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EDITORIAL

As I am typing this in late July the sun is shining on a beautiful early Sunday morning and the church bells are ringing in the distance. Perhaps our English summer has finally arrived! (I should really be obeying the summons of those bells but.....)

How envious I was to read Alison Hutton's letter on a miserable morning in a very damp April. She wrote of "sitting under the apple tree in the garden on a hot, sparkling, summer's day and browsing through the articles in the Mecca News" at her home in Christchurch, New Zealand.

It made me realise just how widespread our Metcalfe family had become and how lucky we are to have a Society such as this to draw members of the clan a little closer together.

Plans are now well in hand for the annual Muster. It must be very frustrating for our overseas members to read of this splendid gathering and not be able to attend. To our UK members can I add my encouragement to those of Nina's to attend this meeting. The setting at Ripon is superb and the chance to meet others with similar interests and family connections unparalleled. This year the events on offer are greater than ever. Over and above those listed by Nina in her notes later in this issue a last minute addition is the chance to view a one hour video of the Yorkshire Dales of Wensleydale, Swaledale, Upper Wharfedale and Airedale. We have hired this video from the producers, Studio 21, and those attending will have the chance to order copies.

Reading through the various reports from officers and active helpers within the Society it becomes clear just how important the use of computers is becoming in family history circles. An interesting article in April's Journal of One-Name Studies describes how one member downloaded all the relevant records from the newly computerised IGI onto his own personal computer. I don't pretend to understand how this was done but, reading the enclosed item on "New Information Available to Members", it appears that our Society has already done this. We are indeed very fortunate in having members who DO understand not only the potential for computer use but also have the expertise and above all the commitment to give of their time to help us all in our researches. I must, at the risk of being boring, once again reinforce the requests made elsewhere in the News for help. There are a few members working extremely hard to help ALL of us. If you can at all please give a little of your time to help them.

As soon as this edition of the News is printed I'm going to spend a few days in Littondale, a beautiful but little known Yorkshire Dale where I hope to meet more Metcalfes. The last time I was there I met "J R" Metcalfe, now living in London but originally from Arkansas (I think!). He had never heard of our Society. As Denny Gibson writes elsewhere in the News, I wonder just how many more Metcalfes would welcome information about us? Let's all make the effort to spread the word!

STUART METCALFE

JULY 1991

The Mecca News is the official journal of the Metcalfe Society. This is a family history society dedicated to encouraging research into the family name of Metcalfe in all its derivations. The Journal is distributed three times a year (August, January and April) and is free to members.

Annual subscriptions to the Society are:

UK membership £4.50

Overseas (Surface mail) £4.50 (Airmail) £5.50 Family membership is £1.00 extra in each category.

Secretary's Notes.

1st July 1991

Thank you to those members (3) who responded to my plea for fresh ideas - they were good - but had already been tried. Now our 'Publicity Department' has taken over, see the separate item. Another new department is the Sales and Library which is also described later.

The St Catherine's House Index recording has had an injection of one more assistant so the work still progresses only slowly. Is this the best we can do out of over 325 members? Do give a little back to the Society and contact Sara Illingworth, address on the back page.

Covenant Forms are enclosed - ably master-minded by Mrs Val Metcalfe. We sincerely hope you will ALL try to join this scheme. If you have any doubts as to your eligibility or need any other assistance Val will be delighted to help. It is a great way to help our funds and if sufficient numbers join it may enable us to keep subscriptions at their present low rate for another year. I know we have a very healthy bank balance, this is due mainly to our gallant band of volunteer work-force who have helped by producing work and equipment at unrepeatable prices. Any day we may be called upon to pay out full COMMERCIAL rates for our various services - if that happens we shall need every penny.

Our St Catherine's House Visitor Linda Meaden has carried out member's wishes with capability over the last few years. Unfortunately, due to her husband's ill health she has had to terminate this work. Our sincere thanks and best wishes go to Linda and her husband. Have we anyone willing to take over this work? A small sum per visit is usually paid to cover expenses. Please contact me.

During some recent recording I came across the following marriage which may be of interest to members with Richmond connections. It took place at Aysgarth, Yks, by Lic, on 29 Nov 1763, between Jane Hogg of Thoralbby and Bernard Metcalfe of Richmond - who must surely be the one who became Deputy Registrar of Richmond and who died in Calcutta in 1820.

M27 Mrs Shirley Walls, Bryn Hyfryd, Moel y Crio, Halkyn, Near Mold, Clwyd, CH8 8JN sends in this suggestion :- She has a full set of Mecca News' and is willing to let LOCAL members borrow them. Shirley does not want to use the postal service in case they get lost or damaged but welcomes personal callers by arrangement. Shirley wonders whether other members, in other areas, might be willing to do the same. In this instance write to the Editor and get your name and address published. Thank you for the idea Shirley.

I should like to place on record our thanks, once again, to Mary Metcalfe who has helped us with some more artwork - this time for the new Will booklet and she has also adapted her previous work for the new publicity posters and leaflets...thank you Mary.

Our next committee meeting will be on 21st September, if you have anything you would like us to discuss, let me know.

Thank you all for your kind enquiries, our grand-daughter Hannah Elisabeth made her belated (by 16 days) appearance, in perfect style, on 21st April, weighing in at 10lbs 2ozs - all goes very well.

We extend a warm welcome to all our new members - may you all stay with us for many years and reap numerous benefits as you go along.

Best wishes to you all,

Lina

BIRTH BRIEFS

Member 480. Mrs Jane Metcalfe, West View, Cravengate, Richmond.Nth Yks.

Nothing received.

Member 481. Robert H. Smith, PO Box 567. Manjimup, Western Australia 6258.

and

Member 482. Mrs Edna Forrest, 'Ingledene' Castle Hills, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL7 8UR.

Son and dau of M418 Hamilton Smith.

descendants of Thomas Horner & his wife Fanny nee Metcalfe. Fanny bpt 22nd April 1860 at Catterick, Yks dau of William & Jane (Sheppard) MTE of Tunstall. Mge 5 Sep 1843 Catterick. William (Bowe) bpt 4th March 1813 Catterick son of William Bowe & Jane (Lockey) MTE who m 23 Nov 1799. William Bow(e) bpt at Bowes near Barnard Castle 25 Feb 1773 son of John & Elizabeth (Bowe) Mte who m 14 Nov 1763 at Brough under Stainmore, Westmorland.

Member 483. Roy Broderick, 15 Manor Close, Burton in Lonsdale, via Carnforth, North Lancs. LA6 3NE.

Descendant of George Broderick of Burton who on 10 Dec 1834 m at Aysgarth to Jane MTE of West Holm. Jane bpt 2 June 1816 dau of Christopher and Jane (Pearson) MTE who m 8 Jan 1795 Aysgarth. Christopher bpt 29 Mar 1769, Aysgarth son of Christopher & Elizabeth (Dinsdale) MTE who m 27 Aug 1756 Aysgarth. Christopher bpt 26 July 1730 Askrigg son of George MTE, and his second wife Isabell Pratt, who was 'of Bainbridge' on his mge 14 Jan 1721 at Askrigg.

Member 484. Miss Josephine Lister, 54 Radway Road, Shirley, Southampton SO1 2PJ.

Descendant of Robert Brentley and his wife Catherine nee MTE who was bpt 12 Oct 1832 at Richmond Yks, dau of Richard & Mary (Hutchinson) MTE who m 12 Sep 1818, Aysgarth. Richard b c1794 at Worton in Wensleydale. This couple had their 1st child Richard bpt 10 Nov 1818 at Hawes, 2nd James John 25 Jun 1820 at Aysgarth, 3rd Anne 19 May 1822 at Aysgarth, 4th Thomas 20 Jan 1829 at Richmond (died March 1830), 5th Thomas 1 May 1831 at Hipswell (died May 1831) 6th was Catherine above, 7th William 12 Aug 1834 Richmond - restless souls ! Was Richard a son of JAMES ?

Member 485. Mrs Joyce Motley, 20 Boston Road, Spilsby, Lincs, PE23 5HD.

Husband is son of Samuel Charles & Frances Irene (Mte) Motley who m 1930 at Langton by Horncastle. Samuel Charles b 1898 at Scampton Cliff, son of Charles & Hannah Elizabeth (Ashton) MTE who m c1990? Caistor. Charles believed to be son of William MTE.

Member 486. Miss Cheryl A. Brown, 6 Peranga Terrace, Hataitai, Wellington, New Zealand.

Dau of William & Eileen May (Metcalf) Brown who m 1947 in Dunedin. NZ. Eileen b 1917 Dunedin, dau of John Alexander & Ethel May (Reed) MT of Dunedin. John Alexander b 1893 Dunedin son of George & Eliza (Young) MT. George b 1861 Dunedin s of George & Margaret (Madden) MT. George b c1834 Lancashire ENG.
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BIRTH BRIEFS/2

Member 486 continued....

Here I believe there is a connection to Member 239 Nellie Keens and Member 279 Elaine Scott.

George 1st child of Christopher Hoggart(h) & Martha (Hodgson) MT who m 13 May 1833 Worton, Lancs. Christopher Hoggarth bpt 25 Aug 1808 son of George & Margaret (Hoggarth) who m 2 Jan 1799 Halton, LANCS.

Member 487. Mrs Joan Dickie, 17 Lodges Grove, Bare, Morecambe, LA4 6HE.

? connected to M244 Gary & Chris Metcalf, Australia.

Joan is dau of Arthur Rowland & Georgina Musgrave (Wilkinson) Metcalf who m 1916 Doncaster, Yks. Arthur b 24 Mar 1888, Burley, Leeds son of George Taylor & Ellen (Mason) MT. George b 8 Feb 1846...? at Knottingley Leeds son of Edward & Eliza (Golden) Metcalf who m 22 Feb 1824 Huddersfield. Edward b 14 Mar 1794 Leeds son of Edward & Mary (Crowther) MT who m 15th Aug 1791. Edward b 6 May 1770 Leeds son of Edward & Susannah (Clifton) MT who m 29 Nov 1767 Leeds.

Member 488. Mrs Kathleen Beerling...Sub awaited..nothing known.

Member 489. Mrs J.P. Fryer, 149 Kirkham Road, Freckleton near Preston Lancs. PR4 1HU.

Great grand-dau of (Edith) Lydia Metcalf who m 1 May 1877 at Church of St John, Marsden, Nelson, Lancs. to John Nutter. Lydia bpt 8 Feb 1855 3rd child of 14 (8daus 6sons) of George & Elizabeth (Close) MT who m 23 Nov 1847 Winston, Co Durham. George (son of George) was b c1822 at Quarry House, Lunds, Yks: and worked as an Innkeeper and Gardener at Barnard Castle.

Membership numbers 490 and 491 used for administrative purposes.

Member 492. Dr Margery Linday, 27 Wickstead Close, Woodthorpe Drive, Nottingham. NG5 4HF.

Related to M310 Georgina MacKenzie & Elizabeth Asser and M370 Joe Awmack.

Grand-dau of James & Maria Holmes (Metcalf) Linday who m Quakers, Redcar Yks 5 June 1877. Maria Holmes b 7 Jun 1856 Ripon, Yks dau of John & Mary Ann (Homes) MTE who m 16 Mar 1842, St Peters, Leeds. John, a tailor, b 1820 Ripon, son of Thomas & Dorothy (Longthorne) MTE m 1 Jan 1803 Ripon. Thomas b 1781 son of John & Elizabeth (Hartley) MTE who m 23 Nov 1777 Ripon.

Member 493. David Metcalfe, 4 Malvern Close, West Heath, Congleton, Cheshire. CW12 4PD.

Related to M266 Susan Liptak, Canada.

Grandson of Harry & Edith (Throupe) MTE who m Aug 1915. Harry b 1890 Salford, Lancs son of James Richard & Olive (Smethurst) MTE who m 20 Jan 1890 Salford, James Richard b 14 Mar 1867 Richmond Yks son of Henry & Mary Crosbie (Lumley) MTE who m 26 May 1857 Richmond. Henry bpt 14 Aug 1836 Leyburn, son of James & Caroline (Deighton) MTE who m 14 Oct 1822 at Thornton Steward, Yks. James bpt 4 Aug 1799 Thornton Steward son Anthony & Jane (Collinson) MTE who m 13 Sep 1786 at Bedale. Anthony 'of Thornton Watlass' Jane dau of Christopher a blacksmith of Crakehall. ?? Anthony bpt 19 Jul 1766 Thornton Watlass son of Anthony & Margaret (Metcalf) MTE who m 5 Mar 1764. (?Margaret bpt

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BIRTH BRIEFS/3

Member 493 continued.....

23 Sep 1739 dau of Thomas & Ann Mte) Anthony bpt 8 Jun 1740 son of Stephen & Ellen (moody) MTE who m 19 Sep 1734 Thornton Watlass, Yks.

Member 494. Neville Metcalfe, 65 Know Lane, Harrogate, North Yks. HG1 3AR

Nothing received.

Member 495. Mr & Mrs Ian Metcalf, 133 Lydgate, Burnley, Lancs. BB10 2DU.

born Earby, Lancs son of John William & Henrietta (Rushton nee Ibbotson)
MT. John Wm b 19 Apr 1888 Padiham, Lancs son of William & Sarah (Duxbury)
MT. William b Feb 1868.

Member 496. Mrs Sandra Pyne, Mole End, 1 Greensbridge Lane, Tarbock Village, Prescot, Merseyside, L35 1QD.

This is a beauty !!

MR CARINDUFF, a nautical instrument maker of the Isle of Man married a MISS METCALFE who is believed to have been in service and of Wallasey, Wirral. Circa ??? 1870s.

Member 497. Mrs Delphine McDonnell, RMB H839, Dawes Road, Invermay, Victoria 3352, Australia.

Grand-dau of John William & Elizabeth (Metcalf) Knowles
who m 22 Aug 1903, Kingston upon Hull, Eng. Elizabeth b 31 Oct 1873
Spring Bank, Kingston upon Hull dau of John & Mary Jane (Horsefield)
MTE who m 24 Dec 1863, Beverley Yks. John was a tinner ? bpt 5 Sep
1847 Beverley, son of John, a gardener and Elizabeth (?) MTE. I
think John is the one bpt 20 Nov 1826 Beverley son of Robert & Mary
(Coates) MTE who m 6 Mar 1809 at Beverley.

Member 498. John Metcalf, The Croft, Carlton, Nuneaton, Warwicks, CV13 0BU.

born Norwich, Norfolk son of Harold MT. Harold MT b Feb 1903 Tupton,
Chesterfield, Derbys son of John George MT. John G b 18 Feb 1875 at
Conisborough, Yks.

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UP-DATING PREVIOUS BIRTH BRIEFS.

Member 55 (et al) Mrs Dorothy Pope, 1 Neville Grove, Guisborough, Cleveland, TS14 8BZ.

Report tracing the following marriage :- 21st May 1833 Church of St Philip,
in parish of Liverpool and County of Lancaster.

Lister Washington Metcalfe o.t.p. bachelor = Margaret Williamson o.t.p. SPR.
Wit O. Williamson, H.W. Maddock.

Member 125. Mr L Robertshaw, 11 Sussex Way, Darlington, Co Dur. DL1 2LQ.

Marriage traced..16 May 1785 All Saints, Wakefield. Thomas Md = Hannah Clayton.

UP-DATING BIRTH BRIEFS continued.....

Member 368. Mrs Sandra Quinn, C/- Post Office, COEN FNQ, Queensland 4871.AUS.

Her ancestor John bpt Masham, Yks. 18 Dec 1810 now considered to be the son of Thomas & Mary (pearson) MTE who m 10 Oct 1807 Masham. The family were from Ilton. Thomas considered to be bpt 8 Apr 1782 at Masham son of John & Mary (Walker) MTE who m 15 Apr 1771 at Masham and lived at Ilton.

Member 389. Mr & Mrs Keith Metcalfe, 35 Oak Road, Ripon, North Yks. HG4 2NA.

Keith's grandfather Christopher bpt 22 Feb 1881 at the Cathedral, Ripon son of William Pinkney & Margaret (Shepherd) MTE who m 28 Jan 1877 Ripon. William P. b c 1858 son of Christopher & Jane (Pinkney) Mte who m 7th Nov 1857 Ripon. Christopher b c 1834 son of Richard, known to be a shepherd.....could he be of Arkengarthdale ???

Member 394. Raymond Metcalfe, 78 Church Hill Road, Walthamstow, London

Ancestor John MTE bpt 11 Jan 1844 at Melbecks, Swaledale, Yks. 2nd son of John & Mary (Reynoldson) MTE who m 30 Apr 1840 Grinton in Swaledale. John son of George MTE of Spring End, Gunnerside.

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NEW ADDRESSES

M 79. Mrs P.A. Wiggins to 94 Broad Lane, Hampton, Middlesex. TW12 3BW.

M 83. Philip Holland, his correct postal code is TS14 8JX.

M 113. Miss Diane Fox to 53 Southern Road, Heidelberg Heights, Victoria 3081, Australia.

M 134. Miss Sandra Metcalf to 21 Shipley Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. MK16 8BN.

M 322. Mrs M.A. & Mr C.J. Rendell-Reynolds to Hackland Manor, Cullompton, E Devon. EX15 1RA.

M 367. Mrs Dale Metcalfe to 57 Rotunda Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN23 6LF.

M 390. Mr & Mrs Richard Metcalfe to 24 Rushley Mount, Hest Bank, Lancaster LA2 6DU. Lancs.

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MECCA MUSTER

SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER 1991

We have a surprising number of 'goodies' for you all this year. At the Sales counter you will find :-

Society Badges : Will Booklets No:1, No:2 and NEW this year No:3 which holds all those held at the Borthwick Institute in York, those held in Durham and those held in Cornwall : Crests/Coats of Arms/Nappa Hall pictures, framed and unframed : Birth Brief Booklet, revised 1991 issue Index to Lists, revised 1991 issue : Federation of FHS - selection of their Guides : Mecca News, copies of old issues : Record Sheets.

etc: etc: etc: etc: etc:

The Computer Index and the Spouse Index will also be available for your perusal.

The newly formed Society Library will be on show, see elsewhere for all the details. The College is providing three extremely interesting 'treats'. One is a display called 'Yorkshire Image' - photographs of Yorkshire and it's people. Second is an offer you'll find too good to miss ! Bring along your precious old family photographs and have special negatives made and/or prints...at a fraction of normal commercial prices. The cost of a medium format archival negative will be circa £2 and the prints circa £1.50 for 6" x 8" size. Have your photographs ready to hand in as you arrive and the negative and prints could be ready before you leave - or they can be posted on to you. No need to part with the originals. Thirdly, we shall be able to use their Library between 9AM and 1PM - genealogical aids from local sources are amongst the wealth of available material.

Tourist leaflets on nearby attractions will be on hand for those friends and relatives who have come along for the ride but have no wish to stay for our meeting.

We do try to cater to your every need !

NOW will you do the same for our Secretary ? Once again bookings have been very slow to come in. We truly need to pass the 80 mark to break even financially, this is because of the increase in VAT and also because we decided to hold charges to the low 1990 rate to help attendance.

In May the post office in the North East were talking STRIKE talk. If this ever happens Nina will be left in isolated ignorance of your wishes. (In case it ever does come about - please telephone her with your reservations, payment can be taken on the day).

YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR 1991 ARE NOW URGENTLY REQUESTED - VERY LAST DAY FOR RECEIPT IS 7th SEPTEMBER.

A booking form is at the end of this Mecca News. We look forward to a SUPER day meeting new and old friends. Do join us.

PRECIS of the Metcalfe Society Committee Meeting held at Thornton in Craven on Saturday 20th April 1991. 10am to 4pm.

Apologies for absence received from Helen Offer, President. All other committee members attended.

Registration to Data Protection Act and Charity Status have been received. Re-printing of old issues of the Mecca News was approved.

Charges for queries to the Computer Index were discussed in length and it was decided that Members should have two free searches per annum in return for SAE/IRCs and that printouts should be charged at 10p per A4 page. Non-members to pay £10 per search and 50p per page.

Secretary reported new members for 1990 totalled 46 but we had lost 43 (as at 20th Apr). She again made a plea for extra help and hoped that every committee member would take on responsibility for a particular task. Overseas members to be allowed to pay in their own currency provided an additional £3 sterling was paid to cover exchange charges. Treasurer reported a healthy total of £4100, it was remembered that any new computer would need to be paid for. Editor reported that he may soon have sufficient material to produce a triple size Mecca News and he was given permission to proceed. It was decided that to avoid the Christmas mail, the December Mecca News would not be despatched until 2nd Jan, this, it was hoped, would also help remind members to send off their subscriptions by 31st January.

Computer - CSM proposed that The Society purchase a new IBM PS2 model 30 plus printer with 24 PIN, cost to the Society circa £1400. Seconded by Carol Arkwright, approved unanimously. Sec: to be given tuition.

AGM/Muster - Stewards needed to arrive by 8.15am. New publications etc to be ready for sale if at all possible. 80+ members attending would be required before we would break even, due to the VAT increase. Covenant forms to be ready to go out with the August Mecca News.

Helen Offer, who retires as President at the AGM, proposed John Holden as her successor, NEB seconded - approved. Further nominations should be invited. New Library/Publications/Sales dept to be run by Carol Arkwright. Denny Gibson to run Publicity Dept and be Minutes Secretary. Diane Howarth, though helping with practically everything, hoped to have the Scrap Book ready by the Muster.

Suggestions were made that we try to arrange a Spring 1992 meeting in the area south-west of Birmingham and that we attend the 1992 or 1993 AGM of the Guild of One Name Studies (GOONS)...both were approved. The costs involved in joining the Federation were to be worked out and the Sec: given permission to pursue as she saw fit. 1881 Census Project - members to be invited to extract all Metcalfe references and a Questionnaire to be attached to the 1991 subscription slip to determine how many members would help and which areas they could cover.

1991 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The following members are now considered to have left the Society.

3.	104.	116.	117.	149.	243.	260.	282.	295.	298.	318.
325.	330.	332.	342.	348.	349.	350.	352.	357.	371.	376.
380.	383.	398.	402.	403.	407.	415.	416.	432.	435.	436.
453.	THIS TOTALS 34 LEFT.									

LIBRARY AND SALESLibrary

Rather a grand name for our small collection but 'from little acorns...'

We regret that at present we cannot offer this service to our overseas members however, we have plans in progress to set up a restricted service by December - watch this space.

Borrowing Books : Books may be borrowed by post or may be ordered for collection at Society meetings, in either case please quote the full title. If the book which you require is already out on loan, your request will be dealt with as soon as it becomes available.

Returning Books : There is no fixed borrowing period but members are requested to return them as soon as possible, certainly within 6 weeks.

Postage : Members borrowing by post are asked to pay postage both ways, plus a contribution of 20p towards packing costs. When returning books simply enclose, inside the package, stamps to the value of 20p MORE than those on the package when received by you. e.g if the outward package carried stamps to the total of 54p, you should enclose 74p in stamps as well as pay for the return postage.

CURRENT LIBRARY CATALOGUE

Title.

Medecalf Book by Thomas Metcalfe. Copies donated by Eunice Metcalfe M197
by Wilfred Medcalf M417
by John H. Metcalfe M194

The White Horses by Halliwell Sutcliffe. Donated by Mrs P. Kirkwood M465

The Dalesmen of the Mississippi River by and donated by David Morris.

The Pratt-Metcalfe Story by Leonard W. Pratt, donated by Denny Gibson M303.

Family History Books - leaflet by Institute of Heraldic & Genealogical Studies.

Nappa Hall - copy of an article from the Dalesman magazine of Nov 1947,
by W.L. Christie and reproduced with permission of Dalesman.

We sincerely thank all our donors and would welcome additional material in the way of books, booklets, magazines or articles of special Metcalfe flavour and also anything you may have that has a more general interest. One idea has just come in - that we begin a collection of Church guides. Anyone have any other suggestions ?

SalesAS FROM 1st NOVEMBER 1991

This section will not be fully operational until after the AGM/Muster in October when many of our publications will be transferred to Carol. Please give her the benefit of a couple of weeks to get it all sorted out before you send in any requests. Full details will be published in the December Mecca News.

FOR ALL LIBRARY AND SALES TRANSACTIONS PLEASE CONTACT MRS CAROL ARKWRIGHT whose address appears on the back page.

COMPUTER NOTES

As you will read elsewhere we now have the '88 IGI data available on floppy discs for computer searches. With our own index on hard disc being updated bit by bit as time allows, we have decided to archive the old card index until your committee finds the courage to dispose of it totally!

Certain items will be kept for general interest; for instance the first card reads 'The Metcalfe Index compiled by Dorothy Helen Offer commenced December 1980' and a little later is a record of the very first query from a member - Mrs G Herring - for information about the marriage of Isabella to Henry Shepherd c1828.

I wonder if President Helen Offer would have persisted in 1981 if she had known that 10 years later she would be one of the few entering data into a computer?

It is still the 'few' as there has been a nil response to the last request for help in entering new data. We require volunteers to have an IBM compatible PC and persistence! Where are they?

Queries are still flowing in and I attempt to answer them in a timely manner unless golf or holidays call. A stamped addressed envelope and membership are currently all that is required.

We are hoping, as last time, to be able to set up five or six computers at the Muster in Ripon, to allow those present to search for items on both our Index and the '88 IGI - hopefully all computers will have operators in attendance for most of the day and printouts of data found will be available on the spot.

See you there,

Charles Metcalfe

PUBLICITY

Last October I found myself unexpectedly a member of the 'Mecca' committee; by April I found myself graduating to 'Publicity Officer'.

I have always maintained that since the days of the 'Black Knight of Nappa' no other member of the clan has done more to put the name of Metcalfe on the map than Nina Benson! I had to wonder what might be expected of me!!

As a one-name society we must have one of the largest memberships, but we are part of one of the most enormous families. There must be thousands who bear the name, or are of Metcalfe descent, who are totally unaware of our existence. With this in mind I set out - like an old time Evangelist - to spread the word!

Initially we decided to do a re-vamp of the Society's standard notice. At Nina's request Mary Metcalfe rapidly produced a simple but eye-catching poster. Nina made several copies on dayglow type paper of verdant green. In addition a larger number were reproduced in black and white - not as noticeable but cheaper to produce - plus a large number of membership application forms to put in strategic places.

I despatched at least three of the more sombre black and white notices to every incumbent in Wensleydale, with a covering note asking if they would be willing to display them in a convenient place within the churches of their parish. I also mentioned that members of family history societies are usually encouraged to find out as much information as possible in local archives and libraries and only to bother the vicar of the parish of their interest as a last resort, if he still holds the registers they need to see. I hope that this might make the above clergyment more amenable, as I do know many dislike family historians appearing unannounced on the vicarage doorstep - particularly on a Sunday! I targetted Hawes as a 'hot spot' of the Metcalfe clan and deposited coloured posters (plus black and white leaflets) at Hawes Folk Museum, Tourist Information

Office, Ropeworks (open to visitors) and Kit Calvert's Bookshop, plus of course the vicar. I feel that by now Hawes should have got the 'Mecca Message'. Added to this two of the larger hotels in the vicinity agreed to display a notice each.

Other Tourist Offices to receive our literature were Bedale, Richmond, Northallerton, Leyburn, Scotch Corner, and Aysgarth Falls plus some of the main hotels in Richmond, Reeth, Low Row and Askrigg. I have also left copies of our new, green notices in Richmond, Northallerton and York Reference Libraries.

Nina had already sent out notices to all main C.R.O.'s and Reference Libraries nationwide last year. Member Val Hepworth wrote suggesting notices at the three libraries she uses in the Birmingham area; now dispatched. Val also gave the addresses of four Birmingham newspapers. The latter are less likely to give free publicity, preferring pre-paid advertisements. However, if any newspaper is willing to do a feature on the Society's aims and achievements it would be an excellent boost to our image. I do know Nina is hopeful of organising a 'get-together' for members in the Birmingham area and, if it materialises, I feel it could be an advantageous move to contact the papers concerned to see if any are interested in covering the event.

With newspapers in mind I dropped a line to the Northern Echo, an exceptionally well read daily paper here in the North East. They now produce a weekly supplement called 'Echoes' and I suggested to the Editor of the latter that many people could be interested to read about our Society, which has its roots so firmly in the area. (Watch out Nina - a cameraman may want to snap you at your keyboard!)

Overseas - I was already in correspondence with the Secretary of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania about a totally different topic, but with my last letter I enclosed a Metcalfe notice with a request that she might display it in their library, which I believe is open daily. I also sent two posters each to three family history societies in Iowa and Wisconsin. The reason

being that a multitude of leadminers and labourers left the Western Dales of Yorkshire to find work in the leadmines of that part of mid-West America in the last century. I have no doubt that a great number of them had Metcalfe blood in their veins.

At this time I am running out of leaflets and notices of both colours, but have letters and envelopes ready addressed to the clergymen of Swaledale. As soon as I have the literature they will be the next to be initiated! A slight holdup has been obtaining the bright, mid-green copying paper for the more eye-catching notices. We deliberately avoided the psychedelic pink, orange or yellow but felt that black print on a verdant green background attracts attention without appearing too garish.

The main purpose behind this campaign has been the hope of catching the eye of expatriate Metcalfe descendants possibly visiting this area during the summer months and hopefully to recruit a few local Metcalfes still living on their native soil. They could be a great asset to the society as most of them will know the dales area like the back of their hands and may well be able to enlighten more far flung members as to the whereabouts of outlying farms etc. from which their ancestors migrated.

Whether the exercise will bear fruit remains to be seen. When I pass our literature on to all these people they are under no obligation to display it - hopefully most of them will, but inevitably some will be consigned to the waste bin. If it does not increase our membership we will know not to repeat it next year. In which case, we will have to think of alternative methods - suggestions from other members will always be welcome!

Denny Gibson

NEW INFORMATION

AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

IGI RECORDS FOR 1988

Some of you have searched the International Genealogical Index (IGI) during your research. These are also sometimes known as the Mormon records. We now have a complete listing of all Metcalfes (including different spellings of course) in Great Britain from the latest IGI records dated 1988.

Even if you have already searched the IGI records released for 1988 on microfiche you will need to check our records as more information has been included on this listing.

So, from today, whenever you send a research request to Charles, he will now search both our own Metcalfe Society records and the IGI 12988 records for you.

Many thanks to Susan Liptak, Canada, for providing the database and to Diane Howarth for making it into an alphabetical listing.

WILLS BOOKLET NO 3

The Wills Booklet No 3 will be available at the Mecca Muster at a cost of £2. Also, from that time, you will be able to receive the booklet by post by sending £2 plus an A5 sized SAE (stamps to the value of 35p) or IRCs to Carol Arkwright.

INDEX TO LISTS

The Index to Lists is currently being updated and VERSION 2 will be available at the Mecca Muster at a cost of £2.50. Also from that time the Index will be available by post by sending £2.50 plus an A4 sized SAE (stamps to the value of 55p) or IRCs to Carol Arkwright. For those of you who have already bought the original Index to Lists, we are offering a "new for old" replacement. Just bring your old Index to Lists to the Muster and we will replace it for you free of charge. Alternatively, send the original to Carol, and she will replace it free of charge, but don't forget to include the A4 sized envelope.

INFORMATION FOR THE GENERAL INDEX

The blank form "Information for the General Index" was included in the April issue of the Mecca News. Most of you do not have access to a photocopier to copy this form as many times as you require to submit information to the General Index. Even if you do, we realise how expensive this can be to you. Therefore, if you cannot submit the information on the form please just send the information that you have on a piece of paper, but in the order that it appears on the form. This helps the people who have volunteered to enter the information on the computer and ensures that nothing is missed. Many thanks for your help, and to those who have already used the form.

BIRTH BRIEFS BOOKLET

We hope to have this booklet ready by the time of the Muster. It will give you a complete set of birth briefs of all members.

Diane Howarth

From mem no 441

METCALFE FORTUNES UNDER RICHARD III

Up until the second half of the fifteenth century the Metcalfes of Nappa were a family of only modest fortune. They owe their spectacular rise at this time to their connections with Richard, Duke of Gloucester, later to become king as Richard III.

By the end of the 1400's the Metcalfes had firmly established themselves as the third most important family in Wensleydale, trailing only to the Scrope Lords of Castle Bolton and the Conyers of Hornby.

No fewer than nine members of the family seem to have been retained by Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick, in the 1460's, mainly as reeves, parkers, and foresters on his estates. Thomas Metcalfe (died c.1504) was probably one of them. We know that he entered Gloucester's service in 1471 at a fee of £6 13s 4d and he may well have been a member of his ducal council as well as holding offices within the lordship of Middleham. He is almost certainly the same Thomas who became a retainer of Thomas Makenfield on August 20th the same year at a cost of 40 shillings with his brother Brian who was retained on October 6th for 100 shillings.

Following Gloucester's seizure of the throne (in which he was materially aided by many of the Metcalfe family) Thomas enjoyed spectacular advancement when he was appointed Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster for life along with a substantial salary. He also received the manor of Wilmington in Northamptonshire with a value of over £6 a year, as well as sharing a grant of 500 marks a year, derived from temporalities of the bishopric of Ely, with the King's secretary John Kendal.

Thomas' brother Miles, a trained lawyer, was retained as Warwick's Attorney-General in 1465 (at a fee of £6 13s 4d) and passed into Gloucester's employ in the 1470's when he became a member of Richard's council and served as Deputy Steward of

the northern parts of the Duchy of Lancaster. Miles was probably also one of the Justices for the Assize of the northern circuit, and he was elected Recorder of York in 1477. The following year he sat in Parliament as one of the city's MPs and we know he was re-elected in December 1482.

After the murder of Richard III at Bosworth Field, Miles continued as Recorder of York, much to the annoyance of Henry VII as he had been an ardent supporter of the previous King. On October 2nd 1485 Henry wrote to York saying that:

"Miles Metcalfe...hath done much against us which disables him to exercise things of authority."

He wanted the people of York to replace him with a Richard Grene but he was not able to enforce his will until Miles died in March 1486, stubborn to the last!

Brian Metcalfe, brother of Thomas and Miles, was himself retained by Warwick and Gloucester in December 1464 and received an annuity of 10 marks a year for his position as 'the king's servant'. Even more worthy of note is Thomas' son and heir James Metcalfe (died 1539), who in July 1483 was granted the office of Coroner of Marshalsea of the King's Household as well as obtaining land in North Yorkshire for his good service in England and Scotland.

The Metcalfe family was not to be as important under Henry VII and the Tudor dynasty, but continued to grow substantially in numbers, if not in status, down the years, as we all know!

Clare Mountain

References; P.Kendall: 'Richard III'

K.Dockray: 'Richard III and the Yorkshire Gentry'

THE SHADE OF SCOTS MARY

Extracted from 'Ghosts of the North Country'..Jack Hallam

From Rosemary Metcalfe

While Mary Stuart, Queen of the Scots, was six months a prisoner in Bolton Castle, she saw some of the captivating beauty of Wensleydale on a brief visit to Nappa Hall, which was then the battlemented home of the Metcalfes. Although her stay was not much more than a day or two, it was sufficient to make a ghostly mark on the fifteenth century house, or so we must believe, judging by these notes written by a Victorian guest staying there in 1878.

He wrote:

"Thinking it was the farmer's wife I ran after her and was about to touch her when she turned around and I saw her face. It was very lovely. Her dress seemed to be made of black velvet.

After looking at me for a moment she went on, disappearing through a door leading to the winding stone staircase in the angle turret of the west tower. Her face, figure and general appearance reminded me of the portraits of Mary, Queen of Scots."

One is left wondering about another ghostly lady of Wensleydale at neighbouring Countersett Hall, near Semerwater. Could she too claim royal patronage, since Scots Mary may in her travels have slept in almost as many strange beds as Cousin Bess.

(Editor; a delightful little story, Rosemary, and thank you for sending it. However, the existence of ghosts apart, I seem to remember reading that it is most unlikely that Mary, Queen of Scots, ever stayed at Nappa Hall. Nevertheless I like to think that our ancestors at Nappa would have come into contact with her at some time during her imprisonment. Perhaps one of our readers can throw light on this possibility?)



Photograph from "The Old Hand-Knitters of the Dales" by Marie Hartley and Joan Ingilby.

It shows Betty and Kit Metcalfe outside their cottage door in Gayle (near Hawes in Wensleydale) knitting cycling stockings with fancy tops, at the turn of the century. Hand-knitting was a thriving industry in the upper dales a hundred years ago. Men and women could be seen going about their daily tasks and knitting at the same time. The book, published by Dalesman Press gives a fascinating insight into life in Upper Wensleydale and Dentsdale (where, of course the Metcalfes were very thick on the ground) a hundred years ago.

The Metcalfe Missing Millions - the final chapter

On the next page can be seen copies of two replies received by Mrs K.Black (mem no 209) in 1929 and later in 1952 following her researches. Thanks to her niece Muriel Halfpenny (mem no 208) for sending them.

The News of the World letter in particular appears to finally lay the matter to rest.

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Dear Madam,

A report appeared in our issue of Dec. 29, 1929 (now out of print) headed "Phantom Millions, Story of Metcalfe Fortune Exploded at Last."

The substance of this report is that an investigating committee that had been appointed to inquire into this supposed fortune, after exhaustive inquiries and the examination of all evidence garnered from all parts of the country and abroad, had come to the conclusion that no such fortune had ever existed either in **Chancery**, in any Bank, or anywhere else.

It was further believed that an organization, with headquarters in U.S.A. and agents in various countries, existed for the purpose of circulating false stories of these mythical estates, deriving an income from those imagining they may have some claim.

Yours faithfully,

EDITOR.

The Editor presents his Compliments and begs to state that, while every care is taken to ensure accuracy, this information is given on the strict understanding that no legal or other liability is thereby incurred, and can only be used on that understanding.

EVENING NEWS April 29th, 1929

CLAIMS TO FORTUNE OF £3,000,000.

WEALTH LEFT BY A MAN FROM YORKSHIRE. HELD FOR 100 YEARS.

A claim by Canadians to a mysterious fortune of £3,100,000 now lying in an English bank, is reported at Montreal.

A Mrs. Brown Metcalfe, of Springhill, Nova Scotia, is said to be the chief heiress, and there are said to be many other claimants, descendants of a man named Metcalfe who came to Canada from Yorkshire 150 years ago.

The money has been held awaiting claimants for nearly 100 years, it is stated. Mrs. Metcalfe is a widow, 63, says the British United Press. Her husband first married a Miss Gilroy and after her death married the present Mrs. Metcalfe. He died about 11 years ago at the age of 90. His oldest son still lives with his step-mother. In all there are 37 "heirs" to the fortune living in Springhill, Moncton, Amherst and Economy, Nova Scotia.

Investigators have studied family records at Dorchester, New Brunswick and at Amherst, and find that descendants of the original Metcalfe who came to Canada in the 18th Century are scattered all over E. Canada, and the U.S., but most of them have been easily traced. For many years there has been a tradition in the Metcalfe family that a huge fortune awaited them in England, but not until after Mr. Metcalfe's death were any active steps taken to investigate the matter.

ends.

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16 May, 1991

Mr Stuart Metcalfe
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Dear Stuart,

I have enclosed some material which you may wish to use in "Mecca News" at some time in the future.

I have transcribed this document from a photocopy I have of a diary which my great grandfather kept on his voyage to Australia in 1853. I'm not sure who has the original document but I have lodged a copy with the Genealogical Society of Victoria and propose to do the same with the State Library of Victoria and the Royal Historical Society of Victoria (which has another diary from the same voyage).

As you can see, it is well written and captures much of the drama of shipboard life and the anxiety of the emigrant, together with well observed descriptions of the environment. I do not know any details of Joseph Cameron Metcalfe's education but it must have been significant for those times. He was described as an "Oil and Colourman" aged 26 on the passenger list, but he also was a "shopman" at other times.

He travelled with his new wife, Anne (Deeks) who was pregnant, his aunt 'Kate' or Christiana Smith (aged 63), and his step father Henry Cameron, a 52 year old bookseller. The 'James L. Bogart' was new (1851), and large (1,200 tons) - the largest ship built in the shipyards of Bath, Maine (USA) to that time. It later left Melbourne for Bombay and may have had a change of name and owners. I am still trying to find out the details.

Joseph, Anne and Henry Cameron arrived at the Castlemaine goldfields about 1856-7 after three years in Melbourne. He set himself up as a painter and glazier. After raising eight children, Joseph and Anne ended their days sharing a pauper's grave in Campbell's Creek, Castlemaine. It makes a sad contrast with the lively expectations in this diary.

When you are finished with it, could you please pass this copy on to the relevant record keeper for the Society. I hope it gives you something suitable for publication.

Yours sincerely,

Bernard C. Metcalfe (Member no 221)

The attached sheets give you a bit more detail on the arrival/family life of this Metcalfe family.

Family Group Record

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Page 1

Husband: Joseph METCALFE	
Born: 22 JUL 1785	Place: St Botolph, W/O Aldgate, London, ENG
Chr.: AUG 1785	Place: Christ Church, Newgate St, London, ENG
Marr: 21 SEP 1816	Place: London, ENG
Died: 31 AUG 1826	Place: St Marks?, Kennington, London, ENG
Bur.:	
Father: Joseph METCALFE	
Mother: Ann BLICK(E)	
Other Wives:	
Wife: Elizabeth Mary SMITH	
Born: 24 AUG 1794	Place: London?, ENG
Chr.:	
Died: 23 OCT 1842	Place: St Martin Dist, London, ENG
Bur.: OCT 1842	Place: St Martin Fields, London, ENG
Father: John SMITH	
Mother: Mary	
Other Husbands: Henry CAMERON	
Sex Children	
M/F	
List each child (living or dead)	
1. Name: Henry Bradon METCALFE	Spouse: Ann BATCHELDOR
M Born: 14 NOV 1816	Place: SRY?, ENG
Chr.: 18 JAN 1824	Place: St Marys, Lambeth, SRY, ENG
Marr: ABT 1837	Place: Bromley, KNT, ENG
Died:	Place: Bromley, KNT, ENG
2. Name: Charles Fentham METCALFE	
M Born: 6 NOV 1817	Place:
Chr.:	
Marr:	
Died: 1818	Place:
3. Name: Bladud William Atkins METCALFE	
M Born: 12 FEB 1821	Place: London, ENG
Chr.: 18 JAN 1824	Place: St Marys, Lambeth, SRY, ENG
Marr: 12 JAN 1853	Place: Lewisham, KNT, ENG
Died:	Place: Greenwich?, KNT, ENG
4. Name: Joseph Cameron METCALFE	
M Born: 18 AUG 1826	Place: London, ENG
Chr.: 23 NOV 1833	Place: St Luke Old St, Finsbury, London, ENG
Marr: 29 NOV 1852	Place: Croydon Church, Croydon, SRY, ENG
Died: 4 SEP 1884	Place: Lytleton St, Castlemaine, VIC
5.	
Born:	Place:
Chr.:	
Marr:	
Died:	
6.	
Born:	Place:
Chr.:	
Marr:	
Died:	

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Relationship of Submitter to Husband

Wife

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Born: 18 AUG 1826	Place: London, ENG
Chr.: 3 NOV 1833	Place: St Luke Old St, Finsbury, London, ENG
Marr: 29 NOV 1852	Place: Croydon Church, Croydon, SRY, ENG
Died: 4 SEP 1884	Place: Lytleton St, Castlemaine, VIC
Bur.: 6 SEP 1884	Place: Campbells Ck Cem, Castlemaine, VIC
Father: Joseph METCALFE	
Mother: Elizabeth Mary SMITH	
Other Wives:	
Wife: Ann DEEKS	
Born: 19 NOV 1831	Place: Muckling, ESS, ENG
Chr.:	
Died: 29 APR 1899	Place: Saint St, Castlemaine, VIC
Bur.: 1 MAY 1899	Place: Campbells Ck Cem, Castlemaine, VIC
Father: George DEEKS	
Mother:	
Other Husbands:	
Sex Children	
M/F	
List each child (living or dead)	
1. Name: Unnamed Female METCALFE	Spouse:
F Born: 22 MAY 1853	Place: Canvas Town, Melbourne, VIC
Chr.:	
Marr:	
Died: 22 MAY 1853	Place: Canvas Town, Melbourne, VIC
2. Name: Elizabeth Ann METCALFE	
F Born: 30 JUL 1854	Place: Brewer St, Prahran, VIC
Chr.:	
Marr:	
Died: 6 SEP 1854	Place: Pine St, Prahran, VIC
3. Name: Joseph George METCALFE	
M Born: 14 AUG 1855	Place: Emerald Hill, South Melbourne, VIC
Chr.: 1855/1856	Place: St Pauls, Melbourne, VIC
Marr: 12 NOV 1884	Place: Independent Ch, Kyneton, VIC
Died: 4 MAY 1937	Place: Kyneton, VIC
4. Name: William Deeks METCALFE	
M Born: 28 OCT 1857	Place: Castlemaine, VIC
Chr.:	
Marr:	
Died: 12 JUL 1882	Place: Castlemaine, VIC
5. Name: George Thomas METCALFE	
M Born: 1 APR 1862	Place: Rechable Hall, Harcourt, VIC
Chr.:	
Marr: 10 MAY 1867	Place: 11 The Grove, Camberwell, VIC
Died: 12 SEP 1924	Place: Mansfield, VIC
6. Name: Henry Edward METCALFE	
M Born: 5 JUL 1865	Place: Campbell St, Castlemaine, VIC
Chr.: 19 MAY 1867	Place: Cong. Ch, Castlemaine, VIC
Marr: 8 NOV 1911	Place: Church of Christ, Castlemaine, VIC
Died: AFT 1942	Place:
7. Name: Edward James METCALFE	
M Born: 19 DEC 1867	Place: Lytleton St, Castlemaine, VIC
Chr.: 3 JUN 1878	Place: Cong. Ch, Castlemaine, VIC
Marr: 9 NOV 1899	Place: Congregart Ch, Castlemaine, VIC
Died: 2 AUG 1940	Place: Brandy Creek Rd, Warragul, VIC
8. Name: Arthur Richard METCALFE	
M Born: 28 JUN 1870	Place: Lytleton St, Castlemaine, VIC
Chr.: 3 JUN 1878	Place: Cong. Ch, Castlemaine, VIC
Marr: 26 APR 1894	Place: Sackville St, Kew, VIC
Died: 9 DEC 1940	Place: 18 Jubilee Tce, Ashgrove, QLD
9. Name: Eliza Mary METCALFE	
F Born: 25 MAY 1873	Place: Lytleton St, Castlemaine, VIC
Chr.: 3 JUN 1878	Place: Cong. Ch, Castlemaine, VIC
Marr: 18 JAN 1894	Place: Ten Foot Hill, Castlemaine, VIC
Died: 22 JUN 1935	Place: Castlemaine, VIC
10. Name: Albert Edward METCALFE	
M Born: 1 AUG 1880	Place: Lytleton St, Castlemaine, VIC
Chr.:	
Marr: 8 APR 1903	Place: Cong. Ch, Castlemaine, VIC
Died: AFT 1967	Place: Barkley St, Castlemaine, VIC

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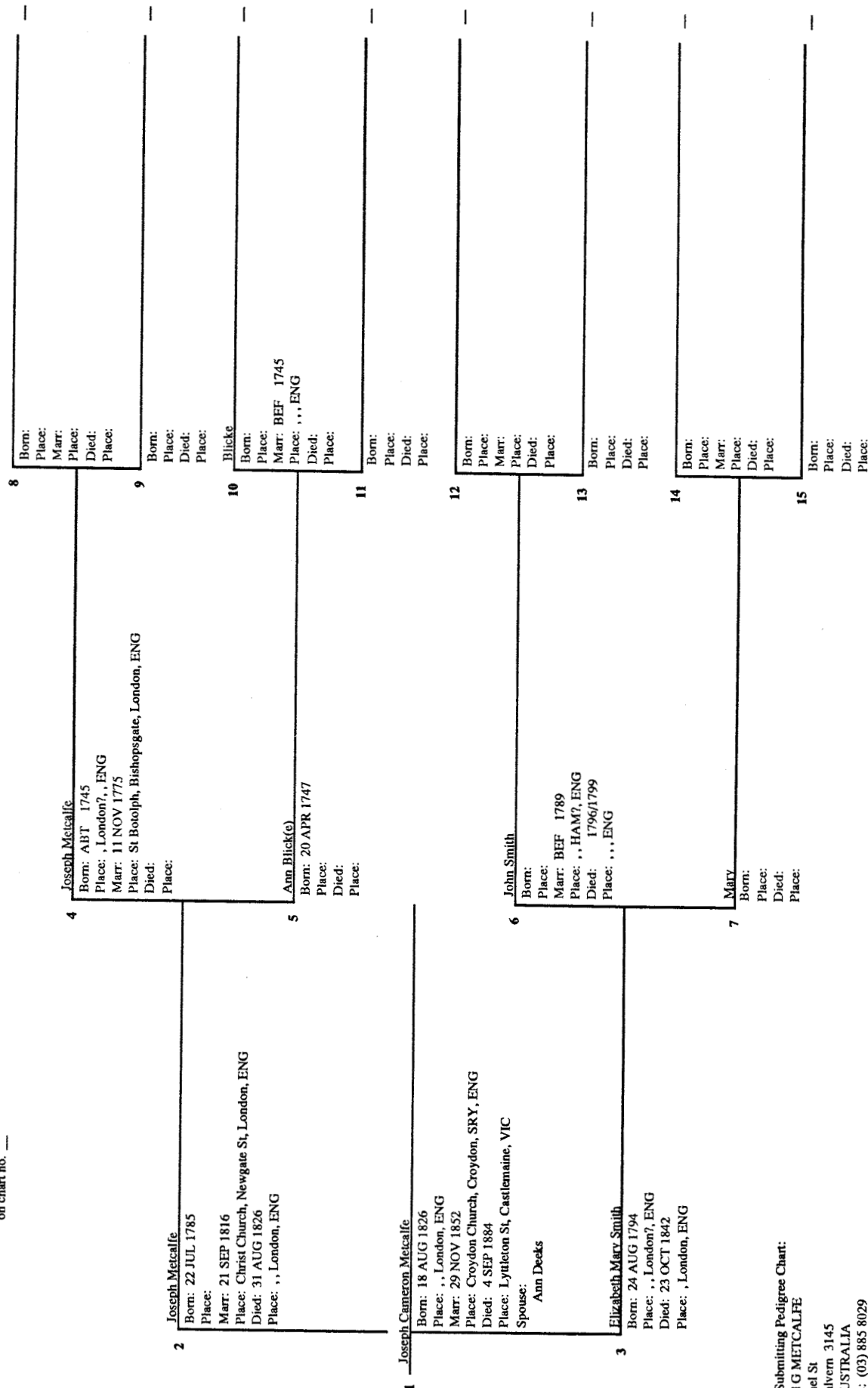
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PEDIGREE CHART

8 Apr, 1991

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LOG BOOK

of a voyage from London to Australia
and incidents upon Arrival
by Joseph C. Metcalfe

On the 12th day of January 1853 myself and Wife, Aunt Kate, & Mr Cameron entered the Ship "James L. Bogart" lying in the East India Docks and found her as stated a magnificent Ship With Apparently every comfort provided for the passengers who numbered as follows

Chief Cabin

on Lower and Upper Decks
Making a total of

Her tonage

Her Commander, Capt'n Howe

January 13th Thursday	Sailed to "Gravesend" amid much cheering at our departure a great number of people being there all of us slept soundly
14th	Still at anchor expecting the arrival of the government commissioner Bladud and his wife and Mr McKewan came to see us All in a "Bustle" collecting our "Contract Tickets"
15th	Still at Gravesend Weather Squally - a Gale - the steam ship "Australia" passed us being six weeks over Due = had a row to get to shore to get "Grub" = passengers made into messes but only bread served out being the first of provisions Plenty of music and singing after retiring to bed a deuce of a bother = one passenger? a scamp! having stolen a pair of Pistols from another in the same birth and was in consequence turned out of his birth
16th Sunday	7 O'clock A.M. made sail. light wind = got very squally off Ramsgate; = plenty of singing = a delightful day = lay too for the night in Margate Roads = very wet = much rain = Divine service on board in the evening
17th Monday	Started again, = a splendid day = many sick = a stormy night passed many ships, & plenty of Gulls Ann, & Auntie sick, myself Queer
18th Tuesday	a fine morning = passengers looking very queer & our Head Doctor is laying on the Deck Sea Sick contrary winds, = off the coast of France all day Saw the lighthouse of Bar Fleur; All very merry at night on Deck. My Dear Wife Still Very Sick
19th Wednesday	a strong Head Wind, off the Dorset Coast = Portland Bay a Very Squally night
20th Thursday	A very fresh morning = a heavy sea & the ship tossing about very much and our things below pitching about in all directions, = lots of music & singing on Deck at night = a very wet night = passengers very sick -
21st Friday	a dark & dismal morning & the wind very rough, & we are still tacking about = about 2 O'clock a tremendous and dangerous Gale (coming on all of a sudden) of Hail Rain & Wind; forcing us to scud under bare poles = the ship rode it out bravely = all Well = my Dear Wife still very sick = Aunt is much better = Cameron got the gripes = myself all right
22nd Saturday	a very fine day, still in the same tack, after passing a very stormy night = a very cold night

- 23rd Sunday Awoke at daylight by the cry of "we are going to fire a Gun" dressed myself quickly & went upon Deck, found we were in sight of a rocky hilly place; a pilot came on board & we anchored about 2 miles off the mouth of the Harbour of Dartmouth, in Devonshire, the moon shining bright, everybody in good spirits making ready to go on shore, = took a boat & landed at the Castle (which is a Church as well) & had a beautiful Walk up a shady lane into the town meeting a boy carrying milk in 2 dirty looking tubs on a donkey = it is a very curious looking town & very narrow streets & all of them Very steep = the country all round extremely hilly =
- had a good breakfast at the 7 Stars & went into the Church built in the Year 1372, the Altar Screen was taken from the Spanish Armada enjoyed ourselves very much, being a delightful day =
- Dartmouth has a very fine and beautiful Harbour perfectly safe from the largest ships = and contains about 7 000 inhabitants The Old Doctor left & a new one Came wrote to Eliza, Collyer, Waterhouse
- 24th Monday a beautiful day, still on shore dined at 7 Stars; 18 of us sat down to dinner; off boiled & roasted legs of mutton at 1/- each
- 25th Tuesday Ship came into Harbour = took a fine walk to Dittisham & back thro' fields, over Hill & dale & thro' ditches & a river having heard as I thought heard the report of 2 Guns the signal of our departure, upon our return to the town found it was only the Blasting in a quarry & therefor washed our perspiration off in some Gin & Water
- 26th Wednesday Still in Harbour & us on shore a passenger lost a purse on board containing £5 or 6.
- 27th Thursday A splendid day, made sail from Dartmouth about 8 O'clock A.M. the passenger who had stole the pistols left the ship for good none of us being sorry to be quit of him = he tried to sell his birth but Mr Lindsay would not let him =
- We fired off a Gun before sailing Which made the hills ring again About 3 O'clock off the Lizard point 42 miles from Lands End = a birth took place during the night of a fine Boy,
- a rather rough night, ship rolling very much, rolling our things about
- 28th Friday a dark day with mizzling showers = a good fair wind () the Bay of Biscay = rather cold =
- 29th Saturday a delightful day with a mild and pleasant air, wind still fair = a Porpoise went by the ship myself very busy scraping our Deck & cleaning out our Cabin
- 30th Sunday a fine day = Divine Service morn'g & Even'g very well attended two young men stole a pie from the Galley & Got Well thrashed
- 31st Monday a delightful morn'g. Air soft & mild Cam elected by ballot to serve on the committee of Safety for 1 month saw one Sail

- February 1st fine but cloudy with light Wind. put on a new Sail & for the 1st time hoisted Stunsails, spoke an Emigrant Ship bound to Australia & soon left her behind & (invisible)
- Tuesday My dear Wife very bad
- 2nd Wednesday a fine mild morning a large ship off our Starboard bow quickly passed & left her far behind Which we do to every one we See
- Between 1 & 2 O'clock a Serious row took place between Capt'n Howe, James the Mate & the Sailors, one of the sailors having refused to Work, James struck him Over the Head with a belaying pin & afterwards put him in Irons & then played the Heads, & of the Others, upon which one of the passengers - (Mr Enderby) interfered & endeavoured to take Mr James off or prevent his Striking upon Which James drew a Spring Knife & rushed upon him to Stab him, but Capt'n H., being near him at the time, caught his Arm & at the same time pushed Mr E. before him into the Chief Cabin where they put him in Irons & lashed him to the Sailor.
- He had his head very much Cut about & both were covered with blood. After which the Capt'n Addressed the passengers and they in return said they would assist the Cap'n in his Authority & gave three Cheers for the Cap'n and Mate as the sailors had (as he truly said) been in a state of mutiny ever since we left London,
- and many of them offered to assist in working the Ship. Mr Enderby & the Sailor were afterwards put in the mates Cabin & the second mate placed as guard armed with a blunderbuss and cutlas
- Mr Enderby was set at liberty about 8 O'clock at night, his head plastered up, being Covered with plaster.
- Another ship going the same course as ourselves - We are now Off the coast of Africa and it begins to be very warm
- 3rd Thursday Still fine, delightfull on deck a French ship, a steamer and four Sail in Sight, We have heard there was another row between the Sailors & Mate abt 2 O'clock this morning,
- My Dear Wife Still very bad
- 4th Friday a fine day but rather dull, light winds
- 5th Saturday very fine & the sun very hot - The sailor set at liberty & he has resumed his duty
- 6th Sunday A Splendid day & Stiff breeze passed and spoke the French Ship the "Alphonse of Harve for Sydney"
- (Divine Service by Mr J. Butler Evening Mr Rugg) great excitement on board each Ship, & 3 cheers given from Each as she was crowded with Emigrants
- Two passengers fell down the gangway one of whom cut his leg very much,
- A Lady rushed out of her cabin about 11 O'clock in a State of Madness produced by quarrelling with her husband = newly married

- 7th Monday a splendid day, 4 Sail in view, passed the Island of St Antonio one of the Cape de Verde's passengers are now enjoying themselves Some reading, others at needlework & others at work on the Carpenters bench making Camp Stools etc, Some are singing while others at their side are busy Knitting & e forming altogether a pleasing picture of the happiest time of an Emigrants life Saw flying fish for the first time the Wind being light We had a Sight of the Island for many hours being quite a relief to the monotony of life on the broad Atlantic Ocean
- 8th Tuesday Showery = fair & gentle breeze passed a large Brig on our Starboard Side. - plenty of flying fish, & a nautillis this night one of the passengers (O.Conner) a gay young fellow fell down the Hatchway from the Upper to the lower Deck (being 1/2 seas over) and was seriously hurt - but broke no bones
- 9th Wednesday a Very hot day = an Infant of 2 or 3 months Old Died
- 10th Thursday The Child Buried in the deep blue Waters of the Broad Sea = Sea Calm & smooth and the Ship loosing way = splendid fish of Various colours to be seen round the Ship Sporting in their native element a flying fish flew upon deck & caught - the sailors are very busy making ready the Harpoons (or as they call them the Dolphin Striker) = this is a Very hot & sultry day with Heavy Showers = the night dark & Cloudy with tremendous heavy rain about 12 O clock = A Whale was seen some distance off during the day My Dear Wife much better
- 11th Friday 2. the burial of the Dead at Sea is a very solemn Sight, the body being sewn up in a sheet with (in this instance) a small bag of coal tied strongly to the feet & being thus placed on the End of a plank ballanced over the Side, is after the Service is read, Slid off into the Sea
- 12th Saturday Still a Calm = very sultry with a shortage of air for breathing = plenty of fish seen but none caught tho' plenty of trials made Very Hot but a delightful day plenty of the fish called by the Sailors the "portugese men of War" which are of a beautiful pink Blue & purple colour, looking like inflated Glass & sailing along the Surface of the Sea being carried along by the Wind & tide but only seen in a Calm Sea they have feelers hanging in a Cluster of from 2 inches to 3 feet long of about the thickness of thin Twine, which hang down in Sea and they say if they touch will Sting

- 13th Sunday Still a Calm, but Showery, Very Hot divine service as usual by Messrs Butler & Robinson, plenty of the birds called "the Albatross" & a Whale bird, = plenty of Rain at night Cameron got a swelled face = The rain is caught by the Sailors in a large Sail Spread out for the purpose = the passengers catching it in Sheets & Blankets, pails, pots, tubs & in fact as Eager after it as if it was brandy The Sunset was most beautiful
- 14th Very Hot, & showery, still calm plenty of Quarrells on board
- 15th Very Hot & fine a Good deal of illness on board - I have got heat rash Cameron, a Swell'd face & legs About 2 O clock A.M. we crossed the line and at night they had what they called a Jolly Spree on the Deck, such as throwing water over each other. They first Went to Work with the fire engine & someone having cut the Hose in Two They betook themselves to the fire-P Ships Buckets with which they had a good Game & after giving the Captn 3 Cheers for the indulgence they gave it up & retired to the Bunks The luggage turned out
- 16th fine, & splendid breeze = 1/2 past 7 a heavy Squall = I rather queer,
- 17th fine - Very Hot & close atmosphere a large shark seen had a tiff with Aunt
- 18th fine With a gentle breeze, many passengers playing Cards & Chess on deck, I lost my Cap
- 19th Splendid day, & a Stiff breeze = Spoke to the "Minerva" of New Bradford, homeward bound = a Whaler, who informed us she had spoke to a Vessel 10 days ago bound to California from New York Myself and Cam had a large Wash Up of dirty Linnen
- 20th Sunday A Splendid day = & a good Stiff breeze & the Ship dashing away in a splendid style Divine service as usual a Sail in Sight
- 21st Monday This is the Hottest day We have had, 84 degrees Captns cook taken ill with it it being 106 degrees in the Galley = Quite a Calm = a heavy shower came on which left us in a dead calm the Ship drifting backwards plenty of singing & dancing on deck at night

22nd Tuesday Very hot with light changeable winds & showers, At night Mr Robins the third mate being called upon was found to be drunk too much so to attend to his duty & was in consequence put in Irons & lashed to the side of the Ship for three or four hours & then put in the hold till the middle of the next day.
A Bird about the Size of a Pigeon called the Sea Hawk lighted on the spars of the Ship & remained nearly an hour,
A Sailor got drunk & was Knocked about the head with a belaying pin by Mr James in a most brutal manner making his head according to Mr James own Account as big as a Bushell, = the poor fellow crying like a Child the next day

23rd Wednesday Very Hot & fine stiff breeze
Both doctors with the poor sailor a long time, = the Black cook is taken very ill thro' the heat
A Very large Albatross flying in circles round the Ship =
Mr Robins again in Irons
Mr O'Conner a passenger of Whom I have Spoken before got drunk and having lost a considerable sum at cards; attempted to leap overboard =
The night looks very stormy

24th Thursday Very hot & fine, stiff breeze
a great deal of Gambling on deck; a most delightful eveng

25th Friday Very hot & fine, light Winds
a great quantity of flying fish

26th Saturday Extremely hot with a light Wind
= a regular row between the upper & lower deck passengers respecting the "Uppers" luggage stopping up a gangway, = The lower deck got the best of it storming a regular barricade of boxes & an array of the "Uppers" standing over them (as guard to prevent their being moved) and driving them for refuge from the fury of the "lowers" into their cabins and them tumbling their boxes &c after them into it

27th a beautiful day, Hot & fine with a heavy shower during the day
Divine service as usual
= Myself on Watch =

28th Monday a Dull & Hot day = fine breeze
= Died this morning early a middle Aged woman leaving behind her a husband & six Children
Mrs Storey her body was cast into the deep abt 9 O'clock, the burial service performed by Mr Butler
She was perfectly resigned to her fate
= several sailors are very ill = one called "Pat" (a boy) being reduced to a skeleton =
= many passengers very queer =

March 1st a Dull day & much cooler and pleasant, fine breeze with Very heavy rains =
Great disturbance with the passengers having rows at night, very many being drunk

2nd Wednesday a delightful day = & Calm the sea as smooth as Glass
= a female child Born =
ship drifting all day & night
= a shark caught over which there was a good lark and some of it was soon cooking on the fire some saying it was very fine eating others would not touch it saying it had very likely devoured the dead body of the Woman
one of the fins was sold for 2/6 & small bones for 4d each
flying fish in all directions

3rd Thursday fine and stiff breeze which in the afternoon turned to a dead Calm
plenty of quarrelling between the passengers = many very ill

March 4th fine, good breeze = a squall - night calm
a tremendous row between the passengers & James respecting the lights between decks, he & the Capt'n wishing to have only one light on each, James (hated?) as usual a tyrants part & talking very large and being met with deers he threatened to blow one of their brains out, (having a pistol in his hand,) and breaking down his cabin door

5th A dull day =
A Young Irishman died this morning and Buried abt 1 hour after his death
A Boy born
A Gale in the Middle of the day

6th Sunday Much cooler & fine
Divine service as usual
Myself a bed all day ill

7th Monday fine, a sailor put in Irons for not attending to his duty at the Wheel, the ship rolling very much

8th Tuesday Very fine; a Calm

9th Wednesday A Squally & Wet Morning & the ship dashing thro' the sea in a splendid style,
Sailors busy stowing away the Stunsails & unreveing the booms

10th Thursday a Dull, rainy, rough day
Wind & sea Very rough indeed & we are sailing Very fast under Double reefed topsails

11th Same as yesterday but not quite so rough

12th Still the Same, but in the evening set in to a Calm

13th a perfect Calm, but a most delightful day,
caught another Shark and there are several round the ship
= One of the sailors again Knocked about the head with a life preserver & very much hurt by Mr James
= Divine Service as usual

14th Monday fine but calm,
= it having been found out that the Casks have leaked Very much it is determined by the Capt'n to put in at the "Cape" for Water
= a sheep died & thrown overboard

15th Tuesday	a Good Stiff breeze = fine and rather Warmer = Carpenters very busy looking too and repairing Water casks
16th Wednesday	a Stiff breeze, Damp Weather and rather hazey, a Ship passed homeward bound
March 17th Thursday	fine but Cloudy = Many say they can see the Cape all anxiety about it = abt 9 O'clock came to a plain sight of the mountains of the "Cape of Good Hope" and also immense quantity's of Cape (H...?) In the Afternoon we cast anchor in Table Bay and fired a Gun in answer to one fired from the fort and an American ship in the Bay, abt 7 O'clock in the evening Myself & Wife & Cameron Went on shore, and met with some strange sights, the Public Houses or Grog Ships looking like Dens = very queer to us = we went into one and had three half pint Glasses of Wine for 4 1/2d each & then took a walk to the top of George (st?) and then took our abode for the night at the "British Queen" Hotel We had a good supper 7/6d and Bed 1/6d, previous to retiring to Which I got Very Drunk, & cast up my accounts on the Carpet The Town has a Very curious look the houses being very low having no upstairs, but some good houses run in between, things in general are very low in price, the shops close very early. Grog shops close at 9 O'clock but the Hotels Keep Open as long as they please the police the same as in England no one is allowed to carry firearms here on a/c here of the "Kaffir War" one of our passengers who came on there with us had brought a Gun with him, under the Idea of Shooting but he had not gone 100 yards along the Warf after stepping out of the boat before a policeman step't up and Collard him & his Gun, but Kept his Gun & shot belt &c & he had to appear before a magistrate the next morn'g to get it Back = Price List = Wine per Glass 1/2d to 3d 1/2 pint glass Wine per Bottle -/4d to 3/- Mutton 4d per lb, a 1/4 sheep 1/8d Beef 3d Tobacco 1/- to 1/6 per lb Cigars 2 or 3 for a penny (Good) Grapes 1d for a 1 1/2 lb bunch fish from 1d to 6d each as large as () lb Butter 1/6 to 2/- per lb Awoke from a deep sleep and found myself enveloped in Mosquito Curtains, arose and enjoyed a good Breakfast and preambulated about the Town and found ourselves among a population of "Niggers" Labour is Very Cheap Time the same as England Slept on board at night a very rough voyage for a boat
March 18th Friday	

19th Saturday	Returned on shore, went to the top of the Lion rump a very high mountain, from which we had a splendid view of the Bay = the Sea = & the Valleys & mountains of the Neighbouring Country Dined at Mr Freemans a pastrycook in Hout St 1/- This is the close of the Summer Season and the Rainey Season begins they have had no rain before this for 4 months = Plenty of Dogs = So many that they kill all dogs found without a collar once a year = Horses very fine, We saw a Dray drawn by 18 bullocks & several by 16 the drivers have immense long whips which they use with both hands & a Boy & a Man (always Black s) Walk by the head of the first It blew a strong Gale this evening & a signal Hoisted on shore for ships to ride with double Cables = much rain A boat wanted 5/- each to take us back to the ship but after the Gale was over we got on board for 1/- but found it Very rough and the sea frequently came into the boat & half filled her and also gave us a dangerous job to Climb the ladder, Cameron being half seas over was drawn up the ships side by a rope Fine, all went on shore and then to the English Church = a Child died on board & buried in a Coffin (loaded with Iron & Stones) in the bay the next day a strong Gale at night
20th Sunday	
21st Monday	fine, several ships came into the Bay = and a Dutch Man of War who fired 18 Guns & the fort in return 7 times A complaint was laid this day by the passengers before the Authorities Against the Capt Mate &c respecting the shortness of provisions & the non performance of the Contract & the Brutal treatment of the Sailors but as the Ship had been cleared at the Customs &c & the Capt promised Amendment, at the interview held at the Consuls House between the passengers, Capt'n & the Consul the Ship was allowed to depart, & the passengers expressed themselves satisfied. During these proceedings on shore the Mate was again at his tricks on board which caused a general confusion as 4 or 5 of the sailors tried to escape from the ship in a boat & the mate having presented a Cannon saying he would sink the boat if they did not return = which they did to be well hammered about the head &c with the belaying pin and them put in Irons in the Hold. And at night there was a great disturbance on deck between the Mate and some of the passengers - they rushing on deck out of their beds half dressed & I among them but it was ultimately settled by the Capt'n giving the Mate a Severe lecture (all Stuff only a blind) at 12 O'clock at night we weighed anchor = made sail = left one passenger Mr Cox on shore Drunk = a beautiful moonlight night The finest morning we have had since we have been here at 12 O'clock at noon we had got no farther than the mouth of the Bay & the Mountains look most beautiful the "Table" is nearly clear not having its cloth on as usual, and we can see the whole range of mountains for miles = at last a Stiff Breeze arose & "off We went to Sea" & it blew a strong cap full all night, = a Child Born = fine = stiff breeze all day
22nd Tuesday	
23rd	

24th	a Calm	
25th Good Friday	going 14 knots a tremendous rate the ships bows cutting the sea into a White foam = tossing very much = lots of China & broken, boxes tossed across the Decks, most fearfully people falling down, tea things swept off the tables, & the Waves rolling Very High, indeed we had a very rough night the ship nearly down stern foremost thro' the carelessness of the Steersman, but being a good ship & light it righted again	
26th Saturday	Very Heavy rain and very stormy but no thunder	
27th Sunday	Stormy & Cold - Divine Service as usual but stopped in the middle of it in the Morning in consequence of the roughness of the weather	
28th Monday	fine = stiff breeze = some very large fish seen, 3 people fell down the Hatch = only slightly Hurt = a most terrific night = no sleep scarcely all night	
29th Tuesday	still rough = the most heavy Sea I have seen, you can Scarcely Keep your feet on deck tho' We have by this time got good "Sea legs" a sail in sight going our road	
30th Wednesday	a fine day. Wind much abated but still a splendid breeze	
31st Thursday	fine breeze & day = very Cold = A Miss McMahon was posted on the Main Mast for stealing other passengers provisions	
April 1st	fine breeze = & day Capt & Mate had another row & another at dinner time when the Capt threatened to put him in Irons Mr J defied him & said blood should flow first as he would shoot the first Man who attempted to lay hold of him = Another Mishap at the Wheel, carrying away a spar & the Ship in great danger.	
April 2nd	A splendid day and breeze = Our flying Jib split in Two	
3rd Sunday	A fine day = they say we have come 305 Knots since Yesterday = Air Very Cold = a Sail in Sight	
4th Monday	a fine mild morning = a lull in the Sinds = a Sperm Whale in View a few Yards off and a tremendous flock of White birds	
5th Tuesday	fine day & breeze, a whale seen = an Albatross shot which Measured 10 ft X the Wings it fell on the Quarter deck	
6th Wednesday	fine day but Cold a good stiff breeze	

7th Thursday	Very Wet and Cold Capt Howe made a complaint to the passengers about Mr James The Committee met in consequence & forwarded a letter to the Capt expressive of their satisfaction with his conduct and their determination to Uphold his Authority & e & e to Which he returned a very polite reply	
8th	a most delightful day since we left the Cape but very cold indeed - a concert on deck at night	
9th Saturday	a perfect calm but a fine warm day	
10th Sunday	a light breeze = a very dull day not quite so cold Divine Service as usual	
11th Monday	a Dull cold day = plenty of Birds about the ship	
12th Tuesday	a very fine day with a good Breeze	
13th Tuesday	a stormy day = Very Cold with Snow & Sleet and a very rough night	
14th	Stormy = the heavy squalls come on very quick & often and also leave us very sudden	
15th Friday	a Dull day = fine breeze = not quite so cold = a sail in sight at 9 O'clock a bit of a Skirmish between a Mr O Connor and one of the Chief passengers a few blows exchanged when the latter was glad to retreat to his Cabin = came alongside the Ship about 4 O'clock & she proved to be a English Merchantman she wanted to speak with us but made false manouvres & so we did not get near enough to do so	
16th Saturday	fine & a Good stiff breeze	
17th Sunday	Very dull = stiff breeze = I had a bit of a fight in the Galley but found my opponent to big for me I run away Divine Service as usual	
18th Monday	fine day & a good stiff breeze = a heavy rain came on at night & left us in nearly a Calm = a Concert at night on the Upper deck & the Celebrated "Tyrolese" Sang 2 songs	
19th Tuesday	fine, a stiff breeze and afterwards turned to a Strong Gale	

20th
Wednesday
Most delightfull & pleasant
most passengers Very busy packing up & Airing their things
We had this day a most melancholy Accident,
A Youth 17 years old while leaning on the stock of the Anchor on the
forecastle, the Anchor slipped and he fell overboard, a boat was put off
to his assistance & man'd by four men (two passengers & two
sailors) as soon as possible but as the waves carried him away fast &
the ship went on a long way before it could be stop't he was carried a
long way from the ship even before the boat was ready and all efforts
to save him was no use, he was seen by the Aid of a Glass to hold up
his hands & then he sunk to rise no more till the last day when the
Sea will give up her dead
= he had a brother in law on board who had brought him out against
the will of his parents & he was quite frantic with the loss
A most beautifull day = Cold -
Early this morning we hove in Sight of our future home and got in
close to land, but having a foul wind obliged to tack out
= Very great excitement on board =
it is the most splendid sunset that I ever saw = (5 O'clock) tacking
about all night to the great annoyance of every passenger
a fine warm day =
Still about the same spot, with a fine ship near us
A splendid warm day =
found ourselves again at sea
in the afternoon saw land again causing a great difference of
opinion wether it is "Port Phillip Heads" or no, = we have two ships
Keeping us company making for the same place, having neared the
land we found this part of Australia to be a Iron bound Coast having
heavy breakers all round us and Hobsons Bay to have a very narrow
entrance and that extremely dangerous, a ridge of rocks running for
about 1/2 a mile across the entrance & a very strong current together
with whirling Eddies running out of the Bay sufficiently strong to
drive a ship Back or on shore and to turn it quite round unless there is
enough wind to () her onwards
Having made the inside of the Heads a Pilot came on board and after
tacking across and across we having a head wind, got about two
miles up and cast anchor at sunset opposite the lighthouse
a Splendid warm day - and a strong head wind
Divine service as usual
still at Anchor =
The Capt'n of the John Knox came on board
a splendid day = still at Anchor with a head wind
The Capt'n & 4 passengers went on shore on a shooting excursion but
returned very unsuccessful, having only shot two birds, at night it
came on to rain very hard this being the beginning of the Wet season

23th
Very wet morning, =
8 O'clock weighed Anchor,
= Weather cleared up = all is hurry scurry on board = in the
afternoon cast anchor for Good opposite the lighthouse at
Williamstown
We can Just see Melbourne and it looks anything but inviting
There are a Great number of ships in the bay
unloading the Ship,
Much rain
The Sailors refuse to work longer unless they have extra pay & Hoist
a blue shirt at the Yard Arm
a police boat boards the Ship and take all of them away except three
Having at length got my tent out of the Hold we took our station in a
steam boat for Melbourne and landed at "Coles Warf" our luggage
being tossed on shore like so much rubbish & one man in rolling my
bed along the plank fell into the Water bed and all
Having got a Dray We made our way to Mrs Chisholms Ground a
nasty damp piece of ground and pitched our tent, not much liking the
prospect of the place
everything extremely Dear and Water too, We got our Wood from a
Kind of copse at the river side having to cross a vast swamp up to our
knees in water & on one of these excursions I got up to my middle in
mud and water and had great difficulty in getting out,
We found our manner of living very strange at first but after a bit,
we found it anything but disagreeable,
The Price of Provisions -
Bread 1/6
Tea 2/6
Butter 4/-
Sugar -/4d
Tobacco 7/- to 8/-
The Dray 10/-
for 1/2 mile
Steamer 4/-
Goods 30/-
Potatoes 4d
Meat 6d to 7d
Milk 2/- 2(0)
Beer 2/- 2(0)
Gin 2/- Qtr
Rum 1/- Do.
Onions 2/- lb
Cherries 2/- to 5/-
Peas 5/6d to 87/- peck
Currants 5/- lb
May
10th
11th
left "Mrs Chisholms Ground" for "Canvas Town" a Village of Tents
on the South Side of the Yarra Yarra about a mile long
Went to Mr Kelly's store 33 Elizabeth St

PERSONAL DIARIES FOR THE ARCHIVES?

The preceding article is one of three which I have received recently, and fascinating reading they make. Unfortunately, by their very nature they are rather long and were I to include them in the Mecca News, there would be little room for anything else. I will continue to hold a copy of them for my files in the hope that there will be space in the future but, in the meantime I shall pass the first copies to our new librarian, Carol Arkwright.

Perhaps a future project would be to collect personal reminiscences of this sort and bind them in a booklet to be available to all members. In the meantime please don't stop sending them! I'll try to find space if at all possible. The copies which I shall pass on to Carol as well as this one are;

Henry Metcalf's diary of his voyage to New Zealand 1911, kindly sent by his grand-daughter Allison Hutton (thank you also for your lovely letter, Ed.)

Rev Joseph Metcalf "The History of my Life" written about 1883. This article describes the early life of a Methodist preacher in rural Lincolnshire in the mid-nineteenth century. Contributed by Dr Carol Metcalf mem no 262 of South Africa

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A single, franked International Reply Coupon is now exchangeable for the basic *airmail* postage charge for countries abroad. (Read the small print on the back.) In the past it was worth only the value of a *surface mail* stamp. The next committee will no doubt review our rates for overseas members as a result of the increased value of IRCs.

20th	Cameron had his leg broken by a Mr Mitchell while crossing a paddock at Richmond
22nd	My Wife confined with a Girl about 1/2 past 7 O clock, Still born from which she recovered extremely well,
24th	Buried the Child at the back of Our tent, being at the time unable to pay the burial fee
29th	My Wife up & Well again
June 15th	Saw Mr James Crockett of Croydon
July 18th	Cameron came out of the Hospital
August 26th	Myself Seized with an attack of the Colonial fever
28th	Myself & Wife went to live at Mr Kelly's OPrahran
30th	Aunt came to see us
Sept 17th	I came back ill
24th	Ann left Mr Kelly's
27th	Ann taken Very ill with a () and Kept Very bad for a Week -
1854	
March 26th	Left "Canvas Town" and entered shop at Parahran Ops the Walmer Castle Private Cash in hand 20/-
April 1st	Canvas Town evacuated or rather all the Town abolished by Government
March 25th	Mr Greaves Sailed in the "Samuel Boddington" (L2) Bladdud, Harriet, Henry, Mr Deeks, Mr Shove, Mr Gagen sent one also I may expect answers by Sept'
May 9th	Very heavy showers & a Storm of Hail.
18th	Heard from Harriett
June 21	Heard of Capt'n Aldred P.A. Ballaaratt
July 19th	Wrote to Capt'n Aldred
July 30th	about 10 O clock in the forenoon My Wife confined with a daughter = Thank God both well Named her Elizabeth Ann
Sunday	
Aug 6th	Left Dr R() Gagen & removed to Pine St in a house belonging to Mr Attaway

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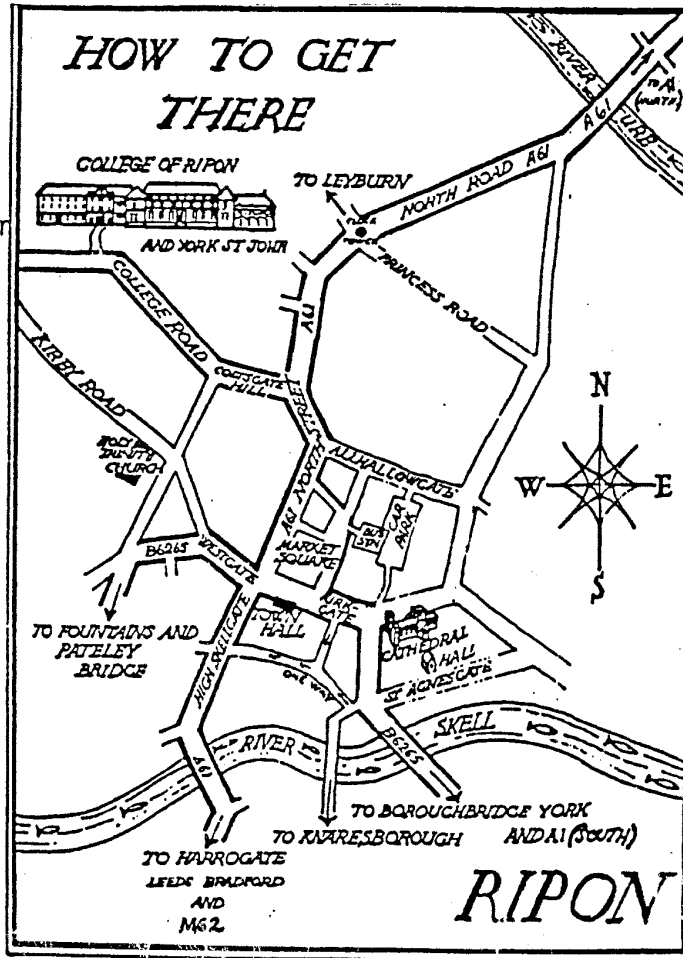
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