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An Editorial Farewell

More than two years have finally taken their toll. Although I shall miss hearing from you, my public, pressures of work prevent me from pushing my publishing career further.

Sitting here secure in the home for the impoverished and bewildered and secure in the knowledge that "Mecca News - the Journal of the Metcalfe Society" is safe in the hands of Stuart Metcalfe, its new editor, it is comforting to see familiar faces around me, including Valerie Metcalfe and Vera Adams, my predecessors as editor.

In thanking you all for the help and support you have given me, I hope you will not mind my singling out Sandra Metcalfe and Sal Illingworth in particular for special thanks.

And sleep easy Stuart - we're saving a strait-jacket for you!

David Urwin

An Editorial Greeting

And so you can read that once again the News is having a change of editor. I approach the task with some diffidence, not really knowing what my qualifications are for the job other than the obvious one of name.

Having only been a member of the Society for two years I am very much a novice in the field of family history although I have had an interest in Social History for most of my life. Ah well! It serves me right for letting Nina know that I have a word-processor.

Seriously though I am honoured at being asked to tread in the footsteps of my distinguished predecessors, and believing as I do that membership of a society should involve giving as well as taking I am looking forward to the months ahead. Not least because I hope it will enable me to get to know many of you much better (hopefully by reading your contributions to the News!).

I would like to add my thanks and appreciation to those expressed elsewhere for David Urwin's work for the Society over the past few years. I for one will miss his interesting articles and editorial style (even if occasionally his comments were not well received by all his readers! See letter below.) It is a lucky editor indeed who manages to please all his readers all of the time.

Stuart Metcalfe

March 1990

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28th February 1990

Profession, Profession, Profession. I'm only too pleased that David didn't have a knuckle whacking ruler as well ; and, NO, is the answer to one member who wonders if we now need to pass an examination on entering the Society. But enough said - you'll have to take me as I am, WARTS AN' ALL !!

So we enter into our 10th year since Vera Adams and Mary Metcalfe planted the acorn and still the branches of the tree are spreading far and wide. I wonder, did they envisage the busy society it is to-day ?

We have received our Charity Status and I'm sure you would want me to thank, on your behalf, both Valerie Metcalfe and John Holden for the work they have done. Now we are working on how best we can use this status and news will be issued in due course. It does mean that we shall have to have a QUALIFIED accountant/auditor - have we one amongst our ranks who would volunteer ?

Latterly our accounts have been done by Frank Bradley and I should like to offer him the Society's sincere thanks for helping us in this way.

Unfortunately I have to report that Frank's wife Jean, whom many of you will know, suffered a major stroke last week and is still seriously ill and in hospital. I'm sure you will all join with me in wishing her well and sending her our love and our best wishes to Frank and their family. Jean and Frank have been tireless workers for the Society over the years since they joined but naturally they will now need to lighten that load, one way is to pass on the Newsletter Distribution work. Have we anyone willing to take this on ? Someone living near the Leeds/Mirfield area of West Yorkshire would be ideal. Please contact me if you would like more details and would consider helping in this way.

The Mecca Muster and AGM booking forms are enclosed in this issue. I trust we will find that the college in Ripon is an almost perfect venue. The lecture hall will seat up to 350 people with ample space for as many tables as necessary. The three course, self service, luncheon is in a separate room so there should be no shuffling of papers etc: ample parking on the site and every type of accommodation available in the Ripon/Harrogate area. On the assumption that this should prove an ideal spot I have made provisional reservations up to 1994.

Concerning the AGM and the election of a new chairman (John Holden retires this year), other officers and committee, please note that all nominations must be handed IN WRITING to the Secretary BEFORE the AGM commences and that they must be accompanied by the written agreement of the nominee. Normally the committee meets at Thornton in Craven, on a Saturday morning, in April and September. Committee members are, we hope, expected to take a share in the work load of the Society.

Will all present officers and committee members please remember that our YEAR END is 5TH APRIL and to forward their expense accounts to the Treasurer immediately afterwards - whether they are claiming funds or not. Please also remember that we ALL pay our subscriptions separately and DO NOT deduct them from any expenses.

Talking about subscriptions - our well laid plans for payment were made a nonsense of by the lateness of the newsletter and as I write we still have 108 outstanding. I consider this an horrendous figure and pray that it only needs a reminder to get you all galloping along to the post box ! Following a decision taken at the AGM 1989 I have only listed membership numbers - no names - so I hope you'll all recognise yours if its there.

Helen Offer tells me that records from Lincolnshire are thin on the ground, if you are able to help with these please contact Helen to see where best to begin.

I'd like to end by saying a big thank you for the lovely cards sent to me for Christmas and to Alison Hutton of New Zealand a thank you for the copy of the photograph of the pair of us, taken in my back garden. To Kathleen

Krowec of Canada for the photograph of a few of us taken at the Muster - she wanted me to identify the others - they include Joan & Bill Metcalfe, of 15 Shaftesbury Avenue, Penwortham, Preston, Lancs. PR1 0AY. Stuart and daughter Helen Metcalfe, 31 Blake Hall Drive, Mirfield, West Yks. WF14 9NL; AND ONE other gentleman whose name completely escapes me (its my age you know !!).

Best wishes to you all - sorry to be so long winded this issue - seemed to be a lot to say. Good hunting in 1990 and do remember to call if you're in the area, you are always welcome but more so if you ring me first !!

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Nina E Benson

Members Reporting

Gina Mackenzie, MN310, of 98 Kingston Rd, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 7BT, writes to report a link with Joe Awmack MN370, through Maria Holmes Metcalfe of Ripon who married James LINDAY in 1877 at Redcar. Gina wonders if any researchers have come across the name LINDAY or LINDOW, as they disappear around 1840.

Laura Metcalfe, MN 225, 62 Cleadon Drive, Nepean, Ontario Canada, K2H 5P3, wonders are any Society members connected to the Raisgill (Arncliffe, YKS) Metcalfes, especially Henry bpt 1778 son of Christopher and Margaret Metcalfe of Hالتongill.

James M Metcalfe, MN 20, Badcock House, Old Boars Hill, Oxford. OX1 5JQ. writes to give news re Hertlington - arms - a Stag. (See pages 6 & 7 in Mecca News Dec 1989).

"Fulk de Panell had vast territories in England and among them the rich manors of Hert and Hert-le-pol, Durham. His dau Agnes de Panell intermarried with Robert de Brus and the estates passed into the hands of the de Brus family. They had two sons and a daughter, :-

Adam, progenitor of the Bruces in Skelton. Robert (3) ancestor of the Bruces in Annandale and Lord of Hert and Hert-le-pol. Agnes married Ranulf, son of Ribald, Lord of Middleham, Co Ebor, receiving as her dowry the Manor of Aibewic in Herte'pol. Robert retained his Lordship of Hert and Hert-le-pol, (my opinion is that Ranulf took the title 'of Hertlington'). Proving who possessed Manors in Durham is difficult because Durham was not included in the Domesday Book. York forms part of the record, although large parts of Yorkshire suffered from the same misfortune. (v Bawdons Domesday of Yorkshire).

From History of Hert and Hert-le-pol, Sir Cuthbert Sharp. "

ALTERATIONS TO NAMES and ADDRESSES, etc:

Rejoined - MN 227 Mrs Dale Piercey, PO Box 198, Esperance 6450, Western Australia. However, from March to Sept 1990 ONLY, Dale will be based at C/o 23 Moorside Ave; Bolton, Lancs. BL1 6BE.

New Name - MN 214 Miss Anne Austin now Mrs Anne Rhodes, 9 Kenilworth Road, Cheadle Heath, Stockport, Cheshire. SK3 0QU. Best wishes Anne.

Corrections

MN 5 Mrs Barbara Kent - post code should read DY8 1NA.

MN 329 George Pullan - lives at FEATHERSTON Drive - NOT FeatherstoneE.

New Addresses

MN108 Mrs Isobel Christian to 107A 15th Avenue, Tauranga, New Zealand.

MN 159 Mrs Ida Metcalfe to 30 Deanpoint, Morecambe, Lancs. LA3 3DJ.

MN 177 Alan David Metcalfe to 20 Meldon Grange, Morecambe, Lancs, LA3 2HH.

New addresses continued.....

MN 219 Trevor Metcalfe to 24 Jarnahill Drive, Mountcoolum, Queensland 4573, AUS:

MN 275 James L Watson FROM 26th MARCH 1990. to 1580 Mississauga Valley Blvd,
Apt 512, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. L5A 3T8.

MN 297 Mrs Shian A. Waugh, FROM 1ST JUNE 1990 to Pokuru Road, RD5, Te Awamutu
North Island, New Zealand.

EDITOR

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank David Urwin for his past hard work on behalf of the Society and to wish him all the best on his retirement from this task.

NEW EDITOR

Stuart Metcalfe, 31 Blake Hall Drive, Mirfield, West Yorkshire, WF14 9NL.

Stuart kindly agreed to take over from David and we hope you will all give him your support by feeding him plenty of news, views, articles and (nearly) anything else you can think of.

OUTSTANDING SUBSCRIPTIONS

AS AT 16TH MARCH 1990

If you have paid since this date please ignore this reminder.

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384. 387. 392. 395. 399.

Members who are doubtful about their membership numbers will find them on the corner of the address label.

LOST....our "list" of Richmondshire Civil Marriages 1653-1660.

Has anyone got a copy they let Nina Benson have?

MN331. Mr E.W. Dodding, 19 Outwood Walk, Horsforth, Leeds. LS18 4JG.

Writes to tell us about a PLATE in his possession - 9" diameter, with white base and blue decoration, it is reported to have been given to staff, on leaving their term of service at Nappa Hall. Do any members know if this did happen?

BIRTH BRIEFS.

We extend a hearty welcome to the following new members:-

No: 391. Mrs Valerie Ellis, Dorset Cottage, 18 Oak Road, Cobham. Surrey. KT11 3AZ.

Descendant of Anne Metcalfe bpt Richmond Yks. 29 May 1777 dau of John Mte, chandler. Anne, who died in Liverpool 1852, marries firstly Joseph Hodgson and secondly to John Carter. Her father JOHN MTE married Jane Dennison in 1776.

Valerie thinks that John may have been the brother of Anthony MTE also of Richmond and who married in Sep 1776 to Elizabeth Orton. Anthony was also a chandler & grocer.

No: 392. Miss Margaret A. Evered, # 2702, 7 Jackes Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
M4T 1E3.

Related to MN61 Mrs Valerie Metcalfe, MN328 Miss Muriel Metcalfe and MN413 Mrs Audrey Metcalfe,

Great grand-dau of John Richard Metcalfe & hw Hannah MAYMAN. JR bpt 8 June 1860 at Helmsley, Yks. son of John & Alice MTE. John bpt 18 Mar 1828 son of Thomas & Ann (Moorhouse) MTE mge 17 Mar 1818 Helmsley. Thomas Bpt 16 July 1797 Helmsley son of Richard & Anne (Megginson) Mte. Richard bpt 15 Aug 1756 Whorlton nr Stokesley, Yks son of James & his 1st wife Margaret Waddy mge 9 Sep 1755 Whorlton. James bpt 26th July 1730 s o Richard & his 2nd wife Mary Sweet mge 19 Sep 1723 Whorlton.

No: 393. Mrs Eileen Alderson. 43 Brompton Rd, Northallerton, North Yorks. DL6 1ED.

Grand-dau of Elizabeth Metcalfe & her husb Joseph HIRD. Elizabeth b c1878 Redmire, dau of ?Richard & Isabella Mte. Richard ? bpt 28 Aug 1836 Coverham, Yks son of Thomas & Elizabeth (Walker) Mte mge 7 Apl. 1829 Coverham.

No: 394. Raymond Metcalfe, 78 Church Hill Road, Walthamstow, London. E17 9RX.

Son of George & Edith Mary (Fulleylove) Mte mge 3 Oct 1918 Darlington, Co Durham. George born 1876 25th Sep, at Spring End Farm, Gunnerside, Swaledale Yks. son of John & Mary Metcalfe.

No: 395. Mr & Mrs David & Dorothy Metcalf, 20 Bargate, Richmond, North Yorkshire.
DL10 4QY.

David was born in Wensleydale.

No: 396. Ms Olive Metcalfe & Mr David Metcalfe. 14 Forster Rd. Beckenham, Kent.
BR3 4LJ.

Children of Cuthbert Edward & Hilda (Spice) Metcalfe mge 1926 London. Cuthbert b 1898 son of Cuthbert & Sarah Louise (Ambridge) Mte mge 18 Dec 1897, London. Cuthbert, a surgical instrument maker, was son of Benjamin Metcalfe, who was a Silver Polisher.

No: 397. Olive Metcalfe, 7 St Nicholas Close, Copmanthorpe, York.
and

No: 398. William Raymond Metcalfe, 1 West Auckland Terrace, Cockerton, Darlington. DU

Brothers to MN 305 Charles S. Metcalfe. Sons of Charles Herbert & Martha (Preston) Metcalfe mge 1927 Richmond, Yks. Charles b 1899 Scorton, Yks s.o. William & Mary (Blackburn) MTE mge 22 May 1884, Sandhutton, Yks. William b 1859 Thornton le Moor, Yks son of Robert & Hannah (Parvin) Mte mge 24 Nov 1849 North Otterington, Yks. Robert bpt Apl 1823 Langton, Yks son of George & Susannah Mte. George bpt Aug 1795 Langton son of Christopher & Hannah (Brown) Mte mge July 1781 Langton. Research continues...

No: 399. Messrs Brian & Dominic Metcalfe, 142 Halifax Rd. Bradford 6. West Yks.

Nothing known.

No: 400. Mr & Mrs Harry & Margaret Joan Metcalfe, Summerfield Cottage, Bainbridge, Leyburn, North Yorkshire. DL8 3EL.

Harry is now the relief HORN BLOWER at Bainbridge in Wensleydale. He stands in for his grandson Alister Metcalfe who has blown the Horn for the last eight years since he was 10 years old. As Alister has now begun at college Harry has to take over.

Harry and his brother Winston (see MN 403) are sons of James (also the Horn Blower in his time) and Jane (Outhwaite) Metcalfe, mge 13 July 1898 Askrigg. James b c1875 son of John (another Horn Blower) and Alice (?Blenkiron) ?mge 22 Mar 1864 at Wensley. John bpt 23 July 1843 Askrigg son of William & Margaret (Sill) Mte mge 15 Oct 1836 Askrigg. William bpt 18 Nov 1816 Askrigg son of John & Margaret (Blades) MTE mge 31 Jan 1803 Askrigg. John was a butcher in Askrigg, b c1781 in Bainbridge.

Harry very kindly sent me a hand painted bookmark showing the Bainbridge Horn and a shield with 3 calves and 'Conquiesco' - I am content. Many thanks Harry, it has been widely admired (Sec:)

Other members should recognise part of this line. See also MN403 and MN410.

No: 401. Harry Myles Metcalfe, 'Sherwood' 6A Babbacombe Rd, Torquay, Devon. TQ1 3SF.

Son of Percy Walter Metcalfe. PW son of Myles & Sarah Mte. Myles b c1875 Skipton area of Yorkshire. Myles related to JIM Metcalfe a famous Wakefield Rugby full back.

No: 402. Mrs Veronica M. Noble, 20 Hutton Lane, Stretton, Warrington, Cheshire. WA4 4NG.

Great great grand-dau of Thomas Vaughan (1787-1871) and his wife Lydia Metcalf who was bpt 9 Nov 1787 Oswestry, Salop. Lydia dau of Joseph & Ann (Evans) Mt mge 12th Nov 1786 Oswestry.

?? related to MN76 Mrs Helena Cooper of Leicester.

No: 403. Messrs Winston & Brian Winston Metcalfe, 22 St Milburgh Close, Offenham, Evesham, Worcs: WR11 5RJ.

See members number 400 and 410.

No: 404. Mrs Elsie Hurst, 126 Halifax Road, Nelson, Lancs. BB9 0EL.

Gt grand-dau of Samuel & Margaret (Metcalfe) Gill mge 16 June 1860 Skipton, Yks. Margaret bpt 28 Sep 1834 Hawes, Yks. dau of Thomas & Alice (Whalley) MTE mge 18th Jan 1824 or 1826 at Hawes. Thomas bpt 2 Nov 1796 Sedbergh Yks, son of Isaac and Mary MTE. Isaac bpt 6 Jan 1747/8 Stalling Busk son of John & Isabel (Metcalfe) Metcalfe mge 26 Sep 1747 at Stalling Busk.

Related to MN118 Mr & Mrs Robert Metcalfe of Fountains Abbey, Yorkshire.

No: 405. John James Medcalf, 86 South East Road, Sholing, Southampton. SO2 8JT.

Son of Walter Hiram & Dorothy Enid (Harrison) MD mge March 1925. W.H. b Feb 1903 son of John & Mary Jane (Rogers) MD mge Oct 1894 Birmingham. John b June 1872 son of Walter & Lavinia (Lewis) MD mge Dec 1867, Luton, Beds. Walter b Nov 1846 son of George & Ann (Root) MD mge Feb 1832 Hundon, Suffolk. George b July 1803 son of Samuel & Elizabeth (Granger) MD mge Jan 1800 Poslingford.

No: 406. Miss Edna E. Outhet. 150 Falsgrave Rd. Scarborough, North Yorkshire. YO12 5BE.

Descendant of John Outhett who married Agnes Metcalfe 2 Jan 1844 at Stallingbusk. See also MN 400, 403 & 410.

No: 407. Mrs Adeline M. Elford, 26 Hood Square, Springhead, Near Oldham, Lancs. OL4 5SL.

Grand-dau of Richard Edmund & Adeline (Metcalfe) ALSTON, mge 1876 Heywood, Lancs. Adeline b 1851 near Bury, Lancs dau of Peter, a gardener, and Phoebe (Bruce) MTE, mge March 1845. Peter b c1817/18 son of JOHN ?? farmed near Tholthorpe, York.

No: 408. Mrs Margaret Cooper, 81 Burniston Rd, Newby, Scarborough. YO12 6PH. Nth Yks.
Gt-Grand-dau of Thomas & Margaret (Metcalf) Nichols mge 10 Dec 1815 St Peters, Leeds.
The family resided in Northgate, Wakefield and were Printers & Booksellers and had children James Anthony 1817, Thomas 1819, George 1821 and Elizabeth 1824.

No: 409. Mrs Diane J. Howarth, Craggley Cottage, 242 Chestnut Avenue, Stoneham, Eastleigh, Hampshire. SO5 3HN.

Dau of Malcolm Stanley & Norma (Musgrave) Metcalfe mge 1956 Hartlepool Co Durham.
Malcolm b 1933 Hartlepool son of Harry Craggs & Elsie (Simpson) Metcalfe mge 1928.
Harry b 1898, Hartlepool son of Richard & Elizabeth Ann Craggs (Andrew) Metcalfe, mge Dec 1893. Richard b 1868 Hartlepool son of Stephen & Jane (Robinson) MTE mge 1861 Hartlepool. Stephen b 1834 Bishopton, Co Durham son of William & Margaret (Robinson) MTE mge 1819 Bishopton. William b c1794 Yorkshire.

1851 Census for Stranton HO107 2384 Folio 115 has Stephen Metcalfe - Sec:

No: 410. Mrs Denny M. Minnitt and her sister Mrs Signy H. Allen, Seata House, Askrigg, Leyburn, North Yorkshire. DL8 3HG.

Nieces of Harry & Winston Metcalfe MNs 400 & 403 as they are the daughters of Richard Mason & Margaret Alice (Metcalf) CHAPMAN. Margaret Alice b 1905 elder sister of the above Harry & Winston.

They have been able to add further information which ties in with other member's lines. They also state that JOHN METCALFE b c1781, the butcher in Bainbridge, was bpt 2nd Sep 1780 son of James of Bainbridge.

Richard Mason CHAPMAN is related to Christopher & Eleanor (Metcalf) Chapman's family and whose dau Elizabeth married George Metcalfe of Worton (?MN178 Vicky Young's line) on 28 Apl 1823 at Askrigg. Their son Christopher married 1846 Stalling Busk to, firstly Jane Metcalfe* of Countersett and 2nd Esther Alderson, widow nee TIPLADY.

*Jane Metcalfe bpt Nov 1823 dau of John & Margaret (Moore) Metcalfe, mge Nov 1815. John a mason & joiner born Oct 1793 son of William & Ann (Tomlin) Metcalfe. William bpt May 1759 son of John Metcalfe of Marsett.

Along these lines they also connect into the families of MNs 296 & 297 Mrs C.E. Sykes and Mrs Shian Waugh and to MN54 Roger Clough.....and.....

if we go back to the mge of Margaret Metcalfe b 1850 (dau of Christopher & Jane) mge 20 Mar 1873 at Stalling Busk to John Outhwaite....this John was the son of John and Agnes (Metcalf) Outhwaite mge 2 Jan 1844 and see MN406 Miss Edna Outhet.

Agnes Metcalfe bpt Dec 1821 Stalling Busk dau of John & Agnes (Metcalf) Metcalfe mge 7 May 1812. John born 25 June 1786 Marsett son of John Metcalfe of Marsett and his wife Elizabeth PREST mge 28 Sep 1785..... and don't this pair fit into the tree of MN55 Mrs Dorothy Pope etc etc etc.....and now turn to MN415 !!

PHEW !

No: 411. Mrs Sandra Wood, Swale View, Low Row, Richmond. North Yorkshire. DL11 6NE.

After the last entry I'm almost pleased to report that Sandra does not have any Metcalfes among her ancestors but is intensely interested in the old homelands of Swaledale.

Her company 'Corporate Link' at the above address has produced one book of old photographs and they have plans for at least two more which will include details and photographs provided by some of our members.

No: 412. Mrs Peggy Taylor. 22 White Hart Lane, Hawkwell, Hockley, Essex. SS5 4DQ.

Dau of George William & Eliza (Wilson) Metcalfe mge June 1904 at the Parish Church, Shildon, Co Durham. George William b Apl 1874 Shildon, son of John, a miner and Mary Ann (Hutchinson) MTE mge 12 June 1869 at St Cuthberts' Church in the parish of Forcett, Yorkshire. John was a labourer at this time and gave his father's name as CHRISTOPHER, a commercial dealer. John & Mary Ann Mte, 25 & 22, were in the Bay Horse Yard in New Shildon in the 1871 census, Ref RG10-4929 folio 55, when John states he was born in Brompton, Yorkshire.

No: 413. Mrs Audrey Metcalfe. 10 Shadwell Walk, Moortown, Leeds, West Yks. LS17 6EG.

Related to MN61 Mrs Valerie Metcalfe. MN328 Miss Muriel Metcalfe and MN392 Miss M. Evered.

Audrey is the widow of Oswald Metcalfe s of Harry & Mary Hannah (Walker) Metcalfe. Harry son of John Richard Metcalfe bpt June 1861 Helmsley, Yks.....now turn back to No: 392.

No: 414. Thomas K. Metcalfe, 39 Thornbury Rise, Darlington. DL3 9NE. Co Durham.

Nothing known.

No: 415. Mr & Mrs John C.P. & Caroline M. Metcalfe. 25 Northwick Road, Barbourne, Worcester. WR3 7DS.

John Christopher Peter Metcalfe son of Godwyn & Joyce (Bradley) Metcalfe. Godwyn son of John & Mary (Outhwaite) MTE. John son of George & Mary (Outhwaite) Mte mge 29 June 1878 Stalling Busk, Yks. George son of Christopher & Jane (Metcalfe) Metcalfe mge 31 Jan 1846 Stalling Busk.

Now turn back to MN410 to see how John has found an intstant LARGE family !

No: 416. Ms Jennie Walker, 149 Bradford Road, Wakefield, West Yorkshire. WF1 2AN.

Grand-dau of John & Sarah Jane (Bexon) Metcalfe mge 27 May 1884 St Marys, Barnsley, Yks. John bach 25 yrs. Bobbin maker of Barnsley, father JOHN Metcalfe, gardener. Therefore John b c1859 - lived in Ripon, Yks as a young man.

No: 417. Wilfred H. Medcalf, 39 Lady Byron Lane, Knowle, Solihull, West Midlands. B93 9AT.

Nothing known.

No: 418. Hamilton Smith, 8 Stockdale Court, Northallerton. North Yorkshire. DL6 1DL.

All that Hamilton knew about his ancestors was that his grandmother FANNY METCALFE married Thomas Horner...but...from all the records I was able to discover quite a family. Fanny married Thomas at Catterick, Yks on 7th Feb 1884 when she gives her age as 23 and her father as William Mte, labourer. She was bpt at Catterick 22 Apl 1860 dau of William BOWE Metcalfe and his wife Jane Sheppard who mge at Catterick 5 Sep 1843. William 7th child of 10, bpt 4 Mar 1813 at Catterick son of William Bowe and Jane (Lockey) Mte, who married 23 Nov 1799 at Catterick. William Bowe MTE bpt 25 Feb 1773 at BOWES near Barnard Castle son of John & Elizabeth (BOWE) MTE who married 14 Nov 1763 at Brough under Stainmore, Westmorland. John buried at Bowes 16 Nov 1823 aged 82, therefore born c1741.

No: 419. Mr & Mrs Nicholas Stephen & Patricia Anne Metcalfe, High Garth, 5 Clixby Lane, Grasby, Barnetby, South Humberside, DN38 6AJ.

Descendant of Christopher Metcalfe 1823-96 who farmed at Countersett and later at Bainbridge. If this is the family that is shown at 'West Borwins' Bainbridge in the 1881 census then it is also the family line of Member 415 above.

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UP-DATING BIRTH BRIEFS.

MN Mrs Ruth Herzberg. 1950 Ohio S.W. Huron. South Dakota. 57350. U.S.A.
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Recent confirmation of the marriage on 6th Sep 1873 at Muker, Yks. England of Thomas Metcalfe, 27, bach. farmer of Spring End. father John Metcalfe, farmer.....to..... Jane Kearton, 24, Spr of Kisdon, Muker. father James Kearton, farmer. Witnesses Joseph and Mary Metcalfe.

MN 244. Gary & Christopher Metcalf. 66 The Strand, Newport, Victoria 3015. Australia.

Although Gary & Christopher have discovered the ancestry of William Metcalf who was born 7 Nov 1825 in Huddersfield, Yks; they cannot trace when he arrived in Australia. William was a seaman - ticket no: 49691 and first went to sea in 1841, he gained his

MN 244 cont'd.....ticket at Goole in 1845 (aged 19 yrs). We know he was 5'1½" tall, with brown hair and blue eyes and we know most of the ships in which he sailed between then and when we last hear of him on the ship ALVERTON as an Able Seaman, departing from the Port of London 1854 with Master Robert Clarkson.

MN 371. Kenneth Barrell, 21 Manor Park, Norton Fitzwarren, Taunton, Somerset. TA2 6SG.

Grandson of Jeffrey and Ann (Williams) MTE. mge 9 Sep 1939 Burnley, Lancs. Jeffrey b 23 July 1883 Redmire, Yks. died 4 Dec 1956 at Cowpe near Waterfoot, Lancs, 6th child of James & Margery (Metcalf) MTE. mge 27 Feb 1869 Hawes, Yks, they also had :- John b c1871 Mickelthwaite, Elizabeth c1873 Mickelthwaite, James c1875 Appersett, Margery c1877 Appersett, Mary c1879 Appersett & possibly one further daughter b after 1883.

James born 21 Apl 1848 Snaizholme near Hawes son of John & Elizabeth (Calvert) MTE. Margery born 27 Sep 1846 Marcett, bpt Oct Stalling Busk 3rd child of at least 4 to James & Margery (Whaley) Metcalfe, who also had :- Hannah 1834 Bainbridge. James 1841 same. Thomas 1848 same. (? John Whaley bpt 3rd June 1827 at Ingleton -Sec:). JAMES b c1800 Bainbridge bpt 5 June 1800 Askrigg son of James & ? Metcalfe.

MN 385. Andy Kerridge, 86 Roman Rd. Luton, Beds. LU4 9SE.

Ancestor ADAH's parents were John & Ellenor (JOWETT) Metcalfe, m 26 May 1818 at Ripley, North Yorkshire.

MN 388. David & Margery Metcalfe, 110 Stratfield Rd. Borehamwood, Herts. WD6 1XB.

Ancestor William Metcalfe m ADAH THERESA FILLINGHAM. William b Oct 1858 son of Aaron & Ann Metcalfe. Aaron b Nov 1815 son of George & Elizabeth MTE. All in Nottinghamshire.

OFFERS OF HELP

MN 371 Kenneth Barrell, address above, offers reciprocal research at TAUNTON in Somerset in exchange for work at CRO NORTHALLERTON.

MN 385 Andy Kerridge, address above, offers help in the LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE area.

DID YOU KNOW ?

GLEANINGS GATHERED BY SECRETARY.

MN 119 Mrs Vi Simpson may like to know :- From the Reeth Methodist Circuit Registers, Bpt 14th June 1868 at WHAW (in Arkengarthdale) GEORGE WILLIAM son of Henry & Isabella Metcalfe of Whaw. Born 20th May 1868.

MN 366 Ian White - from same source as above - Bpt 29th August 1847 Mary Ann dau of William and Rosamund Metcalfe of Muker aged 2½ months.

Several members - from Askrigg BURIALS registers - 1st May 1787 JAMES MTE, Butcher of Bainbridge...also....11th Feb 1782 MARGARET wife of James Metcalfe of Bainbridge.

MN 100 & MN 104 - Nigel & Neville Metcalfe - From SKIPTON registers of Holy Trinity Church. Bpt 22 May 1870 Sarah Frances dau of Richard Francis Nicholls & Sarah Metcalfe of Skipton, joiner, born 8th May....and.... John George ditto, born 8th May.

From papers held at CRO Northallerton, Ref PR/BOG 11. School at Redmire, Wensleydale. Lease. Rev C.A.M. Pauli & Wm Lambert to George Metcalfe 6 Apl 1857.

Lease. The Managers of the School to George Metcalfe 17 Mar 1916.

Repairs, letter and vouchers c 1908.

ALL REFER TO NETTLEBED FARM, CRACKPOT in SWALEDALE.

MN196. Mrs Ann Dunstan, 'Swandale', RMB828, Donald 3480, Victoria, Australia.

Sends the following :-

Thomas MT son of John & Alice (Kelly) MT was b c1802 Wicklow, Ireland, he arrived NSW Australia c1832 and moved to Victoria in 1852 where he married Jane Spinks in 1859. No issue. Died 18 Jun 1879 Hawthorn, bur Melbourne General Cemetery. In 1875 he was listed at Hawthorn as a draper & Registry Office. It is possible Thomas is connected to John MD/MT (see Apl 1989 p 4.)

BRITISH IMMIGRATION TO VICTORIA - Resource Kit - Public Records Office, Victoria.

Stage 1 - Assisted Immigrants from U.K. 1839 - 1871.

| Surname | Given name | Ship Name | Arrival
Month | Arrival
Year | Page
number | Book
Number |
|----------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Medcalf | Ann | Theresa | OCT | 1863 | 263 | 14 |
| Medcalf | Elizabeth | Medway | DEC | 1857 | 96 | 13 |
| Medcalf | Ellen | Medway | DEC | 1857 | 96 | 13 |
| Medcalf | Jane | Theresa | OCT | 1863 | 263 | 14 |
| Medcalf | John | Medway | DEC | 1857 | 96 | 13 |
| Metcalf | (INF) (BOB) | OCEAN Monarch | JUN | 1856 | 262 | 11 |
| Metcalf | Mary | ditto | JUN | 1856 | 262 | 11 |
| Metcalfe | Dorothy | Oithona | DEC | 1861 | 89 | 14 |
| Metcalfe | Elizabeth | John & Lucy | DEC | 1858 | 275 | 13 |
| Metcalfe | Mary | Marquis of Bute | NOV | 1841 | 203 | 1 |
| Metcalfe | Sarah | John & Lucy | DEC | 1858 | 275 | 13 |
| Metcalfe | William | Marquis of Bute | NOV | 1841 | 203 | 1 |

Mrs Dunstan is willing to check the Registers for anyone interested in the above.

SALT LAKE CITY

Stuart Metcalfe MN47 of Eureka, California, U.S.A. kindly sent me a Registration form for the LDS Church records. This has been completed in our name together with many variant spellings and was duly sent back to Salt Lake City in November last year. Hopefully we should now receive a FLOOD of enquiries !

Thank you Stuart.

MUSTER ACCOUNTS SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER 1989.

| Income | | Expenditure | |
|------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| Fees, 80 @ 6.50 | 520.00 | Tarn House Hotel | |
| Raffle | 85.00 | 73 @ 5.75 | 419.75 |
| Badges | 124.75 | Expenses | 54.47 |
| Donations | 12.50 | Reimbursements (?) | 45.50 |
| Literature sales | 20.10 | Excess over income | 242.63 |
| | £ 762.35 | | £ 762.35 |

THOMAS METCALFE = ANNAS BINKS married 16th October 1769 at Grinton, Yks.

All members with links to this couple may like to know that I have recently received an enquiry (the lady declines to join our ranks) from Mrs M.A. Jackson, 60 Redburn Drive, Shipley, West Yorkshire. BD18 3AZ. Her connection is through Leonard b 1819 Bowes, son of Christopher (5th s of Thomas & Annas) & h w Ann Miller.

THE GREEN HOWARD CONNECTION

As a result of Jean Bradley's published Metcalf interest in the "Family Tree" magazine the following list of Metcalfes has been received from Peter Redman in Essex. Peter's interest is in Bloser not Metcalfe but he kindly let Jean have the information.

Pte. Albert Machen Mte 44114 from Eldon Co. Durham
1st Battalion ex 28239 Durham L I
Killed in action 12.11.17 France

Pte. Thos Mte 19679 from Coundon Gr. 1st Battalion
Killed in action 30.11.15 France

Pte Tom Mte 20802 from Hawes 1st Battalion
Killed in action 4.10.18 France

Pte. Wm Mte 10627 from Leeds
1st Battalion
Died of wounds 8.7.16 France

Pte. Godfrey Mte 201890 born Ellingstring lived Middleham
2nd Battalion
Killed in action

Nor...?.. Mte 241007 from Beverley 2nd Battalion
Died 3.2.17 UK.

Pte. Edward Mte 8270 born Marske lived South Bank
6th Battalion
Killed in action 7.8.15 Gallipoli

L/Cpl Geo. Mte 10703 born Askew, Bedale lived Flushdyke, Ossett
6th Battalion
Killed in action 7.8.15 Gallipoli

C/Sgt John Henry Mte 3/8473 born Crakehall lived Darlington
6th Battalion
Killed in action 21.8.15 Gallipoli

Pte. Wm. Mte 11622 born Sunderland 6th Battalion
Killed in action 15.12.15 Gallipoli

Pte. Henry Mte 10430 born Selby lived Bingley
9th Battalion
Killed in action 5.10.18 France

Pte. Fred'k Chas. Mte 22594 born Liverpool lived Thornaby on Tees
13th Battalion
Died of wounds 23.4.18 France

Pte. Sidney Mte 29421 born Walsall
13th Battalion ex 28465 Sherwood Foresters
Killed in action 1.2.18 France

COMPUTER UPDATE

Visible signs of progress were the address labels on the previous and this copy of your Mecca News, produced from a list held, updated and printed by a computer. It took four or five minutes to perform a previously tedious task and lighten the distribution load of Jean and Frank Bradley.

Entry of the name index is going ahead quite swiftly, though at the time of writing - January - the daunting task of entering 'J' is being taken on by President Helen Offer, some 4,000 entries!!

I'm writing this in January as for the next two months my wife and I are off to Fiji and New Zealand - anything to avoid the keyboard and 'J'.

'A' to 'I' have been entered already as you might gather from the above, some 8,000 entries and over two million characters of computer data. The thought of losing all the work done so far keeps me from sleeping. However we have taken some precautions, the data is currently held on both the Mecca machine and on mine, and on two different sets of floppy disk - another kind of storage - so that we have four computer copies of the index as well as the current 4x3 file cards.

It has taken many, many hours of work at the keyboard to get this data into a useable format. If anyone has access to an IBM compatible machine and is prepared to lend a hand in data input - say four or five hours a week - could they please get in touch with me at the address on the back page.

Some interesting ways of using the new index are already being found, for instance a search of entries for a particular maiden name or place name would be extremely tedious, if not impractical, with the card index by hand, but is a matter of ease on our computer data base.

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Names: Abraham Mte | Indices: L25 |
| Born: c"1870 Bradford" | |
| Bapt: Died: Married: | |
| Parents: s Isaac(c1850-) "dyer", Bradford & Mary | |
| Data: 1871 living with parents at 83 "Grace Church St", | |
| Bradford in house of widowed grandmother. CR | |

In the above entry for instance, it is possible to search for any of the highlighted items either separately or in combination. However, if the search is to be thorough for all dyers for instance, it is necessary to look for that item in all possible fields (Parents: Married: Data:) one by one. A little time consuming but much, much better than by hand. Doing a search in one field through a thousand entries takes just under 19 seconds by computer! I just wish we had finished 'Z'!

C.S.Metcalf

6th Feb. 1990

Dear Editor,

In the Dec. Mecca News No. 29 which I eventually received end of January, I was interested in the letter from Susan Liptack, member 266 and her remarks on more commitment and help from members. I agree with most of her suggestions, but would like to point out to her that when she joined the society in mid 1988 there was then available a Booklet which contained all Birth Briefs of our then membership, from No.1 to 242. The booklet was also mentioned on page 4 of the Mecca News letter no. 25, wherein Susan's own Birth Brief appeared. It was compiled by me and because of the very nature of our research it took 12 months to produce. In other words, I continually had to update member's briefs as they found new or corrected information, to say nothing of the numerous changes of address and member's lapsed subscriptions. In theory it was a good idea, and about 70 copies were sold, with profits going into the computer fund. Sadly, in practice it was difficult to carry out as an ongoing exercise. However, now that our indices, lists etc. are being transferred to the computer, it will be easier, but even then the long suffering operator will no sooner enter some information than he will be sent new or corrected findings. Over to you Charles!

Whilst on the subject of Dec.s Newsletter I should also like to put on record my regret, that an otherwise intelligent and friendly editor, David Urwin, should resort to cheap jibes at others expense. We are not all perfect in spelling and grammar and I would have thought it better if he had exercised his rights as editor, corrected the errors, and like a true Yorkshireman, "sed nowt".

Dorothy Pope.

St.Catherine's House Index

Sara Illingworth writes to say that there is no report on the progress of this project for the current issue of the News.

She does, however, repeat her request for lists of names to be sent to her at the address listed on the back of this Newsletter. Certainly the compilation of this index will be of immense value to all our members so please inundate her with your offers of help!

INDEXER'S REPORT

Since August I have answered 12 enquiries and was able to give information to eight. Recently Mrs. Christine Wadsworth has sent me three trees received from members which she has carded for inclusion into the index. To one of those I have been able to give extensive information regarding baptismal dates and places. To another I had already given information through his enquiries.

May I ask members, on behalf of Mrs. Wadsworth and myself, to make their copies of Family Trees as neat and as legible as possible, using a ruler for lines? Some trees have been sent on rather scrappy paper and have been very difficult to disentangle, especially where several different family names are involved. Also could they give the fullest information that they have - all dates, places (with county in the first instance) and occupation when known. These will help the Indexer to perhaps identify that person - say a John in four drawers of Johns.

When the Indexer incorporates the cards from Mrs Wadsworth, a link with a person already entered, with additional information may be found. Would members sending in trees enclose an S.A.E. or International Reply coupon, so that the Indexer can send this information to the compiler of the tree.

Helen Offer

REVIEW

"The Making of the English Middle Class - Business, Society and Family Life in London 1660-1730" by Peter Earle, published by Methuen, 1989.

This book would enable those members who have traced their ancestry back to these years in London to fill in the background to lives of these forebears. It is in three parts - Metropolitan Economy & Society, Business Life, Family & Social Life. In the latter for instance it gives examples of bringing up children, livery companies, dress and many others; under Business Life the life of an apprentice, starting a business, the legal status of women, etc., etc. However it would also be interesting reading for most members as the conditions of life here discussed would percolate gradually to most areas of Britain during succeeding years.

Helen Offer

From Member No.326

Dear Editor,

In response to repeated editorial requests over the years for "feedback" - if members don't supply it how can you guess what they think? So here goes!

I greatly enjoy receiving Mecca News, and thank you for all the hard work you put in to producing it. That's the more important half of what I want to say, even if it's soon said. The lesser half - criticisms/suggestions/enquiries - are meant to be constructive, and I hope you will accept them as such.

Mecca News is probably the way the majority of members want it, and I fully realise that as an academic medievalist, who laps up rigorous research, I ought not to expect my minority interests to be catered for, but Mecca News could do with being stiffened up with more serious articles on the earlier centuries of Metcalf history. Each member's ancestors are obviously of lively interest to him, but only of very incidental interest to others unless they happen to impinge on their own lines of enquiry. Yet there should be topics of common or shared interest, in Metcalf family history. As I see it, that means looking for generalizations or patterns in the occurrence of members of the family, and it means attempting to set those patterns into their context of social history. There is always, as I see it, going to be a premium of interest in the earlier centuries and the core areas of Wensleydale and adjoining dales, and Yorkshire generally - because that's where our family, and our shared interests, mostly converge.

In issue no.29 Terry Allinson was surely on the right lines in wanting details from the wills of Miles Metcalfe and his wife to be rigorously correct and exact. It's a pity, nevertheless, to deliver one's hay unbaled. Before coming out with detailed criticisms, its obviously desirable to double-check the original

and, in an ideal world, the appropriate editorial input would have been to persuade a competent paleographer to have a careful look at the original document, and then get an authoritative statement onto the record in Mecca News. But Terry is definitely pointing his nose in the right direction.

I groaned a bit on p.14 about Middleton Calf Top, which I take to be the unacceptable face of amateurism, and O.K., it was just being quoted in a nice letter from a member, but has the Society debated (in Mecca News) and reached its view on T.Metcalfe's book "Medecalf" 1930? - I feel hampered by only having joined the Society with issue no.24 and not knowing what was in the back numbers. So perhaps I'm talking out of turn. But I suspect that a serious name-person today would not be amused at that derivation of the name. Has any earlier issue of MN carried a critical discussion of T.Metcalfe's ideas, p.66, where he says that "William, second son of John Mte of Tanton, led a considerable number of related Metcalfes back to first Leyburn and West Witton, then to the Hawes district of Bainbrigg - The large number of related Metcalfes with their horses, cattle, and sheep found room at Hawes but became overcrowded [a generation or so later]. A further move was then made to the

Ingleton Fells, led by William, a younger son of William son of John. He bought an estate called Philpin in 1716, then Weathercote, 1721, Southerscales 1726 etc.....The various Metcalfes enclosed many lands which prior to the reign of Henry VIII had been the property of the monks of Furness Abbey." It doesn't sound very plausible but one would like to get to the bottom of it.

Approaching this same early history from another angle, I thought it might be a way forward to use our Society's volume of Wills (1.Yorkshire) as a database to map the changing distribution of Metcalfs by 25 year periods, e.g.1550-75, 1575-1600, and so on, to see if one could focus in on early centres of dispersion of the surname. I quickly ran into the difficulty of not finding all the place-names on a map. So a small, self-contained piece of research, using place-name studies, might be to construct an accurate map of early Metcalfs in Wensleydale.

[The writer goes on to offer to undertake such a piece of research during this year and to ask one or two questions concerning the printing of Mecca News].

So, drawing to an end, I would like to put the case that amassing facts is essential, but kicking ideas around is much more fun, - and it's a mistake to delay the ideas part of the exercise until all the facts are in, because that's a way of saying never-never.

With best respects and renewed thanks for your work as Editor,

Yours sincerely,

Michael Metcalf

(Editor: I for one would be most interested in examining the results of Michael's "small, self-contained piece of research". It could add greatly to the understanding of many of our members personal family histories as well as standing on its own as an interesting piece of research. Good luck!

In answer to your queries about the Mecca News;

Yes, photographs and black and white maps can be included providing they are well-defined and have a clear contrast of shades;

I take your point on the margins to allow for binding and will try to accomodate this;

Plans are in hand to provide a "back number" service, more news next issue).

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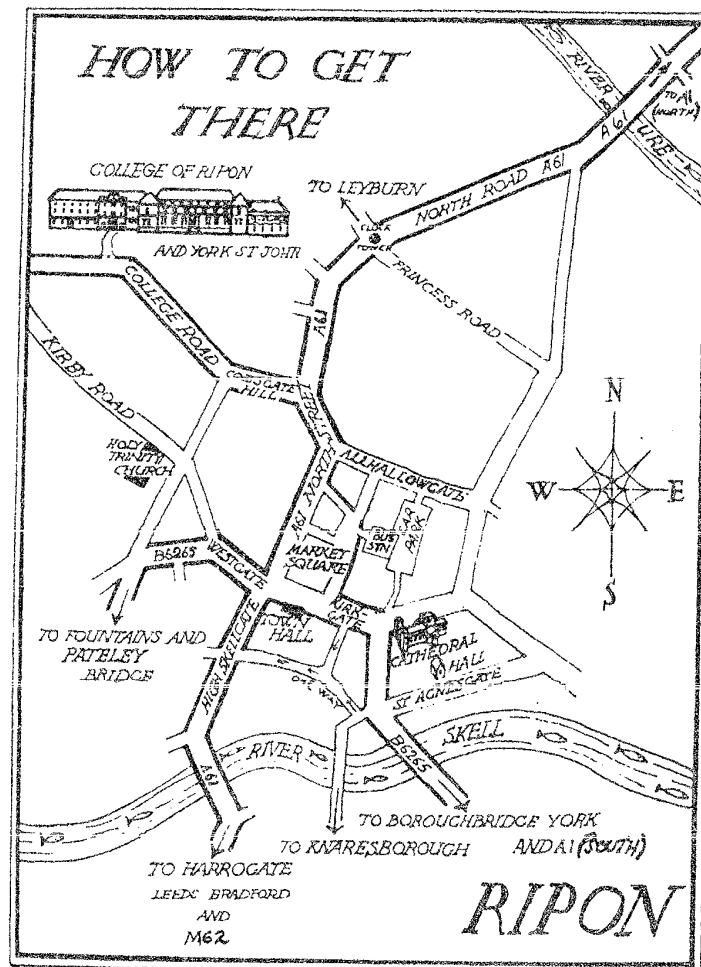
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Please make all payments to 'The Metcalfe Society'. Enclose SAE if you want a receipt.

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