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EDITORIAL

Perhaps it wasn't such a good idea postponing the production of the December edition of the Mecca News until after the Christmas rush. The thinking behind it, of course was to avoid any confusion in the Christmas post. What has happened, however, is that I have been able to put off the hard work of printing and collation until after the holiday - that's not such a good idea! Work always seems twice as hard after a good holiday!

However, here it is and I must thank once again all the members who have contributed such a wide range of articles. This is the largest edition yet and I still have articles in my "in-tray" awaiting space. I do really enjoy receiving all the letters and suggestions for articles. Please

excuse me if I do not always reply except through the pages of the journal. Like everybody else I find that I do not have the time to do all the things I would like, in the way I would like to do them.

If you were at the Muster in October you would have heard many pleas for help from the officers of your Society. I have given notice that I will have to pass over the job of Editor at the next Muster but, far more importantly than that is the plight of our Secretary, Nina. Without her the Society would be literally nowhere. Please read her notes with care. If you can help her in any way, please do so.

A happy and peaceful New Year

Stuart Metcalfe Dec 1992

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Secretary's Notes 7th Dec 1992

Before anything else - may I wish you all a very happy Christmas and hope that 1993 brings you successful research. We all owe a particular debt of thanks to David Metcalfe (M46) not only does he beaver away putting Lists into the Computer Index but on hearing my plea for help at the Muster, he has presented me with 90 A4 pages of the 1891 Census Returns - astounding!

Already it has proved the turning point in breaking the deadlock in the research for two members and I know for sure that there are more clues in there when I have the time to comb through. It will prove an invaluable record. I will do my best to put some into this Mecca News, others will have to be held over until following editions. If you feel that these pages will hold the missing link to your family and you'd like me to trace it - send me details and return postage and I'll do my best. The returns cover all Wensleydale, Swaledale, Hambleton, Langbaugh, Stockton, Middlesbrough. David reports that he is now working on the Skipton area, then plans to move to the Harrogate area. Thank you David! *How about you joining a team to cover your area?*

LISTS - Thank you to all members who send us new information, sorry I have no time to acknowledge them. Please could I ask that members submit the *original* papers to me and keep the copies for themselves. If photocopies are sent to me and they are repeatedly re-copied over the years, we lose clarity and accuracy. During his entry of Lists onto the Computer Index, David spotted and we eventually confirmed an error on the IGI. Circa 40 bpts/mges given as at "LUND near Beverley, East Riding Yorkshire" did in fact take place at

LUNDS near Hawes in Wensleydale.

My "cri de coeur" for assistance, given at the Muster, fell on the usual stony ground (David Metcalfe can ignore this bit!). I still need- want- and must have HELP if you want to see the Society continue along its successful course. I may be officially "retired" & therefore have more spare time than members who are still going out to work - but this so called spare time does have its limitations. Dealing with an average 10 letters, weekly, requiring differing amounts of research and reply time plus the day to day running of the Society has me overwhelmed at times. Members will know that sometimes their letters have not been replied to for some time. This builds up and gives considerable worry and to be perfectly frank, distress. The only way to lighten the load is to hand over areas of work that can easily be dealt with by others and after some thought this could be :-

1) The organisation of the AGM/ Muster. This is really simple to hand over as the format is repeated annually.

2) The Lists - numbering/copying/ care of/ replying to requests/storage. Suggestions and offers to me please.

Talking about the Muster '92 - I have just heard this week that we shall have to pay a non returnable deposit of £3 per head in 1993.

It was lovely to see so many of you at Ripon and I do apologise for not having the time to chat to everyone. I expect it is obvious how much I enjoy these meetings but time goes so quickly when you're having fun!

A member has again, raised the subject of ties/headscarves with a relevant motif - any ideas of sources?

N.E.B.

BIRTH BRIEFS

NEW ADDRESSES ETC:-

- M120**...Mrs Jo Birkbeck - PO Box 2906, Port Angeles, WA98362, U.S.A.
M147...Miss Mary Morris - temp at 3/36 Roxburgh St, Mount Victoria, Wellington 1, N Z
M214...Mrs Anne E. Rhodes - 7 Honeysuckle View, Stapenhill, Burton on Trent, Staffs: DE15 9FE.
M338...Mrs Diane Green, 1 Pellon Court, Halifax, W.Yks, HX2 0DT.
M368...Mrs Sandra Quinn, 144 Norman St, Gordonvale, FNQ 4865, Australia.
M430...Miss Chris Ekeblad - becomes Mrs Chris Reith, The Coach House, Middleton Rd, Pickering, North Yorks, YO18 8NQ.
M471...Tim Metcalfe is pleased to announce his marriage to Hayley Hawes and where else should they spend their honeymoon but near Hawes in Wensleydale!
Our best wishes go to Chris & James and to Tim & Hayley.

UP-DATING MEMBERS BIRTH BRIEFS :-

- M267**...Norah & John Robinson, Norton House, 26 Chester Rd, Holmes Chapel, Crewe Cheshire, CW4 7DP.
 Norah's Grandfather's brother was the Rev Thomas Mte of Troston who wrote the book "Medecalf" and is therefore related to **M549**, q.v.
M309...Thomas Metcalfe, 32 Floral Avenue, Leeds, LS7 3DP. West Yorks.
 Grandson of Alfred Rhodes Mte born at Padside Head, Thornthwaite, Nidderdale c1858.
M316...Ms Jean Metcalfe, 40 Royal Oak Rd, Baguley, Manchester M23 8BD and
M351...Ms Ella Burton, 34 Redland Crescent, Chorlton cum Hardy, Manchester M21 2DL
 James Mte (who married Fanny Shaw 26 Aug 1818 at Garsdale Yks) had been married TWICE before. 1st mge still to be traced but the second was on 1st June 1789 at Garsdale to Agnes Mte.
M358...Mike Richardson, 18 Gordon Way, Harwich, Essex, CO12 3TW.
 The plot thickens !! Paternal grandmother Mary ?Mte/Petty married Samuel Richardson. Mary born 27 Feb 1873 Evenwood, Durham dau of William & Hannah (Franklin) PETTY, who m 16 Jul 1861, Auckland Dur: when Wm was a widower, and gives his father as John Petty, pitman. His first marriage (cert awaited) may give his father's name as JAMES PETTY, blacksmith. William bpt 24 Jan 1835 at Marrick Yks: In the 1871 Census returns of Evenwood William PETTY 36 born Marrick plus family. In the 1881 West Auckland Census return William Mt 49 b Marrick plus family. In the 1891 return for Shildon William Mt 58 b Marrick plus family. Of the children - Mary b 1873 & William b 1875 have certificate giving their father as William PETTY & Thomas b 1880 gives father as William Mt - all with mother Hannah nee Franklin, recent IGI research gives a mge at Marrick on 25 Nov 1833 between a JOHN Mt and an Isabella Petty..so the parish registers need to be examined - *SORRY Mike but I've had no time to visit Northallerton, so it will have to wait until 1993 - Sec.*

- M414**...Thomas K. Metcalfe, 39 Thornbury Rise, Darlington, Durham DL3 9NE
 Son of Tom Mte b 19.05.1906 at Catterick, Yks, son of Thomas (Joseph) and Hannah Mte. Thomas a groom of Catterick. The 1891 Census Returns for Catterick and the surrounding area only reveals two likely Thomas (nil Thomas Joseph): 1) Thomas aged 23 b Catterick son of Simon & Mary Mte...living at Cramble Cross near North Cowton. 2) Thomas 22 b Whashton...living at Dalton Fields s.o Thomas & Mary.
M430...Mrs Chris Reith, The Coach House, Middleton Road, Pickering, Yorks. YO18 8NQ.
 Descendant of Carl Johan & Mary Jane (Mt) Ekeblad who m 26 Mar 1877 at Sunderland, Dur. Mary Jane b 21 Aug 1848 Sunderland dau of Paul & Hannah (Craig) Mt who m 1836 Sunderland. Paul b 12 Feb 1811 or 1812 at Rawcliffe near Easington in Cleveland, s.o Thomas & Elizabeth (Laing) Mt who m May 1798 Easington. Thomas bpt 29 Feb 1778 Easington s.o Thomas & Susannah (Brown) Mt who m 6 Oct 1774 Easington Thomas bpt 29 Feb 1736 Easington s.o Thomas Mt.
M497...Mrs D. McDonnell, RMB H839, Dawes Rd, Invermay, Victoria 3352, AUS.
 Message from Sec:- 1841 CR Cold Kirby - I think you will find Ann 55, farmer was widow (nee Abram) of David Mt whom she married 02.09.1811 at Old Byland.
M506...Ted Metcalfe, 16 Mangati Rd, Bell Block, New Plymouth, 4602, New Zealand.
Thanks to David Metcalfe & his 1891 Census recording, Ted's family was located at "Low Gingerfield" farm near Richmond when his grandfather Ernest Robert aged 12 was living with his brothers John Wm 14, and George Albert aged 6; and their parents John 51 b Muker, Annie 50 b Grinton. John m Annie Bell in Mar 1875 at Marrick when John was of Calvert House (near Ivelet). It appears that this line connects in with **M3** George Buxton and we await confirmation.
M539...Mrs Abigail Wynn, 15 Rivington Ave, Bispham, Blackpool, FY2 9ER.
 Dau of Thomas & Alice (Townsend) Mte. Thomas b 14 Jun 1879 s.o William & Jane (Mte) Mte who m 15 Dec 1862 Hawes. (Jane d.o Thomas & Eliz (Armstrong) Mte related to **M439** Geo B. Metcalfe - given in MN37) William b 19 Dec 1843 s.o William & Betty/Elizabeth HEBDEN who m 26 Mar 1825 at Stallingbusk. William b c1794 s.o Thomas & Alice (Mte d.o Thomas of Blind Sike, Bainbridge) Mte, m 6.06.1789 Stallingbusk. Thomas bpt 1761 s.o Barbara/y & John (Mte s.o William of Marsett) Mte who m 12 May 1756 Hawes chapelry, Aysgarth. Barbary/Barbara bpt 31 July 1729 d.o Anthony & Alice (Mte) Mte who m 18 Aug 1724 Chapel le Dale/Ingleton Fells when Anthony was "yeoman of Aysgarth parish". Anthony b c1694 son of Cuthbert & Barbara (Symonston/Lister?) Mte. Cuthbert b c1673 s.o Anthony & Elizabeth (?) Mte. Hence - Abigail is now related in various degrees to **M63** Bill Metcalfe. **M55** Dorothy Pope *, **M439** George Metcalfe, **M550** Madelaine Jackson. I feel sure there will be more when all Metcalfe lines have been explored!
M545...Mr & Mrs Paul & Tracey Metcalfe, 50 Cerne Close, West End, Southampton, Hants. SO3 1NG.
 Paul b Richmond Yks s.o James & Jane (Smith) Mte. James b 3 May 1916 s.o Walter & (his second wife) Lillian Mary (Clark) Mte. Walter was a master wheelwright & carpenter and the only Walter in Richmond in the 1891 census return (*thank you David !*) that may

"fit" is :- Ref RG12-4036 Market Place, Henry Mte hd.m.55 ostler b Leyburn. Mary C Mte wf.m.56 b Scotland. Elizabeth Mte d.-.17. b Richmond & Walter Mte son u 14 iron-monger's apprentice b Richmond. Ann Sanderson Vis.m.62.This is the correct Walter as it also belongs to **M266** Susan Harper (formerly Liptak) of Canada and she reported that Walter had a son Ronald and a dau Jean which Paul also reported. Taking it further back :- Henry m 26 May 1857 Richmond to Mary Crosbie Lumly dau of Richard. Henry bpt 14 Aug 1836 at Wensley s.o James & Caroline (Deighton) Mte who m 14 Oct 1822 Thornton Steward. James bpt 4 Aug 1799 Thornton Steward s.o Anthony & Jane (Collinson) Mte who m 13 Sep 1786 Bedale. Anthony bpt 19 Jul 1766 s.o Anthony & Margaret (Mte) Mte who m 5 Mar 1764 Thornton Watlass. Anthony bpt 8 Jun 1740 TW s.o Stephen & Ellen (Moody) Mte who m TW 19 Sep 1734. Also of this family line **M493** David Metcalfe descendant of Walter's elder brother James Richard.

M549...Mr & Mrs Raymond & Margaret Condon, 5 Nursery Walk, Brampton,Huntingdon, PE18 8UU.

Margaret is dau of Arthur William & Elizabeth Mary Swale (?) Mte. Arthur William b c1888 s.o Rev Thomas & Margaret Ann (Anderson)who m 6th Apl 1874 at Inchtur, Perth, Scotland. Thomas was Vicar of Mytholmroyd, Yorkshire 1906 to 1924 and wrote the Medecalf book whilst living at Troston. And see **M267**. Rev Thomas b c 1856 and Robert b c1859 (from whom **M267** is descended) were sons of Robert & Agnes (Kendal) Mte who m Feb 1856 Lancaster. Robert bpt 2 Jun 1833 Ingleton s.o Thomas & Elizabeth (?) Mte. Thomas somehow fits into the Nappa Hall line. (*?HOW & WHERE-Sec*)

M550...Mrs Madelaine Jackson,4 Lark's Hill,Pontefract,WestYks,WF8 4NE
Madelaine wanted to "go it alone" when she first joined the Society - but a visit to the 1992 Muster soon put paid to that idea, when she discovered that her line fitted into so many other members...and here is how ! Dau of Harry & Mary Ellen (Cunnane) Mte who m Leeds. Harry b 9 Mar 1911 s.o James & Mary Ann (Verity) Mte who m 13 May 1905 Beeston, Leeds. James b 1879 s.o James & Margaret (Ward) Mte who m 24 Dec 1874 at Dailly, Ayrshire, Scotland. James b 9 Sep 1842 at Stallingbusk s.o Ann Mte who in 1845 m John Scott. Ann b 6 Apl 1825 SB d.o Leonard & Mary (Atkinson) Mte who m 24 Nov 1821 SB. Leonard bpt 25 Nov 1800 s.o William & Ann (Tomlin) ((sound familiar ?)) William's bro Thomas = Alice Mte....! William b 1757 s.o John & Barbara (Metcalf) d.o Anthony & Alice (Mte)Mte see **M539** above) Mte who m 12 May 1756 at Hawes. John b c1727 s.o William of Marsett. Branching off from Ann Tomlin - she was grand daughter of William & Ann (Mte) Hodgson who m 22 May 1723. Ann bpt 25 Mar 1710 d.o James & (?) Mte of Marsett. James bpt 10 Feb 1678/9 s.o James Mte. Sooooo Madelaine is "related" to **M55 et al. M63, M410, M415 & M539**. *How many others ? I must admit to having lost track of you all - Sec:*

M555...Miss Alison Hill & Mr Colin McMullan, 5/81 Tennyson St,Christchurch 2, N Z. Gervase Albert has been traced thanks to our recording of the General Registration Index. He was born 5th Feb 1840 at Market Deeping, Lincs, s.o Samuel Josling & Ann (Willderd/ Willders) Mte who m 7th April 1836 at Holbeach, Lincs. Samuel Josling bpt 16 May 1813 at Swarby, Lincs s.o William & Ann (?) Mte.

BIRTH BRIEFS - NEW MEMBERS - to whom we extend a hearty welcome.

M558...Mrs Sandra M. Compton, 47 Bramdean Road, Thornhill,Southampton, SO2 5HW. Paternal grandmother Margaret Mte b 1881 in Sunderland, Dur. mge 1910 Joseph W. Browning. Margaret dau of Wilks & Jane (Mt) Mt m 6 Jun 1865 at Patrick Brompton, YKS. Wilks was of Newton le Willows. Wilks b 28 Jan 1844 at Masham son of Henry & Elizabeth (Johnson) Mt who m 6 Jun 1839 at Masham when Henry was aged 59 and Elizabeth 27. Henry bpt 2 Mar 1780 Masham, s.o Wilks and Ann(Thomson) Mt who m 13 May 1779 at Danby Wiske, Yks. Wilks b circa 1743 ? s.o Wilks & Martha (Dixon) Mt who m 1 May 1727 at Masham. Wilks bpt 17 Apl 1701 at Burneston, Yks s.o William. Sandra therefore is 'cousin' to **M515** Dorothy Hodgson.

M559...Mrs Joan Holt,3 Priory Path,Harold Hill,Romford,Essex,RM3 9AR. Great grand-dau of Hannah Mt who married Thomas Blakey 5 Dec 1839 at Leeds. Hannah was a minor, spr of York Street, dau of James Mt.

M560...Lt Col Richard P. Meighan, ASM.BA.MA. Berliner Ring 34,W-6980 Wertheim, D Germany.

Descendant of a Thomas Meighan who married (circa 1707) a Miss Metcalfe daughter of a Covent Garden book seller. Richard believes the connection would come through the "printer, stationer" line of Metcalfes who, as book publishers in Covent Garden, would have learned the trade before arriving there. Their patron may have been the Stanhope family. This branch of Metcalfes may have converted to Catholicism in London & were probably Jacobites. An entire group of Metcalfe family portraits was left to "my son in law" by Thomas Meighan in 1750...but are now "lost". Does anyone know of these portraits ? Sec: did uncover a 1709 Benjamin Mte - stationer, in L368 as a Freeman of the City of London. Richard has traced a John Meighan who was headmaster of Shrewsbury School in 1567.

M561...Alan D.J. Metcalfe-Wingate and Mrs Margaret E. Wingate.122 Green Lane, Morpeth, Northumberland. NE61 2HB.

Ancestry awaited.

M562...Mrs Denise Eldridge, 3 Johnson St, Hawthorn, Victoria 3122. Australia. Grand-dau of Edward Burchell & Alice May (Mte) Archer m 1884. Alice May b early in 1861 when the census for that year found them living at 67 Albert St, Bow. Her father George Mte born 1823 Elton, Dur, her mother Anne Esther (Clarke) b 1838 Stockton on Tees, Dur. They m 21 Apl 1855 at St Matthias, Newington, Middlesex when George was a clerk of Canterbury Road son of Francis Mte, gentleman. George is known to have had a sister Hannah.

M563...Richard J. Medcalf, 41 Limbury Road, Luton, Beds: LU3 2PH.

Ancestry awaited.

M564...Colin J. Metcalfe, 21 Park Street, Barrowford, Near Nelson,Lancs. BB9 6HX.

Ancestry awaited.

M565...Mrs Georgina Dunn,52 Hilderthorpe,Nunthorpe,Middlesbrough,Cleveland,

TS7 0PT

Dau of George & Evelyn (Elliott) Mt who m 2nd Jun 1940 Wembley.George b 15 Apl

1915 Sunderland s.o Robert & Georgina (Hudson) Mt who m 2nd Feb 1897 Robert b 28 Apl 1875 s.o Robert & Ann (Grieves) Mt who m 27 Nov 1858. Robert b 21 Nov 1841 s.o John & Ann (?) Mt. John b 23 Dec 1805 bpt 20 Jan 1806 at Monkwearmouth s.o Matthew & Mary (Redhead) Mt who m 28 Apl 1790 at Sunderland.

M566...Mr & Mrs John L. Metcalfe, 26 Hatch Road, Brentwood, Essex. CM15 9PX. John Lennox is son of Harry Lennox & Edith Eleanor (Clement) Mte who m 1926 at Purley. Harry L. was b 1900 s.o Maitland & Elspeth (McDonald) Mte who m 12 Jul 1899 at Strathdon, Aberdeenshire. Maitland 1876-1906 s.o Henry Christopher & his second wife Hannah Holmes (Southgate) Mte. Henry C. 1822-1881 s.o Henry & Frances Jane (Whish) Mte who m 17 Aug 1820. Henry 1791-1849 s.o Christopher Barton & Sophia (Andrews) Mte who m 3 May 1787. Christopher B. 1759-1801 s.o Christopher & Ellen (Barton) Mte who m 15 Jul 1752 Westminster. Of the Hawstead (Suffolk) Mte family whose Philip built the Alms Houses which are still occupied today. The church has many beautiful tombs & headstones to the family. Christopher b 1 April 1732 s.o Roger & Jemima (Astley) Mte who m 1731. Roger of Drury Lane, a surgeon, b 1680 son of Thomas (of Nappa) & Frances (Burdett) Mte. Thomas s.o Sir Thomas & Elizabeth (Slingsby) Mte. Sir Thomas (Knighted 7th May 1603) b Dec 1579 d 1655 & buried at Askrigg s.o James & Joan (Saville) Mte who m 1 Apl 1579. James (of Nappa) b 1551 d May 1580, s.o Sir Christopher & Elizabeth (Clifford) Mte. Sir Christopher (knighted 23 Sep 1545) b 1513 d 1574, s.o Sir James & Margaret (Pigot) Mte. Sir James (Knighted 1528) b ? d 1539 s.o Thomas & Elizabeth (Hertlington) Mte. Thomas of Nappa, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, s.o James b 1389 s.o John & Alice Mte who were alive during the reign of Richard 2nd.

M567...John H. Metcalfe, 62 Maxwell Rd, Beaconsfield, Bucks: HP9 1QX. Son of Clifford & Florence Ellen (Oars) Mte. Clifford b 13 Feb 1902 at Holbeck, Leeds son of Samuel & Fanny Mary/Maria (Greetham) Mte who also had a dau Edna (m Roland Snowden with issue John & Shirley) & 2nd son Jack (m Marion ?, with issue Peter & another son). Samuel a grocer by trade is thought to have been born in Leeds.

M568...Mrs Wendy J. Metcalfe, 36 Dunelm Drive, West Boldon, Tyne & Wear, NE36 0HJ. Husband is son of Robert John & Elsie (English) Mt who m 1 Oct 1955 Robert John (a soldier) born in 1931/2 m Mary Jane (Evans) Mt. *Sec: Now in the tree of M503 Elizabeth Ainsley there is a JOHN ROBERT Mt who married Mary Jane Evans in 1920 at St Marks Church in South Shields. Awaiting further news.*

M569...Mrs Betty Van Arkadie, 91 Mount Pleasant, South Ruislip, Middlesex. HA4 9HQ. Great grand-dau of John Charles & Elizabeth (Metcalfe) Butler who m 27 Dec 1859 at Ch of St Marys, Islington. Elizabeth b 20 Mar 1840 Shoreditch, London dau of Robert & Elizabeth (Tighe) Mte. marriage not yet traced. Robert was a cabinet maker and they had a 2nd dau Hannah b 1849, both daus bpt at church of St Leonard, Shoreditch.

M570...Major David B. Metcalfe, Burleigh Field, Burleigh, Stroud, Glos. GL5 2PQ. Descendant of the Irish Branch.

M571...Mrs Jodi Bertholdt, 40 Evans Lane, Haverford, Pennsylvania, 19041-1808. U.S.A. 9 x great grand-dau of Thomas B. Bancroft and his wife Elizabeth Mte who m 15 Sept 1648 at Dedham, Massachusetts, USA.

Elizabeth b 1626 Norwich, England, dau of Michael & Sarah (Ellwyn) Mte who m 13 Oct 1616 Norfolk, Eng. Michael b 1557 Tatterford, Norfolk, son of Leonard & Amy Mt.

M572...Francis L. Carr, Tiro Tai, 287 Lake Road, Takapuna, Auckland, New Zealand, 1309. Son of Mr ? Carr & his wife Eileen Faye Mte b 1928 dau of Louis Wilfred & ? Mte. Louis W. b Oct 1893 s.o William & Mary Maud (O'Hara) Mte who m 9 Nov 1882 Auckland, N.Z. William b Apl 1852 Bradford, Yks, s.o John (an architect) & Eliza (Hunton) Mte. John bpt 6 Oct 1824 Bradford s.o William & Mary (Bolton) Mte who m 5 Oct 1818 Bradford. William b 1 Sep 1793 at Hampsthwaite, Yks, s.o John (of Darley) & Mary (?) Mte.

M573...Mrs Greta Maroni, 14 Glenwood Avenue, Helena Valley, W Australia 6056, Great grand-dau of William Francis Mortimer & Sarah Jane (Mte) Blackburn, who m 18 May 1864, Cathedral, Ripon, Yks. Sarah Jane b 1843/4 at Aldfield, Ripon, d.o Thomas & Dorothy (Snowden) Mte his second wife, who m 15 Nov 1830 Ripon. Thomas bpt 23 Jul 1791 Aldfield s.o Andrew & Elizabeth (Fryer) Mte who m 27 May 1779 Ripon. Andrew bpt 13 Dec 1743 Ripon s.o Robert & (?) Mte of North House, Aldfield.

Therefore Greta is "cousin" to **Ms 443** Kathleen Cole & Amy Parkinson.

M574...Mrs Marion Tomlinson, 20 Stoneleigh Park, Colchester, Essex, CO3 5FA. Great x 4 grand-dau of William & Alice (Mt) Bell who m 25 May 1774 at Muker, Swaledale, Yks. William was of "Barf End" above Gunnerside. Alice bpt 2 Feb 1748/9 d.o Christopher & Elizabeth (Wilkinson) Mte who m 10 Jan 1739/40 Muker. Christopher bpt 5 Oct 1715 Muker s.o James Mte of Ivelet.

Therefore Marion is "cousin" to **M306** Mr J.G.K. Bell.

M575...Allan Metcalfe, 15 Moorcock Close, Banksfields, Eston, Cleveland, TS6 0TS. Son of Anthony & Rose (Bailey) Mte. Anthony b 1 May 1931 s.o Anthony & Annie (Rutter) Mte.

M576...Mrs Kathleen Firth, 11 Gomersal Road, Heckmondwike, W Yorks, WF16 9BU. Great grand-dau of William & Annie (Mte) Dovenor who m 28 Mar 1883 at the Zion Methodist Church in Skipton, YKS. Annie, a servant, b c 1863/4 was the dau of John Mte, currier. It is presumed that John came from the Wharfedale/Nidderdale area as Kathleen's Grandmother had many aunts, uncles and cousins in the Grassington, Ramsgill, Arncliffe area. She can also remember visiting her Grandmother at "Lythe House". There may be connections to the Hawley family at Half Way House, Grassington.

M577...Mr & Mrs Anthony J. Metcalfe, 12 Queen's Drive, Brinsley, Nottingham, Notts. NG16 5DF.

Ancestry awaited.

M578...Mrs Freda Smith, Dale View, Vale Terrace off Railway Street, Leyburn,

Wensleydale, DL8 5BA.

Descendant of John & Eleanor (Harrison) Mte who m 26 Jan 1853 at Wensley, YKS. John bpt 18 Dec 1825 Wensley s.o James & Ann (Leyburn) Mte who m 23 Jul 1810 Wensley. James "labourer of Leyburn" ?? bpt 23 Oct 1787 s.o William "of Preston" (under Scar in Wensleydale). Freda always knew she was related to **M537** Marjorie Edgley and when she came along to the Muster with Marjorie, they now know HOW !

M579...John Metcalfe, 89 Newton Road, Great Ayton, Middlesbrough, Cleveland, TS9 6DY. Brother to :- **M580...**Mrs Betty A. Hutton, 9 Mount Leven Rd, Yarm, Cleveland, TS15 9RF.

Ancestry awaited

M581...Gary Smith, 39 Seventh Avenue, Heworth, York, YKS. YO3 0TZ.
Great grandson of John Thomas & Maud (Mte) Bendelow who m circa 1892-1899 and moved to Rocliffe nr Boroughbridge Yks circa 1905-12.

M582...Mrs Debbie Reddy, 146 Hubert Road, Birmingham, B29 6ER.
Descendant of Mary Ann Smithson born 8 May 1842 dau of Robert & Jane (Mt) Smithson who m 23 Oct 1839 at Darlington, Dur. Robert was a gamekeeper and moved around the north east. He had children born in Darlington and Newby Wiske and can eventually be found in the 1871 Census in East Coatham in the parish of Kirkleatham. This states that Jane Mt was born in Bellerby, Yorks in c1821. However her marriage certificate states that she was "of full age" therefore she was born pre 1818. Jane bpt at Spennithorne (the parish church for Bellerby) 3 Oct 1816 d.o James & Jane Mt of B. labourer. On her marriage, Jane was of Priestgate, Darlington and James described as "glover".

M583...David J. Metcalfe, 355 Pleasant St. Lane, Port Moody, British Columbia, V3H 4S5.
Canada.

Son of George Edwin & Gladys (Smith) Mte who m 1936. George Edwin b 1915 son of George Edwin & Penelope Anne (Gunner nee Dilloway), who also had Ena May c1917 and Lillian. Penelope was G.E.'s second wife. His first wife is unknown but they are known to have had two daughters both families of London, England. George Edwin b 1865 had brothers Charles, Walter, Robert, Alfred, Frank & Albert Sanderson Mte & Albert S is shown on the General Registration records as born in the Dec quarter of 1877 Pancras. Their father may be the Phillip Sanderson Mte b in the Sep q 1839 at Kensington, London.

M584...Roger C.L. Hall, 18 Hazeldene Gardens, Banbury, Oxon, OX16 9YL.
Great grandson of Barnabas Hall of Richmond, Yorkshire and during Roger's research into all the descendants of Barnabas, he discovered that his dau Ada Annie married Herbert James Mte on 28 Oct 1896 at Richmond. Herbert J. bpt 6 Nov 1870 Richmond s.o George Christopher & Margaret (Biggar) Mte who m 27 May 1865 St Clement Danes, London. Geo Chris bpt 29 Nov 1839 Richmond s.o William & Charlotte (Farr) Mte who m 17 Dec 1838 Westminster, London. William bpt 9 Sep 1811 Richmond 8th child of Christopher & Ann (Galloway) Mte who m 25 May 1795 Richmond. Christopher b circa 1772 was a tailor in Richmond and died 24 Dec 1848 aged 76 years. Hence Roger is cousin of ? degree to the Toomey family, Ms 447 & 536.

M585...Howard Hurtig Metcalfe, 2853 Westshire Drive, Hollywood, California, 90068-1931
Ancestry awaited, but see reference elsewhere to his book.

M586...John E. Ackland, 2 Paddocks, Barnham, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO22 0HU.
Son of Ernest (John) & Ada (Mte) Ackland who m March 1928. Ada b Feb 1907 dau of Herbert & Annie (Fyfield) Mte. Herbert b c1873 d c1946 at "Bat & Ball" Sevenoaks, Kent, a leather dresser. Herbert is thought to have had two or more brothers - including Albert & Alfred - one of whom either owned or worked in a laundry in East St off the Old Kent Road, London and is reputed to have committed suicide c1915/6. Other names of the children of Herbert & Annie may include :- Bert/Annie/Sidney/Rose/James/Ivy/Violet/Lillian/May/Stanley. Some may have been born in Bermondsey, London.

M587...Jack H. Davies, 58 Woodlands Rd, Cove, Farnborough, Hants. GU14 9QF
Great x 3 grandson of Robert & Betty (Mte) Davis who m 20 May 1809 at Walton le Dale, Lancs, when Robert was a "cotton rover". Betty bpt 7 Sep 1783 at Kendal d.o Joseph & Mary (Potter) Mte who m 28 Feb 1779 at Holy Trinity, Kendal. Joseph of Kirkland, Kendal. ?? bpt at Warcop 30 Sep 1743 s.o Joseph & Elizabeth (Mattinson) Mte who m 3 Sep 1732 Warcop. Joseph bpt 15 Apl 1701 at Asby, Westmorland s.o Thomas & Maudlin (Holm) Mte who m 18 July 1689 at Asby. Thomas ?? s.o Christopher who was buried at Asby 7 Nov 1697.

M588...Miss Barbara Metcalfe, PO Box 74005, Market Road P O, Auckland 5. N Z
Grand-daughter of George Rochester & (?) Mte who m 19 Oct 1910 Auckland, George R. b 27 Aug 1887 s.o John Lucas & Marianne (Bassett) Mte. John Lucas bpt (John) 10 Oct 1842 at Wakefield, Yorks. s.o Anthony & Sarah (Overend) Mte who m 13 Mar 1841 Wakefield. Anthony s.o John Mte. *Note by Sec:- Trying to trace a possible connection between Metcalfe and Lucas, I traced a marriage on 26 Dec 1768 at Chapel le Dale/ Ingleton Fells of George Mte, yeoman (? of Inman Lodge) and Elizabeth Lucas, when the witness was an ANTHONY Mte. Can anyone add anything ?*

NEB

ST CATHERINE'S HOUSE VISITOR.

We are delighted that new member Mrs Betty Van Arkadie has offered to take on the valuable task, of obtaining copy certificates, from the General Registration records (which date from 1837). The format to be followed is :- Send full details to Betty with FULL payment for each certificate required, the current cost is £5.50 sterling EACH. The payment should be made out to Mrs Betty Van Arkadie and should be sent together with return postage and a large self addressed envelope to the following address :- 91 Mount Pleasant, South Ruislip, Middlesex, HA4 9HQ. UK. The full details should include the General Registration reference numbers and quarter date, together with full names. Betty is willing to work without the reference number provided the full date and names are given. Betty is kindly willing to forego any expenses - so please do not abuse her generosity.

OVERSEAS AGENT

NEW ZEALAND. Member 147
Miss Mary Morris has kindly said that she will act as an unofficial agent on our behalf - covering subscriptions, both new and renewals. This will greatly benefit our New Zealand members.

Thank you Mary.

Monies can be paid in New Zealand dollars direct to Mary who will use her own UK bank account to transfer the sterling equivalent to us. If members are unsure what is the exact rate of exchange, please contact Mary at the address given below, with RETURN POSTAGE, and she will inform you. *This is your opportunity - change that surface mail subscription to airmail and pay for more than one year at the same time.*

Miss Mary Morris, C/o PO BOX 9569,
Wellington, New Zealand

MECCA MUSTER 1992 - a first time visitor's impressions.

Ripon College is an ideal venue for the friendly get-together with a really family atmosphere which my sister and I found on our first visit to the "Mecca Muster". Coffee or tea was available on arrival and committee members had already set up computers, several card indices, a sales table for publications and a browsing table. A large display stand held several family trees and imagine the excitement of being able to add three more generations to the beginning of one of our own Metcalfe Trees, by courtesy of work by new-found relatives. We all wore name tags which certainly helped the family feeling as we sorted one another out.

The business part of the meeting was never boring and was carried out in a relaxed and efficient manner. This was followed by an excellent three course lunch served by the college staff.

The afternoon flew by all too quickly. Several people who had seen the advance publicity took the opportunity to call in and committee members helped them to find or prove relationships. The rest of us took the opportunity to exchange information or anecdotes about our Metcalfe

ancestors. The raffle was drawn, tea was served and we drove home completely bemused by it all but definitely having enjoyed our day very much.

D.M.Minnitt

**SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS -
FAMILY HISTORY FAIR - SUNDAY
16TH MAY 1993.** We are delighted to announce that we shall be taking a stand at this function which is to be held at the Royal Horticultural Society Old Hall, Vincent Square, Westminster, London 10am to 5pm. So please do make a point to coming along and meet our attending members - not sure exactly who will be there - certainly Charles S. Metcalfe, our chairman and Diane Howarth, our vice chairman. Nina Benson, secretary, hope to get there. The Computer Index will be up and working - make the effort and see our display !

Stop Press ! Fax message received from Canada 4th Dec 1992.

Member 266 Susan Liptak wishes it to be known that she is now legally Susan C. Metcalfe HARPER.

BIRTH BRIEF BOOKLET

Our booklet is due to be re-printed and therefore the opportunity arises for you to UP-DATE your own entry. Check how it stands and send your new entry to **MRS DIANE HOWARTH, 242 CHESTNUT AVENUE, STONEHAM, EASTLEIGH, HANTS, SO5 3HN.** BEFORE 1ST MARCH 1993



Computer Notes

CSM

As I reported at the AGM and Muster in Ripon recently, we owe our thanks to a fairly merry band of helpers who are now engaged in changing the backlog of Lists and Members trees into computer files.

In particular Helen Offer (our Past-President), David Metcalfe (who is very notably productive!), Mike Richardson, Val Hepworth, Andy Kerridge, Bob Metcalfe, Barbara Stephenson in Australia and Doug Metcalfe in South Africa.

We have now entered twice as many lists as we had on the cards of three years ago, and have broken the 30,000 entries level at long last with about ten megabytes of hard disc being used to hold this data. The backlog is at long last reducing and some attention is now being paid to the entry of members family trees.

For some unknown reason the level of enquiries has dropped off considerably over the past few weeks which is disappointing now that we feel we're beginning to get on top of the problem of entry. Please if you send a request for a search give as much detail as possible - Elizabeth born round about 1815 is not enough, father's name or place would make it

much more containable - and a stamped addressed envelope is a must.

Since the last set of notes I've had a much greater inflow of discs containing data to be entered, and of course in these peculiar times - when one is handling discs from external sources - care is needed. I have a routine for checking incoming discs before using them and because of this was able to catch our first sample of a computer virus before it got onto the Mecca Index. Could all helpers please take note and be extremely wary with discs from other PC's no matter how well you know the source !!

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OBITUARIES. It is with deep regret that we announce the death in August of John Balderston M62. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. We sadly also report the death in November of Norman Metcalfe M56. Many of you will remember him attending each of our Musters and we shall miss his charming character. Regrettably, Dorothy Pope lost her husband Sidney very suddenly this summer. To Dorothy and to Stella Balderston and to Marion Metcalfe we offer our sincere condolences.

Two Down-Under Metcalfes Pay Us A Visit

Last English summer we (Nancy and Ron Metcalfe) flew to England to spend a holiday there, taking with us a clipping from the "Dalesman" which was sent to us from a friend in South Australia. Also Nina Benson's telephone number. The "Dalesman" told us something of the history of the Metcalfe clan and also of Nappa Hall as a B&B.

Soon after the long trip we began to organise a trip into the Dales. Nina was most helpful and, as we had a rail pass, she suggested that Northallerton and Porch House, another Metcalfe "seat" providing B&B would be more suitable. Enquiring from the proprietors, Shirley and Peter Thomson if it were possible to hire a car in Northallerton, Shirley promised to see what she could do in that regard. "We'll stop over in Nottingham en route" said Ron. "Why, is Nottingham worth looking at?" said I, innocently. "Well, there happens to be a Test Match on", he replied! He's an avid cricket lover from way back. He tells me that there's a Metcalfe in the Yorkshire team replacing Boycott. The Balmoral Hotel in Nottingham was full of cricket lovers. Ron was in his element.

Next day we left for Northallerton. What service we received from the Thomsons! Shirley was at the station to meet us and had organised a hire car for us from nearby Thirsk, where she took us to pick it up. We followed her to Porch House, conveniently situated near shops and right opposite the church. We were offered the choice of two comfortable rooms with all facilities, one it was believed was used by Charles I. The Metcalfes were his supporters. Ron decided against that one, after all Charles had lost his head soon after staying there. Peter and Shirley had made a study of the history of the house and the book "The History and Annals of Northallerton" which they lent us was fascinating. Maps were supplied by Peter, so next day we set off for Nappa Hall. We were both so charmed with the scenery! We had lived for two short periods in England but had not gone to the Dales and weren't aware of what we had missed. It really is a jewel in the crown.

On our way to Nappa Hall we asked for directions from a farmer near Askrigg and explained that we were Metcalfes from Australia and to our

surprise he told us, in a broad Yorkshire accent, that his name was also Metcalfe. Mr Thomson of Nappa Hall was very friendly and anxious to know all about the farming conditions in Australia. Nappa Hall's position is superb, looking down into the valley - everything so green and lush - such a different scene from an Australian summer. The pretty cottage garden was tended by one of the daughters.

Stopping at Leyburn on the way home we strolled around and read the notices in the shop windows - "What's on in Wensley" - we were puzzled as to where Wensley was. Asking a lady walking her dog she clarified it by saying "This is Wensley. It's Wensleydale." Another surprise! Her name was also Metcalfe! Then on for a quick look at Bolton Castle. It was almost dusk. "Home" to Porch House where we were introduced to the Thomsons son and fiancée (her name was also Metcalfe!). As my great-grandmother was also a Thomson we really did feel at home.

Then followed two more lovely days - weatherwise as well. A trip to Romaldkirk to visit that little village - not one shop but two pubs! and of course the lovely little church near the green only a few yards away. Nina had sent me word several years ago that Ron's great grandfather George Metcalfe had married Ann Woodhall in the parish of Romaldkirk

in 1826. The village is charmingly situated on the south bank of the River Tees, six miles from Barnard Castle. Firstly we looked at the ruins of the old castle. On the green nearby we were entertained by a youth band from Sweden playing well known tunes to an audience picnicking on the grass.

A quick peep at the moors was all we could manage in the time available. What a striking contrast to the dales! Another fascinating place was Mount Grace Priory near Osmotherly, which must have been a huge complex. A group was busy excavating for more evidence from the past while we were there.

Castle Howard had been introduced to us by way of "Brideshead Revisited" on TV in Australia and another day full of interest was spent looking round this grand house. Then to Rievaulx Abbey which is said, architecturally to be England's finest ecclesiastical ruin.

One of the highlights of our trip was meeting Nina who had driven from her home to meet us. We felt rather guilty that we had encroached on her busy life but comforted to find that this was her first visit to the Porch House and that, like us, she was enthralled by the parts of the house built by Richard Metcalfe in 1584 [Ed. see Aug 1992 Mecca News].

Our minds travelled back and forth. I wondered if "our" Metcalfes had been in armour fighting for Charles I. Then, what had lured John, Ron's great grandfather, to Australia - was it the glint of gold that beckoned? I have found a Miner's Right in his name and his marriage certificate (1853) showed his address as Mount Alexander in the heart of the early Victorian goldmines. How tragic was his death nearly 20 years later at the age of 42 when he was found after, it was believed, struggling to extricate himself from a ledge in a disused coal mine at Newcastle in New South Wales. The report of his death said he had fallen at approximately 4 a.m. on his way to work on a dark and windy winter morning when, presumably, his lamp blew out. He left a widow and eight children, one of whom was Ron's grandfather. 200 relatives and friends attended the funeral. So far I have been unable to find out when John came to Australia and whether he came alone. Our search still continues.

A wonderful trip and we thank all the people in England who made it so.

**Ron and Nancy Metcalfe
mn115**

[Ed. Thank you Ron and Nancy. We are always interested to hear of members' visits "home".]

That Metcalfe Temper!

Dear Mrs Benson,

Just had to drop you a line to tell you how amused I was to read your paragraph in "Secretary's Notes" regarding the METCALFE temper. My father was very bad tempered, and I was the only one at home who was not afraid of him. My grandfather, who I never met, was also said to have a very bad, quick temper. I'm ashamed to say that I also have inherited this trait, and unfortunately so has my youngest son.

When our Metcalfes are in a temper it is said by the rest of the family that they are doing the "Metcalfe war dance".

I wonder how many other Metcalfes perform thus when roused by a bad temper tantrum?

Yours sincerely,

[Ed. Nina passed this letter on to me for publication but suggested that I do not identify the writer. Certainly in my own family there is evidence of this temper. My father often related how there was a scar on the kitchen furniture when he was a child which his grandfather (Edward - b. Bedale 1844) had caused by throwing the poker at his wife in a similar tantrum! My father, however, was the most even tempered of men.

A Begging Letter!

This letter was found among family memorabilia by Basil Metcalfe (mn 200). It had been sent to his father at the turn of the century when the family were living at Azerley. Thanks to Lillah Chapman (mn 218) for passing it on.

Castle Fort of Valencia 2.11.1900

To Mr Thos Metcalfe

Dear Sir,

The cruel situation which surrounds me and the sad fate in which finds herself my daughter 16 years old whom I maintain as a boarder in the college of St Cugat, are the circumstances which oblige me to direct myself to you of whom I have the best references of honourability.

Being a Captain Treasurer of the 22nd of foot soldier in garison in the city of Cartagena to comply with my conscience, I joined the rebellion which was to take place in the month of march last in behalf of the republic. Cutas we were victims of the greatest treason. I was obliged to emigrate in English ground taking along with me the money which I had to my charge valued to £15,000 after having resided sometime in this country, I received the sad news my wife had died leaving my dear daughter in

despair and without help in this sad situation. I found myself in the necessity of coming back to Spain to help my daughter and bring her in my company to England.

Before starting considering as impudent to take along with me this sum of money I decided to hide it in the neighbourhood of Azerley, taking immediately a plan of the ground with all the marks and measures of the spot, then very satisfied that the money was in security, I started for Spain where I was discovered by the police, brought immediately before the military authorities of Cartagena and condemned to eight years military seclusion, then the government decided that I should be a prisoner in this castle.

This by the return of the mails let me know if you are willing to lend me your help and protection to recover this money in order my daughter and her governess may start for your house bringing the plan and all the instructions for the discovery. If you accept my proposal in answer to your next letter I shall send you a certificate identifying my person and the causes of my captivity.

As I am strictly watched it is dangerous you direct your letter straight to me for this reason. I expect you will put your answer within two envelopes the one within to my name

and the one outside to the name and address of my servant

Pedro Flouquet

D Juan de Austria 52

Valencia

Waiting your answer I am yours faithfully,

Eurigue Larason (?) or Lawson (?)

[Ed. Perhaps Basil or Lillah can let us know if any further action was taken]

From Arkefrith to Howard Metcalfe 995-1992

The first Metcalfe arrived in England with King Canute in 1016. He was Arkefrith, the Lord of Dent in Denmark, and thenceforth known in conquered England as the Lord of Dent, Sedburg and Askrigg. The names of these places exist today in and about the western portion of the North Riding of Yorkshire.

He was a celebrated warrior and, in the division of lands following the conquest, Canute (possibly through Allan, the first Earl of Richmond) gave him a large tract of land in what is now the Shire of York. This land was located in Craven, twelve miles southeast of Dent. The primary feature of the land is three hills, or a mountain with three peaks, now called the Pennegent Hills, but long known as the *Three Calves*. The individual hills are Ingleborough Hill (2,373 feet), Whernside Hill (the middle hill, 2,414 feet) and Pen-y-ghent Hill (2,273 feet, from which the range of hills takes its name).

A hill in Danish was called a *calfe*, which accounts for the suffix in Metcalfe. The prefix, *Met* (or, as variously spelled over time, *Med*, *Mede* and *Mett*) was taken from the Danish Metta, the German Mitte, the Saxon Midd and/or the English Mid or Middle. Thus the meaning of the name becomes clear - of the Mid (or Middle) Hill - and succeeding Metcalfes were known as being of the Mid Calfe. The terminal *e* is frequently dropped, in this country primarily in the Northern States.

The coat of arms later adopted by the family was described as follows. The arms on the shield are three black calves, arranged two over one, walking to the shield's right on a silver field. It is known as a *canting* (punning) coat, wherein the arms are derived from the sound (*calfe*) or literal meaning of the family name.

Later the calves are shown standing and the top one-third of the shield above the calves contains a white rose (symbolizing York) on a black field, and the motto is added: "Virtutes felices sunt." Indeed, Burke has listed no less than ten variations of the Metcalfe coat of arms as granted to various branches of the family.

The above is taken from "METCALFE LINEAGES - Including the English Metcalfes antecedant to the Author. And the Contributing Lineages of the Irish Roches, German Oberwinders, Slovenian Trejers and Swedish Hurtigs"

with kind permission of the author
Howard Hurtig Metcalfe.

Madelaine Jackson (mn 550) suggests how to put your ancestors in their historical context.

- 1595 England abandoned bows & arrows as weapons of war. Shakespeare wrote 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and Henry IV declared war on Spain.
- 1596 Sir Francis Drake died. Tomatoes first seen in England.
- 1600 Charles I born. Shakespeare wrote 'Hamlet'. Wigs and trains in fashion.
- 1605 Gunpowder Plot - Guy Fawkes arrested.
- 1616 Shakespeare died.
- 1625 James I died. Succeeded by Charles I. First fire engines appeared.
- 1630 Charles II born.
- 1633 Trial of Lancashire witches.
- 1642 Income Tax introduced.
- 1649 Charles I beheaded.
- 1650 George Fox said "I bid them tremble at the word of the Lord" - hence his followers called Quakers.
- 1651 Nell Gwynne born.
- 1660 Pepys began his diary.
- 1661 Charles II crowned.
- 1665 Great Plague (July-Oct, 68,596 died).
- 1666 Great Fire of London (2-9 Feb).
- 1669 Last entry in Pepys diary (31 May).
- 1671 Rob Roy born.
- 1672 Czar Peter the Great born.
- 1674 Richard (Beau) Nash born. John Milton died.
- 1675 Vivaldi born. Greenwich Observatory established. Wren began re-building St Paul's, badly fire damaged.
- 1680 Dodo became extinct. London got Penny Post.

1686 Wild boars became extinct in Britain.
 1685 Charles II died. J S Bach born.
 1688 London Underwriters began to meet regularly at Lloyds Coffee House. Plate glass cast for first time.
 1694 Bank of England founded. Salt tax doubled.
 1695 Window tax in England (-1851).
 1697 Sedan chair popular means of transport.
 1701 "Captain" William Kidd hanged for piracy.
 1706 Dick Turpin born.
 1712 Last execution for witchcraft in England. Slave revolts in New York.
 1714 Fahrenheit constructed mercury thermometer.
 1718 First English banknotes. 'Leeds Mercury' published.
 1720 Charles Edward Stuart 'The Young Pretender' born. Wallpaper became fashionable.
 1721 Mme de Pompadour and Grinling Gibbons born.
 1726 Stephen Hales measured blood pressure. Swift wrote 'Gulliver's Travels'.
 1733 John Kay patented flying shuttle loom.
 1739 'Crucible' process for smelting steel invented.
 1746 Young Pretender defeated at Culloden. Wearing of tartans forbidden in Gt.Britain (- 1782).
 1751 British Calendar altered - New Year starts 1 Jan
 1752 Gregorian calendar adopted on 14 Sept (3-13 Sept omitted).
 1756 120 British soldiers imprisoned and die in India "Black Hole of Calcutta".
 1758 Ribbing machine for manufacture of hose invented by Jedediah Strutt.
 1763 Earliest use of ponies in pits.

1765 HMS Victory launched.
 1770 Dauphin of France married Marie Antoinette. Wordsworth born, Visiting cards introduced in England.
 1771 Walter Scott born. Sir Richard Arkwright started first spinning mill in England.
 1773 Boston Tea Party.
 1775 James Watt perfected his steam engine.
 1780 Pitt the Younger enters parliament. Scheller constructs 1st fountain pen. Circular saw invented.
 1783 Beethoven's first works printed.
 1789 'Bounty' mutineers settle on Pitcairn. Lord Byron born.
 1792 Illuminating gas first used in England.
 1793 Eli Whitney invented cotton gin. Marie-Antoinette executed.
 1796 Napoleon married Josephine. Robbie Burns died. First smallpox vaccination.
 1799 George Washington died. Rosetta stone found.
 1801 First submarine - "Nautilus"
 1805 Sartürner isolated morphine.
 1809 Napoleon divorced Josephine. Braille invented.
 1811 'Luddites destroy industrial machinery in N Yorks. Jane Austen wrote 'Sense and Sensibility'.
 1815 Apothecaries Act prohibited unqualified doctors practicing. Humphrey Davy invented miner's safety lamp.
 1819 Queen Victoria born. Maximum 12 hr working day for juveniles.

A.D. 1797 ...Another year in the life of William Metcalfe

Based on the published journals of a North Yorkshire yeoman farmer

For the known genealogical details of William Metcalfe, please see Part One, in the April 1992 edition of the Mecca News. May it suffice to repeat here that William was a prominent farmer on his native patch at Sessay Parks, near Thirsk, North Yorkshire and we believe his family lived in that vicinity for at least three generations.

New Year's Day 1787 dawned a fine and amenable day for William, who visited relatives at nearby Bagby to play cards. The only 'blot on the landscape' would appear to have been his brother, who he notes yet again, as being under a "state of intoxication". Added to this, next day he found a sick cow, which he had been treating for several days, was no better and he decided to get Thomas Pinkney to kill her, so that at least she could be eaten - waste not, want not! It would be inconceivable nowadays to slaughter an ailing cow for consumption, not knowing the cause of her malady. William even notes that she was "bloody on the inside and decayed in her fat"; nevertheless her flesh was butchered and salted and he spent most of the following morning hanging up the preserved meat!

As mentioned in the first episode,

Christmas did not seem to be celebrated very much, but most of the New Year week was spent dining with friends and relatives, playing cards and generally relaxing from his usual busy lifestyle. As an Overseer, he witnessed Mr Greenwood distributing the Poor Money. This we can assume was part of a local charity; probably paid a week into the New Year so that it could not be squandered on festive pastimes.

Time and again we wish William had committed more detail to paper, but he was unaware how interesting his fellow men would find his random jottings, over 200 years later. On the 10th January, his brother visited and brought him the "great gun". He then records "Jno. Wilkinson's housekeeper (late) came to our house". The reason for her visit is not noted but we can guess her name was Hannah, for a week later he mentions "going to Jno. Wilkinson's about Hannah". In the meantime, he must have been trying to sort out some problem between his neighbour and his housekeeper. The morning after the visit he went to Coxwold to see the housekeeper but Mr Peirson was not at home and on the 14th he attended church and then enquired whether Mr Peirson had got home and he had not.

- 1822 Louis Pasteur born.
- 1825 Horsedrawn buses in London.
- 1829 Omnibuses in London. Stephenson's 'Rocket' won £500 in the Rainhill trials. First Oxford-Cambridge boatrace at Henley (Oxford won).
- 1834 2-wheeled 1-horse Hansom cabs in London.
- 1836 Davy Crockett killed at Alamo.
- 1840 Victoria married Albert.
- 1842 Grace Darling saved 9 shipwrecked people. Ether was first used by Crawford W Long. Polka in fashion.
- 1843 SS Gt Britain launched (1st propeller driven ship to cross Atlantic). Dickens wrote 'Martin Chuzzlewit' and 'A Christmas Carol'. William Wordsworth became Poet Laureate.
- 1847 British Factories act restricts working day for women and children between 10 - 18 to 10 hours a day. Emily Bronte wrote 'Wuthering Heights', Charlotte Bronte wrote 'Jane Eyre'.
- 1853 Napoleon III married Eugenie. Vincent Van Gogh born.
- 1859 Steamroller invented. Work began on Suez Canal.
- 1860 Gustav Mahler born. First horse drawn trams. Cork linoleum invented. Food & Drugs Act enacted in Britain. J M Barrie born. Elliot wrote 'Mill on the Floss'. Lincoln was US President.

He makes no further mention of the housekeeper, so we will never know the problem or its outcome.

One of his most frequently mentioned friends was a Dr Wasse and on the 15th January he records that: "Mrs Wasse was brought to bed this morning of a girl", in other words she had produced a daughter.

All his notes are brief but some days convey more than others, viz. 25th January "Me, John Toes, & T. Yeates went to Ripon this morning. John and me dined at Mr Spence's. T. Swann at Ripon. Geo. & Tommy went home before we got from Spence's. We followed, drank tea, and played cards while 2 o'clock. Tommy quite unlucky". From other research I now know "T. Swann" was a partner in the very early Yorkshire bank of Swann, Clough & Co of York and William was engaged as an agent with this Bank. This gives some indication of his standing in the community. Although several early banking companies were established by the 1780's, it was still a relatively new phenomenon amongst the farming community. To encourage same to entrust their money to a bank, anyone acting as an agent would have to be utterly trustworthy and have a widespread reputation as such. Members of the Society of Friends were often seen to be scrupulously honest, solvent and beyond reproach;

hence the reason so many of them became involved in early banking schemes. William was not a Quaker, but he must have enjoyed a reputation for impeccable honesty and integrity. One gets the feeling that William was probably the 'pillar' of his own family circle and encouraged them to live decently:- January 29th: "...Drank tea at Dr Wasse's. Came home by Bagby to expostulate with brother about his intemperance. Astonished me about what he called poetry. Got home about 8 o'clock". Had his over-indulgent brother some artistic streak?

Frequently, at this time of year, William was very late to bed, he often mentions playing cards until 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning and staying overnight with friends after playing cards. We have to remember that in January the mornings would be dark until about 8 a.m. and therefore farm work could only commence when it was sufficiently light, so he probably tended to lie in longer than when the days lengthened. Winter time seems to have been the time for house improvements:- 13th Feb "...had D. Garnet repairing garden before [in front of] house". Feb 17th: "...had Richard Slater, jun. making me a new cupboard in the house". The next day was Sunday and he wrote "At church forenoon. Home afternoon. Had T. Pinkney's. I sold them our bull and

a cow. I wish I had not seen them this day for I think I sold them too cheaply". On the 19th he attended "the Fair". T. Swann was there and came home with me to stay the night. The 21st Feb.: "Foxhunters came, I went with them as far the Black Woods, near the Shires. Never met a fox..." The 26th saw him riding to Thirsk and then visiting his father on his return journey and remarking that "...Uncle George was at our house". Next day he was assisting young Mr Moore and Jacky to receive the rents - did he assist his landlord's agent, or was this for church land and part of his duty as a churchwarden?

We forget the horror of rabies was once rife. March 5th: "At Thirsk. Came home with Jno. Toes by Bagby, where we drank tea. Then by Balk Closes to fodder (feed livestock). A sleety cold night. They have had a mad dog at Bagby the last week. Bit brother's cow and dog". The 7th saw trouble on his own doorstep: "Yesterday night, I found our Peggy (his wife) under a certain degree of disorder. She continued all night to an excessive degree. I fetched her mother in the forenoon. Father came in the afternoon. Peggy something better, but very bad. Quite a fine day". Fortunately, by the 8th he was able to report that Peggy was a good deal better and had recovered enough by the 9th for him to ride several miles to Ainderby Steeple "to fetch Mr

Wastell's money". Peggy continued unwell a few more days but by the 25th was out and about attending church and calling at Hutton to see Nancy - "she is weaker and weaker". On the 3rd April William recorded "Poor sister Nancy died tonight at 6 o'clock". The previous day he had attended a wedding celebration: "At Thirsk. Came at 6 o'clock to Thirkleby to Geo Oastler's, who got married today to Cecelia Seaver. Our Peggy was there. We stayed and got our suppers. Got home about 12 o'clock. The girl who had the child to him last year, came to the house to make what disturbance she could". Some weeks earlier he had mentioned visiting Mr Peirson with Geo. Oastler "about the child that has been fathered onto him". In spite of Geo. Oastler's mis-spent past, he appears to have been a welcome visitor at William's home for he later refers to Geo. and Cecelia Oastler dining with them.

Had William lived or worked around Snailsworth at some time? On the 12th April he wrote: "John Toes and me went over Hambleton into Snailsworth. I saw a deal of my old acquaintances there. We called at Rd. Sadler's and drank tea. I bought a cow at Hawaby". Towards the end of that month he was calling on various people to collect their "Poor Assessments". May Day found him at Jno. Pallister's "tapping his porter

cask" adding that he didn't get home until 2 o'clock - did he stop to sample same?!

On the 16th May, he called at Bagby to see his brother and found the family much alarmed "about a cow they had lost in a disorder which is concluded to be madness, as she was bit by a dog some time ago, in consequence of which, they have all taken medicine". We realise they did not, at that time, understand the transmission of rabies and were afraid that they too might succumb. By the end of the month, farm work was taking up more of his time again as they were busy dipping and clipping sheep.

Several references are made to "Little Willy", who I suspect may have been the youngest member of the family; 10th June: "Me and Peggy and little Willy to Bagby, he rode by himself on Beaufremonk. We stayed supper. They had some company, young women and Rd. Carlton, Rd. Meek and one Harrison, a glazier from Thirsk. Brother intoxicated with liquor". He had a few days earlier, taken little Willy to see the mountebank (a market entertainer) in Thirsk.

The 19th, 20th & 21st July found William staying at York at Mr Swann's where much time was spent settling their accounts. William took an

evening stroll out of Walmgate Bar "onto the Bar Walls new walk". The 23rd July marked the start of hay time - "we began to mow this day..." It was said to be a difficult summer with all too frequent notes of "a rainy day" and "rained all night". By the 17th August he was anxiously writing "Sorrowful hay weather! and our corn is nearly ripe". It was usual to have a short break between the end of haymaking and the beginning of harvesting the grain. The rain and incessant struggle to make hay despite the wet conditions, went on until the end of the month. Finally, on the 30th August, he was able to say "finished mowing at noon...Our girls and W. Atkinson differed. I was forced to make peace". Harvest work started immediately but still the weather caused him great anxiety - 13th Sept. - "As the barometer began to fall this morn, we led our Old-end wheat. Tommy Clark thatching stacks. Fine day tho' some misting showers". It is interesting to note his dependence on the barometer - no national weather forecasts in those days! He had some time previously mentioned having to take the weather glass to get it mended.

The pressure of work must have eased by 25th Sept., when William attended Easingwold Fair and spent some time with Mr Swann, no doubt on banking business.

October found him very much 'out & about' - shooting, going to race meetings, collecting highway assessments and travelling around trying to buy a crop of turnips, presumably as winter forage for his livestock. The first day of that month had not been too good for he had called at Bagby, only to find his brother intoxicated yet again and "...Our folk's old horse, Drummer, killed himself by tumbling into J. Toes' quarry". On the 16th Oct., William held his Mell Supper (a meal to celebrate the end of harvesting), which ended around midnight.

Last Autumn he sold his summer cheeses at York, after taking a wagon load there. This year, he made his way to Yarm on the 17th Oct. and must have decided the cheese market there might yield a better price. On the 19th he was weighing his cheeses and seeing a wagonload off to Yarm, following on later himself in company with several neighbours, who may have done likewise. Staying overnight in Yarm, he sold all his cheeses "according to the rate to Mr Frank" and saying "I got 18/6d. per cwt." He eventually reached home late on the night of the 20th. Winter was fast approaching so on the 24th one of his men was dispatched "to Elmer for a load of coals". Next day, William sets out at 5 a.m. with Mr Fletcher & Geo. Hardisty and they reached Bedale in time for breakfast,

then "went to see the farm that Tommy took, which I don't like. We, with the landlord, Mr Lister, went back to Bedale to dinner. They article on the conditions of a lease and then we came away..." Who was Tommy? Perhaps a brother or uncle for when he got home, his father came to hear his reports of the trip.

November again saw the traditional "hirings" when farm servants sought new employers or re-negotiated their yearly contracts to stay on a further year in their present situation, if they and their employer amicably agreed to same. Many young, single servants habitually moved on each winter. On the 9th William went to the hiring fair at Easingwold and engaged a boy called Robert Arrowsmith, from Helperby, for £6 for the year. Three days later he hired Jno. Toes' maid for 5 gns. and a girl from Thirkleby for £3/7/6d. No doubt they joined his household later in the month. Did his wife have any say in the choice of female servants, we have to wonder?

Unfortunately, William's jottings for the year 1787 end on the 13th November, therefore we know nothing of the close of that year. In fact we know nothing more of this Metcalfe family until March 22nd 1796 - a gap of almost nine years. Hopefully we will re-join William there in the next edition of the Mecca News!

Denny Gibson

Emigrants to the Americas.

(The Complete book of Emigrants - 1607-1660. P W Coldham.)

6 Feb 1624 list of those living in Virginia. Elizabeth City.

?? Medcalfe, George Medcalfe.

20 Jan-7 Feb 1625 Musters of the inhabitants of Virginia.

Elizabeth City beyond Hampton River -

George Medcalfe 46, Sara Medcalfe 30 arrived by *Hopewell* 1624.

2 Jan 1635 passengers who have taken the oath of allegiance embarked on the *Merchant Bonaventure*, Mr James Ricroft, bound from London to Virginia.

James Metcalf 22 (PRO:E157/20)

3 Apr 1635 passengers embarked in the *Falcon*, Mr Thomas Irish, bound from London to Barbados.

Thomas Metcalf 20 (PRO:E157/20)

28 May 1635 persons to be transported to Virginia by the *Speedwell* of London, Mr John Chappell, after examination by the Minister of Gravesend.

Christopher Metcalf 19 (PRO:E157/20)

2 Oct 1635 persons embarked on the *John*, Mr James Waymoth, bound from London to St Christopher's

Oswell Metcalf 22 (PRO:E157/20)

8 - 13 Apr 1637 examinations of those intending to embark in the *John and Dorothy* of Ipswich, Mr William Andrewes, and the *Rose* of Yarmouth, Mr William Andrewes, for New England.

Michill Metcalfe of Norwich dornix weaver age 45 & his wife Sarah age 39, and 8 children Michill, Thomas, Marey, Sarrah, Elizabeth, Martha, Joane and Rebecca; and his servant Thomas Comberbach age 16, to Boston to inhabit. (PRO:E157/21)

27 Feb 1658 Paule Medcalfe of St Dunstan, London, bound to Edward Fielding to serve 4 years.

20 Sept 1658 Paul Medcalfe of London bound to Edward Fielding to serve 4 years in Virginia.

? 2 Nov 1658 Thomas Parker of Wapley, Glos, weaver, bound to Alexander Meca to serve 3 yrs in Nevis.

1 - 18 Aug 1660 Gilbert Metcalfe shipper of goods on the *Honor*, Mr Robert Clements, bound from London to Virginia. (PRO:E190/47/1,3)

7 Aug - 19 Sept 1660 Gilbert Metcalfe shipper of goods on the *Golden Fortune*, Mr Samuel Tilman, bound from London to Virginia. (PRO:E190/47/1)

CSM

Pleas for help

Canadian Cousins

I am trying to trace all the descendants of my great grandfather Barnabas HALL of Richmond, Yorks..

One of Barnabas' daughters, Ada Annie HALL, married Herbert James Metcalfe on 28th October 1896 at Richmond Parish Church. Herbert was then aged 26, of Richmond, and a professional photographer. They had two children baptised at Richmond, Alan Herbert Mte on 1st March 1899 and Marjorie Hall Mte on 26th February 1903.

At some time after this second baptism the family emigrated to Winnipeg, Manitoba. Herbert and Ada had a third child Brian Mte born, I assume, in Canada. Ada was still alive in 1955 (she would then have been about 85).

Alan Herbert Mte married and had at least four children in Canada, the fourth, a boy, born by June 1944. Marjorie Hall Mte married Jack Dafoe in Canada in 1927. They had five children, and three grandchildren by 1954. Brian Mte married Violet and farmed in Alberta. He was dead by 1954. They had a son, Jim Mte, who was a teacher in Barrie, Ontario and

married another teacher. Jim had three children.

Please can anyone over in Canada help me re-establish contact with any of these my cousins or their descendants? Even possible entries from telephone directories, or details of the local newspaper for Barrie, Ontario, for example, would be a start.

I'm prepared to offer similar help on a reciprocal basis by searching English records (for any surname).

Roger Hall mn 584

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From "The Wensleydale Advertiser

26th Sept 1848: An accident of a very serious nature occurred to James Metcalfe of Gayle, on 6th Sept. It appears that [whilst] blasting rock and when in the act of stemming the powder it exploded completely enveloping poor Metcalfe in flames and smoke...[he] is in a fair way of recovery.

18th century Covent Garden

I seek information about the Metcalfe family in the Covent Garden/St James area of London in the late 17th and 18th centuries.

The Metcalfe I seek was closely associated with Thomas Meighan, a catholic bookseller at Boro Street and later at Drury Lane. Boswell, Burke and Johnson patronized the shop.

The Meighan (modern spelling Meehan) originated in Ireland but in 1566 Thomas Meighan and John Meighan were students at Shrewsbury. A descendant Richard Meighan was listed as a printer. The contact with the Metcalfes could have begun there continuing in London.

Any information appreciated,

Richard, the O'Meighan

mn 560 (see New Members - Birth Briefs for further details).

From "The Wensleydale Advertiser"

29th Feb. 1848: Leyburn Police Court. Thomas Metcalfe, yeoman of Worton was summoned at the instance of Sarah Airey, single woman, alleging him to be the putative father of her child.

Apothecary and Chemist

I am having difficulty obtaining information on my great great grandfather Richard Metcalfe. Below is what I have located about Richard, his wife Mary and family so far.

Richard Mte b.? parents ?

Mary Mte (nee Sharpe) b.? bapt. 12.8.1781 at St George's in East London, Stepney. Father Peter sharpe and wife Rebecca nee ? m.?

Children:

Richard, son of Richard Apothecary and Chemist and Mary, his wife b. 19.9.1805 bapt 16.10.1805 Stepney St George

Mary Ann b. 21.11.1806 bapt 25.12.1806 Stepney Eliza b. 19.1.1809 bapt 15.2.1809 Stepney

Thomas Robert, son of Richard and Mary, Chemist of Kennington bapt 22.9.1824 St Mary, Lambeth

Rosetta, daughter of Richard and Mary is my great grandmother who, in 1848 married William Nash in the district of Stepney stating her father was an apothecary. Rosetta and William left for New Zealand circa 1851.

Margaret daughter of Richard and Mary. All three last named children baptised on same day.

I have pursued various lines of enquiry including the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries, The Library of New South Wales and various Trade Directories. All to no avail. I am at present awaiting arrival of the films of 1841 and 1851 census returns. In the meantime any help would be most gratefully received.

Elsie Kriesch (Mrs)

mn 457.

[Ed. Please send any info to me and I will forward it. Mrs Kriesch has sent IRCs to me already.]

A METCALFE WEEK-END IN WENSLEYDALE?

Would you be interested in spending a week-end in the heartland of Metcalfe country in the Spring or Autumn of 1994?

Countersett Hall, once the 17th century home of yeoman farmers, is now a privately owned and run, small licensed guest house, which has been highly recommended to our committee. It stands in the sleepy, unspoilt hamlet of Countersett, which overlooks Lake Semerwater and lies 2 miles S.W. of Bainbridge. Close by is Stalling Busk with its ancient little

burial ground. Also near at hand is the old, ancestral home of the Robinsons, Raydale house, which was besieged in 1617 by Sir Thomas Metcalfe (the black knight of Nappa) and his followers, who kept up the siege for four days. Mrs Robinson fled from the house, managed to evade the feuding Metcalfes and ran, four miles, across the wild countryside, to obtain help for her family. Part of the week-end could include a walk 'in the footsteps of Mrs Robinson' for those feeling sufficiently energetic. It is also possible that we may be able to engage a local historian to give a lecture on the Metcalfe family of Upper Wensleydale and their involvement in local affairs over the centuries. Other venues in the vicinity well worth a visit are the market town of Hawes with its excellent and expanding dales folk museum; Askrigg, now famous for its links with the filming of the works of James Herriott; Aysgarth, with its beautiful old church and large churchyard - the resting place of a fair number of Metcalfes - also famous for its lovely waterfalls, horsedrawn carriage museum and craft shops; Bolton Castle, where Mary Queen of Scots was kept for several months under house arrest and now very much a tourist attraction; plus many other places of interest.

Back to Countersett Hall, the possible venue for this proposed week-end.

Warm and comfortable, with most of its antiquity intact, this mullion windowed dales house was, for several generations, the home of another Robinson family, who were responsible for the spread of influence of the Society of Friends in the area. The leading Quaker, George Fox, slept the night here "in the room over the porch", in 1677. For many years it was known locally as Quakers Hall, for their meetings were held here for many years until a Meeting House was built nearby. The Hall now has an English Tourist Board commendation and 'two crowns'. As the owners organise residential special interest courses for each autumn and Spring, incidentally including one for Family Historians (beginners), it would be 1994 before we could earmark a weekend when we could book all the accommodation for society members - only about 12 guests can be accommodated at any one time. It is not possible to quote an exact price so far in advance but, as a guide, the current charge is £17.50 for bed and breakfast, plus £11 for an evening meal and £2.50 for a packed lunch. It is proposed that a Metcalfe weekend would run from dinner on the Friday evening until after lunch on the Sunday. Before any firm commitment can be made we need to have an idea of how many members would be interested in such a break. We also need to know whether such members would prefer

Autumn or Spring. Nothing has been booked yet, everything depends on the response of members! - activities can be changed, bookings can be tailored to individual requirements for late arrivals or early departures. Please let us know what you think!

Anyone genuinely interested in spending a relaxing weekend in 'good Metcalfe company' in 1994, please drop me a line letting me know whether you would like a single or a double room - **THIS WOULD NOT BE A FIRM BOOKING** - also state if you have a preference for Spring or Autumn and whether you would wish to arrive in time for the evening meal on Friday. As we need time to assimilate demands/needs well before the next Mecca News goes to press please contact me no later than **15th February 1993** - my address is on the back of this journal.

Denny Gibson

From the Wensleydale Advertiser - 9th May 1848

Died: At Gayle, Sat 29th April 1848 in the 100th year of his age, John METCALFE, farmer. He was born in Cotterdale but his birthday is not known exactly by his friends. Until within the past half year he possessed all his faculties...an excellent shepherd up to this last haytime

Studley Garth, Dent.

Richarde Thistylwhaite of Studlagarthe (stud farm) made his will on 16 July 1578.

Another Richard Thistlethwaite, farmer, was living there by 1819 with his wife Margaret nee Hunter and daughter Betty.

By the 1851 census there were three households at Studley Garth, though all small. There was Leonard Greenbank, 48 year old farm labourer, probably a direct relation of the Greenbanks who had been there in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. In another part of the house, or houses, was Nancy Holmes, 45 year old worsted knitter, and her two children, 6 year old John and 8 month old Elizabeth, described as Bastards. Separately again, Richard Metcalfe, 70 year old widower, pauper, cotton weaver and labourer. Dent Marble Mill documents show that Richard had worked at the mill since it was built in the 1790's, and was one of the witnesses called in a dispute in 1850.

He was still at Studley Garth for the 1861 census and described as a Quarryman. So too was Nancy Holmes a School Mistress. There is a tradition that Studley Garth was once a dame school and Nancy was probably the dame who taught knitting and basic letters. There were two boarders, John Medcalfe 35 year old quarryman, and James Allison 9 year old scholar. No doubt the two Metcalfes worked at Dent Head marble quarry, where the piers of the Settle-Carlisle railway viaduct would stand ten years later.

There is no mention of Studley Garth in 1881. Nothing is listed between Bridge End and Scow, not even an uninhabited house, so the dwellings must have been pulled down.

David Boulton Hobsons, Dent 1987

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The Committee has now reluctantly brought in a ruling that unless a clear two weeks notice of non attendance can be given to the Secretary, we cannot refund any monies. With the new ruling from the College we are forced to also withhold the amount of the deposit (currently £3) in all cases.

Another Committee Member!

David Lambert

I joined the Society shortly after it was founded and was delighted to discover that Helen Offer, who joined then too, had a common link with me. Ruth Kaye joined not long afterwards. Margaret Metcalfe's husband, we found out, is also related as are too many to mention (I hope they will forgive me). We are all stuck with our illegitimate William Mte, son of Jane Mte 1801 (Horton - in - Ribblesdale).

My link comes through my great-grandmother Mary Mte who died in 1925, four years after the death of her husband, Thomas Lambert.

They had an adventurous life, leaving Threshfield (parish of Linton in Craven) in 1884 for Texas where my grandfather was born. Things went badly and they returned 20 months later, penniless. They stayed, initially, with Metcalfe/Chester relations in Threshfield before joining my great-great-grandfather and two other sons in Salford, where they were 'cattle-dealers' - and later in my great grandfather's case a "bookie" (then rather frowned on!). He, like all bookies seemed to do quite well and moved to Timperley, Cheshire, where, strangely, I now live.

I was born in Altringham and lived all

my life in the area. I am a solicitor by profession, having studied in Manchester and Liverpool. I qualified about 20 years ago (seems like yesterday still!). Twelve years ago 3 colleagues and I set up our own practice where I concentrate mainly on commercial and company law matters.

I joined the FHS of Cheshire about 18 years ago and after serving as Secretary became Chairman for five years. I am now legal adviser to the Federation of Family History Societies. I enjoy reading, gardening, fishing, browsing in antique shops and visiting stately homes - when I have the time I also try to trace my family tree!

Did your ancestor steal half a pair of braces?

10th April 1827: Calendar of Felons held in York Castle:-

James Metcalfe, late of Bentham in the West Riding charged upon oath of George Barrow...with having ...feloniously assaulted him upon the King's Highway putting him in bodily fear and taking from him one woollen coat and linen sheet, one silk and cotton neckerchief and half of one pair of braces, his property. Verdict: guilty of highway robbery, judgement of death entered on record against him.

From "The Annals of Leeds"

submitted by John Hyndes (mn 164)

A cousin of mine bought three books of the Annals of Leeds, and knowing my connection and interest in Metcalfes extracted the items below for me:

Vol.II p.41: 11.3.1862

Johnson Metcalfe aged 65 was tried at York Assizes for the murder of William Parker of Northallerton on 26th January last by firing a gun at the deceased, he was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to 10 years penal servitude.

Vol.II p.626 October 1865

The circumstances of the wife of James Robinson of Otley, labourer, having recently given birth to 3 children - 2 girls, 1 boy, was communicated by Mr.Thos. Metcalfe of Otley to Her Majesty, through Sir C.Phipps and this day, Tuesday, Mr Metcalfe received from that gentleman, by the Queen's Command a donation of £3 which was duly handed to the poor woman, the three children were all living.

Vol.III p.42 28.5.1866

Mr Thomas Metcalfe of Otley died very suddenly at Poole near Otley,

while travelling in a second class carriage on the North Eastern Railway. He was an active member of the Burial Board and the Local Board since their formation and took a great deal of interest in everything that would promote the welfare of the inhabitants, the melancholy occurrence cast a deep gloom over the town of Otley where the deceased was highly esteemed.

Vol.III p.341 4.10.1970

Mr John Metcalfe Smith of Kirkstall Grange met with a sad accident this morning....(the full details of this accident are long and gory...unfortunately John Hyndes has not included them...perhaps they would form the basis of a future article, John?

Vol.III p. 653

Robert and Sarah Metcalf keepers of the Woodlesford lock on the Aire and Calder Canal were drowned. The night being foggy, it was presumed that Mr Metcalf had missed his footing and fallen into the water...Mrs Metcalf, hearing a cry of distress, ran half dressed to the assistance of her husband and, in an effort to save him, also found a watery grave.

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Scarborough Directory of 1902 - quite a few references to Metcalfes don. J.Metcalfe (mn 527)

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