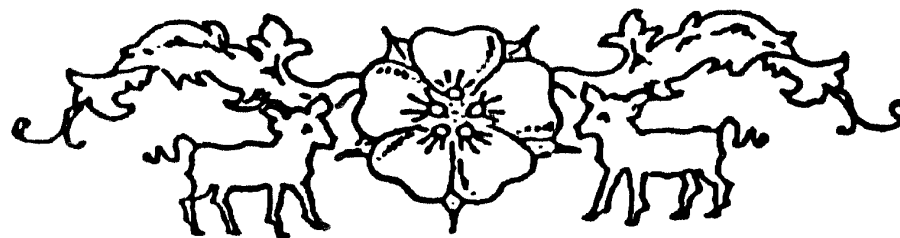


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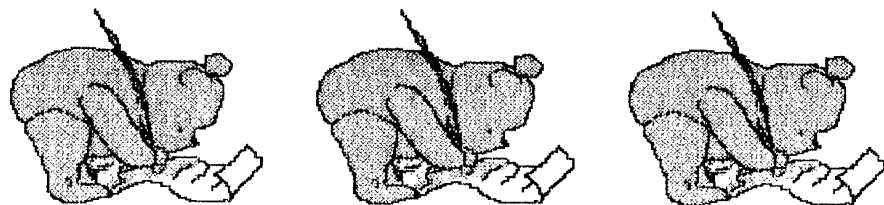
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FROM THE EDITOR

The MUSTER was a great success. Those that were there enjoyed themselves, particularly listening to Bill Mitchell's anecdotal talk, with a large number staying beyond the finish!

This last year has seen a few changes for me as regards Society business. I started off as a committee member and ended it as Editor! I have found the experience frustrating, satisfying and enjoyable - mostly the latter two and I am grateful for the letters of support plus those who have provided articles, snippets etc. Please continue to send them in. Don't forget those photographs either.

Now thoughts are turning to the festive season (I have already received a Christmas card!) may I wish you and yours the Compliments of the Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

October 1995

CONGRATULATIONS

go to Vera Adams (M002), Mary Metcalfe (M001) and Helen Offer (M004) who are made Vice Presidents in this our fifteenth year in recognition of their work in setting up the Society.

CONGRATULATIONS are also in order to our President John Holden who is now "The Worshipful John Holden" as a result of his appointment as Deputy Chancellor of the Diocese of Manchester.

North West Group of Family History Societies

The above group of ten member societies, the Metcalfe Society being one of them, are looking for an individual to maintain a project list to prevent duplication among members. If you live near Manchester, as most meetings take place in Denton, and can help, contact Mr EW Gullick on 01282 - 771999.

MECCA MUSTER 1995

It was Saturday 14 October 1995. The Main Hall in Ripon College was a buzz of activity. After checking in and getting your name badge, you then helped yourself to a very welcome cup of coffee. It had been a longish drive there and you'd set off later than you intended but, as it happened, there had been very little traffic and you had arrived earlier than expected. You were soon gently edged out of the way as others came in and did the same thing. You soon got talking to those near you. You even remembered one or two names from last year. She had stayed overnight in Knaresborough with a friend, he had come over the Pennines in the mist. We all had one thing in common - we had Metcalfe blood coursing through our veins to a greater or lesser extent. There was so much to do and so many things to consult. Around the room were tables laden with files, covered with books and photographs, and groaning under the weight of computers. Appeals for information, files to look at, requests for this and that. You didn't really know where to start. On the wall was an enormous family tree - 27 feet long and still not complete. Where to start? That problem was soon solved as the Chairman, Charles Metcalfe, called the room to order and the 1995 AGM was under way.

After a few introductory remarks and a welcome to all the members, including those present from Canada and New Zealand, the meeting got under way. The usual apologies from absentees and then on to the business. We were very pleased to welcome our guest speaker, Bill Mitchell, a former Editor of *The Dalesman*. We were regaled with quite a feast of Yorkshire stories. He admitted that the nearest he got to being a Metcalfe was his Auntie Dorothy. She had married a Fred Metcalfe but it wasn't he who was the showpiece. It was his Auntie Dorothy. She was a hairdresser and the main thing he remembered was that she had this bright turquoise liquid called Waveset. He said he was always intrigued by it - it was a vivid turquoise but he never got to use it.

As befits a visiting speaker, Bill Mitchell had done his homework. He had found out that Metcalfes were wistful, generous, careful, garrulous and taciturn - in fact we were anything he suggested. "You know what taciturnity is, don't you? It's the ability to say nowt for a long time." But of course he said more than that because there was this story about the old farmer who lived in the Dales. He had worked hard and as times had changed, so had he. After a number of years, he had bought himself a Land Rover so that he could get around more easily. Finally he died and the local reporter from the *Craven Herald* went to see his widow. She was from a long line of Dales folk and had always addled her brass.

"I suppose you'll be wanting to put a notice in the paper to let people know he's gone," said the reporter.

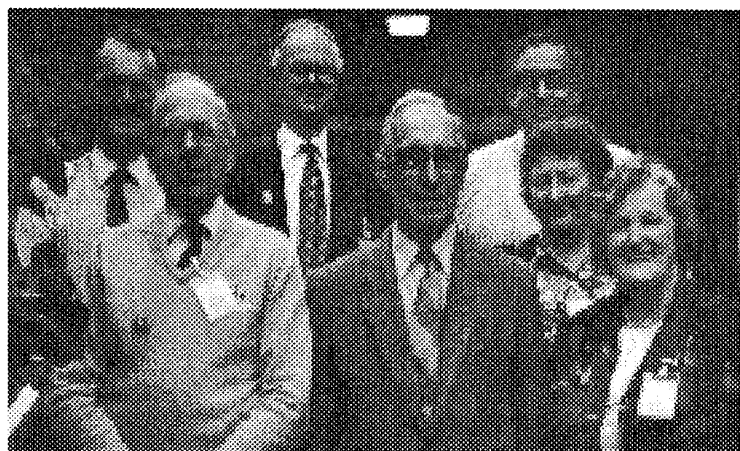
"Aye, mebbe," said his widow. "'Ow much?"

"Half a crown for 12 words."

"By 'eck, that's a lot," she replied. "Don't you do it any cheaper?"

After a bit of bargaining, the reporter finally said that she could have the first six words free. "Right," she said. "You can put this in. 'Jack died. Land Rover for sale'."

When Bill Mitchell sat down, it was to a long burst of applause. He had gone down well with the meeting but now it was on to the more serious side. Reports. Figures. Elections. Predictions. Congratulations. All came tumbling out.



Special Guest Bill Mitchell with Committee Members

Nina Benson said that we now had 422 active paid-up members, of which 21% were from overseas, which included Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Germany, United States and even the Isle of Man! There had been 48 new members this year who had heard about the Society from various sources, leaflets, articles, advertisements, word of mouth and that good old stand-by, miscellaneous. Thanks were expressed to various members for what they had done. Dorothy Pope and Pat Malham had now completed the GRO indexes to the Births, Marriages and Deaths from 1837 to 1900. They were now being computerised for easier access. Thanks were also expressed to those who had helped in collecting the information. A thank-you certificate was presented to each helper. David Metcalfe's sterling work in recording the 1891 census returns was warmly appreciated. Almost single-handedly he had completed Yorkshire, Durham, Northumberland, Westmorland and Cumberland, and also the 1851 census for Yorkshire. To Diane Howarth, our thanks were given for her updating of the Birth Brief booklet and also for her work in getting the *Mecca News* printed.

Margaret Metcalfe gave a detailed report on the finances of the Society which were in a healthy way, but in particular, we had to look towards the future as we might not always be able to have the *Mecca News* printed free of charge. We also needed to put money on one side for the Metcalfe book that was under way.

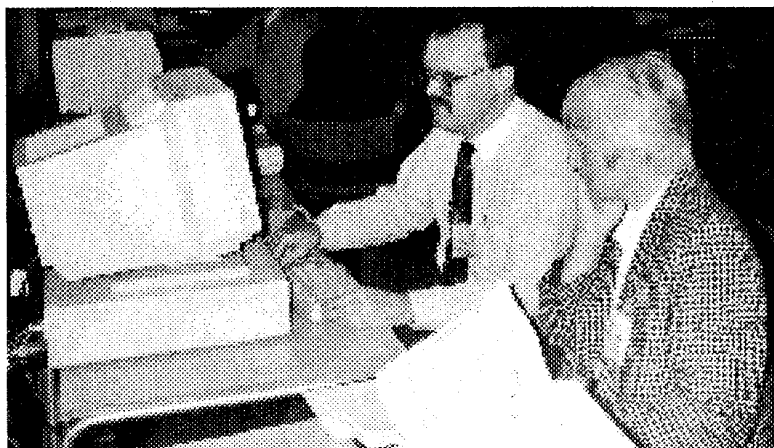
Following her, Peter Dobson, the Editor of the magazine, said how much he enjoyed doing the job, especially as each issue was better than the previous one. He apologised if some of the photographs had been rather poor but the computer needed a good contrasting photo to reproduce well in the magazine. He also appealed for the flow of articles to continue, which his audience took as a gentle hint!

On the sales side, Carol Arkwright indicated what was for sale and drew our attention to the handsome new maroon binders for the magazine. We all restrained ourselves until the end of the meeting. We then listened to Warwick Metcalfe, who is master-minding the Metcalfe book, explaining his idea for snapshots of various times, e.g. 1800, 1850, each one detailing what a sample of Metcalfes might have been doing, whether in India, in the Dales or in one of the emergent industrial areas. He doubted whether the original idea of one book would be enough and suggested additional booklets on individual topics, such as Catholics.

The two main items left to be dealt with were the (re)election of the Committee and the suggestion of raising the subscriptions to take into account rising costs, particularly the updating of the computer, a replacement photocopier and preparation for the book. After some discussion, it was agreed to raise the annual rate by £2, making the Individual Subscription £8, which compares favourably with other Societies. Members were reminded that paying by Covenant brought extra money in to the Society from the taxman, and painlessly at that. The meeting finally came to a close, followed by a Question and Answer session. Question: What about a comfort break, part way through the meeting? Answer: That's a good idea!



Canadian Guests Annie and Shirley (M731) Metcalfe



A session at the computer

That was the formal part over and most people then went in to the Dining Room for lunch. Then back to the Main Hall to continue the search for lost ancestors, to catch up with the general gossip, or even to volunteer to do some research in the next twelve months. We all had a good mooch - one does at these occasions - enlivened by persuasive attempts to get you to buy a raffle ticket. Well, somebody had to win but you knew quite well that it wouldn't be you. A session at the computer trying to find your great-grandfather's family or which of the innumerable Elizabeths who had died in Aysgarth was actually your ancestor. There was so much to do but by now it was getting on for 4pm, you hadn't won a prize in the raffle and your frantic search through the files had still left you with fifteen possibilities of a great-great aunt. You collected your things, helped with putting the chairs and tables away and there it was - The End.

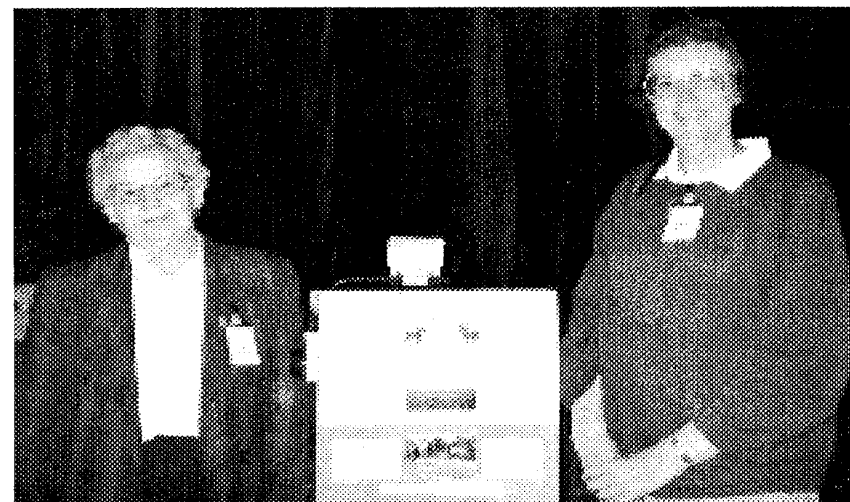
Next year's Muster will be held on 12 October 1996 - see you there!

Pat Malham (M444)

Congratulations

to our Auditor Josephine Gould nee Metcalfe, a baby boy
6 October 1995. One accountant has learned that $2 + 1$ equals a lot
more than three or soon will do!

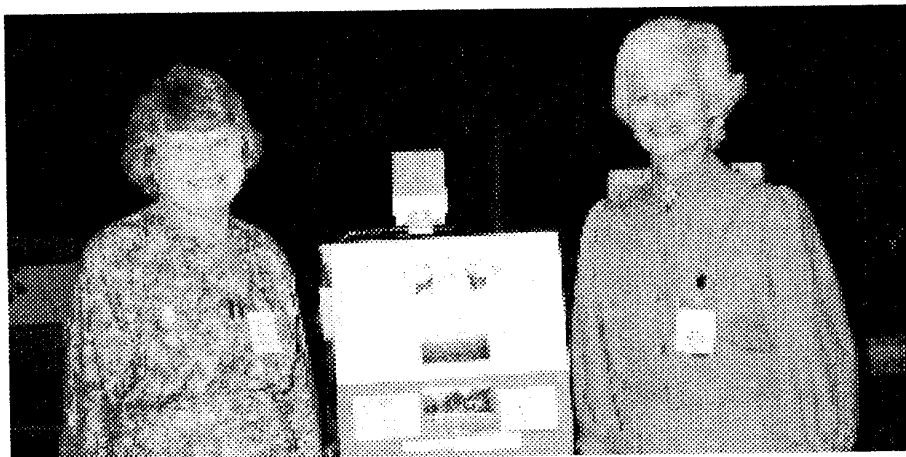
A good mooch !



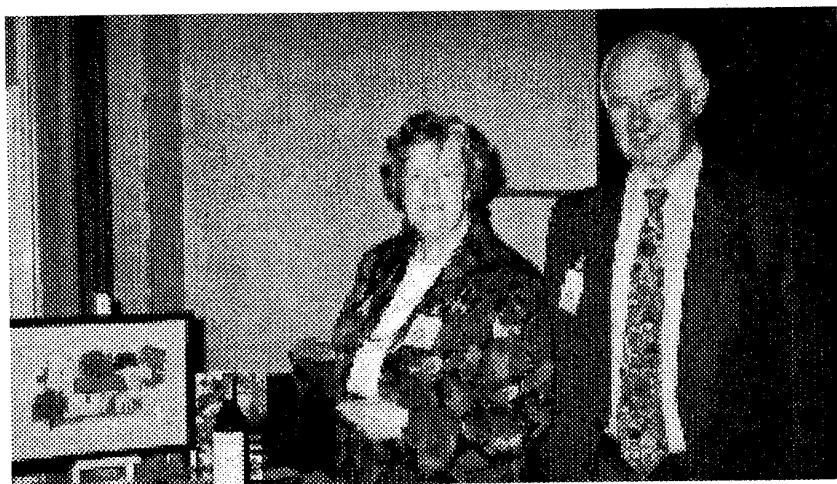
*New Zealand Members Vi Simpson(M119) and Elizabeth Morey(M255)
at the Muster*

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW VICE PRESIDENTS

Two of the three were present at the Muster - Mary Metcalfe and Vera Adams unfortunately Helen Offer could not attend.



CONGRATULATIONS GO TO OUR RAFFLE WINNERS (NOT PAT MALHAM!)



One of our winners Alan Metcalfe (M675) receiving his prize from Nina.

NEW AND RECENT PUBLICATIONS

This year seems to have seen a large number of new magazines coming on to the market covering history in many guises which could be of use to the family historian. All of them have something to offer to a greater or lesser degree depending upon your overall interests. Family history is often only a start into wider research behind the reasons why your ancestors were in a certain place at a certain time.

The first magazine I came across was "**The North Easterner**" billed as "Your Guide to Local and Family History in the North East of England" which also covers Cleveland and North Yorkshire. Produced by Michael Southwick in Winlaton on Tyne, Issue 4 which I received had a number of useful articles including how to search Land Tax records and reviews on Durham City Library and Hexham Museum. It also had large interests, support and letters sections. I feel that it covers much of the work that would be carried out by the Northumberland and Durham FHS and the Cleveland South Durham and North Yorkshire FHS but given that, there appears to be a good level of interest in the publication; perhaps it is satisfying the needs not covered by the FHS's.

A well produced and high quality publication was found in "**Medieval Life** - a new magazine of the Middle Ages" from Gilling East, York. Probably of minor use

to most family historians because of the coverage from the post-Roman period to the 15th century, however those of you with wider historical interests could do worse than take a look at the magazine.

On picking up a copy of "**The Wensleydale Advertiser**" during a visit to Hawes I half expected to see a newspaper similar to that produced in the 1840's (members will have seen extracts from the 19th century paper in previous Mecca News) but of course that was not to be. The Advertiser is now a free newspaper dominated by advertisements with a small number of articles interspersed. However even in the modern publication we find Metcalfe's! In this instance **RA Metcalfe**, Solid Fuel Merchant of Ripon.

The publication to give me the most enjoyment was "**Yorkshire History**" produced in Mytholmroyd. I found the articles in the first issue (which included items on stoneheads, the Bradford Manningham strike in the 1890's which led to the formation of the Labour Party and Methodism in West End near Pateley Bridge) well written and interesting. Mainly of local history interest even here the Metcalfe's were mentioned (Methodism in the West End) with a reference to a **John Metcalfe** who started to preach at the age of 18. If you get a chance to look at this publication I don't think you will be disappointed.

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FROM THE FFHS (via Iain Swinnerton - Council for Family Societies)
Family Historian's Enquire Within by Pauline Saul Fifth Edition 1995 £8.70
Register of One-Name Studies Kelvin E Warth 11th Edition 1995 £4.35
Source for One-Name Studies and for Other Family Historians
 - Brian Christmas 1991 £3.65

THAT SLY FOX

DOROTHY POPE M55 on the "popularity"
of William Reynard

Many of our members who have visited Swaledale and perhaps bought goods from Swaledale Woollens in Muker may not be aware that the shop was originally a house built by the local schoolmaster William Reynard in 1815 for himself, his wife Betty and their family. William married **Betty Metcalfe**, she being the 9th child and 6th daughter of my 4Gt. Grandparents **the Rev. Lister and Isabella Metcalfe**. Lister was Minister of Muker Church as well as Schoolmaster of the Grammar School which is now a cafe. Betty was born 13 February 1785 and she and William were married on 1 January 1809 in Muker Church though sadly not by her Father as Lister had died in 1797.

William and Betty had three children, Isabella born December 1810, Simm July 1817 and Lister William February 1827, but none were destined to live to adulthood. Lister William died aged 11 months in January 1828, closely followed in July of that year by his sister Isabella aged 17½ years. In June 1835 the last surviving child Simm died just one month short of his 18th birthday. Their Mother Betty died December 1827, 10 months after the birth of Lister William and I have been told they died of cholera which was prevalent in the Dale at the time. So, most tragically, William lost all his family within 8 years. There is a large memorial stone at the back of the Church recording these sad events.

William Reynard married for a second time and had another family to his wife Dorothy - I would be interested to know if there are any living descendants of this marriage. William was not a very popular man in and around Muker because as well as being the Schoolmaster he was also a member of the Select Vestry and treated the poor of the Parish very high-handedly indeed. A piece of verse written by a sympathiser recording how the furniture and effects of the unfortunate paupers were sold at auction at Muker Fair in January 1832 reads as follows:-

Come all honest men who have cesses ¹ to pay,
Let your care be attention to what I shall say,
Your wise Vestry Laws, restrictions and rules,
Are left to a parcel of asses and fools.

Nay, worse than all that the intent upon evil,
Their works prove that they are in league with the Devil.
These human infernals, their masters surpass,
In planning out evil while drinking the glass. ²

Yet who could have thought it could enter their brains,
As only such men as had hold of the reins.
This business most surely was hatched in hell,
To take from the paupers, their prayer books to sell.

Old Nick was diverted their tricks to behold,
While gathering the trapsticks or heaps to be sold.
And Rennie that sly fox ³ along with his cub
Seized hold of their fury, the poor people to rob.

These hard hearted monsters pursuing their plan
Seized clocks, sir, and cupboards and the frying pan,
Fire irons, hand irons, kitchen table and all
With various articles they made up the whole.

'Tis strange sir, indeed, that all these wideacres
Themselves should demean, and so be partakers,
Churchwardens and members of Vestry combine
To accomplish an object that was not divine.

Did ere such a cause as the present occur
All men in their senses must surely demur.
None ever before this beheld such a sight
Where the poor by the rich were robbed of their right.

Such sinners as these may shake hands and agree
To ease the poor people of their property.
On Tommy they fix, as the most proper man
To bring to perfection this horrible plan.

On such an excursion, with two three or more
They did such an act as was ne'er done before.
'Tis hoped such another will not be again,
So long as the Parish of Muker remain.

¹Rates ²Meetings were often held in Inns ³Wm Reynard and his son
Extracted from "Muker, The Story of a Yorkshire Parish" by Edmund Cooper.

Those dreadful times in the 19th Century and repeated in the 1920's and 1930's of this Century when the Government introduced the "Means Test" were very different from those of today with our Social Benefits etc and yet we talk of "the good old days"!!

LOGLIVED METCALFES

A LOGLIVED CLAN ?

It is difficult to say whether Metcalfes live longer than other families without a great deal of research; however from our database there are quite a number who have exceeded "three score and ten" and some 75 who have reached over 80. No doubt specialists could tell us whether these are typical figures.

Examples of those who have made it over the ninety mark are:

Robert Metcalfe of Langbar, Ilkley was born on 4 May 1818 at Fell Bank near Pateley Bridge and at the time of the report in 1915 (his 97th birthday) he had lived under six sovereigns. He was stated to come from long lived stock with his grandfather **Peter** passing away three days before his hundredth birthday (but still helping Mr Metcalfe on his farm in his hundredth year); although his father(also **Peter**) only lived until he was 86 and his mother until 82!

Robert was one of a family of sixteen and he and his wife **Ann** (who died in 1895 had thirteen children. He lived in the Langbar district for over seventy years, starting as a farm hand mowing two acres of grass per day for 7d (3p) and still having an interest in farm work at 97 (he apparently died aged 98).¹

Mary Ann Metcalfe, widow of **James Metcalfe** of Cubble Head Farm Buttersett became a centenarian in 1949. A native of Wensley she had eleven children and was looking forward to a quiet family party at the home of her daughter Mrs Tuffley of Buttersett with at least three birthday cakes - one home made, and two from relatives in Canada and New Zealand.²

Whilst both of these long lived Metcalfes were "not as young as they were" they were cheerful and took a lively interest in reading books and newspapers. Also, both had keen memories of their early lives and of stories told when they were young about Waterloo(Robert) and the Crimea(Mary Ann).

In addition to the above picked up from newspaper clippings other information comes to us from parish records such as :-

"Old **Mary Metcalfe** aged about 96 years buried 16 April 1723"

- Pateley Bridge Registers.

One can speculate how those who exceed what is termed a typical lifespan (whatever that may be!) came to do so - hardwork, fresh air, diet, water, genes or just plain good fortune - but from the quotes and comments from the newspaper cuttings a cheerful disposition and an inquisitive mind appear to go along way towards helping to extend life expectancy. Perhaps we should all give it a go!

¹ Mrs Christine Surfleet (M513)

² David Metcalfe (M46)

SECRETARY' S NOTES

Well - it has come and gone for another year! The Muster went like a **BOMB**.

I was only sorry that I missed meeting and speaking to so many of you. The day just wasn't long enough. Perhaps the time has come to extend it to cover the whole of the weekend. I would be interested to hear what you think and whether you would come BOTH days OR which day? Nine new members signed up and with the 70+ already attending the hum of conversation could be heard from outside the college.

Subscription renewal forms are enclosed for everyone, if you have already paid for 1996 please ignore these. If you do not intend to continue to benefit from membership of our Society please write at once to the Treasurer and tell us why. This will help your committee to see more clearly the way forward and to react in a positive manner to any anomalies. It will also nullify the need for a reminder note. Letters without return postage costs continue to arrive. PLEASE remember this vital item and understand that this may well be the reason that the reply to your query has not appeared.

Some of your officers are still in need of assistants and our plea at the Muster for extra workers fell on the usual stony ground. This state of affairs cannot go on forever. Is it your intention to stand by and watch the Society grind to a halt? Margaret, your treasurer and myself need back-up assistants - being trained and waiting in the wings - to take over when the time arrives - be it the grim reaper or whatever! "Ask not what the Society can do for you but what can you do for the Society" (with apology to the author!).

Members attending the Muster were delighted to support the election of Vera Adams, Mary Metcalfe and Helen Offer to be Vice Presidents. This is in appreciation of the work and time they gave in setting up the Society and to mark our fifteenth year. Sadly we missed visits from Jean and Frank Bradley (because Jean has recently broken a leg) and Gordon Metcalfe as he was in hospital. Our sincere good wishes go to them.

Patrick Malham has completed another marathon task with the General Registration records by putting all the marriages onto his database and printing them in alphabetical then chronological order - I await my copy with bated breath! David Metcalfe continues, with his usual dogged tenacity, the collection of the 1891 Census Returns and has now completed the whole of Yorkshire. At the Muster Ron and Gwen Metcalfe told me they would tackle Birmingham and Shirley Metcalfe, our member from Canada, offered to tackle Manitoba. Of course Shirley is a "cousin" of David so I expect she will complete Canada before she is finished! Any further offers?

Our very best wishes to you all for a lovely family Christmas and wishing you all a peaceful 1996.

Nina E Benson (M29)

16 October 1995

THE COWKEEPERS (Dalesfolk who went to Liverpool)

The photographs are fading now; they were taken before the 1914 - 18 war. As Mrs Agnes Dawson of Hellifield, looks at them the memories they evoke are bright - of the years a Dales family spent in Liverpool keeping cows in an urban environment and selling milk at homes in the city streets. One picture, of the gates set between redbrick walls, at the approaches to the cowhouse, testifies to the family pride in their occupation

' W. Metcalfe - farmer and cowkeeper ',
the lettering on the well painted woodwork proclaims.



And there is a picture of an obviously delighted William Metcalfe with horse and milk float on the day he won a special prize for the turnout (see end of article).

The story of the Metcalfes of Walton, then Fazackarley, has similarities with those of many another Dales family who went into the business of supplying milk to a fast-growing city population. The families sprang from the breezy Dales, many of them from Garsdale, and yet years were spent surrounded by buildings made of red brick and slate. The Shorthorn cattle were exercised in a yard; the nearest curlews were on mudflats at the mouth of the Mersey. The Metcalfes were long established in Garsdale. Grandfather John and his brother Thomas and son William - Mrs Dawson's father - were known as builders and their skills were employed when the Midland Railway pushed its line from Settle to Carlisle. They were in building some of the viaducts and grandmother was kept busy at home, having nine or 10 lodgers.

Holiday in Garsdale. Meanwhile, down in Liverpool the Holmes family were cowkeepers. On the early death of Mr Holmes, his eldest daughter was under stress having an endless round of work. It was decided that she would have a holiday at an uncle's farm in Garsdale and she met William Metcalfe. They were married in due course at a Methodist chapel in Liverpool. William impressed by the business opportunities in Liverpool

decided not to follow the craft of builder in the Dales but to set up as a cow-keeper. He and his new wife moved to the city in 1901. The first two of their children, Agnes and Annie, were born in Mossdale Road Walton.

Their business enterprise began when Grandfather Holmes offered them two cows to be paid for when there was spare money available. William Metcalfe delivered milk to his few customers from cans he carried around the streets. When they left Fazackarley Liverpool 20 years later for a farm they had bought in Garsdale, the Metcalfes had 45 cows - six of them in calf - and three horses. William employed four men. He approached his new business with a single-minded determination to succeed. Back in Garsdale his father was so 'heafed' to his native valley that he scarcely ever left it and down in Liverpool William did not have a single holiday or ever a day off work until the weekend spent in Garsdale as they viewed, then bought, their farm.

Long Hours. Work ruled the day. Mrs Dawson recalls that her mother rose each day at 4.30 and almost immediately set to work to hand-milking the cattle in the shippin. Father rising two hours later took over the work then concerned himself with the distribution of the milk. Before long he could afford to buy a horse and float. Years later he adapted a motor cycle to carry two kits of milk. He was the first cow-keeper to invest in a car and the kits (usually known as ' churns ') were accommodated on the running boards. Money was scarce and people were ' hard pushed '. Mrs Dawson was carrying containers of milk when she was five and each schoolday began with a mini- round of five customers. In the late afternoon when she returned from school there were further deliveries to be made. Young Agnes did a number of daily jobs and in summer she was prevailed upon to take a horse-drawn lorry to Kirkdale Cemetery, here to collect a load of grass cuttings which had been heaped up by the men who kept the cemetery tidy. She recalls using a fork to fill the lorry on which father had clipped ' sides ' to enable a greater load to be carried.

The house was at the end of a row. The front room formed a dairy where people arrived to buy milk at all hours. There were times when the front door was not locked until after 10.30 pm. A short track adequate for the horse and float led to the buildings housing the cattle and when father was not concerned with milk he worked hard and long improving and modifying the buildings. His life was literally divided between bed and work.

Treacle for Cows. In winter the cows were fed using tubs that William Metcalfe fashioned from treacle barrels. There was a mixture prepared by the men consisting of grain and barley meal with ' thirds ' and sometimes ' sharps '. It was customary to place a cupful of treacle in each tub. At all times of the year the cattle needed water which was laboriously supplied in buckets.

Father rarely left the home acres. When he required additional cows he approached two local dealers Tommy Wolfenden and Sammy Lambert who attended the marts at Skipton and Hellifield. They looked out for the type of stock he needed. All the cattle were consigned to Liverpool by rail and Mrs Dawson remembers when her father let her accompany him to the dealers to collect stock. The cattle were driven home by quieter routes. Some cows no longer needed were sold fat; others were kept to be allowed to calve again and replenish the herd. The Metcalfes had their own Shorthorn bull which was kept in a shed made by father and daughter. Hay for the animals was obtained from a farmer called Rimmer.

His men were continually passing near the cow-house on their way to market and on their return they invariably loaded up their cart with manure.

The Metcalfe's enterprise thrived because they were conscientious and worked hard. There were lean wartime years when they were aware of the close proximity of the hospital at Fazackarley - a prime target for enemy bombs, it was popularly thought, though no bombs fell in that particular area.

Return to the Dales. After the war William Metcalfe decided to return to his native dale. He saw and bought Pry Hill of over 100 acres, a farm against the Street and to it he added Woodend of some 70 acres. The combined farm was on hilly ground but to it in 1921 moved the whole family - parents and five children - plus Old Dolly the horse, the others having been left behind at Liverpool to service those who succeeded them as cow-keepers.

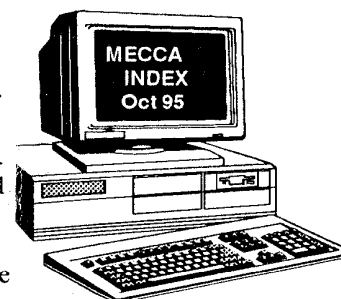
The coming years were also to be devoted to hard work. Periodically William Dawson and Agnes returned to Liverpool to attend to their old property which they had rented not sold. Staying with Grandmother Holmes they spent perhaps a fortnight at a time in repairs and redecoration. Back in Garsdale they revelled in the open spaces and fresh air. William made a sledge and it was used when Agnes or one of the other children had the task of muck-scaling. A box on the sledge enabled the manure to be transported from outbarn to field.

William Metcalfe died in June 1954; his wife had predeceased him by two years. Cow-keeping at Liverpool is now only a memory locked away in the minds of a number of dalesfolk. The memories return crisp and clear whenever Mrs Dawson opens a drawer and brings out her small collection of photographs. They relate to the days when Dales farmers or their sons set up - as farmers - within the bounds of one of England's largest cities.



William Metcalfe with daughters Agnes and Annie
(the latter hiding to the right of Agnes in the centre)

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Computer Notes

CSM

There have been many comments and queries recently about Internet and its value to or possible use by the Society. Our only use so far has been to put the Secretary's address on one board - we've had one recruit.

However, for those starting to investigate, I have just read a clear and lengthy article by Peter Cooley in the September "Computers in Genealogy" which is published by the Society of Genealogists and is well worth reading.

Two quotes strike a chord -

"Internet has enormous potential, but most Family Historians should wait until more has been published before throwing money at it in the slight hope of finding some gem of truly useful, relevant data" !

"-consider copying data to floppy disk and air-mailing it to, say, New Zealand for about £1.50. The same amount of data could be sent in a minimum of 2.5 minutes and at a cost of £6 - 8."

Plus the cost of the necessary equipment and the monthly service fee ! To any true Yorkshire Mte this latter point is very off-putting.

On the topic of equipment - it seems like Xmas already. At the recent Committee Meeting in Earby (to be recommended for our Treasurer's coffee and biscuits !) I was

handed by Diane Howarth, 3 "old" PS/2 Model 70's on permanent loan from IBM - to whom all praise.

Two are now fitted up and running, destined for perhaps Margaret our Minutes & Publicity Secretary, and also to a potential "Data Enterer" who is currently being held by his collar !

The Index itself is still being added to. David Mte is carrying on with his normal sterling efforts of putting data to disk, while Helen Offer does your trees and tackles the data in the Mecca News as she is able. I put it all on to the hard disc, and also enter trees and Birth Briefs.

The amount of information available thus continues to increase - 55,000 separate entries - and changes to individual entries which are of interest to Members continue to crop up - a pity that a good half of them relate to lapsed Members so that I can't mail out the changes.

As well as our own Index we now have the '88 and '92 IGI's in a more manageable form. I have stripped the page headers which come with every six or so extracts and the '88 version of 7Mb now fits on one floppy with the '92 of 18Mb on two, making them very easy to transport.

Because of the quality and depth of our Data Base the Committee have agreed that our charge for a search on behalf of a non-Member should be increased to £20 - still below my estimate of true cost. We are obliged to provide this service, but the number of applications and thus the significance of the change, is not great.

Happy New Year.

SPREADING THE NEWS

Lillah Metcalfe Chapman M218
Kiwi Alert !

24 July 1995. Last Sunday I visited a relation on a farm in North Yorkshire and had a very memorable day. My cousin expressed a wish to visit Thornton Wanlass where the local church was holding a Festival on the theme "All Creatures Great and Small". It was well worth a visit, seeing life sized animals, birds etc. loaned or made by the local children. All exhibits were in lovely flower settings. The entrances to the church were through floral arches and very attractive.

We walked back to the church door where we made our donation and signed the visitors book. When I looked at the signature of the person above it was a Metcalfe from New Zealand. I enquired of an official standing near if she had noticed who signed and she indicated a girl with long blonde hair. I went down the church and told I was a Metcalfe before marriage. She straight away said "with or without an 'e'" - I replied that was immaterial as many people could not read or write in the old days, it often depended on the whim of officials how forms were filled in and accents also played a part. She looked at me surprised and said there were only three Metcalfe families in South Island New Zealand and anyone else was not related!

I explained I belonged to the Metcalfe Society and we had members, several hundred of them, all over the world including New Zealand. She said she had no knowledge of the Society but it had been nice meeting me.

I wondered if some of our New Zealand members both North and South Islands could somehow make public the existence of our Society and maybe gain some new members from Down Under.

(Well what about it ? The Gauntlet has been thrown down - in a manner of speaking - what about the challenge being picked up by our Antipodean Cousins - Ed)

Yorkshire Evening Press - 25 July 1995. Yorkshire's top farm the **Metcalfe** Family business at Washfold Farm Leyburn. It came top out of more than 60 entries and received the award at the Great Yorkshire Show.

"Tse nivver sin t'sea. I'se nut so bothered about seeing t'sea - it's nobbut watter"

Allegedly said by retired roadman **George Metcalfe** of Appersett nearly fifty years ago.

Is Your Surname Common? An article in the Cleveland FHS journal of July 1995 showed that the **Metcalfe** surname was not in the top 50 (*Go to Wensleydale in particular and it would be - Ed*). Smith and Jones (*Surprise! Surprise!*) were the most popular followed by Williams, Taylor, Davies, Brown, Thomas, Evans and Roberts.

Federation of Family History Societies

The Spring Conference

Held on the Isle of Wight Friday 31 March to Tuesday 4 April 1995.

It was called the Cherry Stones Conference and had as it's theme the old nursery rhyme used by many of us when counting the stones from cherries, prunes, plums etc. :-

"Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Sailor,
Rich man, Poor man, Beggar man, Thief....."

The lectures were well thought out to follow this theme throughout the meeting and certainly the ones I was able to attend provided a good insight into the many aspects of the rhyme. It is never compulsory to attend the lectures but most of them are excellent, instructive and often amusing.

As your Secretary I attended the conference to represent our Society at the AGM and the other business meetings. It was held at a former boarding school "Upper Chine School" which presented a lovely face to the world but some of the facilities left a lot to be desired! The bare table tops at mealtimes did nothing to help the monotonous menus and regimented service. Many of us felt we deserved better after travelling so far. How pleased I was to have dug into my own pocket to stay in a local comfortable hotel!

It was a great pity, because the organisation was excellent, the helpful and knowledgeable local members (and Janet Few in particular) did all in their power to make our stay memorable - and they succeeded. In spite of the many difficulties, my main memory is of the warmth of the welcome extended to one and all.

I wouldn't want you all to get the impression that I find attending conferences a chore, far from it! To be at the HUB of the British Family History world, to meet and talk with the gurus and to have the opportunity to vote on important issues is all great fun. The weather was kind, the gardens delightfully peaceful and the nearby towns and villages charming. If you have never tried it, come along one year and join in the fun. I was interviewed for the local press by Charlotte Hofton and went into print with "Nina Benson, of the Metcalfe Society, positively lit up as she described their data base"....."fifty-five thousand names already on it and 20,000 waiting to be fed in".

In 1996 the Spring Conference is to be held 12 - 14 April at Froebel Institute College, Rochampton and will be hosted by the East Surrey Family Historic Society. The theme is "Families at War". Details can be obtained from Mr. Paul Blake, 18 Rosevine Road, West Wimbledon, London, SW20 8RB. please enclose a stamped (9"x6") self addressed envelope.... closing date for registration is 19 January 1996.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

At the AGM the Membership agreed to increase subscription rates from January 1996 by £2. The new rates are :-

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THE METCALFE BOOK

At the AGM Warwick Metcalfe gave an outline of the proposal and provided a draft of Chapter 1 which was available on display boards at the meeting for members perusal. Joan Metcalfe explained the basis of the research to date which involved identifying family groupings with a common ancestor at 1800 and the oldest known antecedent. Those with ancestors not in groups were also identified.

A great deal of initial research had been carried out and it was obvious that not all the available information (and that likely to be found as a result of continuing research) could fit into one book. Therefore the Book's editorial committee had decided that the main Metcalfe Book would trace the various Metcalfe lines so that each had a common ancestor at 1850 so that once members had found their links back to that date they could access the book for information.

The wealth of other information such as Catholic Metcalfes, those in India, the Services etc would appear as pamphlets produced by the Society and available to members probably on an annual basis. Joan was to update the information from the new Birth Briefs Booklet which would show a common ancestor at 1850. Meanwhile George Buxton would continue his delving into the India Office records (reputed to have 5 miles of shelving!).

Colonel The Reverend Neville Metcalfe

who died aged 80 was awarded an immediate DSO in Burma in March 1942 as Chaplain to the 7th Hussars who were fighting a rearguard action in the epic 1000 mile retreat from numerically superior Japanese forces.

The Hussars had arrived in Rangoon when it had been bombed and set on fire and found released lunatics prowling the streets ; criminals looting ; lepers from the hospital begging ; vultures hovering overhead. Animals in the zoo had broken out and Neville about to sit on a convenient log, discovered just in time it was an alligator.

When one of the doctors was killed by a sniper he did his best to replace him working under heavy fire. He collected identity discs from the dead. After their trek along burning roads and slippery thorny jungle paths they reached Imphal.

The citation for the DSO recorded that after conducting a burial service close to the firing line " he returned and helped to look after the wounded and administer first aid throughout the day... Throughout the night of March 6/7 Capt Metcalfe continued to look after the wounded and performed burial services for the dead.

He remained behind to assist in loading the wounded into lorries. Capt Metcalfe remained with the last ambulance and succeeded in getting them away under heavy fire . When the ambulances again came under heavy fire and were held up he collected food from a knocked out tank and distributing it was himself slightly wounded by mortar fire. After the ambulances had got clear he walked back with the last infantry to withdraw along the railway.

The conduct of this Chaplain has been magnificent throughout the operations. His courage unflinching cheerfulness and complete disregard for his own safety have been an encouragement and undoubtedly inspired all around him."

Neville Sydney Metcalfe born 23 March 1914 died September 1994.

A member of the Society for a number of years. Supplied by his son **Nigel Metcalfe (M100)**.



THE HOMECOMING

John Dobson M747

on finding his ancestral
roots

My Wife Audrey and I moved down to farm in Essex from North Yorkshire in 1971. We decided in 1988 we would retire and as I hoped, move to warmer climes. We looked at property in Europe and even in the south of England. I always felt that I would not like to move back up North however as my wife's mother lived in Scarborough and was reaching a ripe age it was felt that if we did move anywhere it would have to be somewhere where my mother-in-law could be easily reached if necessary.

We came for a week-end to Malton and I stated that if we ever did move back to Yorkshire I would not mind too much moving to that part of the country. My wife's face lit up and we collected some property guides! On coming to view Appleton House my wife said "This will do for me." We bought it.

I had always been aware that my great grandfather had farmed somewhere in the area, not knowing just where aggravated me until we did a little research. This resulted in us visiting Kirkbymoorside Church some three miles from where we now live, at Appleton le Moors, where we found the gravestone of Metcalfe Dobson who married Rachel Mills and died in 1865. It also listed the births of some of their children so we had a good start on the line of my Paternal grandparent. Seeing the gravestone was a most fascinating experience as I know my parents had no idea of the stone being there even though we had visited the area with them on a number of occasions when they had lived in Scarborough.

My wife and I have found the house where Metcalfe Dobson lived and know the house and fields where his son farmed from the centre of Kirkbymoorside. The findings we are making are becoming more fascinating each time we look into the genealogy of all sides of my family. Now we know how animals and birds can return to the place of their early lives!

As a result of our research I have been trying to ascertain the reason why the name Metcalfe should have been used in my family on occasions in the past as a Christian name. It was obvious to me that it was a maiden name somewhere along the line with a 'Dobson' marrying a 'Metcalfe' and after visiting archive offices I believe that I have arrived at the answer. My links stem from the marriage of **Elizabeth Metcalfe** to William Dobson at Thornton Dale North Yorkshire on 20 July 1704. This marriage produced a Metcalfe Dobson born in 1706 who subsequently married Mary Parkinson. This union produced another Metcalfe Dobson who in turn married Elizabeth Park. They had a son - Roger Dobson who married Ruth Ness and they had the third Metcalfe Dobson in 1790. He married Rachel Mills who gave birth to Ralph Dobson. The last of the Metcalfe names came from Ralph's marriage to Mary Hugill with the birth of William Metcalfe Dobson in 1854. I continue to search for information and if any member of the Society is able to throw further light on **Elizabeth Metcalfe** I would be most grateful to receive the details.

BIRTH BRIEFS :-

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

M686 James P Ayre, 7 Coed-y-Felin, Abergwili, Carmarthen, Dyfed SA31 2JN. Great gt gt grandson of Richard and Isabella (nee Metcalfe) White m. 8.3.1795 Monkwearmouth, Co Durham. Isabella bap 20.1.1775 Monkwearmouth do Robert & Elizabeth (Rudd) Metcalfe m. 22.2.1762 Kirkby Stephen Westmorland. Robert bap 6.7.1736 Muker N.Yorks so Alexander and Hannah (Raw) Metcalfe m. 18.4.1727. Alexander bc 1700 so Edward and Isabella Metcalfe. Hannah Raw do Robert and Agnes (Metcalfe) Raw. Connects to M16 and M55.

NEW ADDRESSES :-

M213 Mr E. Metcalf to :- PO Box 7, Pinetown 3600, Kwazulu-Natal, RSA.

M575 Mr Allan Metcalfe to :- 4 Preswick Close, New Marske, Redcar, Cleveland, TS11 8DQ.

M669 Ms Robyn E. Metcalfe to :- 2-24 Raymond Road, Springwood 2777, New South Wales, Australia.

M545 Paul & Tracey Metcalfe to :- 40 North St., Wilton, Salisbury, Wilts SP2 0HH

NEW MEMBERS :- to whom we extend a warm welcome.

M761 Mrs Mary Armstrong, 83 High Street, Edzell, Angus, DD9 7TA. Grand-dau of Benjamin & Elizabeth (Metcalfe) Phillips m 1896. Elizabeth b 1872 Hunslet, Leeds d.o George & Elizabeth (Hall) Mte who had at least another seven children :- Eleanor, Florence, David, Mary, Frank (? went to NZ) & George. One of these sons had a dau Edith who in the 1940s was headmistress of a Leeds School. George b 1833/4 Hunslet - **the Society can add** bpt 24 Aug 1834 St Peter's Leeds, s.o Charles & Alice (? Carr) Mte who also had Mary Ann 10 Jan 1836, Robert Carr 26 Mar 1837 & Emma c 1845.

M762 Miss Ann Stanbridge, 76A Silverdale Ave, Westcliff on Sea, Essex, SS0 9BD. Great grand-dau of Louis Victor & Mary Ann (Metcalfe)

Bazin m 10 Nov 1895 at St Mark's Ch, Clerkenwell. Mary Ann claimed to be 21, dau of Richard MTE, builder. In 1901 Mary Ann was in Walthamstow and claimed to be 26 b in Clerkenwell, she died of cancer at Woodford, Essex on 28 Nov 1953.

M763 Mrs Olive Sherrard, 14 Seaton Ave, Hythe, Kent, CT21 5HQ. Dau of Robert & Olive (Metcalf) Bennett m 05 May 1924 Dunfermline, Scotland. Olive b 1903 Malta d.o Arthur George & Rebecca (Bradbury) MTE m 09 Aug 1898 Kirk Bramwith. Arthur George b 28 Mar 1870 Newsham in p of Kirby Wiske, Yks. s.o George & Elizabeth (Metcalf) MTE m 01 Apl 1869 Kirby Wiske - 1st cousins. George bpt 10 Aug 1834 Kirby Wiske s.o John & Sarah (Robinson) MTE m 19 Sep 1833 Thormanby, Yks. Elizabeth bpt 04 Aug 1844 South Otterington, Yks. d.o Joseph & Ann (Bell) MTE m 30 Dec 1834 Kirby Wiske. **The Society can add** :- John bpt 22 Sep 1796 Sand Hutton, Thirsk, Yks & Joseph bpt 28 Oct 1798 Sand Hutton, brothers and sons of Joseph & Alice (Smithson) MTE m 07 Apl 1794 Stokesley, Yks. Joseph ? bpt 31 Dec 1759 s.o John & Frances (Scaife) MTE m 29 Nov 1757 Sand Hutton. **Connects to M146, M153 and M723.**

M764 David J. Sparks, 13736 - 131A Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, T5L 5A2. David's wife Violet Beatrice Ellen is dau of Stephen Oliver Metcalfe b 13 Jun 1909 Hammersmith, London s.o Bryan Biggar & Violet Tomlins (Hedderly) MTE m 1904. Bryan Biggar b 13 Feb 1875 Richmond Yks s.o George Christopher and Margaret (Biggar) MTE m 27 May 1865 St Clement Danes, London. **The Society can add** :- George Chris bpt 29 Nov 1839 Richmond s.o William & Charlotte (Farr) MTE m 17 Dec 1838 St Clement Danes, London. William 8th of 10 children of Christopher & Ann (Galloway) MTE m 25 May 1795 Richmond. Christopher, tailor, b circa 1772. **Connects to M447 & to ex Ms 474,536,584.**

M765 Robert J. Evans, 22 Pendwyallt Rd, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF4 7EG. Great grand-son of Robert & Susannah May (Metcalf) Russell m 02 Jun 1900 Cardiff. Susannah May b Jan 1877 Weobly, Hef: d.o James George & Susannah Mary J. (?) MTE. James George b 1854 Kings Pyon, Hef: **The Society can add** :- James George bpt 12 Nov 1854 Kings Pyon s.o John & Ann (?) MT

M766 Michael W. Metcalfe, 3506 Eliot Lane, Madison, WI 53704, USA. Son of Eugene William MTE s.o Raymond William MTE s.o Robert William MTE. **The Society can add** :- bpt 24 May 1870 Grewelthorpe, Yorkshire s.o William & Grace (?) MTE. William bpt 15 Dec 1833 Kirby Malzeard, Yks. s.o George & Isabella (Burton) MTE m 16 Jul 1821 Masham, Yks. George ? bpt 10 Apl 1791 Kirby Malzeard s.o Thomas & ? MTE of Bramley Grange.

M767 Warwick D. Metcalfe, 80 Standen St, Karori, Wellington, New Zealand. Son of Cedric David Bassett Metcalfe s.o Charles Septimus MTE b c1893 in Australia. Charles Septimus 7th child of John Lucas & Marianne (Bassett) MTE m c1880 London UK. John Lucas bpt 10 Oct 1842 Wakefield, Yks. s.o Anthony...**the Society can add** :- & Sarah (his 1st wife, ?Lucas) MTE. Anthony (m 2nd Harriet ? and had seven children bpt Retford, Notts.), bpt 21 Jun 1813 Hawaby, Yks. s.o John & Mary (?) MTE. John bpt 03 Nov 1772 Coxwold, Yks. s.o John & Isabella (Prince) MTE. **Connects to M497 & ex M174.**

M768 Stuart O. Stringer, 39 Rhodes Crescent, Carleton Park, Pontefract, W. Yorkshire, WF8 3PY. Nothing received.

M769 Mrs Hilda Lunn, Cedar Gables, 1 Springwood Road, Leeds, LS8 2QA. Dau of Henry & Agnes (Metcalf) Shaw. Agnes b 16 Jun 1884 bpt 22 Nov 1884 Wes: Meth, Hawes. d.o Robert & Mary Ann (nee Metcalfe see * below) MTE, **the Society can add** :- m Hawes, Yks, 04 Apl 1883. Robert b 16 Mar 1862 bpt 12 Jun 1864 Hawes s.o John & Agnes (Blades) MTE m 17 Nov 1853 Hawes. John bpt 25 Dec 1827 Hawes s.o William & Elizabeth/ Betty (Marsden) MTE m 06 Oct 1817 Slaidburn, Yks. William bpt 30 Sep 1792 Hawes s.o James & Isabel (Blenkhorn) MTE m 17 May 1790 Stalling Busk, Yks. * Mary Ann Metcalfe born 05 Nov 1863 Mallerstang d.o James & Eleanor (Sunter) MTE. **Connects to M6, M317, M475, M591, & to ex M307.**

M770 Allan Metcalfe, 30 Coogee Ave, Frankston, Victoria 3199, Australia. Born in Nelson, Lancs UK. His father and family came from Skipton Yks.

M771 Mrs Mamie E. Seal, Touchwood, Cleveley Road, Enstone, Chipping Norton OX7 4LW. Grand-dau of John & Elizabeth (Green nee Metcalf) Bell m 14 Aug 1901. Elizabeth born 1870 Cheetham d.o Henry & Elizabeth (Green) Metcalf m 1860 Wigan. Lancs. Henry b 22 Nov 1836 Unsworth, Manchester s.o John & Sarah (Kenyon) MT m 1832. John bpt 21 Feb 1814 Goodshaw Booth, Manchester s.o Thomas & Mary (Winsby) MT m 30 Jun 1800 at Wensley, Yks. Thomas bpt 18 Mar 1781 Middleham, Yks. s.o Jane MT bpt 29 Apr 1758 Middleham d.o Thomas & Jane (Chambers) MT m 20/22 Apr 1757. Thomas bpt 05 Jul 1737 Middleham s.o Thomas MT. Thomas bpt 28 May 1710 Middleham s.o James MTE bpt 05 Nov 1682 s.o Anthony MTE. **Connects to M051 & to ex M042.**

M772 Martin C. Metcalfe, 10 Swinnate Rd, Arnside, Carnforth, LA5 0HR. Born 1958 Bunny, Notts s.o Rev Canon William Nelson & Pamela Jill (Bayliss) MTE. William Nelson b 21 Oct 1915 Westward Ho, Devon s.o Rev Sidney MTE. Sidney b 1878 Leeds, Yks. s.o Moor Nichols & Ellen (Jury) MTE, Moor N. bpt 20 Mar 1843 Stalling Busk, Yks. s.o Joseph & Jane (Hopper) Mte m 06 May 1833 Stalling Busk. The Society can add :-Joseph b c1811 Bainbridge Yks). **Connects to M100 & to ex Ms 101,102,103,104,235.**

M773 Ronald G. Clark, 8 Eastern Avenue, Newborough East, Victoria 3825, Australia. Son of Samuel Henry Tamma & Almenia Agnes (Smart) Clark m 1888. Almenia Agnes b 1872 d.o George & Jane Charlotte Sanderson (Smart nee Metcalfe) Smart m 1872. Jane Charlotte Sanderson b 12 Oct 1832 bpt 04 Jan 1835 Paddington, London d.o Christopher & Ann (Edgson) MTE. Christopher bp 27 May 1788 Aysgarth, Yorkshire s.o Christopher & Margaret (Chapman) MTE m 23 Jan 1777 Aysgarth s.o Thomas b c1713 s.o Christopher. **Connects to M583.**

M774 Alan Medcalf, 31 Pinewood Road, Belper, Derbys. DE56 2TS. Nothing received

M775 Mrs Pauline Walden, 75 Hamilton Row, Waterhouses, Durham DH7 Nothing received.

LATE NEWS

1996 Spring conference of the North West Group of Family History Societies
In Dire Straits

at Daniel Conference Centre Chorley Lancs on 30 March 1996

9.30 - 4.30. Price £14.50 inc lunch and exhibition.

Speakers Dr Carl Chinn, Ian Dewhirst and Michael Gandy.

Hosted by Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society

Application forms from Terry Walsh 57 New Road Ramsbottom Bury BL0 0BZ

A Day out at the House of Lords

Or the sufferings of a committee member!

For years, a 21st birthday marked one's coming of age. From 23 societies being represented at the first AGM to 191 international member societies today the Federation of Family History Societies celebrated its coming of age in style by hosting a reception at the House of Lords on 22 September.

I represented the Metcalfe Society, ably escorted by my husband Andrew - 'able' being the key word as I limped to the reception supported with a walking stick as I had recently broken my foot - the pain we committee members must endure to support the society!!

Hosted by Lord Teviot, the reception was preceded by optional tours to the Society of Genealogists, Apsley House and the Cabinet War Rooms. The tour of the libraries of the Society of Genealogists made my personal research feel as if I hadn't even scratched the surface over the past 10 years! The value of those thousands upon thousands of documents is invaluable. My only concern after seeing this magnificent library was what is their disaster recovery procedure if the building burns down!!! Much as I would have liked to, my personal circumstances would not allow me to take full advantage of the other tours.

A balmy Friday evening on the terrace of the House of Lords overlooking the river, sipping wine and eating canapes, is a novel way of ending the working week for many of us...and we both thoroughly enjoyed it. The reception included an escorted tour of both The House of Commons and House of Lords - I can honestly say that I have now sat in the most powerful seat in the country - the Prime Minister's! Did you know that you can walk into the House any day and ask to see your MP? The tour was both very enjoyable and informative - definitely accepting an invitation to if you are ever offered. Our very own committee member David Lambert, who is also Chairman of the Federation gave a rousing speech at the end of the reception as the official birthday cake was cut - well done David - you did us proud.

For those of you who are interested, the Metcalfe Society scrapbook now holds the commemorative programme and spoon, general information about the House of Lords Records Office and a brochure on what the Society of Genealogists has to offer, along with a couple of photos of yours truly and David Lambert at the reception.

Diane Howarth, Vice-Chair, M409

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

West Yorkshire Archive Service. Wakefield RO and Deeds Registry. Opening times Mon 9.30-20.00, Tues/Wed 9.30-17.00, closed Thurs and Friday. **Leeds Sheepscar.** Closed Monday. Tues-Fri 9.30-17.00 (restricted service noon-14.00).

Family History Days. The Oriental and India Office Collections are to hold family history days. Dates to be confirmed £20 per head. Further information from Tim Thomas, Reader Services Oriental and India Office Collections 197 Blackfriars Rd London SE18NG.

29-31 March 1996. The Guild of One-Name Studies. AGM & Conference at John Ruskin College Headington Oxford. Sae to Mrs Jenny Cranfield Rose Cottage Church Street Fenny Compton Warwickshire CV33 0YE.

4-6 April 1996. Federation of Family History Societies (AGM) & Sussex Family History Group 25th Anniversary Conference at Bishop Otter College Chichester Sussex by the Sea. Sae to Mrs Doreen Hayes 31 Poulter Lane Worthing West Sussex BN14 7SS.

12-14 April 1996. Families at War ! Federation of Family History Societies 1996 Spring Conference hosted by East Surrey Family History Society at Froebel Institute College Roehampton Institute Roehampton. Sae (9"x6") to Paul Blake 18 Rosevine Road West Wimbledon London SW20 8RB.

27 April 1996. Council for Family Societies AGM Chelford Cheshire. Please come along the Society is a founder member of this organisation.

4-5 May 1996. Society of Genealogists Fair London.

11 May 1996. Bedfordshire Family History Society 13th Annual Conference Houghton Conquest Village Hall. Cost £10 per person (inc lunch tea & coffee). Details Kath Gerrard 34 Jubilee St Luton Bedfordshire LU2 0EA.

29& 30 June 1996. Yorkshire Family History Fair York Racecourse. 10am to 5pm. Come along the Metcalfe Society will be present.

9-11 July 1996. Great Yorkshire Show. Harrogate.

30 August - 1 September 1996. "Taste of Yorkshire" Conference and Federation Council Meeting. Doncaster & District FHS and The Federation of Family History Societies at High Melton College Doncaster. Sae to Mrs Gill Briscoe The Old Granary Cross Hill Skellow Doncaster DN6 8JW.

12 October 1996. The MECCA MUSTER, Ripon. Society AGM and gathering.

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