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EDITORIAL

May I start by thanking all of you who have sent your good wishes to me in taking on the Editor's job, and for the kind comments on my first edition. I have to admit that most of the effort for this "bumper" edition has been made by my daughter, Helen, who has found herself with time on her hands after the hectic months leading up to GCSE. Never one to miss an opportunity I encouraged her to do most of the typing, for which I am truly grateful.

Thanks also are due to all who have sent me articles since Easter. I have received so many that I am afraid that some have had to be left over until the December issue. My apologies to you if you do not find your article here, I promise to include it as soon as possible.

I am typing this editorial to the accompaniment of the World Cup Final. If, like me, you have had your fill of sport recently I hesitate to bring up the subject in this newsletter but one or two incidents quite unrelated to the World Cup, Wimbledon and the Test Match prompt me to do so.

Some weeks ago I had the pleasure of meeting the Vice-Captain of Yorkshire Cricket. If you are a fan you will know that this is Ashley Metcalfe who lives in the West Riding village where I work. This meeting got me thinking about a possible article on sporting Metcalfes. A couple of weeks later I attended a meeting where I was a stranger. On being introduced a member asked if I was related to the Metcalfe who used to play for Blackburn Rovers. Obviously we do have namesakes with sporting prowess and I would be interested to hear from members with information or anecdotes about their relations on the field of sport. Already I have received information that members 200 and 218 (Basil Metcalfe and Lillah Chapman) are related to Ashley Metcalfe. Surprisingly enough Ashley appears to be the only Metcalfe ever to play for Yorkshire, at least I can find no records of any others. Please let me know if you have different information and I will do my best to pull it all together for an article in a future edition.

Enjoy your summer holidays (or winter holidays for our Antipodean members) and good luck with your researches. Who knows, I may even have time to pursue mine.

STUART METCALFE

JULY 1990

SECRETARY'S NOTES.

28th June 1990

Well here we are in mid-summer, I suppose you will all be out picking your way through the daisies to gather monumental inscriptions etc: as I was yesterday - all to no avail as far as my own research goes, but someone along the line may benefit when I get it all sorted out.

I was speaking to Frank Bradley this morning as I knew you would want to hear how Jean is. He was pleased to tell me that she is maintaining her slow progress in the local hospital, she loves to hear all news of our Society and I'm sure you'll all join me in sending her our love and sincere best wishes.

Since my last 'notes' we have had big changes at home and now Michael is working from home and has taken over $\frac{3}{4}$ of 'MY' office, however, with careful planning, we manage not to tread on each other's toes. With a FAX and PHOTOCOPIER at finger tips I MAY even become efficient !

Towards the end of July we expect our third grandchild so be warned - your letters may experience short delays. Our Creator certainly knew what He was about when it was arranged that motherhood ceased circa 45 years - what a lot of work babies generate !!

MEMBERSHIP - 33 members failed to renew their subscriptions this year and new memberships have fallen considerably compared with last year. In the 1989 August Mecca News we listed 34 new members - this year we have only 14, though VERY welcome they are !

What would your reaction be to the following suggestion ?

Each member to enroll one other. NOT from their own families, as that would defeat the object. Pick out names from the local telephone book, write or phone and try and get them interested. If they do seem keen, ask me to send them our information leaflet.

GO ON GIVE IT A TRY !!

Our AGM approaches fast - all the paperwork is enclosed - this year we are trying a new format in stapling them all together and keeping them separate from the newsletter. We hope this will save you having to pull the Mecca News apart and encourage you to BRING THEM WITH YOU TO THE AGM, so saving us having to print further sets. As usual we look forward to having a great time - do come along to join us. Please remember that nominations for the vacant positions (Chairman & some committee) should be in my hands BEFORE the AGM begins at 10am. Please think hard about joining the Committee - we only meet twice a year, on a Saturday morning in April and in September, at the Village Hall in Thornton in Craven, near Skipton, North Yorkshire. We hope members will take on special jobs to 'spread the load' but it is NOT compulsory.

Member Warwick Metcalfe will be bringing along some copies of etchings/ engravings (for sale), executed by a METCALFE artist circa 1819, of Richmond, Masham and Middleham Castles. If anyone has any knowledge of how we can discover the full identity of the artist, please will you contact me as soon as possible.

Good hunting and best wishes - do give me a ring if you're in the neighbourhood.

Nina

NEW MEMBERS and their BIRTH BRIEFS.

- Mb 420 Mr & Mrs Stephen Thomas & Teresa Gillian METCALF, Post Office, Lake King, Western Australia, 6356.
Nothing received.
- Mb 421 Mr & Mrs Martin Pearce & Ruby Agnes METCALF, 97 Le Grande Avenue, Albany, Western Australia, 6330.
Nothing received.
- Mb 422 Mr Tony Carey, 13 Hambledon Place, Dulwich Common, London, SE21 7EY.
Wife Frances Heather SLINGSBY dau of Peter John & Theresa Iris (MTE) Slingsby, m 1947. Theresa b 1921 Rangoon dau of Percival Norman & Theodora Adelaide (Green) MTE, m 1913 Rangoon. Percival b 1878 Rupur, India son of George & Verina (Phillpot) MTE m 1877 Rupur. George b 8th March 1842 WORTON, Bainbridge, Wensleydale Yks son of Simon & Mary (Weatherald) Mte. Simon is believed b circa 1807 at Worton.
- Mb 423 Mr Henry Alexander Metcalfe, 13 Prairie Crescent, Burnley, Lancs: BB10 1EU.
born in Sedbergh, then in WR Yks, son of Alex and Winifred (Braithwaite) MTE. Alex b 1913 at Gauber Farm, Ribbleshead son of Alexander & Kate (Wilcox) MTE. Alexander b 1876 Gauber Farm son of Alexander MTE and his wife Miss ? Whitehead. Alexander appears ?? to be bpt 1825 at Ingleton Fells son of John & Ellen MTE.
- Mb 424 Mrs Elizabeth Potts, 51 Mallison Oval, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG2 9HJ.
Husband's paternal grandmother's maiden name was Eleanor Mary MEDCALF, she was dau and grand daughter of two railwaymen who worked in Lincolnshire and London. Eleanor b 10 Nov 1886 at Bournemouth dau of Josiah & Eleanor Catherine (Spratt) Md mge 1882. Josiah b 7 March 1859 Bermondsey, London s Josiah and Sophia Louisa (Tayler) Medcalf, m 1858. Josiah b 28 Sep 1832 son of Abraham & Ann Ellen (?) MD. Abraham bpt 14 Nov 1801 at Croydon son of Abraham & Susanna (Belton) Metcalf who married 1 July 1790 Croydon. Their other son b 1804 was named Andrew.
- Mb 425 Mrs Mavis Walker, 1 Kenilworth Road, Flixton, Manchester. M31 3WD.
Great grand daughter of Mary Jane Mectalf and her husband George Mellor who m circa 1885. Their dau Sarah was born March 1886 at Attercliffe, Sheffield, Yks. The family story is that Mary Jane's father was 'Squire of Keighley'.
- Mb 426 Joan M. Gribbon, 11 Beech Hill Road, Carleton, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 3EN.
Mother's maiden name was May Weston METCALFE dau of Rev Robert Weston MTE who was Vicar of Ravenstonedale, Westmorland 1888 until his death in 1908. Robert was bpt there 25 Dec 1848 son of Edward & Marth Kaye (Gorst) MTE who are believed to have eloped and to have m circa 1825 in the Liverpool/Manchester area. Edward bpt 20 Jan 1799 at St Peters, Liverpool, son of James & Ann (Parr) MTE. It is believed that James was appointed a TIDE WAITER (Customs Officer) in the port of Liverpool circa 1817, he had a brother William who went to live in France and whose

Mb 426 continued....

son SHARNAL married Mademoiselle Ursule Denisa de Geney dau of Baron de Geney, Lieut General in His Majesty's army. To go back to JAMES, he was bpt 31 Dec 1759 Ravenstonedale, 2nd son of Anthony & Mary (Fothergill) MTE who m 16 Feb 1757 at Ravenstonedale.

NOW - what about Anthony ? could he be brother to Cuthbert and Rev Lister - children of Anthony & Mary (Allen) MTE ? Previous research says NO. We do know that Anthony and Mary (Fothergill) also had sons Fothergill 1758-83 and Anthony bpt 8 Feb 1765 and that this son Anthony had a son, grandson, great grandson, great great grandson, ALL named Anthony.

Anyone who has a METCALFE/FOTHERGILL marriage along their line may like to contact Revd J. Breay, 66 Montague Road, Cambridge, CB4 1BX. He recently contacted me regarding the house of CARR END, Counterset, Wensleydale, where there are initials of a John Fothergill on the lintel of the garden door.

Mb 427 Mr & Mrs Erle C. Whinray, Pendle View, Giggleswick, Settle, Yorkshire, BD24 0AZ.

Descendant of Cuthbert, brother to Revd Lister METCALFE.

Mb 428 Miss Jane Rosamund Metcalfe, 28 Francis Street, Blenheim, South Island, New Zealand.

Niece to Charles S. Metcalfe Mb 305.

Mb 429 Mrs Joyce W. Austin, 7 Tredgold Close, Bramhope, Leeds, West Yorkshire. LS16 9BT.

nee METCALFE, dau of Stanley & Martha Sophia (Walker) MTE who m 1913 at Cheadle, Lancs. Stanley b 1 Nov 1887 son of Peter & Katy (Ward) MTE m Leeds. Peter b 12 Aug 1858 bpt 13 March 1859 Topcliffe, Yorkshire, son of John & Jane (Walker) MTE m 17 Jan 1842 Ripon Cathedral. John b c1814 at Galphay, Yorkshire son of Thomas. Thomas b c1774 Galphay ? bpt 1774 Kirby Malzeard son of William & Margaret (Kearton) MTE m 1767 Kirby Malzeard.

Mb 430 Miss Chris F. Ekeblad, 48 Lofting Road, Islington, London.N1 1ET.
descendant of Mary Jane Metcalf and her husband Carl John Ekeblad. They m 26 March 1877 at Sunderland, Co Durham. Mary Jane b 21 Aug 1848 Sunderland, dau of Paul & Hannah (Craig) MT m 1836 Sunderland. Paul born 12 Feb 1812 WHITBY, Yorkshire became a Master Marriner.

Mb 431 Messrs Stanley & (son) Stanley Neal Metcalfe, 364 Marine Road East, Morecambe, Lancs, LA4 5AQ.

Stanley son of James & Amy (Lush) MTE m 1927. James b 11 May 1901 son of Matthew & Lydia Ellen (Fulleylove) MTE m 10 Feb 1896. Matthew born 2 Apr 1870 son of James & Agnes Mary (Bearpark) MTE m 13 May 1868 at WINSTON, Co Durham. James son of Matthew MTE a farmer. ??the family shown on the 1851 Census at Bainbridge Yks, Matthew 39 farmer, Elizabeth 35 wife, Alice 14, James 9, John 4, Richard 2. all born at Bainbridge.

Mb 432 Mrs Sarah L Douglas, 169 High Street, Cheveley, Newmarket, Suffolk.

On her father's side Sarah is grand daughter of Walter Hamilton JONES & his wife Hannah METCALFE who m 25 Aug 1886 Islington, Middlesex. Hannah b 29 May 1856 Clerkenwell, Middlesex dau of Theophilus Edward & his 2nd wife Charlotte HARPER m 29 May 1852 Clerkenwell. Theophilus (was a furrier) bpt 5 July 1818 Shoreditch, Middlesex son of Thomas & Mary (?) MTE. Thomas was a grocer.

On her Mother's side, Sarah is great great grand daughter of REBECCA dau of JOHN MEAD & his wife ANN METCALF m 1803 at St Dunstons, Stepney, London.

UP-DATING PREVIOUS BIRTH BRIEFS

Mb 63 William & Joan Metcalfe, 15 Shaftsbury Avenue, Penwortham, Preston, Lancs, PR1 0AY.

William s of Francis Hartley MTE and Jane (Procter). Francis b 15.8.1896 Gisburn Forest Yks. s of John & Margaret (Halstead) MTE. John b 14.9.1871 Height, Threshfield, Yks, s of Thomas & Mary (Beresford) MTE. Thomas bpt 25.6.1843, Askrigg, Yks, s of John & Jane (formerly Sunter nee ?) MTE. John bpt 15.11.1790, Stalling Busk, Yks, s of Thomas & Alice* (Metcalfe) MTE. Thomas bpt 7.6.1761 Stalling Busk, Yks, son of John & Barbara** (Metcalfe) MTE. John b c1727 (? s of William Mte of Marsett, died 1754).

*Alice dau of Thomas MTE of Blind Sike in Bishopdale, Yks.

**Barbara bpt 31.7.1729 dau of Anthony & Alice (Metcalfe) MTE. Anthony b c 1700 son of Cuthbert and Barbara (Symonston) MTE.

Mb 289 Debby Rose, 14 Hannibal Rd, Staines, Middlesex, TW19 7HH.

Still hasn't traced ELIZABETH JANE MTE b circa 1885. Some distant relation now tells Debby that Elizabeth's parents were John and Jane (Parsons) Metcalfe and that there were two older brothers, James and George. Debby found what may be their bapts at YORK, St Cuthberts Church. James on 13 Feb 1867 and George 28 June 1868, there was also John 11 Feb 1870. Research continues.

Mb 304 Mrs Eileen Carr, Mulberry Lodge, 27 The Avenue, Healing, Grimsby, Lincs. DN37 7NB.

Robert Metcalfe on his marriage to Mary Calvert on 24 Dec 1855 at Grinton, Yorkshire, gave his occupation as GROCCER and his address as ASKRIGG, and his father's name as HENRY MTE a farmer.

Mb 377 Miss Rosemary Metcalf, 18 Hemmant St, O'Connor, ACT 2601, Australia.

dau of Edward Chapman METCALF b 1915 Australia s of Joseph Wilberforce MT & h.w. Amy Lydia GREEN, m 1908 Baynton VIC. Joseph b 17.6.1871 at Glenhope VIC s of Edward MT & h.w. Mary Wood m 9 Nov 1870 Castlemaine, VIC. Edward b 1836/9 Moyntiaghs, Armagh, Ireland s of Edward and Margaret (Stevenson) MT. m 1824 Ireland.

If any other members would like their Birth Brief bringing up to date please send a copy (in the above format) to the Secretary and it will appear as soon as possible.

NEW ADDRESSES

Mb 8. David Galloway, to 14 Melbury, Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear, NE25 9XP.

Mb 351. Mrs Eleonor Metcalfe, to 34 Redland Crescent, Chorlton cum Hardy,
Manchester, M21 2DL.

Mb 385. Andrew L. Kerridge to 93 Neville Road, Luton, Beds. LU3 2JG.

ST CATHERINE'S HOUSE VISITOR

Mrs M.L. Meaden (address under 'Officers') continues this task on your behalf and the Society wish to thank her for her work.

Mrs Meaden did not request that her fee for a visit should rise but we thought that her costs MUST have risen in the time since the fee was set at £2. Therefore we now request that you send her £3 per visit plus cost of any certificate, plus SAE/2 IRCs.

HALBERT'S FAMILY HERITAGE, Colnbrook, Berkshire but originating from Ohio, USA.

I have received several requests from members querying whether this publication is worth the fee of £ 14.95 plus postage.

I can only pass on to you what I have heard from various sources - basically NO - it seems that all the information contained in the book is easily available at various centres throughout the world, i.e. telephone names & addresses, electoral rolls etc.

Apparently some larger Society tried to take them to court for fraud but were unable to get satisfaction for whatever reason.

My advice is don't touch it with the proverbial barge pole !

If anyone has been 'caught out' and bought the book OR perhaps had it given as a present - would you like to let us know your opinions of it ?

Nina E. Benson.

Snippet received from the GOONS :-

Entry in the Lowestoft Journal, January 2nd 1892.

Dr K. METCALF of Beccles cottage hospital assisted the injured in a train crash at Barnby on Christmas Eve...also mentioned his son Claude.

Mb 27 Mrs Shirley Walls, Bryn Hyfryd, Moel-Y-Crio, Halkyn Nr Mold, Clwyd, CH8 8JN recently sent in some PR entries collected at Chester CRO and they included some information that will be of interest to Mb 15 ROBERT METCALF :- Parish of WITTON (alias Northwich) Cheshire, baptism JANUARY 1804. ANN dau of Edward Metcalf of Witton (excise officer) and son of John and Ann Metcalf of OULTON, YKS; and of Elizabeth dau of ?Henry/Hellen ?? of Burtonwood.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND ACCOUNTS.

Margaret Metcalfe, Treasurer.

To the query 'is it possible to pay subs in advance' - by all means, this was agreed within a previous newsletter.

We do understand how costly it is for our overseas members. To those of you who paid by dollar cheques, the bank now charge us £3 per cheque to convert it to sterling, which does not leave us with what you expected. Regarding those who paid by dollar bills - I saved them all up until the beginning of April - the bank charge for each currency was only £1.50 and dividing that amount between those members proved an excellent way.

I wish to thank Frank Bradley for all his help in the past - you will notice that we have now switched to chartered accountants because of our 'charity' status; and Nina for her help and patience over lots of little problems, what would we do without her !

OLD BIBLE

Shirley Walls

My neighbour has passed these details taken from an old bible in her possession - none of the Metcalfs mentioned are related to her.

George Metcalf born 22nd Feb 1804

Johua Metcalf born 16th Nov 1808 (? should this be Joshua ?).

Elizabeth Metcalf born 3rd May 1811

Mary Metcalf born 7th July 1843.

Following these names and in a similar hand is written :-

Morris Griffiths son of Morris Griffiths 2nd May 1817

Mary Griffiths grand daughter of Morris Griffiths born 19th July 1837

Morris Griffiths grandson of Morris Griffiths born 15th July 1839.

At the back of the bible is written :-

George Metcalf aged 14 born 22nd Feb

George Metcalf his book aged 16 years 1817.

For Shirley's address see the previous article.

Mb 217 Rosie & Adrian Bower, Elm Gable, Hermitage, Newbury, Berks.

Regarding Thomas & Annas (Binks) Metcalfe family saga - they had a query as to the source of the information on the whereabouts of the death of Thomas 'interred at Barningham church 1828 aged 83'. These details were amongst the family papers and listed under Barningham Church, belonging to the now deceased member 99 Mr T.W. Metcalfe of Dalton Fields near Richmond, Yorkshire. Therefore we cannot check whether it was taken from Parish Registers or monumental inscriptions or whatever.

Nina Benson.

At the above meeting it was suggested by the Editor that we publish the minutes of our deliberations. Whilst we felt that you would be interested, it was decided that rather than publish EVERYTHING, we would publish a precis each time.

Your committee members are listed at the end of this newsletter so I will not list those who did attend, apologies were received from Helen Offer, Gordon Metcalfe, Peter Metcalfe, and John C Metcalfe.

INDEX TO LISTS - Sandra Metcalf showed samples received back from Susan Liptak in Canada who is preparing the Index for publishing. Work to be pushed ahead with all speed. The possibility of FREE publication was discussed and is to be reviewed when costs are known.

PUBLICATIONS - Durham and Cornwall WILLS have been completed but do not form sufficient for publication as a separate booklet. York WILLS have been collected but as the volume is so large they are to be double checked by John Holden and Nina Benson, therefore we cannot hope to publish this year.

The Editor showed samples of the Mecca News in an A5 format. The main argument for using this size is to reduce cost and for ease of distribution. It is to be put on display at the AGM/Muster and comments invited. The Editor offered to take over the distribution of the newsletter, this was approved unanimously. It was passed that members could have BRIEF advertisements inserted into the newsletters at a cost of £2.

Charity status had been approved in principle. we now await written authority. Valerie Metcalfe has produced sample covenant forms and is willing to oversee their introduction.

Costs for the AGM/Muster were discussed and the charge of £8.50 per head was approved.

The Secretary was given approval for the purchase of a filing cabinet and files.

An offer from Charles S Metcalfe was accepted with thanks, he is to contact all those members who have not sent in any family details.

You will understand how much this report has been condensed when I tell you that we began at 10.30 am and finished at 1 pm.

The next Committee meeting is on Saturday 22nd September 1990.

PLEA FOR HELP

From Miss Dianne Fox, 622 Warrandyte Rd, North Ringwood, Victoria 3134, Australia. (No return postage received).

Dianne expects to be over in England next spring - so perhaps any suggestions could be sent for publication in December Mecca News.

Her family go back to Captain Charles Metcalfe - where should Dianne start to search for his parents ?

KNOWN FACTS - born circa 1655, he was in Fort St George, Madras, India from 1678 to 1700. Believed to be a free merchant, NOT in the East India Co:.. He was an Ensign in the TRAINBANDS. He married Mary ? who was a 'Castico' (Portuguese born in India). He returned to England on the Benjamin in Feb 1700 and is supposed to have died in 1709.

Dianne has checked Wills in PRO London but nothing traced. (Sec:- not in the YORK lists either - have you also checked for ADMONS ?).

Mary, his wife, had a will dated 1723 where would Dianne find this ? (Sec:- Not in the York lists - should be at PRO London but also ? India.)

Do many members have Metcalfes not traceable back to Yorkshire ? (Sec:- not many but SOME !)

WILLS PROJECT - NEW CO-ORDINATOR.

Our new co-ordinator is Mrs Dorothy Pope, 1 Neville Grove, Guisborough, Cleveland, TS14 8BZ.

To our new members - we are attempting to catalogue all PRE 1858 wills held at various centres throughout the country. Also all the POST 1858 wills to which there is a National Index which is also widely available.

Members are encouraged to 'cover' a certain span of years, to check first with Dorothy what precisely is required and that they haven't already been recorded, then to send the completed papers back to Dorothy for collating.

Please help if you can, you'll find it is great fun.

Thank you Dorothy for taking over this important task from Jean and Frank Bradley - to whom we are sincerely grateful for their work in getting the system started.

MECCA MUSTER & AGM 1990.

Nina E Benson

Another booking form is enclosed with the AGM papers. If those attending make a point of studying the minutes of our 1989 meeting we will be able to take them 'as read' and so save precious time.

If anyone requires any type of special diet please mention it with your reservation.

We have one overseas member attending - Joseph Awmack of British Columbia, Canada who is grandson of John James Metcalfe 1854 - 1942 of Ripon, North Yorkshire.

Bookings have been slow, only 22 so far, please stop my hair turning COMPLETELY grey and post off your reservation slips as soon as possible !

Look forward to meeting old and new friends.

NEW LAYOUT FOR MECCA NEWS?

As was mentioned in the Committee Meeting Minutes for April I am looking into the possibility of changing the format of the 'News'. Obviously I would only do this after listening to the comments of all who wish to express an opinion. My idea is to present the 'News' in booklet form and in A5 size (i.e. half the size of this page but turned the opposite way). The main advantages of this would be to save paper, save printing costs and save postage. I estimate that the total cost of printing and paper would be cut by a third (perhaps even more important we would use only half the number of trees!).

The main disadvantages would be the smaller size of print and the greater difficulty in 'ring-binding' a small booklet. At the end of this edition of the 'News' I have included a 'mock-up' of what the proposed new format would be. I will also arrange for a fuller display to be available at the Muster in October. Please let me know what you think. I'm not a believer in change for change's sake so the committee would have to be convinced of the merits of the proposal and of your support before I would go ahead.

EDITOR

HOLIDAY COTTAGE

Lee and Daphne Metcalfe (mem 320) write that they are now the proud owners of a three bedroomed stone cottage in the village of Sedbusk in Wensleydale. It sleeps five and, they say, is ideally situated for exploring Metcalfe roots being only 6 miles from Nappa Hall. If any members are interested in renting this cottage please telephone them direct on 0494 482352 for terms.

Their address is; "Conquiesco"
Spriggs Alley,
Chinnor,
Oxon. OX9 4BX

The following two items were missed from the April issue.
My apologies to anyone who has been waiting for them.

Discovered in Grinton, Swaledale Parish Registers 9.3.1990 N.E.Benson

Marriage 30 April 1840
John Mte 28 bach. farmer of Spring End,
son of George Mte, Farmer
=Mary Reynoldson full age SPR of Dyke Heads
dau of George R. miner by banns

RICHMOND

I've now completed the Richmond parish registers for St. Mary's Church. There are some missing circa 1670-73, 1678-1680. I have covered Bapt 1556-1939 Mges 1556-1959 Bur 1556-1968
Quick queries can be sent to me (+SAE/IRCs) before they are sent off to the General Index.

N.E.Benson

TWO PLACES TO VISIT

If you are out and about in North Yorkshire and want somewhere different to visit try these places with Metcalfe connections. Beningsborough Hall; this stately home is well worth a visit in its own right but it also houses some 120 portraits on loan from the National Portrait Gallery. One of these (no.83 hung in the saloon) is of Philip Metcalfe (1733-1818) a collector and patron of the arts. It was painted by Pompeo Batoni in Rome c.1768.

Crakehall Corn Water Mill; situated just outside Bedale going 'up' Wensleydale this is a fully restored mill whose history can be traced back to the Domesday Book. Of particular interest to members is the fact that in 1538 the mill was leased by the Crown to one Thomas Ley whose tenant, and the working miller, was Lucas Metcalfe.

The mill is open on Saturdays and Sundays from May to September from 2pm-4.30pm

FOR THE ATTENTION OF MEM NO 266 SUSAN LIPTAK

Marriages Richmond Parish Church of St. Mary

30th Nov 1903 Arthur George Maddox 27 bach Butler of
75 Harehills Road, Leeds s.Wm Maddox Gamekeeper

= Elizabeth Maria MTE 32 spr Draper of
Finkle St., Richmond d. Henry Mte Ostler

1st Dec 1915 Arthur Bolland 25 bach Draper of
Low Barracks, Chatham s. Wm (deceased) Farmer

= Eleanor Margaret MTE spr Draper of
Finkle St., Richmond d. Henry MTE (deceased) MTE coachman

PLEA FOR HELP

Has anyone copies of any of the following wills and if so would
they consider sending me either copies or details from them

John MTE of Low Oxnop d.Aug 1829 and his sons;

Thomas MTE " " d.May 1846

George MTE " " /Summerlodge d.1832

James MTE " " d.May 1857

NINA BENSON

MORE HELP NEEDED

"THE METCALFES OF NAPPA HALL - CAN ANYONE GIVE A TALK?"

If any member knows of anyone who is able/qualified to give an
evening class/weekend lecture on the Metcalfes of Nappa Hall,
combined with a visit to Nappa, we would like to hear from you.
This would be sometime next Spring and based at the Askrigg
Centre.

For details of fees and dates, please contact in the first
instance,

Tony Metcalfe of Scarcroft, Preston-under-Scar, Leyburn,
N.Yorks DL8 4AJ tel. Wensleydale (0969) 22414

or his son

Peter Metcalfe (mem no 31) Feghers Close, Feizor,
Austwick via Lancaster LA2 8DF tel Settle (07292) 2001

FROM MEM NO 257

Dear Stuart,

I enjoyed Mecca News No.30, and not just because Michael Mt supported my call for a new "translation" of the wills of Miles Mte and wife Matilda, dated 1486 and 1491. Incidentally, the Borthwick list shows also these early wills:

*Robert M buried Cristkik, York	1506
*Oswald M vintener, York	1512
William M Yarome	1528
*John M merchant, par St Michael Ousebridge	1530
Peter M Carleton in Lindrike, Notts	1537
Gefferey M Buckden, buried Hobrame	1545
Isabel M Thorpe, Ripon	1546
Richard M Kilvington	1549
Thomas M Sutton u Whitstone	1550
Ellen M Yarome	1550
Raynald M Helaighe, grisseman	1550
*Martyne M innholder York	1569
George M Hood Grange	1571
John M Glappaie par. Skelton	1574
Elizabeth M Hood widow Hood	1580
Jeffrey M tanner, Ripon	1587
Michael M Otterington	1587
*John M merchant York	1588

I have highlighted the York entries, totalling 28% of the list. It may be worth mentioning, in view of my notes on the two 15th century wills, which included references to Miles' son Richard, his brother Thomas and son James Thomas, that this list includes a Richard of Kilvington, nr Thirsk, and a Thomas of Sutton, a few miles from Thirsk, and near Hood Grange.

Since reading Carol Parkhouse's article, the Yarom entries look more interesting. Miles, we are told, became in 1469 one of John Conyers trustees for the manor of Yarm. Has any member studied these wills? The place has interest for me, being the birthplace of a maternal gt. gt. grandmother, Ann Wilkinson around 1825. Ann's family may have had links with Snape or Well, since she wed my gt. gt. grandfather James Hewson, a young butler at the 'big house' there, Thorp Perrow.

The list shows three Johns, including only two merchants apparently present. I wonder what their business was? If one groups together vintners and innholders, again the list shows two people - Oswald and Martyne - and again both of York. Here Oswald is the more interesting, probably being known to Miles, dying only 26 years after him. It seems possible that the two merchants of York were wine merchants, as was Oswald before them.

The list again shows two Gefferey/Jeffrey's - one of Buckden, 1545 (incidentally where is Hobrame?) and one of Ripon, the latter being closer to one of 'my' areas. Jeffrey M was the Ripon Wakeman in 1574. Incidentally, nine years later, a Vincent M was the Wakeman there. A note in my book shows;

"=Isabel Thoresby, daughter of Christopher (M.News 18).
Her sister, Dorothy = Ralph M of Healey, Masham."

This list is very interesting. Due to the Isabel will, 1546, I checked my notes from the 1545 Subsidy Roll of Claro Division of the West Riding of Yorkshire - there were no Metcalfes paying tax at Thorp, Ripon. Indeed there was only one in the whole of Claro (a region approximately between the rivers Ure and Wharfe) at this time - Gilbert of Carlesmoor, Dallowgill being the only 1545 taxpayer, he paid tax on goods, ('in bonis') and not on land, ('in terr'). Also paying tax at Carlesmoor was the wife of Richard Browne.

I have studied the 1545 Subsidy Roll only recently, it throws a little more light on the possible family tree I constructed of the Kirkby Malzeard Metcalfes (see M.News 25). This tax was collected only one generation after the Fountains Lease Book reference to Leonard, son of Christopher 1521. There appears to be the likelihood of another Gilbert, our taxpayer, in the line of descent from Leonard to Gilbert. Hence we could have Leonard - Gilbert - Gilbert.

But back to the list. The third John highlights the placename Glappaie, in Skelton Parish - presumably the Cleveland one. Can anyone throw light on this curious name?

Oddly this links with what was to be my next reference to M.News 30, ie James M Mte reference to a "History of Hert and Hert-le-pol". I have requested this from my local library. I hope two dozen of you haven't also ordered it!....I was interested in the de Panell reference, since Pannal, old West Riding, is the origin of some of my ancestral lines, eg Morrell.

Another interesting item - the Nappa Plate mentioned by E.W.Dodding. Tell us more E.W. How much of the movements of this plate do you know?

Finally, my best wishes to you in your new position, Stuart.

TERRY ALLINSON

THE EARLY SPREAD OF THE METCALFES

BY D. M. METCALFE, MEM NO 326

A good number of names in the West Riding took their origin in the fourteenth or the thirteen century at some particular place, with one particular person or household. The names, which became heritable, gradually spread outwards over an ever-expanding range. Dr G. Redmonds, who wrote the first volume in the English Surnames series in 1973, covering the West Riding of Yorkshire, showed with a rich accumulation of detail how names spread (in Sir Anthony Wagner's commendatory words) 'through long centuries, from hill to dale, from west to east, latterly to the conurbations, and at all dates to the south, on markedly defined lines of migration'. Wagner points out the effects of high mortality in York, in contrast with above-average fertility in the hilly west, and he instances Metcalfe as a name, of which the present wide dispersion is due 'simply to the birth, survival, and proliferation of numerous males at early dates'. These generalisations are worth scrutinising. Redmonds himself accepted that the name was one, of a dozen or so that he mentioned, that originated in the mountainous country where Yorkshire meets Westmoreland. Most of these had already become established in north-western Yorkshire by the time of the poll-tax of 1379 (the records of which give us some sort of systematic evidence for the occurrence and frequency of particular names). The process of spreading further afield was actually quite swift, in so far as the surname is first recorded in York in 1423, and yet was among the twenty commonest York surnames in 1524 - presumably by a mixture (in only three or four generations) of natural increase and the arrival of incomers who were not necessarily related. We probably need to think of various different kinds of spread, from a slow creep (to marry a girl in the next village?) to the swift leap (to the bright lights of York).

W. C. and G. Metcalfe, whose book published in 1891, Records of the Family of Metcalfe, formerly of Nappa in Wensleydale is much the best of the bunch - our society could do worse, incidentally, than to reprint at least the Introduction - hesitate in a learned and critical, not to say scathing, manner to accept the pedigree of the Nappa Metcalfes any further back than to John, the father of James born in 1389. Before that we have, in their view, a number of scattered references to various Metcalfes which it is tempting but unscholarly to string together into a family tree. Unless we can prove a connection, we should refrain from optimistically believing it. The two authors run through the well known early references, in particular the entry in the Assize Role of Yorkshire for 7 Edward I (1279): 'Ricardus de Staynbrigge de (?) Dent occidit Adam Medecalf de eadem' - killed Adam Medecalf of the same place. There are references to another (it has to be another!) Adam Mte, in Baynbrigge in 23, 26 and again in 27 Edw I. Was he related? Well, probably. In 19 Edw II an Adam Mte is one of the foresters of the earl of Richmond. In 6 Edw III we read of Richard Mte of Bainbrigge, in 46 Edw III of Thomas Mte of Bainbrigge. - Is Staynbrigge a surname or a place, or both? - or a scribal error? Where is it, or was it?

The question really is how solid the evidence is from before 1300. After 1300, and for most of the fourteenth century, the few references we have to where Metcalfes were living speak of Bainbridge, and nothing but Bainbridge or its immediate vicinity. In the Yorkshire Lay Subsidy of 30 Edw I (1301) the only Metcalfe is Adam Mte - of Bainbrigge: one of among 47 individuals from that place, paying his modest 5s 3d. Among thousands of other Yorkshire entries, not a Metcalfe to be seen. In the Yorkshire Archaeological Society volumes of Early Yorkshire Charters, Yorkshire Deeds, Yorkshire Wills, Yorkshire Feet of Fines, Yorkshire Assize Rolls, Yorkshire Inquisitions many hundreds of fourteenth-century individuals high and low are named, but as regards Metcalfes there is a deafening silence. Either there were still very few of us, or we kept a remarkably low profile. To all intents and purposes it seems that the surname originated or perhaps reoriginated at Bainbridge, and began to spread from there only in the later fourteenth century. Even to Askrigg. If the name had an earlier history at Dent (and one begins to wonder), it did not, apparently, spread outwards from there in the expected manner. It is more as if the family was transported lock, stock and barrel to Bainbridge - and died out in Dentdale. If it was ever there.

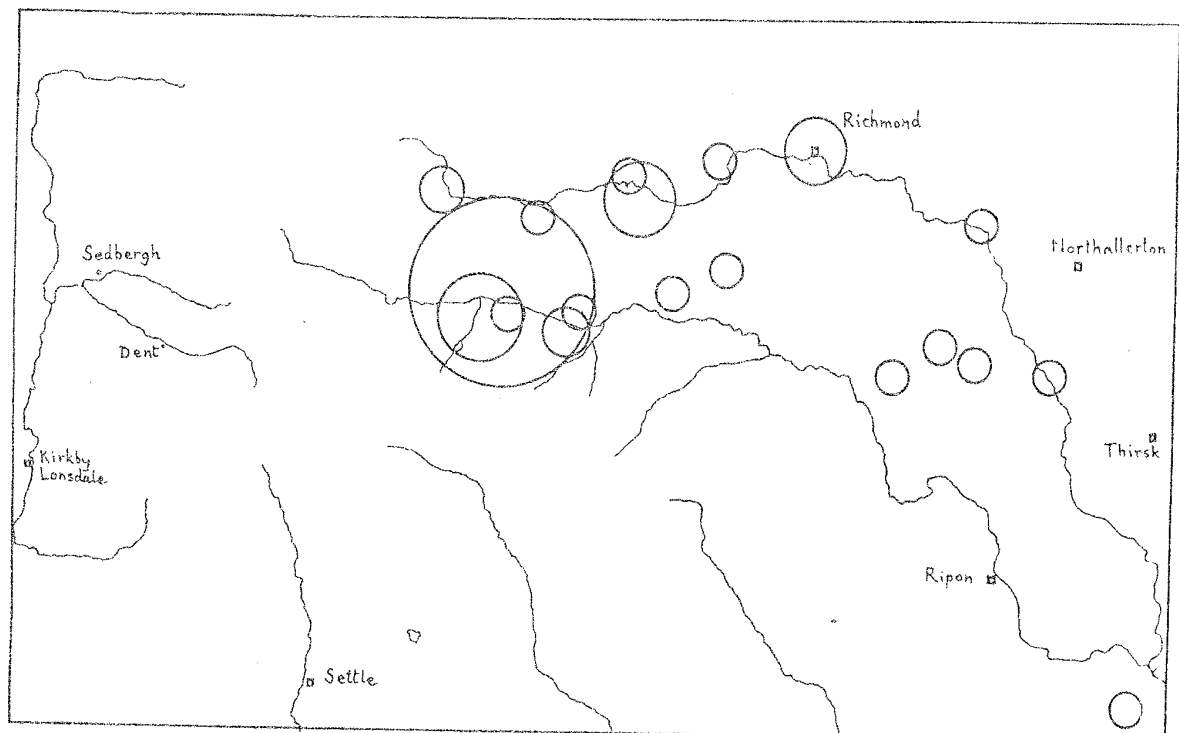
Our Society's publication of Wills, book 1, Sheepscar can be used for an instructive little mapping exercise to plot the varying concentration and spread of Metcalfes in the archdeanery of Richmond in successive phases - a sort of very slow-motion cinematographic technique of looking at the spread of the family name, frame by frame, e.g. for the second part of the sixteenth century, the first half of the seventeenth, the second half of the seventeenth. The sample size for each tranche is statistically not too bad. For 1540-1600 we have 63 wills of which no fewer than 55 per cent are from Askrigg, Bainbridge, and Worton, mostly Askrigg. For 1600-50 (87 wills) this shrinks to 18 per cent, but for the 1650-1700 rises again to 27 per cent. Askrigg was admittedly a big parish, and its population was not all concentrated in Askrigg itself, but 55 per cent is an astonishing figure. If the information were available to match, from before 1540, the proportion would almost certainly have been higher still, as one headed back towards the moment of origin of the surname.

There are snags and pitfalls, as the early Gallup pollsters discovered when they idly let their fingers do the walking, and were caught out because people who had a telephone were not a random sample. Not everyone, by a long way, made a will, and those that did may not have been geographically a random sample, because the well-to-do were in the better farming areas.

One would very much like to see the data about wills extended to include the western deaneries of the archdeaneries of Richmond in Lancashire (nb. our Wills publication, book 2, page 6, wills covering 1457-1680, index vol. 10, 'not currently available in Lancashire Record Office'). If the original diffusion was from Dentdale, as the familiar story has it, did it spread south and west, as well as east? If not, why not? Those early Lancashire wills are a big gap in our systematic information, so far as this particular problem is concerned.

However, we have the West Riding poll-tax returns of 1379 (printed in YAJ, vols. 5-7), which evidently penetrate quite far down the social order, in principle excluding only 'notorious mendicants' from payment of the lowest rate of 4d. Among 69 names under Dent (including 56 married couples) - no metcalfes. At Sedbergh, with 44 names, none; at Ingleton and Burton, none; in short, not a Metcalfe in sight to the south or west of Dentdale, nor in Dentdale itself, in 1379.

It would be fascinating to make a survey of all known Metcalfes from say 1550 to 1600. But even by then the spread of the name was far advanced and the family was prolific. It would be a major research project to make sense of such a complex and tangled growth. To get right back to our origins, it is no good extrapolating back from the sixteenth century. We need rather to gather up every scrap of information from before 1400, double-check it for accuracy, and do everything possible to put it in context and understand it. I suspect that would put a big question-mark against the much repeated myth of Middleton Calf Top - which Reaney's Dictionary of British Surnames² evidently regards as beneath consideration to a name-person - and would show that even Redmonds was taking more on trust than the evidence really endorses. Any challengers?



MAP showing the distribution of wills in the archdeanery of Richmond, 1540-1600. Note the heavy concentration in upper Wensleydale, and the eastwards drift into Swaledale and lower Wensleydale. The area of the circles is proportional to the number of wills. Source: Wills, book 1.

METCALFE ESTATES IN DOMINICA

FROM NORMAN METCALFE, MEM NO 56

This is the Catalogue description of documents which were deposited in loan to the Lancashire Record Office on April 25th 1957, and returned to the owner in 1975. (Miss Falkner-Hill, no record of her address.)

Cat. Number 1. BARGAIN AND SALE FOR £3

- (1) RICHARD METCALFE Junr. of Appersid, Aisgarth, Yorks., Batchelor,
- (2) NINIAN METCALFE of Birkrigg, Aisgarth, Yeoman. --- Lands in the former Middleham and Richmond, to be held free and common socage of the King, as his Manor of East Greene, Kent, at a rent of 10s 8d per annum.

20th June 1662

(Socage was a free Tenure without the obligation of Military Service.)

Cat. Number 6. BARGAIN AND SALE FOR £6,715

- (1) FRANCIS MARTYRE DE BELTGENS of DOMINICA, Planter,
- (2) GEORGE METCALFE, PRESIDENT OF DOMINICA, -61 Negro slaves (This document was originally dated 1807, crossed out and redated 1808.)

Cat. Number 7. MORTGAGE FOR £5,415--10s (The balance of the purchase money for 61 Slaves conveyed by bargain and sale the same date.)

- (1) GEORGE METCALFE of Dominica, Esq.
- (2) FRANCIS MARTYRE DAUCHAMP DE BELTGENS, Planter, Hartford Plantation.

7th April 1808

Cat. Number 8. LETTER BOOK OF GEORGE METCALFE, completed during his efforts to secure the money owed to him by Neilson, Heathcote and Southern, on account of slave trading between West Africa and the West Indies. The book includes extracts from the balance sheets of Neilson, Heathcote and Southern for 1804, 1806 and 1807, their interests with GEORGE METCALFE and also the latter's "instructions and memorandums respecting property on the Island of Dominica, September and October 1812" Viz. PICKARD ESTATE, MOUNT MORSON, MOUNT EOLUS, BELL HILL, HERTFORD, ROSALIE AND BROOK HILL. 13th of September 1813.

22nd November 1814

Cat. Number 9. MORTGAGE BY LEASE AND RELEASE FOR £10,000 and Interest

GEORGE METCALFE, late of Dominica, but now of RIGGE HOUSE, HAWES, YORKS. Esq. --- ROSALIE ESTATE, Dominica.

22/23 June, 1817.

Cat. Number 10. ABSTRACT OF CONVEYANCE of PICARD PLANTATION, DOMINICA, to GEORGE METCALFE, 1804
April 1825

Cat. Number 11. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By the Executors of JEAN BAPTIST GREGOIRE NADAUD MANET, Deceased,
of the receipt of £1900 from Mrs. ELIZABETH METCALFE, Widow and
Administratrix of GEORGE METCALFE, Deceased.

20 May, 1825

Cat. Number 12. RELEASE

ELIZABETH METCALFE, of HALTON EAST, YORKS, Widow, ROBERT METCALFE
ATKINSON, of Blackman Street, Mercer, ROBERT and EDWARD METCALFE,
both of SETTLE, YORKS, Mercers, ADMINISTRATORS of the will of
GEORGE METCALFE, Late of RIGGS HOUSE, HAWES, Decd.

30 April 1829

Cat. Number 13. LETTER BOOK OF MRS ELIZABETH METCALFE,
covering the period when the Emancipation Act came into force and
dealing with the claims and counter claims for compensation for
freed slaves and the Settlements made with various Legatees of
GEORGE METCALFE, Decd.

24 July 1833 ---- 29 Dec.1836

Cat. Number 15. NOTICE

From Baxter, Rose and Norton, H.T. Robinson, Joint Solicitors to
Mrs. ELIZABETH METCALFE, that application will be made in the
ensuing session of Parliament for the making of the YORKSHIRE and
GLASGOW UNION RAILWAY, which would run through specified land in
her occupation at HIGH ABBOTSDALE, AYSGARTH.

1st Dec, 1845

Cat. Number 16. SETTLEMENT OF £800

To Mrs. ELIZABETH METCALFE, of Rigg House, Aysgarth, Widow
29 Dec. 1845

FROM MEM NO 305

IS THIS OUR ROOT?

or Do You Recognise the Description?

'There are two very extensive tribes in Britain, the Caledonians
and the Maeatae. The Maeatae dwell close up to the cross-wall
which cuts the island in two, the Caledonians beyond them. Both
live on wild waterless hills or forlorn and swampy plains,
without walls, or towns or husbandry, subsisting on pastoral
products and the nuts which they gather. They have fish in
plenty but do not eat it. They live in huts, go naked and
unshod; make no separate marriages, and rear all their offspring.
They mostly have a democratic government, and are much addicted
to robbery. They can bear hunger and cold and all manner of
hardship; they will retire in to their marshes and hold out for
days with only their heads above water, and in the forest they
will subsist on bark and roots.'

Dio Cassius 200 A.D.

Charles assures us that it is a fair translation from the Latin!

S.O.S.

The Indexer regrets to say that the covering letter has been lost for the following tree:-

Cuthbert Metcalfe (-1743) = Barbara (-1748);
Antony (-1775) = Alice Metcalfe (1700-) 1724 Chapel-le-Dale.
Barbara (1724-1803) = John Metcalfe of Marsett (-1784) 1756 at
Hunes, Aysgarth
John Metcalfe (1763-1833) = Elizabeth Priest 1785 at ? Stalling
Busk
John (of Carr End) (1786-1857) = Agnes Metcalfe (1792-1876) 1812
at Stalling Busk

I would be very grateful if the compiler would send me his or her name, membership number and address so they can be put on the file.

Also, Mrs. C. Wadsworth and I would be grateful if members would remember to give their membership numbers on the trees they send and on any correspondence and could they also write any place names in capital letters, all of which would make our tasks that much easier.

Helen Offer

SPOUSE SEARCH

Sara Illingworth sends these details of her "Spouse Search" Project.

Listed below are the names and addresses of members who wish to publish details of their Metcalf(e) spouses.

- 5: Mrs Barbara Kent:-17 Red Hill, Stourbridge, West Midlands,
DY8 1NA.
- 47: Stuart Metcalfe:-3441 Edgewood Road, Eureka, California,
95501.
- 73: Mrs Joan Teale:-442 Papanui Road, Christchurch 5, New
Zealand.
- 81: Alison Hutton:-197 Highstead Road, Christchurch 5, New
Zealand.
- 134: Sandra Metcalf:-14 Charles Street, Tring, Herts, HP23 6BD.
- 196: Mrs Ann Dunstan:-Swandale, RMB 828, Donald 3480, Victoria,
Australia
- 197: Eunice Metcalfe:-150 Denison Road, Pocklington, York,
YO4 2LD
- 242: Sara Illingworth:-87 Phyllis Avenue, New Malden, Surrey,
KT3 6LB
- 370: Joe Aumack:-3913 Olivia Place, Victoria BC,V8P 4T3, Canada.
- 406: Miss Edna Outhet:-150 Falsgrave Road, Scarborough, Yorks,
YO12 5BE

If you share a surname with those mentioned on the following list, please contact the member directly.

<u>NAME OF SPOUSE</u>	<u>MARRIED</u>	<u>LIVED WHERE?</u>	<u>APPROX DATES</u>	<u>MEM NO</u>
AGAR Francis	Mt Elizabeth	Foston (Yorks)	m.4.5.1742	5
ARNITAGE Marian	Mt Albert Edward	Otley (W. Yorks)	1900-1953	134
AWMACK Wilfred T.	Mte Gertrude	Harrogate (Yorks)	m.28.10.1912	370
BARRATT Patience	Mte Henry	Stockton/Leeds (Yorks)	1864-1912	81
BARWICK Margaret	Mte George	Catterick/Bedale (Yorks)	1813-1850	81
BELL Cristopher	Mt Mary	Foston (Yorks)	m.19.11.1728	5
BOODY John	Mt Mary	Thornton Dale (Yorks)	1850-1885	197
BRIERLEY Elizabeth	Mte Percy	Newcastle-u.-Tyne	1829-1955	123
BUCK Mirian	Mte Ronald	Newcastle-u.-Tyne	1951-	123
BURTON Nanny	Mte Cristopher	Halton Gill, Arncliffe, Stainforth (Yorks)	1796-1866	47
COATES Eleanor	Mte Michael	Muker (Yorks)	1755-	73
CRANELY James	Md Sarah Jane	Melbourne (Australia)	1859-1884	196
DEAN Harry	Mt Jessie	Otley (Yorks)	1879-1906	134
DRAKE Herbut (Tiny)	Mte Penelope Alice	Leeds (Yorks)	1944-1980	197
FORSTER Matthew	Mte Jane	Askrigg/Aysgarth (Yorks)	1723-	73
FOSTER Susanna	Mte George	Arncliffe	m.1742	47
GALE Betty	Mte William	Bedale	1800-1810	81
GARDINER Anne	Md John	Clare (Ireland)	1832-1849	196
GATENBY Elizabeth	Mte George	Cathorpe/Bedale/Burneston (Yorks)	1830-1880	81
GLEESON Ann	Md William Manely	Tumbarumba (Australia)	1870-1889	196
GREEN Harriette	Md Robert Gardiner	Bendigo (Australia)	1868-1902	196
GREENWOOD Hannah	Mte Cristopher	Ravenstone (WES)/Arncliffe, Lawkland Green (Yorks)/ Blackpool (Lancs)	1861-1900	47
GREENWOOD Hannah	Mte John James	Ripon (Yorks)	m.13.7.1881	370
HARTLEY Elizabeth	Mte John	Ripon (Yorks)	m.Nov.1777	370
HARTLEY Marjorie	Mt Wilson Arthur	Rawdon (W. Yorks)	1927 m.1947	134
HEATON Mary	Mt Arthur	Holbeck/Otley (Yorks)	1857-1907	134
HEBDON Nanny	Mte Robert	Arncliffe (Yorks)	1814-1860	47
HOLGATE Dennis	Mt Pollie	Otley (Yorks)/Calgary, Chilliwack (Canada)	1897-1969	134
HOMES Mary Ann	Mte John	Ripon (Yorks)	m.16.3.1842	370
HOPPER Wiliam	Mt Nancy	Lockton/Swainton	1844	197
HUNT Jane	Mt Richard	Escrick (Yorks)	m.27.4.1725	5
HURWOOD Elizabeth	Mte Francis George	---	c.1875	370
KEARTON Christopher	Mte Eleanor	Thwaite/Muker (Yorks)	1760-	73
KELLY Alice	Mt John	Wicklow (Ireland)	1800's	196
KIRKLAND John Robert	Mt Florence Aela	Sheffield/Otley	c.1890 m.1917	134
LEIGHTON William	Mt(a) Agnes	Sedbergh	m.15.10.1853	242
LINDAY James	Mte Maria Homes	Redcar	m.1877	370
LISTER Susanna	Mte Thomas	Horton in Ribblesdale (Yorks)	1830's	47
LONGTHORNE Dorothy	Mte Thomas	Ripon (Yorks)	m.1.7.1803	370
LUPTON Hannah	Mt Samuel	Holbeck (Yorks)	1798-1822	134
MIDDLETON Ann	Mt John	Holbeck (Yorks)	1767-1843	134
MILNER John	Mte Elizabeth	Kisdon/Muker (Yorks)	1754-	73
MORREL George	Mt Florence Aela	Otley (Yorks)	1890-1914	134
MYRES Jonathon	Mt Sarah Elizabeth	Brompton/Middlesex	1866	197
McKAY James Weath	Mte Winifred	Ripon (Yorks)	m.1918	370
McLACHLAN John	Md Elizabeth	Minyip (Australia)	1863-1908	196
OUTHWAITE Jane	Mte James	Acklam	m.27.5.1837	406
OUTHWAITE Mary	Mte George	Stallingbusk (Yorks)	m.29.6.1878	406
OUTHETT Ann	Mte Thomas	Stallingbusk (Yorks)	m.28.6.1842	406
OUTHETT John	Mte Margaret	Stallingbusk (Yorks)	m.20.2.1878	406
OUTHETT John	Mte Agnes	Stallingbusk (Yorks)	m.2.1.1844	406

OUTHETT Martha	Mte William	Stallingbusk (Yorks)	m.28.4.1853	406
OUTHETT William	Mte Margaret	Stallingbusk (Yorks)	m.20.2.1873	406
PATON Elizabeth	Mte George	Stallingbusk (Yorks)	1850-	406
PETTY Jane	Mte James	Horton in Ribblesdale/ Darnbrook/Halton Gill (Yorks)	1831-1870	47
POTTER Benjamin	Mt Elizabeth	Escrick (Yorks)	m.1.12.1767	5
PREST Mary	Mte Anthony	Stallingbusk (Yorks)	1759-1840	406
ROBINSON George	Mte Harriet	---	c.1875	370
RODDY Elizabeth	Mte Ralph	Whickham (Co Durham)	c.1874	123
RUDD	Mte Edith	---	c.1890	370
SEGEWICK Anthony	Mte Mary	Arnccliffe (Yorks)	c.1814	47
SKAIFE Walter	Mt Jessie	Otley (Yorks)	c.1880	134
SPARK Dorothy	Mte Ralph	Newcastle-u.-Tyne	1892-1934	123
SPINKS Jane	Mt Thomas	Melbourne (Australia)	1859-1879	196
STURDY Mary Elizabeth	Mt John William Waterhouse	Otley/Burley in Wharfedale	1878-1945	134
THOMAS John	Md Anne	Melbourne (Australia)	1876-1931	196
TITHERIDGE Alfred	Md Jane Gardiner	Melbourne (Australia)	1877-1894	196
TURBET Ann	Mte William	Bedale (Yorks)	c.1770's	81
WALKER Elizabeth	Mt Benjamin	Holbeck (Yorks)	c.1794	134
WILSON Matthew	Mte Elizabeth	Nuker (Yorks)	1777-	73
WILSON Rachel	Mt Samuel	Holbeck/Rothwell (Yorks)	1800-1872	134
WOOD Hannah	Mt David	Holbeck/Beeston (Yorks)	c.1820	134

I hope this exercise has proved useful and that some of you will find useful connections.

Please contact NINA BENSON if you discover any new spouses, so that she can include them in the METCALFE SPOUSE INDEX

Sara Illingworth

THE SCH PROJECT

Sara also says she has been unable to undertake any research on this project for this year, however could she give a big THANK YOU to Ken and Rita Banks for carrying out research of births for the years 1851-1856. This contribution is greatly appreciated.

MUKER MARRIAGES.

Nina Benson

I have just recorded these from 1837 to 1954 and on close examination I have discovered so many that connect up to member's lines that I have rushed into print ! The following are ones which I KNOW fit into families, the rest will be sent for incorporation into the General Index.

20 May 1841

John Coates, ofa, Bach, farmer of Calvert Houses, s Christopher, miner.
Rosamond MTE ofa. Spr, - of Ivelet Heads, d George MTE, miner. by Banns.
Both sign. Thomas MTE & Robert MTE.

30 Nov 1843

William MTE ofa Bach. lead miner. of Muker. s John MTE, lead miner.
Rosamond Alderson, minor. Spr. of Scarr House, d James, lead miner.
Banns. He sign. She X. Wit James Cottingham, Edward Slinger.

There is a M.I. at Muker for this family :- William d June 1904 aged 83.
Rosamond wife of Wm d June 1894 aged 72. James son d Feb 1866 aged 18 yrs.
John son d 31 May 1864 aged 1yr 9mth. Sarah Grace dau d June 1860 aged 16.

4 May 1844

Henry MTE ofa. Bach. Lead miner of Muker s John MTE lead miner.
Elizabeth Alderson ofa. Spr. of Muker d William, lead miner.
Banns. He X She sign. wit Mary Caygill, Henry Calvert. (See also 1861.)

15 Feb 1849

Thomas Dunn ofa. Bach, leadminer of Ivelet s John, leadminer.
Betty MTE ofa, Spr, of Ivelet Heads, d George MTE yeoman. Banns
Both sign. George MTE John Dunn

13 May 1852

John Fawcett, 25, bach, leadminer of Gunnerside, s John, labR.
Peggy MTE 28 Spr, of Ivelet Heads d George MTE, yeoman. Banns.
Both sign. George Mte Elizabeth Dunn.

26 March 1853

Robert Raw 23, B. lead miner of Muker, s John, yeoman.
Sarah MTE 26, spr. of Muker dau John Mte, lead miner.
Banns. He sign, she X. William Harker & John Pedley.

29 May 1853

William Harker 22, B. lead miner of Muker s Henry, farmer.
Ann MTE, 18, spr. servant of Muker dau John MTE, lead miner.
Banns. He sign, she X. Robert Raw, Henry Calvert.

31 Jan 1854

John Wilson, 36 widower, farmer of Rutherford near Barningham, s John, yeoman
Mary MTE, 32, spr of Low Oxnop, dau James, yeoman. by Licence.
Both sign. Margaret Metcalfe, Henry Calvert.

21 March 1854

John Cottingham, 21, B. lead miner of Satron, s Anthony, lead miner.
Peggy MTE, 23, spr of Calvert Houses, dau John, farmer. by Banns.
Both X. Elizabeth Harker & Elizabeth Woodward.

25 Nov 1854

James Neesham, 28. B. lead miner of Muker s Charles, Inn Keeper.
Grace MTE, 30, spr. servant of Muker, dau John, lead miner. by Banns.
He sign, she X. William Harker, Christopher Metcalfe.

5 Dec 1857

William MTE, 24, B. miner of Smithy Holme, s Richard MTE, farmer.
Rachel Hutchinson, 18, spr. of Keld, d Edward, miner. by Banns.
He X she sign. Eliz & Margaret Metcalfe, both sign.

11 March 1860

John Metcalfe, 31, B. miner of Smithy Holme, s Richard, farmer.
Ann Alderson, 21 spr. of Thorns, dau John, farmer. by Banns.
Both sign. John Alderson, Margaret Metcalfe.

11 May 1861

Henry MTE, 33. widower ((of Eliz Alderson)) coal miner of Keld s Henry, coal miner.
Elizabeth Moore, 35, spr. of Keld, d James, labourer. by Banns.
Both sign. Mary Rukin & Henry Calvert.

2 July 1864

Leonard MTE, 37.B. collier of Smithy Holme, s Richard, collier.
Elizabeth Ann Scott, 23. spr. of Park House. d John, farmer. Banns.
He X she sign. Thomas MTE & Ellen Fawcett.

21 Oct. 1865

James Coates, 30. B. miner of Angram s William, farmer.
Mary Ann Metcalfe, 20, spr. of Greens in this parish. d Henry MTE, farmer
by Banns. He X, she sign. Thomas & Ann Brown.

MN 366 - could this be yours - the dau whose christian names were omitted in
the census return ?

8 June 1867

John MTE 23, B. farmer of Spring End, s John, farmer.
Ellen Fawcett, 26. Spr. of Angram, d Thomas, farmer. by Licence.
He sign John Metcalfe Junior. she sign. Thomas MTE, Alice Fawcett.

28 March 1868

Richard Parrington, 28, B. Cordwainer of Keld, s John. labr.
Margaret MTE, 30. spr. of Thwaite, dau Richard, farmer.
Both sign. Thomas & Anne MTE.

17 Dec 1870

Thomas MTE, 28. B. farmer of Smithy Holme nr Keld. s Richard. farmer.
Alice Alderson, 21. spr. of Ellers near Keld. dau George. farmer. Banns.
Both sign. Richard MTE & Jemima Alderson.

6 Spt 1873

Thomas MTE 27.B. farmer of Spring End, s John, farmer.
Jane Kearton, 24. Spr. of Kisdon, Muker. dau James. farmer. Banns
Both sign. Joseph & Mary Metcalfe.

29 Sept 1877

James Simm Metcalfe, 43, bach. yeoman of Keld. s Lister Washington Mte. yeoman.
Jane Alderson, 37. spr. ---- dau of Edward Alderson. farmer.
Both sign. Thomas & Elizabeth Kilburn.

4 March 1892

John Alderson Fawcett, 42. B. farmer. of Aygill, s Thomas. farmer.
Anne MTE. 52. spr. of Keld. dau Richard. farmer. by Licence.
Both sign. Richard & Jemima Metcalfe.

21 Jan 1896

Thomas MTE. 33. bach. farmer of Smithy Holme, s Henry. coal miner.
Jemima Alderson. 29. spr. of Park Lodge, Keld. dau James. farmer. Banns.
Both sign. Thomas & Mary Elizabeth Peacock.

Whilst I was typing this to-day (8th March) I received a letter from Ruth Herzberg in USA which mentions connections between the Fawcett and Metcalfe families...confirmation of which is above. Ruth sends me a copy of a letter from John Buxton of Scarborough, Yorkshire...you may be interested to know, Ruth, that John married Peggy Gill who was Aunt to JOHN GILL, our Best Man way back in 1958 - the mind boggles !!

If anybody wants a quick search of these marriages, drop me a line with the details and SAE.

NEW FEES AT ST.CATHERINE'S HOUSE

The Family History News and Digest reports that as from April 1st the fees at both St.Catherine's House and at New Register House in Edinburgh have been increased. Prices of certificates at St.Catherine's House will now be;

Personal Applications	£5.50
Postal Applications (without reference)	£15.00
Postal Application (with OPCS reference)	£12.00

UNPUBLISHED ARTICLES

As I noted in the Editorial I have been very lucky to have received so many articles since taking over as Editor. When I took over the previous issue of the 'News' had contained the first half of an article on Lister Metcalfe by Warwick Metcalfe. I know this is of interest to a number of members who are also researching this very interesting character and I know that a certain amount of correspondence has taken place about this article. The second half of the article is to be included in the next (December) issue. My apologies for the delay.

I also have a number of other articles awaiting inclusion.

However!! Please don't let this deter you from sending me even more.

EDITOR

OBITUARIES of METCALF(E)S in BRADFORD LIBRARY INDEX

By Jean & Frank Bradley.

METCALF Mrs wife of Cuthbert formerly eminent solicitor at Keighley. In
the Bradford & Wakefield Chronicle. 18th Feb 1826

ALL THE FOLLOWING ARE IN THE BRADFORD OBSERVER

METCALF

Benjamin of Bradford Moor	13 Sep 1849
James, 23 Overlooker of Westgate.	31 Dec 1863
Jane, 31 wife of James. Woodlanes, Low Moor.	02 Sep 1874
John. of 15 Whitley Street (p97.61.1)	16 Jun 1884
Leonard, 22 of Longcroft Place.	14 Oct 1852
Leonard, 38 of 100 Prospect Street, Bowling.	30 Jul 1889
Leonard, 66 of 42 Elizabeth Street.	08 Apl 1885
Martha, 29 wife of Leonard Mt of Bunkers Hill.	25 Jan 1855
Mary, Miss 73. of Northgate	21 Jun 1855
Smith, of Bowling Back Lane	05 Jun 1851
Thomas, 44, porter of Bowling Green Inn	29 Jun 1854
Thomas, 4yrs 3months son of John Mt of Wakefield Rd Bowling.	30 Jul 1889

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Ann, 74, wife of James of Otley Road.	03 Mar 1853
Ann, 21, wife of William of Swan Street.	07 Sep 1854
Ann, 73, widow of Thomas of High St. Horton.	18 Oct 1866
Annie. 63, wife of John of CROIX, FRANCE.	02 May 1892
Anthony, 76, Lower Globe Fold, Manningham.	22 Mar 1866
Anthony, 54, fish salesman, Gracechurch Street.	07 Jan 1870
Charles Edward, son of Thomas, Chandos Street.	11 Jan 1855
Christopher, son of Elizabeth of Spring St, Manningham.	04 Dec 1851
Christopher, 83, of Grafton St. Horton	06 Jun 1872
David, 35, relieving officer of Clarendon Pl. Manningham.	21 Jan, 03 Feb & 05 Feb 1870
Eleanor, 58, widow of Robert, builder, 62 Osborne St. Horton.	13 Nov 1880
Elizabeth, of Lower Globe, Manningham.	28 Feb 1850
Elizabeth, Mrs of Wellington St. Bingley.	11 Sep 1856
Elizabeth, 37, of Mulgrave Street	04 Nov 1858
Elizabeth, 65, widow of William, carrier & mother of David, railway officer (? relieving officer) of Thornton Rd.	14 Jan 1864
Elizabeth, 75, of 28 Blenheim Rd. Manningham.	08 Mar 1895
Elizabeth Louisa, 20, wife of Benjamin (Brockell) Mte. of William Court. (nee Haywood).	27 Oct & 5 Nov 1870
Ellen Mrs, 39, of Warwick St.	02 Dec 1874
Emily Beatrice, 16 months, dau JA & E	27 Jun 1876
Emma Maria, 27, eldest dau of late Leonard of Keighley	02 Feb 1854

Frances, 49, wife of William of Haigh Row, Idle Road.	18 Aug 1874
Fred, 36, of 14 High St, Great Horton.	04 May 1892
George William 38, clothier. Eastbrook Lane.(ob p98.611)	05 Aug 1880
Gracie Ackroyd, of 27 Easby Rd, dau Proctor & Annie.b 1.4.94.	03 Jun 1894
Grace, 75, Fieldhead, Bolton,B'd. relict of William.	15 Mar 1856
Henry, 60, plasterer. Dixon St.	22 Mar 1860
Isabella, 3, dau of late John, Dale St, Shipley.	03 Jun 1858
James 78, of Forrest Court, Otley Road.	23 Feb 1860
James, 49, of Osborne St, Horton.	05 May & 07 May 1870.
Jane, wife of Leonard of Bunkers Hill	10 Feb 1848
John, 58 woolcomber, of Parkinson St. Horton.	14 Oct 1858
John, 40 of Hodgson Square, Laisterdyke	06 May 1860
John, 37. at Darlington, son of William architect, B'd.	31 Jan 1861
John. 66, stonemason, of Bright St. Horton.	03 Jun 1869
John, 18, of Wharfe St, Bradford.	18 Nov 1873
John. 77, of Charlestown, Baildon.	15 Dec 1880
John, 7 weeks, of 27 North Parade, son of Wm & Louisa	06 Feb 1884
John, 72, contractor, of 15 Trinity Terr, Horton Lane.	20 Mar 1884
John, 61, mason. Of 130 Wakefield Rd. Int Bowling church.	13 Jan 1892
John, 20, of Rio de Janeiro, formerly of Bradford, son of late Edward of Ludlow.	14 Apl 1892
John Thomas, 9, son of John of Picton St, Manningham.	29 Dec 1894
Joseph, 46, stonemason of Adolphus St.	06 Dec 1888
Leonard, 56 of Bunkers Hill	17 Feb 1853
Leonard, 22, clogger of Thornton Road,	30 May 1861
Margaret,74,wife of Leonard,builder,of Josphe Street.	15 Jun 1854
Martha, 23, wife of Thomas, Park St.	02 Apl 1857
Martha, 42, wife of Thomas,Broad Terr,Windhill.	18 Apl 1876
Martha, 27. of Charlestown, Baildon.	12 Apl 1886
Mary, wife of John, Bradford Moor	10 Aug 1848
Mary, of Lillycroft, Manningham.	08 Jul 1852
Mary, 65, widow of Thomas, of Old Dolphin, Clayton.	04 Aug 1859
Mary, 66, widow of John of Parkinson St. Horton.	28 Aug 1862
Mary Ann, Mrs, 69, of 6 Northfield Place, Manningham.	20 Aug 1857
Mary Ann. wife of John of Trinity Terr, Horton.	09 Nov 1882
Mary Hannah, of 4 Ewart St, Great Horton.	?
Nancy, 32, of Union Workhouse, wife of Thomas.	18 Jul 1861
Reuben, 44, of Spotted House Inn, Manningham.	18 Jan 1855
Robert, drayman, Sun St. (obit)	07 Oct 1880
Sam, son of Robert, joiner of Wentworth St.	16 Jul 1854
Sarah, Mrs, of 37 Clayton St.	24 Dec 1856
Susannah, wife of Smith Mte, int Undercliffe.	16 Sep 1847

Thomas, 61 or 67, died at Warrington, formerly of Windhill.	08 Sep 1890
William, carrier of Thornton Road.	28 Oct 1847
William, 67, architect, Hanover Square.	11 Apl 1861
William B(olton), 40, architect, Summerseat Place.	07 Mar 1867
William, 79, Field Head, Bolton, B'd. int Undercliffe.	13 Mar 1884
William Constantine, 55, of 33 Atholl Road, Manningham.	03 Aug 1882

FROM MEM NO 61

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Congratulations on a fine first issue. I would like to comment on the remark "the unacceptable face of amateurism" made in the letter from M.N. 326 Michael Metcalf. What an arrogant statement. I am surprised that an 'academic Medievalist' who likes 'rigorous research' didn't wait for the back numbers of Mecca News. Issue 3, pages 4 and 5 are devoted to 'Medecalf' by the Rev. Thomas Metcalfe, the book to which he refers. (Issue No. 4 bears a delightful sketch of - oh dear - Middleton Calf!) I cannot see why the Middleton Calf viewpoint should be so unpleasantly put down. We are talking of the 12th century here and I have read other suggestions which didn't amuse me. Perhaps one day, Mr. Metcalf, you will eat your words. Do try to keep an open mind.

After hearing about the Metcalfe Society, I dithered for months before joining because I was, dare I say it, an amateur, one with a great love of family history (anyones), place name and surname history including surname movement in a social, economic and political context or, as I prefer, who moved where, when and why. I may not be an academic but I do have an open mind as would I suspect a fair number of Metcalfe Society members who are also amateurs. Perhaps Mr. Metcalf should bear this in mind when next he writes.

Valerie Metcalfe

FROM MEM NO 123

Dear Editor,

Several months ago we went to see the play 'Beyond Reasonable Doubt' by Jeffrey Archer at our local theatre. The main character in the story was a Sir David Metcalfe, QC. Not aeons ago we also watched on our televisions the Jeffrey Archer serial "Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less", when again the main character was a Mr. Metcalfe.

Does any member know if Jeffrey Archer has any connection with our name of Metcalfe, or does he just feel it is sufficiently impressive enough to give to these two major characters in two of his stories?

Pam Jarmain

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