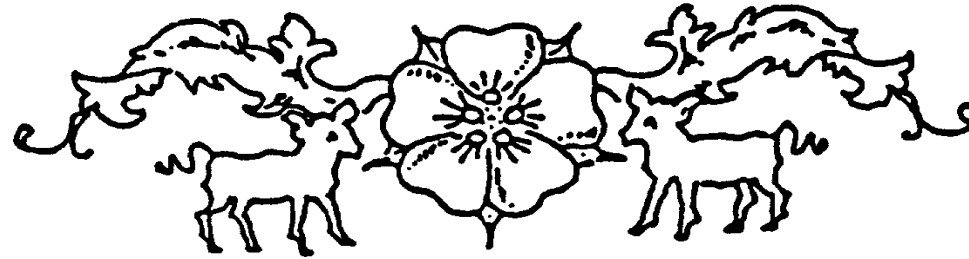


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**AT ALL TIMES when requiring a reply, you must send
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If these are not enclosed, we will assume that NO REPLY IS EXPECTED.

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Committee News

Earby

16 March 1996

Computer Index. The volume of data had greatly increased this meant that the information should be in a form compatible with the Index and that for security reasons the data should be kept in two places. David Metcalfe (M046) was the new keeper of the Index.

Membership. Numbers stood at 304, a drop of 159. Reminders would be sent to those not renewing their membership. 1995 had seen 69 new members recruited with a further 15 joining and two re-joining up to the time of the meeting.

Mecca News. The December 1996 issue would be held over until January to see whether this improved the rate of membership renewals. This issue would be the Society's 50th and larger than usual to celebrate the event. The number of issues would remain at three per annum for the foreseeable future.

Publications. An update of the soft copy of the Birth Brief Booklet is planned.

Library / Sales. An updated library list would be published in the next News.

Covenants. It was reported that 71 members were covenanting which had led to the Society receiving £101.12 in 1995.

Projects. General Registration Index. All births for 1837 - 1900 were complete, Deaths 1837 - 1900 were ready for printing and is available on Society computers. Patrick Malham's group had started work on transcribing marriage and death entries for the early years of the 20th century.

1891 Census Recording. David Metcalfe was to start on extracting the records for Lancashire.

Exhibitions / Fairs. The Society now had the use of a professional stand and this was to be used at forthcoming events with the first being the Northern Fair at York Racecourse on 29 - 30 June.

Subscriptions 1997. No changes would be made to the rates.

AGM / Muster. This would be, for the first time, a two-day event. Full details would be released in the August Issue of the News.

Metcalfe History Book. The thorough research on Metcalfes in India carried out by George Buxton was acknowledged. With the amount of information being uncovered it was agreed that two hardback volumes of the family history would be produced the first based upon the UK the second on the colonial spread of Metcalfes.

A KIWI'S GENEALOGY JAUNT Elizabeth Morey M255

In June 1985, I started researching my family history, little realising what an addictive and time-consuming hobby it was to become. Having made fairly good progress with my families over the years (except for those few annoying baptisms and marriages that just refuse to be found and which leave great gaps in my trees!), I decided to join a genealogy tour being organised by an Auckland travel agency in conjunction with a very well known, knowledgeable and skilled New Zealand genealogist, to visit Salt Lake City, London and Ireland.

I left Auckland on 12 August 1995, to spend 19 days in Salt Lake City - although four of those days were actually spent on a side tour to Arizona, to visit the awesome Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park. Salt Lake City is a beautiful, clean, sparkling city - the gardens and flowers in the city streets and Temple Square were wonderful - and the library itself is a genealogists dream! I spent day after day after day on the British Isles floor in Basement 2 of the library building - the whole world could have blown up above us, and the family historians beavering away in the library by the hour, wouldn't have known anything about it!

I know that the LDS Church do not have absolutely every parish register on microfilm or every book ever produced about a county etc, but the collection in the library is enormous, to say the least. The Family History Library Catalogue is an excellent tool for finding out about what you want or need to look at, and then it is just up to the individual to make the most of the incredible facilities available. Yes, I did fill in several of those annoying gaps and sent home a box full of photocopied pages from books and entries from the parish registers. If any Metcalfe Society members ever have the chance to visit Salt Lake City and to research in the LDS library there, then I cannot recommend it highly enough.

Having farewelled Salt Lake City, I spent nine days in London; not so much carrying out research at the repositories, but walking my legs and feet off - marvelling at the wonderful history and architecture of the city. I spent a day walking around Lambeth, where my great-grandfather, Alfred Hugh Morey, was baptised in St John's Church, Waterloo, in 1828. What a joy to be able to stroll through the streets where he lived and worked, albeit that the area has been redeveloped quite substantially, especially since the Second World War. Another very enjoyable day was spent in the company of a distant cousin and fellow Metcalfe Society member, **Pam Johnson (M614)**, who showed me fascinating parts of London which tourists don't normally find.

The next stop for my genealogy colleagues and I, was a couple of days at the Berkshire Family History Conference at Reading University, being entertained and informed by the

excellent speakers. At lunch one day I sat opposite a man who I didn't know, and chatted to him, and then found out to my surprise a month or so later, that he was our committee member, David Lambert, who is also the Chairman of the Federation of Family History Societies. Small world!

From Reading, we had a week or so sightseeing and / or researching in Belfast and Dublin and then my colleagues on the tour and I all went our various ways on our individual genealogical jaunts. My ancestors come from all over England, but mostly from the southern counties and from the northern counties. Before hiring a car and making the most of every minute of every day, to see as much of England as I possibly could, I joined a Holts Battlefields Tour to Belgium and France. One of my other interests (surprisingly, genealogy is not my only hobby!) is military history, and in particular the First World War. My grandfather, Leonard Wilson, was injured on the Somme in 1916, while serving with the Durham Light Infantry, and the Holts tour I chose to join, was one which spent four days visiting the battlefields of the Ypres and Somme areas. I cannot convey in words the emotions felt, standing on those battlefields, seeing the rows and rows of thousands and thousands of white headstones in the hundreds of beautifully kept cemeteries, visiting some of the memorial parks and the glorious monuments and memorials built by the allied countries in the years after the end of the war. It was an experience and a part of my three month's overseas trip, which I will never forget.

On a brighter note, I also made a trip to Alderney and Guernsey - places where one branch my ancestors had lived and worked for generations, before my gr-gr-grandparents decided to up-root themselves, leave their family and loved ones and head to New Zealand to start a new life for themselves and their three children in 1862. What a charming couple of islands, such pretty, winding country lanes, old cottages and churches. Unfortunately, I didn't allow myself quite enough time on either island, so I just had to treat the days there as an introduction to the islands and I am now planning what I will do when I return.

After that, my time was spent solely in England and the lower part of Scotland. In mid October I met up with my cousin, **Vi Simpson (M119)**, at Ripon - she had arrived in England, from New Zealand, a couple of weeks previously and we had arranged when and where to meet at Ripon, so that we could attend the Mecca Muster, and then continue to drive around the northern counties of England together before eventually heading home. The day went by in a bit of a blurr - so many people to meet and so many records to look at. It was exciting having Bill Mitchell as the guest speaker, I have several of his books and never dreamed that I would be so fortunate as to be able to hear him speak. Apart from the thrill of being able to attend a Mecca Muster after all these years of being a member of the Society, I think one of the nicest things about the day was being able to meet such friendly and hospitable folk and to be able to put faces to all those names! I seem to recall a mention in the last Mecca News about perhaps making the Mecca Muster a two-day affair - I would go along with that, a great idea (keeping my fingers crossed that I will be back another year!).

Vi and I then spent the next month driving around all "our" villages, hamlets, towns and areas in the northern counties and southern Scotland. To walk down the aisle of the parish church at Muker where our ancestors were baptised, married and buried for generations, to have lunch and sit by the roaring fire at the Tan Hill Inn where one of our ancestors was the publican for a time in the 1860s and where my gr-grandfather, **James Metcalfe** was born in 1866, and to find the house where my mother was born in a small coalmining town in Co Durham and the church where she was baptised and her parents (Leonard Wilson and **Elizabeth Metcalfe**) were married, are just some of the highlights of the time I spent in England. We called in at Nappa Hall, where the tenant farmer was quite happy for us to wander around the outside area and take photos of the hall. Unfortunately, he didn't invite us into the hall, and I didn't like to push my luck by asking if we could go inside!

Altogether, I visited nearly 70 towns and villages associated with my own and my brother-in-law's family history, I took 51 rolls of film, and I loved every minute of the beautiful English countryside, the towns and villages, and the fascinating history of England - yet another one of my interests is the history and geography of England, and I still can't believe I have been to so many places that until last year I had only ever read and dreamed about. I am now back at work, saving like mad for my next trip to Salt Lake City and England and are determined that the trip will again coincide with a Mecca Muster.

PAROCHIAL FEES

From 1 January 1996
Searches in Church Registers, etc.

The search fee relates to a particular search where the approximate date of the baptism, marriage or burial is known. The fee for a more general search of a church register would be negotiable.

	£
Searching registers of marriage for period before 1 July 1837 (for up to one hour)	11.00
(for each subsequent hour or part of an hour)	9.00
Searching registers of baptisms or burials (including the provision of one copy of any entry therein (for up to one hour)	11.00
(for each subsequent hour or part of an hour)	9.00
Each additional copy of an entry in a register of baptisms or burials	11.00
Inspection of instrument of apportionment or agreement for exchange of land for tithes deposited under the Tithe Act 1836	5.00
Furnishing copies of above (for every 72 words)	5.00

Secretary's Notes

Thank you to all those Members who continue to send us their recordings for our Lists, we have had some particularly interesting ones lately including the General Registration records for Ireland from M607 R.H.Jewitt and M003 George Buxton continues his work delving into the London held early records which are proving beyond doubt that our forefathers had become established in our capital city, the eastern and the home counties by the early 1500s.

With M46 David Metcalfe now set up and fully operational as our Index Keeper, his time for recording, you would expect, would have been reduced BUT NOT SO ! He is continually surprising me with new batches of invaluable Parish Register records, is inputting data into the Index almost non-stop and has even had time for a fortnight's holiday in Canada. I fully expect his input of Weetabix to be extraordinary !

Patrick Malham M444 has now ALMOST completed his mammoth task with the English and Irish General Registration Indexes - all that remains are the outstanding queries with which Betty van Arkadie is dealing. So we WILL have it all available at the Muster for you to study - on computer and in printed form - so you won't have to be a computer buff to trace those elusive ancestors. We ONLY need someone able and willing to tackle the Scottish and/or the Welsh Registration records and we would have the UK fully covered....then we could begin to think about those brave pioneers overseas. It is the so called Civil Registration that I mean, not the Pioneer Indexes. We already have some for Australia (except the Northern Territory) provided by M244, M221, M368 and M510, how about New Zealand, Canada and the USA ? Any volunteers ?

Our six grandchildren became seven with the safe arrival of Katy Alice on 27th February and her introduction to her twin brothers and village life progresses satisfactorily. As far as her grandmother is concerned she continues to enjoy her "hobby" but is increasingly worried over the lack of actual workers in our Society. The workload can be heavy at times and sharing it can bring great relief - please do consider what you could do to help. Vice Treasurer and Vice Secretary are still vacancies awaiting filling.

Your Committee and I look forward to the AGM and to meeting you all at the two day Muster in October, do bring along your genealogical problems as we are very willing to help, should you want any assistance. This will be the last Booking Form you will receive, so beat the threatened postal strike and send it winging on its way to George Buxton TODAY !

After my request for information regarding the 1901 Census Returns, a telephone call and letter came from M50 Eunice Herring :- write to the Office of Population, Census and Surveys, St Catherine's House, 10 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6JP. The staff will only search for named persons at an exact address and not for details of all the household.

Hence if the house is now number_64_East_Street you would need to check whether it held that same number in 1901. If the named person is not at that address you will not be told who is ! The cost will be in the region of £20. Thank you Eunice, hope the cold is better.

It has been brought to our notice that certain Members are offering research assistance for the payment of fees. May we stress that the Metcalfe Society do not condone this in any way. Arrangements entered into are strictly for individuals to make. We do not guarantee nor do we recommend this practise.

In closing, may I send abject apologies to SOMEONE - but to whom ? You recently sent to the Society your copies of the 1881 Census Return Index covering County Durham and Northumberland and VERY helpful they have been but unfortunately I did not write the donor's name onto them. PLEASE will you write to me again & I promise to do the job properly !

Nina E.Benson

4th June 1996

PASS IT ON

I should be interested to hear from Members what they consider should be the actions taken over the following situation :-

Occasionally we receive letters of enquiry from non members, giving us an outline of the families to which they have a connection but eventually decline (for various reasons) to join our ranks. If the family line connects to those of current Members do we :-

a) write and tell the Member(s) immediately and trust that the postage costs are refunded if necessary. Or

b) Use the Mecca News to inform them.

We have one such situation at present where several Members would require the information sending to them, so I shall use this column to **"pass it on"** :-

JOSEPH METCALFE married ELIZABETH CHAFFER on 25th May 1863;

their dau Adeline/Adelaide b 30.09.1866 m John Muncaster 11.04.1889; their dau Grace Muncaster m Alfred Edwin Spence 22.05.1915; and their dau Irene m Mr Hughes - the informant is 80yr old Mrs Irene Hughes, 25 Catley, Paston, Peterborough, PE4 7XA who has just been clearing the affairs of her great Uncle Francis (s.o Joseph & Elizabeth b 24.08.1877 died 1943, intestate !).

Nina E.Benson

4th June 1996

WHO DEALS WITH WHAT ?

Computer Index enquiries - David Metcalfe.

Lists - Nina Benson - send her your new recordings and/or request for copies.

Family Trees - Although on first joining you should send a copy of the current state of your research to Secretary Nina Benson when you consider you have reached a certain stage in your research, you should send an up-dated copy to Charles S. Metcalfe who will record the details onto the Computer Index, you can up-date again whenever necessary.

When sending in an up-dated tree it would be an enormous help if you could **HIGHLIGHT** all the changes, even if it is only by underlining names and/or dates with a coloured crayon - it saves precious time.

Changes of Address - Nina Benson

Library and Sales Dept - Carol Arkwright

Birth Brief Up-dates - Peter Dobson

Covenant Secretary - Val Metcalfe

Increasingly Society officers are receiving packages containing requests and / or information for other areas of responsibility. Members should send their requests to the appropriate officials direct. Failure to do so could cause delays in responding. Officers will try to ensure that your request is dealt with quickly and following this course of action will help to eliminate any unnecessary delay and reduce the misuse of valuable time.

To aid Members full addresses of Society post holders are listed on the inside of the front cover.

A BIBLE

Attention ! Attention ! Attention ! Attention ! Attention ! Attention !

Mrs June Cox, a member of the Beresford Family Society, recently purchased a large old Bible (weighing 14lbs) containing details of many Metcalfe births and June has very kindly offered it (free of charge) to a Member with proven links to the families mentioned, who appear to have been of Garsdale.

John MTE = Emma Sedgewick 11 May 1773 Garsdale and had issue Thomas 1774; John 1776 ;Mary 1782; William 1783; Henry 1785; Peggy 1787; Betty 1788; James 1791; and Emma 1793.

William MTE = Mary Taylor 10 Feb 1806 Sedbergh and had issue John 1809; Christopher 1811; Margret 1813; Willian 1815; Mary 1816; Elizabeth 1818; William 1820; Thomas 1822; Richard ?1823/4; Ann ?1824/7; and Agnes 1829.

Octavius MTE = Sarah Bainbridge ? and had issue John Arnold; Florence Agnes; Martha Anne; William Bainbridge; and Ena. Goes on to list grandchildren.

Bella Blades dau of Elizabeth Blades married Nehemiah Iveson son of ?

At first I thought this must connect to someone with definite Garsdale connections, **Jean Metcalfe M316** and her sister **Ella Burton M351**, however we need to prove that John MTE above (? circa 1750+) had a brother called James. Many of their family names cross match but that is not proof.

Working backwards from the Octavius MTE who married Sarah Bainbridge it became apparent that this Octavius was baptised 18 Dec 1870 Hawes, son of John and Agnes (Blades) MTE m 17 Nov 1853 Hawes. John was bpt 25 Dec 1827 Hawes s. o William and Elizabeth / Betty (Marsden) MTE m 6 Oct 1817 Slaidburn. William bpt 30 Sep 1792 Hawes s. o James and Isabel (Blenkhorn) MTE m 17 May 1790 Stalling Busk.

These families connect to :-

M006 John Holden
M591 Janet Bywater

M317 Stanley Metcalfe
and M769 Hilda Lunn

NINA WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HEAR YOUR OBSERVATIONS TO ENABLE US TO RESOLVE THE DILEMMA

Nina Benson

15 May 1996

Dear Editor.....Dear Editor.....Dear Editor.....Dear Editor...

In issue 48 you asked for comments about the Nottingham Galleries of Justice. Although this attraction had been open a year I hadn't paid it a visit until recently.

However I found it a very interesting experience. You are given an identity number on entry and this relates to three crimes you have committed, from these you find out your fate. All cases are taken from actual historical records. With the help of an audio visual you go into a criminal court and witness a famous 1832 trial. Then onto visit the old prison complete with gallows and exercise yard.

Any one visiting Nottingham with an interest in the past this is a must, as is the Lace Hall for anyone with ancestors in the lace trade. You will need about two hours for each attraction and warm clothing on cool days for the prison part.

Val Shafto (M71)

Are there any more "Blind Jack of Knaresborough" fans out there? I have been looking for more information for some time and not having had much success decided to write to the publishers of a book I'd seen in the local library. I finally got my own copy of "The life of John Metcalfe, commonly called Blind Jack of Knaresborough" from the Old Hall Press in Burton Salmon. Reprinted from the 1795 version, the front page starts off advertising the book

" with many entertaining anecdotes of his exploits in hunting, card-playing etc. some particulars relative to the expedition against the rebels in 1745, in which he bore a personal share and also a succinct account of his various contracts for making roads, erecting bridges and other undertakings in

Yorkshire, Lancashire, Derbyshire and Cheshire, which for a series of years have brought him into public notice as a most extraordinary character" together with a portrait of Jack. At £10.75 it's good value for a collector's book.

I have not noticed it mentioned as being held by the Society so some of the membership might be interested having their own copy.

Gary Smith (M581)

I refer to the story of Joe Metcalfe (Issue 48). You might like to know that the publication of the article really was "a stroke of good luck" for me!

One of your members, Josephine Hopper wrote to ask whether my Hodgson family from the Woolhouse were connected with her Hodgson ancestor Jane Hodgson who married Humphrey Hopper in 1697. They were, and we are both descended from Ralph Hodgson of Marwood who died in 1691.

Thanks for enabling us to get in touch!

Mrs V Silvester

Has any member access to a copy of "Metcalfe Records" published privately in 1891?

Only a few were printed, and although there is one in the Yorkshire Archaeological Society Library at Claremont, it is not possible to borrow it on loan.

A photocopy would be a valuable addition to the Society's Archives.

D B Nottage (M 633)

THE METCALFE WINDOWS

from
C K Mercer (M754)

Whilst I was researching the Metcalfe Family History I came across the shield with three calves in the church at Aysgarth. However it turned out to be only a replica.

The Metcalfe Shield and Coat of Arms along with the Shield and Coat of Arms of Richard, 3rd Lord Scrope, were originally in the East window of the Chancel of St. Andrews Church in Aysgarth. This window was partially destroyed in 1885 when the old church was pulled down and rebuilt the following year. Now in the clerestory windows above the south side of the Chancel are replicas of the Shields with the Coats of Arms of Richard, Lord Scrope of Bolton Castle and James Metcalfe of Nappa, who both fought in France, at the battle of Agincourt in 1415. Another replica of the Metcalfe Shield with the three calves can be seen on a panel in the centre window of the south aisle.

The two original Shields of Richard Scrope and James Metcalfe were rescued and built into the porch window in the Catholic church of St. Simon and St. Jude, known as the Scrope Chapel, at Ulshaw Bridge near Middleham and are pictured above. An inscription under the window reads as follows :-

These two shields of Richard 3rd Lord Scrope of Bolton and James Metcalfe of Nappa, companions in arms in France at the battle of Agincourt in 1415. Formerly in the east window in the Chancel of the old Aysgarth church were rescued from destruction when the church was pulled down in 1885 and were placed together in this window by Simon Scrope of Danby and John Henry Metcalfe lineal descendants of the said Richard Lord Scrope and James Metcalfe in 1897.



HELP WANTED

Nina E. Benson

7 April 1996

WALTER WEBSTER METCALFE 1866 - 1938

He was son of a long standing Hipswell family (thereby connected to several of our Members) although he was born in Darlington, Co Durham, in 1866. In 1938 he was buried at Forcett in Yorkshire aged 72 years. We know that he was with his parents at Skerne Side Darlington, aged 5. An Indenture dated 1888 mentions he was a 'compositor' living at Brompton on Swale. The 1891 Census shows him at Sowerby Bridge living with his widowed Uncle by marriage James Firth who had married his Aunt Isabel; he is then aged 25 single, printer / compositor. Another source in 1896 has him back in Hipswell, compositor.

And there we lose him until his burial....EXCEPT that the arrival of List no : 1839 has a Walter Metcalfe in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada in Directories from 1907 to 1923.

1907 he is "compositor" Farmers' Advocate. Rooming at 430 Langside (incidentally with a **William Metcalfe** "printer").

1908. "printer " living at 433 Langside (which is William Metcalfe's home).

1909. "printer" Bulman Bros. living 433 Langside (Wm Metcalfe gone).

1910. "foreman" Public Press Ltd 295 Garry. Rooming at 452 Langside.

1911. NOT listed as "Printer" BUT there is a **Rev. Walter Metcalfe**, pastor and Supt. Stella Ave Institute & Bethlehem Methodist Church. Home 537 Langside.

1912 & 1913. Printer with the Free Press living 1st at 475 St Marys and then rooming at 147 Kennedy.

1914-16 and 1918-22 have no entries for anyone.

In 1917 and then lastly in 1923 Walter a printer is still with the Free Press but as usual is moving regularly, in 1917 his home is 123 Edmonton and our last call has him at 281 Regal (St Vital).

CAN ANYONE OVER THERE DISCOVER ANY FURTHER CLUES FOR US ?

Are there any Electoral Rolls which may give fuller details? Anything that may show that he has a second name of Webster (the maiden name of his mother)? If the Reverend Walter is the same man, would the Church have additional information? Are there later Directories? I have searched for a will in the UK but nothing is listed. IF, and it is a BIG IF, he was only over a holiday when he died, did he leave a Will in Winnipeg ?

The member who sent in List 1839 of Winnipeg Directory entries failed to write their name on it - so can I say a BIG thank you to you via the Mecca News - if you care to identify yourself I will be happy to attribute the work to you.

Whilst reading through these entries I also spotted an ex-Richmond, Yorkshire, man : - **HERBERT J METCALFE**, photographer. He first appears in:-

1907 of GW Murray, living suite10, 525 Sargent.

1908 of **Gibson, Metcalfe & Co.** with rooms at 10 Johnson Blk.

1909 living room 14, 524 Sargent.

1910 with home at 736 Livinia.

1911 with T Eaton & Co. same house at 736 Livinia.

1912 photographer 345 McGee with home at 736 Livinia.

1913 " " " with home at Aubrey.

1917 photographer and asst dept mgr Eatons. Home at 272 Aubrey.

1923 " Robinson & Co. Home 272 Aubrey.

Herbert J. is Herbert James Metcalfe baptised at Richmond on 6 November 1870 son of **George Christopher and Margaret Metcalfe**, confectioner of Richmond. On 28 October 1896 aged 26 and already a photographer, he married **Ada Annie Halldau** of Barnabas Hall a joiner. Before leaving Richmond they had baptised **Alan Herbert** 01.03.1899, **Majorie Hall** 26.02.1903 (Herbert was now listed as Confectioner).

This family is connected to several members : - **M447 M474 M536 M584 & M764.**

Federation of Family History Societies

From the Family News & Digest - April 1996

Commonwealth War Graves Commission computerisation of records. Records of 1.7m casualties in two World Wars as well as civilian casualties of World War II are on a vast database. Details of the **computerisation** from Beverley Webb, Information Officer - 01628.34221.

1881 Census. Distribution for Cheshire, Staffs, Norfolk, Durham, Surrey and Kent completed since beginning of 1996. Middlesex and Yorkshire due July 1996. Orders for microfiche from the FFHS, Finance Officer c/o 1 Tenterk Close, Bleadon, Weston Super Mare, BS24 0PS.

Post Office Archives & Records Services, Freeling House, Mount Pleasant Complex, Phoenix Place Entrance, London EC1A 1BB. Tel : 0171 239 2570. Search room open 09.00 - 16.15 Monday - Friday for searches in pensions, gratuities, appointments and postmaster records.

St MARGARET'S CHURCH HAWES

Hawes is full of surprises. Despite many visits, something usually arouses one's interest. The church of St. Margaret is the same. From the outside, hidden from view by large trees, it does not look particularly attractive. At first sight the inside is not very prepossessing - however it is not long before you are surprised!

Hawes is not mentioned in the Domesday Book. This seems unusual since the name, derived from the Old English / Norse - *hals* - the mountain pass, predates the 1086 Norman tax assessment. However this might be due to the Harrying of the North in 1069 by William the Conqueror which left its scars for a generation and longer. None the less the town is mentioned in 1307 as *Le Thouse* but the church is not recorded until 1620 when it is described as a chapel of ease for Aysgarth the Parish Church for the Dale. There is some earlier religious presence as in 1483 Richard III paid a priest to minister at Hawes.¹

Of the original chapel situated on the lower part of the churchyard nothing remains as it was replaced in 1850 by the present building. An ancestor of **Myles Metcalfe (M141)** - **the Reverend John Mte (1785 - 1873)** who lived at Ings House Hawes - was curate of the former chapel from 1805 to 1812. He also ran the Sunday School. His brother the **Reverend James Wood Mte (1783 - 1866)** was also curate during 1844 and 1845.

Work on the present building was started on 25 July 1850 and completed the following year at a cost of £3000.¹ The approach from the town centre up the drive immediately transports you from the day to day bustle to the quiet, serene and - especially in the sunshine - pleasant aspects of the church.

The first surprise is the wooden funeral trolley situated at the rear of the church not something seen on a regular basis in most churches. On your right is a wooden screen between the main church and the Baptistry which is inscribed to those who fell in both World Wars. Here you find the first mention of the Metcalfes with **John Chaytor Mte, John Moore Mte and Ralph Tiplady Mte** who fell in the Great War of 1914 - 1918 remembered.



Your eye is next attracted to the east windows which show the Annunciation, the Nativity, the last Supper, the Crucifixion, the Descent from the Cross, the Resurrection, the Appearance to Mary and the Ascension. However, once you have considered the windows and the Banner of St. Margaret your eyes take in the pews made by Thompsons of Kilburn famous for the mouse on their work. Slowly you realise there are inscriptions on the seats one of which says "Gift of Laura Dinsdale, **Margaret Jane Mte and William Mte**". Then come further surprises. The seemingly plain wooden panels have their own inscriptions such as "The gift of **William Mte** sometime Warden of this church to the memory of **William Mte** his father sometime Warden of this church who died 8 November 1921". Not all the inscriptions are dated but there are some twenty mentions of Metcalfes on the seats and walls.³

The Metcalfe inscriptions are continued on the baptismal font dated 1822 which mentions **Christopher Mte** as a Church Warden together with a further inscription "restored 1893 **Rd Metcalfe M.D.**". Stained glass windows to the east of the north aisle are dedicated to the children of the **Reverend John Mte (Hannah 1833 and Thomas 1848)** who died in infancy and the **Reverend James Wood Mte**. The Reverend John's third daughter **Felia Tertia** married the Reverend James Dunne Parker (the vicar from 1870 to 1879), in September 1873.⁴ The Metcalfe connections are continued to this day through at least two of the Wardens - **Gladys Metcalfe and William Metcalfe Peacock**.

A stroll around the churchyard brings home the heavy presence of Metcalfes in the area, with the large white marble memorial of the Reverend John the largest and most striking. All in all the church and the churchyard are well worth an hour of your time if you get the opportunity to visit Hawes.

PWD

¹ From 'The Parish Church of St Margaret Hawes Wensleydale North Yorkshire' produced by CB Bardsley and available from the church.

² and ⁴ From Myles Metcalfe (M141).

³ Collected by Peter Dobson.

Plea Please.

When replying to a letter from a Committee member which has an accompanying "computer printout", please return either the printout or a copy with your comments. This simple act saves a lot of time and effort.

Bits & Bobs

In the recent local Government re-organisation there was a change to the telephone number of the Humberside Archive Office based at Beverley. Effective from 1 April 1996 the new number is 01482 887700 but this may be subject to further change in the near future.

METCALFE **THE** **SOCIETY**

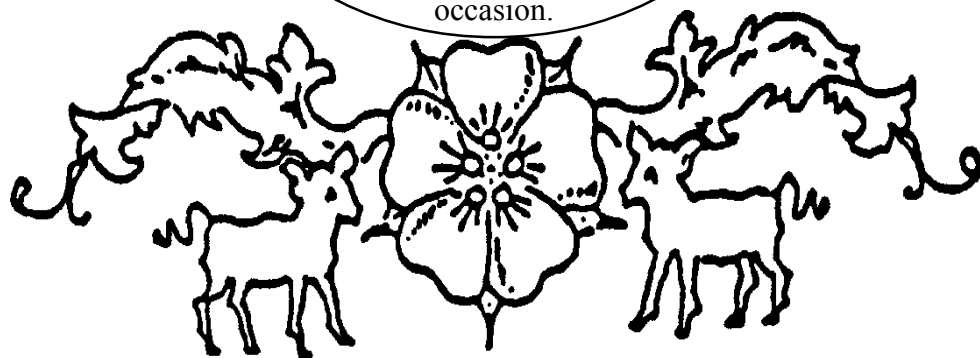
Founded in 1980 the Society has grown steadily over the years under a dedicated band of workers both past and present until now it has over 300 current members and a database of around 60000 family entries. The Society will soon reach another milestone namely the

**50th ISSUE
of
THE
MECCA NEWS**

To celebrate the event there is to be a double sized issue which will be distributed in January 1997.

To fill the issue the EDITOR would be delighted to receive contributions from the membership.

So without delay write today with articles, comments, family anecdotes, research experiences, in fact anything of interest to mark this special occasion.



1996 Mecca Muster & AGM

The 1996 Mecca Muster and Annual General Meeting will be for the first time a two day event on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th October 1996

at
the College of Ripon & York St John, College Road,
Ripon, North Yorkshire.

A programme, map and booking form are enclosed with this copy of the Mecca News.

The Saturday starts with the AGM at 10am but there will be a later finish of 5pm.

The Sunday morning includes a talk by Warwick Metcalfe on the Metcalfe Family History Book with a 4.30pm finish.

The daily rates for each person attending the AGM and Muster are £14.00 for Saturday and £11.50 for the Sunday. For both days £25.00. The price includes morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea and biscuits.

**All you need to do is complete the booking form
in the attached leaflet and return it by**

31 August 1996

to

**The Conference Secretary,
Mr G Buxton,
128 Stanwell Road,
Ashford, Middx.
TW15 3QH**

DATA PROTECTION ACT 1984

I have just read The Guidelines to the Data Protection Act that are published by the Office of the Registrar and thought it might be of interest to Members if I used extracts from the Guidelines to develop a short, brief introduction to the Act and the way it affects the Society.

The Act is derived from the Council of Europe Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (European Treaty Series No. 108). That Convention set out to maintain a “just balance between the different rights and interests of individuals” and in particular between the freedom to process information on the one hand and rights of privacy on the other; and for those Members still reading I’ll now explain the reason for this article.

Primarily the Act places obligations on those who record and use personal data (data users). They must be open about that use (through the Data Protection Register) and follow sound and proper practices.

The Act does not cover all computerised information but only that which relates to living individuals, or data subjects. It does not cover information on individuals that is held and processed manually - for example in ordinary paper files.

The personal data mentioned above is information recorded on a computer about living, identifiable individuals. Statements of fact and expressions of opinion about an individual are personal data but an indication of the data user’s intentions towards the individual is not.

An individual who is the subject of personal data need not be a United Kingdom national or resident. Rights with regard to personal data are available to every individual whatever his nationality or residence. They are available even to those who despicably throw tea overboard !

A data user is a person or organisation who controls the contents and use of a collection of personal data - [clearly the Society and some of its officers]. The control does not have to be exclusive to one data user. Control may be shared with others, jointly or in common.

The Act does not apply to all personal data; data held for some purposes are exempt from the requirement to register, for example -

#1 personal data used only for keeping accounts (membership fees) or keeping records of purchases and sales.

#2 personal data used for distributing articles (e.g. Mecca News) or information to the data subjects (e.g. secretarial letters); under this exemption only a very small amount of data can be held (usually only name and address). A data subject must be asked if he or she objects to the data being held for this purpose. If he or she does object the exemption does not apply to his or her data.

However, as the Metcalfe Society has registered under the Act, it may continue to hold the personal data on computers whether or not Members object. This, I believe, should not cause anyone to lose any sleep. We hold: names and addresses; the figure 96 for instance if a member has paid fees in that year; with a membership number; in our address file. We do not allow, and have not allowed, that file to leave our possession.

#3 text simply entered into a computer (whether or not a dedicated word processor), edited and printed out, then the Act does not apply (e.g. Mecca News). This is also the case even if, after printing, the information is kept in the computer merely so that another copy of the document can be printed if required. The person controlling the information (our editor) is not a data user and the data are not “held”.

To summarise, we potentially might have a need to register because of two items of computerised information, our address list and our large Mecca Index. The first is discussed above and I believe that the Society has been very cautious in deciding to register, but the act of registration helps to display our openness. The second item, the Index, can hold personal data but by choice, holds very little information on members past or present. What little data is held (no more than name; or detail of parents if deceased) is taken selectively from “tree” data sent in by the individual concerned specifically for entry into the Index.

The Index is our most valuable asset, and its safekeeping is vital to our future. We occasionally exchange information with other Family History Societies (for instance with the Alderson Society) in the hope of receiving Metcalfe details in return, but we never knowingly give information on living persons.

While an obvious potential need to register exists, I believe that it is borderline and we need not have registered. Nevertheless the Society is now in a “correct” position and so placed that it can best look after member interests and wishes.

CSM - Chairman.

You never know what you will find or “Why you should belong to the Metcalfe Society!”

For me, the fascination of researching family history lies in the unexpected quirks and snippets of information that turn up, sometimes seeming to be unconnected and leading nowhere, and then suddenly leading you into an entirely new field. This has happened to me over the last few months but the story really begins back in 1992. At that time as a result of an article I wrote for “Mecca News” **Mrs Greensit (M 514)** sent me the following newspaper cutting which she had found in her mother’s belongings and which she believed, referred to one of our Metcalfe relations.

OLDEST INHABITANT !

MR ROBERT METCALFE’S 97TH BIRTHDAY

On May 4th, Mr Robert Metcalfe, of Dean Head Farm, Langbar, celebrated his 97th birthday, having been born at Fell Beck, near Pateley Bridge on May 4th 1818; thus having lived under six sovereigns.

Although Mr Metcalfe, to paraphrase his own words, is not as young as he used to be, all his faculties are still in active service, and he takes a lively interest in farm work, local affairs, and things generally. He reads the papers and follows the course of the war, and in that deep sounding and very vigorous voice of his, condemns the actions of the Germans with withering scorn.

Mr Metcalfe comes of a long-lived stock, for although he intimated to the writer that his father only lived to be 86 and his mother 82, his grandfather passed away three days short of reaching the century, and in his hundreth year was helping Mr Metcalfe with farm work.

Mr Metcalfe is one of a family of 16, and his wife, who died some twenty years ago, bore him thirteen children, He has lived in the Nessfield and Langbar district for over 70 years and first worked for Mrs Hawsworth (Hauxworth), of Low Austby Farm, which farm the late Rev. Dr. Collyer, when a blacksmith at Ilkley, was wont to visit for the purpose of shoeing the farm horses. There was a smithy attached to the farm, and Mr

Metcalfe used to wield the big hammer while Dr. Collyer was shaping the shoes. Those were the days when wages were very low, for Mr Metcalfe had only four shillings a week, and worked Sunday and almost all hours possible. He speaks of mowing two acres of grass in a day for 7d., and has mown side by side with thirteen other men - this long before reaping machines and similar labour-saving methods of harvesting had been introduced.

His memory is wonderfully good, and although it is 100 years since the Battle of Waterloo and 94 since the death of Napoleon, in his boyhood days there were many evidences of these stirring times to be met with in his neighbourhood; one in the nature of a black mare which had lost an ear in the famous battle.

Waterloo pales into insignificance besides some of the battles that have been fought in this district during the last few months, but none are likely to be encircled with such a halo of romance as this old-time feat of arms, which Englishmen of all ages glory in remembering, and few more so than Mr Metcalfe, who in his young days used to sit and listen to the story as told by some of the heroes of Wellington’s Army engaged in the battle. ¹ 1915

From my information it did seem that this Robert was one of the 16? children born to **Peter and Mary Metcalfe** of Fellbeck near Pateley Bridge, my Great-great-great grandparents, who are also ancestors of several other Metcalfe Society members (148, 476 and 478). However I was not certain; some of Robert’s statements did not tally with the facts as I knew them eg. Peter died when he was 84 not 86, and his wife was 65 at her death not 82. At that point I lost interest, not having easy access to the appropriate Parish Registers and feeling that I had gone as far back as I could.

I did little further research until last summer when I received the request to update my Birth Brief. In preparing this I came across the newspaper cutting and, rereading it, realised that, if Robert was Peter’s son, then this long-living grandfather he mentions, was also one of my ancestors, and that if he lived to be 99, he might have died after 1837 so having his death recorded in the St. Catherine’s Registers. Fortunately the newly arrived Mecca News had told me that the death registers were now available on computer printout. What was I waiting for?

At that point my husband and I had to visit London and, since the hot weather made sight-seeing unattractive, we decided that the Public Records Office would at least be cool and that it would be interesting to see if we could find Robert in the census! Scrutiny of the Langbar records soon revealed him from 1851 onwards living with his wife Anne and eventually having (according to these records) 10 children - Margaret, James, John, Joseph, Annie, Thomas, Elizabeth, Ellen, Sarah and Francis. (I have yet to find his whereabouts in 1841; if any member comes across a Robert aged about 23 in this area of Yorkshire please let me know.) I then spent a frustrating month tracking down his marriage certificate which

confirmed that he was the son of Peter Metcalfe of Fellbeck and that he had married Anne Sherwin in the second quarter of 1845.

Now could I find his grandfather? I had evidence that his name was also Peter and that he lived at Collarstoops (a farm near Fellbeck). Here the resources of the Metcalfe Society and, in particular, the interest and enthusiasm of Nina Benson became invaluable. The computer records only turned up the death of his father Peter aged 84 in 1853 which I already knew, but Nina sent me copies of the Pateley Bridge Parish Registers (recorded by David Mte) which revealed the death of another Peter Mte of Fellbeck aged 90 in 1829. She also had looked in the Ripon Registers (parts of Collarstoops are in the Ripon Cathedral Registers) and found a Peter Metcalfe baptised 1739 son of James Mte of Evestone - two generations further back and connecting me to even more members (M216, M228, M370)! Interestingly there was a James buried at Pateley Bridge aged 86, in 1795. Later Nina pointed out that in the IGI the only James born about 1709 is one baptised at Askrigg son of Peter - so possibly linking my branch of the Mte family back to the traditional Mte areas.

Obviously we will never be certain whether these people are my ancestors and it still niggles me that the reporter states so definitely that Robert's grandfather "*in his hundreth year was helping Mr Metcalfe with his farm work*". Was Robert's memory becoming clouded, or is the Peter Mte who died in 1829 not his grandfather? I don't think we shall ever know. Finally this January I found the entry for Robert's death. He died in the fourth quarter of 1916 aged 99! There certainly seem to be some genes for longevity in my family and I certainly have had value for money from my Metcalfe Society subscription!

Christine Surfleet (M513)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - 1996

30 August - 1 September Federation of Family History Societies. "Taste of Yorkshire" Conference and Federation Council Meeting, Doncaster.

15 September Guild for One Name Studies, Kelso, Roxburgshire. For details send SAE to the Guild at 14, Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA.

20 - 22 September Northumberland & Durham Family History Society 21st Anniversary Weekend Conference Collingwood College, Durham. For more information contact Mrs Moira Furness, 8 Shadfen Park Road, Marden Farm Tyne & Wear NE30 3JD

28 September North West Group of Family History Societies Fair, Town Hall, Stockport.

12 / 13 October METCALFE SOCIETY AGM & MUSTER, Ripon.

Computer Notes



As a way of an introduction I would like to thank, on behalf of the Society, the work our Chairman has done over the years in the formation and construction of the computer database and just hope that I can prove a worthy successor. Also when I become overloaded with work I can call upon his help!

That leads me to the database which currently stands at 61000 individuals, with about 400 lists out of a total of 2000 awaiting entry. In addition, projects in progress include the transcription of 6000 record entries from the 1881 census index for Yorkshire and the copying of

all readable records from the parish registers of North Yorkshire County Record Office.

During the few spare minutes that leaves me, in addition to a full time career, I am guilty like my predecessor of globetrotting. In my case a visit to relatives in Canada and at last, dare I say with the arrival of summer, I have made a start on the garden. So if there is any delay in reply to member's queries please bear with me as normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.

David Metcalfe

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## **SAFEGUARDING YOUR RECORDS**

Many of us have collected details of our family history over many years, and as a result have only recently put the details on computer disk, perhaps we have not got as far as that! We more than likely starting out by putting the information in an exercise book or on cards and then stored them in the loft or some similar place. If so read on .....

In the Manchester Genealogist (vol 32 no2) received in June there was some salutary information regarding the keeping of records which you might find worthwhile to follow. Namely avoid the loft or cellar because of the temperature/humidity problems; that if boxes are to be used for storage they should be made of acid free card; folders should be of archive manila; clear plastic sleeves must be polyester and not PVC and that clear or opaque sticky tape should never be used. Also rubber bands deteriorate and non-brass paper clips will rust and leave marks. Finally those precious photographs should never be stored in albums which contain an adhesive card covered with a clear plastic sheet. The adhesive is harmful to the photographic paper and affects the colours. Black and white copies of coloured prints are more stable but avoid if at all possible.

**YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!**

## BIRTH BRIEFS :-

Main abbreviations used :-

MD = Medcalf. MDE = Medcalfe. : MT = Metcalf. MTE = Metcalfe.

## UP-DATES - please send direct to the Editor.

**M320 Mr Leon Metcalfe**, Conquieso, Spriggs Alley, Chinnor, Oxon. OX9 4BX. Gt. grandson of William and Kate (Hill) Mte of Wheldrake. William bpt 16.12.1858 Wheldrake s.o. George and Sarah (Varley) Mte. George (Blucher) bpt 31.5.1832 s.o. George and Barbara (Smale) Mte m 3.10.1822. George bpt 9.11.1800 s.o. Ann Mte. **Connects with M214 and M441.**

**M774 Mr Alan Medcalf**, 31 Pinewood Road, Belper, Derbys. DE56 2TS. The family came from London, Deptford, Bermondsey and Rotherhithe. Son of Henry Victor George & ?Filian (Butcher) Medcalf. Henry V.G. born 10.12.1916 s.o Henry MD.

**M780 Mr Derek S. Medcalf**, 3 Alwyns Close, Barnpark Road, Teignmouth, Devon. TQ14 8PL. Son of Harold S & Ethel E (Wiltshire) Medcalf m 1924 Edmonton, London. Harold S. s.o Edward Charles & Charlotte A. (Hird) MD. Edward Charles b 1868 Clerkenwell, London s.o Thomas William & Elizabeth (?) MD. May link to a family in Enfield, Benjamin & Lousia MD.

**M794 Mrs Elizabeth M. Woods**, Old Forge, Halsham, Hull. East Yorks. HU12 0BS. Great grand-daughter of Florence Annie Metcalfe b c1866 dau of Captain George MTE but other documents say Phillip, may be Dartford area.

**M795 Mrs Robyn Young**, 31 Boyle Street, Balgowlah, New South Wales 2093, Australia, whose Metcalf ancestry keeps diminishing ! Edith Annie Metcalf WOOD m 22 June 1886 to Luke PAGE. Edith Annie Metcalf was the dau of John & Margaret (Kewley) WOOD of Whitehaven, Cumberland area. The search continues to find the Metcalf connection-watch this space !

**M799 Mr David Huddart**, 13 Love Lane, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY8 2DA. Great grandson of James & Jane (Metcalf) Wright m 01.09.1790 Carlton in Coverdale, YKS. with a witness Thomas MTE. Jane 1768-1837 d.o Richard & Jane (Vayro) MTE m 1759...**the Society can add** that the Banns were read at Coverham 1st/8th/15th April 1759 but they were not married there. Richard b circa 1731.

**M805 Mr Arthur Metcalfe**, 58 Lilac Avenue, Framwellgate Moor, Durham. DH1 5JB. Son of Robert & Amelia (Johnson) Metcalfe. Robert b 1879 Waterhouses, Co Dur

ham s.o Anthony & Elizabeth (?) Mte. Anthony bpt 10 Jul 1842, Crosby Ravensworth, Westmorland, last child of 10 of Robert & Mary (Fawcett) MTE of Meaburn, m 15 Feb 1825 Crosby Ravensworth WES. Robert bpt 11 Oct 1795 Orton, WES s.o Anthony & Mary (Sanderson) MTE who m 21 Aug 1786 Orton, WES. **Connects to M719.**

**CORRECTION : M782 Mrs Betty Ferguson**, 24 The Birches, Hurworth, Darlington, Co. Durham, DL2 2BD. (See MN48p22) “....this was Thomas’ third marriage..” should read “this was Leonard’s third marriage”.

## NEW MEMBERS - TO WHOM WE EXTEND OUR WARMEST GREETINGS

**M807 Mrs Sandra L. Metcalfe**, 56 Thorncombe Rd, Te Awamutu, New Zealand 2400. Husband John Stephen Metcalfe, grandson of John & Annie (Benson) MTE married 1st Jan 1898 St Sampson, York. Eng. John b circa 1871 son of Christopher MTE who in 1898 was a sheep doctor. The Society had one such Christopher in Ripon who m 07.11.1857 at Ripon to Jane Pinkney & had issue William Pinkney 1859, Rosa 1863, James Pinkney 1872, Christiana Sophia 1873 all bpt at Ripon - research continues to trace John. **Family may connect to M144 M145, M389 & M658.**

**M808 Mr Charles W. Price**, Russet Lea, Hay Lane, Longdon Green, Rugeley, Staffs. WS15 4QQ. Grandson of Charles Samuel & Emma (Metcalf) Price, m 08.10.1905 Harrogate, Yorks. Emma b 15.03.1875 West Tanfield, Yks. d.o John & Jane (Yellow) MT m 01.12.1867 Sowerby, Thirsk, Yks. John b 11.08.1844 Carlton Miniott, Thirsk s.o William & Mary Ann (Chaplin) MTE m 27.04.1829 Leeds St Peter. **The Society can add :-** William bpt 16.01.1799 Sowerby s.o John & Elizabeth (Horner) MTE m 18.03.1798 at Kirby Wiske, Yks.

**M809 Mr Frank Capstick**, The Cobbler’s Cottage, Main Street, Dent, Sedbergh, Cumbria, LA10 5QL. Great great grandson of John & Elizabeth (Metcalf) Lambert m 21 Oct 1813 Horton in Ribblesdale. Elizabeth bpt 1796 Mossdale Head, Garsdale, YKS d.o Alexander and Jane (Metcalf) Metcalfe m 08.03.1794 at Hawes - Alexander of Mossdale Head, Jane of Thorns - Alexander possibly bpt 22.01.1770 Dent s.o John & Eleanor (?) MTE was a yeoman farmer of Mossdale Head and later of Camm. Jane bpt 05.03.1771 Hawes d.o Ninion & Ellenor (Metcalf) Metcalfe m 17 Nov 1766 Hawes. Ninion bpt 22.03.1739 Hawes s.o Thomas & Margaret (Lambert) MTE m 29 Aug 1734 Hawes. Ellenor possibly bpt 1731 Dent d.o Jeffrey and Agnes (Petty) MTE m 06.05.1728 Dent. **Connects to the line of the late John Balderston M62 and may connect to M6 John Holden.**

**M810 Miss Josephine B.E.Hopper**, 4 High St, Naseby, Northampton.NN6 6DD. Great great grand-dau of 1) Richard & Isabella (Metcalf) Pratt m 13/15 Jan 1819 Hardrow. Isabella b circa 1800 : 2) Edmund & Frances (Metcalf) Dixon m 23 Sep 1829 Aysgarth. Frances b circa 1807. **Connects to M100 & M772 and to M144, M145 & M658.**

**M811 Mr Ian C.Swales**, 39 Coast Road, Redcar, N.Yorks.TS10 3NN. Great grandson of Joseph & Clara Elenor (Metcalf) Swales m 04.12.1875 Leeds area. Clara Elenor b 03.03.1857 Holbeck, Leeds d.o Samuel & Lucy (Evers) Metcalf m 16.09.1856 Bradford, Yks. Samuel b ca 1829 s.o Samuel & Rachel (Wilson) MT m 28 Jul 1823 Rothwell. This was Samuel's second marriage, the first being to Hannah Lupton 25.05.1818 Leeds. Samuel bpt 03.02.1799 Holbeck and the Society can add :- s.o John & Ann (Middleton) MT m 02.05.1792 Leeds Parish Church. **Connects to M134.**

**M812 Mr Ian Penrose**, 221 Yale Rd, Thornlie 6108, Western Australia. Grandson of John Alexander & Dorothea Agnes (Metcalf) Bell. Dorothea Agnes b 1901 d.o Christopher Powell & Annie Dudell (Minza) Metcalfe. Christopher Powell b 1873 Tadcaster YKS. s.o Rev'd Joseph Powell and Rose Althamiah (Prideaux) MTE. The Society can add :- Joseph Powell mge June Qtr 1863 E.Ashford [2a 887] bpt 22.01.1824 Canterbury, Kent s.o Rev'd John & Elisabeth (Eamonsen) MTE m 31 Oct 1816 Bramham YKS. Rev'd John was a Minor Canon at Canterbury Cathedral. **The Society Library was recently presented (by Greta Metcalfe, our Chairman's wife) with a copy of "The School Round-Book" a collection of 100 Rounds, Catches and Canons, of Novello's School Songs with the words edited by Rev.J.Powell Metcalfe MA. The music edited by J.Stainer, Mus.Doc.MA.**

**M813 Mrs Betty Prescott**, 1 Tamarisk Way, Scunthorpe, N.Lincs. DN16 3DF. Betty's late husband Peter 1924-1958 son of Walter & Gertrude (Willey) MTE. Walter 1887-1941 son of John Henry & Isobelle (Carrot) MTE m 17th May 1880 Great Steeping, Lincs. John Henry b ca 1859 s.o Charles. **The Society can add the following** but it all awaits confirmation :- Charles bpt 14.04.1832 Brocklesby,Lincs s.o Joseph & Elizabeth (Raby) MT m 7th May 1827 Grasby,Lincs. Joseph bpt 21.04.1805 Brocklesby s.o William & Frances (Markham) MT m 5 or 15.05.1783 Great Limber, Lincs. William bpt 11.06.1757 Great Limber s.o William & Mary (Button) MT m 3rd or 31st Jan 1748 Great Limber. **If this ancestry is correct will connect to M85 and M544.**

**M814 Mrs Marguerite E.Pearson**, 2110 N.Reecer Creek Rd, Ellensburg, WA 98926 U.S.A. Grand-daughter of Alexander & Isabella (Metcalf) Milne m 26 Oct 1876 USA. Isabella b 19 May 1854 Washington DC USA d.o John & Christiana (Donaldson) MT m 15 Dec 1837 Glasgow,Lanark,Scotland. John b 17 Mar 1816 Knaresborough, YKS, Eng. s.o Francis and Isabella (Craw) MT m 8th Nov 1815 Knaresborough. Francis bpt 2nd Sep 1787 Knaresborough s.o Robert & Ann (?) MT. Robert bpt 12th Apl 1760 Knaresborough s.o Robert & Ann (Blakey) MT m 25th Nov 1753 Knaresborough. **Connects to M454.**

**M815 Mr & Mrs W.Brian & Jean Metcalf**, 1 Piccadilly, New Waltham, Grimsby, DN36 4YQ. Brian's great grandfather went from Hull to Grimsby in the nineteenth century.

**M816 Mrs José Gay**, 30 Whitton Dene, Houndslow, Middlesex, TW3 2JT. Great great grand-daughter of James & Alice (Metcalf) Stansfield m 11.07.1837 Todmorden, Lancs. Alice b ca 1811 d.o Hammond Geldart MT and the Society can add :- who m Jane (Green) 22.03.1810 Liverpool. Hammond G. bpt 27.04.1777 Coverham in Wensleydale, YKS. s.o Henry and Alice (Geldart) MT m 01.09.1773 Coverham. Henry bpt 16.07.1751 Coverham s.o Hammon\_ & Elizabeth (?) MT. Hammon\_ bpt 14.11.1719 Coverham s.o Henry & Elisabeth (Hammon\_) who m 23.06.1716 at Grinton in Swaledale, when Henry was described as "of Coram" ? Coverham.

**M817 Mr & Mrs Malcolm & Delphine Metcalf**, 4154 Beaufort Place, North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V7G 2N5. Malcolm b 1943 England s.o Thomas & Isabella (Vareman) MT. Thomas b 1905 s.o John Amos & Margaret Ann (Scott) MT m 20th Jun 1899 Newcastle upon Tyne,NBL. John Amos b 1873 s.o John & Isabella (Blair) MT.John b 1835 Byker,Newcastle s.o William & Ann (?) MT. William bpt 31.08.1794 Gateshead Co Dur s.o William & Mary (Green) MT m 16 Nov 1784 St Marys, Gateshead. William bpt 5th Dec 1762 Gateshead s.o John & Margaret (Johnson) MT m 31 Aug 1747 Bishopwearmouth, Co.Dur.

**M818 Mr John Winter**, 96 Abbeydale Road South,Millhouses,Sheffield,S7 2QP Great great grandson of James & Jane (Metcalf) Spensley m 23.05.1838 at Coverham, YKS. **The Society and George Buxton M3 can add :-** Jane bpt 20.01.1808 Muker in Swaledale YKS d.o George & Ann (Harker) MTE m 06.04.1805 Muker. George bpt 25.04.1780 Muker s.o George & Jane (Harker) MTE m 13.01.1772 Muker. George bpt 14.02.1748 Muker s.o Thomas & Margaret (Cottingham) MTE m 21.04.1737 Muker. Thomas bpt 26th Aug 1708 Muker s.o Thomas of Gunnerside. **Connects to M3, M220 & M679.**

**M819 Mr John Sanders**,122 Bay View Rd, Northam, Bideford, Devon, EX39 1BJ. John's interest lies with a Christopher Metcalfe who was active in London in the early 1700s, and who may have been related to the Collingwood family of Eslington, Northumberland. Christopher appears to have been acting for this family from at least 1710 onwards and is always described as "gent, of St Giles in the Fields". A probable descent from Miles Metcalfe of Bear Park in Wensleydale has been worked out by John and it is :- Miles Metcalfe had, as second son, William of Otterington [1481/2]...one or ? more generations...Richard [1541] m a Miss Mackeridge...John m Ascough...Michael [1578] m 1st Eliz.Vesey.....John m Mary Byerley....Michael m 1603 Elizabeth d.o Thomas Danby of Leake.....their fist son Thomas b 1609 m Ellyn d.o Nicholas Thornton of Witton Castle and had Michael m Bridget d.o Wm Palmes of Naburn who had Henry b 1669 of Otterington, Naburn and Riccall m 1st Barbara Tancerd and 2nd Jarrat Brigham d.o John of

Dunnington....and they had a dau Mary (a Nun) bur at Holy Trinity, York 21.04.1747. Michael & Elizabeth neé Danby may have had a 2nd son who had CHRISTOPHER of St Giles in the Fields, whose Will dated 1735 mentions his God-daughter Mary Metcalfe. We do have Members whose lines relate to Otterington and others with Northumberland connections - can anyone help John ?

**M820 Mrs Fiona Haley**, 19 Menzies Road, Torry, Aberdeen, AB1 3AX. Scotland. Grand-daughter of Margaret Mauchline neé Metcalfe b 7th Jun 1906 in Aberdeen d.o George & Elizabeth (Park) MTE m 26.02.1902 Aberdeen. George b 6th July 1879 at 6 Saw Mill Road, North Seaton in the district of Bedlington, Northumberland s.o William & Barbara Ann (Ely) MTE later of 5 Waggonmans Row, Hebburn. With the help of Member Pauline Walden the family was traced in the 1881 Census Returns to 24 Soulsby Street, Cowpen, Northumberland when Barbara Ann was aged 21 married and boarding with widow Mary Hodgson, with sons Thomas William 3 and George aged 1...both described as grand-sons.

**M821 Mrs Margaret Taylor**, 1006 Montroyal Blvd, North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V7R 2H2. Great-great-grand-daughter of Reuben & Frances (Metcalfe) Downham of Buckden, Yorkshire, Eng. **The Society can add** :- mge 30 Apr 1804 at Hubberholme, YKS. Frances bpt 29 Oct 1780 at Hubberholme d.o Christopher & Barbara (Swinbank) MTE m 12.04.1780 Arncliffe YKS. Christopher of Raisgill who d 1788 had previously married Margaret (d.o Martin) Simpson. Could Christopher be the son of Anthony & Alice MTE of Gayle bpt 10.06.1743 Hawes, YKS ? He does name his 1st son Anthony. **Connects to M541.**

**M822 Mrs Margaret Warton**, 43 Carolbrook Road, Ipswich, IP2 9JQ, Suffolk. Daughter of Louise Anne Elizabeth neé Metcalfe d.o James Henry & Annie Isabel (Catchpole) Metcalfe m 4th May 1903 Bramford, SFK. James Henry born 20th Apl 1871 Queen Charlotte Hospital, Marylebone Rd, Marylebone, Middlesex. s.o Esther MTE (aged 21) who at the 1871 census on 2nd April was a lodger at 158 Pavillion Road, Chelsea. John Henry was deaf and dumb and was adopted by the Giles family of Bramford, SFK about 1875. Esther appears to have married about the same time to a Mr James and they went on to have Herbert 1876, Arthur 1877, Walter 1888 and a dau in 1880 and in 1881 were living at 67 Sussex Road, Holloway.

## RE-JOINED MEMBERS :-

**M071 Miss Valerie J.Shafto**, “Niarbyl” 70A Whittingham Road, Mapperley, Nottingham, NG3 6BH. Great grand-daughter of George & Elizabeth (Metcalfe) Holmes m 1864 Swavesey, Cambs. Elizabeth bpt 29.12.1843 d.o John & Mary (Walker) MTE m 1839 St Andrews, Swavesey. John born 1812 s.o John & Elizabeth (Rowland/Rowling) MTE m 1808 Hemingford Grey Cambs. John bpt 01.02.1787 Holywell cum Needingworth,

Cambs s.o John & Ann (Child) MTE m 14.02.1786 Lolworth, Cambs. Ann died 28.11.1793 but the remarriage of John 20.04.1794 to Susanna Newman is now discounted. **Possible connections to M363 & M433 are being explored.**

**M135 Mr Edward Dawson**, Bleak Bank, Clapham, Lancaster, LA2 8HY. Lanes. Grandson of Edward & Elizabeth (Metcalfe) Dawson m 23 Nov 1882 Clapham, Elizabeth spr of Newby. Elizabeth b 1854 Linton in Craven d.o John & Isabella (Dawson) Metcalfe m 22 Sep 1851 Clapham. John of full age, shoemaker of Threshfield s.o William MTE a farmer & Ann neé Hesleden.

**M341 The Rev'd Canon Ronald Metcalfe**, 5 Minster Yard, York. YO1 2JD. Son of Frederick Lewis Metcalfe b 02.12.1906 Newcastle upon Tyne, NBL. s.o Frederick Lewis MTE b ca 1879/80 ? Hebburn Co Durham.....is this the baby transcribed - in the 1881 Census Returns for 57 Dorothy St, Gateshead Ref RG11-5032-5 Folio 246 - as Frederick Lions Metcalf aged 1 b Hebburn Dur. with father Edward 25, groom, born BOWBRIDGE YKS. and mother JOAN 24, b Netherton, NBL. In 1891 Census at 101 Inskip Terrace Gateshead...Edward 33, coachman, b ? Bainbridge/Boroughbridge YKS. wife Joan 33, b Netherton. Fred 11 scholar b Hebburn. Arthur 9 scholar b Gateshead. Ada 7 b Gateshead. Joan 2 b Gateshead. **DOES ANYONE KNOW OF A BOWBRIDGE in Yorkshire ?**

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## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

CLEVELAND Eng. has returned to Yorkshire ! ....alter Cleveland to read North Yorkshire. NORTH HUMBERSIDE has also returned and become East Yorkshire.

**M316 Ms Jean Metcalfe** change Wythenshawe and Post Code to :- 40 Royal Oak Road, Bajuley, Manchester, M23 1BD.

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**M732 Mrs K & Miss S.Bainbridge** from Iowa to 2225 Virginia Drive, Hays, KS 67601, U.S.A.

**M781 Mrs Patricia Metcalfe** correction...to :- 6B Milfoil Drive.

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## CLIFFORD METCALFE

Born in Leeds on February 13, 1902 Clifford Metcalfe was educated in Gainsborough Lincolnshire before taking up an apprenticeship as a mechanical draughtsman. His early working years were spent in Bristol before he joined the Gramophone Company of Hayes in 1928. The first appointment was as a senior mechanical designer working on record changers, radio gramophones and sound equipment for the up and coming 'talkies' but with the expansion of the company into the Electrical & Musical Industries Ltd (EMI) he became involved in the development of television equipment.

With the approach of war, contracts for military equipment started to arrive in 1938 and included ground radar and airborne navigation, sound locators and fire control / predictors including a principal airborne radar (H2S) to guide the bombers out and back from missions over Germany. Even after 1945 the military contracts continued but this was accompanied by the development of an enlarged range of domestic products including radios, car radios, TV's and household appliances. Clifford's role of chief designer for all EMI's products, held since 1936, continued but was recognised and rewarded by a directorship in 1952 followed by the managing director's post of EMI Electronics Ltd in 1955. This embraced all EMI's engineering activities with plants both in the UK, Canada and Australia.

It was at this stage Clifford Metcalfe turned his energies using the new technology to develop equipment necessary to automate production thereby speeding the processes and giving workers extra time to utilise in the expanding leisure industries then appearing in greater numbers including those being developed by EMI. As a result of all his work his services to electronics was recognised by a CBE in 1957 and at the same time he was appointed to the main board of EMI. Over the next four years up until his retirement Clifford saw some of his dreams come to fruition including automated machine tools, 'stacker' cranes, robot internal transport systems, closed circuit TV security systems and large frame computers. One of the latter being used to maintain the records of the national Graduated Pensions Scheme for some 28 million people.

Looking back over the three decades of electronics in EMI under the guidance of Clifford Metcalfe they were each distinct but nevertheless linked together and were the base for future developments up to the present day. Having been involved in a rapidly changing industry he took retirement in 1961 to Devon where he pursued his hobbies of fishing, photography and gardening. He died in February 1995 having being preceded by his wife Florence in 1985.

*Compiled from information supplied by his son John Metcalfe (M567) who says that the majority of his father's achievements were never known until after his death. He goes on to ask if there are other members who have Metcalfe relatives who have done well not only for themselves but the development of the country and yet whose names are not on everyone's lips.*

## PUTTING ON A SHOW

Or

300 Metcalfes ride

White Horses to York

The story and its origin

by

**J P Warwick Metcalfe (M256)**

Unlike many family 'traditions' this is one which seems to have some basis in fact, but has been elevated to more or less mythical standing because it conjured up a striking romantic mental picture! However there is no smoke without some kind of fire and as far as I can make out an event of this kind, though possibly more prosaic, really did take place in the reign of Queen Mary, when Sir **Christopher Metcalfe** of Nappa was High Sheriff of York in 1555. Sir Christopher was born in 1513 and became Master of Nappa in 1539 on the death of his father, Sir James.

**Walter and Gilbert Metcalfe's** 'Records' dealing with the episode speculate that Sir Christopher's reason for mustering so many of his kinsmen to meet the Assize Judge at York may have been inspired by John Leland's' account of Nappa in the time of Sir James which states that the number of Metcalfe men thereabouts was known to be 300. Walter and Gilbert confirm the origins in Camden's Britannia<sup>2</sup> adding that Fuller's 'Worthies of England' repeat Camden's original statement and go on to suggest that the horses may have been 'Yorkshire Greys' - that the horses were white is due to a later uncorroborated version in 'Longstaffe's Richmondshire'.

The history of the family recounts the reputation of the clan as archers and horsemen, and there are several accounts of previous notable mass rallies of mounted Metcalfes taking part in various campaigns. The first was that led by **William Medecalfe de Dent** in 1174-75 to join forces with those of the Sheriff of York in repelling the invasion of the Scottish King Richard the Lion, whilst Henry II was on campaign in France. Another was the well-known story of the joint force at Agincourt to which Sir Richard Scrope and **James Metcalfe** each contributed 15 men at arms and 45 archers, but Sir Richard ran short of funds and James lent him money to pay his troopers, receiving the manor of Nappa in compensation.

A third notable muster occurred in 1485 when **Thomas and Miles Metcalfe**, son of James (Thomas built Nappa Hall) raised a large body of Metcalfes, clothed them in their own livery and led them on the side of Richard III at the Bosworth. Their contribution was such for them to be the only two followers of the losing side not to be granted a general pardon by Henry VII at York in 1485, though they eventually got off through the intercession of their kinsman the Lord of Ravensworth.

A fourth rally involved Thomas's son Sir **James Metcalfe** who led a force of mounted Metcalfes in the vanguard of the English army against the invading Scots at the Battle of Flodden in 1513. Sir James and his fellow clansmen, along with others, by-passed the Scottish defences and attacked their rear, leading to an overwhelming victory. Sir James later became High Sheriff of Yorkshire in 1525, and he was the Master of Nappa and the 300 kinsmen mentioned by Leland.

Judging by the excessive expenditure, which led to the mortgaging of a considerable part of his estate, James's son Sir **Christopher Metcalfe** set out to rival his father when mounting his own expedition to York. At least it is difficult to see any obvious reason at the time for mustering 300 male Metcalfes on horseback to go with him to meet the arrival of the Assize Judge at York, other than '**putting on a show**'. This is what Camden suggests. The only other possibility, and this is stretching a point, is that it might have had a religious context. Queen Mary (1553-58, daughter of Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon) was a devout Catholic who set about persecuting Protestants in a determined effort to restore England to the Church of Rome, to which many Metcalfes still adhered. Her extremism coupled with her unpopular marriage to Philip of Spain led to the population being in a highly volatile mood, on the edge of disorder. It could be that Sir Christopher, a leading Yorkshireman in the North where the following for the old faith remained strongest, saw his expedition to meet the judge as a show of strength to repress possible Protestant civil disturbance. As High Sheriff he was, after all, ultimately responsible for keeping law and order!

<sup>1</sup> John Leland recorded his 'Itineraries in England and Wales' between 1535 & 1543. The references to Nappa are found in Vol I - V p18 & Vol I - VI p 25 (3rd edition 1546).

<sup>2</sup> William Camden's 'Britannia' first published 1586.

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In the 1800's Buttersett Silk Mill became a candle mill owned by **Billy Tommy Willie Metcalfe** known locally as 'Candle Willie'. He made tallow candles for domestic use and use in quarry drifts. Buttersett's two stone quarries and mine which supplied dressed stone used in East Lancashire bought 1 cart at a time of Willie's candles.

In the 1950's it was said that life was so hectic that cars passed through Appersett during the day about every fifteen minutes. However this was much faster than **Tommy Metcalfe** who regularly went to Hawes market with a flat cart known as the Midnight Express - probably because of the time he arrived back home. It was said it was difficult to tell when he was stopped or going!

Hawes on a Tuesday market day was thronged with farmers and holidaymakers. After visiting the auction mart two farmers - one a Mecca went for something to eat but the service was slow due to the numbers. After waiting what he considered long enough Mecca hit the table with a thwack with his stick and said in a loud voice 'Come on Missus : we're not on us holidays'!

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