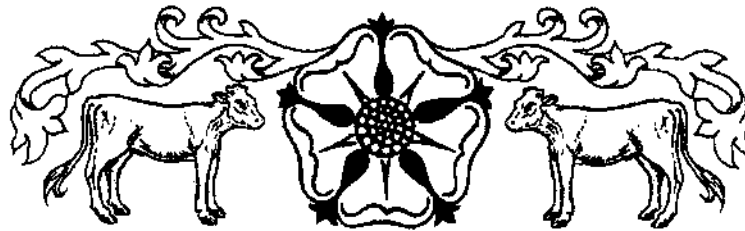


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Editorial

Well here I am again, sitting in front of a blank screen waiting for inspiration.

Firstly I must apologise for the number of errors that occurred in MN41, most were due to my bad typing. However, the omissions resulted from not receiving the data in the first place. The main problem was time, I took the role on in the middle of the production cycle, this coupled with learning both the job and how to use the software resulted in insufficient time for quality control before the magazine had to be despatched. I am hoping to implement some procedures and equipment that will make my task easier and which will lead to a more "professional" journal.

I am not an English teacher and thus my grammatical skills are not perfect, I must therefore beg indulgence in this area. Also, being a Londoner with London forebears, my 8 great grandparents are all Londoners, my knowledge of the 'foreign' lands of the North (that includes anything above the Watford Gap) is not very good. I therefore have to rely on the contributors for place names and

spellings, maybe my membership of the Society will improve my education in this area.

A job description for the Editor's post 'dropped' onto my desk recently. As an employment advertisement it was very good, but seeing as it did not include a £25,000 salary I consigned it to the round wicker filing cabinet by my desk. I might add at this point that Family History is not my only interest, in fact between writing this editorial I am painting 15 mm tall model soldiers of the Napoleonic period. Also, as an unemployed mature student my studies take precedence over everything else.

In my last editorial I wondered how many 'sacred cows' - *bad pun* - I had broken, well my new front cover design has upset at least one person - further comments welcome.

This issue includes an interesting article on the Freeman of York, I await the debate on the validity of statistical analysis. The article on John Ogilby is of interest to me as a student of cartography. Hopefully this issue contains a spectrum of articles and this is what I hope for the future.

Richard Medcalf **Feb 94**

Secretary's Notes

Thank you, on behalf of all the committee, for your kind Christmas and New Year greetings and for your expressions of appreciation for our work. They are, like water in a desert, gratefully lapped up!

I am pleased to report the success of our advertisement currently running in the Family Tree magazine, this has resulted in six new members since November 1993.

Our AGM/Muster booking form is in this issue, may I urge you all to attend. We have kept the price as low as we dare and look forward to a good day.

Many thanks for all the NEW Lists which arrive with regularity. I am only sorry that time prevents me from acknowledging each and every one. To M244 Gary Metcalf we send thanks for a super batch of records relating to Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania.

Recently I received a copy marriage certificate - 5th May 1870 in the parish church of Great Burstead in Essex :- William Henry Medcalf. fa. bach. servant of Gumley in

Leicestershire. father James Medcalf, servant. Sarah Matilda Ann Shade. fa. spr. of Great Burstead. father John Shade, looker. Witnesses include James & Alfred Medcalf.

Good Hunting in 1994!

Nina E. Benson **Jan 94**

General Registration Index

Dorothy Pope, our co-ordinator for this project, reports that our collection of all the Metcalfes (and variants) from the BIRTH records only require the completion of two years and this will polish off the BIRTHS 1837 to 1900.

If anyone would like to join in with this project the plan is to record the marriages next, please contact Dorothy whose address is on the back page.

The Police History Society

David Lambert has sent in a copy of the July 1993 Newsletter of the above Society and as I know we have members interested in this I give here the name and address of the Secretary - Martin Stallion, 18 Cornec Chase, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. SS9 5EW.

Society of Genealogists - Family History Fair 1994

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th May

Royal Horticultural Society New Hall & Conference Centre
Westminster, London, SW1

We shall be there, WILL YOU ? We need help on the stand, so please contact Charles S. Metcalfe (address on the back page) if you are able to spare us an hour or two. We look forward to meeting current and new members.

1993 Muster - Final Accounts

In our December issue we printed the income from the Sales etc. which amounted to £165.44. This income is only attributable to the Sales department.

Income		Expenditure	
55 @ £9.50	522.50	Accommodation	30.00
Raffle	78.00	Travel	14.00
(Loss)	(27.75)	College	584.00
	628.25		628.25

You will see that for the first time we suffered a LOSS.

FFHS - Conference & AGM

To be held at the City University, London over the weekend of 8th to 10th April 1994. Our secretary and one other committee member will be our representatives and they will be delighted to meet any of our members attending the conference.

We have received notification from the Federation of Family History Societies that they have a vacancy for a Part-Time Finance Officer. The closing date for applications is the 1st May 1994. Details can be obtained from the Administrator, FFHS, 5 Mornington Close, Copthorne, Shrewsbury, SY3 8XN.

Birth Briefs

New Members - To Whom We Extend a Hearty Welcome.

M643 Mr & Mrs George N. & Patricia Metcalfe,
16 Hiplands Road, Halesowen, West Midlands, B62 0BH.
Nothing received.

M644 Mr Gary T. O'Neill,
C/o The British Institute, Jl. Martadinata 63, Bandung, West Java, Indonesia.

Born Leeds, Eng. s.o Thomas & Eunice (Metcalfe) O'Neill who m 1956. Eunice b 1936 Leeds, d.o Thomas Ewart & Sarah Ellen (Robinson) MTE who m c1930. Thomas E. b 11.08.1903 Hazelgrove, Cheshire s.o Thomas Ewart & Ruth (Wheeler) MTE m c1900 Stockport. Thomas E. b 1875 Leeds s.o Cuthbert Brown & Isabella (Ewart) MTE m c1863. Cuthbert B. b 19.03.1845 Thornton Steward, Yorkshire s.o Thomas & Ann (Dodsworth) MTE m c1842. Thomas bpt 20.05.1821 Thornton Steward, s.o Thomas & Mary (Brown) MTE m 01.06.1812, Finghall, Yks.

M645 Miss Hilary Denham,
31 Cross Flatts Parade, Leeds, Yorkshire, LS11 7JL.
Great grand-dau of John Joseph & Mary Ellen (Metcalfe) Denham m 22.02.1908 Barnard Castle Co Durham. Mary Ellen b 25.03.1882 Egglestone, Teesdale, Dur. d.o James; following is all awaiting confirmation : James b c1854 Bellerby, Yks s.o Thomas b c1831 Bellerby - may be the one bpt 24.05.1831 at Spennithorne s.o Thomas (schoolmaster of Bellerby) & Elizabeth (Lison/Fison) m 24.05.1830 Spennithorne when Thomas was described as a widower.

M646 Mrs Reo Meeham,
169 Blackberry Lane, Wyken, Coventry, Warcs, CV2 3JT.
Niece to Charles Elsworth & Annie May (Palliser) Metcalfe. Charles E. b 22.01.1883 at Spofforth, Yks s.o Charles & Mary (?) MTE. Charles b 13.12.1851 Spofforth s.o James & Mary (?) MTE. James bpt 28.10.1810 Masham s.o James & Elizabeth (Cundall/Cundale) MTE m 25.11.1805 Masham. Is James s.o James & Jane MTE of Masham ?

M647 Mr Peter J. Trueman,

Barnfield, Chapel Rd, Beighton, Norwich, Norfolk, NR13 3LF.
Mother's maiden name Doris Kathleen Metcalfe b Tottenham d.o
William Charles & Elizabeth (Beesley) MTE. Wm Charles was a
draper's assistant of Tottenham in Sep 1900 and a traveller of
Stamford Hill c1925 - there may be a family connection to a printing
firm in Cambridge.

M648 Miss Linda M. Wilken,

207 Webb Court, 1 Attlee Road, Central Thamesmead,
London, SE20 8DN.

Great grand-dau of Joseph & Elizabeth (GRAYDON OR MEDCALF)
Wilken m 15.08.1867. Linda has to solve quite a puzzle ! Joseph and
Elizabeth had several children - the majority having Elizabeth Medcalf
given as their mother, however two have Elizabeth Graydon/Graden.

M649 Dr D.W. Eason,

19 Oakden Drive, Darfield, Canterbury 8172, New Zealand.

Brother to M 304 Mrs Eileen Carr, Grimsby. Grand children of
Robert Charles & Eliza (Holmes) MTE m Oct 1895. Robt C. b
11.10.1862 Stokesley, Yks. s.o Robert & Mary (Calvert) MTE m
24.12.1855 Grinton, Yks. Robert a grocer of Askrigg on his marriage
was b 12.08.1827 Thornton Rust (parish of Aysgarth) son of Henry
MTE a farmer. *Sec - I cannot trace on the IGI any Rbt s.o Henry
bpt near Aysgarth circa 1827 however there is a marriage at Aysgarth
on 13.03.1816 between a Henry Mte and Ruth Preston..does this help ?*

M650 Dr & Mrs Ronald H. & Wendy E. Barker,

Cramond, 17 Dewlands Way, Verwood, Dorset, BH31 6JN.

Mrs Wendy Barker is great great grand-dau of John & Ann (Metcalfe)
Jeyes m 01.11.1796 Clapham, London. Ann born 24 Oct bpt
13.11.1777 at St Botolph's Without Aldgate, d.o Joseph (of Upper East
Smithfield) & Ann (Blicke) MTE m 11.11.1775 St Botolph,
Bishopsgate, London. Joseph a magistrate of Lambeth, Surrey was b
c1750 & died 1820. Joseph & Ann connect to the family of ex M
221 Bernard G. Metcalfe of Australia. Joseph is shown in various
directories as an "oil and colourman" and a stock list taken in 1820
included such things as Hudson Bay Oil, Sperm Oil, Linseed Oil, Bees
wax, vermilion, black lead, red oker (this is probably OCHRE a

M650 cont.

pigment of clay & haematite), tar brushes etc; they also sold salt,
pickled tripe, "sope" and barrels of anchovies etc. Rather a
fascinating collection ! In 1820 Joseph had two sons in Kingston,
Jamaica, namely Charles and Samuel.

M651 Ms Pat Santaana,

29 Gilda Court, Watford Way, Mill Hill, London, NW7 2QN.
Great grand-dau of Edward Metcalf SMITH b 1839 Staffs. Edward
appears to be the son of Charles METCALF & Maria Joiner who m
11.06.1835 Birmingham. Maria, after the death of Charles, remarried
to a Charles SMITH. Charles Mt s.o Joseph & Ann (Hanns) MT m
25.12.1810. Joseph bpt 28.02.1790 s.o Edward & Ursula (Ell) MT.
Connects to M80 James.J Metcalf & M88 Mrs Beryl Davis.

M652 Mr Paul W. Croft,

5 The Haven, Whitkirk, Leeds, Yorkshire. LS15 7AT.

Son of Hilda Croft (nee Metcalf). Hilda b 02.08.1908 Beeston, Leeds
d.o William Ernest & Maud Ross (Pullan) MT m 30.08.1902 Beeston.
William b 11.02.1878 Hunslet, Leeds but raised at Langrick, Lincs. s.o
William & Elizabeth Anne (Chapman) MT m 08.10.1877 Hunslet.
William b 16.07.1853 Mareham-le-Fen, Lincs. s.o William & Hannah
(Taylor) MT m 20.12.1849 Branston, Lincs. William bpt 28.11.1814
Stickney, Lincs (brother of Samuel see ExM247 Mrs Alison Kidson &
M262 Dr Carol Metcalf) s.o Thomas & Mary (Clarke) MT m
13.05.1813 Revesby, Lincs. Thomas bpt 12.01.1783 East Keal, Lincs
s.o William & Ann (?) MT.

M653 - number used for admin purposes.

M654 Mr Robert Hunter,

332 Carters Mead, Harlow, Essex, CM17 9HA.

Following his mother's family of GARTH. Eleanor Garth, spr m
16.05.1831 at Grinton to Rev John Metcalfe widower of Ings House,
Aysgarth, clerk MA. Rev John s.o James & Alice (Wood) Mte m
07.04.1782 Askrigg. James s.o James & Phillis (Tennant) Mte. James
s.o Thomas & Elizabeth (Bywell) MTE.
Connects to M141 Miles T. Metcalfe.

M655 Mr Walter H. Metcalf,
Tanglewood, Netherfield Hill, Battle, East Sussex, TN33 0LF.
Descended from Aaron bpt 14.01.1844 Saint Peter & Allenheads
Chapelries, Allendale, Northumberland s.o Joseph & Elizabeth (Varty)
Medcalf m 11 June 1835 at the same place.

M656 Mrs Avis U. White,
59 Charles Street, Ascot Vale, Victoria 3032, Australia.
Husband is descended from Robert & Sarah (Ellis) MT m 23.03.1839
Campbelltown, Tasmania. Robert bpt 15.09.1815 Lairgate Independent,
Beverley, East Riding of Yorkshire, Eng. s.o Robert & Mary (Coates)
MT who m 06.03.1809 St Mary's, Beverley.

Up-Dated Birth Briefs - please send entries direct to the Editor.

M120 Mrs Jo Birkbeck,
Town End, Gunnerside, Richmond, Yorks. DL11 6LD.
Has discovered another Metcalf branch - her husband's grandfather
Turner Birkbeck b Grinton Yorks m Julia R. Emerson, her brother
Arthur Emerson m Ida M. Metcalf in 1899 at Benton, Wisconsin
USA....Ida had emigrated with her parents in 1879.

M268 Mrs Dorothy Benden,
5 Karani Ave, Avoca Beach, New South Wales 2251, Australia.
Great grand-dau of William (Ramshaw) MTE who emigrated to
Australia in 1854. William was bpt 21.04.1832 Burneston, Yorks, Eng.
s.o John & Elizabeth (Ramshay) MTE m 15.11.1827 Burneston. John
bpt 28.10.1800 Burneston s.o Francis & Margaret (?) MTE. Francis
bpt 12.09.1761 Burneston s.o Richard & Mary (Chambers) MTE m
22.02.1759 Burneston. Richard s.o Richard.

M568 Mrs Wendy Metcalf,
36 Dunelm Drive, West Boldon, Tyne & Wear, NE36 0HJ.
Husband s.o Robert & Elsie (English) MT m 01.10.1955. Robert b
1932 s.o Robert John & Mary Jane Day (Evans) MT m 1920 South
Shields. Robert John is the same person as the John Robert in the
tree of M503 but is NOT descended from Walter s.o George of
Westmorland. Walter if fact turned out to be WALTON BOWMAN

M568 cont..

OR METCALF born 31.12.1860 in Alston, Cumbria s.o Isabella
Bowman nee Metcalf who was bpt 25.09.1838 at Farlam, near
Brampton in Cumberland d.o John & Mary (Walton) MT. John gives
his place of birth as Workington.

M614 Mrs Elsie M. & Miss Pamela A. Johnson,
14 Dorchester Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 6QE.
Great and Great, great grand-daughters of Francis & Sarah (Metcalf)
AIREY, m 12.05.1837 Brough, Westmorland. Sarah bpt 05.06.1815
Crosby Garrett, Wes. d.o James & Isabel (Thompson) MTE m
20.04.1808 Kirkby Stephen, Wes. James b circa 1790.
Connects with M119 Vi Simpson & M255 Elizabeth Morey.

M637 Mrs Lilian Holmes,
55 Manton, South Bretton, Peterborough, PE3 9YT.
Granddaughter of Ernest & Jane Ann (Annie) (Metcalf) **HONIBALL**.
Jane A. b 26.04.1880 at Halfway House, Hawes. d.o Thomas Taylor
& Elizabeth Ann (Moor) MTE, m 15.11.1879 Hawes. Thomas b
8.03.1857 Hawes, s.o Richard & Ann (Taylor) MTE, m 19.12.1844
Hawes. Richard bpt (with twin sister Sarah) 1818 Ingleton. s.o John &
Isabella (Moss) MTE, m 23.04.1817. John b 1791 Ingleton Fell. s.o
Richard & Agnes (Shepherd) MTE, m 17.11.1788 Chapel Le Dale.
Richard b 1766, s.o John of Gunnerfleet who m Eleanor Whaley 1761.

M642 Mr Norman G. Perkins,
Briar Banks, Church Ln, Westerfield, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP6 9BE.
Great grandson of Robert Moore & Ann (Metcalf) Perkins in
Tiverton, Devon. Ann b 11.11.1819 Preston, Lancs d.o John & Lucy
(Brade) MT m 29.05.1819 Preston, Lancs. John b 30.12.1798 Preston
s.o John & Elizabeth (?) MT. John & Lucy had a son John Chapman
Mt bpt 1824 in Tiverton who emigrated to New Zealand by 1872. The
story behind the family's move from Preston, Lancashire to Tiverton
in Devon was unearthed with the help of the Tiverton Museum which
has a photograph of a works outing showing four generations of
Metcalf ironfounders. They worked in John Heathcoat's lace foundry
from the time John Metcalf, an ironfounder from Preston, arrived
there circa 1823/4.

Members Change of Address

M120 Mrs Jo Birkbeck, from Washington, USA to :-
Town End, Gunnerside, Richmond, Yorkshire, DL11 6LD.

M577 Mr & Mrs Anthony J. Metcalfe, from Brinsley to :-
11 Larch Close, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 8SB.

M581 Mr G. Smith, mis-print in last issue, correct address is :-
11 Galtres Avenue, Stickton Lane, Yorks, YO3 0JU.

The Address Post Codes in the Birth Briefs section of issue 41 were accidentally omitted - *they were not sent, Editor* - the correct addresses are therefore given below :-

- M301** 282 Livesey Branch Road, Blackburn, Lancs BB2 4QL.
M625 Highcross Road, Cullercoats, North Shields,
Tyne & Wear, NE30 3JG.
M626 3 Boynston Grove, Sedgefield, Stockton on Tees,
Teesside, TS21 3BD.
M627 West Lane House, Bishopdale, Leyburn, Nth Yks, DL8 3TG.
M628 Northgate, Burtsett Road, Hawes, Nth Yks, DL8 3QN.
M629 12 Dieppe Drive, Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 3A8, CANADA.
M630 33 Beech Road, Wath upon Dearne, Rotherham, South
Yorkshire, S63 7AN.
M631 3 Abbey Drive, Natland, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 7QN.
M632 PO Box 640, Hagersville, Ontario, N0A 1H0, CANADA.
M633 Brantwood, Little Avenue, Wyndham Park, Peterston super
Ely, South Glamorgan, CF5 6NG.
M634 40 East Coon Drive, Sequim, WA 98382-8531, USA.
M635 Thornccliffe, 551 Chorley New Road, Lostock, Bolton,
Lancashire, BL6 4JT.
M636 4 St. Swithin's Terrace, Lewes, Sussex, BN7 1UJ.
M637 see Up-Dated Birth Briefs.
M638 Half Acre, Shotesham St Mary, Norwich, Norfolk, NR15 1XG.
M639 G4 Kings Court, Ramsey, Isle of Man.
M640 14 Minerva Ct, Langthorpe, Boroughbridge, Nth Yks, YO5 9PB.
M641 2 Leyburn Road, Wallasey, Merseyside, L45 6XJ.
M642 see Up-Dated Birth Briefs.

Computer Notes

A hectic start to the New Year. 43,000 Metcalfe entries now on our Index, a "new" second-hand IBM PS/2 Model 60, presented to the Metcalfe Society by David Bimson of the UK BAYER Company, which is up and running, and on top of that I've got a house move in the offing to Cheshire. How pleasant it is to enjoy a quiet retirement !!

To return to the Mecca Index - thanks to all who have helped in the past, in South Africa & the UK, this note is to let them know that experience has shown that fresh data entry is easier to handle when only a small number of people are involved in the List & Tree input. This is because checking and correcting have been found to take more effort than fresh entry, when it done by our 'old hands but careful fingers' team of Helen Offer & David Metcalfe. Every fresh piece of information from a list or a tree, for instance, has to be compared with existing up to date records to ensure that a duplication of entries is avoided and that merging takes place where possible.

Thanks again to the volunteers for their work and input and

hopefully I can contact them in the future as "stand-alone" projects are now being considered.

The "new" PS/2 is dedicated to Mecca tasks with its 1M of memory, a 40M hard disk and a 286 processor (*well the computer buffs will know what that means - Editor*) - very adequate for our index. Thanks again to Bayer.

Enquiries continue to come in, more could be handled without hardship, but please be clear; ask for a limited amount of information at any one time; and, if I send a computer printout please return it with any changes or corrections, this makes back references infinitely more simple for me.

Charles S. Metcalfe Feb 94

MN41 Birth Brief Error

Due to the inability of my fingers to hit the right keys, or for that matter my brain to give the right directions a wrong membership number was given in MN41. Mr Herbert Metcalfe should be M625 not M652 as given. My apologies.

Editor

Early Metcalfes Among the Freeman of York

by D. M. Metcalf M326

The early spread of the Metcalfes from their home territory of upper Wensleydale was predominantly down-dale, and not over the watershed into, for example, Ribblesdale (see Mecca News 31). York drew people from the dales and from as far away as Cumbria, as Professor Palliser has shown in his article 'A regional capital as magnet: immigrants to York, 1477-1566' (Yorkshire Archaeological Journal 1985). The first Metcalfe recorded in York is something of a milestone in the history of the family name. He shows up there as a freeman in 1423 - John Mte de Kexby. He came to York presumably from the village of that name just a mile or two east of York, probably some years earlier; and he or his family may have left Wensleydale a long time before that.

Then there is a gap, when no Metcalfes are named, among many hundreds of freemen. The names and occupations of fifty to a hundred new freemen admitted every year since before 1300 are published in two

fascinating volumes edited by F. Collins (Register of the Freeman of the City of York, Surtees Society, vols 96 & 102, 1897 & 1900). There are no Metcalfes among the thousands of individuals listed up to 1423: this is important negative evidence.

From the 1460s onwards there is mention of one or two (or more) Metcalfe freemen in almost every decade. As the lists of freemen are very full, it may be that there was some significant change in about the 1460s, eg growing population in the dales may have begun to cause pressure to emigrate - for the first time for several generations. For a younger son, leaving Wensleydale to become an apprentice in York, what a break in his life, what different surroundings and life-style! It must have seemed almost as drastic as emigrating to the New World in the nineteenth century. Some of those lads will not have been seen or heard of again by their families from one year's end to the next.

No-one was permitted to carry on a business in York until he (or

she) had become a freeman - and that meant first serving an apprenticeship, or alternatively paying a hefty fee, or else claiming the status as the son of a freeman. About two-thirds of the freemen were incomers, ie born elsewhere than York. The Register does not normally give the place of birth, but there are six annual lists which do, in the Chamberlains' Account Books, discussed by Palliser. They refer to the years 1535, 1538, 1542, 1554, and 1565 and provide a useful early sample.

Apprentices found occupations for which, in many cases, they can have had no preparation in village life. Thus we find Thomas Mte enroled in 1513 as a vintner, John Mte in 1524 as a fishmonger, Arthur Mte in 1532 as a carver, and later in the sixteenth century others of the family as hatmaker, feltmaker, pewterer, or haberdasher.

Miles Metcalf, who became the Recorder of York in 1477 (Mecca News 28 & 34), was a very different individual from these unsung tradesmen. He was of the family of the Metcalfes of Nappa, and was, as the list of freemen succinctly puts it, a gent.

A basic question which the lists

of freemen allows us to address is this: roughly how many people named Metcalfe were there in York? How does the total compare with the "hundred families" of Metcalfes in upper Wensleydale in 1605/1613 (Mecca News 33)? Were we like the Irish, more of them in America than in Ireland itself? How strong a pull did York exert? We could try to get at an answer by juggling information from the numerous parish registers from York, of which many are available from c. 1600 onwards. It is a complicated exercise, with its own pitfalls, and deriving figures from it involves assumptions about immigration into York, and about emigration. Death-rates were supposedly higher than in the countryside, but it is intriguing that York is mentioned in only a rather small proportion of the Society's Birth Briefs.

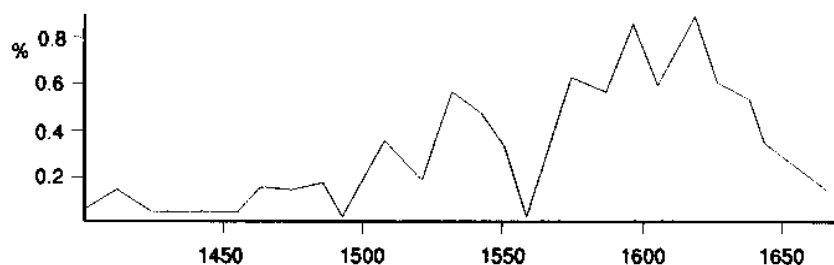
The registers of freemen provide a simpler and perhaps a better index of the frequency of the Metcalfe name in York. The reader may ponder the question of randomness at leisure. There may be class-based, or prosperity based differences among the York parishes which make comparisons between parishes

hazardous, but in a city the size of York one can hardly envisage a permanent under-class drawn from a different rural catchment area and therefore with a different set of surnames. Without attempting to prove more than we need to, let us just suggest that the proportion of Metcalfes among the freemen should be close to the proportion of people with that name in the population of York at large. If you lived in York, having the surname Metcalfe made it neither more likely nor less likely than average, that you would be a freemen.

The total population of York has been estimated at 12-15,000 in the years around 1400, falling as low as 8,000 in 1548, rising sharply again during Elizabeth I's reign to 11-12,000 in 1601-10, and stabilising at about 12,000 until c.1760. The population of Yorkshire in 1573 was 40,187 men "fit to bear arms", ie males between 16 and 60, and thus a total of 100,000 - 110,000.

The real value of the evidence from the registers is that one can sample that evidence decade by decade to produce statistics which are reliably comparable, and so to construct a trend-line. The results are clear-cut and fairly surprising. In the late fifteenth century, seven or eight hundred freemen would be admitted in the course of a decade, of whom at most one per decade was called Metcalfe. In a population of 11 or 12,000 that suggests that there were, say, 15 Metcalfes. Obviously this is merely an estimate, and not a precise figure, but it's not many.

The diagram shows the percentage of Metcalfes among the freemen from 1420 to 1670. There is a strong rising trend from about 1500 onwards, which seems to be interrupted in the 1550s - but that may be merely a statistical quirk - followed by a blip in the period from about 1560 to about 1640. In the 1610s, for example, 6 Metcalfe freemen made up 0.872 %, which would



equate with roughly 105 people of the family name among a population of 12,000. That is the peak figure. The rise and fall, involving an extra couple of hundred Metcalfes altogether, cannot be explained satisfactorily by anything that was happening in York. The old chestnut involving a large family, all boys, finds no support in the parish registers - nor in the proportion of Metcalfes who were admitted to the franchise because their fathers were freemen. Only 9 out of 56 in our sample were admitted under that heading, and the first of the nine was not until 1600. The statistics are boosted considerably by one family-minded butcher, James Mte, who was himself admitted as a freeman in 1616, and enroled his sons Peter, Francis, and Thomas in 1617, 1627, and 1629 respectively.

Very probably the blip was caused by unusually high levels of emigration from Wensleydale (and Swaledale). That ties in with the results obtained by the Northallerton WEA Tutorial Class, in their collective study 'Some North Yorkshire demographic trends, 1544-1801', which showed exceptional population increases over the period 1544/5 to 1672/3 in the

Pennine parishes, contrasting with the static or declining population in much of the Vale of York. This may have been the other pole of the magnet, so to speak, repelling rather than attracting.

Admittedly we do not know that the Metcalfes in question came from Wensleydale, but some sort of geographical explanation is required. If one or two other surnames which are particularly plentiful in the upper dales, as Metcalfe is, could be shown to follow a similar pattern, the case would be strengthened.

The results of our statistical study, imprecise though they are, are encouraging from a genealogical point of view. They show that the haystack we are searching in, is not as large as perhaps we imagined. There is plenty more information about Metcalfes from York, which could now be fitted together with greater confidence. And the lists of freemen are especially precious for the perspective they help to create on Metcalfes in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries - from which early period systematic information is so very hard to come by.

Letters

Dear Sir,

I have no wish to enter the debate on the origins of the Metcalfe name (Mecca News 38 & 39) as I am not well enough informed on early English history. However, I would like to point out that some years ago I sent a short article to the then Editor, with my theory that the name could well have had Scandinavian origins. Having part Danish connections myself, my English/Danish dictionary gives :-

MED = with

KALV = calf

Incidentally the article was never printed in the 'News'. (*Ed. not guilty this time*)

Yours sincerely

Dorothy Pope (M55)

27 Oct 93

Dear Sir,

My Metcalfe ancestor was my Mother's Great-Grandmother, a fact which was not known to my Mother until I traced the relevant information. However, one day she noticed the "Mecca News" and that name did ring a bell:-

"The 'Black Meccas' : our family disowned them

because they got their name through stealing sheep".

This would seem to be a skeleton in my cupboard, and I wonder if any other member has come across the term.

Yours sincerely

Richard Woolfall (M57)

12 Jan 94

Computer Bulletin Boards

The Society has received an enquiry from one of our New Zealand members about the possibility of using a computer bulletin board to communicate both with the Society and other members. To this end he has suggested setting up a directory of members with these facilities.

We don't have a bulletin board setup within the Society and to the best of our knowledge neither do any of our members. However, should anyone want to pursue this topic please contact M572 at the address below.

Mr Francis L. Carr (M572)

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New Zealand.

The Kingman - Charles Metcalfe

by Charles S. Metcalfe M305

As mentioned in the last issue here are a few more details on Charles (1855-1943) of Kingman, Arizona.

A photograph taken early in 1942 has written on it by Charles - "Reads and writes without using spectacles and uses the same teeth that have served him since birth."

Prior to 1895, when he moved to Kingman he owned and operated 'The Las Cruces Republican' newspaper in New Mexico. Monetary reward was small and attracted by news of gold strikes in Arizona he went west, preceding his family, by rail as far as he could afford.

In Kingman he wrote mining and general news for the Mohave County Miner before leaving to become a bookkeeper at the Gaddis & Perry Co.

In the early nineties the expanding railroad offered to sell desert land in and around Kingman for \$1 an acre; Charles bought a half section and offered free land to any who would build near him.

It was said at that time "Your father must be a crazy man to build a house beyond the graveyard, so full of snakes, lizards and cactus!". This 'crazy man' later succeeded in moving the cemetery to what was then an out of town location.

While the town grew in the next few years he served in many capacities; as Judge of the Probate Court with marrying privileges (It was in Kingman Methodist Church that years later Clark Gable married Carole Lombard); as superintendent of county wide schools and as president of a struggling Chamber of Commerce. For many years he was postmaster and took the chairs of the Masonic and Elk lodges.

There was no High School in Kingman so the Metcalfe children were sent to Berkeley, California to further their education. Charles stayed and gave land for new grammar and high school buildings, and for recreation grounds and a park .

About 1924 he discovered that an extensive parcel of land had

never been homesteaded as city maps indicated. At the age of 74 he homesteaded a half section and built another home, he called the new division 'Metcalf Acres' and conducted a brisk selling campaign of building lots in this area.

Always a great letter writer, he wrote letters to Governor Carl Hayden and others urging the construction of the Boulder Dam. He lived to see this project almost completed and (- although he, together with his friend C R Van Marter, had a miraculous escape from a car crash at Boulder Dam) had the honour of donating the last mile of the Boulder Dam highway.

On 18 September 1982 a monument was dedicated to commemorate Charles Metcalfe as the early-day land developer who played a big role in the growth of Kingman. It is a pyramid built of minerals gathered from all over Mohave County with plaque and a mosaic stone map of the county. It sits on a piece of land called Metcalfe Park, by far the city's oldest park, and part of a large chunk of land, which includes a swimming pool and part of the High School Campus, donated by Charles Metcalfe for use by

the young people of Kingham.

A note by his son Donald reads- "Baby sitters were Indians Goosey & Mary. Friends were Chief Walapi Charlie & his woman Molly, their son Tommy & Indian Jimmy. I remember the first carbide light in the methodist church and the outhouses with different size holes where once I picked the big one & fell in."

Those Hornblowers Again

The remembrance of the Forest is still preserved at Bainbridge by the custom of blowing a horn at ten o'clock every night from Holyrood (September 27th) to Shrovetide, as a guide to belated travellers. The earliest recorded hornblower was called Ann Metcalfe, and she was succeeded by her son and two grandsons successively.

from C. Whaley, 'The Parish of Askrigg in the County of York, including Low Abbotside and Bainbridge', 1891, page 66.

John Ogilby - Cartographer

from Charles S. Metcalfe M305

In 1675 John Ogilby had published a set of strip maps of main roads in 'Brittannia'. Page 258 covers the road from Ferrybridge through Pontefract to Wakefield and also the road from Barnard Castle to the current A1 via Richmond and Catterick Bridge, then through Leeming, Burneston and Wath to Hutton Conyers. The text reads:-

"The Rt Honble Ia: Saunderson was created Viscount Castleton of Sandbeck July 2d 1716 Chief seats at Saxby in Lincolnsh. PONTEFRAC or Broken-bridge as comonly call'd Pontefreit; brit in ye Saxon times, Its Name was Kirkby. ye occasion of ye changing of yt Name was [as 'tis related] when Wm Arch B P. of York and Sisters Son to K. Stephen returned from Rome, he was welcom'd here wth such a Crowd of People, yt ye Bridge broke, & they fel into ye River, but ye Arch B P. wept & pray'd so fervently yt none of ym was lost. This Tn is sweetly scituated, & is remarkable for producing Liquorice & Skirvorts in great plenty. Here is a strong Cast wth has formerly been fatal to great Men, for here Thos E. of Lancaster was unjustly beheaded

by K. Ed 2d & was afterwds Sainted by ye People. Here also K. Richd 2d deposed by Heny 4th, was barbarously destroy'd wth Hungar, Cold, & other unheard of Torments. And here Anthony E. Rivers & Sr Rd Grey were both murdered. This Boro was incorp. by K. Rd 3rd, & confirm'd by several succeeding Ks & Qs, by ye Name of Mayor, & Burgess Membs of Parl are elected by ye Burgess, & return'd by ye Mayor. Had 2 Par. Churches but now only one ye other ruin'd in ye Civil Wars. Mt on Sat. & ye Fairs yearly, ye cheif of which is kept ye Week before Palm Sunday famous for good Horses."

"Wakefield is a well built Town driving a good trade in the Woollen Manufacture, & enjoying 2 good Mts Thu & Frid. Tis noted for its envious Chap built by K. Edn 4th in Memory of his Fathr Richd D. of York, who was slain near it, and his Army defeated by ye Lancastrians; & for ye Charity of ye Lady Campden, who left £3000 for settling a Weekly Lecture here, & another at Grantham.

Metcalfe Listings

Healaugh - Methodist. in Swaledale, North Yorkshire Baptisms 1820 - 1837 Ref: RG4 3013

George s.o William Mte of Healaugh in the parish of Grinton in the County of York, and of Margaret his wife who was the d.o Thomas & Mary Raw, was born 8th April 1820 & was baptised with water in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost, on 11th April 1820.
Wm m. Mgt Raw 5th July 1804, Grinton - Sec

Hannah d.o - as above - born 21 June 1822. Bpt 21 July 1822

Margaret d.o - as above - born 21 July 1821. Bpt 31 July 1822

William s.o James Mte of Healaugh & his wife Margaret d.o William & Betty Routhledge. Born 21st May 1828, bpt 10th June 1828.
James m. Mgt Routhledge 4th Dec 1827, Grinton - Sec

Hannah d.o - as above - born 8 Jan 1830. Bpt 3 Feb 1830

Thomas s.o - as above - born 1 Jul 1832. Bpt 15 Aug 1832

John s.o - as above - born 1 Oct 1834. Bpt 19 Nov 1834

Margaret d.o - as above - born 21 Aug 1836. Bpt 20 Sep 1836

Margaret d.o Thoams Mte & Bella his wife d.o George & Bella Hutchinson. Born 5th Apr 1837, bpt 18th Apr 1837
Thos m Isabella Hutchinson 12th Jul 1836, Grinton - Sec

Recorded by George Buxton M03

Did One of Your Calves Go Astray

I recently spent a little time browsing through the records of Convicts deported to Australia in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Some members might enjoy the 'chaff'.

Christopher	Bn. 1770 York, Tailor Ht. 5'5" Hair Dk. Brown Trial Lancaster 23.05.1812	Ship 'Fortune' 1819 Eyes Grey Sentence 7 yrs
Joseph	Bn. 1783 Birmingham, Gilder Ht. 5'3" Hair Brown Trial London 13.05.1812	Ship 'Ed. Spencer' 1813 Eyes Hazel Sentence Life

James	Bn. 1780 Yorks., Labourer Ht. 5'4" Hair Lt. Brown Trial York 14.01.1819	Ship 'Atlas' 1819 Eyes Hazel Sentence 7 yrs
Betty	Bn. 1793, Servant (alias Martha TOWNS) Trial Lancaster 25.03.1815	Ship 'Ld. Melville' 1817 Sentence Life
Benjamin	Bn. 1796 Manchester, Brushm. Ht. 5'6" Hair Flaxen Trial Lancaster 17.01.1816	Ship 'Shipley' 1817 Eyes Grey Sentence 7 yrs
George	Bn. 1771 Westm'd., Horse Doc. Ht. 5'4" Hair Brown Trial York 14.04.1817	Ship 'Larkins' 1817 Eyes Hazel Sentence 7 yrs
James	Bn. 1800 Yorks., Bricklayer Ht. 5'3" Hair Dark Trial Lancaster 07.04.1818	Ship 'Gen. Stuart' 1818 Eyes Hazel Sentence 7 yrs
John	Bn. 1785 Yorks., Cabinetm. Ht. 5'6" Hair Brown Trial York 10.01.1815	Ship 'Ocean' 1816 Eyes Brown Sentence 7 yrs

Recorded by John Binsley M618

The Northowram or Coley Register

The Nonconformist Register of Bapt. Marr. & Death compiled by the Revs. Oliver Heywood and T. Dickenson, 1644-1702, 1702-1752 generally known as the Northowram or Coley Register but comprehending numerous notices of Puritans and Anti-Puritans in Yks. Lanes. London etc and with lists of Popish Recusants, Quakers etc. Edited by J. Horsfall Turner, published 1881 contains the following :-

Bpt. Mary d.o John Mt of Norwood Green	Feb 2 c1713
Bpt. Hannah d.o John Mt near Coley Hall at Shutt	May 18 c1719
Mar. John Mt & Rebecca Ellis of Norwood Green	May 1 c1711
Bur. John Mte buried his dau Lydia	Jan 1 c1710/1
Bur. John Mt of Norwood Green	May 6 c1723
Bur. Christopher Mt of Halifax	Mar 27 c1739

Recorded by Barbara Kent M05

The Canberra Times, Monday, October 4, 1993

from Nancy Metcalfe M115

MELBOURNE: More than 25 years of patient laboratory work have won Australia's leading cancer research scientist the United States' most prestigious medical research prize.

The award, to Professor Donald Metcalf, of Melbourne, was for discovering the hormones that control white blood-cell production, used now in the treatment of cancer and other diseases throughout the world.

While the prize-winner himself is being feted in the US, his colleagues at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, Melbourne, were celebrating his success, and predicted that he would go on to win a Nobel Prize.

Since 1946, 50 winners of the Albert Lasker Medical Research Awards have received Nobel Prizes also.

A spokesman for the Cancer Research Unit of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute, which Professor Metcalf heads, said his achievements deserved the highest recognition.

"The remarkable thing about him is that he took the discovery all the way from the test-tube to the bedside," Dr David Vaux

said.

Professor Metcalf won the clinical research award for the discovery of hormone-like substances called colony stimulating factors - CSFs - that have wide applications as drugs.

The discovery took 27 years of research.

"The development of the CSFs is accepted as probably the greatest Australian contribution to clinical medicine in the post World War II period," Dr Vaux said.

His remarkable knowledge of blood-cell formation had enabled the successful treatment of leukaemia and other blood-cell disorders.

Dr Vaux said Professor Metcalf was known throughout the world now as the "father of developmental haematology - which is quite an honour, but well-deserved".

While visiting the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute, the famous Spanish tenor Jose Carreras, suffering from leukaemia, said his life had been saved in part by Professor Metcalf's discovery, which had supported his bone-marrow transplant.

Dr Vaux described Professor

Metcalf as an "extremely rare" kind of scientist, who refused to give up his microscope and laboratory work for senior administrative positions.

"He likes to shut himself away in the labs for hours on end," he said.

Colleagues said he worked at the bench 11 hours a day and was notorious for his distaste for committee work. Dr Vaux said

Professor Metcalf revelled in even the most mundane work, like counting colonies of CSF molecules one by one.

Professor Metcalf's team was working now on molecules to manipulate nerve cells, which could be used to treat damaged nerves.

Dr Vaux said it was now only fitting that Professor Metcalf win a Nobel Prize for his work.

Entry in an Unknown National Paper dated 19 June 1892

from Barbara Kent M05

Missing Relatives or Friends

METCALFE - News wanted of John William Metcalfe, cabinet maker, also his brother George Metcalfe. Last heard of living at 23, West Walnut-Park, Boston Highlands, Massachusetts, U.S.America. Their sister Mary would like to hear from them or anyone knowing their whereabouts. Address, Mrs. Mary Chow, 3 Walton House, Keighley Road, Skipton, Yorkshire Craven, England. Boston, U.S.A., papers, please copy.

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Prepared by the Church Commissioners

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Can anyone help with my family ? M113

My family goes back to Charles Metcalfe born c1655. He had a will dated 1709 at St. Andrew's, Holborn, London. His wife Mary had a will dated 1727 of Loddington, Northants. Charles was a Free Merchant in Madras, India from 1681 to 1700. At a certain age his children were sent back to England and by Feb. 1700 the whole family had returned. Charles left £100 in his will to the Banbury Workhouse in Oxfordshire. As there was a Charles Meadcalfe baptised in Banbury 21 May 1650, son of a Thomas, I decided to do some

research into this family. This family used an alias of Abraham and their main occupation was apothecary. From the Banbury Parish Register I have built up a family tree of the descendants of Thomas Meadcalfe I have copies of the wills of Thomas (1677), his wife Elizabeth (1694) and of their grandson Henry Abraham (1746). The Metcalfe, alias Abraham, family were in Banbury from 1644 and also St. Andrew, Holborn.

Can anybody help, in any way, with these two Metcalfe families ?
Replies to the Editor please.

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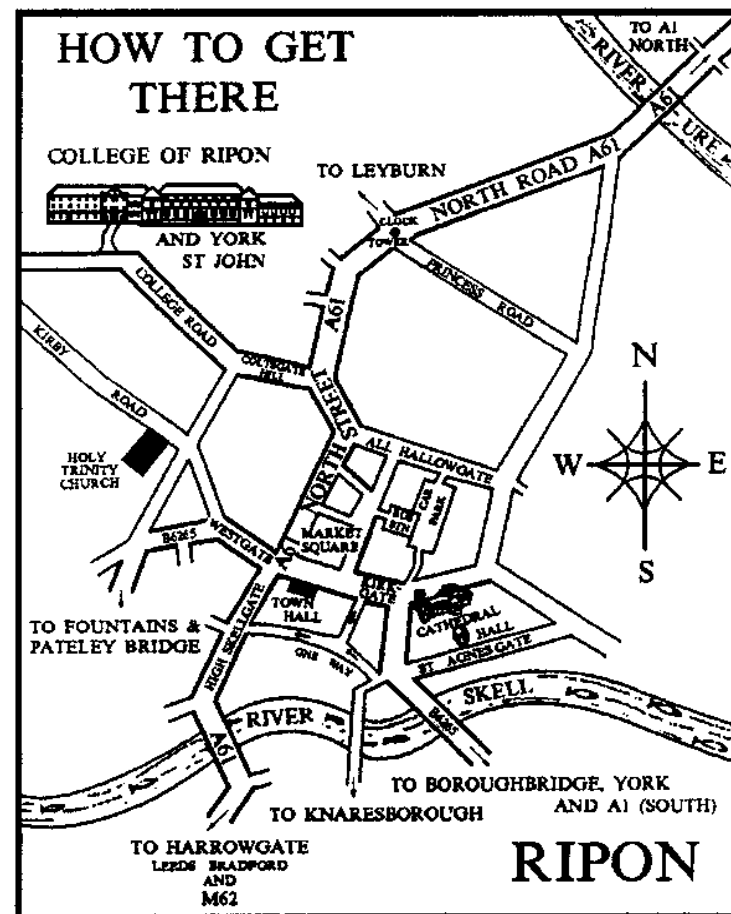
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