information received in May. Don't give up ! The case of your missing great grandmother ELIZABETH JANE born circa 1885 is just why we have begun the project of recording the St Catherine's Index. Why not contact Sara Illingworth and see if you can join the research team.

Mb 290. Mrs Dorothy Metcalf Deane, 127 Highbourne Road, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5P 2J5 wrote to me in March. Her Birth Brief appeared in Dec 1988 Mecca News and 'to date she has received not one reply'. At the time of her letter she was recovering from an eye operation and would dearly love to contact any relatives.

Dorothy is the dau of Richard Henry and Emily Effron (Kelly) MT. Richard Henry b Aug 1855 in Canada son of George & Jane (Morphet) MT who married June 1835 at Clapham, Yks, England. They lived at Newfield House near Austwick before going to Canada in 1845. George born Sept 1808 at North Cote near Selside, Yks son of John & Maria (Tiplady) Mte.

CAN ANYONE HELP DOROTHY ?

To ????????? - I have a 'feeling' that someone, somewhere, is searching for a MICHAEL AND SUSANNAH marriage.....I've just found this one at Northallerton, Yorkshire in November 1754....MICHAEL METCALFE to SUSANNAH DONWELL, wit John MT.

MECCA MUSTER - SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER 1989 - TARN HOUSE HOTEL, SKIPTON, YKS.

Bookings have reached 40 which includes one overseas member, Kathleen Krowec from Canada.

Please send YOUR reservations AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, to the Secretary, they MUST be in no later than 31st AUGUST.

The booking form is on page 19 of our April issue but if anyone has lost this, just send a note with all names plus £ 6.50 per person plus SAE if you need an acknowledgement or a map.

PLEASE HELP YOUR SECRETARY SAVE JUST A FEW FINGER NAILS BY WRITING TODAY !!

ACCOUNTS

A copy of our annual accounting follows and our sincere thanks to Frank Bradley for his capable audit and to Margaret Metcalfe for her continuing concentrated work trying to keep us all on the straight tracks !

THANK YOU VERY MUCH BOTH OF YOU.

THE METCALFE SOCIETY - INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS - 06.Apl 1988 to 05.Apl 1989

<u>Expenditure</u>	£	£
Newsletters 25,26,27.		
Printing 25	130.00	
Dist: 25,26.	141.89	
Envelopes	44.84	
Address labels	10.00	
Accrued exps for printing 26 (billed)	60.14	
Printing 27 (est:)	80.00	
Distribution 27	<u>73.53</u>	540.40
Secretary's Expenses	210.97	
Helen Offer	35.93	
Dorothy Philp	10.35	
Treasurer	4.76	
Committee Exp (donated to Computer Fund)	<u>11.70</u>	273.71
Subscription to Guild of One Names		6.00
Advert Family Tree Mag:		34.15
Typewriter, Depreciation		16.00
Surplus on year's activity		<u>627.06</u>
		<u>1497.32</u>

<u>Income</u>	£	£
Subscriptions		
1988	280.73	
1989	976.71	
1989 paid in adv.	<u>16.00</u>	1273.44
From other activities		
Publications surplus (see sep a/c)		72.83
Mecca Muster surplus		77.00
N.S. Bank Interest		
1987	5.75	
1988	<u>107.51</u>	
	113.26	
Less attributable to Computer fund		
- 39.21		74.05
		<u>1497.32</u>

<u>Publications Account</u>	Expenditure	Income
	£	£
Back numbers, Cards & Misc:	8.20	29.60
	10.27	
Birth Briefs & } Wills Booklets }	111.60	36.75
		136.55
Surplus	<u>72.83</u>	
	<u>202.90</u>	<u>202.90</u>

<u>Computer Fund</u>	£
Balance at 6.4.88	462.39
Donations	
Sponsored Research	20.00
Raffle at Muster	144.00
Comm Exps foregone	11.70
Members	<u>58.37</u>
Interest	39.21
Balance carried fwd to 5.4.89	<u>735.67</u>

Balance Sheet at 5th April 1989

Liabilities

Capital at 5.4.88	988.54	
Add Surplus on year	<u>627.06</u>	
Capital at 5.4.89		1615.60
Computer Fund		735.67
Current liabilities		
Accrued Expenses (M.N 26 & 27)	213.67	
Subs in adv 1990	<u>19.99</u>	<u>233.66</u>
		<u>2584.93</u>

Assets

Typewriter	50	
less Accum Dep	39	11.00
Bank Balances		
Comp.Fund General		
NSB	501.60	611.66
TSB	<u>234.07</u>	<u>1226.60</u>
	735.67	1838.26
		<u>2584.93</u>

Signed M M Metcalfe
TREASURER

COMPUTER

Nina Benson

Our own computer should arrive within days - it is being fitted with some extras at the moment.

Charles Metcalfe mb 305 (address on back page) has been working on a pilot project transferring the first part of the General CARD Index to a computer database. This is progressing very well but it would help to speed matters up if there were any other members of the Society who :-

- a) owned IBM compatible P Cs
- b) were willing to help with the work of establishing the database.

If you are unsure about the compatibility of your hardware, Charles is happy for you to contact him by post or phone (Hayling Island 0705 - 467728).

We hope to have part of the database ready for the muster in October and to be able to demonstrate both what has been achieved and what the potential for the computer might be in furthering the Society's aims.

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If there is anyone who has a P C plus printer NOT compatible with IBM but who has time to spare and is willing to help us, we are URGENTLY needing help to publish our INDEX to LISTS.

It would be wasted time to produce this in its present form as it needs up-dating so regularly.

For this post - please contact your secretary !

CARDERS !

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Are VERY urgently required NOW .

If you have ANY time to spare we have a large back-log of vital information awaiting carding. HELP US to HELP YOU by spreading the work load and writing up a few cards now and then.

It may just provide a member with a missing link - it may even be YOU !

It is NOT hard work but you do need neat handwriting and a methodical mind - but so do all family historians.

PLEASE CONTACT SANIRA METCALF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...address on back page.

PERCY METCALFE

We mentioned in Mecca News No. 23 for December 1987 that Percy Metcalfe was awarded the C.V.O. (Royal Victorian Order) for his work in designing the commemorative medals for the 1937 Coronation of His Majesty King George VI, in the Coronation Honours List.

Peter Clerehugh, M.N. 361, of 21 Rectory Close, East Hoathly, Nr. Lewes, East Sussex, has now written to point out that Percy was also responsible for designing the 2½d stamp issued on the 29 July 1948 to commemorate the 1948 Olympic Games, showing the globe, surrounded by the laurel wreath of victory.

STRAYS extracted from the 1851 Census Co. DURHAM.

by Dorothy Pope, mb 55.

HO 107-2392.

Extra notes by Nina Benson.

Dawdon, in parish of Seaham Harbour. Page 32 Folio 586.

126 : South Rail Street

JOHN Mt Hd unnm 24 Leather seller
JANE Mt Sis unnm 26 -

b. Tan Hill. Durham.
b. West Boldon. Durham.

(John bpt 14.05.1828 Bowes son Christopher & Ann (Miller) mge 26.03.1811
Grinton. Christopher 5th son of Thomas & Annas (Binks) Mte.)

Seaham Harbour. Page 3 Folio 628R.

8 : Seaham Colliery

ROBERT MT Hd m 33 Labourer
SARAH MT wf m 32
THOMAS " s unnm 4
WILLIAM " s - 2
MARY ANN WALTER Visitor. Unm 18

b. Alston. Cumb.
b. Shotley Bridge. Durham.
b. Hartlepool. Durham.
b. Wearmouth. "
b. Seaham "

(Robert bt 13.04.1816 Alston, son Thomas & Phillis (Rowe) MD mge 18.02.1802
Alston.)

21 : Seaton Colliery

GEORGE MT Hd m 43 Waggenway labourer
MARGARET Mt wf m 49
John Boyd s U 15
ANN Metcalf d - 9
MARGARET Mt d - 7

b. Stanhope, Durham.
b. Lamesly, "
b. Easington, "
b. Dalton le Dale, Durham.
b. Seaham, Durham.

(George bpt 30.06.1805 Stanhope son of George & Ann (Elliot) Mt mge 11.05.1800
Stanhope).

Silksworth. Page 7 Folio 7R. In William Carter's household.

WILLIAM MT lodger. MAR. 34 Farm labourer

b. Bedale, Yorkshire.

(? Bpt 29.11.1812 Bedale son of William & Betty (Gale) Mte mge 01.01.1807.)

Silksworth. Page 12 Folio 10.

39 : Silksworth Gardens. In Isaac Miller's household.

SUSAN MEDCALF serv. Unm 16 House servant.

b. Dalton, Durham.

HO 107-2393.

Painshaw. Page 2 Folio 47.

6 : Coxgreen.

WILLIAM MT hd m 28 Shipwright
ELEANOR MT wf m 27
THOMAS MT s - 5
WILLIAM MT s - 3

b. Pallin ? Durham.
b. Ireland.
b. Herrington. DUR.
b. Painshaw. DUR.

Painshaw. Page 40 Folio 93.

160 : Shiney Row.

JOHN MTE hd M 38 Quarryman
ALICE MTE wf M 39
THOMAS A. MTE s - 9 Scholar
FANNY MTE d - 7
EMMA MTE d - 5
ELIZABETH MTE d - 3

b. Bellerby, YKS.
b. East Witton, YKS.
b. Gateshead, DUR.
b. Richmond, YKS.
b. Gathley Moor, YKS.
b. Painshaw, DUR.

(John bpt 5.4.1812 Spennithorne s Thomas & Elizabeth Mte. John m 13.7.1839 Wensley Yks,
= Alice Alderson. Their s Thomas Alderson Mte m 2.12.1861 Painshaw = Mgt Clark.)

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO THE FOLLOWING :-

General Index

Enquiries to Mrs Helen Offer as before. Enclose SAE or two IRCs.

Lists.

All to be sent direct to Miss Sandra Metcalf who will also deal with requests for COPY LISTS which MUST include SAE or two IRCs. All payments made out to Miss Sandra Metcalf.

Family Tress.

As before - to Mrs Christine Wadsworth but please take special care that you include your MEMBERSHIP NUMBER, NAME and ADDRESS (some have been arriving anonymously).

If you wish, you can also make this postal package serve as your 'General Index Enquiry' by enclosing the necessary pre-paid reply, as the whole package will eventually be forwarded to Helen Offer.

Christine Wadsworth will NOT deal with any enquiries.

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