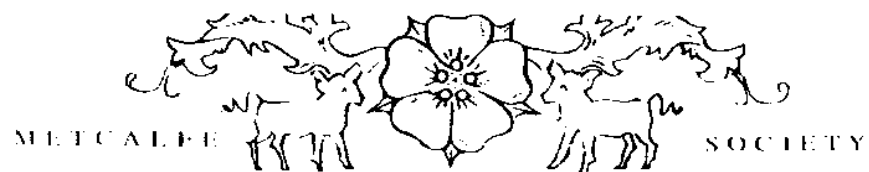


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EDITORIAL

"To volunteer you must have misheard the question". So said a character in a recently read Douglas Reeman novel. I must conclude my hearing is defective !

The decision by Richard Medcalf to relinquish the editorship led your committee to seek a replacement - suddenly I found myself in the role of volunteer.

Looking over the back issues of the News it seems that the job is fraught with difficulty and all editors end up in a strait-jacket at least. Yet here I am preparing to pick up the mantle - I must have misheard the question !

I hope I can do as well as previous editors and on behalf of the membership I would like to take the opportunity to thank Richard for his efforts over this last year.

Family History is continuing to increase in popularity if recent attendances at FHS Fairs is anything to go by. (See a report elsewhere in this edition on the Stockport FH Fair) .

When I started delving into my family antecedents some twenty years ago there was only a small amount of easily available information as compared with today. That change in the main is due to the efforts of a variety of Societies including our own. The number of publications from the FOFHS and individual FHS's is quite phenomenal. My main complaint is that there seems to be little co-ordi-

nation and much duplication. Perhaps the FOFHS could take a lead and help to focus efforts in the way the 1851 and 1881 census projects have been undertaken.

Given the general lack of volunteers they should be used effectively.

The Society is looking for just such recruits (see "A Letter from Dorothy") .

Elsewhere in this edition is a note on how you can make contributions to the journal. I am looking forward to receiving your comments, articles and suggestions for future issues.

In the meantime my thanks to our Chairman Charles for his help with this edition and may I take this opportunity to wish you and yours a Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

Peter Dobson.

NOTES.

M526 writes from the US of A that he has noticed a small village in Westmoreland County in Pennsylvania called Metcalf.

The Quest for Thomas Metcalfe.

My father always told me that his grandmother Mary Ann Metcalfe who was born in Swaledale at Ivelet Heads in 1822 and married William Buxton in 1844 at Gunnerside and died at Ivelet Heads in 1879 was a direct descendant of the Metcalfe's of Nappa Hall. Other information given to me by my father has proved to be substantially correct, therefore I have no reason to disbelieve his information on the Metcalfe's. But how to prove the fact ?

The story is that Mary Ann's father, or possibly grandfather, moved to Ivelet Heads presumably from Wensleydale, but he was not sure. With the help of Muker parish registers and Gunnerside baptism records I soon established that Mary Ann's father was George(1780-1824) and was born at Satron also in Swaledale. This would have made her grandfather George(1748-1823). Her great grandfather would have been a Thomas Metcalfe who died in 1778. The burial entry does not give an age, but does describe him as 'Householder of Satron'. Also he would not appear to have left a will. But I suspected he had three sons, John, Thomas & George. Thomas was most likely baptised in 1708 the son of another Thomas. As those of us who have a genealogical interest in Swaledale know, due to the incomplete records, there it must end. Or does it ?

From previous research I had discovered the Healaugh and Muker Manor Court Books. These record the transfer of land, normally within the family, from one generation to the next. Now this is where my research does slow down for 15 years while the children grow up, (*Aren't they a hindrance - Ed*) then early this year I had the opportunity of going to Northallerton for a few days, I did not need a second invitation.

So, armed with the information I had, that is to say a record of baptisms, marriages and burials, I started. The first action I took was to record all the Metcalfe entries from 1686 to 1925. Then, comparing this information with my list of events, I was able to confirm that George(1748-1823) was the son of Thomas Metcalfe who died in 1778.

EXTRACT FROM THE HEALAUGH & MUKER MANOR COURT BOOKS

MONDAY 3rd MAY 1779.

SATRON At this court was presented by the jury that Thomas Metcalfe a Customary Tenant of the said Manor departed this life sized of one close being the South half part of a close called Wharton close with a cow house thereon with two cattle gates on Satron pasture with the Appurtenances ([rent 1s5d]-in margin) situate, standing, lying and being within the Territories of Satron in the said Manor of the ancient yearly finable customary rent of two shillings and also aforesaid close being the North part of a close called Wharton close with a cowhouse thereon and a dwelling house belonging to one John Cottingham (*Cottingham family with 3 daughters lived Satron 1940's- Ed*) with a stable and garden before the same with two cattlegates [fine £1-0-4d] in Satron pasture with Appurtenances situate, standing, lying and being within the Territories of Satron aforesaid of the ancient yearly fineable customary rent of two shillings and two pence leaving John Metcalfe, Thomas Metcalfe and George Metcalfe

his three sons and co heirs at law. Now at this court came John Metcalfe oldest son and one of the co heirs of the said Thomas Metcalfe and prayed to be admitted Tenant of one undivided third part of the said premises and therefore the Lord of the Manor did accordingly admit the said John Metcalfe Tenant of one undivided third part of the said premises with the Appurtenances unto and to the use of the said John Metcalfe his heirs and assigns forever according to the custom of the said Manor in the nature of a Copyhold Estate of Inheritance yielding and paying to the Lord of the said Manor the yearly fineable customary rent of one shilling and five pence and doing and paying and performing to the Lord of the Manor all such other rents, duties, fines and services due and of right accustomed for and in respect of the said premises and not otherwise for which the said John Metcalfe paid fine in hand as in the margin and was therefore accordingly admitted tenant.

There are two more entries, one for Thomas, and one for George. But how or when did George Metcalfe move to Ivelet Heads. All was revealed when I found the following:

EXTRACT - MONDAY 10th MAY 1790

IVELET To this court came George Metcalfe and took of the Lord one dwelling house one stable and calf garth one close called High close with a cowhouse thereon, one close called Lower close with a cowhouse thereon one close called East Square Hill and one close called West Square Hill with the appurtenances situate and lying at or within the Territories of Ivelet in the said Manor of the ancient yearly fineable customary rent of 8 shillings and four pence which James Raw and Ruth Raw widow and his mother two customary tenants of the said Manor at this court surrendered into the hands of the Lord before his steward. To have and to hold to the said George Metcalfe his hires and assignees for ever according to the custom of the said Manor in the Nature of Copyhold or Customary Estate of Ivelet. Yielding and paying the yearly rent aforesaid [fine £8-6s-8d; rent 8s-4d] and doing paying and performing all other rents duties and services due and of right accustomed for which the said George Metcalfe paid his fine and entry as in the margin and is therefore accordingly admitted tenant.

From wills that I had already in my possession, I knew that this was my George(1748-1823) as I could trace the land to his son George(1780-1824) to his son George(1818-1887) to his son James Robert(1856-1921) .. I was therefore confident that George(1748-1823) was Mary Ann Metcalfe's grandfather.

So, to move back to Thomas who died 1778, when did he move to Satron, did he inherit from his father, or obtain the land from another ?

EXTRACT - MONDAY 2nd MAY 1774

SATRON At this court it was presented to the jury that Thomas Metcalfe a Customary Tenant of said Manor surrendered in open court into the hands of the Lord of the said Manor one dwelling house one stable one garden and two old Frontsteads with the Appurtenances situated at Satron in the said

Manor by which the said Thomas Metcalfe was admitted tenant at the Court holden in and for the said Manor [fine 3s 4d; rent 2d] the 14th April 1761 at the ancient yearly fineable customary rent of two pence to the use of George Metcalfe his heirs and assigns forever according to the customs of the said Manor. Now at this Court came the said George Metcalfe and prayed to be admitted tenant of the said premises with the Appurtenances and therefore the Lord of the said Manor by his said steward did accordingly admit the said George Metcalfe tenant of the said premises with Appurtenances to hold the same with Appurtenances unto the said George Metcalfe his heirs and assigns forever according to the custom of the said Manor yielding and paying the said yearly fineable customary rent of two pence and doing paying and performing to the Lord of the Manor all such other rents Duties Fines and services due and by right accustomed for and in respect of the premises and not otherwise for which the said George Metcalfe paid the fine in hand as in the margin and he was accordingly admitted tenant.

So now I had to find the entry for 1761 which will hopefully reveal all.

EXTRACT - FRIDAY 14th APRIL 1761

SATRON Thomas Metcalfe upon the surrender of John Bulmer the Younger in open Court is admitted tenant of one dwelling house one stable one garden and two old Front Stands with the appurtenances situate at Satron of the ancient yearly fineable customary rent of 2d, and is assigned for his fine 3 shillings and 4 pence.

It is obvious that Thomas did not inherit the farm from his father, so it is almost impossible to be sure who his parents were or where he was born. However for the past few months I have been in correspondence with another member of my Metcalfe family who has subsequently joined the Society - Monica Cook M679. There is a sword in Monica's family which has been handed down from a Captain Edmund Metcalfe. But we have no idea of the date. I have obtained the wills of two Edmunds who died in Wensleydale. One at Askrigg in 1692 and the other at Woodhall in 1624. I have translated most of the 1692 will and this Edmund did have a son called Thomas, but was he my Thomas ? Any bright ideas please. Does anybody know what Front Stands are ?

There are several interesting examples of how the brothers Thomas, John and George from two different generations passed land between themselves in order to have a viable farm in which to bring up their families. The nature of copyhold means that premises are passed in equal shares so by the time we arrive at the period we are looking at, the land was almost certainly unable to support a family. So although land was a great stabilising factor, toward the end it probably helped, together with the Industrial Revolution to encourage many people to move from the villages in which their families had lived for so long, into the towns to create problems for us to resolve.

I am in the process of compiling a list of the Healaugh & Muker Manor Court Books, and will donate this, when complete, to the Society.

George Buxton M3

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sixty members attended our AGM which was again held at the College of Ripon & York St John, Ripon, North Yorkshire, where we were made extremely welcome and comfortable by all the staff.

The full minutes will be published next year but this to give you the essential facts which emerged will keep you informed in the meantime.

During the business session there was a unanimous vote for the re-election of John Holden as our President for his second three year term of office. The reluctant acceptance of the resignation of Denny Gibson was announced and the remainder of the Committee was re-elected en bloc.

Our secretary Nina Benson pressed strongly for assistance with the ever increasing workload and Dorothy Pope offered to take on the work of New Members Secretary and George Buxton offered to mastermind future conferences. Later on Margaret Hodgson offered to become the Minutes Secretary and she may also tackle the Publicity Department after due consideration. To say that Nina was delighted with this future help is putting it mildly - she was last seen doing cartwheels across the green, which is just a mild case of overstatement and impossibility!

It was proposed, discussed and accepted unanimously that all rates of subscription should rise by £1 from January 1995.

Elsewhere you will read of the

exciting project of the new Metcalfe History Book - this promises to be the *BOOK OF THE CENTURY* as far as we are concerned, so begin to save *NOW* and remember to complete and return the slip stating your "interest" with your subscription renewal.

Regarding our Publications we have plans to publish an up-dated version to our Index to Lists and also our Birth Brief Booklet before our next AGM which will be held at the same venue on **SATURDAY, 14th OCTOBER 1995.**

BOOK THE DATE COME ALONG TO JOIN IN THE FUN AND SHAPE OUR FUTURE

Can anyone sort out these relationships?

From M266 & a sortie into Aberdeenshire.

MI New Deer - "Mrs Metcalfe, Auchmunziel, died 5 Feb 1898; also dear little Molly Campbell, died 22 May 1900 age 14 months; James Metcalfe died 9 Aug 1917 aged 86; also, in loving memory of Detective F.G. Campbell (Frankie) killed in Shanghai, 30 Dec 1927 aged 24 'Home is the sailor home from the sea and the hunter home from the hill'. Archibald W. Campbell (Archie), Mains of Auchmunziel, died 10 May 1947 aged 78, also his wife Helen Mary Metcalfe died 21 Dec 1955 aged 82; also, James John Metcalfe, born Auchmunziel 20 Oct 1871, died South Africa 28 May 1940"



Computer Notes CSM

Another AGM has been successfully completed in Ripon with 3 PC's on duty and giving some useful information to those members who used the facilities provided by Diane and David.

From under 40,000 at the last AGM to more than 51,000 today. That's the increase in entries on the MECCA database - over 25% in the last twelve months.

Again much of the hard work has been done by David both in collecting data in the first place and then putting it to disk in the second. I just hope he has a holiday soon to give me a respite.

A large amount of data still has to be handled, I'm not yet up to date with the Birth Briefs, they also keep changing and being added to before I catch up, as do the lists - we have entered up to the mid fourteen hundreds but number seventeen hundred already exists.

Queries from members keep coming in and add a little variety to the slog of data entry. The number of queries is not excessive, so please write as you find a question, but remember, as always - a stamped addressed envelope with membership number is a must if you wish to be answered; and if I send a printout please, please, return it with any corrections or repeat queries, it makes life so much easier.

The request I made for help in

recording all the variant entries from the Mormon IGI'92 data base, was answered by no less than five volunteers. Fantastic and thanks again to all. However M666 happens to work in a Family History Center in California and she is going to collect the data for us. Hopefully this request will get all members of the committee permission to take a trip and pick up the data at the Society's expense !!

The current 1988 version of the IGI takes up 12 Mb of hard disk space, and the MECCA Index is now 16 Mb large and still growing. As the 'gifted' PC from Bayer - an IBM PS/2 60 - has only 40 Mb of hard disk space, the remainder after data storage is nearly all used up by the operating system and application programs. This is just to indicate that action to remedy this problem may have to be taken before the next AGM, and provision has already partially been made in our budget which was presented in Ripon by Margaret our Treasurer.

Incidentally it also has 1Mb of memory which used to be thought of as being large, but which is now too small to handle today's operating systems, or even today's application programs at a reasonable speed.

Finally, during the course of this year, Aldus, who produced a desk top publishing package called PageMaker V5 which I personally have, and which has already been used to produce some of the News in the past, announced a cheaper version called PageMaker Classic. We have purchased this, and it is intended that it will remain with the editor of the day so that our News may be produced in a constant and improving style.

STOCKPORT FAMILY HISTORY FAIR 1 October 1994.

On what many would consider a typical North West day - low cloud heavy rain and a cool temperature - the Victorian Town Hall in Stockport played host to a Family History Fair.

David Metcalfe appeared early with the computer, associated equipment and publications, to be joined by Peter Dobson who helped to set up and man the stall. In comparison to many of the other 80 exhibitors the display appeared modest, but given that the Society was situated between the FOFHS and the Manchester & Lancashire FHS who seemed to have hundreds of booklets for sale, this was not a surprise.

The Fair was opened by the Mayor of Stockport after an address by our own David Lambert in his role as Chairman of the FOFHS. The Mayor and his wife visited each of the exhibitors as the first of over 1000 visitors appeared.

The morning and early part of the afternoon were especially busy with a steady stream of enquirers coming to the Mecca table. A number of members made themselves known and two new members enrolled.

All round, the Fair was considered to be a success, and the general consensus was that a local event was of more value than some of the national exhibitions. With the possibility of other Fairs in West Yorkshire next year there could be further opportunities to widen the Society's profile and attract further members.

SUBSCRIPTIONS The Future.

At the recent AGM it was agreed that the annual subscription rates would be raised. The rise (the first since 1992) was proposed as the Society's expenditure over the last five years had averaged out at £7.28 for each member whilst the subscriptions averaged out under £5 in the same period.

The Society was fortunate in that the News' printing costs were low and more recently free but this could change. Together with a steady turnover in membership - some stayed for only a year - it meant that it was difficult to plan for future projects. Therefore the committee proposed looking at the subscription structure taking into account how other similar organisations raised fees and then report back with its recommendations in time for the 1995 AGM.

In the meantime it would be extremely useful for the committee to have members comments. If you would like to make suggestions forward your proposals to the Secretary as soon as possible.

Computer Note.

Due to the pressure of three weeks unearned holiday in Spain and a house move from Hampshire to Cheshire (Nearer for research!) I have not been able to handle computer queries in a reasonable manner.

Apologies.

CSM

Secretary's Notes

12th October 1994

I'm just settling down after a horrendously hectic few days since the Muster. Although I was over the moon to get some help at long last it will take me a while before my new assistants are up and running, so to speak. Thank you most sincerely, Dorothy Pope, George Buxton and Margaret Hodgson for offering to save my sanity. This year has seen a huge increase in new members - this fact, together with ever expanding sources of new information available for research, has made my non Metcalfe Society life nearly extinct. Hopefully those days are over and I look forward with great relief to returning to a more restful existence.

There have been times during this last year when I was in danger of throwing in the sponge, as the letters poured in and there was no time to answer them, so I apologise for any long delays with your replies. Increasingly, both Charles and I are getting letters from members who do not give their Membership Numbers - *PLEASE* try and remember these - it saves us extra precious minutes and prevents us starting to deal with your request with a frown instead of a smile.

As I explained at the Muster, Michael and I had our previous total of four grand-children suddenly and prematurely increased in August with the arrival of twin boys to our daughter-in-law. Thomas 2lbs 6½ozs and Samuel 2lbs 3½ozs are now doing fine, the stress and worry are nearly over (hopefully) and the twins should be arriving home in November, which is when they should have been born. With three girls and three boys I've decided that is sufficient, thank you !!!

We have another "bumper bundle" of new members this edition which is gratifying. They come from varying sources - to date this year - 23 from the Family Tree advert, 27 from our advertising leaflets, 16 from the BIG R, and 6 from Fairs.

The committee were very sorry to lose the expert knowledge of Denny Gibson from her position as Publicity and Minutes secretary, however we hope she will now have more time to send us new articles for the Mecca News - thank you Denny for your work on our behalf.

My sincere thanks to go to everyone who has assisted in our work over the last twelve months and to all members, the committee join me in wishing you and your families a **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** and a peaceful 1995.

Nina E. Benson

OBITUARIES

We are sorry to announce the deaths of M164 Edna Hyndes, M190 John Ernest Metcalfe and M246 Rosemary Metcalfe. Our sincere condolences are offered to their families.

MEMBERS DETAILS

NEW ADDRESS M267 Mr & Mrs J.A. Robinson from Holmes Chapel to : 19 Mereside Close, Bentley Park, Longton, Preston, Lancs. PR4 5ZY.

NEW SURNAME ! Our congratulations are offered to M242 Sara Illingworth who has recently become Mrs Sara BACON - best wishes to you both.

REJOINED MEMBER M075 Mr Lawrence Stanley (Laurie) Metcalfe 5 Kilkenny Road, Floreat Park, Western Australia 6014, Australia. Laurie is related to past members 74 & 75 & 78 and somehow fits into the EBBERSTON, Yorkshire, Metcalfe families. When you return from your world tour Laurie, perhaps you can let me have the full facts. (*Michael & I were delighted to meet you and your wife and send our best wishes to you both. - Nina*)

BIRTH BRIEFS - NEW MEMBERS, welcome to you, we trust that you will all thoroughly enjoy your membership of our Society and greatly benefit from our vast supply of records.

M683 Mr Peter Tyler (entry received too late for the August edition) 86 Upton Road, Birkenhead, Merseyside, L41 0DH.

Peter's wife Monica born in Leeds dau of Robert & Annie (Sadler) Mt m 26 Mar 1932 Marsden, Huddersfield, Yks. Robert b 1899 Leeds s.o Robert & Ada (Hunt) Mt m 20 Aug 1898 Leeds. Robert b c1868 York s.o Douglas & Hannah (Armstrong) Mt m 24 Jan 1870 Leeds. Douglas a brushmaker b 1846 Leeds s.o Douglas & Sarah (Johnson b c1810 Crakehall) Mt m 13 Dec 1834 York. Douglas, b c1810 was also a brushmaker.

M690 Mr & Mrs John & Mary Robinson 63 Fir Tree Drive, Filey, North Yorks. YO14 9NR.

Aunt Jane Robinson m 1921 at Seamer Yks to George Mte who was b c1886 s.o William & Martha (?) Mte. William bpt 16 Mar 1856 Norton by Malton Yks s.o John & Mary (?) Mte. John bpt 02 Jul 1831 Wintringham Yks s.o Hannah Mte. Hannah bpt 10 Apr 1805 Kirby Misperton d.o John & Jane (Coultas) Mte m 27 Jul 1801 Kirby Misperton. Also has an interest in Mary Ann Mte widow, aged 37 d.o Isiah Burnett who m in 1923 at Ripon Yks to Robert William Umpleby.

M691 Ms Elisabeth P. Wilson 12 Thonock Close, Lincoln, LN1 3SW.

Elisabeth is anxious to trace a Mary Harriet Metcalfe (marital status and age unknown - the bride was aged 21). She was a witness at a marriage between John Bullock and Mary Ellen Gallagher in 1900 at Burnley, Lancs. There may be a possibility of a connection with the Marsden family, any information about Burnley Metcalfes would help.

M692 Professor Peter James Loptson 301 8th Street East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7H 0P4, Canada

Born in Toronto, Canada s.o Thorstein & Margaret (McCulloch) Loptson. Margaret great grand-dau of Joseph & Elizabeth (Mte) Thompson m Nov 1840 at Derryville, Brock, Ontario. Elizabeth b 13 Apr 1823 in New York City, USA

d.o John & his 1st wife Elizabeth (Jackson) Mte (m not traced). John b c1788 in Co Sligo, Ireland.

John & Elizabeth's first child Jane was born in Ireland c1810+, their 2nd, Catherine b 9 Mar 1818 in Co Galway, Ireland married 10 Oct 1839 at Derryville to George Thompson, next was Elizabeth above - last was Anne b c1824 New Jersey. John and his 2nd wife Eleoner Jackson (m not traced) had issue - George, Thomas, John Joseph, Susan = Rogers, Mary = Broad, & Sarah Ellen. John is known to have had siblings :- Catherine who m a sea captain named Summerhase; Isaac described as a carpenter c1824 New York City; William described as a watchhand maker c1824 New York City; Dora who m a Mr Irwin & lived in Cleveland & had s Thomas. and ? a Jane. Dora & Jane had a large millinery establishment in New York City. Jane may have been a widow of a brother of John called George.

CAN ANYONE HELP TRACE DESCENDANTS ?

M693 Mr Stanley Hardisty PO Box 42103 Wainuiomata, New Zealand.

Descendant of Joseph & Elizabeth (Mte) Weatherhead m 08 Jan 1827 at Middlesmoor Chapel, Yks, England. Elizabeth bpt 29 Dec 1807 of Spring House, Middlesmoor d.o Adam & Ann (?) Mte. An Elizabeth Weatherhead married 1877 at Pateley Bridge John William Hardisty who was a descendant of James & Margaret/Peggy (Mte) Hardisty m 10 Nov 1794 at Fewston, Yks.

M694 Miss Lynda J.M. Husband 25 Calderstones Avenue, Liverpool, L18 6HX. Grand-dau of John & Margaret Medcalf (Elder) Husband. Margaret d.o Hugh & Maggy/Maggie (Md) Elder m 16 Jul 1885 at Kendal, Wes. Maggie b 14 Aug 1863 Kendal d.o Edward & Margaret (Cragg) Md m 24 Oct 1861 Kendal. Edward bpt 10 Feb 1837 Kendal s.o Edward & Mary (?) Md. Edward bpt 15 Jul 1804 Kendal s.o Caleb & Mary (Birkett) Md m 03 Aug 1801. Caleb bpt 08 Sep 1776 Kendal s.o John & Ellen (?) Md.

M695 Miss Nicola C. Liddiard 166 White Hart Lane, Barnes, London, SW13 0QB. Great grand-dau of Richard Bleathman & Marguerite Annie (Mt) Warren. Marguerite was b 13 Jul 1884 at St Johns Rd, Newbury, Berks d.o Benjamin & Elizabeth (Quipp) Mt who m 10 Apr 1872, Independent Chapel, Lincoln. Benjamin, chemist & druggist aged 23 s.o Enos, a Dissenting Minister who performed his son's wedding. Benjamin b 27 May 1848 Lincoln s.o Enos & Ann (Garratt) Mt who m 02 Aug 1845 Cotton End Chapel, Bedford. Enos son of Cornelius.....? b c 1813+ s.o Cornelius & Martha (Railton) Mt who m 31 Jul 1813 at Barnard Castle. Cornelius b 19 Apr 1789 bpt 21 Apr 1789 at Danby Wiske s.o Enos & Elizabeth (Nelson) Mt who m 11 Jan 1773 Pickhill, Yks. Enos b ? s.o Enos & Hannah (?) Mt of Kirby Hill parish near Boroughbridge. Enos bpt Kirby Hill 10 Jan 1699/1700 s.o Leonard & Margaret (Weatherill) Mt of Langthorpe who m 9 Feb 1697/8 Kirby Hill. Leonard bur 9.03.1726/7 at Kirby Hill, of Humburton. This family connects to Ex M152.

M696 Mr Malcolm S. Metcalfe 5 Brabyns Brow, Marple, Stockport, Cheshire, SK6 7DA. Nothing received.

M697 Mr Joseph Brian Metcalfe Carfax, Blaydon Bank, Blaydon, Tyne & Wear, NE21 4AY. Nothing received.

M698 Mrs Lynne Champlin 595 Montecito Blvd, Napa, California 94559, USA. Grand-dau of Arthur & Alice (Taylor) Mt who m 1904. Arthur b 30 Jul 1879 Hull, Yks, Eng. s.o Henry & his 1st wife Sophia (Pickering) Mt. Henry b 16 Jul 1854 South Cave, Yks, s.o John & Margaret (Waudby) Mt m 22 Oct 1848 South Cave. John b c 1827 died 24 Dec 1884 in Winnipeg, Canada. ?John bpt 20.11.1826 Lairgate Ind.Beverley, s.o Robert & Mary (Coates) m 06 Mar 1809. John 1827-1884 was a blacksmith & he left a wife and several sons. Lynne knows about Henry but the other sons returned to England with their mother. One son may have gone west while Henry went to Minnesota.

M699 Mrs Christine Astell 52 Raftus Square, Nepean, Ontario, Canada, K2J 1J3. Grand-dau of George Walter & Violet Kathleen (Mt) Hook m 21.12.1929 Norwich, Eng. Violet b 18.03.1911 d.o Percy Augustus & Mary Ann Caroline (Thurston) Mt m 11.07.1903 Norwich. Percy A. b 02.03.1881 Norwich 13th child of Thomas George & Matilda Sarah (Grand) Mt m 06.12.1857 Heigham, Norwich. Thomas G. b c 1834 s.o Sim(on) Watling & Jane (Kittle) Mt m 11.11.1821, St Simon & St Jude, Norwich. Simon b 1798 s.o William & Elizabeth (Watling) Mt m 19.10.1780, St Michael, Norwich.

M700 Mr Peter J. Scott 2 Dickson Street, Strathfield West, New South Wales 2140, Australia.

Great great grand-son of John & Betty/Betsy (Mt) Thompson m 1841 Kendal Wes. Betty bpt 1821 Kendal d.o Thomas & Margaret (?) Mt. Thomas bpt 16.05.1784 Asby, Wes. s.o Joseph & Elizabeth/Betty (Emmerson) Mt m 1782 Bowes, Yks. Joseph bpt 1743 Warcop Wes s.o Joseph & Elizabeth (Mattinson) Mt m 03.09.1732 Warcop. Joseph bpt 15.04.1701 Asby s.o Thomas & Magdalen (Holm) Mt m 18.07.1689 Asby. Thomas bpt Asby 1660 s.o Christopher & Anne (?) Mte of Asby. Connects to **M326** David M. Metcalf & **M472** Fiona Haslam.

M701 Miss Evelyn, Peacock Sugar Bag Rd, Caloundra, Queensland, Australia. Grand-dau of Thomas & Mary Elizabeth (Mte) Peacock m 26.08.1893 Muker, Yks. Mary Elizabeth b 1865 d.o John & Ann (Alderson) Mte m 11.03.1860 Muker. John bpt 26.06.1829 Muker s.o Richard & Elizabeth (Fawcett) Mte m 18.10.1827 Muker. Richard bpt 07.11.1801 Muker s.o Leonard & Nancy (Bushby) Mte m 03.06.1784 Muker. Leonard bpt 08.07.1759 Leyburn, Yks s.o Richard & Monica (Sunter) Mte m 15.01.1750 Grinton in Swaledale. Connects to **M119** Vi Simpson and **M255** Elizabeth Morey.

M702 Ms Jean Thompson, 47 Rosehill Court, St Helier Avenue, Morden, Surrey, SM4 6JT.

Great grand-dau of John & Elizabeth Rose (Mt) Wilkins m 26.08.1900 Southwark, Surrey. Elizabeth Rose b 17.01.1876 Southwark d.o Frederick & Elizabeth (Easter) Mt m 30.09.1872 Portsea, Hants. Frederick s.o George.

M703 Mrs Margaret E. Norman 130 Oak Road, Redcar, Cleveland, TS10 3RF. Dau of Robert Henry Mte b 04.08.1899 Grangetown, Co Durham s.o Robert

Henry and Sarah Jane Hardy (Eden) Mte. Robert Henry b c 1860 Scarborough, Yks. s.o George & Jane (Steel) Mte of Snainton, Yks. m 05.02.1859 Brompton By Sawdon, Yks. George bpt 21.03.1836 Lockton s.o Robert & Hannah (Linton) Mte m 25.01.1830 Middleton by Pickering, Yks. Robert b c 1803 Ebberston ? May connect to **M197** Eunice Metcalfe.

M704 Mr William Nicholson 106 Hill Street, Thorndon, Wellington, N Zealand. Born in Liverpool, Lancs, Eng. great grandson of John & Rose (Mte) Coates m 20 May 1841 Muker, Yks. Rose bpt 17.09.1816 Muker d.o George & Ann (Harker) Mte of Calvert Houses, Yks m 06.04.1805 Muker. George bpt 25.04. 1780 Muker s.o George & Jane (Harker) Mte of Satron m 13.01.1772 Muker. George bpt 14.02.1748 Muker s.o Thomas & Margaret (Cottingham) Mte of Satron m 21.04.1737 Muker. Thomas bpt 26.08.1708 Muker s.o Thomas of Gunnerside. Connects to **M003** George Buxton, **M220** Ruth Herzberg, **M506** Ted Metcalfe & **M679** Monica & Gillian Crook.

M705 Mrs Julia M. Gill 28 Motspur Park, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 6PL. Julia's husband is the great x 3 grandson of William & Agnes (Mte) Gill m 25 Nov 1783 at Aysgarth, Yks. Agnes was buried at Aysgarth on 27 Feb 1828 aged 69 which makes her born c 1758/9. The most obvious bpt is on 11.06.1758 at Stalling Busk dau of Christopher. The Gill family home was in Thoraby in the 1820s which was owned by a George Metcalfe.

HAS ANYONE ANY CLUES WHICH MAY HELP ?

M706 Mr & Mrs Rodney & Velma Metcalfe 49 Chester Road, Tawa, Wellington, New Zealand.

Rodney b 13.05.1947 Auckland NZ s.o Thomas Athol & Clarice Jean (Goodhew) Mte m 22.06.1946 Kaitaia, Northland. Thomas A b 25.12.1922 Mangonui, s.o Walter & Emily Kate (Johnson) Mte m 1914. Walter b 04.02.1889 Barrow in Furness, Lancs, UK. s.o Thomas & Selina (Sansom/Sanson) Mte m 24.03.1884 St Matthew, Barrow in Furness when they both resided at 56 Harrogate St, Barrow. Thomas gives his age as 25 & his father as William, deceased engine driver. However there is no sign of the family on the 1891 Census Returns L1390 sent in by M158 Ted Metcalfe.

M707 Mr Gregory Klages (Mark all mail "Personal"). c/o Macdonald Stewart Art Centre, 358 Gordon St, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, N1G 1Y1

Descendent of Thomas & Hannah (Simpkin) Mte m 04 Dec 1824 Rillington cum Scampston, Yks, Eng. Thomas bpt 07 Apr 1805 Leconfield, Yks s.o Thomas & Mary (Sandwich) Mte m 03 Nov 1802 Lockington, Yks.

M708 Madame Monique S.V. Buray, 38 Ave des Arenes De Cimiez, Nice, France. Descendent (on her mother's paternal line) of William & Mary (Mt) Patterson m 30 Nov 1789 Horbury, Yks. Eng. Mary bpt 16 Nov 1767 Horbury d.o Job & Ann (?) Mt. Job bpt 21 Feb 1730 Horbury s.o William & Sarah (Carr) Mt m 01 Nov 1713 Horbury. William bpt 04 Nov 1693 Horbury s.o John & Mary (Charlesworth) Md m 24 May 1677 Horbury. Also Monique's grandmother's youngest b Joe Jennings m c 1906 Alice Metcalf dau of Frederick and Jessie Mt.

M709 Mrs Judith V. Baker 14 Appledore Avenue, Ruislip, Middlesex, HA4 0UU. Great great grand-dau of John & Mary Ann (Mte) Bailey m 25 Sep 1844 Ripon Cathedral, Yks. Mary Ann bpt 25.12.1823 Ripon d.o John & Margaret (?) Mte, shoemaker of Sharow and Ripon.

M710 Mr Phillip G. Metcalfe 66 Broadgate Drive, Horsforth, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS18 5QA.

Son of Basil & Pamela Metcalfe **M200**. Basil b 08 Mar 1907 s.o Thomas & Mary (Carter) Mte m 1891 Middlesbrough, Yks. Thomas b 08.05.1863 Masham, Yks. s.o Thomas & Isabella (Wintersgill) Mte. Thomas b 23.05.1826 Grewelthorpe Yks s.o George & Ann (Astwood) Mte m 1811 Masham. George bpt 1784 Masham s.o George & Jane (Mallerby) Mte m 1777 Masham. George bpt 1747 Masham s.o George & Jane (Metcalf) Mte m 1745. George bpt 1724 Masham ? s.o William & Jane (Stub) Mte m 1701 Hampsthwaite. Connects to **M200** Basil Metcalfe, **M218** Lillah Chapman, **M440** Sally Metcalf, **M445** Muriel Johnston, **M593** Wayne Owen & **M640** Jose Roberts.

M711 Mrs Eunice A. Pawson 84 Barry Drive, Leicester Forest East, Leicester, LE3 3HJ. Nothing received. Connected to Nidderdale 1824+ Metcalfe.

M712 Mrs Joyce M. Aubrey 15 Goucester Avenue, Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex. TN40 2LA.

Dau of William & Joan Freda Margaret (Parrett) Metcalfe. William born 18 Mar 1913 in Yorkshire, he had siblings inc: Frank of Eaglescliffe, Teesside.

M713 Mr Mike Todd 69 Howard Road, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 4EB.

Son in law of Gordon William & Beryl Jean (Metcalf) Thursby m 1945 Bourne-mouth. Beryl Jean b 1923 Walthamstow d.o Bertie Ernest & Elizabeth (Ellis) Mt m 24.12.1922 Walthamstow. Bertie Ernest b 17.06.1893 Walthamstow s.o James & Ada Mary May (Johaness) Mte m 18.11.1888. James b 1867 Islington s.o William & Mary Ann (Harley) Mt m 29.06.1856 Hackney. William b 17.02.1836 Islington s.o Thomas & Jane (?) Mt.

M714 Mr Ian Murray, 3 Toll Bar Cottages, Butterley Park, Ripley, DBY, DE5 3QW. Currently seeking two Metcalfe connections. Great grandmother Mary Metcalfe married James Ellwood of Castletwaite, Mallerstang, Wes. at Kirkby Stephen on 5th June 1844. Further connections sought in the Brough/Kirkby Stephen area of Westmorland. Secondly, connections to Isabella Metcalfe born c1857 d c1915, probably Barrow in Furness/Ulverston/Dalton in Furness areas. **M715** Mr Charles H.B. Cole Southfield Farm, Sandford St Martin, Oxfordshire, OX7 7AG.

Descendent of John William Metcalf bpt 22.05.1866 Bedale, Yks s.o William Langdale & Martha (Brockell d.o Benjamin & Alice [Metcalf, widow, nee Bushby who had m Thomas Metcalfe 9.10.1815 at Spennithorne]) Mte who m 28.08.1844. William Langdale b c1826 Burnipfield, Co Durham s.o John & Mary (Langdale) Mte who m 26.11.1807 Bedale. John b 1783 Bagby Yks.

M716 Mr Roger A. Rayborn 2787 N. Center Point Rd, Marion, Iowa 52302, USA. Descendent of John & Mary (Mt) Scholey m 27 Nov 1792 Crowle, Lincoln,

Eng. Mary bpt 27 Oct 1740 Crowle d.o John & Ann (?) Mt. John bpt 11 Jun 1708 Crowle s.o John & Sarah (?) Mt. John b c1680 ?

M717 Mr Richard L.H. Coulson 39 The Ridgeway, Chatham, Kent, ME4 6PB. Great grandson of John & Susannah Warren (Medcalf) Campbell. Susannah Warren b c1850 Rochester, Kent d.o John William & his second wife Susan (Warren) Md m 25.11.1842 Maldon, Essex. John Wm, a baker, b c1807-9 St Andrews Holborn / London, Middlesex.

M718 Mr Richard H. Metcalfe 103A Roberts Street, Tararu, Thames, N Zealand. Born 1914 Te Araroa, NZ s.o Wallace Fletcher Metcalfe. Wallace F. b NZ s.o Peter Herbert Mte. Peter H. s.o Wallace & Mary (Bramall) Mte m 08.10.1844 Tamworth, Staffs. Wallace s.o Michael of London.

M719 Miss Patricia J. Hutcheson, PO Box 13415, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania USA. Grand-dau of James B & Ethelwynne (Metcalf) Nicholson m 08 Mar 1895 Manitoba, Canada. Ethelwynne b 24 Sep 1871 Penrith, Cumberland, Eng. d.o William & Margaret (Watson) Mte m 29 Apr 1868 Ousby, Cumb. William b c1842 Addingham, Cumb s.o John & Hannah (Bleamires) Mte m 26 Nov 1831 Orton, Wes. John bpt 28 Jan 1806 s.o Anthony & Mary (Sanderson) Mte m 21 Aug 1786 Orton. Connects to Ex **M117** Jane Parker.

Late entry.

M707 Mr Gregory Klages, 31 Louise St, Harrison, ON N0G 1Z0. Canada s.o Evelyn Mt b1937 Greenock township, Bruce City, Ont d.o David Mt b1903 Greenock & Beryl Mte b1908 W Gwillinburg township. David & Beryl grd children of David Mt b1843 W Gwillinburg & Thomas Mte b1847 W Gw. David & Thomas s.o Thomas Mt/e brn 5 Apr 1805 & Hannah Simpkin. Thomas brn Leconfield, ERY s.o Thomas Mt/e & Mary Sandwich mar 3 Nov 1802 Lockington, ERY

Seeking predecessors to Thomas & Mary as well as their offspring. May be related to **M439**.

St Catherine's Gems.

Recently discovered in the Marriage Indexes :

It's not what you say but the way that you say it. A Brummie accent giving the Registrar problems ? - George Midcuff, Birmingham June 1872. What's in a name. Daughter of a well known local schoolteacher ? - Filia Tutia Metcalfe, Aysgarth September 1873.

St Catherine's Visitor.

Did you know that the Society had a member who can obtain certificates from St Catherine's House ? Write with full details to Mrs Van Arkadie whose address is on the front inside page. Don't forget a SAE.

"A Letter from Dorothy" - Peter Dobson M069

Like many things my involvement started inadvertently. My ancestors were, as usual, proving difficult to find, so I gathered my Mecca references - they could be useful to someone. Eventually, my antecedents became downright elusive but I still collected Meccas. Dorothy then suggested I might like to do some additional Mecca searches - after all, I had some spare time, she would send me details... too late, I was a volunteer awaiting "A Letter from Dorothy".

This, with more than a slice of poetic licence, was how I became involved with Dorothy Pope who coordinates the Society's General Registration project. Currently, the Marriages and Deaths up to 1900 are being extracted from the St Catherine's Indexes with 25 years of Marriages and 40 years of Deaths still to be completed.

There are only a few members carrying out this task (the Deaths so far have been compiled single-handedly by M444 Patrick Malham). However, if 65 (out of a membership of around 400) would give just a very small part of their time, BOTH projects could be completed by early 1995. All that is required is about 70 minutes of your time to do one year ... yes, just 70 minutes to do ONE year!! .. when you next go on one of your searches IN YOUR LOCAL AREA. Most County Record Offices, larger libraries and Mormon establishments have the Indexes, so you do NOT have to travel to St Catherine's

House to help this project.

So please be positive, and give the Society just 70 minutes of your time whilst you are doing your own research. The information could be of use to you - it will certainly be of use to other members in the Society. So write TODAY to Dorothy Pope for information, and you could be receiving "A Letter from Dorothy".

ECHOES from the PAST.

An extract from the very first issue of MECCA NEWS in 1980, the front page being signed by Vera Adams and Mary Metcalfe who are both now Honorary Members.

"As you will see we are including in this Newsletter all the information we already have from Metcalfe researchers. If any of you already have a family history or part history or indeed anything you have researched which you think may be of interest to others, please let us have it, and we will include it in our next Newsletter. Also if any of you have any problems or reached an impasse, as often happens, let us know and you never know, somebody, somewhere may be able to throw some light on it.

We are also open to suggestions from you as to what you would like to see in future Newsletters. Perhaps it may be possible at some future date, to arrange for members to meet each other."

Some things never change !

A New Family History Book.

The Metcalfe Society are now seeking support from you, the members, for the latest and most ambitious project the Society has embarked on to date. The aim of the project is to write and publish a book on the Metcalfe Family History - to separate fact from fiction in the light of the most recent knowledge of the Metcalfe family (which has also been termed a clan). The book would cover the mainstream family from the earliest recorded point in time showing where it subdivides into cadet branches, and thereby helping 20th Century Metcafes to relate their own trees back to wherever they merge with the whole. The early chapters would adapt and update the line followed in the last history of the family published by the Rev Thomas Metcalfe in 1930.

An editorial board to oversee the project was elected at the recent AGM, consisting of the following volunteers : John Holden, Warwick Metcalfe, Diane Howarth, Joan Metcalfe and George Buxton. The board aims to have an outline of the complete book, and a rough draft of the chapters, in time for the next AGM in October 1995.

A unanimous vote of support was given to this project at the AGM. The proposition members were asked to approve was whether they would be interested in purchasing a book on this subject at a maximum cost of £20 per copy. The book would be a hardback, A4 size (8.5"x12") of 150 pages, including about 10 pages of photos or illustrations. Extensive enquiries have

shown that at present day prices it should be possible to produce a book of this order within the proposed cost, if inflation is kept under control.

It would help to get the project firmly off the ground if members would complete the section at the bottom of the 1995 Subscriptions Renewal Form, if they are willing to support the production of the new family history as outlined above both in terms of content and price. In doing so, you will not commit yourselves to paying for the book at this stage, but it will help to determine whether the numbers are likely to be sufficient to support an initial run of 500 on which the estimated cost is based.

So please complete the section on the bottom of the subscriptions renewal form and give us your feedback on this exciting new project.

Warwick Metcalfe

BBS.

There have been requests for a Bulletin Board System for members of the Society to communicate electronically with one another. A new company called Shareware in Shops - a software house - are arranging to bring on line a BBS. There could be a conference area specifically for members of the society to communicate and file transfer to one another with perhaps the ability to post latest news and information on events and meetings. The BBS should be on line by the middle of November 1994 on UK 01703-491098.

Jobs Vacant : Publicity Officer

The working hours are few, the pay is non-existent, there are no terms of employment or expense reimbursement and total self-motivation is a must if you like the sound of this job (!!!)

... your Society needs you

Over the last year, the membership of The Metcalfe Society has increased significantly - much of which is credited to the work done by our retiring Publicity Officer, Denny Gibson.

As we also consistently lose over 40 members a year, we MUST keep this publicity machine running to counteract this loss and gain more new members to keep the momentum of the Society going in the right direction.

So here is the job specification for 'Publicity Officer' as performed by Denny. If you think you can do ALL or even PART of this work, or come up with any more ideas for gaining more members and are willing to implement them, please contact the secretary as soon as possible.

Wanted - Publicity Officer to mail Metcalfe Society leaflets to any advertised family history gathering, eg conferences and seminars etc held by FHS in any part of the country. Dates of such events plus names & addresses of organisers, are usually published in Family History News & Digest (which Nina circulates) and/or Family Tree Magazine. Also try to get a 'mention' in one of the local magazines or newspapers of the N or W areas of Yorkshire around the time of the Muster.

Family History News & Digest

is the journal of the Federation of FHS, published twice a year. Therefore, each January and June a brief 200 word report is sent about what is happening in the Society. A very short report, literally one sentence, on most of the articles published in the Mecca News is also sent. Details consist of the date and number of the MN, title of the article, name of writer, and one sentence to expand on the title, to give anyone reading the report some idea of what the article is about. The idea is that all member societies send in this information so that if anyone is interested in reading something we have published they can contact the society.

The rest of the specification to be written by the incumbent !

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I have found the following in the Catholic Record Society Hampshire Registers III Brockhampton - Mary Metcalf daughter of Thos Mt & his wife, born 23rd January 1753 and baptized 24th January 1753 in the presence of Mr Emon (or Ednon) proxy for Mr Philip Southcutt and Mrs Frain proxy for her Grace the Duchess of Norfolk.

Monica A Bulbeck.

Dear Editor,

A pocket watch made by Vale & Rotheram of Leyburn in 1828 has the twelve letters JOHNMETCALFE instead of numbers. Made for a John

Mte it then belonged to John Robert Mte of Wensleydale - a distant relation and was handed down to me about 30 years ago by an Ethel Mte of York.

M342 Richard John Metcalfe

Dear Editor,

In Mecca News 43 the last sentence of the Birth Brief of M669 Mrs Robyn E Davies mentions a crest of a large dog, seated and with a front paw resting on a shield. I certainly recognise this. I have a plaque with a full Mte heraldic achievement - ie shield, helmet, crest and motto (no supporters). The Blazon reads - Arms_ argent, 3 calves sable. Crest_a hound sejant proper, posing the forefoot on an escutcheon or. Motto_Conquieso. This means - 3 black calves on a silver shield, normally white not silver; a dog in it's own colour, seated and with one front paw resting on a golden shield, normally yellow; Motto-I am at rest.

A crest is part of an Heraldic Achievement, it sits on top of the helmet and cannot exist on it's own though it may be displayed on it's own without a shield.

M142 Gordon E Metcalfe

Dear Editor,

The crest in the drawing is of that granted by Robert Cooke, Clarenceux King of Arms in 1584 to Matthew Metcalfe in the name of himself and his father Lucas/Luke of Bedall/Bedale. The grant in part reads - ..the first to Metcalfe silver three calves sable; in the second for Houghton sable a chevron silver between three cinquefoyles peared; in

the third for jackson silver on a chevron sables three cinquefoyles of the first betwixt three falcons' heads azure beaked gules and so quarterly. his helm on a wreath silver and sables a hound sejant and proper passing the forefoot upon an escocheon gold; mantled sables dubbed silver.... means on a circlet coloured silver and black a seated hound (talbot) in natural colour with forepaw touching a golden shield

M006 President John Holden

Dear Editor,

I have just read my Birth Brief Up-date and that of every other member in the Booklet and find that I am related to NO ONE !

M557 Christine Crossley.

Dear Editor,

I have been unable to trace birth, death or marriage of my g g grd f Richard Mte -apothecary. His wife was Mary brn 12 Aug 1781 E Stepney d.o Rebecca & Peter Sharpe. In 1851CR she is a widow at 135 Jamaica Rd, Stepney with d Margaret Ashbee & grd s Richard. Mary's children were Richard 1805; Mary Ann 1806; Eliza 1809; Thomas Robert, Rosetta & Margaret were all baptised 1824 in Lambeth.

Rosetta is my grt grd m who married William Nash carpenter in 1848 and went to New Zealand c1852, Australia c1854. Her father Richard on the Lambeth records is a chemist of Kennington; I have tried many sources without success - can anyone help ?

M457 Mrs Elsie Kriesch

Metcalfe Will Abstracts

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The verbal will of Thomas Mte of Apersett, dated 5 Jan 1692 (estate inv dated 16 Jan 1692) was certified by his sister Elizabeth Allen and mentions nephew Matthew Mte (to be executor and to get his dwelling house); brother Richard Mte (f of Matthew); and sister Easter Routh.

The will of Thomas Mte "the oldest of Hawes in the parish of Aysgarth" dated 5 Sept 1709 mentions unnamed wife of Hawes; dau Mary executrix; s Thomas to get house if he pays Christopher Routh of Hawes £13; and s William to get 1s. Estate admin granted 21 Dec 1709 to Mary Mte spin & Christopher Routh.

The will of Thomas Mte of Hawes dated 9 Jan 1732 mentions sons Richard and Matthew each to get £2 10s; Alice widow of s Philip & their children Thomas, John, Elinor, Alice; dau Ruth; and dau Jane executrix. Witnesses were Christopher Routh, John Harrison, John Moore. Estate admin granted 22 Sept 1737 to Jane Mte spin.

The will of Thomas Mte of Hawes or West Ashes dated 15 Jan 1744/5 mentions wife Margaret and gives most estate to under age eldest s Thomas and gives 8 ash trees to younger s Trinian. Also designates friends Isaac Hillary of Burterset, James Mte of Hawes or Ashes to be executors - witnesses Richard Mte, John Routh, Mary Ward. Estate admin 28 Feb 1744/5 to Margaret Mte widow, Hawes and James Mte of Ashes.

The will of Thomas Mte of Ashes dated 21 Sept 1763 left everything to his sons Thomas & James. (notes of M033 S Withers)

The will of Thomas Mte shopkeeper, Hawes par Aysgarth dated 11 Jun 1816 prob 1819, mentions sons Isaac; John Wilson; Robert; Edward; Thomas & dau Mabel; Ann; Mary; old housekeeper Amy Moor and executors to be wife Ann; Edward Wilson draper, Kirkby Lonsdale; Oswald Allen apothecary, York; William Alderson of Gayle; Roger Kidd "my shopman", Hawes. Will mentions land at Hawes & Midding Stead and establishes a trust fund to pay widow £30/yr (reduced to £10 if she should marry). Witn Tho Mte; James Wills; Ralph Lodge.

The will of Trinian Mte of Birkrigg dated 25 May 1674 mentions wife Margaret executrix; Thomas Allen older of Snazholm, wife's sis s to get £3; Philip & John Allen b's of Thomas; cousin John Mte of Ashes to get £9; latter's sisters Elizabeth & Dorothy Mte and cousin Richard (b to John); James Shotbald?. Witnesses Oswald Routh; Isabel & Robert Nelson. Admin granted 15 May 1686 to relict Margaret Mte.

Estate admin for William Mte of Gayle dated 1 Oct 1706 to George Mte yoeman, Gayle & John Routh yoeman, Hawes. Inventory 13 Sept 1706 had value £84, taken by Thomas Hayton; Geo Dinsdall; Francis Whalley; John Routh.

The will of William Mte of Bainbridge par Aisgarth dated 10 Feb 1700 mentions mother Frances Mte; sis Rose Mte w of George Mte of Blean to receive lands at Countersett; nephew Ephraim Mte to get £10 after decease of William's m Frances (!); and the Richmond Monthly Meeting; also minor bequeaths to William Robinson of Northallerton; John Pratt of Burterset; James Scarr of Worton; John Fothergill; John Ogden; James Wetherall. Admin granted to George Mte yoeman, Blean & Johnson Mte yoeman, Low Blean. Estate papers at Leeds Archives.

Recorded by M623 Bill Barker.

Beginners Guide to Family History

David Lambert has compiled a Guide which new and not so new researchers could find of interest. For a copy write to the Librarian Mrs Carol Arkwright with £1 and a large SAE.

EXTRACTS

From 'Victoria and its Metropolis Past and Present' c1885.

Issac Mt of Epping was born in Montreal, Canada in 1833 and was educated in Liverpool, England, arriving in this colony in Oct 1852, he went at once to Bendigo, McIvor, Maryborough, St Arnaud and McCallum Creek diggings being for

23 years engaged in prospecting on the principal rushes. In 1875 he entered the Education Dept as a state schoolteacher and in 1880 was appointed headmaster of Epping State School.

Thomas Mte of Great Western born Skipton, England in 1833 (*connected M191*), came to this colony in 1853 as a market gardener in Brighton and then went slaughtering on the diggings for a number of years. Later at Great Western he opened the Wild Cat Rush and was successful there for two years when he bought 7½ acres in the township and planted it with fruit trees and in 1873 commenced a jam manufactory which he carries on at the present time successfully. He selected 167 acres for cropping and grazing - in addition to this he holds with his wife and family 880 acres in the parish of Concongella which runs 500 sheep and 60 head of cattle. He turns over £2000 a year and has done very well in the district of which he was one of the oldest settlers.

Contributed by M182 Colin Metcalf. who adds :-

"On a recent holiday in New Zealand I came across 6 Metcalf gravestones in a line in the township of Matokohe in the North Island.

The oldest grave was James Mornel Metcalfe died in 1931 aged 80 years.

We have a John Metcalfe married Mary Mornel in 3.1.1829."

C.M.

STRAYS

In this article I have only listed those people who have moved from the COUNTY of their birth. I have not given their families unless they too were born out of the county. Data collected by David Metcalfe M46.

STRAYS in the 1891 Census Returns for Sedbergh, Garsdale & Dentdale.

BORN IN				
EDWARD	67	WENSLEYDALE	SEDBERGH	1891CR L1607 p2
JAMES	28	HAWES	DITTO	"
THOMAS	64	KILLINGTON	DITTO	"
MATTHEW	50	HAWES	FROSTROW	" p3
THOMAS	30	HAWES	DITTO	"
ISABELLA	19	ORTON	SOOLBANK	"
EDMUND	52	HAWES	MORTON PITTS	" p4
JOHN	34	AYSGARTH	GARSDALE	" p5

STRAYS in the 1891 Census Returns for Cumberland.

JOHN	32	KIRKBY THORE, WES.	SKIRWITH	'91CR L1600p1
WILLIAM	34	SUNDERLAND, DUR.	MIDGEHOLME	" p4
ANTHONY	49	WESTMORLAND	CARLISLE	" p7
WILLIAM	61	NORWICH, NFK.	CARLISLE	" p7
FLORENCE	06	APPLEBY, WES. d Joseph.	CARLISLE	" p8
JAMES B.	58	?Ranishoffane, L'shire?	CARLISLE	" p8
JAMES	39	SCOTLAND	CARLISLE	" p8
WILLIAM	43	CASTERTON, WES.	STANWIX	" p9
WILLIAM	56	PATRICK BROMPTON, YKS.	STANWIX	" p9
WILLIAM	24 his s.	SCOTLAND	"	"
GRACE B.	22 his d.	SCOTLAND	"	"
ANTHONY	88	HAWES, YKS.	EDENTOWN	" p9
SOPHIA	28	GRETNA, SCOTLAND.	ALLONBY d Joseph	" p10
EDWARD	50	LIVERPOOL, LANCs.	WORKINGTON	" p13
ROBERT	25	COCKFIELD, DUR.	WORKINGTON	" p14
JAMES	26	HIPSWELL, YKS.	BROAD OAK	" p17
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Metcalfes in Mallerstang

A Metcalfe was one of the first people to be buried in the burial ground at St Mary's, Mallerstang, Westmorland when it was opened in 1823.

June 9 1824 Buried John Metcalfe of Aisgill, late Hazlegill. Aged 87.

Extract from Court Book dated October 23 1754

"The finable rent the Tenants were admitted tenants to their estates with, to the Right Honble Sacville Earl of Thanet at a Court held the 23rd day of October 1754 for assessing the general fine by William Gorst Gentleman steward. Also the grassam and joist due out of each Tenement.

	Finable Rent			Grassam & Joist		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Edward Metcalfe	3	1	1½	0	7	½
John Metcalfe	3	6	4½	0	7	6½
Jane Metcalfe	0	18	4½	0	3	0½

1880

							Free Rent d
Anthony Metcalfe							
(in trust)	2	18	0¼	0	6	9½	2
" (in trust)	2	18	0¼	0	2	5½	2
"late Elizh Cleasby	2	12	6	0	9	2½	1

MANOR of KIRKBY STEPHEN

The Court Leet, and Court Baron of the Right Honourable Henry James Baron Hothfield, Lord of the said Manor held at the Black Bull Inn Kirkby Stephen within the said Manor on Wednesday the eleventh day of October 1882 by Edward Heelis Esqr Steward of the said Manor.

The names of the Jurors to enquire for the Lord of the Manor aforesaid and between Tenant and Tenant for Mallerstang -

Thomas Blades Foreman	John Thompson	Robert Troughton
Robert Fothergill	John Clark	John Harrison
Abram Dent	John Iveson	James Savage
Thomas Cleasby	Lancelot Fairer	John Dodd

Who being sworn and charged, Present and find as follows,

We also present find that Matthew Metcalfe by Deed dated the 30th day of December 1881 hath alienated to John Bland Davis all the Messuage and Tenement and several closes or inclosures and parcels of Land theirunto Belonging called Southwaite (formerly Winn's) Also All that Messuage and Tenement and several Closes of Lande called Castlethwaite (formerly Wards) containing altogether 42 Acres 1 Rood and 19 Perches or thereabouts, with the Apurtenances in Mallerstang within the Said Manor of the yearly customary Rent of £1 2s 10½d. Grassam and Joist 2s 2½d and two Placks and other Dues Duties and Services

*Finable Rent £1 2s 10½d
Grassam and Joist 2s 2½d*

THOMAS BLADES Foreman

Note : Grassom means grassing on the common and joist agistment or cattle gates; these are not subject to the lord's fines.

List of Metcalfes living in Mallerstang in 1829.

(Taken from Parson and White's Directory)

Edward Medcalfe	Intake
Joseph Medcalfe	Castlethwaite
William Medcalfe	Little Ing

(note the spelling of Medcalfe does not accord with the 1841 census where they were spelled with a 'T'.)

List of Metcalfes in Mallerstang in 1885.

(Taken from Mallerstang - A Westmorland Dale, Mary M Thompson MA, J Whitehead and Son, Appleby, 1965)

Miles Metcalfe	Boot, Shoe and Clog Maker
	Aisgill

Farmers

Jane Metcalfe 1840	Little Ing
John Metcalfe	Cumpston Hill
Thomas Metcalfe	Elm Gill
William Metcalfe	Hanging Lund
William Metcalfe	Hazel Gill

List of Metcalfes in Mallerstang 1905.

(taken from Bulmer's History, Topography & Directory of Westmorland)

William Metcalfe	Deepgill	(Farmer)
Mary Metcalfe (& sons)	Shoregill	(Farmer)
John Metcalfe	Shoregill	(Farmer)
Jane Metcalfe	Little Ing	(Farmer)
Edgar Metcalfe	Castlethwaite	(Platelayer)

M704 Ian Murray

The TYNE COT MEMORIAL REGISTER

Contributed by - M013 Ron & Gwen Metcalfe

The Memorial Registers giving particulars of those who fell in the fighting in the Ypres Salient and who have no known graves contain some 89,215 names.

54,360 of these names are commemorated on the Memorial Arch at the Menin Gate, Ypres, and 34,855 on the Memorial at Tyne Cot Cemetery, Passchendaele.

A description of these monuments and an account of the military operations in the Ypres Salient are contained in an Introductory part of the Registers common to both Memorials. The Register of the names on the Tyne Cot Memorial is issued in parts.

Part 1 contains 1,166 New Zealand names.

Parts 2 to 24 contain 33,689 UK names and one from Newfoundland.

Part 25 contains names received too late for normal inclusion.

EXTRACT from Part 15.

Medcalf, Pte. Leonard, 204563. 1st Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers.

26th Sept., 1917.

Metcalf, Lce. Cpl. Fred, 24408. 1st/6th Bn. Duke of Wellington's Regt.

11th April, 1918.

Metcalfe, Lce. Cpl. Arthur, S/17031. 8th Bn. Black Watch.

1st Oct., 1918.

Metcalfe, Pte. Bernard, 103505. 54th Coy. Machine Gun Corps (Inf.).

18th Oct., 1917.

Metcalfe, Pte. Christopher, 275082. 1st/6th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers.

6th Sept., 1917. Son Joseph & Margaret, 224 Hampstead Rd, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Metcalfe, Pte. Edward, 42559. 2nd Bn. West Yorkshire Regt.

16th Aug., 1917.

Metcalfe, Rfn. Enoch, R/20389. 18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

21st Sept., 1917.

Metcalfe, Pte. Harry, 41873. 8th Bn. N Staffordshire Regt.
12th April, 1918. Age 20. Son of Parkin & Agnes, Jones Yard, Burton,
Westmorland.

Metcalfe, Pte. Irving, 202352. 10th Bn. Highland Light Inf.
31st Aug., 1918. Age 42. Son of James; husband of Jemima,
15 Wellington St., Barnoldswick.

Metcalfe, Pte. John Archie, 201469. 1st/6th Bn. West Yorkshire Regt.
5th Dec., 1917.

Metcalfe, Pte. John Thomas, 24062. 8th Bn. Duke of Wellington's Regt.
9th Oct., 1917. Age 37. Son of Mr T. of Skipton; husband of Sarah Ellen, 50
Westgate, Skipton.

Metcalfe, Pte. Marsden, 235473. 1st/5th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers.
6th Sept., 1917.

Metcalfe, Lce. Serjt. Matthew, PLY/286(S). R.M.L.I. 2nd R.M. Bn. R.N. Div.
26th Oct., 1917.

Metcalfe, Pte. Michael Charles, 327867. 1st Bn. Cambridgeshire Regt.
26th Sept., 1917. Age 32. Husband of Mercy Chamberlain (formerly Mte)
6 North Cottages, Trumpington Rd., Cambridge.

Metcalfe, Rfn. Percy Bailey, A/200591. C Coy. 12th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.
11th Jan., 1918. Age 34. Son Jonas & Caroline; husband of Barbara Jessie
of Coton, Camb.

Metcalfe, Rfn. Robert Pickering, R/24155. 8th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.
24th Aug., 1917. Age 24. Son of Mr, Mrs George, Ashfield House, Thornton
Rush, Aysgarth, Yks.

Metcalfe, Gnr. Thomas, 345574. 118th Seige Bty. Royal Garrison Artillery.
25th Oct., 1917. Age 19. Son of Alfred & Mary Ann, Central Parade,
Shildon, Durham.

Metcalfe, Pte. Walter, G/15239. 11th Bn. Royal West Kent Regt.
20th Sept., 1917. Age 20. Son of late Sarah Metcalfe.

Metcalfe, Pte. Walter, 306613. 1st/6th Bn. West Yorkshire Regt.
25th April, 1918.

Metcalfe, Pte. William, 204821. 4th/5th Bn. Loyal North Lancs Regt.
26th Oct., 1917. Age 36. Son of William & Jane.
Served at the Dardenelles with the Lancashire Fusiliers.

Metcalfe, Lce. Cpl. William George, 29322. 8th Bn. Norfolk Regt.
22nd Oct., 1917.

Metcalfe, Pte. William Robert, 33126. 13th Bn. East Lancashire Regt.
30th Sept., 1918.

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