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EDITORIAL

As November moves relentlessly to its close and Christmas rapidly approaches we are all aware that yet another year is coming to its end.

It is just over a year now since my father died at the age of 73 years. He had had a good life and left behind him many friends who valued his acquaintance. Apart from his half cousin (?) Derek, who is a member of our society, none of you knew him so you are perhaps wondering why I should mention him in this Journal.

The reason is connected with all our researches. Most of you will have read in those books which set out to introduce us to the study of family history that the place to start is with our own relatives. I mention my father because in his passing I have lost my best source for research. His reminiscences were not only enjoyable and entertaining but also immensely valuable to me in pointing me in the right direction. Sadly that has all gone. There is no-one in my family now of that generation to share with me memories of the 1920's or to recount half remembered facts about their parents and elderly relatives. Luckily I made notes of most of what he had to tell me. Please, please do likewise. Sometimes the "facts" are faulty, memory plays tricks on all of us, but always there is a strand of truth to be plucked out.

I mentioned in the last edition of the News that I was interested in sporting Metcalles, perhaps because my father had been a great sportsman in his time. Do please let me know of any anecdotes you have. Peter Metcalfe of Austwick reminds me of Adrian Metcalfe, former international runner and TV commentator, and also Sue Metcalfe who regularly plays cricket for England. I have also received a press cutting from the Oman Observer

(is that right?) featuring another Peter Metcalfe giving tennis hints. Keep them coming, please.

It was decided at the last Muster to try a new format for the Mecca News. Unfortunately, until Nina and I have compatible wordprocessors this is difficult to achieve. I have, however, moved half way by producing my section of the News in a double column format. Please let me know what you think...remember, it's your journal...I'm only here to produce what YOU want. At the Muster I also apologised to those members who had not yet had their articles included in the News. Since taking over as Editor I have been in the happy position of having more material than could be included. If yours has not yet appeared, don't despair it will soon. And to all our members, don't take this as a reason for not producing that article that you've been meaning to write for so long. The more articles submitted then the more varied and interesting our journal can be.

Speaking of the Mecca Muster I must add my own congratulations to those already expressed for the splendid day which we all had. The Society is going from strength to strength under the leadership of its officers and committee. If you couldn't make it this year I do hope you will be able to attend next year. The venue was so good that we have already booked it again.

Have a happy Christmas and don't forget...try to find time to sit down and listen to your elderly relatives. They'll appreciate the opportunity to talk and your researches may benefit.

Stuart Metcalfe

November 1990

Secretary's Notes

1st November 1990

My how time flies when you're having fun, I have NEVER known a year go so fast and now here it is almost Christmas - I always thought life slowed down as we got older - NOT MINE !

Some of you are still waiting for action and/or replies, you should hear soon, as Mecca News time comes around it always gets busier than ever.

Whilst we have all been basking in another glorious though drought ridden summer it has not gone unnoticed that 'down under' in New South Wales they have suffered with storms and floods in August that were a completely new experience - I do hope you are all dried out by now - did it reach your pineapples Mike ?

Well the AGM has come and gone - by all accounts you all enjoyed it, we have already confirmed our provisional booking for 1991 at the same place. Could I make a plea that you all book a little earlier than this year - you really kept me guessing right up to the last minute and MANY came in AFTER the closure date (thought some of these were very new members who had no choice).

My own Metcalfe research remains at a complete standstill but we (or should I say - our children !) are steadily adding new twigs to the bottom branches. Grand daughter Emily Sophie duly made a safe and sound appearance in July and now our younger daughter tells us to prepare ourselves for April 1991 - watch this space !

I do want to make a special mention of the GREAT work Charles Metcalfe and his Computer Team are doing. He has now got help from Helen Offer, Diane Howarth, John Balderston and newcomer Steve Metcalfe. They are really working wonders with the General Index and it is a big comfort to me that they actually KNOW what they are talking about, eventually I hope to solve some of the mysteries and become competent to a lesser degree but don't hold your breath !

Finally Christmas and New Year greetings to you all, especially to Jean & Frank Bradley who we hope to see at the Muster in 1991. I hope you all have a lovely time with your families all around you.



PRESTON, LANCASHIRE. THE PILOT (newspaper) DEATHS INDEX 1825 - 49

1836 Mr Richard Metcalfe of Preston aged 53.
 1837 Ellen Metcalfe of North Road aged 25.
 1838 Miss Elizabeth Metcalf of Whittaker Row aged 48.
 1840 William Metcalf of Mill Hill aged 16.
 1844 John Metcalfe of Caton St. aged 51.
 1844 Mary Metcalf of Snow Hill aged 74.
 1848 Cuthbert Metcalf of Rose St. aged 82.
 1848 Jane Metcalf of Atkinson St. aged 45.
 1848 Mary Metcalf of Gilbert St. aged 61.

MAYORS OF LANCASTER

1680 Francis Medcalfe
 1695 Thomas Medcalfe
 1704 Thomas Medcalfe.

BIRTH BRIEFS

Member 433. Mrs Mona Conroy, 27 Cleves Court, Marton, Blackpool. Lancs.
FY3 9SB.

dau of Walter & Mary MTE. Walter b 8 Apl 1893 at Bailey Street, West Hartlepool, Dur. son of Charles and Mary Ann (Stocker) MTE who also had Sarah who married Tom ? George who m Nellie, Charles m Bella (and they had Jean, Joyce & Charles) and lastly Harry. Charles b circa 1865 died 1947 age 82.

Mona would love to contact any surviving cousins.

Member 434. Paul Metcalfe, 14 Meadowbank Road, Fareham, Hants. PO15 5LD.

born in Fareham son of Roy Frederick & Doreen (Lebbern) MTE who m 1960. Roy F. b 1932 Gosport, son of Frederick George & Winifred Mabel (Baker) MTE who m 1927 Gosport. Frederick G. b Lymington Hants. son of George Frederick & Eliza (Woodford) MTE who m 1906 at South Baddesley, Hants. George F. bpt 1883 Scarborough, Yorkshire son of George and Sabina (Cook) who m 8th May 1879 at Patrington, Yks. George b 1841 son of William who was an engine driver.

Member 435. Mr H.F. Metcalfe, The New House, Steplake Road, Sherfield
English, West Wellow, Romsey, Hants.

Nothing received.

Member 436. Gordon Caley, 799 Blackpool Rd. Lea. Preston. Lancs. PR2 1QQ.

5 x great grandson of Thomas CALVERT & his wife Margaret MTE who married 17 Apl 1754 at Muker Yks, when both were described 'of Oxnop'. Margaret bpt 27 Jan 1732/33 at Muker, dau of James of Oxnop & his wife Thomasine Metcalfe who m 19 Jun 1731 at Muker. James could be one of several bpt at Muker between 1700 & 1710. Thomasin(e) bpt 8 Aug 1708 Muker, dau of Jeremiah of Angram. There was a Jeremiah married at Muker in 1704 but no date is given and NO BRIDE'S NAME. This Jeremiah had two children bpt at Muker, Thomasin above and William 2 Feb 1711/12 when they were of 'Oxnop'.

Member 437. Mrs Beryl J. Hodges, 89 Woodburn Sq. Whitley Bay. Tyne & Wear
NE26 3JD.

dau of Stephen John & Eunice D.M. (Spencer) Metcalf, m 1923 Broadwas in Worcs. Stephen J. b 4 Jan 1892 Worcs. son of Stephen George and Sarah M. (Webster) MD m 1891 Bridstow, Hereford. Stephen G. b 1862 Brighton, Sussex son of Stephen Ballinger & Charlotte Eliz (?) MD. Stephen B. bpt 11 Sep 1836 Shoreditch, son of Stephen & Harriet (Cosgrove) MD m 1832 Cripplegate London. Stephen bpt 3 Apl 1803 Cheshunt, Herts. son of John and Elizabeth.

Member 438. Brian K. Benson. 6 West End Lane, Horsforth, Leeds, West Yorks
LS18 5JP.

son of Arthur & Ada (Metcalfe) Benson. Ada dau of John & Miriam (Walton) MTE. John son of Christopher & _____ (Sheard) MTE.

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BIRTH BRIEFS / 2

Member 439. George B. Metcalfe, 'Hadleigh' High Street, South Ferriby,
Barton on Humber, South Humberside. DN18 6HY.

b South Ferriby son of John & Charlotte Emily (Howell) MTE who m 1932 at Scunthorpe. John b 1906 South Ferriby son of Joseph George & Florence (Ibbotson) MTE. Joseph G. b 2 May 1882 Fadmoor, Yks. 5th child of 11 of John & Betsey (Proud) MTE of Fadmoor. John b c1846 Bainbridge Yks, son of Thomas & Elizabeth MTE. Thomas a blacksmith at Countersett was born in Holderness ? bpt 7 Apr 1805 at Leconfield son of Thomas & Mary.

Member 440. Miss Sally Metcalf, 890 East Valley Court, Lancaster,
Wisconsin 53813. USA.

A new found relative for Lillah Chapman, Basil Metcalfe & see 445 Muriel Johnston.

great great grand-dau of Matthew MTE bpt 7 Sep 1828 at Kirkby Malzeard, Yorkshire son of George & Ann (Astwood) MTE of Kexmoor who m 21 Jan 1811 at Masham, Yks. George b 3 Nov 1783 son of George & Jane (Mallerby) MTE m 31 Mar 1777 at Masham. George b 2 Apr 1747 Masham son of George & Jane (Metcalf) MTE m 15 Jul 1745 Masham.

Member 441. Clare & Jennifer Mountain, 7 Spa Croft Road, Ossett,
West Yorkshire, WF5 0EU.

May be related to member Anne Rhodes (nee Austin).

dau of Geoffrey & Patricia Ann (Metcalf) Mountain. Patricia Ann born Wakefield Yks. dau of Fred & Edith (Goddard) MTE who m 21 Jul 1945. Fred b Aug 1913 at Wheldrake Yks one of 10 children of Thomas & Ann (Postill) MTE who m in Wheldrake.

Member 442 Mrs E.M. Fallon. & (Brother) Mr J.M. Dobson. Pine Grove Cottage
Moyness Road, Auldearn, Nairn, Scotland. IV12 5JZ.

Children of Clifford & Ada (Metcalf) Dobson. Ada b Apr 1875, Calverley, Yorkshire, dau of Robert & Catherine (Barker) MTE. Robert bpt 22 Sep 1842 at Patrick Brompton, Yks. son of John & Elizabeth (Dinsdale) MTE of Newton le Willows who m 27 Jul 1833 at PB. In the 1851 census for Newton le Willows John states he was 46 yrs old and born in East Witton. It is unfortunate that these registers are missing for the years 1769 to 1812.

Member 443. Mrs Kathleen Cole and (her mother) Mrs Amy Parkinson.
107 Stanbury, Near Keighley, West Yorks. BD22 0HA.

descendants of Margaret Metcalfe and her husband James Duffield. Margaret b 23 Dec 1878 at Skipton on Swale (near Thirsk) Yorkshire dau of Thomas Proctor MTE and his wife Catherine Henrietta Wintersgill who m 30 Dec 1869 at the Wesley Chapel in Ripon, Yks. Thomas P. b 11 Mar 1821 at Winksley near Ripon son of Robert & Sarah (Close) MTE who m 19 May 1814 at Ripon Cathedral. Robert appears to be the son of Andrew & Elizabeth MTE, bpt 23 Jul 1786 Ripon. Andrew bpt 12 Dec 1743 son of Robert of North House, Aldfield, Ripon.

Member 444. Patrick W. Malham. 34 Peterborough Road, Sheffield. S10 4JE.

Grandson of William & Edith Mary (Metcalf) Malham who m 1900. Edith M. b 10 Jun 1877 Scarborough Yks. dau of Major & Mary Ann (Reed) MTE who m 1862 Scarborough. Major bpt Mar 1838 St Sampson, York, son of James and Margaret Girling (White) MTE who m 3 Jul 1820 at Escrick, Yks. James bpt St Marys, Castlegate, York son of William & Mary (Fearn) Mts whose marriage is still sought. William, a waterman, was bpt 3 Feb 1773 at St Marys, Bishophill Senior, York son of John & Mary MTE. John was a cordwainer of Leeds.

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BIRTH BRIEFS / 3

Member 445. Mrs Muriel E. Johnston, 'Leftback', Park Street, Berkhamstead, Herts. HP4 1HX.

Another relative for Lillah Chapman, Basil Metcalfe & 440 Sally Metcalf - it getting to be quite a gang !

Great grand-dau of Thomas & Mary (Metcalf) Pickersgill of Galphay near Ripon North Yorkshire. Mary bpt 11 Jul 1856 at North Stainley, Ripon, dau of George and Ann (?) MTE of Musterfield, North Stainley, Grewelthorpe and Galphay. George b 1812 North Stainley son of James & Mary of the Stavely Arms. James b 1777 at Masham son of George b 1740.

Member 446. John M. Turner, 340 Clifton Drive North, St Annes-on-Sea, Lancs. FY8 2PB.

Grandson of Thomas R. and Ellen (Metcalf) Halstead who m 17 May 1927 at Waverley, New Zealand. Ellen bpt 16 Feb 1899 Burnley, Lancs, ENG dau of Alexander & Margaret (Townson) MTE, m Jan 1896 Burnley. Alexander ? born c1871 Leyburn area of YKS, son of James and Nancy (Dinsdale) MTE whose mge is sought. James is reputed to have been a coachman at Nappa Hall. James & Nancy had three daus who went out to New Zealand - Grace, Alice and Elizabeth, their son WILLIAM went to Canada and nothing more is known about him. Any Canadian member who could help ?

Member 447. Misses Jane & Elizabeth Toomey, 54 Kirkham Road, Nunthorpe, Cleveland. TS7 0HQ.

Daus of Cyril J. & Christiana M. (Metcalf) Toomey. Christiana b Richmond, Yorks dau of Walter John & Jane Ann (Craven) Mte. Walter John bpt 14 th Apl 1873 Richmond son of George Christopher & Margaret (Biggar) MTE who m 27 May 1865, St Clement Danes, London. Geo Chris, a cabinet maker, was bpt 29 Nov 1839 Richmond son of William & Charlotte (Farr) MTE who m 17 Dec 1838 St Clement Danes, London. William, also a cabinet maker, bpt 9th Sep 1811, 8th child of Christopher & Ann (Galloway) MTE who m 25th May 1795 at Richmond. Christopher, a tailor, was born circa 1772.

Member 448. Mr & Mrs Stephen & Annette Metcalfe, 28 Caedmon Crescent, Darlington Co Durham. DL3 8LP.

Stephen b Wolsingham, son of Ronald & Hazel (Snowball) MTE m 1956 at Spennymoor Co Dur. Ronald b 1935 Spennymoor son of Arthur & Caroline (Pipe) MTE m 1924, Tudhoe Grange, Dur. Arthur b 1903 son of Thomas William & Mary Jane (Stewart) MTE m 1899 Ferryhill, Dur. Thomas Wm b Oct 1873 Coundon Gate, Dur. son of Arthur Gregson & Margaret Ann (Brunskill) MTE who m 14 Mar 1870 Bishop Auckland, Dur. Arthur G. b 2 Sep 1844, New Moor, Evenwood, Dur. son of Arthur Gregson & Isabella (Foster) MTE m 21 Nov 1829 St Helen Auckland, Dur. Arthur G. bpt 26 Jun 1803 Thornton in Lonsdale son of Thomas Batty & Betty (Gregson) MTE. m 7 May 1796 Thornton in Lonsdale. Thomas Batty bpt 8 Jan 1775 Thornton in Lonsdale son of Thomas & Agnes (Batty) MTE m7 Apl 1770 Clapham.

Stephen may be a distant relative for Member 158 Edward Metcalfe of Barrow in Furness.

Member 449. Mrs Barbara Marriott, The Old House, Scotland Lane, Haslemere, Surrey GU27 3AR.

Born in Zomba, Nyasaland dau of Charles Campbell & Nellie Mona Margaret (Wyatt) MTE m 1911 St James' Piccadilly, London. Charles C. b Apl 1880

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BIRTH BRIEFS / 4

Member 449 continuation.....

b Apl 1880 at Ernest Lodge, Mount Row, Guernsey son of George & Agnes Annie (Hammer) who m Jul 1873 at Liverpool. George b 2 Jan 1842 bpt 5 Aug 1843 at Hawes, Yks. son of Robert & Ann (Barker) who m 20 Mar 1841. Robert born c 1804 appears to be the son of Thomas & Ann (Wilson) MTE who m 17 Jul 1794 at Clapham. Thomas bpt 21 Mar 1758 Clapham son of Isaac & Mabel (Gibson) MTE who m 17 Apl 1748 at Hawes. Isaac bpt 17 Sep 1725 Hawes son of Robert & Agnes (Gibson).

It is possible that this line fits into that of several members inc John Balderston & Shirley Withers.

Member 450. Miss Dorothy Metcalfe, 4 Aismunderby Road, Ripon, North Yks.
HG4 1SQ.

dau of Fredrick Mark Metcalfe 1917 - 1990 of Ripon.

Member 451. Ms Joan E. Metcalfe, 508-1 N.E. 4th Avenue, Gainesville,
Florida, 32601, U.S.A.

Related to member 335 Mrs Margaret Goode of Bingley whose Metcalfes go back to William of Whitaside in Swaledale who m Margaret Raw in 1804 at Grinton.

Member 452. Mrs Edna A. Swain, 40 Lowtherhurst Road, Massey, Auckland 8,
NEW ZEALAND.

Grand-dau of John Slater & Sarah Jane (Metcalfe) Stott who m 1 Aug 1893 at Halifax, Yks Eng. Sarah Jane b 15 Oct 1856 dau of Robert & Ann (Wilson) MTE who m 7th June 1855 at Preston, Lancs, when Robert was of Liverpool. Sarah Jane also had a step sister Lena who settled in USA. Another step sister m Edward Gregson of Blackpool. One of Sarah Jane's full sisters m John Metcalfe, a cousin, who settled in Preston and they had issue Robert, Harry (a tailor), Maggie who m a Turner (of Preston) and William who died in WW1. Grace, another full sister to SJ. m a Schofield and they had Horace (lived Cardiff) and Dorothy of Camden, London.

UPDATE

Member 337. Alan Metcalfe Wilkinson, The Grange, Rainton, Thirsk,
North Yorkshire, YO7 3PL.

His wife Joyce gave me a little information whilst at the AGM this year, Alan's mother was nee Mary Elizabeth Metcalfe born 13 Nov 1892 near Bowes, her father was Christopher, mother ? Ireland.

BIRTH BRIEF BOOKLET - this is in the process of being up-dated by Susan Liptak, 7567 Canada Way, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada, V3N 3K1.

Canadian and USA members can up-date their entries by writing direct to Susan. ALL OTHER MEMBERS ARE URGED TO SEND ANY NEW DETAILS TO THE SECRETARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, for forwarding to Susan. There are many members for whom we have NOTHING - are you happy with this ? or are you having some difficulty knowing what to send ? Get in touch with the Secretary somehow, she is very willing to help and promises to do her best to fill up the blank spaces. The Society wishes to have the new booklet printed in time for the AGM 1991 so please do not delay too long.

MEDECALF BOOK by Thomas Metcalfe, vicar of Mytholmroyd, Yks, 1906 - 1924.

Written circa 1930. Member 417 Wilfred Medcalf of Knowle, Solihull in the West Midlands has very kindly presented the Society with a copy of this rare volume. We are very grateful to him for providing us with this which will give us the opportunity to study the contents at our leisure.

MESSAGE to Member 324 DAVID MAJOR (and to anyone else needing similar information) the names and addresses of the three members living in South Africa can best be obtained by sending SAE to Charles S Metcalfe (address on back page).

We extend a sincere welcome to all new members joining the Society and we also welcome back into the fold Member 395 David Metcalfe of Richmond, Yks: who has rejoined, he claims Wensleydale descent but I have no details yet.

Nina Benson

Member 448 Steve Metcalfe reports that the 'White Bear' in Masham has built a new fireplace in the lounge bar, a piece of old timber beam with the inscription 'JOHN METCALFE 1831 has been set into it.

INDEX TO LISTS

NOW AVAILABLE

From the Secretary price £ 2.00 + pp .50p UK

Send order & payment made out to The Metcalfe Society to secretary.

Direct from Susan Liptak, 7567 Canada Way, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada. V3N 3K1.

Overseas airmail \$ 10.00 Can

Overseas surface \$ 6.50 Can

US surface \$ 6.00 Can

Canada surface \$ 5.00 Can

Send order and payment made out to 'Susan Liptak' direct to Susan.

Have we any Australian/New Zealander member willing to provide similar services at COST PRICES ?

Anyone wanting copies of any of these LISTS are now requested to send to the Secretary (+ SAE) and they will be informed of the costs involved - ie 10p per page plus postage & packing.

Subscriptions due in January 1991

With this copy of the News you should find a form to renew your subscriptions. Don't forget, you can pay as many years at once as you like!! No further charge will be made if we increase subscriptions in the intervening years. This may be of particular interest to our overseas members.

MECCA MUSTER & AGM 13th OCTOBER 1990.

79 members and their guests attended at Ripon College on a foggy morning which did not help some members find their way across the mountain tops, however they were greeted with a hot cup of coffee and soon settled down to the business of the AGM chaired for the last time by John Holden who will be missed by all - though we do hope to see him at future AGMs.

After Apologies were taken and the Minutes dealt with the full Constitution as approved by the Charity Commissioners was read through by the Secretary and it was formally adopted unanimously. John Holden and Valerie Metcalfe were thanked for their work.

The Secretary reported a slowing down in new memberships, at present we have 316 active members, in 1989 we gained 86 and lost 31, this year we have gained only 38 so far. She particularly welcomed Canadian member Joe Awmack whose Metcalfe ancestors came from Ripon. The Treasurer reported a current balance of £ 2732.76 and answered queries on all the accounts. The Editor made his usual plea for articles, large or small. He had brought along a very impressive display comparing A4 and A5 format for future Mecca News production and invited all members to examine it thoroughly and to indicate which they preferred, without ANY doubt the A5 format, with no reduction of print size, won the day.

The long awaited publication The Index to Lists was on sale and we thank those members - Susan Liptak, Diane Howarth, Charles Metcalfe, Sandra Metcalf and Kay Davey - who have worked on the projection over the years. Our Data Registration only needs formal authorisation.

Copies of the etchings by an unknown Metcalfe artist were on sale and we thank Warwick Metcalfe for providing these and for donating the whole of the takings (£ 28.00) to the Society. Mary Metcalfe brought along some samples of her artistic work and we also thank her for donating £ 30.80 to the Society.

When election time came around the following were duly elected :-
Chairman - Charles S. Metcalfe. Secretary - Nina Benson. Treasurer - Margaret Metcalfe. Editor - Stuart Metcalfe. General Committee - Vera Adams : Carol Arkwright : Denny Gibson : Diane Howarth : David Lambert : Joe Metcalfe : Stanley Metcalfe.

Diane Howarth offered to begin a photographic record of the Society so members are requested to send in copies of any photographs taken over the years.

After the AGM Founder Members Vera Adams and Mary Metcalfe cut the delicious 10th Anniversary cake, a piece of which was sent, together with a 'Best Wishes' card, to Jean & Frank Bradley. Members enjoyed a thoroughly good luncheon and then went on to browse through all the records - chat to other members from far & wide - some of us also discovered new 'cousins' providing a perfect ending to a great day. Come and join us next year - Saturday 12th October 1991.

MESSAGE to Warwick Metcalfe from Lillah Chapman, member 218, who spotted an article in an old Dalesman magazine entitled 'Days of Yore' which mentions Richard Metcalfe with pictures in the 'Swinton Collection'.

PROCEEDS FROM SALES AT THE MECCA MUSTER 1990.

Income

Badges	35.00
Prints	28.00
Cards etc	55.05
Publications	64.55

182.60

Expenses 24.25

TOTAL £ 158.35

ACCOUNTS AGM & MECCA MUSTER 1990.

Income

81 @ 8.50	688.50
1 @ 2.00	2.00

£ 690.50

Expenses

Labels etc	6.75
Cake & delivery	43.00
Ripon College	586.45
Surplus of income over expenditure	54.30

£ 690.50

MESSAGE to COLIN METCALF, Australia - regarding your letter to Alex Sampson, of Cleveland FHS - it was passed on to me - sorry I cannot help MAYBE the Computer Index can do a search when in operation.

Nina Benson

MESSAGE to those members with Richmond ancestors - member Denny Gibson reports that on a recent visit to the Minster Library in York she saw - but had no time to read - records regarding :- a) A Metcalfe family of Richmond setting out descent & details of a house in Newbiggan c1721. b) 3 boxes regarding Metcalfes of Bellerby. c) 1726 case of John Metcalfe of Leeds v Arthur Squeer & Rachel PearchaLL, widow of Sir Thomas and dau of John & Eleanor Metcalfe, who had a total of FOUR husbands.

PLEA FOR HELP from Peter Redman (Oaklands Park, Moulsham St Chelmsford, Essex CM2 9AQ) who has sent us information in the past...now wants to know if anyone can discover facts about The Redman Plain and the Redman Cross which are marked on the O.S. Map to the North of Lastingham, Yorkshire. Please reply direct to Peter.

MESSAGE for Member 379 George Ramsay Metcalfe of Canada.

Did you know :- George Ramsay MTE died 8 July 1901 at Dumfries, of 280 Bath St, Glasgow, house factor. Sealed London 24 Sep. Confirmation Wm Mair of Nairn, John Ramsay MTE, house factor, & Wm C. Maitland. John Ramsay MTE died 2 Apr 1917 Glasgow, of 19 Montgomerie Quadrant, Kelvinside, Glasgow. Confirmation Wm Mair of Nairn, chartered A/C John Jackson Coats, writer & John Ramsay MTE engineer. Details taken from National Index to post 1858 Wills.

STAMPS

Cost of postage and obtaining UK postage for SAE is always high and difficult to obtain. In August 1988 Mecca News we gave the advice that British postage stamps can be bought from 'British Philatelic Bureau' 20 Brandon St, Edinburgh, EH3 5TT Scotland...postage & handling was then .37p for all overseas orders - I should expect that this will now have risen to the new flat rate of .37p per order. You are also supposed to be able to get them at Stamp Dealers in Australian Capital cities.

Now member Susan Liptak (address elsewhere) would like to set up a stamp exchange as she has access to British stamps.

COUNTERSETT, WENSLEYDALE.

Following Rev'd Breay's search re the house in Countersett, he has sent us information on the following marriage which is shown on the IGI for Westmorland.....3rd June 1684 at Ravenstonedale.....Alexander Metcalfe to Margaret Langton.

Rev'd Breay has the entry taken from the register of Sedbergh Quaker Monthly Meeting (PRO Ref RG6/1285). dated 1684.5.3 (which is 1684 July 3rd) The Quaker's year began 1st March hence the 5th month is JULY. Alixander (sic) Metcalf of Counterside in Wensladale (sic) to Margaret Langton of Height of Winder, both county Yorks in house of Francis Blaykling - lived in the Sedbergh area.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Nina Benson

Three members have responded to our plea for each of you to enroll one new member - perhaps you are still trying ? or perhaps not !!

For the record - we have sent out notices to ALL county record offices in the UK plus all the main libraries and reference libraries. We have tried 6 adverts in the Family Tree magazine and we have now put an entry into the One Name section of the 1991 GRD (Genealogical Research Directory).

1871 CENSUS RETURN for GRINTON in Swaledale includes :-

Ref RG10-4873. 39:Village.

John Metcalfe	head.m.26.Cattle dealer & Farmer of 20 acres.	b.Spring End.
Ellen	" wife m 29	b.Keld.
George	" son - 2	b.Gunnerside.
Alice	" dau - 1	b.Gunnerside.
Margaret Fawcett	serv.UNM.18. General servant.	b.Keld.

COMMITTEE MEETING held Saturday 22nd September 1990

Nina E. Benson

The Index to Lists was reported as being ready for printing after being computerised by Susan Liptak of Canada. It was decided that it should be sold at £1.30 plus postage and packing and that 100 should be printed ready for sale at the AGM. Susan Liptak is now undertaking the up-dating of the Birth Brief Booklet.

Our Data Protection registration had been granted and the fee of £56 has been paid, we now await written confirmation.

The secretary reported an active membership of 312. In 1989 we gained 85 and lost 34. In 1990 we have so far gained 36 new members. The treasurer reported a balance of £2774.94p. Owing to the closure of the Earby branch of the TSB we have moved to Barclays Bank. It was decided to cancel all Banker's Orders due to administrative trouble. Direct Debit is to be investigated.

Charles Metcalfe was given permission to negotiate for a DISK DRIVE for our computer. He reported the hope of completion of the work on feeding the Card Index information into the computer by April 1991. More helpers would improve this estimate. It was decided to discontinue the use of the Carding Team and Sandra Metcalf was asked to write to them all, giving them our thanks and reasons.

Charity Status is still outstanding due to a misunderstanding. The few alterations must go before the AGM.

Jobs were designated for the AGM/Muster and plans discussed.

Copies of all important Society papers were given to the treasurer for fire safety purposes. Mecca News issues 1 to 13 were scheduled for re-printing.

It was recommended that subscription rates for 1991 remain unchanged.

The next meeting is to be on Saturday 20th April 1991, 10am, same venue.

The Meeting closed at 12.35 pm.

BOOK REVIEW.

Nina Benson

The Dalesmen of the Mississippi River
by David Morris. £ 7. 95

This is the very first book that I have received free of charge - or for the price of a 'review' but one that I would have put on my own Christmas list at any price. I thoroughly enjoyed it. METCALFES do appear - though not in any great number and the mentions only serve to 'wet' the appetite for more, which unfortunately does not appear. Perhaps that is my only true criticism - just settling down to a good story when the author moves elsewhere.

Most of our members whose Metcalfe ancestors left the Dales of old Yorkshire for the new world will love this little book which the author hopes to follow with further stories of their trials and tribulations, as he says, there was just not the space to follow all the tales through to their end.

Published by William Sessions Ltd, York, England. 1989 it can also be bought direct from the author at, 1 Prior Avenue, Richmond, North Yorkshire DL10 4AY. In America copies are available from Mr Stephen Calvert, Cottonwood Hill Publishing Co., PO Box 82, Benton, WI 53803-0082, cost \$15.00 including postage.

From "The Craven Herald" July 1975

Remarkable Potholing Discoveries beneath Dambrook House - owned by John Moores of Littlewoods Pools.

....."the pothole found when workmen poked an iron bar through flagstones in the yard of Dambrook Farm, near Arncliffe, Liffordale, immediately beneath the kitchen window, is a mile long with many passages still to explore.....David Hodgson of Settle, who undertook the early exploration said.."I had no idea of the discoveries to come, when I arrived the entrance was just an apparently insignificant hole in the kitchen wall in the yard."

As David descended on a potholing ladder he noticed "shot holes" in the walls, and found a circular dry stone wall about 2 feet high on the rocky floor 22 feet below. After some 70ft of an undulating dry passage came the brink of a short climb down into a chamber, where a stream welled up from the floor and sank amid boulders after a few yards.

To his surprise on the walls were scratched the names with dates of J.Metcalf (1862) John Gill (1862) Thos. Coulthard and W.Ward (1867) J.Lee (1867) W.Morrison (1867) and what could either be John Colton or Polton (1862).

It looks as though W.Morrison was the Walter Morrison, one time owner of Malham Tarn Estate, which he took over in 1860 because a Thos. Coulthard was Head Gardener at Malham Tarn at the time.

A family of Metcalles used to live at Middle House, Malham Moor and some Wards used to farm the moor also."

John Balderston (mem. no. 62)

Emigration in the Seventeenth Century

John Balderston submits the following fascinating article which may well be of particular interest to overseas members whose ancestors left England during the Seventeenth Century.

Members may have read of the emigrant Michill Metcalfe of Norwich (dornix weaver) who with his family of 8 children and servant sailed on the 15th April 1637 from Great Yarmouth and arrived 18th June 1637 in Boston New England.

However members may not be aware that after July 21st 1635 passengers to Holland, New England and elsewhere over the sea had "to procure a passe". (A 17th century passport).

On that day King Charles 1 issued a proclamation in these terms:-

"Whereas it is one of the principall duties of all our Subjects, to attend at all times the service and defence of their King and native Countrey either within the Realme, or without, when they shall be thereunto required: And foreseeing our Princely providence what danger might ensue to this State, if Our Subjects might at their pleasure passe and depart out of this Realme unto the Kingdomes, Countreys and Dominions of forraigne Kings or States.

For prevention whereof We have thought fit to publish Our Royal Will and commandment.....and doe therefore hereby, straitly prohibite and forbid all Our Subjects of this Realme, of what estate or degree soever they be, that they shall not at any time hereafter, without the special licence of Us.....passe or depart out of this Our Realme of England....."

This proclamation in effect extended the restrictions already in force for the control of certain classes of travellers. An Act passed in 1606 for the better discovering and repressing of Popish Recusants

included the following clause:-

"X11 And forasmuch as it is found...that such as go voluntarily out of this realm of England to serve foreign princes....are for the most part perverted in their religion and loyalty by Jesuits and fugitives...be it therefore enacted that every subject of this realme thatshall go out and serve any foreign prince...not having before his going aforesaid taken the Oath (of allegiance to the King)....shall be a felon."

Seventeenth Century practice often fell short of precept. The terms of the proclamation were not strictly enforced and six months later - on Jan 21st 1635/36 the King himself actually facilitated travel by giving to one Thomas Mayhew a 21 year grant of " the office of writing and entering passes granted in all parts of England and Wales by virtue of his Majesty's commissions lately renewed for keeping a register of such persons as depart this Kingdom with such fees as have heretofore been received for the same....." (StatePapers 1635/6 CCCX11, p 175).

"On June 21st 1636 the Council wrote to all Customers and Officers of Ports referring to the King's proclamation of June 21st 1635 and charging them to aid Mayhew and not to suffer passengers to ship themselves without a due pass".(State Papers 1636 CCCXXV8 p.523)

The records, extracts of whic have been transcribed, are taken from three documents, one in the Bodleian Library (Tanner MS 433 Michaelmas 1637 to Michaelmas 1638) and two in the Public Record Office (E 157/21 and 22..28th March 1637 to 29th September 1637 and Michaelmas 1638 to Michaelmas 1639).

Mayhew evidently worked through the Custom Officers. The procedure is noted in a diary of John Evelyn:

"1641 the 16th July, haveing procur'd a passe at the Custome House, I went to Gravesend.....with a purpose to take the first opportunity of a passage for Holland."

A Seventeenth Century Survey of the Manor of Wensleydale

(Yorkshire Archaeological Society Records Series C1V 1941 ed.T.S.Willan and E.W.Crossley)

John Balderston also draws members attention to this article which he reviews here. He says it may well be interesting particularly to members with forbears from this area..possibly to locate the locality of the house and fields they rented.

Some 40 different Metcalifes are listed, describing the premises they occupied and land they held or rented..."At the Dissolution of the Monasteries and the atainder of the Abbot of Jervaulx, the Manor of Wensleydale was worth £68..13..4d per annum."

It was granted in 1544 by Henry V111 to Matthew, Earl of Lennox and Margaret his wife but returned to the Crown in the person of James 1 (their grandson). On 6th Aug 1603 it was granted to Ludovick Stuart Duke of Lennox.

In Elizabeth's reign there had been disputes between the Crown and the tenants (of the manor) in 1570 and between the Crown and Countess in 1573 over the title of the Manor. Now the Duke of Lennox found himself in conflict not with the Crown but with his new tenants. Under the Countess they had paid fines value 9-10 years rent for leases of 21 years. Now for leases of the same term they were paying fines of 30 years rent to the Duke. Early in 1606 some tenants who had taken out leases met at Hardraw near Hawes and decided to ask Lennox to mitigate their fines. If he refused they would complain to the King. In the meantime they collected money for the necessary charges and put the matter in the hands of Peter Metcalfe - (Peter of the bowebrigge [the present Bowbridge, Dale Grange near Bainbridge]). Peter and others interviewed Lennox's commissioners and were "sharply reproved" as "but busy fellows....who came not in the business of their neighbours...

The tenants thereupon assigned a letter of attorney to Peter Metcalfe and Edmund Pratt to solicit their cause. Others took up their cause. Anthony Besson, founder of Yorebridge Grammar School who became, more than Metcalfe, leader of the tenants - also one Richard Besson who challenged the Duke's authority (following a meeting at Hawes Chapel) to hold a court at Dale Grange.

For want of further evidence the story ends here but it would appear that the tenants were sadly unsuccessful in their struggle with their landlord!

From mem no. 187

Don Halliday is seeking the baptism of EDWARD MEDCRAFT married at Dawlish, Devon on 26 Dec 1807. A search of the Dawlish parish overseers accounts indicates he possibly came from the Harrogate/Knaresborough area. Would anyone be willing to search in the West Yorkshire archives in return for work in the Devon Record Office? He will of course send them all the information he has been able to collect so far bearing on this.

Error in the Mecca News no 31 August 1990

Helen Offer pointed out my error on pages 22 and 23 when I judged that the marriage of HENRY METCALFE widower in May 1861 was of the same HENRY who in May 1844 had married Elizabeth Alderson. It clearly states that the first Henry is SON OF JOHN whilst the second Henry is SON OF HENRY.

SORRY, EVERYONE!

Nina E. Benson

From mem no 132.

John Kitchin sends the following extract from an article by Jessica Lofthouse in The Dalesman which David Joy (editor) has kindly allowed us to reproduce in our Journal.

[Editor - I make no excuse for including this article. Obviously there are questionable statements of fact in the earlier section but it "tells a good tale" as we say in Yorkshire and, after all that is how most of us came to our interest in history...am I right? No doubt you will let me know if I'm not! At any rate some of our newer members may not have had the opportunity to read some of the more fanciful and florid stories which abound]

Lady Anne Clifford of Skipton Castle received a ready welcome from the Metcalfes of Nappa Hall, kinemen of the Cliffords, for had not a daughter married Sir Christopher Metcalfe, a low match obviously for he took her with a meagre dowry of 90 marks - her father having a graded scale when dowering his daughters, according to the rank of their bridegrooms. Sir Christopher was low grade.

Raydale folded within the arms of bare fells is so tranquil a "backwater" it is well nigh impossible to picture it full of fighting men as it was in June of 1617 when the belligerent Sir Thomas Metcalfe led forty "armed with guns, bills, pikes, swords and other war-like instruments" against the Hall. The master being away they were bold in their attack. Mistress Robinson and her small children escaped in their nightclothes across the lake delta marches to Stalling Busk. That siege of Raydale House made quite a stir in the local news circle.

The Metcalfes and Nappa Hall, Wensleydale.

In the fourteenth century members of the clan "Metcalfe" arrived in this dale. Of the family of a certain Adam Metcalfe of Middle Tongue high up Dentdale, who was slain during the reign of the first Edward, they were to prosper and multiply greatly

during the next two centuries. As high ranking officials large tracts of forest land came into their hands, enough to supply the needs of sons and nephews. At military musters the head of the "Meccas" (local name for the clan) rode proudly forth leading men of his own name. In 1534 of ninety six mounted Meccas sixty two were from Nappa. On one historic occasion one, as High Sheriff, collected more than three hundred Metcalfes to ride with him and do him honour in York, all mounted (so the story goes) on white horses which were probably Yorkshire Greys.

The Nevilles went with Kings to war - the Metcalfes followed the Scropes, so it was James Metcalfe who fought well at Agincourt who was rewarded on return from the French wars with land at Nappa. James had ambition and family pride. Soon he was to obtain a licence to erect a battlemented hall which was to prove anything but a joke. His "high roofed halle" between two tall strong, battlemented and castellated towers, his capacious stables and outbuildings enclosed a large paved courtyard to which access was gained by a deep gated archway. And, so it is today, though none of the Metcalfe name live there [Sec. it is owned by a Metcalfe however].

The Nevilles showed suspicion of Scrope's ambitions when Castle Bolton looked like a threat to Middleham's position. So did the Scropes feel qualms, and had second thoughts about giving land to the Metcalfes. But, too late - Metcalfes were not content to stay down on the fourth rung of the feudal ladder. They would hold up their heads with the Nevilles and Scropes; let them wait and see!

James, the second of Nappa, was Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and held high office in the Lordships of Richmond and Middleham during the reign of Henry VI. The third James was able to keep his feet on the slippery ladder from which the

Scropes had fallen when Henry ousted their patron Richard II and from which the Nevilles were to topple in the fall of the House of York to which they were so closely bound. The third James had followed Richard of Gloucester in his travels and from the Duke had received ranks, and honours in the Lordship of Middleham. He was Master Forester of Wensleydale, Raydale and Bishopdale, high honours indeed with many "perques", and became High Sheriff of the county.

When Richard became king - and then fell before Henry Tudor - the Metcalfes clung to the ladder and kept their hold, persuading the new King that they were too valuable to go down.

Metcalfes were in full force at Flodden, and in the forefront whenever Henry VIII needed support of north countrymen. They continued to prosper.

Thomas Metcalfe added to other family estates, disafforested lands in the upper dale, when hunting preserves were becoming vaccaries, or cattle ranches. In his time the family fortunes were firmly consolidated. In young Sir Christopher's days the Metcalfes were at their most resplendent for he was a typical Tudor type, fond of high living and lavish entertainment, the Hall ringing with feasting and merriment, the courtyard filled with horsemen returning from the hunt or riding away to visit other wealthy and noble families in other dales.

One day a hunting party came through the gateway, with Mary Queen of Scots among them. Sir Christopher entertained her right royally. His wife was a Clifford, daughter of the first Earl of Cumberland.

Sir Christopher entered his inheritance with a liability. When old Sir James died the Scrope of the time, with great malice, set lawyers to find what claim the family had to the estates his forebears had bestowed on the first James Metcalfe - no legal

right at all - so, to buy the lands they had enjoyed for so many generations, the new owner had to sell and mortgage Nappa estates. After his high living the possessions were even more depleted, his grandsons dividing the residue. A century later the South Sea Bubble took what was left. Soon there were no more Metcalfes at Nappa Hall!

Nappa Hall is a farm now, the towers are tall: from the trefoil headed windows in the thick walls are fine views over countryside Metcalfes once were able to say - "all that is ours"!!

The first Metcalfe founded a Chantry Chapel in Askrigg Church- three generations of the family lie there - but little is to be seen now of chantry or tombs.

[Editor - John Kitchin concludes his letter to me.]

"To a number of our members living abroad in America, Australia, Canada and other distant places, reading the Maccs News must create some sort of pictorial image of the lovely dales where lived their forbears. I would recommend they send the necessary few dollars to:-

The Dalesman Publishing Co.

Clapham via Lancaster

Lancashire LA26 6EB

England

They will receive a monthly magazine, beautifully illustrated and with interesting reportage of the events and happenings in the beautiful Dales country where the Metcalfe clan established its being."

From mem no. 55 Dorothy Pope

Magdalen Metcalfe (1714/5 - 1740/1)

From an article by Ms OLIVE HAYGARTH in my Spring copy of the "Sedbergh Historian" I find that Magdalen was the mother of Dr. JOHN HAYGARTH (1740/1 - 1827) who had a distinguished career in the medical profession. Magdalen, baptised 27.11.1714/5 at Hawes P.C. was the daughter of THOMAS and ELIZABETH METCALFE of Ashes, Hawes. She married WILLIAM HAYGARTH 7.12.1737/8 at Aysgarth and died 15.3.1740/1 (at Garsdale?) of puerperal fever, probably at John's birth, whose baptism is not recorded. Could Thomas and Elizabeth be ancestors of one of our members? If so the article would be of great interest and I am willing to send a copy to anyone interested. (For Dorothy's address see back page of this News.)

Computer Department October Report

We now have four willing (?) helpers with the task of placing all our index cards into the computer database. Many thanks to Helen Offer, Diane Howarth and John Balderston for their very welcome help.

We are now three quarters of the way through the cards which were held by Helen and are struggling to keep pace with the updates while finishing off the last bit of the alphabet. Mary is half done with and William is on his last legs; only N to T to go!

Some entries have changed as a result of items noticed during computer entry. Copies of these are included with this News to members concerned. Would these members please check these entries and send me corrections?

It is relatively easy to search for associated items now that the majority of the entries are made. That is to say that a search for a place name or a maiden name for instance associated with another detail is now fairly easy to do. For example all Mary nee Smith or all John of Gunnerside can be found in a little time. Even broader than that all known inhabitants of Langton can be listed.

If you have a particular requirement please send a s.a.e. and eventually (I) I will answer.

Charles S. Metcalfe

REV. LISTER METCALFE 1740-97

(Cont. from Aug. 1989 Issue)

This is the concluding section of an article written by Warwick Metcalfe concerning one of his ancestors, a preacher in the Northern Dales of Yorkshire, Westmoreland and Cumberland in the late 18th century. Warwick Metcalfe shares this ancestor with many other of our members. In particular Dorothy Pope and John Holden have also been active in researching the life of this fascinating character.

....What keeps us in touch with Lister more than anything else are his sermons. Thanks to his systematic record of where and when they were given we can say exactly where he was on several occasions. Few clergymen of the 18th century can have had their whereabouts charted quite so fully and I have prepared a map based on this information (see below). He must have travelled between these places on horseback or on foot, quite likely the latter (anyone familiar with Dorothy Wordsworth's diaries will be aware that she and her brother thought nothing of a 30 mile walk).

A group of 5 sermons in a slightly different hand in 1783 bear the suffix "Script Sim Metcalfe" or "S. Metcalfe". I take it this is Lister's eldest son Sim who became a grocer in Richmond and may have been the subject of the poem uncovered by Dorothy Pope for an earlier issue of the Mecca News. He was born at Crosthwaite in 1765, died in Richmond and was buried at Muker in 1837. In 1783 he would be 18 and his education complete. I take it "script" means that he only wrote out these sermons for his father, and the authorship, judging from the style, is still Lister's. Why he should have written them out may never be discovered - perhaps Lister was ill?

Be that as it may, we might expect the sermons themselves to give us an insight into the kind of person Lister was. Here we come up against the

difficulty that it will take a long time to read them through, and it is necessary not only to accustom oneself to the copperplate hand but particularly the ornate 18th century idiom in which they are written. For these are not unselfconscious jottings or notes for spontaneous delivery but quite the opposite, a set of carefully prepared and fully written out dissertations on biblical themes designed to reconcile all manner of human behaviour or natural manifestations of holy writ.

Whilst it is evident from his notebooks and occasional books that my great great grandfather was fully alive to the 18th century's predilection for literature, philosophy and natural science, these sermons make it clear that he was far from sharing the thread of religious scepticism which runs through much of the intellectual climate of the age.

He lived through stirring times. The foundations of the British Empire were being laid in India and Canada, Cook's voyages were opening up Australia and the Far East, the early stages of the Industrial Revolution were manifesting themselves in Yorkshire and over the border in Lancashire, whilst the French Revolution and Napoleonic Wars had broken out in Europe. Yet so far as I can see on a first glance through his sermons none of these events might ever have taken place!

The topics, therefore, are self contained, the form throughout is rational, the pace tempered by the steady classical rhythms which suggest logic, and the words studded with felicitous similes that characterise 18th century prose. Also many words are underlined, so that one obtains a strong sense of the cadences of my great great grandfather's delivery. So far as I can see the end product therefore is neither an explanation nor an affirmation, but a declamation. Each sermon is a carefully designed manifesto to be read from the pulpit aimed at confirming his congregation in their Christian faith by constant reiteration of the theme, in different guises, that all things in the end can be traced back to the hand of God.

Like so many changes in taste resulting from the passage of time we may wonder how Lister's congregations managed to sit through sermons of this nature Sunday after Sunday, but we have to remember that by the standards of his day the Dales and Pennines were relatively remote regions and even where members could read and write the general level of knowledge would tend to be very localised. In such cases the 'form' is often a more

sounds and images that he conjures up rather than trying to reason them out in depth.

One sermon delivered at Crosthwaite in 1765 caught my eye because Lister has made a note alongside the date stating "this was ye first sermon I preached after my fever". Curious to learn how he might have reacted to what had evidently been a traumatic experience, or he would hardly have



St. Mary's Church, Over Silton

One of the churches on Rev Lister Metcalfe's preaching circuit

effective means of conveying a message which needs to be kept simple than its 'content'. Therefore if we can manage to tune our ears less to what is being said than to our custom today and more to the way it is delivered, we may come upon the meaning of Lister's sermons more effectively through subjective means, through response to the

made such a note, I decided to read further.

As might be expected he chose an appropriate theme taken from Psalm 17 verse 3 "When I am in heaviness I will think upon my God." The text is heavily loaded with apposite and often felicitous metaphors.

As an experiment listen to these cadences in your mind's eye or better still get someone to read them aloud to you emphasising the words Lister has underlined, and imagine you are hearing them as they were first delivered 224 years ago. Remember the underlinings have as much to do with the rhythm of voice as to the sense.

"Adversity has its peculiar advantages to bring us to a just sense of God and our duty to him. For first adversity will make us however unwilling reflect and descend into ourselves. When we enjoy an uninterrupted flow of wordly bliss, when we sail along a smooth and unruffled surface with easy and gentle gales; Reason our pilot when she do sit vigilant at ye helm, is too often lulled into a fatal security: But adversity arouses the mind from its indolence, puts us upon thinking closely and turning our thought every way. Those who have met with no misfortunes to mortify ye pride of heart, which is the growth of prosperity, say to themselves 'Come on, let us enjoy the good things that are present, let us fill ourselves with costly wines and ointments, and let no flowers of ye spring pass by us. Let us crown ourselves with Rosebuds, before they be withered.' Thus ye glittering scenes of life beget a thousand gay ideas, a swarm of fantastic images, which, like insects, wanton and flatter in ye warm sunshine of prosperity; but disappear, die and are no more, upon ye first inclemency of ye season. It is amazing that men in the fulness of health and plenty, when everything smiles around, should shut out ye consideration of ye Being to whom they owe ye fulness of their health and plenty; like groves in all ye freshness of their verdure with all their leaves thick upon them shutting out the beams of the sun to which they are indebted." etc. etc.,

This extract will, I hope, convey something of the flavour of Lister's sentiment which is very much what can be expected of an 18th century cleric of an earnest disposition, and would seem to bear out the gist of the testimonials and petitions addressed to the Bishop of Chester on his behalf. The style

too has more than a touch of charm and felicity in turn of phrase which might spring from the author of an English grammar.

Three sermons dating from 1797, the year of his death, were separated from the rest, two of them bound in a small notebook. These were preached in Muker Church on January 15th and February 5th respectively while the last was apparently delivered twice in successive weeks on March 5th and March 12th, the only occasion on which this appears to have happened in the 34 years covered by the 92 sermons that survive. As such it would be out of character and surely an indication of the onset of Lister's final illness. The sermon given in January had been preached at Muker previously on February 20th 1780, that given in February was first delivered at Middleham on October 1st 1769, and the last (given twice in March) also had its first outing in Middleham in the same year on March 7th. The fact that this particular sermon was given on two successive weeks and has been bound into a notebook therefore suggests that March 12th 1797 was probably the last occasion that my great great grandfather preached in Muker church and that he was probably already failing at the time. He was buried there on May 31st barely two and a half months later; he was only 57.

His theme was surely appropriate to a minister and schoolmaster who, I would like to believe, was conscientious in his duties and served his parishoners and pupils with the kind of strong and simple faith which fitted the tough and isolated lives they lived.

Mark 12 verse 30 "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy Soul and with all thy Mind and with all thy strength. This is ye first commandment". Perhaps he had a premonition that the first would also be the last commandment he would preach!

FROM MEM NO 73
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NEW ZEALAND

Dear Editor

I have a plea for help, please, and in exchange offer a little information on the only two Metcalf(e) references I could find in the shipping lists of immigrants arriving in New Zealand last century. The records of assisted immigrants have been preserved whereas records of those paying their own fares have not always survived. Families with no more than four dependant children could have some or all of their passage money paid by the Government in return for filling job vacancies in this country.

As you will see with Thomas Metcalf and family the vital information of county of origin, occupation and port of embarkation have been missed from the shipping list. However, if someone has 'lost' a brother of an ancestor the name of the wife and child would identify him. Emma came here somewhat later, after the earlier campaign to encourage immigrants. The information 'single woman' and 'single man' after the names of the two younger members of the family mean they were put in those cabins. Young people were strictly segregated, and only those under 12 could stay with their parents. Both voyages were quite fast, two and a half months for the "Mitiades", and only six weeks for the "Ruapehu". Some of the earlier voyages took over five months...Imagine being at sea in cramped conditions, poor food, often freezing cold and desperately sea sick!

I hope this information will be of use to someone. I would be happy to make a small search in the New Zealand Registrar General's indexes of births, marriages and deaths from 1848 to 1920 if this would help members. (A British airmail stamp in lieu of a s.a.e. would be fine.) Civil registration began

here in 1848 but was not compulsory until 1875. The indexes are available to the public only up to 1920.

I hope you will have room for my request - poor Jane has been parentless for so long on my chart I just had to try something.

Help wanted, please

I am unable to find the parents of my ancestor Jane Metcalfe who married Matthew Forster 31 Aug 1723 at Muker - "both of the parish of Aysgarth". Presumably they were married at Aysgarth because Matthew's Uncle Christopher Forster was curate there. Matthew was a grocer in Askrigg who died in 1737, possibly unexpectedly as he did not leave a will. His Admon. in 1738 mentions his widow Jane and the executor was George Metcalfe. The Forsters seem to have been in Askrigg at least back to the burial of Matthew's grandfather John in 1683.

Does anyone have a Metcalfe Will proved in the early to mid 1700's which mentions a daughter Jane wife of Matthew Forster?

The absolutely marvellous Wills booklets published by the Society - thanks to Nina Benson and helpers - shows just how many possibilities there are for a Metcalfe of Aysgarth parish. In the Maccs News no 10 I find that Aysgarth had four Chapetries, Askrigg, Stalling Busk, Hawes and Lunds with Hardraw. This leaves (counting Aysgarth itself) five possible residences for the Metcalfe I want - always providing of course that he left a will. Hopefully someone in the society might be able to help.

Joan Teale mem no 73

Assisted Immigration to New Zealand

Ship	Mitlades	Ruapehu
Date of Arrival	23 July 1874	19 June 1887
Port of Arrival	Auckland	Wellington and Christchurch
Date of embarkation	2 May 1874	7 May 1887
Port of embarkation		Plymouth
Surname	METCALF	METCALFE
First names and ages	Thomas 45	Emma
	Mary Ann 44	
	Ann 19 (single women)	
	William 13 (single men)	
County		Cambridge
Occupation		Dressmaker
Total cost of passage money		
to the government	£58	£16
Amount payable by individuals		
In cash		£10
in promissory notes by emigrants	...	...
Ultimate cost to government	...	...
Remarks		Nominated Canterbury 1468

Census on the move

Census return films and viewers have now been moved from Portugal Street, London to their new home at the Public Record Office, Chancery Lane. All the records will eventually be available in one room (with two thirds more number of reader places) and microfilms will be available on a self-service basis, which should speed up the service.

From mem no. 358

Shildon Charities

An extract from "History and Topography of Durham" (thought to date 1856)

"By the will dated July 19th 1675. EDWARD METCALFE gave his house and his lands in Shildon to four poor persons during their lives and after their death to other four in like manner. The land consisted of about 3 acres of meadow and is let at £5.6s per annum. £50 having been received some years ago, on account of the railway passing through it. Two cottages were erected on the site of the original one, which had fallen down. The rents arising from these premises instead of being appropriated to four persons, are distributed to the poor of the township of Shildon not receiving parochial relief or in some cases, in addition to their weekly pay, chiefly in sums of 10s and 20s."

Mike Richardson

(Mike also sent monumental inscriptions relating to Metcalfe from Shildon, Coundon and Evenwood in County Durham. I have passed these on for inclusion in our index of lists.)

Bastardy Information 1846-8

Petty Sessions, Hang West Division, North Riding, North Yorkshire

1847 Sarah Airey, Bainbridge. Female child by Thomas Metcalfe,

Bainbridge, Yeoman.

Extract from

The Story of Richmond in Yorkshire

by David Brooks, sent by Charles Metcalfe, our new chairman,

"Holy Trinity ... in the market place..in the tower, the bellman came to live and perform his craft. The traders followed the bellman in quick succession. The shop of Arthur Thomas the Sadler hugged the tower on its western side, Robert Metcalf the Corn-chandler and William Myers the barber kept it cosy on the south.

As far back as 1442. Commissioners of Array sent inspecting officers into every county to muster and set in military order all men between sixteen and sixty years old. The Aldermen and principal inhabitants shared the private armour of fourteen corslets with furniture. Richard Bellamy, Barnaby Taylor and John Metcalf had musquets but all had a pound of powder, match and shot...and women were not excluded. Elizabeth Metcalfe was allowed John Metcalfe for her bearer...it is surely safe to assume that John was her husband, and her contributor as well as her bearer. He had been charged with private armour, but received a musquet and no corslet. Perhaps the true explanation is that he found it more convenient (and more healthy) to bear and contribute for this Amazon of the Metcalfe family, then militant here in Richmond."

Lincolnshire Family History Society

This new society has recently been set up for those with ancestors in the county. Further details from Mrs.E.B.Robson, 135 Baldertongate, NEWARK, Notts., NG24 1RY

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