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EDITORIAL

And so I come to what will be my last edition of the Mecca News as Editor. I hope that I will still be able to contribute articles from time to time but I feel that after four years it is only right to let someone else "have a go".

We all of us have only so much inspiration and initiative and I am afraid that mine has run out! As I write it is by no means certain who will take over on a permanent basis as Editor. So, for all you budding journalists the opportunity is here for you to break in to the big time!

When I first joined the Metcalfe Society I had no intention of doing more than simply making contact with others of a similar interest. That first year of membership and attendance, with my daughter, at my first Mecca Muster was a real "eye-opener". Everyone was so friendly and helpful and so obviously pleased to meet new Metcalfes. My researches moved on quickly during that first year due to the help of our Secretary - this was before the days of computerised records - and I began to dabble in

the use of computers to record my own research. How amateurish that all seems now when compared with the vast amount of work done (so professionally) by our willing team of volunteers led by our Chairman.

I have enjoyed working with our committee, greatly admiring the quiet efficiency of our Treasurer, and benefitting from the wealth of experience of people like John Holden and David Lambert and other committee members who have so much knowledge and expertise to share with us all.

But most of all, of course, I have enjoyed receiving all those articles over the years. Sometimes they were little snippets of information to fill up an odd corner, sometimes they were pages and pages of original research representing weeks and months of individual work willingly shared with us all.

Yes, I can honestly say that I have enjoyed it. I wish the best of luck to my successor.

Stuart Metcalfe August 1993

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 (January, April and August) and is free to members.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

14th July 1993

Membership continues to grow only very slightly, 65 members failed to re-new their subscription in January 1993 and we had a total of 66 new members who joined our ranks in the twelve months up to January 1993.

We had a very successful day at the Society of Genealogist's Fair with five new members joining on the day and two since - a worth while journey for us all, may I particularly thank Charles, Diane and David for all their hard work. It was lovely to meet those members who called and made themselves known. I hope none of you were in the horrendous queues for too long!

I am concerned about the growing numbers of members who have never sent in any family details - if it is because you wish to preserve your confidentiality then "fair enough" but if not do send in something, please make the effort in time for the December "Mecca News". If you have queries or need help, please drop me a line.

MUSTER booking forms are again enclosed and your early response would be appreciated. Only 12 bookings have so far been received and we had 22 at this stage last year. This year we have as our guest Carol McLee who is well versed in all North Yorkshire and Cleveland records being a member of the Cleveland F.H.S. and a member of their Editorial Team. She is also on the Council of the Federation and one of the team "master-minding" the new British Isles Genealogical Register (known as the BIG R). Carol has Scottish ancestors and is capable of answering any of our

questions on all these areas of research during our informal Question and Answer session which is immediately after the close of the AGM - ROLL UP !!!

May I please ask members who have papers/family details/articles to give to me at the Muster - to please write their OWN names somewhere before handing them over. I have an excellent 6 page article on "The Metcalfes of Nappa - some Recusant Connections" and no author's name!

BIG R - mentioned above - the forms are enclosed with this issue and if you wish to join in with this project you are urged to complete them and return them to the address indicated - please note - NOT to any of the Metcalfe Society officials. Most county Family History Societies are taking part and we will receive back details of all those people who include a Metcalf(e) anywhere in their family interests. Naturally our members can enter any surnames in which they have an "interest" - not just the Metcalf(e) or variation.

May I take this opportunity in apologising for the delays in my answering your letters. A reorganisation of my "office" is currently disturbing everything - add to that, a fortnight's holiday and temporary personal problems and what it adds up to is CHAOS! Please forgive the delays, I have high hopes that it will not last forever.

My thanks go out to my "REGULARS" for their new lists sent to me. Time prevents me writing each time but be assured of our grateful thanks for your valuable contributions - namely Andy Kerridge M385, Jack Davies M587, Hazel Stothard M163, Pan Jarman M123, and Gary Metcalf M244. Andy recently sent me the 1881 Census Return for Wangford, Suffolk.

Ref RG11/1894. Folio 105 Schedule 124,
Church St
Walter C. Metcalf Hd Wid.52. solicitor.
born Hampsted Mdx.
Gilbert " son Unm.29 student of law
St Marylebone, Mdx.
Clara " dau Unm.27 Epping,
Esx.
Harriet Hutchinson ser Wid.39 Dom Serv.
Chertsey, Sry.

The IGI revealed :- Gilbert son of
Walter Charles & Mary Metcalfe bpt 11th
July 1851 St Mary, St Marylebone Road, St
Marylebone, London.

Surely Walter Charles Metcalfe is the
author of "Family Records" ?

1891 Census Return Project. Lillah
Chapman has this month completed 12
reels for York City and environs which
should prove very useful for members.
THANK YOU Lillah ! David Metcalfe has
not only completed Darlington, Co Dur-
ham but to my utter amazement has
completed the WHOLE of the County of
Durham AND put them all onto the Com-
puter - if members 20/105/255/311/409
/ 412 / 448 / 529 / 535 / 565 - have not
already heard news "to their advantage" it
may be because I have no SAE in their file
and the receipt of one will solicit the rel-
evant information by return (or nearly !).
Once again we all owe David our grateful
thanks.

Nina E. Benson

ST CATHERINE'S HOUSE INDEXING -
we wish to alter this title to
General Registration Indexing (GRI)
to make it more identifiable - Mrs Dorothy
Pope (address on back page) has kindly
taken over the co-ordination of this record-
ing - continuing the excellent work initiated
by Sara Illingworth to whom we send our
heartfelt thanks. Thanks to her work and
that of members Peter Dobson, Ken & Rita
Banks, Stanley Metcalfe and Pamela
Widdowson we will shortly only have 14
years remaining to complete the Births for
the period 1837 to 1900. Then ALL we
have to do is to get it onto the computer
and then begin the marriages 1837 to
1900.....!!!!

Anyone able to join this "Team" -
PLEASE contact Dorothy who will be
happy to give any necessary guidelines.
Thanks to a VERY timely meeting in the
CRO at Northallerton, Delphine McDonnell
of Australia has joined the team.

Official notice is hereby given that our
Annual General Meeting is to take place
on **Saturday 9th October 1993 at 10am.**
To be held at the College of Ripon and York
St John, College Road, Ripon, North York-
shire. All fully paid up members are entitled
to take part. Entry is free of charge for the
AGM. Members wishing to attend all day,
including the Muster, must complete the
booking form in the centre of this edition,
enclose the fee and return to the Secretary.
Any items for the agenda must be sent in
writing to the Secretary by 1st September.
Any nominations for the Committee must
have the consent of the nominee and if
possible sent in by 5th September.

BIRTH BRIEFS for new members - to whom we offer our hearty welcome.

M600 Stanley C. Metcalfe, 7 Pepper Close, Ballajura, Western Australia 6066.

Nothing received.

M601 Guy R.E. Metcalfe, 8 Manor Brook Close, Stoney Stanton, Leics LE9 6BR.

Guy b Birstall son of **M142** Gordon Emsley & Rita Doreen (Brooks) Mte m 20th Apr
1946 Loughborough. Gordon b 21.08.1920 Bradford Yks s.o William Harold and Alice
Hannah (Emsley) Mte m 18 Nov 1915 Gillington, Bradford. William Harold b 16 Oct
1892 Masham s.o Joseph William & Violetta (Buckle) Mte m 9 Feb 1889 Masham.
Joseph William b 12 Apr 1857 Exelby Yks s.o Thomas & Elizabeth (Sayer of Bowes)
Mte m sought. Thomas bpt 25 Mar 1827 Great Langton Yks s.o George & Susannah
(Gibson) Mte m 6 Mar 1819 Ripon Cathedral. George bpt 20 Aug 1795 Great Langton
s.o Christopher & Hannah (Brown) Mte m 17 Jul 1781 Langton. ? Christopher bpt 16
Mar 1756 South Cowton Yks s.o Christopher & Mackstone (Nilly) m 27 Jul 1751 South
Cowton. Christopher bpt 11 Sep 1726 at Kirby Sigston s.o Christopher Mte (? & Martha
Pybus m 14 Jul 1714 Northallerton). Relates to **M105, M108, M180, M305.**

M602 John Richardson, 114 Spencerfield Crescent, Thornthorpe, Middlesbrough,
Cleveland TS3 9HR.
Descended from Wm & Jane Longstaff (Mt) Richardson. Jane b 1830 Sunderland dau
of Henry & Jane (Oliver) Mt m 18 Jan 1817 at Sunderland, Durham. Henry bpt
02.Apl.1792 Sunderland s.o Matthew & Mary (Readhead) Mt who m 28.Apl.1790
Sunderland. Query - Matthew bpt 01.Nov.1767 Wickham, Dur. s.o Andrew & Mary
(Holy) who m 07.Dec.1766 Sunderland. Andrew bpt 27.Jul.1740 Wickham s.o James
& Elizabeth (Croser) Mt m 01.Jun.1735 Wickham. Maybe connected to **M565** Mrs G.
Dunn.

M603 Mrs Joan Bridges, 45 Lincoln Drive, East Keilor, Victoria 3033, Australia.

Hope the large package of information sent has safely arrived - Sec: Great grand-dau
of Edward and Mary (Mte) Metcalfe. Edward b 02.Nov.1857 Bedale Yks Eng s.o John
& Ellen (Firth) Metcalfe m 08.Jul 1854 Bedale. John bpt 18.Jun.1826 Bedale s.o
William & his second wife Emma (Cagil) Mte who m 14.May.1814 Bedale. William
bpt 21.May.1786 Bedale s.o William & Ann (Turbot) Mte m 22 Nov 1775 Bedale.
Hence shares descent (from Wm 1786) with ex **M81** Alison Hutton of New Zealand.
Mary b 13 Jan 1857 Bedale dau Christopher & Sarah (Sadler) Metcalfe m 25 Jan 1852
Birstall Yks. Christopher b c1828 Hawes (s.o Thomas labourer) was a corn miller whilst
at Bedale where he died 17 Aug 1899 aged 71. There is no trace of his bpt in the Hawes
parish church registers - Sec:

M604 Mrs Suzanne J. Briscoe, 49 Rosthermere Rd, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle,
Cheshire SK8 5LE.

Sister to **M316** Jean Metcalfe & **M351** Ella Burton. Daus of Edward Leslie & Edna (Spears) Mte m 20.Apl.1935 Manchester. Edward b 8.May.1914 Todmorden s.o Samuel Brown & Eleanor Ethel (Eggar) Mte m 08.Apl.1912 Harley Wood, York. Samuel b 07.Mar.1887 Ulverston, Lancs s.o James & Susannah (Brown) Mte 05.Nov.1878 Queen St Chapel, Morecambe. James b 25.Aug.1855 Penrith s.o George & Ann (Ewan) Mte m 21.May.1853 Grayrigg, Westmorland. George b 06.Nov.1826 Garsdale s.o James & Fanny (Shaw - 3rd wife) m 26.Aug.1818 Garsdale. James born circa 1764.

M605 Mrs Penny Thorpe, Kirmington House, Kirmington, Ulceby, South Humberside
DN39 6YL.

Husband Anthony Edward is gdson of Robert Cecil & Louise (Mt) Thorpe. Louise b 12.Mar.1885 Burton on Stather, Lincs d.o George & Harriet (Andrews) Mt. George b 07.Mar.1843 Gringley on the Hill, Nottinghamshire s.o Robert & Elizabeth (Westney) Mt m 12.Dec.1838 Blyth, Notts.

M606 John Webster, 6 Hall Park Avenue, Norristhorpe, Liversedge, West Yorkshire
WF15 7EH.

Son of Harry Metcalfe Webster s.o John & Nellie Augusta [Nellie] (Mte) Webster who m 15 Aug 1913 at Askrigg, Yks. Nellie b circa 1893 d.o Thomas.

M607 Robert Jewitt, 8 Manor Grove, Great Broughton, Middlesbrough, Cleveland
TS9 7EJ.

Son of Harry Metcalfe Jewitt s.o John & Sarah (Mte) Jewitt who m 04.Oct.1884 Durham City. Sarah b 15.Feb.1852 Corfu (YES the Greek Island!) d.o Timothy & Sarah (Rich, his 1st wife. 2nd to Sarah Ann Cass 1867 Kent. 3rd to Caroline Matthews 1888 Surrey) Metcalfe. Timothy enlisted in the 49th Regt in 1844 and after the Crimea campaign transferred to the 7th Regt of the Royal Fusiliers. He retired with the rank of Captain and his from his first marriage he had:- Sarah born in Corfu, Eveline Ann b 1858 Gibraltar and Henry Francis b 1864 in Malta. Back to Timothy - he was born c1827 in Dublin s.o Timothy senior and Sarah (?) Metcalfe, Timothy senior was a brewer of vinegar in James Street, Dublin.

M608 Kenneth Holmes, 21 Aire Valley Drive, Bradley, Nr Keighley, Yorks BD20 9EY.

Great grandson of George & Margaret (Mte) Alderson m 16.Feb.1858 Skipton. Margaret bpt 14.Aug.1858 Hubberholme d.o John & Mary Ann (Ellis) Mte m 23.Jul.1821 Hubberholme. John bpt 05.Jan.1793 Halton Gill s.o John & Hannah (Stoney) Mte m 10.Mar.1788 Arncliffe. John bpt 18.Jun.1760 Arncliffe s.o Robert & Isabel (Simpson) Mte m 13.May.1751 Arncliffe. Robt buried 1789.

M609 Mrs Linda M. Medcalf, 26 Wansfell Gardens, Thorpe Bay, Southend on Sea,
Essex SS1 3SW.

Husband Richard John s.o Gilbert Charles & Doris Rosetta (Lester) Md m 1944 Leyton. Gilbert Charles b 15.Mar.1916 West Ham s.o William Henry & Ann (Gilbert) Md. m 12.May.1902 West Ham. Wm Henry b 04.May.1879 Hertford s.o Thomas Driver & Jane (Hughes) Md m 07.Feb.1850 Shoreditch. Thomas Driver bpt 13.Feb.1831 Hertford s.o Thomas Driver & Mary Ann (?) Md.

M610 Malcolm T. Lose, 28 Norfolk Avenue, Watford, Herts WD2 4DY.

Great grandson of Thomas Edward & Jane Ann (Mte) Callard m 29 Feb 1896 Stanley, Co Durham. Jane Ann b c1873 Sunniside Co Dur d.o Joseph & Ann (Turner) Mte m 13.Jan.1860 Auckland, Dur. Joseph bpt 17.Apl.1837 Stainmore Westmorland s.o Joseph Johnson & Hannah (?Stokoe) Mte. Joseph J. bpt 29.Mar.1801 Stainmore s.o James (of Kirkby Stephen on his marriage) & Jane Johnson m 13.Jul.1790 at Brough under Stainmore.

M611 Mrs Jane Clare, 49 Hall Park Avenue, Westcliff on Sea, Essex SS0 8NP.

Nothing received.

M612 Mrs E. Denise Mott, Lyndholme, 50 Cornmill Lane, Liversedge, West Yorkshire
WF15 7DZ.

Descendant of James & Ann (Meggison) Mte m 16.Nov.1844 East Harlsey, Yks. James bpt ?15.Oct.1811 East Harlsey s.o James & Sarah (Hart) Mte m 6 Nov.1810 East Harlsey. James b c 1783 ? s.o James & Ellen ?

M613 Hugh Metcalfe, Groundfloor Flat, 58 Turnpike Lane, Haringey, London
N8 OPS.

Nothing received.

M614 Miss Pamela A. Johnson, 14 Dorchester Road, Morden, Surrey SM4 6QE.

Nothing received.

M615 Caroline Wetton, 2 Castle View, Hadlow, Kent TN11 0BY.

Nothing received.

M616 Barry Humphrey, 57 Coldra Road, Newport, Gwent NP9 4FF.

Great grandson of Joseph Francis & Theresa Elizabeth (Mte) Winstanley. Theresa Eliz b 16.Apl.1880 Thornton Steward, Yks. d.o Mary Mte. Mary A born c1863 Thornton

Steward d.o John & Mary (?) Mte. John bpt 29.Jul.1827 Thornton Steward s.o Thomas & Mary (?) Mte. Thomas bpt 15.Mar.1789 Bedale s.o Anthony & Jane (Collinson) Mte m 13.Sep.1786 Bedale.Anthony bpt 19th Jul 1766 Thornton Watlass s.o Anthony & Margaret (Mte) Mte m 5th Mar 1764 TW. Anthony bpt 08.Jun.1740 TW s.o Stephen & Ellen (Moody) Mte m 19th Sep 1734 Thornton Watlass. And see M266 Susan Harper, M493 David Metcalfe & M545 Mr&Mrs Paul Metcalfe.

M617 Ronald Brown, 1 Broadlands Rise, Lichfield, Staffordshire WS14 9SF.

Great grandson of William & Dinah (Mte) Marr m 06.Dec.1871 Melsonby,Yks Dinah b c 1851 Gunnerside Yks d.o Ralph & Mary (Smithson) Mte m 21.Sep.1847 Grinton. Ralph bpt 18.May.1817 Hardrow in Wensleydale Yks s.o John & Dinah (Scott) Mte. m 04.Jun.1816 Hardrow. John bpt 18.Sep.1791 Hardrow s.o Ralph & Mary (Thwaite) Mte m 21 Nov 1789 Hardrow.

M618 John E. Binsley, 48 Meadowbank Road, Auckland, New Zealand.

Descended from David & Elizabeth (Mt) Adie m 08 Jun 1844 at Monkwearmouth,Co Dur, Eng. Elizabeth b circa 1823 in South Shields Dur d.o Richard (a mariner) & Jane (?Atkin m 13 July 1813 South Shields). Richard b c1793 ?Coatham,Redcar, Durham.

M619 Mrs Patricia A. Bishop, 7 Ambarrow Crescent, Little Sandhurst, Camberley, Surrey GU17 8JA.

Grd d of Maud (Richmond) Bellerby, Maud d.o Christopher Richmond grd s of Robert Mt 1787-1873 who in 1908 Yorkshire Herald was reported as the person who fired Locomotive I. Robert is said to be a native of Darlington,Durham with grd s Robert Richmond in N.Z. & grd s Christopher Richmond in Middlesbrough.

M620 Mrs Janet T. Evans, 47 Oxford Road, Old Marston, Oxford OX3 0PH.

Nothing received.

M621 Peter Metcalfe, 20 Brushwood Avenue, Flint, Clwyd, N Wales CH6 5TY.

Born Holywell, Flint s.o Walter Ashton & Doris Redfearn (Hughes) Mte m Holywell. Walter A. b 1923 Holywell s.o Harold & Harriet Mabel Williams (nec Taylor) Mte m 31 Jan 1923 Carmel, Flint. Harold b 09 Feb 1900 Carmel s.o Edward & Catherine (Lee) Mte m 23 Feb 1884 Holywell. Edward b 09 Jul 1859 Caerwys s.o Peter & Susannah (Hughes) Mte m 24 Jul 1852 Caerwys. Peter b c1830 Holywell s.o George & Anne (Edwards) Mte m 25 Oct 1828 Holywell. George b 24 Apl 1804 Holywell s.o Thomas & Ellen (Davies) Mte. Thomas b 14 Feb 1778 Whitford s.o George Mte and Elizabeth Spencer. George b 16 Apl 1751 Halkyn, Flint s.o James & Lydia (Nelor) Mte m 19 Jan 1747 Holywell. James d 1767 Whitford.

M622 Miss Katy E. Metcalfe, Otterburn Hall, Otterburn, Bell Busk, Nr Skipton, Yorks BD23 4DX.

Dau of John Robert & Elizabeth Jane Mte. John Robert s.o George Harrison 1896-1959 and Helen (?) Mte 1898-1977.

M623 William Bill Barker, 25 Wheeler Street, Shelton, Connecticut 06484, U.S.A.

Descendant of Thomas & Catherine Ann (Morison) Barker of Sheffield m 1845. Catherine d.o David & Mabel (Mte) Morison m 7 Dec 1818 Hawes in Wensleydale, Yks.Eng. Mabel b 1796 d.o Thomas & Ann (Wilson) Mte m 17 July 1794 Clapham Yks. Thomas bpt 21 Mar 1758 Hawes s.o Isaac & Mabel (Gibson) Mte m 17 Apl 1748 Askrigg. Isaac bpt 17 Jul 1725 Hawes s.o Robert & Agnes (Gibson) Mte m 21 Sep 1705 Aysgarth. **Members 33/62/141/144/145/449/623 may connect.**

M624 Mrs Enid G. King, 41 Lime Road, Redcar, Yorkshire TS10 3NF.

Descended from John & Anne (Mte) Buckton m 09 Jun 1834 Church of St Cuthbert, Barton, Nth Yks. when John was a widower and Anne "of Hudswell in par of Catterick". John was previously married to another Mte lady - most likely but still to be checked, Mary Mte married 15 May 1830 at Church of St Agatha, Gilling, Richmond Yks....Anne & Mary are thought to have been sisters. In the parish registers for Catterick are two such sisters although, please note, they are NOT YET claimed - Anne bpt 10 Aug 1806 & Mary bpt 22 Jul 1810 - daus of William Bowe & Jane (Lockey) Mte m 23 Nov 1799 Catterick. William Bowe bpt 25 Feb 1773 Bowes s.o John & Elizabeth (Bowe) Mte m 14 Nov 1763 Brough under Stainmore, Westmorland. John b circa 1741. May connect to M418.

Stuart Metcalfe, 3441 Edgewood Road, Eureka, CA 95501, U.S.A. offers members a copy of the history of the family of MICHAEL METCALF b 1586 Norfolk, England died 27 Dec 1664 aged 78 of Dedham Mass. Taken from Genealogical Notes or Contributions to the Family History of some of the First Settlers of Connecticut and Massachusetts by the late Nathaniel Goodwin, published in 1856 and reprinted in 1978 by GPCO.

**Metcalfes who died
in the Far East, World War II,
Thailand, River Kwai, Singapore,
Japan & Malasia.**

**River Kwai, Burma-Thailand Railway.
Kanchanaburi War Cemetery. Thailand.**
Metcalf - SPR RONALD ARTHUR
1877456.No.1 Malaya Bomb
Disposal,Royal Engineers. Died 9th Aug
1943 age 24 (Row 4.A.72) son of Arthur
Metcalf of Manchester.
Metcalf - PTE WILLIAM HAMPSHIRE
3446355.2nd Batt Loyal Regt North Lan-
cashire. Died 30 Nov 1944 age 30 (Row
2.P.56)

Chungkai War Cemetery, Thailand.
Metcalf - GNR NORMAN 886109.85 Anti
Tank Royal Artillery. Died 11 Sept 1943
age 24 (Row 4.B.7)

Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore.
Metcalf - SJT ARTHUR JAMES
14377513. No 223 Base Ordnance Depot
RAOC. Died 21st Dec 1945 age 21 (Row
11.D.18)
Metcalf - LCPL LEONARD NX35844
A.I.F. 2/19 Bn Australian Infantry. Died
20th Jan 1942 age 34. Son of James & Jane
Forrest Metcalf of Sheldon(sic) Durham.
Sp MEM "C". (Row E.15)
Metcalf - GNR ROBERT 1110423. 419
BTY 148 (Bedfordshire Yeomanry) Field
Regt. Royal Artillery. Died 7th Feb 1942
age 30. son of Robert & Mary Metcalf.
Husband of Gladys Metcalf of Muswell
Hill, Middlesex. (Column 38)
Metcalf - LCPT ALBERT ALEXANDER
2361034. Royal Corps of Signals, Singa-
pore Fortress Sigs. Died 28th Feb 1942 age

23. Son of Shirley Hugh & Mary Webster
Metcalf of Cambridge. (Column 43)
Metcalf - GNR THOMAS 1073948. 15
Bty 16HAA, Royal Artillery. Died 18th
Feb 1942 age 32. Husband of Alice Met-
calf. (Column 25)
Metcalf - PTE ALFRED 2989071. 2nd
Bn. The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.
Died 11th Dec 1944 age 30. (Column 83)
Metcalf - AC1 MATTHEW 1174733.
R.A.F. (V.R.). Died 29th Nov 1943 age 23.
Son of Leonard & Jane Metcalf (Column
428)

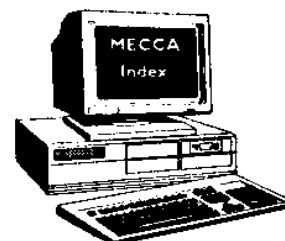
**Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia,
(Sabah).**
Metcalf - PTE VERNE NX203005 A.I.F.
2/31 Bn Australian Infantry. Died 4th July
1945 age 19. Son of John Verne and Agnes
Myrtle Metcalf.(Row 18.C.16)

Yokohama War Cemetery, Japan.
Metcalf PTE JAMES ALBERT 3854934
2nd Batt Loyal Regt, North Lancashire.
Died 15th Oct 1942 age 28. Son of Mr &
Mrs Matthew Meek Metcalf. British Sec-
tion (F.D.5)

Joseph Metcalf visited the Railway
in 1992 travelling rough alongside many of
the old camps up to Burma. He has photo-
graphs of some of the graves. Those on
"Columns" are names placed on columns at
the Singapore Cemetery who have no known
graves.

...they grow not old as we who remain grow
old...we shall remember them.

Recorded by M23 Joseph Metcalf.



Computer Notes

CSM

Summer holidays (holidays in
retirement ??) have been and gone since the
April issue and many more Metcalf's are
written to hard disc, hopefully to be of
interest and use in the future.

A few were found to be of interest
during the Society of Genealogists' Fair on
16th May ; a queue round the building, in
which people waited for 2 hours, ensured
that there was hardly enough room to move
inside ! Nevertheless it was a good day for
our society with plenty of queries and
interest shown; plus being an enjoyable
one for those present.

I have recently been contacted by, and
have met with, a member of the 'Farthing'
single name society who is now setting up
a data base with a very similar construction
to our own - anyone out there with a Farthing
in their past (Funny remarks may be
printed.). It's strange that so far we have
found entries relating to other societies and
have passed some on, but none have come
the other way to add to our data base.

As you should know we have on
computer a copy of IGI'88 which was
provided some time ago by M266 Susan
Metcalf Harper. IGI'92 has now been
available for some time and I have just
received a letter from a Mr. Bert J Rawlins,
who is the British Correspondent of the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints,
to tell me that he looks forward to seeing me
in Salt Lake City in September. While there
I hope of course to replace Susan's data with
an updated version - just what the changes
are I'm not certain, but hopefully Christopher
1712 is in there somewhere.

I'm currently in the process of making
several changes to my computer - for the
information of those that are interested in
PC's. It's still a PS2 56SLC but now has
16M of memory with the hope of seeing the
full benefits of this when I install O/S 2.1
in the near future. The Desk Top Publisher
used for this and other articles in the News
is Aldus PageMaker 4 and again change is
imminent as version 5 is on order.

The benefits of PageMaker are too
widespread to cover here but one benefit is
to allow others to produce articles using
their own word processor and then to pass
them through a PageMaker filter to prepare
standard presentations for the News in either
single or double column form, just pour
them into a preset format. Sounds so simple
but I've found that the chances of making
errors increase exponentially with
complexity - that means it's easier with a
card index and pencil and paper.

No, those days have gone although I
still have 20,000 cards in my attic over
which past President Helen Offer spent
many hours - what will be the media of the
future to replace PC's ?

Another volunteer has been pressed
willingly forward :
M563 Richard Medcalf of Luton - AND he
has a PC with a desk top publisher - the end
of the dreaded Lists is in sight.

Metcalfe week-end at Countersett Hall, Wensleydale

15, 16, 17 APRIL 1994.

Friday Evening : Dinner (optional)
General get together & relax over open fire.

Saturday : Full breakfast
Packed lunch (optional)

Day in and around Hawes, commencing with a visit to the Dales Folk Museum which is excellent and very realistically portrays the past life style of dales folk; e.g. hill farmers, lead miners, quarry workers, cheese makers, etc. The museum is opening a new Local Studies Room in November and it is envisaged that members may well want to spend a few hours in this, making use of the facilities.

This project is being partially funded and set up by the North Yorkshire Library Service and they hope to have film and fiche readers to make micro films of local census returns and parish registers, possibly the IGI too, available to visitors. Perhaps of even more interest, is the fact that the room will be home to the McFie Collection, which is a very large library of local and natural history books. They were collected by Mr McFie, a well known inhabitant of the Hawes area, back in the 1920-30's. Also it will house the Kit Calvert Collection of books and manuscripts. Kit was a 'legend in his own lifetime', having saved Wensleydale cheesemaking back in the 1930's when

there was a dire depression in the dairying industry. He was a native of the locality and during his long life span, was an avid collector of local history books and papers. As the Local Studies Room will not be large, if all the party want to spend time in it, we will probably have to devise a rota whereby 3 or 4 of us use it together and the rest go off and do their own thing until it is time for their turn to browse through the collections.

Hawes is very much a tourist 'hot spot' with a number of antique, gift and book shops. The recently re-launched Hawes Dairy may have its proposed public viewing gallery open by next April, where visitors will be able to watch Wensleydale cheese being made and purchase it, plus other items, from the Dairy's Visitor's Shop. Close by Hawes are many Mecca strongholds, e.g. Appersett, Burtersett, Hardraw, Askrigg and Bainbridge to name a few. Only a couple of miles from Hawes is the famous Hardraw Scar waterfall.

At the end of the day, dinner will be back at Countersett Hall, hopefully followed by an illustrated talk on the history of the dale.

Sunday : After a large breakfast there could well be two options, one to attend morning service at Askrigg Church and have a wander round Askrigg, much portrayed in the Vet films OR to go on a guided walk 'In the Footsteps of Mrs Robinson'. This would be approximately a four mile hike from Raydale House, from which Mrs Robinson escaped to raise the alarm that the Metcalfes had laid siege to her home and family. The party will then

get together for a pre-booked Sunday lunch in the Aysgarth area, after which it will be possible to visit Aysgarth Church, the famous museum of horse drawn vehicles, close by Aysgarth Falls and it may also be possible to squeeze in a quick visit to Bolton Castle, once a place of captivity for Mary, Queen of Scots.

Tea-time Sunday, 17th April the party will disperse to travel home in their various directions, hopefully after a very interesting and comfortable week-end.

All Members please Note :

It was originally hoped that we could pay a visit to Nappa Hall, but this will not be possible. Nappa is a private house and is also very much a working farm - busiest in the Spring of the year when lambing time is in full swing. It may be prudent to point out to members, at this stage, that the present occupiers do get a lot of people of Metcalfe descent calling on them unexpectedly, often when they are extremely busy. Therefore, please be very tactful and considerate, if you do ever go there. If possible, be content to take a photograph of Nappa from the roadside without troubling the family concerned.

For further information contact :-

Mrs Denny Gibson.

address on back page.

Farmer's Lament of 1860.

It reans agean, Ah deah deklare,
It's twea days rain for yah day fair,
Syke farms az these wuz nivver seen,
Uz farmers ull be beggared clean.

Krops is seah bad, ahs verra flaid,
Rents, rates, and taxes karn't be paid,
Harvest folk's wages a gannin on,
And thar tha stand, karn't da a torn.

And what a mess o' mouldy hay,
And tattees rottin all away,
Weat thin ut grund, and small it ear,
It karn't yeald weel ah's varra seear.

Wooats ull be leet - seeah leet ah say,
At better half ull blow away;
Beans hez neea swads, they've nowt but
top,
And barley isn't hoalf a krop.

Fog disant grow az weel az towt,
And turnips ull be gud fur nowt;
Pasturs iz nobbut varra bare,
And stock cooms doon at ivery fair.

There's nowt to eat for milkin kye,
And meast on em ull sean be dry;
Tahms noo, for farmers iz seah bad
You'll see that next - they'll break like
mad.

Robert Metcalfe 1823-1878

great grand father of
C.S. Metcalfe.

Lincolnshire Metcalfes

Mrs P.A.Cook submits the following collection of references to Metcalfes in the Kirton Lindsey Quarter Sessions, Lincolnshire.

Luke Metcalfe - Assault, committed 17 June sentenced 30 June 1842. Magistrate Sir John Nelthorpe. 2 cal months hard labour.

Elizabeth Metcalfe 8 yrs. Committed Jan 4. Stealing at Kirton a watch, a steel chain, a steel key, property of John Dixon. Magistrate H E Smith. Sentence 1 cal month. Court held 8 Jan 1847.

Robert Metcalf 21 yrs committed Nov 6 stealing at Gainsborough 5 pairs of shoes, property of George Richardson and stealing at Gainsborough twenty keys and three stones weight of brass, the property of John Turner. Further charged with stealing at Gainsborough 1 cwt of cheese, 3 bushels 7 lbs of sugar, 1 lb Spanish juice and various other articles, the property of Edward Burwell. Also at Gainsborough 30 spoons the property of Charles Grant Kelvey. Magistrate W Hutton esq. Charged along with Henry Pearson 21yrs, Samuel Perkins, 21 yrs, Harriet Dawson, 19 yrs, Emma Metcalfe, 21 yrs. Metcalfe and Pearson were sentenced to 7 years transportation. Emma Metcalfe was

sentenced to 6 calendar months hard labour by the judge of assize.

From the History of Nineteenth Century Brigg by Frank Henthorn:-

page 3 "Metcalfe and Cole, tenants of Elwes, were contemplating putting up new buildings in 1759. Elwes encouraged them. Metcalfe has agreed to rebuild his house at a cost of £300 so it must be a fairly big one"

page 7 "Holgate made an agreement to allow Metcalfe to have land adjoining the Poor House (its orchard) for a building, thus cutting off the poor house inmates from the river. The Brigg Jury had strongly opposed this action and Elwes therefore intervened, suggesting that Metcalfe should be persuaded to build elsewhere.

page 26 Anne Metcalfe was concerned in an agreement with Mrs Cliffe to convey manor at Twigmoor. Robert Cliffe had conveyed this in 1777.

page 26 Dr Metcalfe lived in Wrawby Street in 1812, his house had a rental value of £11. He alone received the prefix "Dr" in the Church Bill, but there was a Dr Beatty who was one of the stewards in the Brigg Bill in 1819.

From M587 Jack Davies

(Jack is particularly interested in the early 1700's in the area around Leeds and Halifax in the West Riding of Yorkshire and sends us some interesting snippets from the oldest newspaper in Yorkshire, namely the Leeds Mercury. Of particular interest to me is that one Metcalfe is actually referred to, in the newspaper article, as "Meccah". Ed.)

26.12.1775 Notice to creditors of Susannah Wilby, of Birstall, Widow.

To be sold at auction in several lots.....sundry messuages, with the lands and grounds therewith occupied, situate in Hunslet in the occupation of Mr Urbane Metcalf and Mr Joseph Middleton and their respective undertenants.

30.11.1773 To be peremptorily sold to the highest bidder....Lot 111 - Two freehold crofts adjoining the River Aire and Turnpike Road at Hunslet, with the dwelling houses and other buildings, orchards and gardens, occupied by William Metcalfe and undertenants. To be put up at 500 pounds

15.8.1769 Yesterday afternoon one John Smith, about 18 years of age, apprentice to Mr Caleb Meccah, of Hunslet, was

unfortunately drowned as he was bathing in the river at that place.

(Note from Jack Davies)

This Caleb Metcalfe was a clothier who left a will in 1772 leaving 400 pounds to executors Urbane Metcalf of Hunslet, clothier, and John Rothery, of the same, clothier, and John Penney of Leeds, ironmonger. Caleb Metcalf's father also a clothier of Hunslet called Caleb left a will in 1760 in which everything went to his widow Hannah (Horsman) Mt. The will's inventory is very detailed with fifty items listed both in his dwelling, wool chamber and workshop. Though Caleb and Hannah were married in Leeds in 1716 there were banns read at Grinton also, giving a possible clue to Caleb's origins. The Urbane Metcalf seems to be the one who married Anne Nettleton in Leeds 1734 and was baptised in Hunslet in 1704, his father being a John Mt. I believe this to be the only Urbane Mt anywhere! My own ancestor Joseph Mt who left Halifax to work in the cotton mills of Kendal, Preston and Walton-le-Dale (and whose parents were David and Ann (Rothery) Mt were married in Halifax 19.9.1748. David was a collier, possibly from Swaledale stock. Can anyone add any information?

KELD "INDEPENDENT" - SWALEDALE, NORTH YORKSHIRE.

By George Buxton M3.

March 1993

BAPTISMS 1790 - 1836 Ref RG4 3232.

03.May.1793 JOHN s.o George & Mary Mt (Born 14 Apl 1793)
 05.Jun.1795 HARRY " (Born 12 May 1795)
 07.Sep.1800 MICHAEL " (Born 16 Jul 1800)

Then comes a change of lay-out - into the following format :-

"These are to certify that JOHN son of ELANOR (sic) METCALF was born in Keld in the parish of Muker in the county of York the 17th Day of NOVEMBER in the year ONE thousand EIGHT hundred and FOURTEEN. Bapt 29 Nov 1814."

30.Dec.1815 ANN b in Eagle 20 Dec 1815. d.o Ann Mt.
 03 May 1818 MARY b Thornes 19 Apl 1818 d.o Nancy Mt.
 29 Aug 1818 NANCY b Thornes 15 Aug 1818 d.o Leonard and Jane Mt.
 21 Feb 1819 MARY ANN b Keld 16 Feb 1819 d.o John & Jane Mt.
 29 Feb 1820 SARAH b Eagles 3 Feb 1820 d.o Henry & Mary Mt.
 28 Jan 1821 LEONARD b Thornes 26 Jan 1821 s.o Leonard & Jane Mt.
 07 Mar 1821 SARAH b Keld 26 Feb 1821 d.o John & Jane Mt.
 05 Feb 1823 ELIZABETH b Keld 05 Feb 1823 d.o "
 05 Oct 1824 GEORGE b Keld 02 Oct 1824 s.o "
 10 Jun 1827 JAMES b Keld 02 May 1827 s.o "
 17 May 1830 GEORGE b Keld 17 May 1830 s.o Michael & Elizabeth Mt.
 14 Apl 1832 MARY b Keld 24 Mar 1832 d.o "
 12 Aug 1833 WILLIAM b Keld 03 Aug 1833 s.o Richard & Elizabeth Mt
 06 Jul 1834 RALPH b Keld 30 Jun 1834 s.o William & Izabella Mt.
 23 May 1836 MARGET b Keld 23 May 1836 d.o Michael & Marget Mt.

NON-CONFORMIST REGISTERS - Recorded by M3 George Buxton.
 March 1993

LOW ROW in Swaledale, Yorkshire, Wesleyan Methodist Chapel. Ref.RG4-3733.

Baptisms 1803 - 1837.

03 Oct 1813 Duke s.o Thomas & Margaret Mte of Birksend.
 12 Jun 1814 Metcalfe s.o Jospeh & Jane BELL of Pakes Hall, miner. ?Parke
 29 Dec 1815 Metcalf s.o John & Isabella Pedley of Green Syke, miner.
 11 Apl 1820 George s.o William & Margaret Mte of Healaugh.B 8 Apl.
 31 Jul 1822 Hannah d.o ditto B 21 June.
 09 Aug 1826 Margaret d.o ditto B 31 July.
 11 Mar 1829 Hannah d.o George & Isabella Mte of Whitaside B 04 March.
 12 Jun 1837 John s.o Thomas & Ann Mde of Kirton (? Kearton). B 04 Sep 1836.

Burials

17 Dec 1830 Hannah Isabella d.o George & Isabella Mte of Whitaside.1yr.
 21 Jan 1837 Thomas Mte of Brownshaw House. aged 49.

GUNNERSIDE - METHODIST. - IN SWALEDALE, NORTH YORKSHIRE.

By George Buxton M3.

March 1993.

BAPTISMS 1802 - 1837 Ref RG4 3347.

28 Apl 1805	ANN	d.o Leonard & Peggy Mte of Ivelet.
06 Jun 1806	ELIZABETH	d.o Reuben & Bellah Mte of Lodge Green.
04 Jan 1807	ANAS	d.o Leonard & Peggy Mte of Ivelet.
06 Apl 1808	WILLIAM	s.o Rauben & Bellah Mte of Lodge Green.
30 Jan 1809	METCALF	s.o Joseph & Merry BUXTIN (? Mary) (?Buxton) of Lodge Green.
19 Mar 1813	JOHN	s.o John & Naney Mte of Calvert Houses.
26 Jan 1815	RALPH	s.o Christopher & Nanny Mte of Modesty.
05 Mar 1816	THOMAS	s.o Christopher & ANN Mte of Calvert Houses. (IGI has bpt date as 5 Mar 1817).
09 Nov 1834	THOMAS	s.o Mary Mt.
10 Apl 1836	Christopher	s.o Christopher & Mally Mte of Lodge Green.
10 Apl 1836	Lenard	s.o ditto
10 Apl 1836	Leonard	s.o James & Paggey Mte of Gunnerside.
10 Apl 1836	Matthew	s.o ditto

END OF RECORDING.

Odds and Ends

Over the years I have received all sorts of odd bits of information about our clan. I have not always had space to include them in the Mecca News. Here are just a few which didn't make it until now.

Did you know, for example, that Jeff Metcalfe of Liverpool, was receiving his second driving lesson soon after his 17th birthday when his instructor had a severe heart attack. Jeff drove him along one of Liverpool's busiest roads, through the lunch hour traffic to the Royal Liverpool University Hospital. By doing so he undoubtedly saved the life of his instructor. The newspaper article does not state whether Jeff has now passed his test or not!

Staying with the subject of motoring, Wilt Medcalf can still be seen driving his 1937 Standard Flying 9 bought new just before his wedding to provide transport for the honeymoon. He paid £167 10s. for the car and reckons that it's now worth £1,500 (although he has no plans to sell it). It still does 35 miles to the gallon despite having over 200,000 on the clock!

Changing tack, I remember an article some years ago explaining the connection between our family and Stan Laurel of Laurel and

Hardy fame. Stan's mother, who came from Dewsbury was, if I remeber rightly, a Metcalfe...or was it his grandmother. I shall have to dig out my back numbers. However, did you know that Shirley Bassey is also connected with our clan. I have been sent a newspaper cutting showing a copy of her birth certificate giving details of her birth in Cardiff on 8.1.1937 to Henry and Eliza Jane (formerly Metcalfe) Bassey. Surely we have some members somewhere who can elaborate on this titbit of information.

For those of you (like myself) with a Bedale connection, Denny Gibson came across an interesting funeral card, details of which she is willing to pass on to anyone interested. It concerns Jane Metcalfe of Low Salutation, Bedale born 15.4.1819 died 17.3.1905.

Although Jane lived until she was almost 86 she comes nowhere near the record set by Helen Robertson (Metcalf) of Upton, Mass., USA. She jus failed to make it to 105! The town of Upton celebrated her 100th birthday by proclaiming Dec 31st (her birthday) Helen Robertson Day. Among her interests were breeding racing pigeons and family history. She had traced her ancestors back to the Mayflower settlers!

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AGENDA

for

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THE METCALFE SOCIETY

To be held at 10 am on Saturday 9th October 1993
at the College of Ripon and York St John, Ripon.

- 1) Chairman's opening remarks.
- 2) Apologies for absence.
- 3) Minutes of the AGM 1992.
- 4) Matters arising from the minutes.
- 5) Reports.
- 6) Projects reports.
- 7) Publications.
- 8) Elections.
- 9) Subscription rates 1994.
- 10) Approval of Accounts.
- 11) Appointment of Auditor.
- 12) Any Other Business.
- 13) Date of the next AGM - Saturday 8th Oct

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Timetable of Events.

9.30am Registration. 10am AGM; to be followed immediately by an informal
"Questions and Answers" session. 1pm Luncheon 2pm Afternoon informal.

THE METCALFE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE A.G.M. HELD 10TH OCTOBER, 1992.

at The College of Ripon & York St. John in Ripon.

1) **Opening:** The Chairman welcomed everyone and asked that we especially remember John Balderstone & Sid Pope who had died recently.

2) **Apologies:** Diane Howarth, Helen Offer, Eunice Herring, Joan & Bill Metcalfe, Valerie Metcalfe, Gina MacKenzie, Elizabeth Asser, Sheila Barley, Joyce Wilkinson, Richard & Edith Metcalfe & Sara Illingworth.

3) **Minutes:** Copies of the Minutes of AGM 1991 had been circulated and it was proposed by Gordon Metcalfe, seconded by Dorothy Pope, that they be accepted as a correct record-passed unanimously.

4) **Matters Arising:** The secretary reported that the Society is now a full member of the Federation of Family History Societies.

5) Reports :

a. *Chairman* - Charles passed on the good wishes of ex-president Helen Offer and of Frank & Jean Bradley who has also pointed out that it is now more than ten years since our secretary took her post, which was applauded by all present. Charles continued by observing that the past year had been a successful one with membership holding and facilities for members much improved. Gratitude was expressed to the committee and several other members for their help and hard work but these members cannot be expected to soldier on forever and new volunteers are desperately needed, particularly for the post of Editor, which is to be vacant in a year's time.

b. *Secretary* - Nina began by giving a brief resume of the day's schedule and went on to point out that we have gained 51 new members this year, making a 'paid up' membership of 362, of whom 72 live overseas. However, 48 members had not renewed their subscription in 1992. A total of 455 letters had been dealt with since 1st January 1992. A very worthwhile weekend was spent at the F.F.H.S. Conference at Hull and the secretary hoped Members had read her report in the Mecca News. Thanks were expressed to all who had helped in the running of the Society over the past year, particularly to the chairman for his constant support and assistance. A desperate plea was made for a voluntary Vice Secretary whose role would not necessarily be to help actively but to familiarise themselves with the way in which the secretary dealt with the administration of the society, in order to bridge any possible gap should the need ever arise when the secretary was unable to attend to her usual duties.

c. *Treasurer* - Margaret gave a full report of various items of income & expenditure, between 6th April and 9th October 1992, concluding with the fact that our funds remain adequate with £1,593.30p being on deposit plus a very small amount of overseas currency in hand. There were no queries from the floor on any aspect of the Society's accounts.

d. *Editor* - Stuart reported that it is now 3 years since he took office and he has enjoyed the work of producing the newsletter but feels that editors should move on and

make way for others to implement new ideas. He is happy to continue for the coming year, which should provide adequate time to find a new volunteer for the post. In the meantime, he wishes to thank all who had submitted material for the Mecca News and hoped to encourage members to continue with their offerings.

e. Computer Index - Charles expressed grateful thanks to all data entry helpers. A handful of members were approached who were found to have compatible computers in the survey carried out on the membership renewal forms. The response was good and now members, Mike Richardson, Valerie Hepworth, Andy Kerridge, Bob Metcalfe in UK; Barbara Stephenson in Australia and Doug Metcalfe in South Africa are already helping to clear the backlog and to supplement the efforts of Helen Offer and David Metcalfe, the latter having entered a huge amount of data and collected even more during his work on the Monumental Inscriptions in North Yorkshire. Today we have about twice as many Lists entered as were originally on the old Index cards but there are still approximately 500 Lists to enter. We also have in the region of 200 Family Trees to enter. In all this gives us a database of 30,000 records or almost ten million characters.

f. Deeds of Covenant - Valerie Metcalfe sent in a written report. Deposit Covenants, which were the subject of a query in 1991, are those when Covenant subscriptions are paid in one sum but which cover several years. To date 49 members have taken advantage of our covenant scheme. Last year %54 was reclaimed from the Inspector of Taxes, from the 30 Deeds signed by that time. Deeds of Covenant formerly were valid for 4 years after which they had to be renewed. The four year rule has now been forsaken and covenants can last indefinitely, though they can be terminated at any time by written notice to the Covenant Secretary. Deed of Covenant forms are always available at the Muster, or from the Secretary at any time.

6) Project Reports :

a) St Catherine's House Index Recording : Sara Illingworth sent in a short written report in which she said that the indexing has progressed only slowly, due to checking discrepancies, but did not state which years had been completed. She promised a full report by the end of October. The Secretary reported that she did know that Sep 1837 to June 1840 is completed and that Pam Widdowson of Northallerton had finished 1870 to 1881. The Committee is to re-evaluate the situation on receipt of the full report. Further volunteers were requested to sign up.

7) Publications : Diane Howarth who has done sterling work on Publications was unable to be with us today. Thanks to her efforts with printing and thanks to recording by Frank & Jean Bradley, Joan Metcalfe, Peter Dobson and Charles S. Metcalfe and again thanks to Mary Metcalfe for artwork on the title page; *WILLS BOOK 4* is available on the Sales Table today. It covers all the Metcalfe wills in the National Index from 1858 to 1899. Diane intends that *Wills Book 5* which continues from 1900 will be ready by October 1993. The *INDEX TO LISTS* is in the process of being up-dated and will be printed next Spring in a slightly different format. The *BIRTH BRIEF BOOKLET* is also undergoing up-dating and hopefully should be ready in Spring 1993. Members whose entries require fresh information adding should ensure that this is passed to the Secretary before 1st March 1993. Any items for inclusion in the December issue of the Mecca News must be with the Editor by mid November.

8) Election of Officers and Committee Members :

President - JOHN HOLDEN - not for re-election; 3 year term, first year completed.
Chairman - Charles S. Metcalfe - proposed Nina Benson, seconded Ron Metcalfe
Secretary - Nina E. Benson - proposed Charles Metcalfe, seconded Gordon Metcalfe
Treasurer - Margaret Metcalfe - proposed Gordon Metcalfe, seconded Nina Benson
Editor - Stuart Metcalfe - proposed Charles Metcalfe, seconded Carol Arkwright
- all passed.

General Committee : Joseph Metcalfe stood down and was thanked for his past services by the Chairman.

	<i>Proposed by</i>	<i>Seconded by</i>	<i>Result.</i>
Vera Adams	Ron Metcalfe	Charles Metcalfe	Passed
Carol Arkwright	Gordon Metcalfe	Margaret Metcalfe	Passed
Denny Gibson	Nina Benson	Rosemary Metcalfe	Passed
Diane Howarth	Charles Metcalfe	Denny Gibson	Passed
David Lambert	Dorothy Pope	Margaret Metcalfe	Passed
Stanley Metcalfe	Ron Metcalfe	David Lambert	Passed
Warwick Metcalfe	Nina Benson	Charles Metcalfe	Passed

9) Subscriptions 1993 : As our finances are reasonably healthy, the committee recommended that no change be made in the rates for 1993. No other proposal was received from the floor. That the current rates remain was proposed by Charles Metcalfe & seconded by Carol Arkwright and approved unanimously.

10) Approval of Accounts : A set of 1992 accounts had been circulated to all members and the Treasurer's Report accepted without query. At this point, the Chairman pointed out that depreciation of the Society's assets, e.g computer and equipment etc is now written off over a five year period. It was proposed by Denny Gibson & seconded by John Holden, that the accounts should be approved as correct, and this was approved unanimously.

11) Nomination of Auditor : The matter having been discussed by the committee it was suggested that this was the right time to change our Auditor. Mrs Nina Benson proposed that the Society should accept the offer of services from Mrs Jo Gould (10 Albert Road, Hale, Cheshire, WA15 9AN), to act as auditor. This was seconded by Denny Gibson and approved unanimously.

12) Any Other Business : The Society of Genealogists is organising a Family History Fair to be held in the Royal Horticultural Society Old Hall, Westminster, London, on Sunday 16th May 1993. Societies nationwide have been invited to take a stand at this event. The matter had been discussed by the Committee who felt that The Metcalfe Society should be represented. The Chairman had been told that the Alderson Society are also keen to participate and a suggestion was put forward that as both families have their roots in the Yorkshire Dales, we take adjoining stands and endeavour to get some sponsorship, or help of any kind, from the Yorkshire Tourist Board and the Dales National Park Committee, to promote our 'native area' and family interests.

13) The date of the next A.G.M. is Saturday 9th October 1993, same venue. There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.40 am.

THE METCALFE SOCIETY**DRAFT DATED 08/08/93****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5th APRIL 1993**

INCOME	1993	1992	EXPENDITURE	1993	1992
	£	£		£	£
Subscriptions	2,286.02	1,917	Newsletters - Printing Costs	656.63	795
Donations	39.83	43	Newsletters - Distribution Costs	388.89	508
Bank Interest Received	41.85	223	Publications & Sales	93.82	826
Muster Raffle	102.00	73	Bank Charges	0.00	48
Muster Refund	15.00	0	Postage, Stationery, Files & Labels	484.66	1,056
Photocopying Lists	14.00	0	Telephone	20.00	20
News Distribution Refunds	47.93	0	Insurance	20.00	50
Metcalfe Muster	211.50	0	Accountancy - 1992	65.88	128
Tax Refund	54.56	0	Committee Meetings & Travel Exp.	74.90	159
Sale of Typewriter	1.00	0	Depreciation	229.49	159
Publications and Sales	585.31	428	Conference Expenses	184.00	0
			Exhibitions London Fair	35.00	0
			Advertising GDR	5.00	5
			Affiliation Fees FFHS	80.00	88
			Surplus of Income		
			Over Expenditure :	1,060.73	0
Deficiency of Income					
Over Expenditure :	0.00	1,158			
	<u>3,399.00</u>	<u>3,842</u>		<u>3,399.00</u>	<u>3,842</u>

- 1) Details of Income & Expenditure arising from the 1992/93 Metcalfe Muster are not included in this statement. The net income arising totalled £24.97.
- 2) These financial statements are subject to Mecca Committee approval.

THE METCALFE SOCIETY

DRAFT DATED 08/08/93

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5th APRIL 1993

ASSETS	1993 £	1992 £	LIABILITIES	1993 £	1,992 £
COST :					
Typewriter	0.00	50	Accountancy Creditor	0.00	216
Filing Cabinet	192.80	193			
Computer, Printer, Workstation & Software	1,287.05	1,287			
Filing Cabinet 3 drawer	146.04	0			
Sub - total :	<u>1,625.89</u>	<u>1,530</u>			
LESS DEPRECIATION :					
Typewriter	0.00	(49)			
Filing Cabinet	(134.07)	(70)	SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) @ 6.4.93	1,060.73	(1,158)
Computer, Printer, Workstation & Software	(256.76)	(128)			
Filing Cabinet 3 drawer	(36.51)	0	BROUGHT FORWARD SURPLUS	2,632.89	3,791
Sub - total :	<u>(427.34)</u>	<u>(247)</u>			
NET BOOK VALUE FIXED ASSETS :	1,198.55	1,283			
BANK BALANCES :					
Barclays	1,335.52	1,191			
National Savings Inv. A/C	1,017.20	375			
Deposit Ripon Muster	100.00	0			
Bank Charge refund due	42.35	0			
	<u>3,693.62</u>	<u>2,849</u>		<u>3,693.62</u>	<u>2,849</u>

Draft Accounts approved subject to Mecca Committee approval :

.....*J.J.P. Gould*.....J.J.P. GOULD A.C.A. B.Sc.
 ..8/8/93.....DATE

THE MECCA MUSTER and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The nearest train station is at Harrogate from where buses regularly go to Ripon.
Accommodation lists can be obtained from the Tourist Information Office,
Royal Baths Assembly Rooms, Crescent Road, Harrogate.

To :- The Secretary, Mrs Nina Benson,
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Send before the 1st September 1993 Please.

I enclose payment for places @ £9.50 each = £
for the 1993 Muster / AGM on Saturday 9th October 1993
at The College of Ripon & York St John, Ripon, Yorkshire.

Please make your payment to 'The Metcalfe Society' and enclose a stamped
addressed envelope if you require a receipt. (All in BLOCK CAPITALS please.)

FULL NAME Membership Number

ADDRESS

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I shall be accompanied by :-
(Please give FULL names and state if Society Members or not. Non members are
most welcome but cannot take an active part in the Annual General Meeting.)

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The MECCA MUSTER & A.G.M.

Saturday 9th October 1993

At The College of Ripon & York St John, College Road, Ripon, Yorkshire.

Price per Person

is

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9.30 am to 4.30 pm

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Registration

from

9.30 am.

AGM at 10 am

Lunch 1 pm

Tea 3.30 pm

Close 4.30 pm.

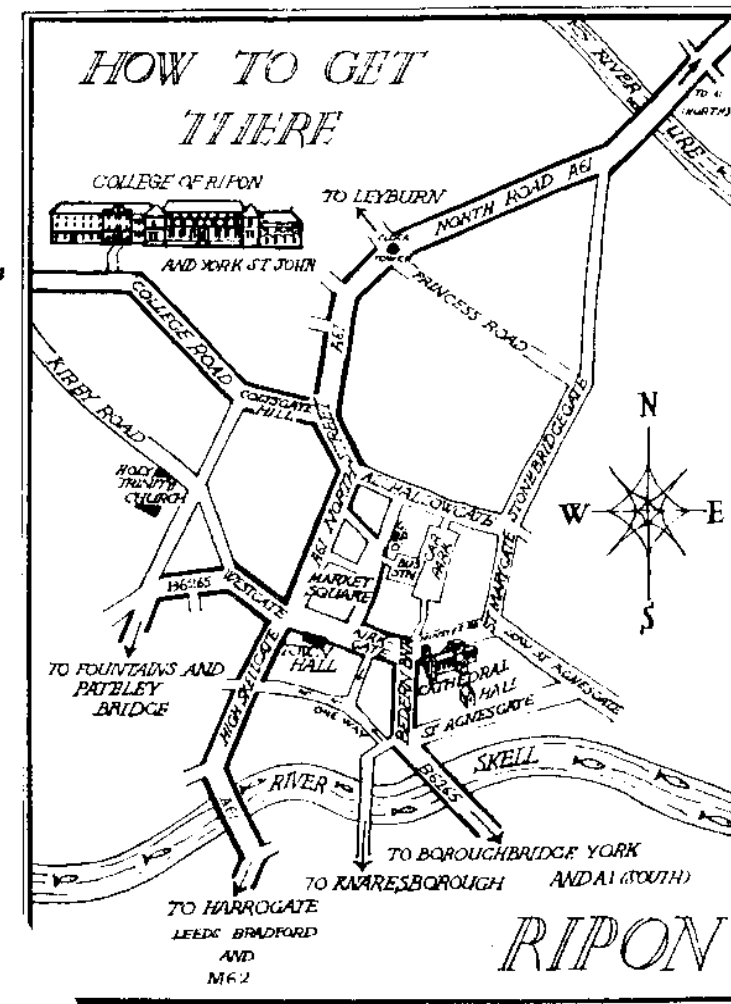
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Lunch

*will be of
three courses,*

*served in a
separate
dining room.*

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Plenty of car parking space at the College.