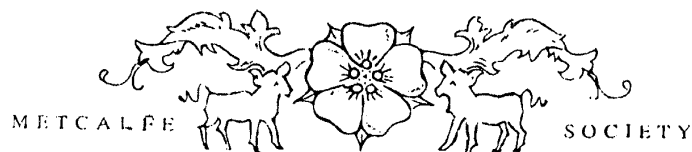


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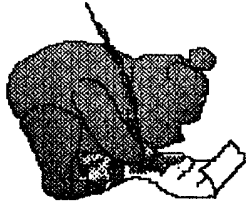
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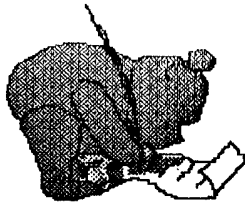
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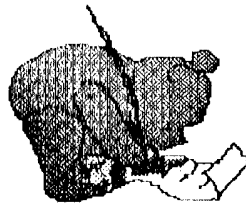
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EDITORIAL



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As I sit inputting this piece for the News my thoughts go back to when I prepared the first draft sat on a balcony in the sun in Madeira. Now it is many weeks later, I am back at home and the temperature still has not risen to a comparable level. I now know why those who can escape to warmer climes do so when they can !

This is now the third edition I have been responsible for and I hope you find something of interest in the following pages. The first News I dealt with was carried out in a rush, the second was more structured but still had one or two technical deficiencies however I hope that this News will be an improvement over both of them. Irrespective of the presentation the journal can only survive on the articles you provide. I have been fortunate in the items supplied - keep them coming !

For the first time we are including computer enhanced photographs, so if have any for publishing send them along (preferably black and white) and I will see what can be done.

When you receive this issue **the event** of the year will only be a few weeks away.

Yes it is **THE MECCA MUSTER** if you have not already booked do so today. There are many things happening on 14 October so come along and have an enjoyable day. I look forward to seeing you then.

Peter Dobson

Our Treasurer **Margaret Metcalfe** would like to thank all friends and members who sent their best wishes for both her and Alfred's speedy recovery after their motor accident at the beginning of April.

We are delighted to announce and send congratulations to **M545 Paul and Tracey Metcalfe** on the birth of their first daughter **Louann**.

THE BROUGH COTTON MILL

Over 200 years ago the hillsides above Brough echoed with the clatter of a cotton mill. The industrial revolution had come to the Eden Valley through the genius of one **John Metcalf Carleton**, entrepreneur and bon viveur.

Born **John Metcalf** in 1755 at Bellerby near Leyburn in Yorkshire, John was the elder of two sons of well-to-do landowner **John Metcalf Esq.** and his wife **Elizabeth**, she being the elder daughter of Thomas Carleton of Appleby.

A lawyer by profession, Thomas Carleton was the Appleby Castle based agent of the Earl of Thanet. He was also a major landowner in his own right, with estates throughout the upper Eden Valley from Clifton to Brough and at Docker Garths near Kendal, not to mention the tithes of Ponsford near Cullompton in Devon. He had himself been Lord of the Manor of Helbeck, Brough, since acquiring the Hall there in 1726.

Unhappily, though, Thomas was without a son and heir. When Dorothy, his second wife of many years, died in 1750, he recorded her demise with a mural tablet in Appleby St. Lawrence Church with just her name and one short Latin word (mis-spelt, unfortunately) and soon cast about for a suitable replacement. The sexagenarian lawyer decided upon Hannah, the widowed daughter of a London glazier, and, whether or not she saw through him, they were married in 1752 - but not before he had taken Counsel's advice in the preparation of a carefully worded marriage settlement designed to safeguard his considerable assets.

Sadly, Thomas Carleton was never blessed with a son, but all was not lost: his eldest grandson would fill the breach. So it came about that in February 1763 the little boy who was not quite 8 years old had his 78 year old grandfather settle on him all his extensive estates. John became the Lord of the Manor of Helbeck when the wily old gentleman departed this life on 28 April 1765.

Meanwhile, at young John's home in Yorkshire all was not well. Father remained at the family seat with younger son Thomas, whilst mother Elizabeth took John and his sister away to live with her in York. (Whatever the root cause of the rift, father John's housekeeper certainly did very well out of his will in 1782, as did her son - by coincidence, also called John).

As well as being relatively impecunious through marital estrangement, Elizabeth Metcalf was not alone among middle-class ladies of her day in having a poor education, but she was quite determined that son John was not going to share that handicap. In January 1771 Master Metcalf was installed in his room at Eton, while the family solicitors up at Appleby ran his estates for him, including the manorial court of Helbeck Lordship.

While still in his 'teens, John's annual income from the rentals of the 22 estates and other properties settled on him by his late grandfather totalled nearly £600 (multiply by at least 100, probably nearer 200, for a modern comparison.)

By the time he was 21 in 1776 he was styling himself John Metcalf Carleton Esq.

He had already been spending lavishly on a complete reconstruction of his superbly-situated country seat at Helbeck Hall with its coach-house and gardens (or pleasure grounds, as he preferred) and was soon to start buying up the local collieries, lead mines

and lime kilns. He built Fox Tower, his impressive folly on a nearby rocky outcrop from which he could contemplate virtually the whole Eden Valley cradle of his domains from Clifton in the north to nearly Docker Garths in the south-west.

By a stream below the Tower (but nicely out of sight of the Hall) John built himself a cotton mill. Employees at this ambitious project who trudged the mile up the hill from the village rose from 19 in 1784 to 50 by 1790. They included local girls like Sally Allinson and Elizabeth Sayer, who were typical in being rewarded with wages of 4d (1 1/2p) and 5d (2p) a day respectively, to produce an average week's pay bill for all 50 at the mill of around £7. Advice on selling was taken from an expert in Manchester, the hub of the cotton trade, and the factory products went on sale there and as far afield as London and Glasgow.

Naturally, as befitted his standing in the community, John Metcalf Carleton was a Justice of the Peace. Still only in his 30's, his lifestyle was remarkable. Whilst his income from his estates was enormous, his outgoings were substantial to say the least (even without allowing for all the money he was optimistically ploughing into his isolated cotton factory).

John was running not only his large Helbeck estate but a house in London and another country house as well: his personal staff included a clerk, footman and maidservants: he had half a dozen horses in his stables: he dressed the part and enjoyed the best in food and drink. Despite the obstacle of Stainmore and the 9-day journey each way, he was partial to his trips down the turnpike to London, where he was received at addresses like Hanover Square, Berkeley Square and the Adelphi (but not always at his aunt's, for some reason that he was not all that sure about himself.). One estimate - possibly conservative - of his personal expenses alone for a year came to over £528 - far more than the total annual pay for all his 50 employees at the cotton mill.

As 1792 drew to a close the storm clouds were gathering, and early the following year there were rumours of bankruptcy. Having been served with his first writ for non-payment of debt, John was in London (as he often was) when he appealed to the Earl of Lonsdale, no less, for a loan of £1000 - despite owing him well over £1000 already. Failing to elicit a prompt response, on 14 March 1793 John sent his Lordship another letter which was a masterpiece of effrontery. What he said in effect, was that his City bankers were declining his business until the present bankruptcy alarm had subsided - a temporary inconvenience unforeseen at the time of his previous request for cash - but just £600 would now answer his purpose, against security of 1000 pieces of cotton goods. This to the First Earl of Lonsdale who was the hard-headed man who had not only built on the already massive Lowther fortunes but had also, before his elevation to the peerage in 1784, acquired an alarming reputation as Sir James 'Wicked Jimmy' Lowther!

Mr J.B. Garforth, Lord Lonsdale's agent in London, found our hero living very comfortably at his town house near Bedford Square. Though vague and evasive about his financial situation, John eventually admitted liabilities of around £5,800 (in addition to the debt of £1,369-11-6 then owing to his Lordship) against liquid assets of perhaps £800 and

cotton stock worth around £1,200. Mr Garforth duly reported his conclusion that Mr Carleton was in a state of insolvency, and bankruptcy proceedings ensued. Up at Brough the cotton mill fell silent and was never to work again.

Unravelling John's financial adventures and dealing with all his creditors up and down the country between Carlisle and London was incredibly complex, the Bankruptcy Commission convening at the London Guildhall several times over the next 7 years. It transpired that general debts totalled nearly £3,700, but a particular problem was encountered with Mr Carleton's remarkable capacity for securing large advances (some well over £1,000) from wealthy people on mortgage deals, bonds, and, especially, promises of payment of annuities. This accounted for a further deficiency of £8,397-11-2 1/2 subsequently taken over the £8,400 mark by Mr Carleton's clerk borrowing another £10 from Brough gentleman who had already registered a debt of £240! (Again, remember to multiply by at least 100 to make sense of it in today's terms.)

All movable stock at Helbeck Hall and elsewhere had to be listed and sold off at a series of auctions between 1793 and 1798. Everything had to go - mill machinery, household effects, the horses and all sorts of other livestock down to 6 hens and a cockerel, 11 garden statues, silver plate and so on. The lists were endless. Finally, and sadly, Mr Carleton's estates and mining interests in Westmorland and Devon all came up for auction at Garraway's Coffee House in London on 5 August 1799. Grandfather Thomas Carleton's carefully laid plans of 30 years before had come to nought.

By 1804 John's total deficiency was fixed at £4,017-1-9 1/2, and it was possible to declare a dividend for creditors at just 1/6 (7 1/2p) in the pound. The £1,372-18-6 originally due to the 1st Earl of Lonsdale had become £102-19-4 1/2. That went to his successor at Lowther, the first Earl having died in 1802. Maybe he had got fed up of waiting for this business to end. Less is known about the fate of the other creditors, but some were still clamouring for satisfaction in 1809.

Perhaps rather surprisingly, Parsons and White's prestigious Directory of 1829 referred to John Metcalfe Carleton as a 'spirited but unfortunate gentleman', and later directories tended to follow suit. His creditors would hardly have been as sympathetic. Still, all the ingredients for disaster were there from the start, so perhaps he was something of a victim after all.

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JOHN SHARPE

Clifton, Penrith

The Wensleydale Advertiser - 8 October 1844. Hawes. On the evening of Saturday 29 September as Mr Henry Proctor of Colt Park near Gearstones was proceeding home from the Fair he was most brutally attacked and robbed: the thieves took from him three books £8 and some silver. On the following morning one of the books was found by **Christopher Metcalfe** farmer of Crop Gill and it contained two five pound notes which had been overlooked. On returning the book Mr Metcalfe demanded the sum of ten shillings. This needs no further comment. There were several other robberies and very little protection seems to be afforded to the more honourable citizenry attending the Fair.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

At the 1994 Muster the AGM agreed to increase all subscription rates by £1. This was in recognition of the averaged costs over the previous five years of £7 per annum. The individual subscription was raised from £5 to £6. However, the AGM instructed the committee to review the subject and produce a discussion paper for consideration at the 1995 AGM.

The Society has been fortunate for the last few years as running costs have been kept down through a preferential arrangement. This has substantially reduced the costs of printing the Mecca News but the arrangement is subject to periodic review. Also the Society has to be prepared to fund initial publication costs in the latter part of the decade when the new Metcalfe family book is produced. Both of these situations need to be considered in any future deliberations over subscription levels. On an individual basis the current subscription is amongst the lowest of many other Family History Societies which charge between £7 and £10 per annum.

As a result of deliberations the committee wish to put to members possible solutions and a suggested recommendation as to future subscription charges as follows :

- a) Raise all rates by £2.50 per annum for 1996 and maintain the rate for two years i.e 1996 and 1997. (Individual rate £8.50.)
- b) Raise all rates by £1.50 per annum for 1996 followed by a further £1 increase in 1997. (Individual rate 1996 - £7.50; 1997 - £8.50.)
- c) New members to pay on joining a subscription equivalent to two years fees. For existing members an annual increase in all rates for 1996 of £1.50. (Individual membership £7.50.) Further increase of £1 in 1997.

The financial differences between each of the methods are not large. Suggestion c) produces the largest sum and would acknowledge the time and effort of the membership in producing over 50,000 computer records which new members benefit. However, it has a possible disadvantage in that it could discourage potential new members.

Suggestion a) would give an immediate input to funds which would be available if the Mecca News productions costs rose due to changes in the printing arrangement. Suggestion b) would be more gentle on members pockets but could leave the Society exposed if production arrangements changed quickly.

The committee will put the discussion paper to the AGM with a recommendation that suggestion a) be introduced. If you are unable to attend the AGM (especially our overseas members) write to the Editor with your membership number indicating your preference before 14 October 1995. (If you have any articles for publication put them in the same envelope !)



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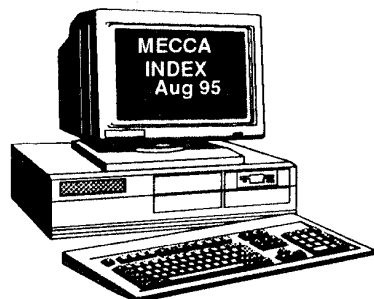
There were two articles in past issues 41 & 42 on my namesake Charles Metcalfe, born in 1855 and died in 1943 in Kingman, Arizona in the U.S.A.. In those two articles mention was made of the memorial park the entrance to which is shown above. The land, on the song famous Route 66 which is the road on the right of the picture, was donated by him for use by the young people of Kingman.



St George, Utah.

Even though I rang the bell several times, no one answered. Eventually a Mecca handbill was pushed through the letterbox, and we left.

My wife and I visited St George on our way from Salt Lake to Las Vegas (- what a contrast !!) and while there spotted this potential recruit, visited our first rodeo, and, while playing golf, saw our first road-runner.



Computer Notes

CSM

There are disadvantages in being in this part of the country - our Editor is chasing again ! I've only just surfaced after entering part of the 1891 Census and was leaning back with a sigh of relief when he rang. So here it is !

In the last few issues there has been some discussion about the different Mecca spellings (We all know that the only authentic & true ones amongst us are Metcalfe's !!).

As a result, I thought I'd have a look at the Index to inspect the kind of evidence that is recorded there.

From 5,800 "E" entries, only 1,350 hold information from more than one source, and of these, 240 contain more than one spelling of our name. This is 17.5% (I won't say "VAT is your name".) of the total eligible for this analysis (i.e.. Of the 1,350), due purely to mishearing, inability to spell etc., etc.; which tends to agree with Jean & Frank Bradley's theory in MN 11, quoted in their letter in MN 45. The above percentage is higher than their 7% as I have counted Metcalf as a change.

The argument/discussion goes back to MN 4 which contained a letter from Mrs. S Walls, no longer a member, who was then researching registers from Llanarmon yn ial

in Denbyshire for variants, and who also supported the above theory.

All of this is an interesting reprieve from entering some more of David Metcalfe's data on disc, of the 1891 Census !

Some idea of the type of changes to the Index that are being made now, may be gained from a very broad brush analysis of entries which are being processed. Out of just under two thousand different "Mecca" individuals covered by this section of the 1891 Census Records, around one sixth, three hundred, have been identified by David as already having an entry on the Index because of data from another source. Out of this three hundred, only about forty will result in a change to an existing member's family tree. Small returns !

We're up to List 1451 currently - June - and in the region of 55,000 Meccas, a horrifying thought, but with still a very large number of lists, and of course your family trees, to go.

And now, a plea which has been made before. When replying to my occasional, brief notes which accompany PC print-outs, please, please return a copy of that print-out if you send corrections or additions. This simple act saves me a lot of time as otherwise I have a lengthy search for the relevant records and membership number; the latter should be quoted on every letter, again this saves time. Thanks.

I also still get the occasional request unaccompanied by a stamped, addressed envelope. As stated on the inside of the front cover, - no S.A.E. - no answer !! A tough attitude but one that the Committee has agreed upon.

WHEN IS A M*TC**F OR A M*DC**F* NOT A METCALFE?

Over the past eighteen months or so, I have been transcribing all the Deaths that have appeared in the GRO index at St. Catherine's and it has set me thinking. What constitutes a variant of METCALFE? It is easy to list the obvious names and many of the more obscure ones. I doubt whether there would be any doubt as to Metchalfe, Midcuff or Medcleff but when it comes to Medoraf or Medicroft, Medcraf or Metcroft, what is the answer then? Have we anybody in the society who can help? My ancestors, so far, have all been Metcalf or Metcalfe, the spelling probably based upon the whim of the parish clerk or the local vicar but what I am wondering is whether any of our members have had more pronounced variants. In particular, I wonder if such names as Medcraft, Medcraffe and Midcraft can be considered as Metcalf(e) derivatives or whether they come from the name Meadowcroft. Has anyone any evidence of these spellings in their families, yet nowadays their surname is a more obvious form of Metcalfe?

There are basically two ways in which surnames have changed over the years. The most obvious one is that the pronunciation has varied from area to area, so that what is generally accepted as sounding like Metcalf in one dale might be Mitcalf or Midgaff in another. Someone with an alien ear can quite easily hear things differently and if this person could write, then the spelling would change to fit in with the writer's perception of the name. I always remember when I was young, being amazed to find out that one could not really buy lords at the post office, or that the man reading the news was not Alvarly Dell. The second way is nothing more than a blatant misspelling of the name, or bad handwriting, both of which can perpetuate a mistake.

So far I have come across over 40 spelling/pronunciation variants which I am certain are genuine versions but it is the other half dozen or so which noggle me. Has anyone a sufficient knowledge of phonetics to help? Over to you!

Pat Malham M444

Bank Of England Will Extracts 1807 - 1845

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Hugh Metcalfe , Hatter of Gt Trinity Lane			
Doctors Commons	1842	80 K - Z	12514
George Metcalfe , Grocer of Spalding Lincs	1813	1 K - Z	117
Phillip Metcalfe , Esq of Hill St Berkeley Sq.	1818	10 K - Z	2247
Thomas Metcalfe , Lunatic of Ripon Yorks	1822	18 K - Z	3938
Thomas Metcalfe , Gent of Brunswick Place			
Balls Pond Islington	1828	31 K - Z	6420
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Victorian Virtues Vices and Virtuosity. Federation of Family History Societies Conference organised by Berkshire FHS to be held at Reading University 8 - 10 September 1995. For further details send a sae to Joyce Wells, 15 Wellington Close, Shaw, Newbury, Berks RG13 2HG.

Alderson FHS Autumn Weekend. Muker Swaledale 16 September 1995.

Mecca Muster and Annual General Meeting Saturday 14 October 1995 at the College of Ripon & York St John, College Road, Ripon. Details from George Buxton, 128 Stanwell Road, Ashford Middlesex TW15 3QH.

From Crib to Crypt. One day conference on 21 October 1995 at The University College Stockton on Tees. Hosted by the Cleveland, N Yorks & S Durham Family History Society.

For further details send a sae to Mrs C McLee, 3 The Green, Kirklevington, Yarm, Cleveland TS19 9NW.

The Guild of One-Name Studies. Chester Area Conference Macclesfield Cheshire 21 October 1995.

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 be attending so if you have a free day why not come along.

Society of Genealogists. Eleventh Biennial Day Conference. Saturday 4 November 1995 at The Conference Centre, Royal Horticultural Society, Westminster, London SW1. Theme is Birth and Death : the two great certainties. Conference fee : £24 members, £26 non-members. Application Form and further details from Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA.

Society of Genealogists. Roman Catholic Sources. On 25 November 1995 at Charterhouse Buildings. Introduced by Michael Gandy foremost expert on Catholic sources and Metcalfe member. Cost £15 (member) £20(non-member). Full Details from SoG see address above.

Families at War. East Surrey FHS. At Roehampton 12-14 April 1996. For full details send an A5 (9x6) sae to Paul Blake, 18 Rosevine Road, West Wimbledon, London SW20 8RB.

York Racecourse. Family History Fair. Saturday/Sunday 29/30 June 1996. For details send sae to Mr Alex Sampson, 1 Oxbang Close, Redcar, Cleveland TS10 4ND.

GENERAL REGISTRATION
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1887-1900

BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES
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CONGRATULATIONS

We send the following our sincere thanks for all their dedicated participation whether large or small in this vital work.

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GEORGE BUXTON LILLAH and FOSTER CHAPMAN PETER DOBSON
SARA ILLINGWORTH PARTICK MALHAM BILL METCALFE
STANLET METCALFE PEGGIE NORMAN DOROTHY POPE
PAM WIDDOWSON

Special thanks to SARA BACON nee ILLINGWORTH for the initial prompting to begin the project and to DOROTHY POPE who acted as co-ordinator.

Also PATRICK MALHAM who has recorded practically ALL the DEATHS single handed AND arranged them on his computer into alphabetical order of Christian Name then within this, into chronological order.

The Scretary Nina Benson has been provided with a printout and is now able to reply to requests for information. These MUST be accompanied by return postage costs, a self-addressed envelope and an extra postage stamp to cover the cost of the photocopy. If at all possible please narrow down your request to the nearest decade for the probable death eg "between 1851 and 1861"

Writing between post-operative recovery and our bi-annual visit to Orkney, my main concern is the build-up of your letters awaiting attention. By the time you read this I HOPE you will all have received your replies, if not, then I can only apologise and ask for your understanding.

We have an encouraging number of new members in this issue. The total of new members in 1994 was 76 and the final figure of subscriptions for 1995 which failed to be renewed was 51. This is still far from ideal but not as bad as we had feared, are we beginning to meet your needs? It would be lovely to hear your views.

LISTS - we once again send our sincere thanks to Members for continuing to provide the Society with this valuable source material. Increasingly we are able to give Members more and more news of their families. Usually we receive your thanks, sometimes only silence - does this mean you do not WANT this extra information?

M46 David Metcalfe continues his collection of Census Returns and I eagerly await his latest mammoth work which involved a trip to London where he recorded the 1851 - 1891 Census Returns for the whole of Nottinghamshire. Not content with that he is steadily working his way through the towns in West Yorkshire for the 1891 CR & as light relief he is recording from the parish registers held at Northallerton - then of course in his "spare" time he is feeding data onto our database - it is from efforts like this that our Society is able to progress from strength to strength. Thank you David.

Our thanks also go to **M666 Vauna Green Meredith**, after providing us with copies of the IGI 1992 edition covering the whole of the UK she went on to send us THE REST OF THE WORLD.....these are still being edited so no enquiries yet - watch this space!

Elsewhere you will read of our successful completion of the recording of all Metcalfe (and variants) entries in the General Registration Indexes 1837 to 1900 for Births, Marriages and Deaths. A MAGNIFICENT achievement with all thanks due to the dogged perseverance of the few. My own personal and most sincere THANK YOU to you all.

M627 Jean Kington of Bishopdale in Wensleydale is busy with her sewing needles making us a patchwork bedcover. This will be our STAR prize in the raffle to be held at our AGM/Muster in October. It is a single bed size, not quilted, multi-coloured with lots of animals, birds, toys & little pictures. So make your reservation for the day and test your luck. Thank you Jean.

We have had a request regarding the use of Credit Cards for your subscriptions but regret that at present the costs would be too high.

Good health, contentment and good wishes.

Nina Benson

OBITUARY

*We are sorry to announce the death of
Elsie Hurst M404*

Our sincere condolences are offered to her family.

NEWS COLUMN

Nina Benson

ATTENTION MEMBERS !

M669 - James Bell MTE bpt 1817 s.o **Michael & Ann (Bell) MTE** of Sculcoates. In List 1829 of the 1839 Pigot's Directory of London, recently received via **M123 Pam Jarmain** (not related), James is shown as a Chemist at Church Street, Hackney, London.

M289 - have you searched our Wills Book 5 for John's Will?

M150 - see p18 April '95 Mecca News -

a) Regarding **Henry Mt** 1796-1844, he married **Rebecca Benson** 4th July 1821 at Romalldkirk, which was then in Yorkshire and now is in Co Durham.

b) Regarding **John Mte = Mary Farrar** 20th Oct 1778 Leeds, Yks. and had son **Joseph b** in Leeds 1788 (not traced Robert). Did you spot him mentioned again on p22 "Not up the pole"? **Robert m Elizabeth Craddock** on 4th May 1808 - according to the Masham Parish Registers which gives their issue as **Mary b** 25 Mar 1809; **William** 19 Mar 1811; **John** 19 Sep 1813; **Robert** 31 Mar 1816; **Elizabeth** 25 Nov 1818; **Ann** 25 Dec 1821; **Anthony b** 09 Jul 1824; **Martha** 07 Jan 1827; **Thomas** 06 Aug 1829 and **Abraham** 24 Feb 1830; Fancy trying to keep that lot fed and happy on a long sea voyage!

c) Regarding the Wellington stray - **Joseph** was bpt 25 Aug 1818 at Keelby in Lincolnshire s.o **Joseph and Ann (Baker) Mt** m 13 Sep 1814 Gainsborough, Lincs. Not traced his marriage to Sarah Andis.

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constraints only the first sixty can
receive a sit down lunch.

SEAFARING METCALEES

NATIONAL AWARD FOR COURAGE DEVOTION AND HUMANITY

By Royal Order, 23rd May 1865,
the medal, first class, has been awarded to
Edwin Metcalf, skipper of the boat " Ann ", living at Ramsgate
for the following act.

The Belgian sloop " Bertha ", on 9th February 1865, was sailing 16 miles S-SE of Ostend, when she was struck by a violent gust of wind which completely stored in her rudder and ster-post; despite the efforts of her sailors , the boat was awash and on the point of sinking , when it was noticed by the crew of the boat " Ann ", skippered by Edwin Metcalf of Ramsgate, who steered for the ship in distress and the Belgian sailors managed, with the help of their rowboat, and with the assist ance of the English fishermen - to board the smack "Ann " without accident, where they received all the care their misfortune called for. Skipper Metcalf, then abandoning his fishing, set sail for Ramsgate where he landed 5 Belgian sailors. (the 5 Belgian sailors disembarked)

This is a translation from the French of a framed certificate held by Edwin Metcalf's gt, gt granddaughter **Lindsey Metcalf (M682)** who would like to find out more. Any ideas?

~~~~~ Cornish Customs Officer

Thomas Medcalfe eldest son of **Thomas Medcalfe**, (alderman of Lancaster, d Lancaster December 1712). Collector of HM Customs, Penzance at £100 per year and bound in £1500 for due discharge of the same 1712. Collector of the salt duty at Penzance at £50 per year 1712. Went to London to settle accounts with the Custom House 1726. d Penzance 1726. From J Hartland's Autobiography of William Sturt of Lancaster (1851) (pp 85/86,103,108/109)
Marriages.

Thomas Medcalfe of Penzance to Mrs Jane Ustick at Ludgyan 21/2/1718.

Richard Metcalfe Officer of Excise & Hannah Doidge Probus Cornwall 7/5/1778
Assignments

Thomas Medcalfe to **Mary Medcalfe**. Ellet in Lancs 3/8/1747.

Jane Metcalfe of St Just in Pentwith, Widow to John Ustick of Botallack, gent, Ellet in Lancs 22/8/1748.

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From **K M Banks (M70)**

### Trinity House Petitions

**Thomas Midcalf**, 57 wf **Charlotte** of Hunter St Liverpool 1851 \*.

**Isabel Mitcalf** wid of **Philip** of Newbiggin Nbl 1810. \*

#### **Metcalf**

**Alice** 48 wid of **Christopher** of Whitby 1787.

**Eliz** 33 wid of **John** of St Paul Shadwell 1796.

**Hannah** 59 wid of **Benjamin** of Gt Yarmouth 1817.

**Isabella** 56 wid of **Mathew** of Broughton 1811.

**John** 53 wf **Jane** of Harrington 1819.

**Joseph** 69 married of Gt Yarmouth 1810.

**Lydia** 77 wid of **Robt** of Stockton 1787.

**Lydia** 47 wid of **Ralph** of St Pauls Shadwell.

**Mgt** 31 wid of **Thos** of Sunderland 1849.

**Richd** 58 wf **Jane** of Bishopwearmouth 1851.

**Sarah** wid of **Robt** of Lymington 1804.

**Susanna** 80 wid of **Joseph** of Gt Yarmouth 1821.

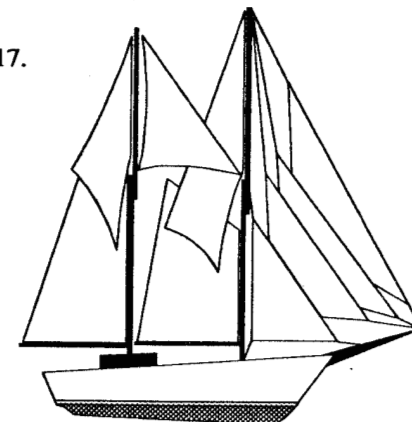
**Susanna** 60 wid of **Thos** of Whitby 1812.

**Thos** 61 married of Mill St Bermondsey 1789.

**Isabella Metcalf** 27 wid of **Geo** of Whitby 1809.^

**Ruth Metcalfe** 42 wid of **Thos** of Southwold 1816.^

Extracted from a Publication by the Society of Genealogists (1987) .(^ 2nd series book 5, \*book 69, all others book 68) by **Carol McLee**.



### The Trinity House Petitions

The Corporation of Trinity House established a charitable trust to assist disabled seamen , their widows and young children. To claim, the applicant completed a "Petition" giving full details of his or her circumstances and the seamen's service together with any proof such as a record of marriage and baptisms of children under twelve years of age and a recommendation by a ship's master(s) and other "respectable" persons known to the Petitioner. The surviving Petitions from 1787 to 1854 are kept by the Society of Genealogists... These Petitions contain a rich source of otherwise unobtainable genealogical information... From an article by Ms P Buttery which appeared in the January 1995 issue (No 61) of The Banyan Tree.

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Searching for a Lost Mariner? Perhaps the Guildhall Library in London could be the place to look. On the Printed Books Enquiry Desk in the General Subject Catalogue Listings are a number of records from Lloyds and the Board of Trade including the following :

Lloyds - List 1740-1970, Weekly Shipping Index 1880-1917, Missing Vessels Books 1873-1954, Confidential Index 1886-1920, Registers 1764-1970, Register Wrecks Returns 1900-1970, Calendar 1896-1970 and Mercantile Navy List 1857-1970.
BoT - Casualty Returns 1873-1918 and Enquiries 1908-1965.

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BOOK FOR THE METCALFE EVENT OF THE YEAR

DEAR EDITOR

Does anyone have any information concerning Jeffrey Forster of Shaw Coat Abbotside(d 26.7.1812) aged 85, his wife Sarah Harrison aged 71 (d 7.4.1802) and **Sarah Mte** their grand daughter who erected a monument in Askrigg Parish Church to their memory? Also do any of the members know when the common land in Low and High Abbotside was enclosed?

Terry Allinson(M 257)

I enclose the following photographs of : **Christopher Mte** born 10 Oct 1828, corn miller, Hawes ; **Sarah** nee Sadler his wife and **Ellen** nee Firth mar **John Mte** 8 July 1854. If anyone is interested they may have them.

Mrs JY Bridges (M603)

(If you are interested send me a sae - Ed)

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*	The Editor	*
*	Peter Dobson	*
*	143 Vernon Road	*
*	Poynton Cheshire	*

Debby Rose's (M289) letter in Issue 45 evokes all my sympathy. I wish I could help as my own research is in a similar position. I was completing a revised birth brief for the 1995 edition when I noticed that the marriage of **Thomas Mte** b5/5/1773 had been claimed by members 79 & 87 as connecting to their descents which was contrary my research which shows he married **Ann** Pickersgill on 19/9/1801. I tried during my UK visit to obtain copies of the marriage licences but was informed that they had been destroyed during a move.

Has anyone an idea of the way forward?

James M Dobson(M442)

I'll let you into a secret - we're all stuck - the easy bits are , well easy, and the rest is excruciatingly difficult

Why don't those who are seriously stuck form a group, draw lots and then for a period of say two months concentrate all their efforts on that members problem and so on. This approach may remove some of the log jams. What do members think?

Terry Allinson (M 257)

NEWS...NEWS...NEWS...NEWS...

Notes from the Committee

Birth Brief

Changes should have been supplied by 13 June 1995. Expected availability at the Muster on 14 October. A printing of 500 to be arranged.

Metcalfe Interests Notification (MIN)

Volunteer to be sought at AGM.

St. Catherine's House Visitor

Some problems particularly with overseas members not sending adequate postage.

Subscriptions

Paper to be provided for August News. Then to be discussed at AGM.

Mecca News Holders

Binders for storing members copies of the News to be available at Ripon.

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Christopher (1751-1812) = Hannah nee Brown

I - M305 - have entered most of the descendants of this couple on to a "Pedigree" data base (which can export Gedcom.) . If **Members 108, 142, 180, 337, 670** or others can make use of this on disc, please let me know.

CSM.

Faces From the Past



Christopher Metcalfe b.10.10.1823



Sarah(b 8.11.1829) and Mary(b13.1.1857)
Metcalfe

MECCA MISCELLANY

Out of this World

Beyond the orbit of Neptune huge numbers of icy worlds follow the orbit of the sun. As many as 35000 objects belong in this belt which is even bigger than the asteroid belt near Mars. One of the bodies which often produce short duration comets is the comet Brorsen - **Metcalfe** (*Can any of our astronomy buffs give any further details - Ed*).

Star of the Screen

The alias of the star of the Gerry Anderson animated TV series Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons is **Paul Medcalf**. (*Found even in fantasy - Ed*)

A Sunny Mecca

From the Madeiran Telephone Directory 1994 - **Thomas Allen Metcalfe**, Funchal.

The Artist

The 1948 Olympic Games Issue - 2 1/2d stamp was designed by **Percy Metcalfe**, CVO,RDI. He had also designed coinage and coronation medals. From the British Philatelic Bulletin April 1989.

The Writer

War in the Shadows by **Peter Medcalf**. Details war in the south-west Pacific in 1944-1945. Born in 1925 second son of a pioneer grazing family in New South Wales.

The Seasider

Filey - Wave Crest Boarding Establishment, **H Metcalfe**. First class hotel comforts; reasonable charges;magnificent sea view; firm dry sands; bathing; excellent fishing from rocks. From "Seaside Watering Places 1906-7" which appeared in The Yorkshire Family Historian October 1994.

The Architect

As a result of being injured in Palestine after the Second World War **Arthur Metcalfe** of Gatley Cheshire was confined to a wheelchair. This did not stop him from fulfilling his life-long ambition to be an architect eventually graduating in 1954. Later he joined the Manchester City's Architects Department designing facilities for those with disabilities.(1966)*

The Theatre Director

Previously director of productions for the National Theatre Company of Western Australia, Lancashire born **Edgar Metcalfe** took over as the new artistic director of the Century Theatre Manchester in January 1968.*

* From Manchester Evening News cuttings provided by **Susanne AJ Metcalfe (M150)**

OVERSEAS METCALFES

Australia

The Second Fleet. Amongst the convicts sent out from England to Australia in 1790 was **James Metcalfe** (c1756) a tailor of Leeds.

From Yorkshire Family Historian, December 1992.

New Zealand

Extracted from New Zealand Probates/Intestacies 1850 - 1900. **John Metcalfe**, Yorkshire, d. 28.12.1866. From Yorkshire Family Historian, January 1995.

Sicily

Sailors serving on HMS Minerva who went to the aid of the population.

F.F. Metcalfe - Leading Stoker (No.1970782D) and **W. Metcalf** - Leading Stoker (No.303108). From "Angels in Blue Jackets" the Navy at Messina 1908, by Perkins, Roger and Wilson.

Ireland

Found in the 1891 Census. Manningham, Bradford, Yorks. at Abingdon Street, **Jane Metcalf** (aged 50) with daughters **Kate** (27), **Mary** (24), **Maud** (14), **Lillie** (12) and sons **William** (20), **Marens ?** (19) and **John** (17) from County Leitrim, Ireland. Gathered by **David Metcalfe (M46)**, see list L1722.

America

The ship Saxony left Liverpool on the 25th February 1849 and arrived at New Orleans 28th April 1849. The following were passengers on the ship:-

Metcalfe Pratt	20	Male	Farmer
Thomas Metcalfe	28	Male	Farmer
Mary Metcalfe	26	Female	Farmers Wife
James Metcalfe	6	Male	
Thomas Metcalfe	4	Male	
William Metcalfe	2	Male	Died on voyage
Mary Metcalfe	1	Female	Died on voyage
Robert Metcalfe	23	Male	Farmer

American Wills proved in London :-

1698. Yale Thomas of London Merchant who died in Grove Denbighshire 29th September 1697. My Trustees at Fort George Rev George Lewis and Capt. **Charles Metcalfe** to have charge of my estates in India. From **George Buxton (M003)**.

WILLIAM RAMSHAW METCALFE

by

Dorothy Benden (M268)

William Ramshaw Metcalfe was born in Burneston, Yorkshire, England and baptised on 21 April 1832. His father, **John Metcalfe** was a butcher in Londonderry in the Parish of Burneston and married **Elizabeth Ramshay** or **Ramshaw** (the spelling differs on several documents) on 15 November 1827. They had five children, **Elizabeth** b. 24 January 1829, **Margaret** b. 14 January 1831, **William** b. 21 April 1832, **John** b. 19 May 1834, **Johnathon Sowler** b. 24 November 1835.

William was a carpenter by trade and immigrated to Australia in 1854, presumably to look for gold. Little is known of him until his marriage to **Ann McTeague** on 16 September 1863 at St Paul's Church in Tamworth, New South Wales, Australia. They lived on the Peel River gold diggings near Tamworth where people from all over the world came to find their fortune.

Ann was seventeen when her first son **William** was born on 23 September 1863, only seven days after their wedding, it's not known why William left their marriage until the last minute, perhaps he was reluctant to leave his gold claim to make the long journey into town, or maybe Ann's father tracked him down with a shotgun!

After William Junior was born they followed the gold strikes, from Tamworth to Gulgong, Mudgee, Stoney Creek, and Wellington NSW.

On the goldfields the men lived in tents and barkhouses. Whim and shaft houses for the horses showed proficiency in bush carpentry and architecture. The picturesque octagon buildings roofed to a point in bark, sheltering the horses from snow and rain. In most cases, the men formed large syndicates to work large mines, sometimes working shifts through the night if they found a good seam of gold.

The women and children lived in weather board or wattle and dawb houses in the small towns that sprang up around the gold diggings and took pride in their homes and gardens, keeping them neat in keeping with the city fashions of the day.

On 13 December 1865 their second child **Mary** was born at Stoney Creek near Mudgee, and died thirteen hours later. A third child, **John** was born at Wellington, near Mudgee on 23 November 1866 and died the next day. From the census, William lived in Upper Pyramul, near Mudgee from 1875-1880, still mining for gold.

Family stories say that Ann "ran away" we don't know where to or why. Perhaps the loss of their two babies and that life on the goldfields were just too hard to manage. We do know that William reared his son with the help of family members. William Jr attended Mudgee school and then went to boarding school at St John's Grammar in Parramatta NSW. After a back injury while mining, William moved to Aird St in Parramatta, where the huge "Westfield" shopping centre now stands today.

After leaving school, William taught his son everything he knew about carpentry and in 1884 set him up in an undertaking business with a Mr White with branches in

Parramatta and Penrith. I have found an advertisement in the Cumberland Mercury 1885 for White and Metcalfe undertakers, depicting the custom at that time for the funeral director to walk in front of the horse drawn hearse as a sign of respect and for the effect, a sad, pale-faced boy would walk in front too.

My grandmother, known as **Bella**, was William Junior's wife, she said that he looked very grand in his black top hat and tails, and when they had a boy dressed in black also, every one on the roadside would stop and watch them go by. In 1889 after Mr White's death, William was in business for himself.

Isabella Elizabeth Jane Maria Rogers married William at St John's Church Parramatta on 7 May 1890. They had three sons, **William George Rogers** (Willie) b. 18 March 1891 and died 25 March 1892. **Wilfred Henry Ramshaw** and then **Clive Prior Jubilee**, my father.

William Ramshaw Metcalfe died on the 26 March 1895. Those who knew him, said he was a kind and generous man.

William Junior was a good husband and father to his sons who talked about him taking them to Sydney Town to see musical comedy shows. He always dressed immaculately, wearing a diamond stick pin in his tie and carried a silver handled walking stick, quite the dandy!

He was a good business man and enjoyed his hobby of wood carving and helping the church, he had his own pew in St John's Parramatta with a silver plaque "Donated by William Metcalfe". He also belonged to "The United Grand Lodge of NSW" for many years. After he sold his undertaking business because of ill health William, Bella and son Clive bought a farm at Baulkham Hills and moved there in March 1932. William died on 17 September 1932, he was a kind and generous man like his father before him.

The Metcalfe name is proudly carried on by his son Wilfred who by 1995, had five sons, four grandsons and two great grandchildren.



Whim and Shaft Houses. Hawkins Hill Mudgee NSW 1870.

METCALFE FAMILY HISTORY BOOK

The project continues to be actively pursued with the Editorial Board in regular contact. The shape of things to come is beginning to emerge. With some 200 positive expressions of interest in purchasing the book a good start has been made towards the critical number needed to justify the project. Nevertheless we need to double this support to turn the book into a certainty. So, if there are any other would-be supporters who have not come forward would they please write to me at **Tudor House 6 high Street West, Uppingham, Leics LE15 9QD**.

Regarding the form and content of the book, it is still at this early stage, in the melting pot, but the Board has not waited for more support before going ahead and taking the initiative. What is emerging already, however, is the extent of some of the problems which will need to be reconciled. It is also becoming evident that the greatest difficulty we will encounter is likely to be the fitting of the book into the 150 page A4 format proposed with the aim of achieving a published cost of £15-£20 per copy. For example, I have received such an extensive and expert piece of research into 'recusant' Metcalfes from **Michael Gandy (M671)** that I have asked if he would consider writing this chapter himself, if one was included, because no-one else could do his work justice.

A similar thing is happening to a line of research I suggested to **George Buxton (M003)** regarding an investigation of links with Lord Charles Theophilus Metcalfe (Acting Governor General) and The East India Company. George has come up with so many Metcalfe connections with India, going back as far as 1681 (*See the article following this page - Ed*) that a chapter in a book would be unlikely to cover the topic. I have not dared to ask him to examine our link with George Washington !

Meanwhile other members of the Board, **Joan Metcalfe** and our President **John Holden** are focused on the research that lies at the heart of the proposed family history, the links that tie the cadet branches to the trunk, and how the tree belonging to each branch eventually joins into the original root system. Joan tells me that they have chosen a date around 1800 to get their first insight into the 'state of the clan'.

I am beginning to realise that this is likely to take up most of the scope of the book, given the size and price limit we have set. But I am also beginning to appreciate what a pity it will be if, through lack of space, our book fails to take account of those other extensive and fascinating by-ways which throw so much light on the social and economic, as well as the genealogical, history of the Metcalfes.

I am reminded of a friend's remark when I described the project - 'You will not be writing a history of your family, but the story of our nation as told from the family's viewpoint.' I suggest we might make this our ultimate aim.

J P W Metcalfe (M256)

WANDERING THROUGH THE INDEXES

by George Buxton(M003)

As you know research on the new Metcalfe Book has been underway for almost a year, so I thought members would like to know of and read about some of the more unusual records I have come across, and my interpretation of them. From the probate records in the Public Record Offices, Chancery Lane, London I have extracted the Metcalfe (and variants) with the result that some of the earliest wills found were :-

1490	Metcalfe, William	Horton Kent
1493	Medcalf, Edmund	St Olave Southwark
1526	Metcalf, Christopher	Southover Sussex

This proves the Metcalf family, were not confined to Yorkshire, and were on the move from a very early time.

The first Metcalf overseas probate reference found was :-

Metcalfe Trimandus died overseas admin. to **Frances Metcalfe** brother 1615

Metcalfe's and their travels will, I hope prove a rich source of information. As can be seen from the few extracts of overseas wills or as the PRO calls them Points Overseas, (these have been reduced to Pts) :-

1701	Metcalfe Frances	June	Pts	Admin.
1701	Metcalfe James	July	Pts	Will Limited grant
1798	Metcalfe John Matthew servant	April	Pts	"Pandour" Admin.
1798	Metcalf John otherwise George	March	Durham "Prince of Trent"	
1798	Mitcalfe Thomas	November	Pts Ship "Euretta"	Admin.

As can be seen Metcalfe's were in Ireland by early 18th century. Index to the Prerogative Wills of Ireland

1721 **Medcalf John** Rev clerk

Once they started to travel, there seemed to be no holding them as can be seen by the following :- American Wills & Administrations in the PCC Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1610 to 1857

year	details
1707	Phipps ails Sergeant Lady Mary of Boston New England Adm with will to John Metcalfe attorney for Spencer Phipps ails Bennett
1840	Taylor Charlotte Ann of Detroit Michigan spinster Probate to Thomas Bagnall & Thomas Metcalfe

American Wills Proved in London 1611 to 1775

year	details
1698	Yale Thomas of London Merchant who died in Grove Denbighshire 29th Sept. 1697. My trustees at Fort George Rev George Lewis and Capt. Charles Metcalfe to have charge of my estates in India
1709	Cox Thomas citizen and vintner of London dated 20th May 1709. To my son in law Lassells Metcalfe and Christian his wife my daughter £100 and my shares in the Penna Land Co and the old Penna Co

For me one of the most interesting aspects of genealogy are the various associations. You will have noticed Thomas Yale appointed Capt. Charles Metcalfe trustee of his estates in India which as you will see from the item below implies an association between the two families for some time. This information came from the British Library.

Vestiges of old Madras

The Mayor & Aldermen to the President & Governor

To our amazement we are again alarmed by the same practices, our jailer complaining your Honour threatened him with corporal punishment for refusing to set at liberty Collowa Chettee who was legally committed for his unsufferable contempt of our authority and scared him into compliance by your scandalous paper of the 2nd inst. Tis the constitution of all good Government for the military to support the civil, and both to unite, but since your Honour is resolved to set one in opposition against the other We are obliged to declare you, the Hon Elihu Yale Esq., President and Governor of the place answerable for all damages that have or may hereafter accrue to any person by your unwarrantable forcing men from the hands of justice.

William Fraser; Thomas Gray; D Chardin; Barth Rodrigues; Henry Alford; John Afflack; **Charles Metcalfe**; Symon Holcomb 7 Sept. 1691

In 1696 owing to Zalfikar Khan's hostile attitude, the Train Bands were again embodied, all servants of the Company and all freemen of the place were ordered to attend for enlistment. Francis Ellis Esq. was appointed Captain, Mr John Afflack Lieutenant and Capt. Charles Metcalfe Ensign. The first was a civil servant and the other two were free merchants 16 Jan. 1695/6 & 21 May 1696

A Mrs Dixon owned a house in Choultry Alley originally the property of Captain **Charles Metcalfe** in the north west angle of the white town, and desired to acquire a small piece of ground by the adjacent postern. Mrs Dixon's house later became part of the silver mint. Charles Metcalfe a free Merchant between 1681 and 1697 is shown in the rent roll of 1688 as the owner of a house in Choultry Alley.

Letters To Fort St George 1712

To the Hon Edward Harrison Esq. President & Governor for the affairs of the Rt. Hon East India Cop Council in Fort St George

Hon Sir

This accompanies Bengal letters just now and recd and the 21st ult. we acknowledge receipt of yours of ye 3rd by minchue with 6000 pagodas. We have advanced to our merchants 7000 pagodas in goods to said amount in about 2 months time of which 200 pagodas in Smallpore and 1000 pagodas in long cloth and sailcloth, they assure us are ready in the country and ye weavers hard at work fir the remainder and they wait only for a little peace and quietness. The Cunshum Lingana may go to hasten the whole to Vizagapatam which we hope will be in a few days.

The Dutch at Dacheroon try what they can hinder our Ingerom Investments by advancing to the weaver raising the prices of goods and bringing the merchants and weavers under obligation to serve them. Nevertheless the Rajahs favour and great promises give a good prospect of success in our affairs and in a few days we hope to hear that Mr Fawcett has secured to the amount of 300 pagodas sent him and that we shall have

encouragement to keep him supplied with many for the goods of that part of the investment and more in the troubles hinder goods according to expectation in these parts

Another Pegus ship belonging to Yeagapa Jentue merchant, **Charles Metcalfe** master is arrived here. Habid Canne and the Rajahs are still at variance and Fuckerle Canne is gone to the southward to bring success to the Rajahs and we suppose a power for himself to help them

We most respectfully subscribe

Your Most Obedient and Humble Servants

Francis Hastings

Robert Cranwell

Vizagatapam

14 June 1712

PS Mr Harris is very ill with a pain supposed to be a symptom of a imposthume which is a great hindrance to our writing

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Capt. Charles Metcalfe was clearly in India in 1688 and further research should prove interesting. The type of information available is very varied for example was Charles Metcalfe who was buried 2 April 1682 at Madras a son of Capt. Charles or another family? (Capt. Charles was the 7xGt Grandfather of M113 Dianne Fox.)

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Perhaps the most interesting of the Metcalfe's in India was Sir **Charles Theophilus Metcalfe**. He was the last Governor General of the East India Company. This could well be an interesting family to trace. He later became Lord Charles Theophilus Metcalfe Knight Grand Cross of the most honourable Military Order of the Bath. The type of information available is :-

Letter 16 August 1803 from Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe. (East India Company 1801 to 1838, Assistant Governor General 1835 to 1836 and Lieutenant Governor General, North West Province 1830 to 1838) to his former school master at Eton Joseph Goodall.

Letter Calcutta 16 April 1825 From William Pitt 1st Earl of Amherst (1773 to 1857) Gov. Gen. 1823 to 1828 to Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe. Inviting him to assume the office of Resident at Delhi.

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The records available naturally cover into this century :-

Pt **E Metcalfe** 39807 6th Bn Loyal North Lancs Reg. Burial 28th Oct.1918, Hosur Road Cemetery Bangalore

Edward Dudley Indian Army 1887. Born 16 Jan. 1887 Rathmines Dublin son of Edward of the prisons Dept & Edith Maude Mary (Nee Howard - Hamilton)

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I came across the Court of Arches by chance. I believe the Lower Court of Arches is equal to the House of Lords and again further research will be required. I feel that there could be an interesting article arising from this Court's cases and in particular from case 6205.

Cases in the Court of Arches 1660 to 1913

year	case	details
1663	<u>Case 544</u>	Barrett v Metcalfe & Brooks Richard Barrett v William Metcalfe & James Brooks Church Wardens of St Andrew and Undershaft London
1685	<u>Case 6682</u>	North v Rush & Metcalfe John North P.C. v William Rush & John Metcalfe Will of William North of St Saviour Southwark Surrey
1701	<u>Case 5590</u>	Lee v Medcalfe Proctor in the Court of Arches v Richard Medcalfe of Newport Monmouth For non payment of Fees
1727	<u>Case 6205</u>	Meriton v Medcalfe Henry Meriton of Merton Surrey v George Medcalfe Brawling in Church

If you have any comment on this or further information on Metcalfe's over seas or in service in the Army or Navy please write to Warwick Metcalfe, we have a long way to go but I am sure a great deal of useful and interesting facts will come to light.

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If not book today.

## **BIRTH BRIEFS :-**

UP-DATES - Please send these direct to the Editor.

## **CORRECTIONS -**

Apologies to **M700 Lois Hawes** who was inadvertently given a connection to M621.

## **NEW ADDRESSES :-**

**M234 Miss M.W. Brack** from Sherborne to :- Beehouse Cottage, Earwig Lane, Bolney, Nr Hayward's Heath, West Sussex, RH17 5RZ....what super names!

**M485 Mrs Joyce Motley** from Boston Rd to:- 12 Winston Road, Spilsby, Lincs. PE23 5HJ.

**M694 Miss Lynda Husband** from Calderstones Ave to :- 25 Storrsdale Road, Liverpool, L18 7JY.

**M700 Peter J. Scott** has made his temporary address permanent :- 27 Newton Road, Strathfield, New South Wales 2135, Australia.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

to whom we extend a warm welcome.

**M731 Miss Shirley A. Metcalfe**, Box 1360, Minnedosa, Manitoba, Canada R0J 1E0. Born Carmen, Manitoba dau of Fred and Annie (Unrau) Mte m Manitoba 1947. Fred b 12 Mar 1903 Fell End Farm, Ingleton, Yorkshire, Eng. 12th and last child of William & Catherine Betsy (Windle) Mte m 02 Dec 1880. William b 22 Oct 1852 1st child of 7 of John & Isabella (Dawson) Mte m 25 Sep 1851 Clapham, Yks. John 2nd child of 10 of William & Hannah (Marsden) Mte m 1826 William bpt 07 Oct 1801 son of Jane Mte of Selside. **Connects to :- M4; M11; M41; M46; M52:** Shirley was mentioned in the "Family Quest" column in the Dalesman magazine, discovered our Society and has a first cousin in Ruth Kay M41.

**M732 Mrs Karyl Ann and Miss Sarah Bainbridge**, 2100 S.Scott Blvd, #31, Iowa, City, IA 52240, USA. Dau and grand-dau of Earl S. & Marguerite Virginia (Metcalfe) Sumner m 1937. Marguerite b 21 Mar 1917 Pepin, Wisconsin d.o Howard Lee & Mabel Marie (De Marce) MT. Howard Lee b 1892, 6th child of 7, of George Haley & Addie (Wakefield) MT. George Haley b 1851, 4th child of 8, of William & Rachel Elizabeth (Curtis) MT. William b 1811 1st child of 10, of George & Ann (Astwood) MT m 1811 Masham, Yorkshire, Eng. George bpt 1784 Masham s.o George & Jane (Mallerby) MTE m 1777 Masham. George bpt 1747 Masham s.o George & Jane (Metcalfe) MTE m 1745. George bpt 1724 Masham s.o William & Jane MTE...possible m Wm=Jane STUB 1701 Hampsthwaite. **Connection to M200; M218; M445; M593; M710:**

**M733 Graham Gibbs**, 9 Greenfields Croft, Little Neston, Cheshire, L64 0TZ. Is descended from the Oxleys and Braithwaites buried in Ripon, Yks. A connection to Metcalf around Ripon in 1840-60 is sought. Has positive links to a John Braithwaite of

Manor House or large farm in the village of CRAKEHALL near Bedale, Yorkshire.

**M734 Mrs Moira Macare**, 69 Knox Lane, Harrogate, Yorkshire, HG1 3AR. Dau of George R.L. & Edith (Metcalfe) Robson m 1924 Harrogate. Edith b 1903 Tow Law, Co Durham d.o Richard & Frances Eveline (Handy) Mte m 1899 Lanchester, Dur. Richard b 1873 Helmington Row, Dur: s.o Richard & Margaret (Johnstone) Mte. Richard b 1842 Quarrington Hill, Dur: s.o John & Elizabeth (Armstrong) Mte m 1839 Whitehaven, Cumberland. John bpt 09.05.1819 Harrington, Cum: s.o Richard & Ann (Jenkinson) Mte m 04.04.1808 Harrington.

**M735 Mrs Sheila M.Scotson**, 5 Woodville Road, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14 2AN. Grand-dau of Thomas & Martha Jane (Metcalf) Brown. Martha J. b 09.04.1879 Macduff, Banff, Scotland d.o Agnes Mt b 22.01.1860 Banff d.o Charles & Martha (Rannie) MT m 22.04.1849 Aberdeen/02 or 03. May 1849 Gamrie. Charles ? bpt 26.06.1829 Gamrie s.o John & Elizabeth (McIntosh) Mt.

**M736 Mrs Jo West**, 51 East Park, Harlow, Essex, CM17 0SE. Descendant of William & Mary (Holmwood) Knight m 1887. William's first wife was Charlotte Mte m 01.06.1868 Hastings. Charlotte b 1847 Battle, Sussex d.o Lester & Sarah (?) Mte. Lester bpt 12.10.1815 Battle s.o George & Elizabeth (?) Mte. **Connects to M682 and M725.**

**M737 Richard Caygill**, 70 Astill Drive, Leicester, LE4 2PA. Gt x 5 Grandson of Richard & Margaret (Metcalfe) Caygill m 18 Apl 1757 Muker Yorkshire.

**M738 John C.Green**, Dolphin House, High St, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, PO40 9LG. Kathleen Emily Metcalf b ca1914 dau of Lucy Ann Mt who m John's Grandfather George Herbert Lock before 1924. Lucy Ann is thought to have been nee Blackith.

**M739 Joseph D. Metcalf**, 9 Chepstow Road, Hanwell, London, W7 2BG. Son of Joseph Hepple Metcalf b Newcastle upon Tyne 06.09.1903 died 1992 in Devon. Joseph H was one of eight children of John & Ann MT of Spital Tongues, Newcastle on Tyne.

**M740 Mrs Audrey Nohra**, Residenza Nuova Belvedere, Viale Rieti, 00018 Palombara Sabina, (Rome), Italy. Descendant of Leonard Mte of Kirby Hill, Boroughbridge, North Yorkshire. **Connects to M127; M152; M638:**

**M741 Maurice A.Stirk**, The Close, 44 Over Lane, Almondsbury, Bristol, BS12 4BW Great Grandson of John & Eleanor (Darnbrough) Stirk m 21.11.1852 Burneston, Yorkshire. Eleanor b c1830 Ripon area dau of Robert & Mary (Metcalfe) Darnbrough m 10.07.1821 Ripon Cathedral.

**M742 Mrs Jean M.Goodyear**, 3 Kingston Drive, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6SB. Husband is descended from Thomas Pawley & Constance May (Metcalfe) Goodyear m 1930. Constance May b 1908 d.o George & Alice May (Mawby) MTE m 1907 at Wesleyan Chapel, Boston, Lincs. George b ca1885 s.o George & Mary Ann (?) MTE. George b ca1846 s.o John Jonathan & Charlotte (?) MTE. John Jonathan bpt 31 Jan 1818 Fishtoft, Lincs s.o Thomas & Mary (?) MTE. Thomas bpt 1795 Fishtoft s.o William & Sarah (?) MTE.

**M743** Used for Admin purposes.

**M744 Ian V.Metcalf**, 100 Charlottetown Blvd, West Hill, Ontario, Canada, M1C 2C8. Descendant of Henry & Mary (Copley) MTE m 05 Aug 1816 Royston, Yorkshire



Eng Henry bn 22 Feb 1779 ??? son of Christopher & Margaret (Chapman) MTE m 23 Jan 1777 Aysgarth, Yks. **May connect to M583.**

**M745 Mrs Vivienne Hay**, 28 Garswood Road, Billinge, Wigan Lancs WN5 7TH. Descendant of Thomas Robert & Emily Irene (Metcalf) Carinduff m 1911. Emily Irene b 12 Mar 1885 d.o John & Mary (McCann) MT m 26 Jun 1879 Liverpool. John b 1857 Liverpool s.o George & Mary (Grace) MT m 07 Sep 1845 Liverpool. George bpt 26.12.1819 Liverpool s.o Edward & Elizabeth (Burtenwood) MT. ??Edward bpt 22 Aug 1764 Rothwell. Connects to M496 and may connect to M15 if the bpt for Edward is correct and he is s.o John & Ann (Hey) MT m 23 June 1756 Rothwell. John bpt 22 May 1731 Rothwell s.o William & Martha (Deyson) MT m 5th May 1730 Rothwell.

**M746 Lady Margaret Boston**, 27 Capstan Square, London, E14 3EU. Descended from the marriage of John Pratt of Hardrow to Rosamund Metcalfe of Hardrow, on 6th Dec 1708 at Askrigg, Yorkshire. **M526 and M633 also show "interest" in this marriage.**

**M747 John Dobson**, Appleton House, Appleton le Moors, York, YO6 6TE. Descended from a Metcalfe Dobson.

**M748 Mrs Pamela L.Dillon**, 5 Cato Court, Swan Hill, Victoria 3585, Australia. Same descent as M55.

**M749 Mrs Diane L.Pearson**, 21 Hutton Village, Guisborough, Cleveland, TS14 8EP. Diane's paternal great grandmother was Eleanor Metcalfe b 1864 Sedgfield, Co Durham d.o Matthew & Mary A. (Hardy) MTE m 27 Nov 1852 Sedgfield. Matthew ? bpt 04 Feb 1827 Masham, Yorks. s.o Thomas & Mary (Pearson) MTE m 10 Oct 1807 East Witton, Yorks. Thomas bpt 1782 s.o John & Mary (Walker) Mte m 15 Apl 1771. ?John 1751-1825 s.o Robert. **If lines are correct then connects to M368 & ? M169.**

**M750 Miss Shelagh Stewart**, 7 South Terr, Staindrop, Darlington, Durham, DL2 3LB. Grand-dau of Albert Henry & Lydia Ann (Medcalf) Knell m 16 Jan 1913 Millwall Lydia Ann b ca 1885 d.o Caleb & Elizabeth Harriet (?) MD. Caleb b 13 Sep 1863 Kendal, Wes: s.o Henry & Harriet (Musgrove) MD. Henry bpt 25 Dec 1823 Kendal s.o Richard & Jane (?) MD. Richard bpt 28 Jun 1799 Kendal s.o John & Ellen (?) MD. **Connects to M694.**

**M751 Mrs Lorraine A.Kingston**, 15 Malvern Rd, Hockley, Essex, SS5 5HZ. Husband's grandfather is William John Harvey Medcalf b Jan 1905 son of Edwin & Mary Jane (Fairweather) Md. Edwin was a motorcycle engineer of Enfield, Essex. Edwin's father (name not traced) had 2 brothers, Frederick and Walter.

**M752 Michael B. Eeles**, 2 Rayleigh Close, Cambridge, CB2 2AZ. Descendant of Thomas & Elizabeth (Metcalf) Sunter both of this parish m 9th June 1795 Grinton, Yorkshire.

**M753 Mrs Lorna Gomm**, 85 New Road, Marlow Bottom, Marlow, Bucks. SL7 3NN. Details awaited

**M754 Charles K.Mercer** 15 Eastfield Rd Pickering North Yorkshire YO18 7HU. Born Lockton, Yorkshire s.o Charles Edwin & Annie Jane (Metcalf) Mercer m 1925. Annie Jane b 15 Oct 1901 Wilton d.o James Hunter & Mary (Buttery) MT m 20 May 1899. James Hunter b 21 Nov 1877 Hawnby, Yks. s.o William Hunter & Margaret (Middleton) MT m 11 Aug 1868. William Hunter b 21 Jun 1838 Scawton Yks. s.o

James & Elizabeth (Thompson) MT m 25 Dec 1837. James b 5 Nov 1802 Kilburn, Yks. s.o William & Dorothy (?Hunter) MT ?m 23 Nov 1801 Kilburn when Wm was described as husbandman of Easingwold....confirmation wanted that this is the correct marriage and for :- William bpt 29 Aug 1780 s.o William of Wass & Ruth (Slack) m 2 Jan 1775 Grinton (but both were "of Grinton" Sec) - William bpt 7th Jun 1749 at Kilburn s.o George of Newstead & Ady (Fisher) of Oswaldkirk m 7th May 1734 Kilburn. George b 1709 Kilburn. [Secretary can add that the mother of James bpt 7th Nov 1802 (born 5th Nov) is given in the parish registers as "Dorothy late Hunter" so I think you can accept the marriage as correct.]

**M755 John M.Metcalf**, 116 Whitfield Ave, Pickering, North Yorkshire, YO18 7HY. Great grandson of John Henry & Sarah Elizabeth (Fletcher) MTE m 4 Mar 1919 Lockton, Yks. John Henry b 1895 Lockton s.o Mary Ann Mte b 1874 Lockton d.o John & Hannah (Hancel) MTE m 9 Feb 1863 Middleton, Yks. John b ca 1830 Lockton ? bpt 15 Nov 1829 s.o William & Ann MT.....?? Wm=Elizabeth Baley 3rd Feb 1816 at Middleton by Pickering, Yks, could this be Ann ?

**M756 Mr & Mrs Kenneth G.Brown**, 7 Pelham Close, South Bretton, Peterborough, Hunts: PE3 9AD. Mrs Anita Brown is great grand-dau of Thomas & Martha (Metcalf) Holme. Martha b ca 1830 Walton, Lancs. d.o Edward Parr & Martha Kaye (Gorst) Mte m 19 Aug 1825. Edward P. bpt 20.01.1799 s.o James & Ann (Parr) Mte. James bpt 31.12.1759 Ravenstonedale, Wes: s.o Anthony & Mary (Fothergill) Mte m 16 Feb 1757 Ravenstonedale.

**M757 Mr Terry L.Endress**, The Orchard, Warrington Road, Mickle Trafford, Chester, CH2 4EA. Terry is an American temporarily living over here, great x2 grandchild of Harry & Elizabeth (Metcalf) Hovey m 1882 Terre Haute, Indiana. Elizabeth b ca 1844 d.o George W. & Martha (?) MTE of Edgar County, Illinois. George W. b ca 1810 s.o William & Jemima (Redman?) MTE of Shelby County, Kentucky. William b ca 1789 possibly near Winchester, Virginia. He and Jemima left Kentucky for Illinois in 1828.

**M758 Mrs Irene M.Baker**, Field-End, Holt Road, Langham Holt, Norfolk, NR25 7DA. Dau of Theophilus Howe & Jane Tait (Whyte) Mte. Theophilus H. b 14 Feb 1919 in Betta, India and died in Norwich 1992, son of Percival Henry & Flora Marguerite (Harcourt) MTE....marriage sought. Percival H. b ca 1878-88 at a place called Helicardy, Sussex, (ANYONE HEARD OF IT ?) son of Henry Cranstoun MTE and his second marriage. Henry was Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court ca late 1800s. [Society can add :- Henry Cranstoun bpt 20 Sep 1810 d 1888 Brighton, son of Thomas & Christiana Brisbane (Cranstoun, only child and heiress to Henry Carr Cranstoun eldest son of George 4th son of William, Lord Cranstoun of Greeling, Roxburgh) MTE. Thomas ? bpt 19 Nov 1778 (on IGI) or 16 Oct 1781 (on Comp Index) son of Cornelius & Sarah (Bayley) MTE m 20 Dec 1773 at Manchester Cathedral. Cornelius bpt 19 Oct 1749 Leicester s.o Rev Thomas & Anne (Smelt) MTE m 1742 Walton on Thames. Rev Thomas MTE of Porch House, Northallerton and Sand Hutton, York. Vicar at Tilton, Leics and Kirkby Overblow, Yorks. buried at Stokesley, Yks/Cleveland d 16 Feb 1774. Fits into Nappa Hall line :- b 1706 Bossall, York s.o Thomas & Anne (Green) MTE .

Thomas b ca 1661 Northallerton s.o William & Anne (Marwood) MTE m 21 May 1657.  
 William b ca 1635 only s.o George & Elizabeth (Talbot) MTE m 29 July 1624 St Helens,  
 York. George b ca 1600 s.o Richard & Margaret (Wilson) MTE. Richard b ca 1543 3rd  
 s.o George & Elizabeth (Banks) MTE. George b ca 1516 ?? 2nd s.o James OR s.o  
 Oswald. ? ]

**M759 Mrs Anthea L.Mountain & Ms Jennifer J.Handoll**, "Pascali" 50 The  
 Common Parbold, Wigan, Lancs. WN8 7EA. Both nee Metcalfe but further details  
 awaited.

**M760 Mrs Jean Todd**, 5 Haselmere Circus, Rockingham, Western Australia  
 6168 Australia. Great great grand-dau of Richard & Marie (?) Metcalfe. Richard ? bpt  
 29.03.1829 Ingleton, Yorkshire, Eng. s.o John & Mary (Gifford) MTE m 02 Aug 1822  
 Ingleton when John was described as husbandman of this parish. Richard & Maria  
 moved over to the Ulverston and Dalton in Furness area.

#### Miscellaneous Metcalf Sightings

Sussex. **Martha Metcalf** (42) unmarried lady's maid, Sunderland, Durham. 1881 Census  
 (RG11 1032 F70) Victoria Marina Hotel, St. Leonards, Hastings.

Kent. Gillingham. Commander **Christopher Powel Metcalfe** RN of 208 Canterbury St.  
 Mereworth. **Reginald Metcalf-Smith** of Yotes Cottage.

Penge. **E. Parr Metcalfe** MA, 99 Belvedere Road.

**Joseph Metcalf**, working cutler. 5 Arpley Road.

Ramsgate and St. Lawrence. **Mrs. Eliza Metcalfe**, 24 Vale Road.

Shortlands. **William Henry Medcalf**. Laundry. 7 Shortlands Villas.

Sidcup. **Edward Smith Metcalfe**. Lyndhurst, Crescent Road.

Southborough. **Mrs. Metcalf**, Trotting Hill, Kibbles Lane. From Kelly County  
 Directories, 1907. Supplied by John Witheridge of the Witheridge Society.

Romaldkirk. County Durham (previously Yorkshire). Marriages 1578 - 1753.

1/9/1635 **Alexander Mte** of Horse House in Wensleydale, and **Alice Walker**  
 of Romaldkirk.

4/10/1705 **Bryan Mte** of Barnard Castle and **Agnes Temple** of Baldersdale.

11/6/1722 **Henry Mte**, yeoman of Coverham par. and **Mary Dent** of Hagrom  
 Hall by banns.

8/10/1724 **Anthony Mte** of Grinton par. and **Elizabeth Walker** of Hewry by  
 banns. From List L1635.

Yorkshire Strays born outside Wensleydale in Askrigg Census Returns, 1851.

**Metcalf Elizabeth**, 45 born Grisedale (wife of **James**, 45, corn dealer)

**George**, 44, auctioneer born Carlton (wife **Elizabeth**, 41, born Crackpot)

**Jane**, 66, born Harkerside (wife of **John**, 74, landed proprietor)

**John**, W. 43, highway lab., born on Oxnop, Swaledale (dau **Alice**, 17, born  
 Rash, Swaledale)

**John**, 6, scholar, born Brompton on Swale (nephew of Betty Kirkbride, W)

**Margaret**, 70, born Staterton, Swaledale (wife of **Peter**, 69, farmer)

**Mary**, W. 35 farmer, 38 acres. Born Barningham.

From the Yorkshire Family Historian, June 1994.

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MECCA MUSTER

As at 26 June 1995 thirty five members have signed up for the gathering on 14 October 1995 at Ripon including two overseas members from New Zealand

**Mrs Vi Simpson (M119) and**

**Miss Elizabeth Morey (M255)**

We look forward to seeing you in October.

## The Mecca Muster and Annual General Meeting.

To:- The Conference Secretary, Mr G Buxton,  
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Ashford,  
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active part in the AGM.

## The MECCA MUSTER & A.G.M. Saturday 14 Oct. 1995

At the College of Ripon & York St John, College Road, Ripon, Yorks

Price per Person  
is £10.00

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Registration  
9.30 am

A.G.M. at 10.00 am

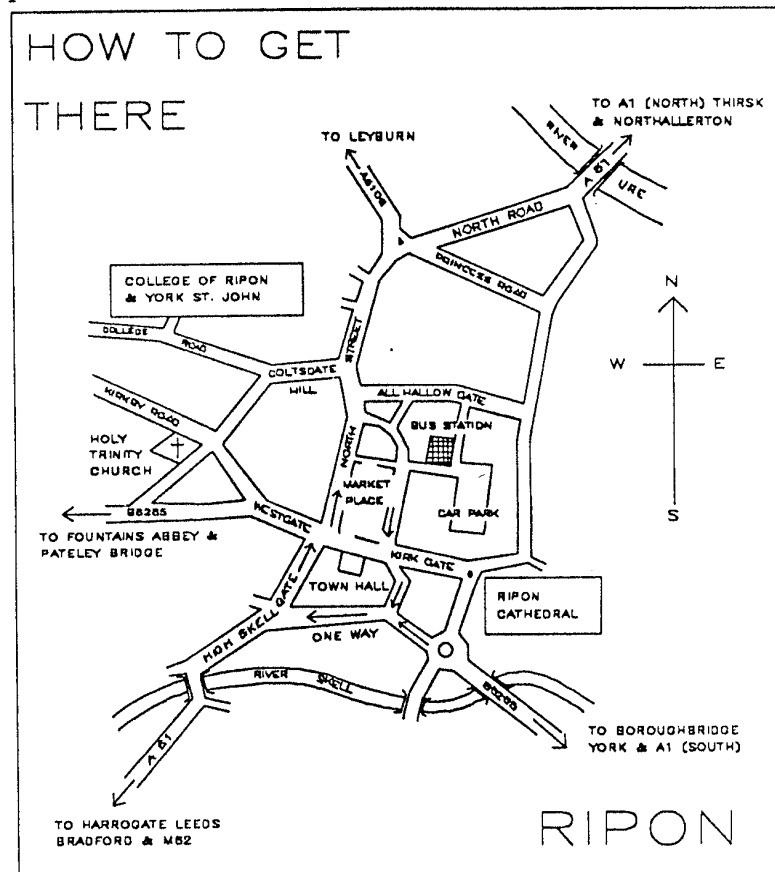
Lunch 1.15 pm

Tea 3.30 pm

Close 4.30 pm

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Lunch will be of  
three courses,  
served in a  
separate  
dining room.



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# ***THE METCALFE SOCIETY***

## **INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5th APRIL 1995**

| <b>INCOME</b>             | <b>1995</b>    | <b>1994</b>  | <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                          | <b>1995</b>    | <b>1994</b>  |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
|                           | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>     |                                             | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>     |
| Subscriptions             | 2687.70        | 2451         | Newsletters - Printing Costs                | 0.00           | 156          |
| Donations                 | 96.31          | 75           | Newsletters - Distribution Costs            | 470.22         | 372          |
| Bank Interest Received    | 139.04         | 76           | Publications & Sales                        | 637.91         | 160          |
| Muster Raffle             | 64.00          | 78           | Postage, Stationery, Files & Labels         | 980.08         | 588          |
| Photocopying Lists        | 22.30          | 13           | Telephone                                   | 50.00          | 60           |
| News Distribution Refunds | 2.10           | 32           | Insurance                                   | 34.75          | 34           |
| Metcalf AGM & Muster      | 620.00         | 165          | Raffle Prizes                               | 22.20          | 0            |
| Tax Refund                | 85.77          | 83           | Committee Meetings & Travel Exp.            | 136.15         | 47           |
| Computer Search           | 10.00          | 0            | Depreciation                                | 265.39         | 250          |
| Publications & Sales      | 599.12         | 413          | Conference Expenses                         | 212.65         | 259          |
| Bank Transfer N&P         | 0.00           | 143          | Exhibitions London Fair                     | 15.00          | 145          |
|                           |                |              | Advertising, GRD & Family Tree              | 77.58          | 61           |
|                           |                |              | Affiliation Fees FFHS, Refunds & GOON       | 95.75          | 68           |
|                           |                |              | Data Protection Registration                | 0.00           | 75           |
|                           |                |              | Metcalf AGM - Hire of hall                  | 140.75         | 0            |
|                           |                |              | Metcalf Muster Catering                     | 579.62         | 100          |
|                           |                |              | Transfer to History Book Reserve            | 1000.00        | 0            |
|                           |                |              | <b>Surplus of Expenditure over Income :</b> | <b>-391.71</b> | <b>1153</b>  |
|                           | <b>4326.34</b> | <b>3,529</b> |                                             | <b>4326.34</b> | <b>3,529</b> |

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# THE METCALFE SOCIETY

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5th APRIL 1995

| ASSETS                               | 1995<br>£ | 1994<br>£ |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| COST :                               |           |           |
| Printer                              | 264.37    | 264       |
| Filing Cabinet                       | 192.80    | 193       |
| Computers,Printer,Workstation & Swre | 2,017.90  | 1,287     |
| Filing Cabinet 3 Drawer              | 146.04    | 146       |
| Sub-total :                          | 2,621.11  | 1,890     |
| LESS DEPRECIATION :                  |           |           |
| Printer                              | -52.87    | -26       |
| Filing Cabinet                       | -192.80   | -193      |
| Computer,Printer,Workstation & Swre  | -587.91   | -385      |
| Filing Cabinet 3 Drawer              | -109.53   | -73       |
| Sub-total :                          | -943.11   | -678      |
| NET BOOK VALUE FIXED ASSETS          | 1,678.00  | 1,213     |
| BANK BALANCES :                      |           |           |
| Barclays                             | 882.59    | 891       |
| National Savings Inv. A/c            | 2,729.70  | 2,594     |
| Deposit Ripon Muster                 | 165.00    | 150       |
|                                      | 5,455.29  | 4,847     |

| LIABILITIES                  | 1995<br>£ | 1994<br>£ |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Metcalf History Book Reserve | 1000.00   | 0         |
| (DEFICIT) / SURPLUS @ 5.4.95 | -391.71   | 1,153     |
| BROUGHT FORWARD SURPLUS      | 4847.00   | 3,694     |
|                              | 5455.29   | 4,847     |

Draft Accounts subject to Mecca Committee approval :

  
.....J.J.P. Gould B.Sc. A.C.A.  
16/6/95.....DATE

**Minutes of The Metcalfe Society**  
**Annual General Meeting, Saturday 8 October 1994**  
Held at the College of Ripon & York St John, Ripon. 10am

1. **OPENING REMARKS** : The Chairman, Charles S. Metcalfe welcomed 61 members and friends. Regretfully our guest, Bill Mitchell was unable to be with us due to a recent heart operation.

2. **APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Members number 04,13,50,61,164,179,218,280, 292,303,310,337,431,501,563,593,601,669,679. In future those present will be recorded.

3. **MINUTES** of the 1993 AGM had been circulated and were taken as read and duly signed as a correct record.

4. **MATTERS ARISING** - none.

5. **REPORTS** :

a) **CHAIRMAN** : This has been a good year with improved benefits and facilities available to members, a quality newsletter, better and bigger records both printed and computer based for members to access with a significant growth in membership. However, for some reason attendance at the AGM is still down. There is a downside to all this good news - the research requested by members old and new, all requires a great deal of time and effort, which is increasing the workload of only a handful of voluntary workers. You've heard this cry before - but he believed that the situation was critical and that there was a real danger of a decline in the quality of services that the Society provided. In particular, our Publicity Officer Denny Gibson wished to leave the Committee; and our long-suffering Secretary, Nina, is finding the workload increasingly heavy, and wished to shed some of the load. Thus two or more volunteers are required and **MUST** be found today - please give this problem serious consideration when we get to the relevant point - with further details later on in the Agenda.

**COMPUTER** : Charles reported an increase of 11,000 entries made to the Index last year. Much of the hard work has been done by David Metcalfe M46 both in collecting and inputting the data. He still has to catch up with the Family Tree entries as with the Lists. His request for help to extract all variant entries from the Mormon IGI'92 database was answered by no less than 5 volunteers, which was fantastic. M666 works in a Family History Centre in California and she is collecting the data for us. Our present hard disk space is nearly full and action will need to be taken before the next AGM, partial provision has already been allocated. We have purchased a PageMaker Classic for the editor of the day. Nina asked whether the IGI'92 extraction included the entire world. If not could some of the other volunteers be asked to do this. CSM to follow up.

b) **SECRETARY** : Nina reported the loss in January of 41 members but we have had 73 new members so far this year - compared to 46 in the same period last year. The active membership stands at around 412, our highest ever. The deaths were announced of M164 Edna Hundes, M190 John Ernest Metcalfe and M246 Rosemary Metcalfe. Letters received had totalled over 500 and

with her newly retired husband, three children and six grandchildren - which included the very premature arrival in August (instead of November) of twin grandsons, the situation was becoming impossible. Secretaries do have other lives to lead and when Nina stressed her urgent need for assistance with the workload that 412 members generate, George Buxton offered to become the Conference Secretary, Dorothy Pope will take over as New Member Secretary and Margaret Hodgson offered to help with the Minutes and will consider the publicity work.

c) **TREASURER** : Margaret gave us details of the £1361.70 Income and £1274.57 Expenditure since the year end in April. We had totals of £985.57 in Barclays and £2593.52 in the National Savings. There were no questions.

d) **EDITOR** : Richard was unable to be with us, his report was read out. On the technical side, the past year has seen the compilation of the Mecca News on a single Desk Top Publishing software package. This has allowed for a standard format and typeface. We have also purchased a new DTP package which should provide more facilities and add graphics to articles. The computer software has allowed for word processed documents to be downloaded without re-typing. Also he has setup a system whereby type written articles can be read automatically into the Journal. The typed documents must be good originals, not photocopies, as the system has to recognise the letters. He has made little change to the content and repeats the plea for more articles. He could now assure the AGM that his correspondence had been brought up to date after a few delays. After a suggestion was made from the floor it was decided that the editor be requested to add our Charity number to all future editions.

e) **SALES/LIBRARY** : Carol Arkwright reported that everything was progressing satisfactorily with few problems.

f) **PUBLICITY** : After the resignation of Denny Gibson, there was no volunteer to carry on her good work.

g) **DEEDS OF COVENANT** : Valerie Metcalfe was unable to present so her report was read out. 49 members have taken up this scheme and the Tax Refund for the year ending 5 April 1995 totalled £85.77 - this was received in July 1994. Valerie thanked our Treasurer Margaret Metcalfe for her great and prompt help with recording when subs were paid. It was decided to push a recruitment drive as soon as possible.

h) **COUNCIL OF FAMILY SOCIETIES** : Our involvement with the formation of this group continues and we hope that it leads to the exchange of valuable ideas for the running of Societies with similar problems.

i) **ST CATHERINES HOUSE VISITOR** : Betty Van Arkadie sent a short written report. Her job has not been at all a busy one with only 3-4 requests for varying numbers of certificates and she is willing to continue.



## 6. PROJECTS :

a) **GRI** - Dorothy Pope reported the completion of Births 1837-1900, Marriages 1837-47 & 1853-62, Burials 1837-60. Thanks were expressed to Patrick Malham, Lillah Chapman, Ken and Rita Banks, and Peter Dobson. Patrick Malham requested further assistants and 3 members agreed.

b) **1891 CENSUS RETURN RECORDING** - thanks to David Metcalfe M46. North Yorkshire, Co. Durham, Cumberland, Westmorland and Northumberland were complete and the area of Sedburgh/Garsdale and Dentedale and with York City completed by Lillah Chapman. No further volunteers were forthcoming.

c) **1881 CENSUS RETURN RECORDING** - This is a large project being undertaken by the Mormon Church with the assistance of many family historians in the UK. They are being produced on Microfiche in separate counties. M700 Peter Scott in New South Wales, Australia, has undertaken to extract all Metcalfe (etc) entries as available.

d) **METCALFE HISTORY BOOK** - Warwick Metcalfe gave a very comprehensive report on probable costings and showed examples of sizes and quality available. Costs ranged from a minimum £8 to a maximum £10.40 per copy. An Editorial board was setup - Warwick Metcalfe covering Production and Content, John Holden covering Content and General, Diane Howarth covering Production, George Buxton covering Public Records and Joan Metcalfe covering Assistant work. An outline should be prepared by 1995 AGM including a draft of the first two chapters. 90% of those present voted to go ahead with the project & indicated that they would buy a copy if the price was right.

e) **IGI 1992** - See Chairman's computer reports (5a).

7. **PUBLICATIONS** : Diane Howarth reported that a new edition of the Index to Lists should be ready before or at the AGM in 1995. We have plans in hand to update the Birth Brief Booklet every two years and the next edition should be ready by October 1995.

8. **ELECTIONS** : President John Holden was proposed to stand for another 3 years by Nina Benson and was seconded by Charles S Metcalfe - unanimous. Committee - the resignation of Denny Gibson was reluctantly accepted and the remaining Committee was unanimously re-elected en bloc.

9. **SUBSCRIPTIONS** : Peter Dobson proposed a £1 increase in all rates - the last increase being in January 1992. Discussion took place including perhaps charging a 'joining fee' and/or 3 years subs at once. This is to be fully discussed at the 1995 AGM. Peter's proposal was seconded by Ron Metcalfe and unanimously accepted.

10. **APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS** : Approval was proposed by Joe Metcalfe and seconded by Ron Metcalfe and was accepted unanimously.

11. **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR** : Jo Gould was proposed to be re-elected by Warwick Metcalfe and this was seconded by Ruth Kay and duly accepted.

## 12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS :

a) David Major suggested we record and publish attendees at future AGMs as well as those who had sent apologies.

b) Peter Dobson gave brief details of Microfiche readers available to purchase. He was given permission to pursue suitability and costs involved.

c) Approval of booking the Ripon College until the year 1999 was given, keeping to the second Saturday in October.

13. **DATE OF THE NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** : This will be held at the same venue on SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER 1995. There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 12.15pm.

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## AGENDA for the Annual General Meeting of The Metcalfe Society to be held on Saturday 14 October 1995 at the College of Ripon and York St. John, Ripon, North Yorkshire, 10am.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the AGM 1994 - copies have been circulated
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Reports
6. Project reports
7. Publications
8. Elections
9. Subscription rates for 1996
10. Approval of Accounts
11. Appointment of Auditor
12. Any other business
13. Date of AGM 1996 - Saturday 12 October

## **Timetable of Events**

- 09.30 Registration and coffee
- 10.00 AGM to be followed by informal Questions and Answers session
- 13.00 Luncheon
- 14.00 Afternoon informal
- 15.30 Tea

**All members are hereby officially notified that our AGM will be held as indicated above. Members are welcome to attend the business session free of charge. Only those wishing to take part in other activities and to have refreshments are required to pay.**