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EDITORIAL

And so I enter my second year as editor of the Journal of the Metcalfe Society. There is no doubt that to serve the society in some way or other helps you to understand more about just how much hard work goes in to the smooth running of the society

Your committee will be meeting in April and will no doubt have a very packed agenda (we have been told to bring our sandwiches which sounds very ominous!).

This will be the first meeting to be chaired by Charles Metcalfe who reports elsewhere in this edition on the excellent progress made in computerising our records. It was reading Charles' report that set me thinking of all the work which is done for the society. 23,000 individual entries now on computer! How many hours of hard work does that represent for Charles and his team.

Computerisation is just one area of the society's work where hard work is being applied. Our secretary never stops! Our treasurer is quietly efficient (which reminds me, have you paid your subs yet?). All our project leaders listed on the back page deserve our regular thanks and as much help and support as we can give them.

Dorothy Pope, our Wills Project Co-ordinator especially asks for help in searching and listing the entries of wills at various Records Offices throughout the country. The work is not very onerous, in fact it is quite interesting. It simply involves committing yourself to searching a period of, say, 10 years and extracting references to Metcalfes in the format requested by Dorothy. When this project is complete the society will have yet another source available to its members to ease their researches

I am personally grateful to all members who continue to supply me with articles for the Journal. I now have an embarrassing backlog of these which I must deal with in some way or other. I shall be discussing this at the next committee meeting. I have in mind either a super-bumper edition in August or perhaps an extra edition in October. The committee will no doubt have views on the matter. If a decision is made to publish all the outstanding articles then help with typing will be gratefully received!

Vera Adams has volunteered to take on the task of distributing the Journal, for which I am truly grateful. It is one of those jobs which just has to be done and has very little to recommend it. The only benefit I got from the job was a clearer knowledge of just how widespread our membership has now become. Thank you once again Vera, and to Frank Bradley before you.

Finally, as I have already mentioned the Computer General Index is now complete. In order to help with inputting additional entries a special form has been devised by Charles Metcalfe and Diane Howarth. A copy of this form is included with this mailing. Charles and Diane ask that all members should use this form if at all possible when sending information to the Keeper of the Computer General Index. Please feel free to photocopy the form as often as you wish.

And so to Easter. Have a good spring and summer and success with your searches.

Stuart Metcalfe

March 1991

Secretary's Notes

5th March 1991

Hello again and a warm welcome is extended to all our new members, we hope you enjoy your membership of the Society as we swing into our eleventh year. My thanks go to many of you for your lovely cards and kind thoughts which I received at Christmas time. I was so pleased to hear reports that some members are helping each other with research, something which I hope will continue through the years.

We are pleased to be able to keep the price of the AGM/Muster to the same figure as last year, though our margin has been reduced so this makes it most important that the numbers attending remain around the 80 mark. Please make an extra effort to come along. I'm sure you will enjoy your day. Formal notice of the AGM and a booking form appear elsewhere.

Your new committee will be meeting on April 20th so if you have anything to say or suggest do let me have details as soon as possible.

Our thanks go to new member Pam Widdowson who has kindly provided us with printouts of the 1988 IGI for Durham and Northumberland - if you have an enquiry send it to me (+ SAE).

I'm still working my way through the Ripon Cathedral parish registers and the end is in sight - but one I spotted which will interest Charles Metcalfe and others - Marriage 6th March 1819. George Metcalfe bach of Langton on Swale to Susanna Gibson spr of Ripon.

Was someone, sometime, searching for a place called 'Paddock' ? I have just recently seen a 'HIGH SHAW PADDOCK' listed in the 1851 census return in the Mossdale area near Hawes.

The new membership drive as mentioned in the August and December 1990 Mecca News was not a COMPLETE flop but not far from it. I believe seven members responded and this resulted in TWO new members. Has anyone any fresh ideas ?

May I wish you all a successful searching year and I hope to see many of you in October.

Best wishes Mina .



BIRTH BRIEFS

Member 453. Mrs Kathy Doust. 'Burnside' 21 Victoria Embankment, Nottingham
HN2 2JY.

Kathy's maiden name was MEDCALF and her family was based in the Medway towns in Kent.

Member 454. Mr & Mrs Bruce & Marta Metcalf, 3915 Yorktown Road, Chattanooga TN,
37416. U.S.A.

Bruce was born in Los Angeles son of Robert Cooley and Beverley L.A. (Daniel) Metcalf. Robert C. born 1923 Berkeley, Alameda CA son of Ray Will and Lola Lydia (Cooley) MT mge 1918 Alameda. Ray Will b 1895 at Geneseo Henry IL, son of Henry Kanaga MT & his 2nd wife Olive Blanche RAY. Henry K born 1852 at Kenosha, Wisconsin son of Francis & Ophelia M. (Kellogg) Metcalf who married 1839 at Milwaukee. Francis bpt 1818 Knaresborough, Yorkshire, England son of Francis & Isabella (Craw) MT. Francis bpt Sep 1787 at Knaresborough, Yks. son of Robert & Ann (? Blakey m 25 Nov 1753 K'bro).

Member 455. Mr Lawrence D. Medcalf, Dept of Speech & Communication Studies,
San Francisco State University, San Francisco, California 94132. U.S.A.

and his sister

Member 456. Mrs Janet K. Duttarar, 6026 Sheridan, Clovis, California 93612.

Descendants of The Dornix Weaver, Michael Metcalf and his wife Sarah Elwyn, of Norfolk, England. Their son Michael married Mary Fairbanks and their son Eleaser is the ancestor of Lawrence & Janet, he was born 20 March 1653 in Massachusetts and later moved to either Pennsylvania or Kentucky. Later descendants moved to Dale in Indiana where their great grandfather was a Presbyterian minister.

Member 457. Mrs Elsie Kriesch, 111 Manley Street, Caboolture, Queensland 4510.
Australia.

Grandfather William Richard NASH emigrated to Victoria Australia circa 1851. He was born 1850 in London England son of William Ormiston NASH and his wife ROSETTA METCALFE. Rosetta together with her brother Thomas Robert and her sister Margaret were baptised 22 Sept 1824 at St Marys, Lambeth, London and the Bishops Transcripts give them 'of Kennington' and children of Richard Metcalfe and his wife Mary Sharpe. Richard was a chemist. Our General Index holds nothing new for this family CAN ANYONE HELP ? PLEASE.

Member 458. James Edmund Metcalfe, Hardenclough Farm, Edale, Via Sheffield,
Derbys. S30 2ZL.

Born Darlington, Co Durham son of Edmund Postlethwaite Metcalfe and his wife Lily Carter, who m Aug 1925 at Haughton le Skerne, Co Durham. Edmund P. born Nov 1901 Darlington son of James & Edith Mary (Postlethwaite) Mte who married May 1895 at Waberthwaite, Cumberland. James b Sep 1864 at Hipswell, Co Durham son of Edmund William & Mary (Webster) Mte who m May 1861 at Hipswell. Edmund William b Sep 1835 Hipswell, son of James & Mary Barbara (Binks) Mte who m March 1825 at Raskelf, Yks. James b Jan 1793 Hipswell son of George & Elizabeth (Robinson) Mte. (? mge at High Coniscliffe 17th Nov 1768). Jim is brother to Nina Benson, M29. and cousin to Joan Schmidt M66.

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BIRTH BRIEFS / 2

Member 459. Mrs Frances M. Hartley, 13 Towton Avenue, Tadcaster Road, York.
Yorkshire. YO2 2DW.

Frances is sister to Member 218 Lillah Chapman. Daus of Thomas Wintersgill-MTE and his wife Doris Caulton who m 1921. Thomas W b June 1894 near Masham Yks son of Thomas & Mary (Carter) MTE m Apr 1891. Thomas b May 1863 son of Thomas & Isabella (Wintersgill) MTE. Thomas b 1827 son of George & Ann (Astwood) m at Masham 21 Jan 1811. George bpt Oct 1784 Masham son of George & Jane (Mallerby) Mte m March 1777 Masham.

Member 460. Mrs V.M. Eustace, 28 Mowbray Road, Cambridge, CB1 4SY.

Great x 5 Grand-daughter of Stephen Fuller and his wife Martha Metcalfe married at Newmarket, Cambs. March 1753. Martha b Dec 1730 dau of Robert and Martha (Curtice) MTE m Apr 1721 Newmarket. Robert b Mar 1694 at Sudbury, Suffolk, son of Thomas & Lydia Mte. Thomas b 1668 son of William and his 3rd wife Susan Bayley m 1668 Burwell. William b 1628 Boxworth in Cambs son of Samuel & Marie (Thurstone) Mte m Apr 1629 (sic) Caxton Cambs. Samuel b 1607 Boxworth son of Samuel & Mary (Cambridge) Mte m Nov 1607 at Caxton. Samuel b ? son of William & Agnes Mte. William b Jul 1564 at Soham son of Henry & Ann Mte m May 1563.

Member 461. John R. Metcalf, Route 3, 208 Quail Road, Lynchburg, Virginia 24504. U.S.A.

Born in Prince Edward County, Virginia son of Thomas J. & Sally Nell (Davis) MT who m 1919. Thomas J. b 1899 Madison County, North Carolina, son of John MT junior and his wife Emily C. Corn who m 1891. John jr b 1874 in Madison County son of John senior and Vianna (Lisenbee) Mt who m 1861. John sr b 1841, Carter County, Tennessee, son of Gabriel & Fammie (Jones) MT m 1830. Gabriel b 1810 Madison County, son of Joe & Polly (Arwood) MT.

Joe is believed to have come to North Carolina from Virginia and was born in 1780. Either he or his parents came from Yorkshire, England in a ship owned by the Shelton family, who apparently shipped often from England to the Caribbean Islands. One of the Sheltons became Governor of Bermuda.

CAN ANYONE THROW ANY LIGHT ON THIS ?

Member 462. Mrs Margaret Linturn, 29 Lynegrove Avenue, Ashford, Middlesex. TW15 1EP.

Grand-daughter of Ernest Mte born 18 Feb 1893 Whitby, Yorkshire whose mother Elizabeth Ann died in childbed. He had an elder sister Alice Bryan Metcalfe.

Member 463. Mrs Pamela Widdowson, 244 Bankhead Rd, Northallerton, North Yks. DL6 1JE.

Descendant of John & Catherine (Hardman) Mt m May 1906. John b Oct 1888 son of Richard & Eleanor/Ellen (Ward) Mt m 23 June 1874 at Holy Trinity, South Shields, Co Durham. Richard b c1853 in Scotland may be the son of Robert and Mary (Ecclesfield) Mt - who also had John b c1855 in Stockton Co Durham and William b 3 Oct 1863 Durham Street in Middlesbrough.

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BIRTH BRIEFS / 3

Member 464. Derek Metcalf, 913 N. Spring Avenue, La Grange Park, Illinois,
60525. U.S.A.

Cousin to M51 Maisie Birch. Son of George S. Mt b c1896 Chester, England. George S. son of George Frederick Mt of Manchester, Eng. and his wife Ethel Stonely m May 1894 Chester. George F. b 14 July 1863 Manchester son of Henry & Elizabeth (Green) MT m March 1860. Henry b Nov 1836 son of John & Sarah (Kenyon) Mt m Jan 1833 MANCHESTER. John b Feb 1813 Rossendale, Lancs. son of Thomas & Mary (Winsby) MT m June 1800 Wensley Yks. Thomas was a tailor of Crawshaw Booth, Lancs.

Member 465. Mrs Patricia Kirkwood, 17 Campbell Avenue, Normanhurst,
New South Wales, 2076. Australia.

Dau of Joseph Robert ALLEN & his wife Anna Lousia Elizabeth Mte who m April 1905 at Young, NSW. Anna L E b Oct 1883 dau of Charles Joseph & Laura Annie (Cheeseman) Mte who m Feb 1876 at Palmerston, Otago, New Zealand. Charles Joseph b 1846 Chawson House in Roxton Park, Bedfordshire, England. son of Charles James & Lousia (Dando) Mte m 1845. Charles James b 1814 Roxton Park son of Charles James & Elizabeth (May) Mte m Aug 1813. Charles James b 1786 Roxton Park son of James & Susanna (Banyard) Mte m 1785 St Pauls Covent Gdn, London. James b 1742 at Fordham Abbey, Cambs son of William & Catherine (Affleck) Mte m Apr 1733 Lidgate, Suffolk. William, youngest son b 1697 Fordham Abbey, of Capt Charles & Mary Mte. Charles 1655 - 1709 was of Fort Madras, India 1678-1698.

Patricia's family line connects to that of M113 Diane Fox.

Member 466. Mr & Mrs James Arthur Metcalfe, Ess Bottom, Bell Busk, Skipton,
North Yorkshire. BD23 4DU.

Connection here to M41 Mrs Ruth Kay and Member 135 Edward Dawson.

James Arthur b Liverpool son of James & Mary (Harrison) Mte. James son of William & Catherine Betsy (Windle) Mte.

Member 467. Mrs Lesley Wilson, 39 Lone Pine Drive, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 8LP.

Grand-daughter of Arthur Polgrass Drake & his wife Constance Edna METCALFE, who m 1919 Armley, Leeds Yks. Constance E. b Nov 1897 Wortley, Leeds dau of John & Isabella Groves (Malthouse) Mte m Dec 1885 New Connescion Chapel Leeds. John b Nov 1864 Old Washington, Washington, Co Durham son of William & Eleanor/Ellen (Middleton) Mte. William b c1843 Masham Yks. This William may connect to M368 Sandra Quinn...and be the son of John & Elizabeth (nee Beckwith) Mte m Jan 1834 Masham. John b Nov 1810 Masham son of Thomas and Margaret (Hauxwell) Mte who m Feb 1794 at Spennithorne Yks when Thomas was described 'of East Witton parish'.

Member 468. Christopher Metcalfe, 42 Highgate, Penwortham, Preston, Lancs.
PR1 0DU.

Christopher has traced his line back to the early 1800s...no details yet received.

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BIRTH BRIEFS / 4

Member 469. Mrs Hazel E. Brookes. 20 Base Green Avenue, Sheffield, S12 3FA.
South Yorkshire.

May have a connection to M93 Mrs Kay Davey. Hazel is granddau of Harry and Lucy (Emmerson) Mt who m Apr 1915. Harry b 1878 Sheffield son of Robert & Elizabeth (Garner) Mt m Oct 1870 Sheffield. Robert born Aug 1847 Donington, Lincs. son of George & Mary Mt.

Member 470. Mrs Myrtle C. Smith, 21 Homeminster House, Station Road,
Warminster, Wilts. BA12 9BP.

Dau of George & Isabella Constance (Marshall) Mte who m Nov 1911 Lyndhurst, Hants. George b 18 Sep 1886 St George's Hospital at Marble Arch, London son of Harriet Mte who died same day. It is believed that Harriet had an elder brother named Thomas of Haverhill, Suffolk, who raised George.

Member 471. Tim J. Metcalfe, 189 Bells Road, Gorleston on Sea, Norfolk,
NR31 6BA.

Son of Albert Edward & Irene Ellen (Nicholls) Mte who m June 1937 at Great Yarmouth. Albert E. b Feb 1911 son of James Henry & Anna (Bradnum) Mte who m Jun 1906 Beccles, Suffolk. James Henry b May 1883 at Potterhigham, son of George & Ann Eliza (Flatt) Mte who m Nov 1880 at Catfield. George b Sep 1848 son of Henry & Eleanor (Futter) Mte m Oct 1839 Aldeby, Norfolk. Henry bpt Jan 1817 Upton son of Robert & Sophia Mte. Robert b c1778, was a miller journeyman.

Member 472. Miss Fiona H Haslam and Mrs S. Beryl Haslam, 'Gruezi' The Plain,
Brailsford, Derbys. DE6 3BZ.

Fiona is great grand-daughter of EMMA Metcalfe and her husband George Wright. George was b in Lincs and they lived at Taddington, Derbys in late 1890s. EMMA was b 31 Dec 1859 at Mallerstang, Westmorland/Yorkshire borderlands. Emma had a sister Rose who is believed to have married a James Hodgson. There may have had brothers or cousins William who m Ginny ? and lived Railway Cottages, Kirkby Stephen, Albert who moved to South Normanton in Derbys, and Edger/Edgar who farmed around Kirkby Stephen.

Member 473. John Bertram Metcalf, 6 Wall Street, Taupo, New Zealand.

Born in Bexley, Kent, England son of Bertram Tennant & Charlotte Daisy (Thorpe) MT. Bertram T. b c1887 Liverpool or Leeds son of John George and Sally MT. John G worked for W.H. Smith & Sons and it is hoped that their Archive dept will be able to throw some light on his birth date/place.

Member 474. Miss Lindsey M. Wardle, 11 Palace View, Bromley, Kent. BR1 3EJ.

Connects to M447 Jane & Elizabeth Toomey. Lindsey's great grandparents were William Stephens & Gertrude Minnie (MTE) Wardle. Gertrude M was b Aug 1860 at Kirkstall, Leeds, Yks. dau of Rev James Galloway & Fanny (nee Hobson) MTE. James G. b Sep 1832 Richmond Yks son of James & Mary (Woodward) Mte m Jul 1821 Richmond. James bpt Apr 1796 Richmond, son of Christopher & Ann (Galloway) Mte m May 1795 Richmond. Christopher b c 1772 was a tailor.

Member 475. Mrs Kathryn A. Metcalfe, 190 Whitby Avenue, Ingol, Preston,
Lancs. PR2 3GB.

Connects to M307 Mrs John Hughes & ? others.

Kathryn's husband is Peter John Metcalfe son of James Robert & Jessie

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BIRTH BRIEFS / 5

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son of James Robert & Jessie Florence (Ruth) Mte. James Robert b 1905 son of James & Alice (Heaton) Mte. James b 1879 Gayle in Wensleydale Yks, son of Robert & Elizabeth (Allen) Mte m pre 1876 Hawes area. Robert bpt July 1837 son of William & Elizabeth (Marsden) Mte who m 6 Oct 1817 Slaidburn Yks. William b 1792 Aysgarth Yks son of James & Isabel (Blenkhorn) Mte who m 17 May 1790 at Stallingbusk, Yks.

Member 476. Mrs Frances Stevenson, Elsing Bottom Farm, Farnley, Otley, Yorkshire. LS21 2QL.

Dau of EVA METCALF who m Mr Verity. Eva dau of George & Ada (Moor) Mt who m Apr 1898 at Middlesmoor, Nidderdale, Yks. George b c1874 son of George & Hannah Mt. George bpt Oct 1837 Pateley Bridge Yks son of Joseph & Ellen (Smith) Mt who m July 1836 at Ripon Cathedral. Joseph bpt 21 Sep 1815 Pateley Bridge son of Peter & Mary Mt.

Frances connects with Mrs Patricia Metcalfe M309.

Member 477. Mr & Mrs Geoffrey & Joy Metcalf, PO Box 102, 1502 Greenhills, Metro Manila, Republic of Philippines.

Related to M420 and M421. Nothing received on these lines.

Member 478. Mrs Joyce E. Dadswell, 63 Mill Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex RH15 8DY.

grand-daughter of Alfred Richard & Ada Mary (Metcalf) Birtles who marr ST Andrews, (July 1886), Stockwell, Surrey. Ada Mary b 23 Feb 1864 dau of James & ? Mte. James Mte was a silversmith in London and died before 1886.

Member 479. Mrs Flora M. Garry, Laich Dyke, Comrie, Crieff, Perthshire Scotland, PH6 2HB.

Dau of Archibald & Helen Mary (Metcalf) Campbell. Helen Mary dau of James Mte. James bpt March 1832 Newhills, Aberdeen son of Francis Garden & Helen (Frater) Mte who m 1824. Francis G b 1795 son of Thomas & Jean (Riddel) Mte m June 1787 Aberdour, Aberdeen. Thomas was a farmer & horse doctor and was born in Wensleydale Yks. and moved to a farm near Gardenstown on the Moray Firth. Thomas must have been brought to Scotland by the landed proprietor, Francis Garden of Troup House who was one of the 'improving Lairds' of this time and believed in bringing in new blood to raise standards.

UP-DATING PREVIOUS BIRTH BRIEFS

Mrs Mary Ingham. M14. 110 Barnsley Rd, Sandal Magna, Wakefield. WF1 5NX.

Mary had researched back to William Mte b 1791 Norwich who it turns out married 10 July 1815 St Pauls, Norwich to MARY ANN PALMER.

Peter Krugar. M64. 54 Broomfield St, Taringa 4068, Brisbane, Queensland. AUS.

Goes back to a Percival MTE who married Ann Swales at Farlington, Yorks England 29 Dec 1761..this also ties in with M8 David Galloway.

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UP-DATING BIRTH BRIEFS continued...

Mrs Pam Jarmain. M123. 15 The Garth, Ash, Aldershot, Hants. GU12 6QN.

dau of Percy & Elsie Lilian (Spurge) Mte. Percy b 1903 Newcastle upon Tyne, son of Ralph & Dorothy Jane (Spark) Mte. Ralph b 1874 Wickham, Co Durham son of Ralph & Elizabeth (Roddy) Mte whose mge is sought. Pam reports that M165 Mrs Audrey Hall is dau of Ralph MTE's second marriage to Alice Lousia TOASE in 1934 after the death of his 1st wife Dorothy.

Mrs Patricia Pack. M148. 110 Earnsdale Road, Darwen, Lancs. BB3 1JA.

great grandmother Emma Thackray b 1859 dau of George and Rebecca (MTE) Thackray. They married 6th July 1843 at Ripon Cathedral when Rebecca was a minor of Fellbeck dau of PETER MTE, farmer.

Mrs Christine Wadsworth. M169. 1 Queen's Park Drive, Castleford, W.Yks. WF10 3DE.

Grand-dau of ELLEN MTE b 20 Oct 1882 Farnham Yks, dau of James & Elizabeth (Paley) Mte. Ellen who m Arthur Toft had at least 1 brother, James and three sisters, Alice, Annie & Polly. James b May 1848 Appleby Carr, Scriven Yks, son of James & Mary (Metcalf) Mte m Aug 1828 Ripon Cathedral. James b c1811 Grewelthorpe/Kirkby Malzeard may have been son of John & Sarah. Mary was bpt June 1813 at Masham dau of Thomas & Mary (Pearson) Mte who lived at Ilton and married Oct 1807 at East Witton. they also had Eleanor 1808, Ann 1815, Thomas 1816, Frances, 1821, Robert 1824, Matthew 1827 and another Ann 1830 (the first died aged a few days).

Harold Wilkinson. M321. 8 Cross St, Nelson, Lancs. BB9 7EN.

Descendant of Jeffrey MTE who married Mary Wilkinson at Lunds, Yks on 10 Nov 1888 when he was described as 'son of JOHN MTE'. Jeffrey died 15 Oct 1932 aged 79 hence born circa 1853.

Nicholas Metcalfe. M419. High Garth, 5 Clixby Lane, Grasby Barnetby, South Humberside. DN38 6AJ.

Nicholas was born in Liverpool son of Christopher Douglas & Jean Mgt (Skinner) Mte m Oct 1946, Eltham Park, Woolwich. Christopher D. b 1921 Liverpool son of Christopher Anthony & Mabel (Ellis) Mte who m Dec 1916 Amwell, Herts. Christopher A. b Oct 1885 High Blean in Raydaleside, Wensleydale, Yks. son of William Christopher & Mary Isabella (Carter) MTE who m Aug 1885 at Stallingbusk, Yks. William C. b Feb 1858 Countersett son of Christopher & Jane (Metcalf) MTE Jane was his 1st wife and they m Jan 1846 at Stallingbusk, his 2nd mge was Sep 1878 to Esther Alderson, widow, nee Tiplady who was sister to Mary Tiplady who married Christopher & Jane's son JOHN. Christopher was the eldest son born 1823 of George & Elizabeth (Chapman) Mte of Worton who m Apr 1823. They had a further four children :- Anne 1828, Eleanor 1834, George Chapman 1838 & John b & d 1846. Elizabeth Chapman is connected to the line of the 'butcher' Metcalfes and the family of M410 Mrs Minnitt and Mrs Allen.

Also connect to M406 Miss Edna Outhet through Margaret dau of Chris & Jane b 1850 m John Outhett. Also connect to M178 Vicky Young through Jane Ellen dau of Chris & Jane b 1860 m John Allen Carter.

Any more ??? !!!!!

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UP-DATING BIRTH BRIEFS....continuation....

Mrs Muriel Johnston. M445. 'Leftback', Park St.Berkhamsted.Herts.HP4 1HX.

Great grand-dau of Thomas & Mary (Metcalf) Pickersgill of Galphay near Ripon,Yks. Mary bpt July 1856 North Stainley, Yks dau of George & Ann (Bolton) MTE m 5 Oct 1843 Ripon Cathedral. They lived 1)Mustardfield House, North Stainley; 2)Braithwaite Hall, Galphay; 3) Oak Stile, Grewelthorpe. George bpt March 1812 North Stainley, son of James & Mary (?) MTE of the Staveley Arms. James bpt Nov 1778 at Masham son of George & Jane (Mallerby) MTE m March 1777 Masham. George b April 1747 son of George & Jane (Metcalf) MTE m 15 July 1745 at Masham. George b 13 Oct 1724 (? at Masham - son of William).

Mrs Edna Swain. M452. 40 Lowtherhurst Rd,Massey,Auckland 8, New Zealand.

Thanks to M63 Joan Metcalfe Edna has been able to discover more about her family line. Edna is grand-dau of John Slater & Sarah Jane (Metcalf) Stott who m Aug 1893 at Halifax Yks England. Sarah Jane b Oct 1856 at Liverpool, dau of Robert & Ann (Wilson) Mte who m June 1855 at Preston, Lancs. Robert bpt May 1831 Preston son of William & his 2nd wife Grace (Bowker) Mte who married 2nd April 1823 at St John's Church,Preston.

Edna is very grateful to both Joan Metcalfe for her valuable help and to Mona Conroy of Marton, Blackpool who went along to the local cemetery to attempt to locate a headstone.

Mrs Anne Rhodes.M214. and Misses Clare & Jennifer Mountain.M441.

Report that Thomas Metcalfe 29yrs bach labr of Wheldrake s of George, labr married Annie Postill, 18yrs.spr. of Kippax dau of William, a shepherd. at The Registry Office, York, on 18th April 1903.

Ms Sheila Barley. M280. 189 Barkers Butts Lane, Coventry. CV6 1EJ

Sheila is dau of Percy & Beatrice (Guessford) Barley. Percy son of John & Isobel (Wake) Barley. Isobel dau of William & Jane (Metcalf) Wake who m 7 Nov 1835. Jane bpt 15 May 1810 Danby Wiske, Yks, dau of Christopher & Jane (Compston) Mte m 30 Nov 1807 Langton upon Swale, Yks. Christopher bpt 25 Mar 1784 Langton son of Christopher & Hannah (Brown) Mte who m 17 Jul 1781 Langton. Christopher b c 1751 was a blacksmith.

Related to M108 Isobel Christian. M180 Alan Thompson. M337 Joyce Wilkinson.

Mrs Barbara Metcalfe M312. 8 The Paddock, Burton Salmon, Leeds. LS25 5NE.

widow of Roy Metcalfe 1931-1987, son of Rowland 1907-83 & Mary. Rowland son of Wilfred d 1919 and Alice. Rowland had sisters Mary, Pansy, Irene and a brother Wilfred. The family came from the Methley area near Leeds.

Mrs Joyce Wilkinson M337. The Grange, Rainton,Thirsk,Y07 3PL.Nth Yks.

Grand-dau of John & Isobel (Wake) Barley. Isobel dau of William & Jane (Metcalf) Wake m Nov 1835. Jane bpt May 1810 Danby Wiske. Yks. and see M280 Sheila Barley above. Related also to M108 & M180 as above.

Miss Chris Ekeblad M430. 48 Lofting Road, Islington. London.N1 1ET.

Descendant of Paul Metcalf born 12 Feb 1812 - previously believed to have been born in Whitby - it now appears that he was born in Easington Yks (now Cleveland).

Mrs Mona Conroy M433. 27 Cleves Court,Marton,Blackpool,Lancs.FY3 9SB.

Descendant of Charles bpt Dec 1866 Swavesey, Cambs son of William and Eliza (Jakes) Mte m 1859 Swavesey. Wm b c1810 son of Samuel Mte.

OBITUARIES

Sadly we report the death, in October 1990, of Philip Burgess of Mirfield. We send our sincere condolences to his wife Mary.

In December 1990 we were sad to hear of the death of David Metcalfe of Boreham Wood and we send his wife Margery our sincere condolences.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 12th OCTOBER 1991.

We give formal notice that the Annual General Meeting of this Society will be held at the College of Ripon & York St. John on Saturday 12th October 1991 at 10am.

1991 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The following member's subscriptions for this year had not been received by 5th March 1991. If you have sent it after this date please ignore the reminder notice included with this Mecca News. Members who are still not sure of their membership number PLEASE NOTE THAT THEY ARE PRINTED ON THE CORNER OF THE ADDRESS LABEL USED FOR THE MECCA NEWS.

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 453. Members who have notified us of their leaving :- M116 Mrs M Boddy.
 M260 Eric Davy. M407 Mrs A.M. Elford. TOTAL OUTSTANDING 77.

It has also been noticed that for the first time we have received some NEW 'Family Members' but the second names have not been given - we plan to adapt the subscription slip before next year to cater for these.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

We are pleased to report that M2 Mrs Vera Adams has agreed to do this work from this edition, her address can be found on the back page.
Thank you Vera.

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. INDEXES - EXTRACTS.

These were recieved from M244 Gary Metcalf and the following extracted as they appear to be of interest to members.

M196. Rbt Gardiner MT d 1902 Victoria aged 62 yrs. m Harriette Green and they had a son Adolphus Green MT b c1872 d 1938 aged 66 Victoria: and son Frank Bowen MT b c1874 d 1935 aged 61yrs Victoria. Thomas Mt b Co Wicklow, Ireland mge Reg 2784 1897 Victoria to Jane Spinks.

M239. Isabella wife of Christopher Hogarth MT died Victoria 1910 aged 70. Children of George Alfred & Ethel Florie (Laing) Metcalf :- Elizabeth Severina - Isabella b 1911 died 1915. Christopher George b 1912. Clifton Vivian Francis b 1913.

M377. Wm Johnson Metcalf mge Reg no 7506 Victoria in 1904 to Helen Jane Thomson. Their children :- included Mary Helen Jane b 1906 Reg 27830. Children of Edward & Margaret (Stevenson) Mt :- Richard d 1897 Victoria aged 63. Martha d 1906 Victoria aged 64. Richard son of Richard and Jane (Magee) died 1935 Victoria aged 73. Richard & his 2nd wife Sarah Jane Munson had C'lina b c 1895 died 1901 aged 16, Margaret b c1878 died 1905 aged 27 and William b c1878 died 1938 aged 60..all Victoria.

METCALFES IN UPPER WENSLEYDALE 1605/1613

BY D.M.METCALF (M 326)

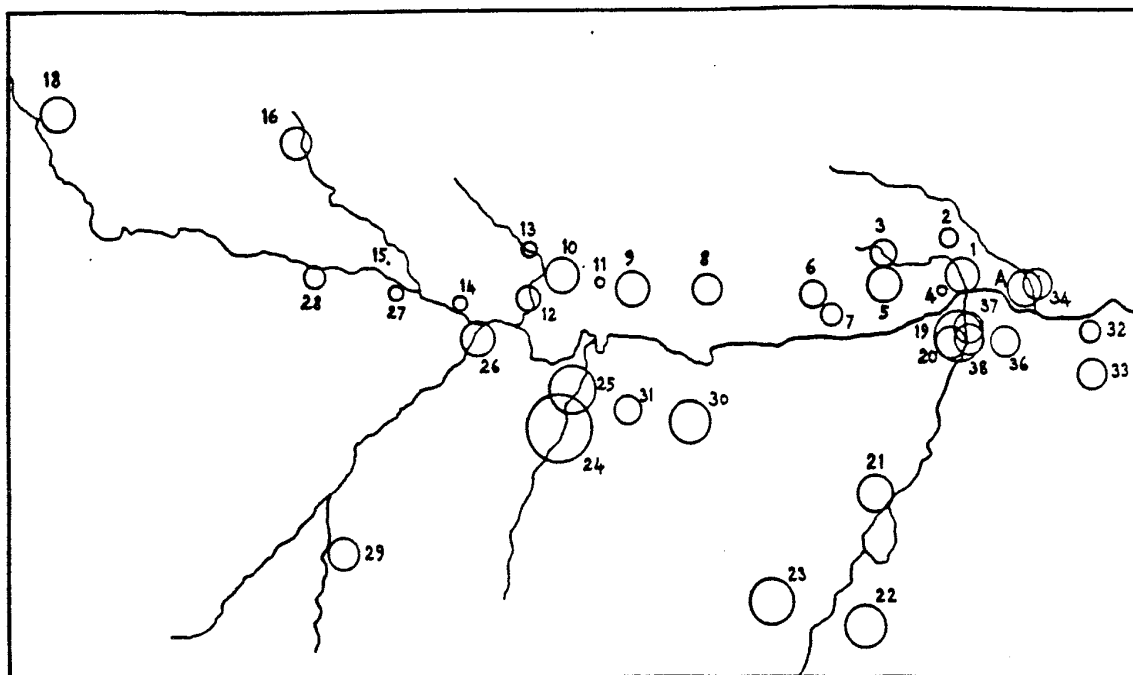
When the Yorebridge Grammar School (between Bainbridge and Askrigg) was founded in 1601 a board of 24 trustees was set up. No fewer than 13 of them were named Metcalfe. When 20 persons all from Askrigg or Hawes were brought up before the magistrates in July 1610 for home brewing without a licence 6 of them were named Metcalfe. The more one thinks about it, the more astounding it is that 30 per cent of individuals in a presumably random sample from the extensive parish of Askrigg should have the same surname - let alone 54 per cent of the school trustees.

Turn to the index of almost any published Yorkshire parish register, and you will find upwards of a couple of hundred surnames, occurring with varying frequency. Some will be represented only once or twice, others will be common. But in the nature of the case, the commonest half dozen surnames are unlikely on average to take more than a 2 or 3 per cent share each. At Wensley, for example, for the period 1538-1600, Metcalfe is comfortably among the top twenty surnames in the baptismal entries, and takes 1.3 per cent of the total. At Sedburgh, 1606-49, the corresponding figure is 0.26 per cent, illustrating that the westwards drift was limited. At Grinton in Swaledale, 1640-76, the name was particularly common, and amounted to 2.7 per cent. Spot checks of this kind seem to confirm the pattern which can be demonstrated more systematically from the wills of the Richmond Archdeanery (Mecca News no.31) - a sporadic spread down Wensleydale and Swaledale, from a focus in the parish of Askrigg, but virtually no sign of Metcalfes at an earlier date further east. Mrs. Joan Metcalfe (M63) has written to

say that Index Volume 10 (1457-1680) at Preston (Wills book 2 p.6) was in fact subsequently searched, and she has very kindly double checked, and reports only one Metcalfe, at Pilling, Amounderness deanery, in 1677.

The very heavy concentration of Metcalfes in upper Wensleydale no doubt led to the implausible assertion that in the sixteenth century we were the most numerous family in England. First though, can we be sure of the facts about Wensleydale? By great good fortune, we can. Although parish register transcripts are available for Askrigg only from 1674 (which is rather late for our purposes), and for Hawes from 1695, we have something even better than the lost registers to enable us to create a complete and reliable view of the population of upper Wensleydale at the beginning of the seventeenth century. There exist two surveys, which happen to be complementary, one describing the manor of Wensleydale or Abbotside (formerly held by the abbey of Jervaulx) north of the River Ure in 1613, and the other the Forest of Wensleydale (as part of the Lordship of Middleham) south of the Ure in 1605. Together they give us a comprehensive list, hamlet by hamlet, of each house and tenancy, with the name of the head of the household. The acreages add up to an appropriate total, and the assessments show us what each holding was worth. The two surveys have been published by the Yorkshire Archaeological Society (Record Series, vol.104).

Thus we can put together a list of some 350 households, located in one or another of 40 named places in upper Wensleydale. These 40 places, mostly consisting of 10 houses or fewer, clustered or scattered, are shown on the accompanying map, with circles proportional in area to the number of households. Not quite all the persons named are the actual tenants. Sir Thomas Metcalfe, for example, is entered as the tenant of 2



Map of the 40 localities in the order in which they are named in the surveys of 1605/13. Numbers of Metcalfe households/all households.

1, Dale Grange 7/10. 2, Helm 1/3. 3, Skell Gill 0/6. 4, Yorescote 1/1. 5, Brockhill Cote 1/10. 6, Shaw Cote 0/6. 7, Cams House 0/4. 8, Lither skew 0/7. 9, Sedbusk 0/10. 10, Simonstone 4/10. 11, Abbots Close (between 9 and 10?) 0/1. 12, Hardraw, 4/5. 13, Fossdale 0/2. 14, Newhouses (=Pry House?) 1/2. 15, Riggs Close (=Rigg House?) 0/0. 16, Cotterdale 0/9. 17, Stoodale Flat (not mapped) 1/1. 18, Lunds 0/10. A, Askrigg cottages 4/11.

19, Bainbridge Town 8/23. 20, Woodhall (=High Hall?) 5/8. 21, Countersett 6/11. 22, Busk 4/11. 23, Marsett 3/17. 24, Gayle 12/42. 25, Hawes 4/19. 26, Appersett 3/10. 27, Birk Rigg 1/2. 28, Mossdale 2/4. 29, Snaizholme 0/9. 30 and 31, Burtersett and Bainbridge Ings 6/21. 32-5, Worton Barony, Cubeck, Kittlade, Burrisgarris (not mapped) 5/26. 36-40, Brough Hill, Cravenholme (=Bainbridge), Holmehouse (=Bainbridge), Bleasings (not

houses where he certainly wasn't living. So there seems to have been some sub-letting - indicated in the Abbotside survey by the phrase 'or his assignees'. But as far as one can judge, the list is 95 per cent of actual householders. All told, 103 out of 346 are Metcalfes - just on 30 per cent. So it really was the case that the surname was astoundingly common in upper Wensleydale, compared with any other surname, in any area of comparable size. How can such a situation

have arisen?

In 1301 there was just one Metcalfe recorded at Bainbridge, among 47 names (2 per cent), and no Metcalfes listed under Nappa or Aysgarth. (In Abbotside, the monks' tenants are not named.) From 2 to 30 in about three centuries? Is it statistically possible? The received explanation that the commonness of the name is due 'simply to the birth, survival, and proliferation of numerous males at early

dates' is entirely hypothetical, and in any case it is only a partial explanation: it may explain the numbers, but it does not explain the concentration.

At Bainbridge, the headquarters for Wensleydale Forest, by ancient custom a horn was blown at 10 o'clock each winter's evening, so that any travellers who had been overtaken by darkness in the forest might find their way to safety. (The office of hornblower was in effect hereditary for most of the period for which records exist. - Guess the surname.) People were made to pay three farthings for a guide to lead them through the allegedly trackless wastes between there and Hawes. (See Whaley's Askrigg, 1891.) This ancient forest was the breeding ground par excellence of Metcalfes - the heartland of Metcalfe family history. At Nappa, on its eastern edge, there was one Metcalfe family: here, there were a hundred. It is almost certain that all our lines of descent go back to upper Wensleydale at some stage - but the diaspora began well before 1600. The meadows and pastures of the dale support only a certain population. Younger sons, with no prospect of inheriting or sharing the family farm, had to leave and seek their livelihood elsewhere.

What do they know of Metcalfes who only Metcalfes know? One key to exploiting the surveys is to notice how other family names behave too. No other surname in 1605/13 was remotely as plentiful. The commonest, Pratt, runs at 14 per cent at Abbotside but only 4 per cent in the upper dale as a whole. Dinsdale, Rowth, Thwaite and Wynn rank next with about 3 per cent each. These are quite high proportions compared with many parishes but not in the same league as 30 per cent.

Surnames remained concentrated in particular hamlets. Metcalfes were not spread evenly through upper Wensleydale. Thus, at

Dale Grange 7 out of 10 houses were occupied by families of Metcalfes - Peter, Roger, Abraham, Robert, George, Edmund and James. By contrast, nearby at Camshouse, Litherskew, and Sedbusk there were no Metcalfes among 21 households. At Shaw Cote there were 6 households, all with the name Pratt. Similarly we see heavy concentrations of Thwaites in and around Sedbusk, of Thomsons at Marsett, of Dinsdales at Gayle, or Rowths at Hawes. It is a general pattern, not specifically to do with Metcalfes.

Sons may simply have entered on tenancies as close as possible to their parents. Often, however, it seems likely that holdings had been subdivided; and what we see in the early seventeenth century is the end-product of sub-division over several, perhaps many, generations. In the time of Queen Elizabeth, the tenants of the Manor and Forest of Wensleydale 'claimed to be possessed of their respective messuages, lands and tenements within the said Manor, etc., as customary estates of inheritance'. In other words they had got into the way of doing more or less as they liked. One can catch a late glimpse of the process in a wonderfully evocative volume publishing Abbotside wills from the late seventeenth century - numerous Metcalfes among them (YAS Record Series, vol.130). In 1577 at Fosssdale, Thomas Mte records in his will the division of his property between his sons Peter and Richard: 'And as for all my farming and lease I have already given one half to Peter Mte my son and thereof he is quietly possessed'. Similarly Michael Mte of Simonstone in 1628 sells to his son-in-law 'a third part of a tenement', various garths etc., - i.e. he sets him up with a holding, by sub-division. Probably over the centuries, as land was taken in, cleared, or improved, it could support more families, and what had once long before been isolated farmsteads in the 'forest' grew to become little hamlets - where shared surnames reflected family ties in the

male line.

Occasionally, a locality survived as an undivided holding. Yorescote, for example (no.4 on the map) consisted of a single household of Metcalfes. Their house is described as a mansion, one of only three such in the survey. In 1612, in another source, we read that Medcalfe of Yorescote bore arms, argent a fess vert between three calves sable.

The surveys and the published wills make it abundantly clear that a great majority of families were achieving only a very basic prosperity, with maybe 30 acres, summer grazing on the moors, two or three horses, maybe ten or twenty cattle, four or five score sheep. The general context would seem to be pressure of population, and land hunger, mitigated perhaps by a growing demand from further east of the upper dale's staple products.

The Wensleydale WEA History Class in 1976-77 made a special study based on the 1605 survey, of 'Farming and the landscape in seventeenth century Wensleydale', which was published by the North Yorkshire County Records Office in their Journal. It sets out evidence for partible inheritance, and the survival of the open field system. Another NYCRO study which helps to put the 'hundred families' of Metcalfes into perspective was made by the Northallerton WEA History Tutorial Group, and again published in the Journal. It makes clear that the upper dale showed an extremely high rate of population growth from at least 1544/5 to 1672/3.

The proliferation of a particular surname or of a very restricted number of surnames is an upper dale phenomenon (as can be exemplified elsewhere, e.g. Arkengarthdale, or upper Coverdale), taking effect in a period of rapid population growth. The Wensleydale surveys

allow us to see (and the map above illustrates) how localized the effect could be.

(Editor: Michael Metcalf works at the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford in the Heberdon Coin Room. He tells me that in March he is lecturing in New York...his opposite number in the American Numismatic Society is also called Metcalf! Perhaps when he returns he will have further interesting articles to write on how that Metcalf arrived in America.)

St. Oswald's Church, Askrigg.

Bells have been ringing from the 15th century tower of Askrigg Church for 333 years. These bells are the only ones in Upper Wensleydale that are rung on a regular basis. Unfortunately the years have taken their toll (sorry for the pun!). An appeal has been launched to raise £35,000 to restore the tower in which the bells are hung. Incidentally the name of the Tower Captain is Jack Metcalfe. It would be surprising indeed if there was not at least one Metcalfe connected with a church in our 'home' area.

I have received a letter from Alan Ball, Secretary to the Resporation Appeal wondering whether, in view of the Metcalfe's associations with Nappa Hall and Askrigg, any of our members would like to contribute to the appeal. If so he would be pleased to hear from you. His address is;

Raydale Cottage,

Stalling Busk

Leyburn, N.Yorks Tel. 0969 50330

THE METCALFE MISSING MILLIONS

Frank Bradley sends these cuttings concerning a mystery which may well be familiar to some members. The story is really Yvette Dixon's (M155) who unearthed some old press cuttings belonging to her relatives. It would be interesting to hear from any members who can throw further light on the conclusion, or otherwise, of these events.

A. Bradford, West Yorkshire "Telegraph and Argus" 30th April 1929

CLAIMS TO FORTUNE OF £3,000,000

YORKSHIRE MAN OF 150 YEARS AGO

BRADFORD AND BINGLEY INTERESTS

It seems probable that blood relationship to the person who made the mysterious fortune of over £3,000,000, now lying in an English bank, can be claimed by one or more people in the Bradford district.

The money has been awaiting claimants for nearly one hundred years, and it is stated that it is now over three million pounds. A Mrs Brown Metcalfe of Springhill, Nova Scotia, is said to be the chief claimant, and there are said to be others, descendants of a man named Metcalfe who went to Canada from Yorkshire 150 years ago.

Mr A.G.Whitehead of 11, Oakdale Terrace, Wibsey, states that his wife is a direct descendant of a man named Metcalfe who is supposed to have left a fortune and who left England for America 150 years ago. This man would be Mrs Whitehead's father's uncle. The Metcalfe family were all in the farming line around Grassington, Kettlewell and Skipton, and most of them were regis-

tered at Linton Church.

Mrs Whitehead has two brothers, Joseph and Beckwith Metcalfe, who live at 20, Allerton Road, Bradford, and 12, Regent Street, Bingley, respectively.

BORN AT KETTLEWELL

Mrs Whitehead said that her father, John Metcalfe, was born at Kettlewell, and on the certificate his father Robert Metcalfe was described as a 'driver of cattle'. The certificate is dated 1836. Mrs Whitehead, who is the youngest member of the family, lived a long time with her father in his old age, and he often told her of a great fortune that ought to belong to them, but that it had been thrown into Chancery because his aunt would not sign a paper. The money, her father had often told her, was made by his uncle who went away to America.

Mrs Whitehead told a Telegraph and Argus representative that she has two brothers in England and the rest of her relatives are still in America, and she intends to get in touch with them. The Mrs Brown Metcalfe who claims to be the chief heiress can only be a relative by marriage, and if the man who left the fabulous sum is the same man who, over a century ago, found farming so profitless that wanderlust carried him to try his luck over the Atlantic, it seems probable that Mrs Whitehead can substantiate her claim.

Mr Whitehead says that from what he had heard his father-in-law speak about, there is a tangible claim. He died 14 years ago at the age of 85.

(Copied from the newspaper at Bradford Library by Frank Bradley in February 1988)

B. BRADFORD TELEGRAPH AND ARGUS,
MONDAY 3rd JUNE 1929

CLAIMANTS TO MANY MILLIONS

**Craven and Bradford people
concerned**

FORTUNE MADE IN AMERICA

A paragraph in the 'Telegraph' of 30 April has produced some wonderful results. In short, four people are wondering if they are not potential millionaires.

About 100 years ago there was a Mr Metcalfe, a Yorkshireman, who died after acquiring a fortune of £3,000,000 in America. He was married but had no family. Owing to some dispute between the nieces and nephews the money was placed in Chancery, where it has remained for 100 years.

The four probable claimants are a Mrs Whitehead, of Bradford, who recently wrote to the Bradford 'Telegraph', and another American lady. Two more people declare they are descendants, at present trying to secure the necessary certificates and proofs before putting in their claims.

Our Settle correspondent interviewed Mr Robert Parker, of Mount View, Belle Hill, Giggleswick, who said he had no proof except statements made by his mother whose maiden name was Metcalfe. "She often said", Mr Parker told our representative, "that we ought to have been well off." She once said there was some money in Chancery belonging to her great uncle. Her great aunt had said neither the nephews nor nieces, nor their children can have it, but the children's children. At present we are trying to secure a copy of the will, and are tracing back and securing copies of the birth certifi-

cates of our fore-elders".

The dead millionaire was his (great?) grandfather's brother or his mother's great uncle. Perhaps it is better understood when it is said that Mr Parker's grandfather was a nephew of the millionaire.

WELL KNOWN CRAVEN FARMER

Mr George Lund, of Stainforth, a well known Craven farmer, of about 70 years of age, is perhaps a nearer relative, being a generation nearer. His grandfather was a brother of Mr Metcalfe.

Neither Mr Lund nor Mr Parker know Mrs Whitehead, and they understand the American claimant is only claiming through marriage. Of course the chief thing is to obtain a copy of the will.

Mr Parker, who was the eldest of a large family, was born at Ivescar up on the slopes of Whemside, near Ingleton, where his mother died. His father and grandfather had farmed there. He knew they had been tenants on that farm for over 100 years, and a brother said he could trace back to 200 years on that farm. Since then Mr Parker has resided in Langstrothdale, Dunsop Bridge, and is now retired at Settle.

He intends writing (to) all his family asking them to assist in the search, and is particularly anxious for any documentary evidence.

Mrs Parker, who was also present at the interview and seemed anxious to assist, said "she had been told that the money was locked up for 100 years and was deposited in a Yorkshire bank.

[Copied from Yvette Dixon's old newspaper cutting (which had the end missing) by John Horton, Completed by Frank Bradley from Bradford Library in Feb.'88.]

C. FROM ANOTHER OLD NEWSPAPER CUTTING

THE METCALFES OF THE DALES (By J.F.Boyd)

Since the days of Flodden, when it is said. 300 Metcalfes fought side by side in one regiment, the Metcalfe clan has thrived. Today no less than 650 Metcalfes would be able to defend their country side by side, and would find 650 brothers and sisters waiting for them on their return. They would be welcomed home, too, by over 600 parents, who would proudly exhibit their soldier boys to 600 married sisters.

These estimates are not fictitious. They are based on fact, and are, if anything conservative. A Directory of the County of York has revealed that there are nearly 350 different Metcalfes in the county, and nearly 70 different Metcalfs - without the final "e", but probably related. It may be assumed that the majority of these Metcalfes are married and have approximately four children each. As they are a hardy race, according to the story of their valour at Flodden, few will have died since the Directory was published. So the 350 Metcalfes in the Directory represent, say 1,300 children and 350 wives - in all 2,000 people.

If as history would have us believe, they are all related, they may all claim a share in the "Metcalfe Millions", a rumoured capital sum of £3,000,000. This sum, divided amongst so many, would allow each person £1,500. And what is Chancery's share?

WHAT THEY DO.

Many Yorkshire Metcalfes could do with some extra money. Picking at random from the Directory I find that one is a tailor's (?), one a commercial traveller, another a fore-

man, a fourth a marine engineer.

The lucrative trades claim but few; in the whole West Riding there are no more than four employed as fried fish dealers.

These urban Metcalfes, however, have wandered from their home. The Metcalfe who is true to his stock has stayed in the dales of Yorkshire. He abounds in the Richmond district, he thrives near Skipton. Fifty eight of them farm their own land in the West Riding, and sixty farm in the other Ridings.

(Copied from Yvette Dixon's old newspaper cutting by John Horton. The rear of this cutting carries part of an advert. for Smart's Furniture, mentioning Leeds. There is no other clue on it for the newspaper's name or a date, but the type is different to the T & A cutting. Frank Bradley thinks it is from Leeds after those from Bradford.

POSTSCRIPT

These cuttings (B & C) were sent to me in 1985 by my mother's cousin, whose maiden name was Metcalfe. She says the Parkers of Giggleswick, who are mentioned (in B), went to live at Arkholme and spent a lot contesting the will. They have now been dead over 40 years.

She remembers Grandad Metcalfe, my great grandfather Parkin Metcalfe, telling her when she was a little girl, "I would be well off someday, there was a book missing, which, when found, would entitle us to a lot of money, but it was never found."

Last Christmas, after receiving transcripts of the T & A June 1929 and that by J.F.Boyd, she told me: "The Taylors, farming at Austwick, were claiming, but didn't get very far." When this was, she did not say.

Y.M.Dixon 29.2.88

Computer Report

At long last the Card Index is computerised! We now have more than 23,000 individual entries on the computer which occupy some seven million bytes of storage.

The thought of losing all this - the result of many months of hard work - and having to go back to the now out of date card (because of changes made to the data base and not to the cards) keeps me awake at nights.

But of course back up copies are kept in three different places so theoretically we are fairly safe; probably safer that we were with one set of cards!

Fresh entries in the shape of Lists, as detailed in the 'Index to Lists kept by the Metcalfe Society' (copies available from the Secretary at a modest sum) and Family Trees, as submitted by members are still flowing in. The backlog is currently some four inches high and growing.

Help in putting these entries to disk would be appreciated from any member having a computer compatible with the Society's IBM PC/XT (see PS); any disk size is acceptable. It is possible now to go further afield with our request for help as the mailing of foolscap and disks is much easier than the shipment of boxes of cards. Apart from the hardware IBM compatibility requirement there is also one for the program we use to control record storage and retrieval; that is the IBM Filing Assistant - any version. If you feel you would like to help and appreciate that this is not a simple task, but one that requires a great deal of time and attention to detail, please get in touch with me giving details of your hardware. I would like to repeat - this task is very time consuming and not one to be lightly undertaken.

Finally, on the subject of enquiries to the Computer General Index, once again please remember to enclose a SAE and to mention your membership number.

PS: The Society's Computer is an IBM PC XT with a 20 Mb hard disk and both a 360Kb, 5 1/4 inch and a 760Kb, 3 1/2 inch floppy drive. We can also fairly easily convert to these formats from both 1.2Mb and 1.44Mb disks.

C.S.Metcalfe

From South Otterington Churchyard

Copy of M.I deciphered by M275 J L Watson from a photographic enlargement taken by M305 John being his g g g grandparent!

In memory of Catherine wife of John Metcalfe of Otterington who died Dec 21st 1850 aged 71 years

and of the above named John Metcalfe who died April 19th 1853 aged 77 years

and of John Francis son of David and Mary Fawcett who died Dec 5th 1871 aged 19 years

and of the above named David Fawcett who died Aug 9th 1877 in his 72nd year

and of the above named Mary Fawcett who died May 3rd 1891 in her 75th year.

From M 208

Dear Mr Metcalfe,

When the story of the Dambrook Pothole broke in 1975 I wrote to several correspondents about my great grandfather. I either had no reply or I was told in no uncertain terms that there was no record of a family of Metcalfe living at Dambrook. If you think your readers would be interested I would like to put the record straight.

My mother was a fanatical member of the Metcalfe clan and would talk for hours about Dambrook and the other places where her family had lived.

How I wished I had listened more attentively. It was only shortly before her death that I recorded what she had to say.

I do appreciate the hard work that goes into the Metcalfe Society and wish I was living much nearer so that I could help. Don't worry if the enclosed isn't good copy. I have enjoyed composing it,

Yours sincerely,

Muriel Halfpenny

(Editor; You needn't worry, Muriel. The account is fascinating and should prove interesting and helpful to many of our members. Thank you for writing it.)

THE METCALFES OF DARNBROOK

Reading John Balderston's contribution about the Dambrook pothole in 'Mecca News' I was reminded of the correspondence in the Craven Herald in 1975. The pothole had been re-discovered after John Moore bought the farm, and there was much speculation as

to who the men might be who had carved their names in the rock. It was assumed that J. Metcalfe lived at Middle House.

Yes, there certainly was a family of Metcalfes at Middle House at the time. According to the census for 1851, it was a Christopher and Sarah who lived there with their three small children - Christopher, Sarah and Mary Jane.

The family at Middle House were first cousins of another family of Metcalfes living nearby - that is, the Metcalfes of Dambrook. In 1862 James Metcalfe of Dambrook was a healthy young man of thirty seven, and I would suggest that it was he who went down the pothole at his own back door and chiselled his name in the rockface.

James was born in 1825 at Halton Gill, eldest son of Christopher and Nanny. The family moved to Neil Ing near Stainforth but when James married Jane Petty of Horton-in-Ribblesdale the pair returned to Halton Gill where two of their children were born, Christopher in 1855 and John in 1856.

At this time the tenant of Dambrook was Joseph Myers. In 1859 he died tragically young, only thirty years of age. His young wife and family had to leave and James and Jane and their two small sons took over the tenancy. Two more children were born, Nanny in 1859 and James in 1865.

Dambrook was a hard place to live, especially for the wives. In 1880 Jane became ill. Christopher was despatched across the fields to intercept the doctor on his rounds. Dr Edgar of Townhead, Settle, and his horse Jack, turned towards Dambrook. Snow was falling and was so deep that at one point Jack refused to go any further and the doctor trudged on alone.

When he reached Dambrook Mrs Metcalfe was dead.

Soon after Mary Jane Swinbank from Bee-croft Hall joined the family as housekeeper. Christopher was still at home. John had become a butcher in Southport. Nanny was about to marry John Nelson of Lea Gate House where they lived for over 40 years and raised eight children. Young James was at Giggleswick School.

In May, 1882 James married his second wife, a widow, Harriet Dean and they retired to Prospect House, Amcliffe. Three weeks later Christopher and Mary Ann married in Long Preston church. They had a daughter Jane. In 1886 Mary Ann died.

Christopher and young James were farming Dambrook together. In 1889 Christopher married Hannah Greenwood of Rylands, Amcliffe and they moved to Lawkland Green, Austwick where two of their four daughters were born.

A second marriage took place in 1889, that of James and a lovely young girl of twenty four - Jean Ann Coates. Sadly she died within a year of their marriage.

In one decade three Metcalfe wives had died young at Dambrook!

James, now alone on this bleak moorland farm married Ellen Hargreaves and went to live at Hollin Hall. For a period of nearly forty years there had been a family of Metcalfes living at Dambrook.

(Editor: Muriel Halfpenny is the great granddaughter of James Metcalfe [1825-1913])

Other Society connections are;

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Not really Metcalfes but....

Sandra Metcalf sends the following extracts from the IGI hoping that they will be of interest to someone.

Metcalf Graham m Elizabeth Neville at Pickhill with Roxby N Yorks 8 July 1721

Metcalf Graham bap Aug 1680 at Pickhill with Roxby son of Raynold Graham

Metcalf Graham bap 27 Aug 1826, Askrigg son of John and Elizabeth Graham

(Editor: She also sent a copy of an article concerning Colonel Metcalf Graham who fought with distinction at the battle of Blenheim. Perhaps in a future edition I will be able to include this article.)

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If you ever need any further assistance of any kind, please do not hesitate to contact our Secretary who is always willing to help.

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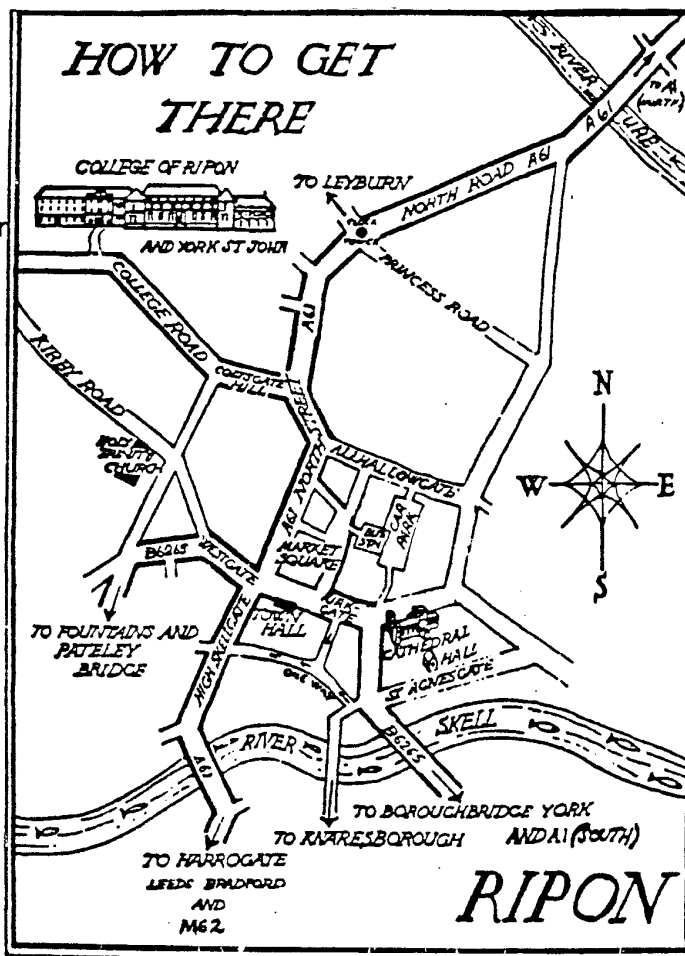
To be held at the College of Ripon & York St John, College Rd, Ripon, Nth Yks.

9.30 am
to
4 pm

Registration
at 9.30 am.
AGM 10am
Lunch 1 pm
Tea 3.30 pm
Close 4 pm.

Lunch will
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courses,
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I enclose full payment for _____ places @ £8.50 each = £ _____ for the
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