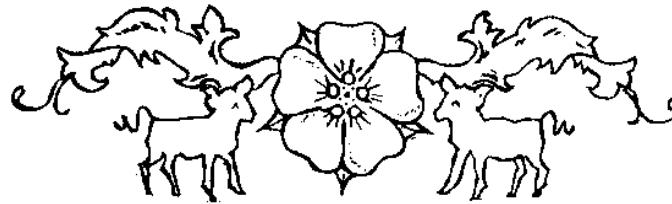


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EDITORIAL

As I start to pen this note the draw for the National Lottery is underway with an estimated 80% of the adult population participating in the hope of becoming a winner.

When the Lottery first started at the back end of 1994 there was a great deal made of how it was history in the making - and so it was - however it was not the first time we'd had a National Lottery. The earliest recorded event was in 1569 and the last in 1826 - both much different times than today. No TV, no lottery machines in supermarkets - no supermarkets! I wonder how it was done. If only our antecedents had left personal records. I know events were recorded but few were from the ordinary person and even fewer gave "meat" to the often skeletal information we have of them.

What knowledge will future generations have of our times? With modern media likely a great deal more information than we have of the day-to-day past. But what personal information will they have of us?

Probably as little as we have of our forebearers. Oh how I wish I had paid attention when I went to see great aunts rather than making a racket and being put in the front room out of

the way - to make an even greater noise by banging on the piano in the room! I did get information written down by older relatives and tape recorded one but a lot more was lost.

Organisations such as the North West Sound Archive record personal memories for posterity and some of you will know of the (Tony) Benn tapes or heard recordings of personal reminiscences on the radio which give interesting insights. We need to ensure that we do not leave a gap in the knowledge of our descendants. So when you are taking a break from the past remember the future and record on any medium (tape video writing painting) personal insights. After all **we are history!**

With the holiday season fast approaching you should make sure you leave space in your diaries for the event of the Autumn -

The Mecca Muster.

A booking form is enclosed with this News - complete and return it now.

Have a good Summer.

Peter Dobson

THE FIRST METCALFE DIVORCE ?

by Nina E Benson (M029)

A suit for divorce in the Court of York, William Wandesford. Gen: v Chr Wandesford Esq; and Cecily Wandesford alias Metcalfe his alleged wife, March 4th 1601-2.

The following document is put in evidence at this trial. By Inq. held at Richmond Oct 7th, 43rd Eliz., before Walter Strickland Esq., John Alred, Esq. the queen's escheator in Yorkshire, and Chr. Aiscough, gen..

John Loftehouse of Richmond, tanner, saith that Christofer Wandesforde is accompted heire of Christofer Wandesforde late of Hipswell esquire, his father deceased.

Betwene Lammas and Michaelmas laste paste, James Metcalfe and Cicilie his sister entreated this exte (Ed witness) and one Henrie Greatchead who dwelte then at Hipswell, where the said Christofer Wandesford lay, to be a meanes to get the said Christofer oute at the gates, and to go to the churche with him to marrie the said Cicilie; and promised this exte, if he could bringe that matter to passe, a hundreth pound.

Whereupon this exte perswaded the said Christofer to go forth of the gates in the night tyme; and so he did, together with the said Cicilie and this exte, who all three went to a place called Sandbecke bridge where they met the said James Metcalfe and one Thomas Man, a minister, as it was reported.

All which fyve wente from thence into Wensadaile and frome thence to Horton in Ribblesdale, where they remayned a little space.

About one a'clock in the after noone, about the Holie Rood day last paste, the said Thomas Man, takinge upon him the office of mynister, did marrie the said Christofer and Cicilie in Horton churche, the said Christofer speakings after the said Man all the woordes of matrimonic, savinge that when the said Man asked the said Christofer whether he would have the said Cicille to his wyfe or no, he answered, "Nay, I mighte have a gentlewoman;" and then this exte said she was a gentlewoman, and then the said Christofer was contente to taikie the said Cicilie to his wyfe at the perswacion of this exte, the said Man and the same James Metcalfe.

One night after the said marriage, the said Christofer and Cicilie beinge at a place called Clapham, certain Hipswell men came to searche for the said Christofer; whereupon the said James Metcalfe conveyed the said Christofer and this exte to an other place aboute a myle frome Clapham, at which place the said Christofer and this exte wente to bed together, the said Cicilie not then beinge in their companie; he saith that in the morning the said Cicilie was in bedd with them, but what tyme she came he knoweth not.

Roger Cottam of York, yeoman, says that Christofer Wandesforde, gent is soonne and heire to Christofer Wandesforde late of Hipswell esquire, deceased who died possessed of landes and tenements of the yerelie value of cli and more, which he rather knoweth to be true because he served the said Mr Wandesforde for two yeares which ended about two yeres ago. This exte dwelte in house with the said Christofer Wandesforde deceased, during which tyme the articulate Christofer his son remained in the said house and was accompted

a lunatyke or mad man, falling for the most part once a day into a fit of frensie or lunacie in which fit he used to tear his clothes from his back and burn them, if he suffred, and used dyvers other mysdemeaners, whereby it mighte evedentlie appear that he was senceless and altogether destitute of reason and descrecion.

Michaell Wandesforde of Upsland, gent., saith that Christofer Wandesforde late of Hipswell, esquire, died possessed of landes of the yerelie value of ccli or thereabouts, and that Christofer Wandesforde articulate is his sonne and heire.

The said Christofer was and is a lunaticke, or madd man and so was founde by a jurie impanelled at Richmond by certain commissioners their sitting for that purpose, which he the rather knoweth to be true, because he haith seen the said Christofer behave himself like a madd man, and was one of the jurie impanelled.

John Trotter of Hollins in Dent, yeoman, says that Thomas Man for dyvers yeres paste haith bene and yet is a verie poore man, having a poore wyfe and about halfe a dozan children (another witness says that he had two illegitimate children for which he had been excommunicated) who go a begging for their leving; and besydes that is a haunter of ail houses given to drinking, carding and tabling and this exte hast seen the said Man so drunk that he could not govern himself, and for this and other of his misbehaviours he was displaced from serving the cure at Dent about two years ago.

He never knew or never heard tell that ever he was minister at Horton in Ribblesdale, at least lawfully licenced, and the perons named in this article were none of his parishoners.

William Escam par. Horton, yeoman. saith that being born and brought up in the parish of Horton and dwelling there ever since, never knew nor heard that Thomas Man was ever minister at Horton, neither did he ever serve the cure there saving at a disorderly marriage solemnized between Christofer Wandesforde and Cicilie Metcalfe as they called them; neither ever being parishoners of that parish that this exte could hear or learn of.

About Michaelmas last past one James Metcalfe who was said to be brother to the said Cicilie and two of the Dinesdells came to this exte's house called Hawber in Horton Parish being a vittaylin house accompanied with the said Mr Christofer Wandesforde and Cicilie Metcalfe and some others.

Soon after went to Horton church and this exte followed them perceived by them that they brought the said Christofer and Cicilie to be married together; and the parties being standing in the body of the church and Man being ready to marry them Wandesforde said "If I marry, I will marry a gentlewoman;" and with that went aside from the company, and one of them brought him again; and when he came some present told him he must be married. Quoth he "Must I be married? I know hardly what matrimonie is." And after a while sais "You told me that I should marry a gentlewoman!" whereunto one of the company answered saying "If you marry her she is a gentlewoman;" and then one of the company called Lofthouse laid his arm over his shoulders until the words of marriage were spoken between the parties by the direction of Man the minister, all the space Lofthouse's mouth was near Mr Wandesford's ear; and it seemed to this exte he spoke to in tymes in his ear, but what he could not hear.

Christofer seemed to this exte to be of no sound judgement nor discrecion; for if he had been he would not have suffered Lofthouse to have leaned on him as he did, neither did the exte see any other ever married having an other man leaning over his shoulders at the time of the marriage. After the companie came from the church they came by the exte's house being about quarter of a mile asunder, and being by the fire side there was a piece of mutton roasting at the fire which Mr Wandesford laid his hand upon saying "Is this a pig?"

The defence included the following:

Thomas Mann exd said he married them properly. About twenty years since he was ordained deacon and priest by the then bishop of Carlisle; served cures at Dent 14 years, at Horton in Westmorland 2 years, at Lowther one year also at Russendall and Gargrave. Said he now lived in Dent after many years of teaching school and being a curate. His cure of Dent ended two years previously. On 26th September last he married Christofer Wandesford and Cecilie Metcalfe, had 20 nobles promised.

Ric Dinsdale went with them from Raydell house to Horton and on the way he had much talk with Christofer Wandesford which he supposed was very sensible for this respondent amongst other things asked him how he liked the moors whereon they rode and he answered he liked them well saving they were sometimes windy by reason of the hills and that they lay hay. He further saith that after the marriage the weddeners dined at William Escam where the articulate Wandesford seeing a calf-head on the table said "Is this a calf-head? It is a very good one" which was a calf head indeed!

Inspite of their protestations that Christofer Wandesford was of a sound mind and that the marriage had been carried out legally the weight of evidence was such that the result went against the Metcalfe's. The verdict found that Christofer Wandesford was incapable of managing his property and as a result of the suit the two were divorced.

Taken from 'The Autobiography of Mrs Alice Thornton of East Newton, Co York'
Published by The Surtees Society.

Odd Items

Noted in a list of auction lots - a Metcalfe peeler!

From an Ordnance Survey Map - high on Eaveston Moor -
Metcalfe's Wife's Cross. (Ed- Anyone know why?)

Muriel Johnston(M445)

UPDATE... UPDATE... UPDATE... UPDATE... UPDATE...

Subscriptions. No feedback from the membership on how they would like to see future subscriptions structured. Committee to discuss at next officials meeting.

Volunteers for the St Catherine's Indexes project. A further member has indicated their willingness to assist. If there are any others who can give of their time write to Mrs Dorothy Pope Project co-ordinator. Address inside of the front page.

Publicity Officer. Miss Margaret Hodgson has agreed to undertake the post her address is on the inside front page. Welcome Margaret.

Census Project. David Metcalfe continues to extract Mecca entries from the 1891 Census Returns. David has completed Northumberland Durham Cumberland Westmorland and North Yorkshire. Now into West Yorkshire he has not been content with just the 1891 extracts for Bradford he has also recorded the 1851, 1861, 1871, and 1881 returns.

Phew! Keep up the good work David.

Editor

THE WENSLEYDALE ADVERTISER

9 December 1845. Richmond. Robbery of a cart at Kettlewell.

During the night of the 21st or the morning of the 22nd last, the cart of Christopher Moor was robbed at Kettlewell. Moor was employed by Mr John Nicholson of Thoraby to convey a quantity of goods from Skipton to Thoraby. On the Friday night Moor arrived at Kettlewell and left his cart safe at about 11 o'clock but on returning on the Saturday morning found the following articles were lost therefrom: 30lbs of coffee, 30lbs shag tobacco, 7lbs of candied lemon, a quantity of shawls, scarves, fustian and 20lbs of black tea. He immediately informed Mr Nicholson of the robbery, who went as soon as possible in search of the goods, and from information received, he proceeded to Richmond and there communicated his suspicions to the chief constable of the borough, Mr Johnson who in consequence apprehended a man of the name of John Metcalfe on Monday morning, and, on searching his house a quantity of black tea and scarves were found also wrappers which had been emptied of tobacco....the prisoner was perfectly identified by several witnesses who knew him and saw him near the cart....and the goods on the back of a horse he was leading at 4 o'clock in the morning....the robbery was fairly proved and the prisoner committed for trial at the next sessions to be held at Knaresborough.

Denny Gibson

ENSIGN METCALFE

by Delphine McDonnell (M497)

Looking through a booklet "The Battle of Waterloo 1815 An Alphabetical List of Officers Killed and Wounded taken from the Official Returns" by Andrew and Sandra Twining, Kogarah NSW which I had just purchased, I was intrigued by the listing of Ensign Metcalfe wounded. Although not of my family I could not resist finding out more about him. A professional researcher was engaged and from the Army pay lists and Pay Masters provided details of the Ensign's service. (*Ed - I have added to Henry's factual details, background to the Battle of Waterloo.*)

Henry Metcalfe became an Ensign (the lowest rank of officer) on 18 March 1813 when he joined the 32nd Regiment of Foot. He was under training for the first year not reaching his Regiment until 25 April 1814 when they were in France as Napoleon's troops were surrendering: Napoleon having abdicated after the defeat at Tolouse on 10 April 1814.

With the peace, the regiment sailed for Cork. There they stayed until war broke out after Napoleon, evading all attempts by the authorities to arrest him, appeared at Lyons on March 10, 1815. As a result of Napoleon's triumphant march through France the Sovereigns of Europe met at Vienna and declared him 'disturber of the peace of the world' and mobilised their forces appointing the Duke of Wellington to command the armies in the Low Countries.

The 32nd Foot as a result of a general mobilisation was ordered from Cork to Ostend at the end of May 1815.

On the afternoon of Sunday 18 June 1815 Brussels was in a state of panic. Since the mid afternoon a stream of fleeing soldiers had appeared in the city from the south where Wellington was barring the way with 63000 British Dutch and German troops against Napoleon's 70000 Veterans. However the city did not fall and Napoleon's initial victory was inconclusive with other skirmishes over the following days. On the morning of 18 June after a wet and cold night the two armies lined up around La Haye Sainte and Hougomont in a battle that was to be named after a small hamlet-Waterloo.

Henry and the 32nd, together with the 28th 79th Highlanders and the 95th Rifles, were put in the centre of the line after the French had mauled the troops holding the centre around La Haye Sainte. It was here that the fighting was at its most intense and would have been where the Ensign received his wound. The battle swung to and fro and it was not until well into the evening that the Imperial Eagles were finally beaten. In spite of his wound and as a result of his actions in the battle Henry was promoted to Lieutenant.

Out of 28000 British soldiers 7000 were casualties - a high figure.

With Napoleon finally vanquished the 32nd sailed to Gosport around Christmas 1815 before moving on to Guernsey in the Spring of 1816. The Army was now being reduced in size and fewer officers were needed, so Henry and many others were released to civilian life on full pay. In theory they could be recalled to the regiment again but Henry never was, instead he went on half pay and remained in Guernsey.

At some stage Henry must have married. The half pay ledgers for 1828 show that he received £41-3s-6d per year, but he died on 3 October of that year. He did not leave a will, as his widow Mary obtained Letters of Administration on 28 January 1829. There is no surviving service record for him so his place and date of birth are not known.

A COURT MARTIAL OFFENCE

(or the Trials and Tribulations of a Conference Secretary)

There I was contemplating what I had to do next to resolve my quest for Thomas Metcalfe (see Issue 44) images of Mystic Meg floating across my mind, when the telephone rang. "Ripon College here" the calm voice at the other end said, "you have filled in the date on the booking form incorrectly." !!!!!!!!! *TERROR*. Visions of a Court Martial, being marched down the aisle at the AGM, sentence passed down from on high by Chairman Charles (*VERY high-Chmn.*) and Secretary Nina, calves expunged, epaulets ripped off and sword broken. Fallen at the first fence, where was my copy of the form. In panic I grab the file which promptly falls on the floor, paper clip one way, documents the other. "Oh yes" continues the voice "the second Saturday in October is the 7th." Look at calendar - Hold on!! - not on my calendar it's not said my squeaky voice. *SILENCE*. "Oh dear! Well, you will have to change" is the response. Can't - sent everything to the Editor, it is ready for printing and cannot be changed (may Thomas forgive me). "What has happened?" voice now calm as I sense victory. "Well it would seem we have double booked your dining room" said the other now squeaky voice, "I will come back to you." *RELIEF*. About two hours later the voice came back on, it is resolved, we will put you in the small dining room.

It will mean that we will only be able to sit **60 for lunch**. Late bookings will have to bring a packed lunch so **BOOK EARLY FOR THE AGM**.

Please send the booking form (you will find with this issue) to me by 1 August 1995.

George Buxton

Your older and wiser Conference Secretary

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CATHOLIC METCALFES

Michael Gandy (M671) is the Chairman of the Catholic FHS and is closely involved with the recently-formed Quaker FHS. Catholicism has always been a force in the north with about 10% of the population (rising to over 30% in parts of Lancashire) following the faith throughout the 1600s. It could be that you have Catholic connections. Michael has carried out a survey of Metcalfes and has deposited a great wealth of information with the Society from which it is hoped articles will be forthcoming in the future.

A Modern Search

by Brenda Thompson (M660)

At the beginning of 1993 our Dad, Tom Bryan asked if we could get a copy of his birth certificate, he also asked if we could get his mother's birth certificate. When we got the certificate he found a surprise, up to the age of seventy four he had always believed he was born in Clayton, Yorkshire in fact he was born in Clayton, Manchester.

On his Birth certificate his mother's name was given as Jane Elizabeth Bryan, late Hargreaves nec Metcalfe. All the information he had about her was that she came from Yorkshire and she was supposed to have died around 1920. His father Thomas Bryan from Burnley died in 1918. Our Dad was only a baby when he was supposed to have been orphaned. It occurred to my sister Rhona and I that his foster sister was named Dolly Hargreaves and might be related. When we received her birth certificate it showed they were half brother and sister. Knowing that Dolly had been born in Liverpool in 1921 we knew that their mother our Granny had not died in 1920 and Dad was not an only child. A further surprise for him.

We made endless visits to local libraries searching through voters lists trade directories and the St Catherine's registers. The only Jane E Hargreaves that kept appearing was at Balfour Street / Blessington Road, Liverpool. The name appeared right up until 1964, the year she died aged eighty. We felt a mixture of excitement and sadness to think that if that was "our Granny" our Dad and family never had the pleasure of knowing her. In June 1994 Rhona and I decided to go over to Liverpool and find Balfour Street perhaps if we found someone elderly they might recall who had lived at the address in Balfour Street / Blessington Road. At first we could find no one suitable but a worker came out of a depot across the road and when we explained what we were interested in he said he would speak to his father who had had a shop in the street for many years and might remember something. A few days later he rang up saying that his father knew a Mrs Hargreaves who lived there with two children called Joan and Bernard. My heart sank, had we been on the trail of the wrong Mrs Hargreaves; however he provided a telephone number of the daughter.

We spent some time deciding whether we should ring up a total stranger and ask if her mother was our Granny. The suspense was too much I eventually rang her and explained I was researching the name Hargreaves. She was extremely friendly and spoke freely about her mother. When I asked what her maiden name was and was told it was Metcalfe - I knew we were related. She was surprised, but told me she had a brother Bernard living in Liverpool and also mentioned an elder sister Edna. They had no idea that my Dad existed. We all met up over the following months and have spent many hours looking at old family photographs and seeing our Granny at different stages of her life.

Further research showed my Grandmother had six children. At some stage she decided to have some of her children brought up in a foster home for fear of them suffering poverty and starvation, which must have been difficult for her. Considering what little information we had about our Granny, Jane Elizabeth Metcalfe, we have come a considerable way and have found a wonderful new family for our Dad.

AMERICAN SNIPPETS

(or bits from the Colonies - Ed)

In 1851 Thomas S Metcalfe a native of Providence Rhode Island and his wife Celia (Greene) then living in Augusta, Georgia, ordered a 35 piece collection of coin silver hollowware. The collection made by Gorham and Thurber Company included a water kettle cake basket coffee and tea service vegetable dishes and salvers. The silver was left to a niece Mrs Annie Greene Owen and then to her daughter Annie Owen Cooke whose sons donated the collection to Greensboro Historical Museum.

Maurice Metcalf

An advertisement from a Visitor's Guide to Wenatchee Washington State
METCALF ARABIANS - Offers for sale quality Arabians and Arab/Warmblood crosses!

Pam Jarman (M123)

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

16th February 1995

Since my last notes written in October '94 Michael & I went zooming off to the Caribbean Islands for a fortnight's cruising - unforgettable sights, sounds and smells, with not a Metcalfe in sight (as far as I know !). It was super to get so much sunshine before the winter set in.

Early this year I was able to "set up" Dorothy Pope who has kindly taken over as "New Members' Secretary" - briefly this means that she will be receiving and dealing with each new Member then passing the relevant information on to the rest of us. It has relieved me of a lot of work and I am very grateful to Dorothy for her valuable help. See elsewhere for further details of Membership Cards. After Dorothy was up and running, so to speak, it was the turn of George Buxton who has taken over as "Conference Secretary". As you will see on the Muster booking form you now return them to George for him to deal with - thereby relieving me of MORE work.

When George was happy with the set up it was Margaret Hodgson's turn to learn more about her new tasks as "Minutes and Publicity Secretary" which was previously undertaken by Denny Gibson.

The whole Society should join me in sending grateful thanks to Dorothy, Margaret and George because it was becoming an intolerable task for me to continue with the workload that 425 members generate. Now for the first time for years I have time to work at a normal pace and the relief is GREAT. Now that these jobs have been assigned to separate people it will be easier for them to be passed over as going concerns if and when it is necessary.

We are all excitement in the family as this weekend the twins Thomas and Samuel are coming to visit, their first trip from home. There'll be celebrations going on at 29 Skelton Road with all the family calling in to be fed and to meet the lads !

Thank you all those members who sent their Christmas and New Year greetings, it is lovely to hear from you and I trust that from now on I will have extra time to assist those requiring help. Best wishes to everyone, especially those who are not so well and HAPPY HUNTING to all.

Nina E. Benson

St Catherine's House Visitor - Rise in Costs.

Firstly, we apologise for the omission of Mrs Betty Van Arkadie's address from Mecca News 44, it appears in this edition together with the other officers.

Secondly, the cost of a copy certificate has recently risen to £6.00 sterling so please adjust your payments immediately.

Thirdly, postage costs have risen considerably and especially overseas members are requested to remember this when sending return postage. We advise that it would be better to add return postage costs to the certificate payments than to send IRCs. Please also remember that as the requested number of copy certificates rise, so does the weight and return postage costs.

Please help Betty to continue to give us superb service. Thank you Betty.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS.

From January 1995 new members have been issued with a Membership Card.

We ask that these are sent with all requests for help to the Keeper of the Computer Index and to the Secretary. This enables them to check that the writer IS a member and gives their name and Membership number which eases the passage of the query. PLEASE help us to help you.

Early members often expressed a wish for Membership Cards and whilst these cannot be called wonderful editions, you are welcome to send for one if you would like to. Send a stamped (19p rate UK/10g rate overseas) SAE to the SECRETARY with your request.

UP-DATED BIRTH BRIEFS - please send these DIRECT to the Editor.

METCALFE FAMILY HISTORY BOOK.

Warwick Metcalfe the Book's co-ordinator says the project is still in the planning stage but is expecting to have a rough draft of the first chapter for discussion at the next committee meeting. The book's project team are looking forward to receiving suggestions on the format from members. The initial response to the request for feedback has been good with around 200 expressions of interest being received.

BRITISH ISLES IGI 1992.

Vauna Meredith (M666) has supplied 20 discs which have been received by the Keeper of the computer, our Chairman Charles. Because of his recent move he has only been able to check the first disc but he reports that all is well. Once he has emptied all his boxes he will be able to look at the remainder and an update will be made in later issues.

See report in Computer News - Ed.

OBITUARIES

we are very sorry to announce the deaths of

Harold Crossfield (M058)

Margaret Pelmeier (M173)

John E. Metcalfe (M190).

Although he had not been a member for a few years,

Member 193 and past Editor David Urwin has died at the early age of 53.

Our sincere condolences are offered to their families.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Society of Genealogists - Family History Fair 6/7 May 1995 Royal Horticultural Society New Hall & Conference Centre Westminster London SW1. The Metcalfe Society will not be attending this year.

Bristol & Avon FHS Open Day Exhibition. 13 May 1995 10am - 4pm St Mary Redcliffe & Temple School Somerset Square Bristol BS1 6RT.

Gwent FHS Open Day 12 August 1995 Main Hall Monmouth Comprehensive School Monmouth Gwent.

Weekend Conference & FFHS Council Meeting organised by Berkshire FHS to be held at Reading University from 8-10 September 1995. Further details from Joyce Wells 15 Wellington Close Shaw Newbury Berkshire RG13 2HG.

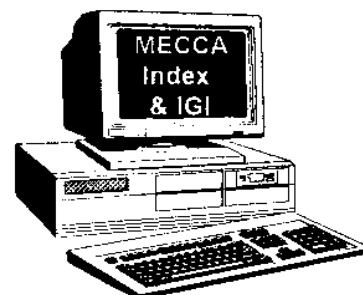
Mecca Muster and Annual General Meeting Saturday 14 October 1995 at the College of Ripon & York St John, College Road, Ripon. Registration 9.30am AGM at 10am. For full details see Booking form issued with this copy of the Mecca News.

The Guild of One-Name Studies Regional Meeting. 21 October 1995 (Provisional). Chester Area Conference probably at Chelfield nr Macclesfield Cheshire.

Federation of Family History Societies NW Group. Family History Fair. Saturday 28 October 1995 10am-4pm Stockport Town Hall Stockport. Admission £1. The Metcalfe Society will attend and plans are in hand for the Council of Family Societies to take a neighbouring table.

Wensleydale Advertiser - 10 September 1844 Marriage. On Wednesday 28th ult. at Spennithorne by the Rev R Pollaine, Mr W Metcalfe, tailor Bedale to Martha daughter of Mr Benjamin Brockell, Farmer Bellerby.

Denny Gibson



Computer Notes

CSM

At last - I'm sat in a new room at a new address and the long search for the cardboard mover's box which contains some vital object is about to begin.

I suppose you've all been through the horrors of moving but this is our twelfth change and has turned up items that went missing fourteen years ago!

This PC still works in spite of the usual hassle over claims for the broken this or that, though I'm about three months behind with List and Tree data entries. The Mecca PC is also back with me after having had an unsuccessful trial run with our editor Peter, who luckily now lives only twenty minutes away in Cheshire. The combination of Windows and desk top publishing for the MECCA News proved to be just too much for it's antiquated (5 years old !!) technology. So last week we implemented the prior approval we got from the AGM and purchased a new 486 PC with SVGA screen, 4 Meg of memory and 170M hard disk at a very competitive price thanks to Vice Chairman Diane. In the near future we will probably increase the memory and attach a printer so that the editor, and the Metcalfe Society, are not dependant upon the use of my personal laser printer.

As mentioned in the last News, help in providing extracts from the Mormon IGI'92 has been given by Vauna Meredith M666. The disks have arrived, have been entered onto this PC and have already been used in answering some queries. Thanks for your help Vauna.

To quote from her letter- 'This version of the IGI separates Marriage search from Individual. The 1993 IGI is HUGE and, because there can be multiple sources for the same person, you will find a lot of duplicates. You will also find a lot of inaccurate information in entries submitted by individuals. The most accurate entries will be those for which the source is extracted records which are coded as follows - C, J, K, P - christening or birth records E, M(not M17,M18) - marriage records 725, 745, 754 - county or state vital record indexes.

Example- an entry with batch No. C506641 is from christening or birth records.'

(You may need to refer to this if you receive a PC printout. csm.)

Many Thanks Vauna.

I should repeat that her warning about inaccurate information also applies to our lists. Double checking should be a must for all!

I have also read that some entries occur in IGI'88 but not in IGI'92, perhaps someone could comment on this to the editor for our next issue?

Looking at MECCA NEWS No 2 which bears the date Dec. 1980 I see the note that 'Mrs Helen Offer has also very kindly offered to run a Metcalfe Index.' She had at that time a card index of 175 Mte's which eventually came to me as 22,000 cards! after the start of computerisation (with which she still helps) in 1989.

DEAR EDITOR

Michael Metcalfe (M326)

The decision of the 1994 Muster to work towards a new volume of family history raises many questions about what sort of book it should be. If it is an adaptation of *Medecalf* (1930) I fear that some of us who are hungry for bread will feel we have been offered a stone. The Earlier Records of the Metcalfe Family of Nappa was a scholarly book but it was more or less restricted to one family line - titled people with an illustrious coat of arms. Only a select few of our members have that distinction but most of us don't

So what should be the content of a book sponsored by the Society? Should it be a reference book or should we try to make it a 'good read'? Or should it be a miscellany of anecdotes about Metcalfes who achieved fame and fortune (or notoriety)? Or ought it to be more historical and attempt to explore some of the themes of our family's past? (But not the myth of the clan.)

A debate perhaps conducted through the pages of the Mecca News in the form of articles over the next few years would be time well spent. To start the ball rolling how about structuring the book around a series of 'snapshots' of the (whole) family in 1900 1800 etc back to 1300 although the first sections would be slim. Perhaps they could be alternated with short pieces on selected themes (say) hill farming in the upper dales, lead mining, Meccas in America etc.

A volume purporting to be the history of the Metcalfes should distil a lot of ideas explored in more detail elsewhere and not just be a re-write of something else.

(Ed : Any other ideas? Please let me know)

DRH Major (M324)

I have a family book published in 1771 inscribed Thomas Metcalf - Craike. Do any of the members have a connection with this Gentleman?

Charles R Willis (M729)

Information wanted on the ancestry of John Wilson, joiner of Clitheroe and his wife Elizabeth (Betty) Mit m 29 December 1796 at Low Bentham, Yorks. Three children found in IGI christened at Wesleyan Methodist Chapels. Nancy (14.5.1799) Padiham, Betty (24.3.1800) Oldham and John (19.7.1801) Padiham. Family left for America c 1802. John's father was Thomas Wilson and siblings James, George and twins Adam & Jinny.

Charles Cole (Ex - M715)

I only recently joined the Society and found it to be brilliant well run and interesting. However when I took out membership I thought I was a Metcalfe descendant. Through the Secretary's help I have found that I am in fact descended from the widow of a Metcalfe who remarried.

(Ed - a case of being too good)

Joyce & Jim Driscoll (M724)

The majority of the members seem to have an interest in Yorkshire or Lincolnshire with just a few in Norfolk. I wonder if the following apprentice item is the start of the Norfolk line?

"Richard s.o. George Metcalf Yeoman of Brick Riggs (Ed-Birk Rigg?) Yorks to Hugh Johnson Ship Caulker of Yarmouth 7 years from September 1629. Double apparel and tools 13 July 1629."

DEAR EDITOR

Shirley Withers (M033)

Mecca News Issue 44 - Page 15 Filia Tutia Mte.

She was a distant aunt of Miles Mte (M141) and her father was the Rev John Metcalfe M.A.. She was his third daughter and perhaps he ran out of inspiration for names, so he called her Felia Tertia (not Tutia)(Ed - evidently the Registrar misheard), third daughter. She evidently liked the name as she called her own daughter (first) Felia. Both lived till the age of ninety.

Velma Metcalfe (M706)

I really identify with Christine Crossley's (M557) lament in the December issue. We are not related to anyone either! Whilst waiting to see what turns up I am willing to help with any Mecca research in Wellington. We have access to early NZ newspapers, assisted Immigration records etc. (Ed - Don't forget 2 IRC's)

Mrs Vera Adams (M002)

At a slide lecture on the history of Oakwell Hall, Birstall nr Batley W. Yorks I was interested to hear that Henrietta Catherine Metcalfe, daughter of William Metcalfe Esq of Northallerton, and Anna dau of Sir George Marwood(Bart) of Little Busby, married John Batt son of the owners, in York Minister on 15 January 1695.

Henrietta was born in 1673 and her father was born in 1635 and was a Mercer and a Freeman of York in 1673. She died without issue the hall passing to her husband's sisters.

Oakwell Hall is a country park which is open throughout the year and is just south of the M62 between junctions 26 & 27.

Mr & Mrs Chapman (M218)

In York Minister on 14 January 1995 the 300th Anniversary of the wedding of John Batt and Henrietta Metcalfe was re-enacted.

James M Dobson (M442)

Peter Metcalfe in Issue 39 suggested a framework to help discover basic facts relating to the Metcalfe surname. I have examined various rolls for the 1300's but nowhere could I discover the use of the surname.

I recently visited the Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City and asked to see the earliest UK Metcalfe on their records. It only took a few minutes for them to provide a printout of Thomas Metcalfe Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster born c1436 and married to Elizabeth Hertlington. It was a surprise given their resources they had no earlier records. (Thomas(c1424-1503) was s of James(1389-1472) & she was also known as Alicia de Hartlington - Keeper of Index & show off)

Jean & Frank Bradley (M059)

In Issue 43 the question was posed why the different Mecca spellings? I'm pretty certain the differences are due to local pronunciation or the interpretation made by clerics before a settled written form emerged. In Issue 11(Dec 1983) we wrote an article which showed the modern distribution of the clan with Md's mainly in the Eastern Counties and Mt/Mte's predominant (93% of the spelling overall) with 98% in the North.(Ed - Jean & Frank's article was prompted by a question in a book reviewed in Issue 11 "English Surnames series I - Yorkshire West Riding" by George Redmonds)

THE LAST RESORT

by Debby Rose (M289)

I am writing this article as a last resort in tracing my Metcalf ancestors. I have been stuck for the last 10-15 years! My story starts with the marriage of my Great Grandparents, Arthur Cooper Farrow and Elizabeth Jane Metcalfe. The marriage certificate gives Elizabeth's age as 23 when they were married at Christchurch Bridlington on 22 November 1908. Her father is given as John Metcalfe, an engineer. At the time, Elizabeth lived and worked at the Britannia Hotel in Bridlington.

Elizabeth died on 4 January 1959 aged 72 and is buried in Bridlington alongside Arthur who had died in 1928. Members of the family have provided me with various snippets of information and one piece gives Elizabeth's birthday as around 14 January. Given the above ages it would give a birthday of 1885-1887.

I have been through the St Catherine's House Indexes several times from 1882-1888 and although I have found several Elizabeth Jane's, none fit with the places given by the family which are Sheffield, Thirsk, Killamarsh (Derbyshire), Middlesbrough, Accrington and Knaresborough. I have also written to the local registrars again to no avail.

There is a story that the Metcalfe's owned a steel works called either Sheffield or Metcalfe's Steel Works and that the family owned a large estate in Sheffield which Elizabeth's father - John - stood to inherit. However he eloped with the maid and so his father would have nothing further to do with him. John's wife thought to be a Jane, possibly nee Parsons, died at the age of 35. After that John made up with his father and inherited from him. When John died in the 1920's, place unknown, he apparently left a will leaving a house and £800 to each of his eight children.

John's children are said to be James George Alfred John (Jack) Amelia Adclaide (Milly) (m 1 Walter Green 2 Harry Gunn) Elizabeth Jane (my g/grandparent) Nelly and Mary (m Reuben Hudson).

If anyone can help with this, however little I would be delighted to hear from them..

Debby can be contacted at 4 Chafeys Avenue, Weymouth, Southill, Dorset DT4 0EQ.

A Modern Mecca.

Richard Metcalfe of Gosforth Rugby Union team has been chosen to represent England at under - 21 level. Born in Wakefield in November 1973 Richard did not take up the game until he left school at sixteen. His long term goal is to play for the full England team in the 1999 World Cup. Currently Richard is 7ft 1in and 19 stone - the ideal size for a second row forward!

And an 18th century Ancient One.

'Pleaseth your Worship to be advertised that there is one William Metcalfe... which is a common drunkard Baraker & Railer....and he is a very great blasphemer of God's name, etc.' A case in consistory led to a humiliating public penance at Cravenholme, Askrigg.

BEFORE WE WERE HERE.....

From Elizabeth Potts (424)

From time to time we have looked back at various eras in the history of Harrogate Grammar School, such as the move in 1933 from the previous town centre site to the "new purpose-built" school in Arthurs Avenue.

But have any of you wondered what used to be on the school lands before Harrogate Grammar School arrived? I must admit I had not, at least not until I was put in contact with Mrs Mary Thorpe whose family, the Metcalfe's, lived here for many generations, until forced to leave around 1930 when the land they rented was sold to the County Council for the building of a brand new school.

The Metcalfe's house Windsor Cottage, stood facing onto Otley Road but the large amount of adjacent land meant that the family had been able to develop various business interests and at one time Mrs Thorpe's father employed fourteen people. Many of them worked in a woodyard where wood was cut from whole trees transported to the site and kept for ten years to season it before it was cut. Some of it was used in a joiner's, also on the site and firewood was sold as a sideline. There was also a paintshop and Mr Metcalfe also built and repaired milk floats.

All this activity was a result of necessary diversification when the age of horse-drawn transport began to draw to a rapid conclusion at the beginning of the century. In earlier days the house had been a coaching inn, rejoicing in the grand name of the Windsor Castle, and provided stabling, a blacksmith and a wheelwright. Mrs Thorpe's father realizing the growing importance of the car, began to sell petrol but as petrol pumps had not been invented it was sold in 2-gallon tins. He also used to tell his daughter about the First World War wounded soldiers who had provided much custom when they were convalescing at St George's and walked down Otley Road for a drink at the Windsor Cottage.

Mrs Thorpe's other memories include seeing wealthy people "invariably very fat" being pushed up the road in bathchairs. As a child she felt they would have recovered health much more effectively if they had been the ones doing the pushing. She also remembers the annual fair which is now on the Stray. Of course there was sadness when the enforced move came. Mrs Thorpe was thirteen and she recalls feeling upset that so much history was going to disappear. But the family received compensation and the enterprising Mr Metcalfe promptly set up business elsewhere.

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The Link - Harrogate Grammar School Newsletter - February 1995.

A Lincolnshire Stray?

Lindsey Quarter Sessions. John Medcalf born Pennyworth Durham aged 25.
Sentenced 5/1/1838. Ten years. Sent 1838 to New South Wales aboard Lord Lynedock.

From Mr & Mrs V R Cook

CANADIAN MECCA'S

Susanne Metcalfe (M150) has information regarding Canadian Metcalfe families.

1. Henry Mt (1796 -1844) from Barnard Castle m 1821 Rebecca Benson children Elizabeth, John, Margaret, Mary, Geo Benson, Henry, William, Michael and Rebecca. Settled Wellington Co. Canada c 1833. Twenty six pages of typed history including 8 page surname index.

2. John Mte m Mary Farrar son Robert Mte (1788-1844) m 15.4.1808 Masham Elizabeth Craddock. Nine children Mary b 1808, Wm b1810, Robt b1816, Elizabeth(Betsy) b1818, Ann b1821, Anthony b1824, Martha b1827, Thomas b1829 and Abraham b1830. Resided Augusta Twp Grenville Co Ontario. Emigrated possibly after 1830. Two pages of charts.

Stray from Wellington Co Ontario. Joseph Mte b1818 Kealby Eng. d1904 m Sarah Andis in England. To Canada 1851. Children Joseph (to Manitoba), Sarah(m richard R Wilkin, Minto) Mrs D Barket, Mrs John Ransom, Mrs Thomas Barker, Wm and John (both to Manitoba). Joseph Senr. worked on the construction of the G W Ry and later obtained a contract on his own account earning sufficient to purchase in 1855, 400 acres of bush land in Minto. From 1886 in Harrison Ontario. Councillor school trustee and member of Methodist Church.

Also extracts from 1899 and 1910 *Might's* Directories for Toronto listing Mt(e)'s. Lists around 50 individuals.

From the Winnipeg Manitoba Directories

1884 Joseph Mt, dealer in staple and fancy dry goods, 435 Main
1885 Wm Mt, Can Pacific, Railroad paint shop
1897 T.L. Mt, Barrister, 435 Main
1900 H.D.Mte, Grain Exporter, 249 Grain Exchange
1903 Robert H Mte, Bookkeeper, Arctic Ice Co, Norwood
1905 Christopher Mte, Stone Mason, 240 Carlton
1906 John Md, Carpenter, 289 Dufferin
1909 Letitia Mte (wid George), 829 Ellice
1913 Arthur Mt, Locksmith, 62 Boyle
1917 Garnett S Mt, Druggist Eatons, 22,64 Albert
1923 Florence Mte, Student Univ of Manitoba, 185 Spence

These are a few of the 300 Mecca entries listed in the Directories between 1884 and 1923. For further details of this list and the Might's Directories (see above) apply to the Secretary Nina Benson.

Brant Argyle Cemetry Selkirk Manitoba. Pt Elmer Mt, Manitoba Regt age 24 son of Wm B & Mesa Mt of Argyle. Died of pneumonia 25.10.1918

Mountain View Cemetry Vancouver. Pt Frank Mt, 47th Btn Br Columbian Reg age 28 s of Elizabeth B Mt of Kitslane Vancouver & late Wm Hederington Mt. Died of pleurisy 14.10.1918

Mount Hope Cemetry Toronto. Spr. John Mte, Canadian Engineers age 28 son of Mary Mte Liverpool England & late John Middlehurst Mt. Died of sickness 1.12.1918

Halifax Nova Scotia. Pt James Grover Mte Alberta Reg age 34 son of Thomas & Jane Mte of Athabaska Alberta. Died of influenza 7.10.1918.

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Wharfedale Family History Group.

The Whereabouts of Wharfedale Records by Stanley Merridew. Lists alphabetically by place the location of all known records. Price £1.50 each plus p&p 30p UK 65p Surface mail. From The Wharfedale Family History Group, Sheila Johnson 100 Station Road Burley in Wharfedale Ilkley W Yorks.

Bishopdale Archives.

Details of families in Bishopdale Newbiggin Thoraby West Burton and Walden from various sources. Available at nominal fee of £5 for each family. Also "Once in Preston under Scar" the story of a Wensleydale village by AK & A Butterworth £4.95. Payable to Jean Kington. Further information and orders to Bishopdale Archives West Lane House Bishopdale Leyburn North Yorks.

Birmingham & Midland Society for Genealogy & Heraldry.

Computer Programs for the Family Historian Vol 9 - Further DOS Programs by John Bloore. Cost £3 including p & p. Order from the Society 92 Dimmingsdale Bank Birmingham B32 1ST.

Society of Genealogists.

My Ancestors were Manorial Tenants by Peter B Park. Concentrates on the period 1600 - 1926 and how to use the records. Price £3.60 plus £1 p & p

My Ancestors were English Prebyterians/Unitarians: How can I find out more about them? by Alan Rushton. Cost £3.00 by post £4.00. From The Bookshop Manager Society of Genealogists 14 Charterhouse Buildings London EC1 7BA.

MECCA MISCELLANY

The Good.

At Richmond Quarter Sessions - 20 January 1820, the following men were registered as Dissenting Preachers : - James Metcalfe and Leonard Metcalfe. (Both no doubt early Wesleyan or non-conformist preachers.)

"... a branch of the Metcalfe family settled in Ireland in 1690, from which was descended Charles, Lord Metcalfe, Governor of Jamaica, Governor General of Canada and acting Gov. General of India. One of the most illustrious of the many eminent men who have built up our India and Colonial Empire." from Whaley's History of Askrigg, published 1890.

Charles Theophilus Metcalfe spent many years in India and had a reputation as an Orientalist. Major Ralph Henry Sneyd, Commander of the Governor's Bodyguard (1820-1826), who married Jane Dunbar, named his son (b 1821) as Charles Metcalfe Sneyd, after his Godfather.

The Bad.

Thirsk Quarter Sessions 5 March 1707/8.

"To the Constable of Middleton an order to convey Ruth Metcalfe, a lewd and idle wandering beggar, to the House of Correction at Thirsk, and the Keeper there of the same, is ordered to receive and keep her."

From the Calendar of Prisoners in York Castle (at N.Y.C.R.O.) :-

"James Metcalfe, James Whiteley, Jonathan Akeroyd and Martha Metcalfe, the wife of Joseph Metcalfe, were all convicted of felony at the Leeds Borough Sessions, 13 July 1829. Ordered that the said above named persons be severally transported beyond the seas for the term of 7 years."

The Clumsy.

In issue 38 page 24 James Metcalfe was reported injured through mis-handling blasting powder. The following tells of a less fortunate outcome :- Sedbergh Parish Church. On a tombstone for "Matthew son of Miles and Mary Leighton, whose early death was caused by an accidental explosion of gunpowder in November 1848. Aged 19 years."

The Hopefully Rich.

Rural postmen are being greeted hopefully by scores of Metcalfe families. They have heard of the death of Henry Metcalfe, an 85 year old Yorkshireman in Toronto, in whose house was found £5600 in cash and bonds. Mr Metcalfe's Yorkshire address is unknown but it is understood that an executor posted a letter of inquiry to two neices in Yorkshire. Inquiries failed to show that the important letter had arrived. *D&S Times 1950.*

The Inventive.

It is known that Theophilus Metcalfe was the tenth of eleven children born to Matthew and Maria Metcalfe of Richmond and was baptised on 3 June 1610. He went to London and in 1633 published a system of shorthand he had devised. Whilst not the first system published it was certainly one of the earliest and formed the basis of many later shorthand systems. *D&S Times 1959.*

The Non-Payer.

Dog licence dodger. Bishopwearmouth Parish, Co. Durham 1877/78 - Simon Metcalfe.

East Riding Watton Parish Records.

John (Labourer) and Mary Medcalfe.

Children William (b 24.11.1811), Mahala (b 7.7.1813), Martha (b 1.9.1815), John (b 15.6.1817 described as Groom in Watton 1867), Thomas (b 8.9.1821), Edmund (b 28.8.1825).

Mahala Md mar James Scruton of Watton - 11 August 1838.

Thomas Md mar Jane Storey of Watton - 11 April 1846.

William Md (Mt) mar Johanna Potter of Watton - 23.1.1847.

St Mary's Beverley Registers.

Sarah (b 29.9.1784) dau of Samuel Metcalfe, Linen draper of Beverley.

Isabella (b 14.6.1786) dau of Samuel Metcalfe.

Samuel Metcalfe died 14 January 1808, age 55.

Thomas Metcalfe (Apothecary) died 2.11.1800, age 48.

Thomas Medcalf (b 2.4.1793, d 19.4.1794) son of James (Labourer) and Elizabeth Md.

George Metcalf (b 14.2.1794) son of William (Shoemaker) and Diana Metcalf.

Ann Metcalf mar George Welbourn - 31.12.1832.

Thomas Metcalfe witness at the marriage of John Harper and Mary Sharp - 16.3.1835.

Burt Metcalfe witness at wedding of William Forster and Jane Eskritt - 26.11.1836.

Ann Metcalf (nee Stephenson?) witness at wedding of Ralph Stephenson and Rebecca Johnson at Watton - 24.4.1826 also witness at the wedding of Thomas Hudson and Elizabeth Hodgson - 4.10.1829.

from John C. Metcalfe (M030)

Apprentice to Jos Campion Shipwright Newcastle-upon-Tyne 1722 Robert Metcalfe of Marske son of John, yeoman. Cleveland FHS Journal October 1994.

Durham Yeomanry Cavalry. James Metcalf of Crosgate enrolled May 1818. Horse provided by John Metcalf. Baker Baker Papers Durham University Library.

Mary Metcalf born Lonsdale Westmoreland 1815 living in Liverpool 1851.

NOT UP THE POLE ?

by David Major (M324)

The "Brief History of Metcalfes of Caledon" (South Africa) says on Page 8 : " John Mt of Scarborough was succeeded by his eldest son John Mt who lived in Wensleydale district and married Elizabeth Ryecroft of Tidla (d 1787) John Mt died 1795. His eldest son John (b Leeds 1752 died 1809) married Mary Farrar(1778). Their family included a second daughter Mary (b 1786): married Oates and in time became grandmother of Captain Lawrence Oates (of Boer War and South Pole fame). "

This seems to be an error. From an entry in Beverley : "Mary Metcalfe married William Oates on 12 July 1813". This could be the Mary daughter of John and Mary, born in 1786, so she would have been 27 when she was wed.

Apart from this I have clear evidence through the Oates side that Lawrie Oates' grandfather Edward Oates married Susan Grace (17 October 1836) and that their son William Oates (Lawrie's father) married the formidable Caroline Anne Buckton. It is true that she was the child of Joshua Buckton (of Meanwood Leeds) and Mary nee Oates but I have no information about that Mary's origins - certainly not in the line of Oates : Edward - William - Lawrence. Possibly a cousin.

Yet it is perhaps significant that Lawrence Oates' maternal grandmother was also an Oates! More significant still for the line of South African Mt's is that his maternal grandfather was a Buckton for that was my mother's second name given to her by her parents Alfred & Eleanor at her christening ; Edith Buckton Metcalf.

Sadly none of this supports the mention on page 8 of "A Brief History" (see above) about grandmother Mary (nee Oates) being the Mary who was daughter of John Mt and Mary Farrer. Nor the reference to it in my article about Lawrence Oates in Mecca News December 1991 page 19, nor accordingly in the Birth Brief booklet.

NORTH WEST SOUND ARCHIVE

The Archive is funded by local government and is based at Clitheroe Castle Lancashire where there is a studio and around 85000 recordings. They make collect and preserve sound recordings of the life character history and traditions of the north west of England.

Preserved are the memories of cotton mill workers engineers canal workers and coal-miners. Other recordings include The Survey of English Dialects Folk music and an

extensive collection of 78rpm shellac gramophone records.

Many of the recordings are available on loan or can be heard at Clitheroe and the Greater County Record Office Marshall Street Manchester (0161 832 5284). The computer at Clitheroe is a major regional dictionary with over 10000 dialect and other regional words. The Archive could be useful for Local History Research Academic Research and Family History Researchers

For further details contact North West Sound Archive Clitheroe Castle Clitheroe Lancs BB7 1AZ (01200 27897).

THE COUNCIL FOR FAMILY SOCIETIES

In June 1992, Iain Swinnerton President of the Federation of Family History Societies wrote a letter to all the One-Namers who were listed in the Guild of One-Name Studies (GOONS) Register as running One-Name Societies. The purpose was to enable a list of the UK One-Name Societies (those properly constituted) to be compiled, making available details of meetings subscriptions and any publications.

Out of the 28 Societies approached some 24 responded and a Directory was compiled. Arising from this initial contact was a desire by some of the Societies to arrange meetings for the One-Name Groups. On 1 May 1993 a meeting took place in Swindon. Eighteen fully constituted Societies attended and agreed to set up a Council. Not all of the original attendees decided to join, however the Council has a current membership of eleven including the Metcalfe Society -one of the founder members - and is seeking to recruit further. The membership now consists of the Alderson, Beresford, Cree, Grubb, Hamley, Lin(d)field, Metcalfe, Morgan, Swinnerton, and Witheridge Societies. A quarterly newsletter - Forum - is produced, copies are held by the Metcalfe Society.

The 4th meeting of the Council held at the Birmingham and Midland Institute in Birmingham on 11 February 1995 was attended by your Chairman, Secretary, and Editor. Eight of the Societies were represented, with the meeting lasting around three and a half hours. After dealing with the Officials reports, the major portion of the meeting was taken up with a wide range of topics including items on how the Council should be marketed, articles for the Forum, Society Newsletters, membership fees for individual Societies, Data Protection Act, Charitable status and publishing books.

It was agreed that as there was a wealth of collective knowledge which could be of benefit to all societies the Council would undertake to produce fact sheets on the various topics in the near future. Future meetings will be reported in the News.

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE

The old reader's tickets are now no longer valid so when you next pay a visit to the PRO (either at Kew or Chancery Lane) you will need to take some kind of identification such as a driving licence bankers card or passport to get in. Tickets cannot be ordered by post.

FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

The FFHS will be holding a Seminar for Programme Organisers on Saturday 17 June 1995 at the Birmingham & Midland Institute Margaret Street Birmingham B3 3BS. Further details and booking form from Mrs Lillian Gibbens 1d Uplands Road Enfield London EN2 7PS. The Seminar will include guidance on how to obtain speakers, organise meetings, what to include in a Day Conference or a Society Programme and how to prepare your talk.

A new Education Newsletter will be produced in 1995 to coincide with the half-yearly conferences (March/April & September) and will contain information on all aspects of teaching and education, courses and accreditation. Details on how to obtain a copy from Mrs R Rawcliffe, 44 Southway Bridgemary Gosport Hants PO13 0XD.

The British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa has been formed to assist in the research and publishing of family histories of people with origins in England Ireland Scotland & Wales whose ancestors migrated to North America and settled in Canada. The Society newsletter Anglo-Celtic Roots will be published quarterly and meetings held at the Family History Centre 1017 Prince of Wales Drive Ottawa. Further details from BIFHSGO PO Box 38026 Ottawa ON K2C 1N0 Canada.

Mr John Tourelle 50 Bantry Street Alexandra New Zealand writes a monthly column Tracing Your Heritage for The Southland Times. The column offers a free enquiry service to people trying to trace ancestors or descendants and could be used to track down relations who emigrated to NZ. Enquiries should be limited to 80 words and enclose 2 IRC's.

NEW FEES NEW FEES NEW FEES NEW FEES.

As from 1 January 1995 the Church Commissioners have made changes to the fees payable for searches in Church Registers. The new rates are as follows:

Marriage Register search before 1 July 1837 (for up to one hour) - £11

(for each subsequent hour or part of an hour) - £9

Baptism / Burial Register search plus one copy of any entry (one hour) - £11

(for each subsequent hour or part of an hour) - £9 (each additional copy) - £11

Inspection of Tithe Act 1836 instruments or agreements - £5

(each copy for every 72 words) - £5.

As from 1 February 1995 the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys (St Catherine's House) has introduced new rates for certificates applied for in the Public Search Room. As follows:

All Full Certificates £6 : Short Certificates (Birth) £4.

Priority Applications (Full) £20 : (Short) £18.

MEMBERS DETAILS

Birth Brief Updates

M694 Miss L J M Husband 25 Calderstones Avenue Liverpool L18 6HX

My Metcalfe ancestors were Woollen Manufacturers born and married in Kendal Westmorland. My great grandmother Maggie Medcalf b 14.08.1863 married Hugh Elder of Edinburgh 16.7.1885. Maggie was one of 10 children of Edward Medcalf b 1837 and Margaret Cragg married 24.10.1861. Edward was one of 10 children of Edward Medcalf bap 1804 and Mary. Edward was one of 10 children of Caleb Medcalf bap 8.9.1776 and Mary Birkett mar 3.8.1801. Caleb was one of 8 children of John Medcalf and Ellen.

M661 Martyn Wiggins

Percival Mte bap Middlesmoor 30.4.1735 s.o. John & Isabel(?) Mte mar ? John bap 14.10.1705. Middlesmoor s.o. John & Isabel (Atkinson) Mte mar 6.8.1704 at Middlesmoor.

M660 Mrs Brenda Thompson

Grand-dau of Jane Elizabeth nee Mte b 10.3.1884 Darnbrook House Farm Arncliffe Yks. d.o. Christopher and his first wife Mary Ann (Swinbank) Mte m 27.5.1882 Long Preston Yks. Christopher b 1855 Halton Gill s.o. James & Jane (Petty) Mte. James b June 1825 Halton Gill s.o. Christopher & Nanny (Burton) Mte mar Dec 1823 Arncliffe. Christopher bpt May 1786 Halton Gill s.o. Christopher bpt 28.4.1754 Arncliffe s.o. George Mte yeoman Foxup. Also connects to Peter Mte (M031) Stuart Mte (M047) Murial Halfpenny (M208) Katherine Black (M209). And see MN43 Aug 1994 p6. Jane Elizabeth m George Hargreaves from Rochdale area c1904 when widowed Jane E married Thomas Bryan from Burnley c1916.

M471 Tim & Hayley Metcalfe

Tim b 28.12.1954 s.o. Albert Edward & Irene Ellen (Nicholls) Mte m 26.6.1937 Gt Yarmouth Norfolk. Albert b 11.2.1911 Wangford Suffolk s.o. James Henry & Anna (Bradnum) Mte m 23.6.1906 Beccles Suffolk. James H. b 23.5.1883 Potter Heigham Nfk s.o. George & Ann Eliza (Flatt) Mte m 13.11.1880 Catfield Nfk. George b 16.9.1848 Aldeby Nfk s.o. Henry & Eleanor (Futter) Mt m 13.10.1839 Aldeby Nfk. Henry bap 25.1.1817 Upton Nfk s.o. Robert & Sophia (Scarnell(l)) Mt m ? Robert bap 20.10.1776 Sprowston nfk s.o. Nathaniel & Mary (Smith) Mt m 24.10.1768 Sprowston Nfk. Robert was known as a miller journeyman.

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M668 Miss Celia Metcalfe from Willow Grove to 57 Clifton Court, Fieldside, Selby Road, Thorne, DN8 4BH.
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M701 Miss Evelyn Peacock from Caloundra to 31 Hume Street, Golden Beach, Queensland 4551, Australia.

BIRTH BRIEFS - NEW MEMBERS - welcome one and all.

M720 Mrs Lois L. Hawes, 5329 Tampa Avenue, Tarzana, California 91356, USA. Daughter of Arthur Stanley JEFFERSON better known to the majority of our members as STAN LAUREL. Arthur S. b 16.Jun.1890 Ulverston, Lancs. Eng. s.o Arthur & Margaret (Metcalfe) Jefferson who m 19.Mar.1884 Ulverston. Margaret b 1860 Hawes in Wensleydale, Yks. d.o George & Sarah (Bushby) Mte who m 8.Dec.1859 Hawes. George b c1837 bpt 23.Jul.1843 Askrigg - this was a "multiple" baptism with a brother and two sisters - children of William & Margaret (Sill) Mte who m 15.Oct.1836 Askrigg. William (a shoemaker) bpt 24.Nov.1816 Askrigg s.o John & Margaret (Blades) Mte who m 31.Jan.1803 Askrigg. John bpt 2.Sep.1780 Askrigg s.o James of Bainbridge. I can see connections to half the Society here! Certainly to **M054. M055. M178. M296. M297. M410. M597. M621. M639.** forgive me if I've omitted anyone.

M721 Mrs Margaret Williamson, 17 Arthur St, Withernsea, Nth Humberside, HU19 2AB
 No details received.

M722 Miss Margaret E. Walker, 28 Hillside Court, Off Gledhow Lane, Leeds, West Yorkshire. LS7 4NJ. Miss Walker believes that her Great x 6 Grandmother was an Ellen Metcalfe who married Dennis Mawnby of Whitewell in the parish of Hampsthwaite, Yks. on 20.Jan.1708.

M723 Mrs Ann Foulkes, 8 Tresco Avenue, Stretford, Manchester, M32 8PE. Dau of Alice Metcalfe b. 04.Dec.1901 dau of John & Ellen (Booth) Mte who m 28.May.1896, Longsight, Manchester. John b 1871 Manchester s.o John & Sarah Ann (Leach) Mte who m 23.May.1861 Manchester Cathedral. John bpt 13.Nov.1836 Kirby Wiske, Yks. s.o John & Sarah (Robinson) Mte who m 19.Sep.1833 at Thormanby, Yks. John bpt 22.Sep.1796 Sandhutton, Yks s.o Joseph & Alice (Smithson) Mte who m 7.Apl.1794 Stokesley, Yks. Joseph bpt 30.Dec.1759 Sandhutton s.o John & Frances (Skaife) Mte who m 29.Nov.1757 Sandhutton. Connects to **M146 & M153.**

M724 Mr & Mrs James & Joyce Driscoll, Nye Timbers, 14c Sidney Road, Walton on Thames, Surrey. KT12 2NA. Joyce was born in Norwich dau of Bertie Herbert & Beatrice Ethel (Quantrill) Mt who m 31.Jul.1926 Lakenham. Bertie H. b10.Jan.1906 Heigham, Norwich s.o Herbert Edward & Elizabeth (Warren) Mt who m 26.Dec.1904 Morwiche. Herbert E b 7.Apl.1879 s.o Thomas George & Matilda Sarah (Grand) Mt who m 6.Dec.1857 Heigham, Norwich. Thomas G. b c1833 ?Marylebone, London s.o Simon Watling & Jane (Kittle) Mt who m 11.Nov.1821 Norwich. Simon W b 1798 s.o William & Elizabeth (Watling) Mt who m 19.Oct.1780 Norwich. Connects to **M699.**

M725 Mrs Carol D. Casemore,
 3 Warrington Spur, Old Windsor, Berks. SL4 2NF. Great grand-daughter of Frank Metcalf who m 3.Feb.1877 St Marys' PC, Eastbourne. Frank b c1856 Battle, Sussex s.o Lester & Sarah(?) Mt. Lester bpt 12.Oct.1815 Battle so George & Elizabeth(?) Mt. Connects to **M682.**

M726 John R. Metcalfe, Norwood, 36 Cheyne Walk, Hornsea, Nth Humberside, HU18 1BX
 Born Bishop Auckland, Co Durham son of Dennys & Margaret (Whalen) Mte who m 2.Aug.1947. Dennys b 1917 at Bishop Auckland s.o Robert Bowe & Mary Elizabeth (Marley) Mte m c1908. Robert Bowe b 15.Feb.1880 Catterick, Yks. s.o Robert & Thomasine (Bellwood) Mte who m 1.Jan.1872 Middleton Tyas, Yks. Robert bpt 27.Apl.1844 Catterick s.o William Bowe & Jane (Sheppard) Mte who m 5.Sep.1843 Catterick. William Bowe bpt 4.Mar.1813 Catterick s.o William Bowe & Jane (Lockey) Mte who m 23.Nov.1799 Catterick. William Bowe bpt 25.Feb.1773 Bowes Yks/now Durham s.o John & Elizabeth (Bowe) Mte who m 14.Nov.1763 Brough under Stainmore, Westmorland. John buried 16.Nov.1823 aged 82 therefore b c1741. In his Will he names his wife as ANN hence he must have been married twice but only names his s Wm Bowe. In the Will of Ann MTE his widow proved 20th July 1830 she gives lots of names, which confirm the 2nd second marriage. Names given and awaiting checking are :- Ann's nieces and nephews children of James Brunskill, niece Ann & nephew Anthony Bowron. Thomas Waller s.o Richard & Mary Waller (Mary d John & Elizabeth b1767). Niece Elizabeth Brunskill. Isabella Alderson (dau of John & Elizabeth b1771). Elizabeth MacDowell & Margaret Kay who both appear to be daus of John & Eliz, Eliz b1764, Mgt b1774. Frances Mte, ditto twin with Mgt. Sec: has been able to trace a marriage of Isabella Mte on 23 Oct 1794 at Bowes to Thomas

Alderson. Isabella Alderson is buried 8.Sep.1834 aged 64. A Margaret Mte = John Kay 15.Aug.1808 at Barnard Castle (from IGI). Connects to M418 (& to ExM481 & ExM482).

M727 Mrs Joyce W. Donaldson, Troutbeck House, Leeds Road, Lightcliffe, Halifax, West Yorkshire. HX3 8SD. Descendant of Margaret bpt 6.May.1815 at Middleham. Yks. dau of Alice Morgan who m William Metcalfe 18.Aug.1819 at Grinton. William a sadler b ca 1792-6 Middleham. No William bpt at Middleham during this period but there is a William bpt 20 Dec 1795 at Coverham, Yks. s.o William & Betty Mt. ?

M728 Mrs & Mrs Ian H. Metcalfe, 27 Chester Avenue, Beverley, Yks. HU17 8UQ. Nothing received.

M729 Charles R. Willis, 4013 Tompkins Drive, Charlottesville, Virginia 22901. U.S.A. Descendant of John & Elizabeth (Metcalf) Wilson who m 29.Dec.1796 at Low Bentham, Yks. John Wilson was a joiner from Clitheroe, Lancs. Elizabeth may be the one bpt 07.Apl.1776 at Bentham, dau of Thomas & Ann Metcalf. Possible siblings are Thomas 1779, Jane 1781, James 1783 and Isabella 1796. More information welcomed.

M730 Michael J. Sparkes, The Pantiles, Main Street, Thorney, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG23 7BS. Maternal great grandparents were Rev James MA & Mary Annie Metcalfe. Rev James founded St Timothy's Church at Crookes, Sheffield and later became vicar at Kirkleavington in North Yorkshire where he and his wife died and are buried. James d 12.02.1937 aged 71 therefore b c1866. From various sources I have been able to trace a dau Annie Helena b 1st ¼ 1889 at Spalding - married 23.Jan.1919 at Kirkleavington to Kenneth Carr Ewen. A 2nd dau Rosa Etheldreda Letitia b 3rd ¼ 1890 at Ely married 29.Jul.1926 at Kirkleavington to John Cecil Wilson. And a son Oswald Killingbeck b in the Dec ¼ 1892 at Wakefield who became a barrister by 1937.

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Pte Edward Mte 9th Bn Royal Warwickshire Regt 29.11.1915.

Pte Robert Mte 8th Bn Cheshire Regt 8.4.1916 age 34. Son of Joseph & Ann Mte of Liverpool Rd Neston Birkenhead.

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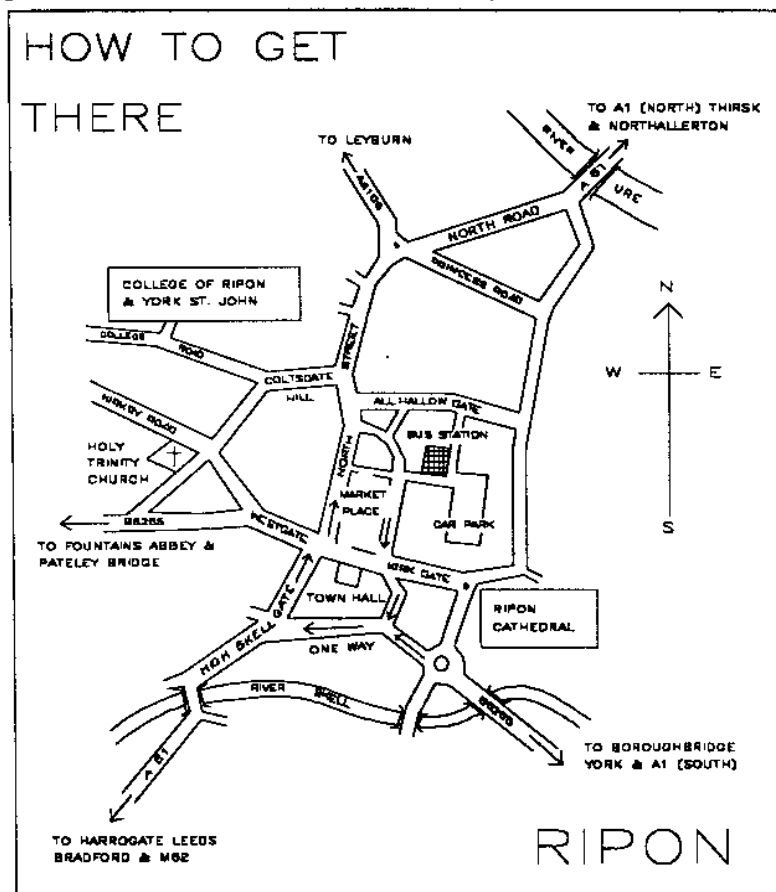
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