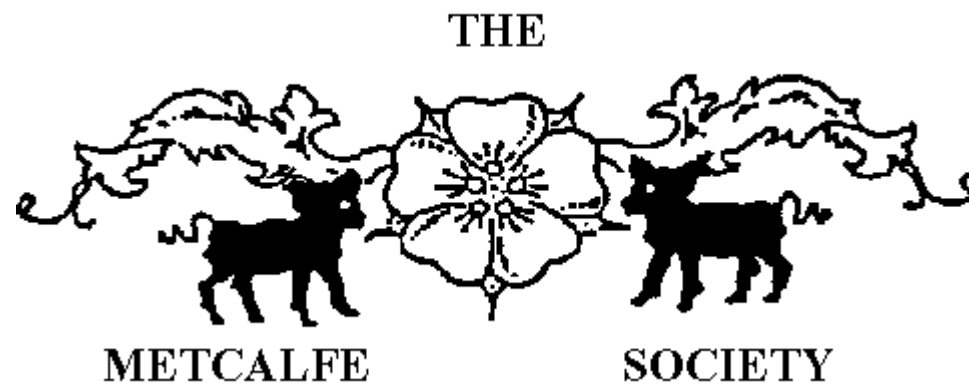




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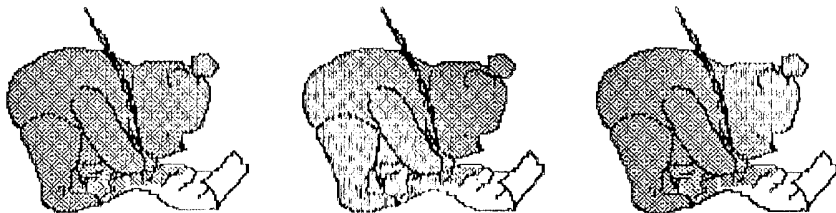
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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the 50th edition of the Mecca News. I wonder if those who produced the first issue nearly seventeen years ago realised what they were starting! The publication has changed over the years with some of the major revisions being the change from the large format on a small number of pages, to the handy- sized multiple pages of current issues and the introduction of the Mecca logo in Issue 11.

The various issues have reflected the differing characteristics of their editors but one thing that always has been common is the desire to provide interesting and varied magazines. This has been due in no small part to you providing the material for insertion. Each editor has tried to build upon the success of their predecessor and I must admit I have plagiarised all that is good from the erstwhile holders of this editors post!

Just as we have developed and changed from those early publications, the News in the future will change as computer technology advances. The content of course changes from issue to issue (sometimes when I start I am not sure what we are going to end up with!) and a number of articles will be produced from the information being currently gathered for the Metcalfe Family History Book (see the Metcalfes on St Helena); but as always the main contributors are yourselves. Keep the family stories, anecdotes and your experiences coming.

As I was *bowdlerising* (now there is a word to conjure with) this bumper issue I happened to read(?) a Peanuts cartoon strip where the characters were shown picking out the features they liked best. Snoopy, of course liked the "Dog bites Intruder" story. Like Snoopy I hope you find something of interest and enjoyment. There is a review of the Mecca Muster, with various articles including Apincourt (and how it resulted in the "ancestral" home at Nappa), personal stories, plus a poem and a quiz. The size has caused a few problems and is likely, before it reaches you, to cause a few more for our printing and distribution team! Nonetheless I trust it will bring you pleasure.

PWD

HAPPY 50th !

In the Beginning.....

In 1979 I joined the Family History Section of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society in Leeds and after a time realised from their Newsletters that there several members researching the name Metcalfe. Having heard that One-Name Societies were becoming popular I thought it would be interesting to form a Society for those researching Metcalfe.

I wrote to some of those Metcalfes and received some favourable replies. They were all from different parts of the country the nearest being Mrs Mary Metcalfe of Whitkirk. She and I set about contacting more Metcalfe's and we produced, between us, our first 'Mecca News'.

Mrs Vera Adams (M002)

Mecca News No 18 (April 1986)

The first newsletter of the Metcalfe Society was produced in 1980 the following is a copy of that momentous event :

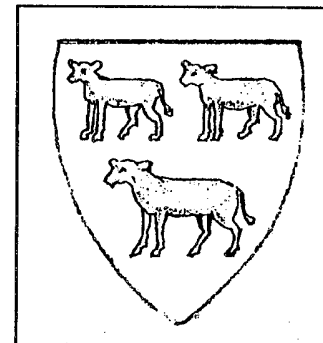
Mecca - old nickname
which takes in
all spellings.

Any other
suggestion?

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Common to any arms of the Metcalfe 'clan' are the three calves recorded in 'Dugdales Visitation of Yorks' in 1665 under Metcalfe of Northallerton.



These were descendants of Ottiwell, second son of Thomas of Nappa.

Argent, three calves passant
Sable (a canton Gules)

Dear Fellow Member,

we are pleased to know that you have expressed an interest in joining the Metcalfe Society, and in sending out this our first Newsletter, we welcome you as a future member.

We would like to start by asking you to forward to us all the information you already have on your family tree which we will record and circulate amongst members in the hope that we can help each other and perhaps some of us will find common ancestors.

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

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

We are not, at the moment, asking for a fixed subscription, but as with all societies, we shall need funds to cover costs of postage, photo-copying etc. and should be pleased to receive a small donation towards this. Our grateful thanks to all those who have already contributed.

Vera Adams
Mary Metcalfe

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INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS

Mrs L. Crowther, 32, Jubilee Drive, Thornbury, Avon BS12 2YQ
interested in Ann Metcalfe, married to Richard Townson, date not recorded. Their daughter, Elizabeth born 18th Dec. 1842 at Nut Lane, Gomersal.

Mr. John Holden 93, Woodgrove Road, Towneley, Burnley, Lancs. BB11 3EJ
Mother's maiden name Metcalfe. Most of her family connections are from Wensleydale, in particular from Semerdale, (Marsett and Stalling Busk), Far Head near Gayle, Thornton Rust and Bishopdale.

Mrs Shirley Walls 54 Overlea Drive, Hawarden, Clwyd.

Would be interested to hear from anyone connected with the following line of Metcalfes - William Walls (1769-1839) of Ashgill married twice. His first wife was Mary Metcalfe (1760-1807) of Beckingill and his second Bella Heseltine, widow, nee Metcalfe (1766-1847). Sons by his second wife were William born 1808 and Christopher born 1810 from whom Mrs Walls husband is descended.

Mr George Buxton, 36, Marlborough Road, Ashford, Middlesex TW15 3QA.

descended from Mary Ann Metcalfe born 1828, at Inlett Steads Farm, her brother George went to live in Stainmore, Westmorland, where some of his descendants still live, others at Bell Busk, near Settle.

Mrs Barbara Kent, 8, Pedmore Court Road, Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY8 2PH.

descended from Elizabeth Metcalf who married Benjamin Potter at Escrick in 1767, she was the daughter of Richard Metcalf (son of Richard and Ann Foston) and Jane Hunt who were married Escrick 1725 Richard Metcalfe was baptised at Foston in 1700.

Mrs Helen Offer, Far End, Chalkdock Lane, Itchenor, Sussex.

descended from Metcalfes of Threshfield and earlier from Selside and Stainforth.

Mr David Galloway, 29 Chalk Ridge, Winchester, Hants S023 8QW.

Mrs Galloway is descended from Rose Metcalfe (Maternal grandmother) born York 1869, youngest of 5 children. She was the daughter of Christopher Metcalfe, born York 1839, youngest of 7 children. He was the son of William Metcalfe, born at Farlington about 1803.

Mr. L. Best, 1, Ashdale Avenue, Pershore, Worcs. WR10 1PH.

Grandson of Ada Metcalfe born c. 1853. Her father was John Metcalfe a painter in Halifax or Huddersfield. Ada was married in Huddersfield in 1874.

Mrs. Marian Collins, 30, Calthorpe Road, Walsall, West Midlands.

descended from Hannah Metcalfe born c. 1800 married Jeffrey Graham in Askrigg c 1821. Their son James born 29 Sept. 1822.

Mrs Pat Palmer 2, Tilbrook Drive, Severn Meadows, Shrewsbury, Salop, SY1 2TR.

Mrs Palmer feels almost certain that her grandfather was born a Metcalfe, although he is registered Ernest Ingleby on his death certificate. Family rumours have it that 'Ernest was really a Metcalfe' as all researches under Ingeby have been unsuccessful. Mrs Palmer feels convinced that these rumours are fact. She knows that Ernest died 5th August 1950 aged 69, buried at Wilberfoss near York. He married 22nd Jan, 1908 aged 26, and was a farm labourer living in Healey at the time. His bride was Lavinia Stockdale, who was living at Sand Sutton at the time of the marriage and was 22 years old at the time.

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1980 - Vera Adams / Mary Metcalfe

1981 - Vera Adams

1985 - Valerie Metcalfe

1987 - David Urwin

1990 - Stuart Metcalfe

1993 - Richard Metcalf

1994 - Peter Dobson

Their Comments

(non - attributable!)

"I am, at the moment, in the happy position of having too much material on hand..."

"Far too much marvellous material for one issue...some will have to be held over..."

"More articles, please. Please keep them coming!!"

"...anything is likely to get published."

"I have found the experience frustrating, satisfying and enjoyable."

"One of the perks of being Editor is that you can pick any adjective you like!"

"I do not have the time to continue as Editor, so the editorship is up for grabs..."

"...the previous editor was taken away, a complete and nervous wreck."

"I regret to say that I received no applications for the job of Editor..."

"Perhaps it wasn't such a good idea postponingthe December edition ...until after Christmas."

Secretary's Notes

14th October 1996

Well, it's all over until Saturday 11th October 1997 ! In my own opinion the two day event worked ideally, we had 44 booked for Saturday and 53 on Sunday - of course some attended on both days.

It was especially nice to welcome M33 Shirley Withers from Australia, M821 Margaret Taylor from Canada, M766 Michael Metcalfe and his father Eugene Metcalfe from Wisconsin, USA. Eugene became M845 during Saturday so he must have liked the look of us all, and Terry Metcalfe from Australia became M847 on Sunday.

On Sunday we heard the latest news about our BOOK, Warwick Metcalfe gave us all the most wonderful insight into it's progress and the sample section made us fairly itch to get our hands on it. You will be hearing more about sending us details of your own family "characters" which will be added to the family trees connecting members into groups.

Our expected and eagerly awaited M591 Janet Bywater from New Zealand unfortunately didn't arrive which was a great pity as she missed seeing the Bible discovered by June Cox and "claimed" by her and M769 Hilda Lunn. Charles S. Metcalfe, our chairman, performed the "handing over" ceremony. Another non-arrival was our promised "Photo-Scanner" and we apologise for this, apparently his own work had to take priority on this occasion.

During the whole of the week-end we asked for your opinions on whether we should continue with the two day event or return to the single day. Out of, say, 80 members we had 24 forms returned, these were decidedly in favour of a one day event.

Because this Mecca News is not going to be posted until after the "Festive" season it is now too late to send you my best wishes for a happy family Christmas but I send my sincere good wishes for a peaceful and fruitful 1997.

Nina E. Benson

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Longevity

I happened to come across the following when leafing through a book on Elizabethan York by Eileen White. (Published by the Yorkshire Architectural Society & York Archaeological Society 1989)

From the parish register of St John Ousebridge End : *Died on 23 October 1579, Margaret Metcalfe mother in law to Francis Bayne merchant, 100 years old. Born in Swaledale at Cogden, daughter of Symond Robinson, married to Anthony Metcalfe of Forsdale in Wensleydale. She had 12 children of which 11 died before she died. Said to be gentle, courteous, fairspoken, peaceful, religious and enjoyed good company.*

(Precised from a longer description - Ed)

Imagine living to 100 in those times!

Margaret Taylor (M821)

SUBSCRIPTIONS

At the AGM the committee's recommendation that there should be no changes to the subscription rates for 1997 was accepted. The rates for 1997 are therefore :-

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OVERSEAS AGENTS & STAMP BANKS

We are lucky enough to have an "Agent" in NEW ZEALAND, Miss Mary Morris who accepts local currency payments for the Society's New Zealand members' subscriptions. Mary, who has a bank account in England, then sends us the total sum due in Sterling. Saving them time and money. We are hoping to persuade her to take on a STAMP BANK to try and replace the VERY expensive International Reply Coupons. Watch this space !

Now, have we anyone who is able and willing to offer the same services in the other main areas where our members live - namely AMERICA, CANADA and AUSTRALIA ?

YOU would need a bank account in England and time to spare.

HOW ABOUT IT ?

Please contact Nina Benson, Secretary.

The Metcalfes in St Helena

An article
by
George Buxton
(M003)

Since June 1995 I have been working my way through the 5 miles of records in the India and Oriental Record Office branch of the British Library gathering information for the Metcalfe Family History Book. This article is the first of several which it is hoped will be produced from this source.

St Helena is a small mountainous island situated 1200 miles in the Atlantic Ocean off the West Coast of Africa. It was discovered by Joao Da Nova Castella a Portuguese navigator on 21 May 1502 - a feast day of the Eastern Church and named after the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, St Helena. Some 47 square miles in size the island has three main peaks - Diana's Peak (2697ft), Cuckold's Point (2677ft) and Halley's Mount (2467ft). In 1633 the Dutch took formal possession and established a colony but this was abandoned when they settled the Cape of Good Hope in 1652. In 1659 the homeward bound ships of the East India Company, finding the island deserted, took possession and King Charles II confirmed the company's title by a charter dated 3 April 1661.

In January 1673 the Dutch captured the island but were ejected shortly afterwards by a British Squadron. The recapture of the island gave rise to the question as to the respective rights of the Crown and the East India Company. By a charter signed on 16 December 1673 Charles II re-granted the island to the Company in perpetuity. At that time nearly half of the population were imported slaves but all the inhabitants were free by 1836. A count in 1820 showed nearly 8000 residents of which whites (3534), soldiers (2181) and slaves (1156) were the biggest groups. There were sizeable numbers of Chinese and free blacks and a small number of Lascars (East Indies sailors / soldiers).¹ In 1987 almost a quarter of the population of 5644 lived in the only town, Jamestown.² The island was returned to the Crown on 31 March 1836. Apart from the execution of a small number of East India Company soldiers for robbery (none of them Metcalfes, I hasten to add) life seems to have proceeded very quietly until 15 October 1815 when the "Northumberland" arrived with the ex-Emperor of France Napoleon Bonaparte on board. He landed on the island at 7pm on 17 October and took up residence at Longwood, a large house on the island. From 31 March 1836, the island was administered by the Crown.

On one of my early visits to the British Library I was told that all the births marriages deaths and probate references for such places as St Helena had been added to the general index of some 250,000 cards. In spite of the task I soon came across the first Metcalfe reference for **James Metcalfe** aged 36 of the St Helena Regiment buried 22 October 1826. I thought 'These Metcalfe's get every where! This man is going to be easy to trace'.

Several months later I found the following in the "Who was Who or a directory of the island during the captivity of Napoleon" published in 1919 :

Metcalf James. *A carpenter in St Helena who often did repairs to the furniture at Longwood. In this capacity he was sometimes in the presence of Napoleon, particularly on 16 & 17 April 1821, when the dying Emperor from his bed in the drawing room watched him finishing his work. After death it was Metcalfe who made the coffins of the great Emperor which now rest in Invalides. The subsequent history of Metcalfe is unknown but his great grandson Mr Hands still lives in St Helena.* ³

These two James' had to be the same man and it was worth a letter to St Helena just to see if I could get any more information. After several months I received a reply from a Mr THearl of Gloucestershire (without whose help this article would not have been written). An 1827 administration of the estate of James Metcalfe stated "*a private soldier in the St Helena Regiment lately deceased left a trifling sum of £3-18-11^{1/2} which will have to go to his relatives who are living at West Whitton in Yorkshire*". However in 1817 a private in the St Helena Infantry Regiment was paid 8d per day, this was not such a trifling sum.

I decided a complete sweep of the muster rolls was required. These revealed the following:

Private **Thomas Metcalfe (Mitalfe)**. First appeared 1 January 1791, then on detachment to India in March 1792 before being transferred to the Colonels Co in 1796 and then to the Grenadier Guards in June 1799. He was discharged 1 August 1801 and that is all that is known of him.

Private **Robert Metcalfe (Midcalf)** who appeared on 1 April 1796. Then I found on 14 February 1802: Arrived 1795, Parish Richmond, now a Private in St Helena Regiment, age 40, Presidency Bombay. Robert was "non-effective" from 1 April 1808 until discharged on 20 February 1809.

Private **James Midcalf (Medcalf)** who appeared on 1 July 1799. Then on 14 February 1802 : Arrived 1798 Parish Grassington, Private 2nd Battalion St Helena Regiment, age 30, Presidency Bengal. He was declared "non-effective" from 1 July 1807 until his discharge on 1 August 1811.

Private **James Metcalfe** : Arrived 1815, age 28, former occupation labourer, former Regiment His Majesty's 66th Regiment of Foot. Discharged in India 1821. He appeared in the St Helena muster rolls 1 May 1821. He must have had a sense of humour as in 1823 he claimed to be 26 and from Scotland having arrived on the Bridgewater in 1822, then in 1823 aged 29 & 37, 1825 age 25 and 1826 age 38. His age at burial was 36. All the other information remained the same so there was little doubt it was the same man.

Gunner **William Metcalfe** 1st Company St Helena Artillery Regiment, age 29, County York, previous occupation Armourer, enlisted 11 March 1823, year arrived 1823. He was in hospital 27 September 1822 and discharged 1830.

When I found the reference to the administration of James Metcalfe, which was not in the general index, I decided to look at all the birth, marriage and death records and found: Baptism 20/9/1779. Harriett Metcalfe dau of James & Mary Adney.

Burial 20/1/1781. A dau of James Adney, schoolmaster.

Baptism 26/9/1783. James William Metcalfe son of James & Harriett Adney.

Baptism 26/9/1783. Cordelia Harriett Metcalfe dau of James & Harriett Adney.

Burial 10/12/1784. Cordelia Harriett Metcalfe dau of James & Harriett Adney.

James Adney married **Mary Metcalfe** 11 April 1767 at London St Olave, Mary was baptised 8 September 1742 at Lincoln Inn Fields London. Quite how Mary came to change her name to Harriett I do not know.

Member 217 has a James and Mary Adney in their family tree. ⁴

Finally I was told of another **James Metcalfe** who died 8 December 1856 aged 71 years. In his will dated 14 December 1854 he left his property at Willow Bank and Robinsons with "all my property situated in Jamestown opposite the churchyard or burial ground" to my adopted son James Smith (who is now generally known as James Metcalfe) the son of Mary Smith native. The property was to be held in trust for his grandson **Henry Geldart Metcalfe** and his granddaughter **Mary Alice Metcalfe** was to inherit property called Richenbach's estate. ⁵ Willow Bank in 1883 was described "as quite the prettiest house in the locality". ⁶ Further he "enjoyed the distinction of making coffins". ⁸ In 1817 he finished a large library table for Bonaparte then he was asked for the dimensions of an easy chair that the Governor Sir Hudson Low had requested. ⁷ In 1826 he also held property from the East India Company to the value of 10/-.¹ The tradition is that James Metcalfe was employed at Longwood by George Bullock who operated from 4 Tenterden Street, Hanover Square, London and was responsible for the furnishing of Napoleon Bonaparte's residence at Longwood. It is therefore likely that James Metcalfe came from London. **Henry Goldart Metcalfe** son of **James & Lydia Metcalfe** was baptised on 12 November 1851. The monumental inscription (1903) for James describes him as late Captain St Helena Militia, Willow Bank. ⁵ It was common on St Helena for couples not to get married, convention was for all the island's inhabitants to be invited to the wedding thus bankrupting the parents! One prosperous baker had ten daughters all of whom were married. He was financially ruined after the ten weddings.

The Hands family had lived on St Helena for almost 70 years when John Compton Hands was born in May 1842, probably on the island, before training at St Augusta College Canterbury. He was made deacon and curate of St Matthew's on St Helena in 1868 ordained priest in 1874 and vicar in 1875, looking after the whole island for fourteen years until 1885. On 30 March 1869 he married **Alice Mary Metcalfe** the organist at St Matthew's and described as of Willow Bank. They had two sons and two daughters. Alice died on 21 July 1905 aged 57 whilst her husband died on 25 November 1928. ⁵

We can be sure there were 5 James Metcalfe's who lived on St Helena - four around the same time - James discharged on 1/8/1811, James discharged on 25/5/1821, James buried 22/10/1826 (from West Whitton), James the coffin maker and his son James.

The last Metcalfe association we have with St Helena is a certain Captain Booth Hay Metcalfe who called on his way to India with his regiment in 1877; an antecedent of JP Warwick Metcalfe (M256) the compiler of the new Family History Book, the reason why I was carrying out research at the British Library!

¹British Library Indian & Oriental Collection, ²Encyclopaedia, Ashford Library,

³A St Helena Who's Who. A directory of the island during the captivity of Napoleon by Arnold Chaplin (2nd edition 1919), ⁴Metcalf Society, ⁵The Custodian of Records on St Helena, ⁶Benjamin Grants Descriptive Guide (1883), ⁷Martin Levy's Article in Apollo (May 1991 p307-311), ⁸A Handbook and Gazetteer of the Island of St Helena by GC Kitching.

MECCA'S LAMENT

The kitchen sink is full of dishes
I mostly ignore my family's wishes
Under the bed, mice are nesting,
And up in the corners spiders are resting.

Beneath the carpets I've swept the dust,
The cooking pans are starting to rust.
Windows all are dark and greasy,
To look outside is far from easy.
The pantry is empty, not a cake to be seen,
Potatoes moulding in an unwashed tureen.

My husband glares and tears his hair,
For on his shirt not a button is there.
My daughter says it's like Peyton Place,
With Mum uncovering the human race.

At night I lay me down to sleep,
I'm counting Metcalfes instead of sheep.
"Where did James marry his mate?
Why did Alice leave it so late?
Could Anthony be the son of John?
Why was Lister's boy called Washington?
Was Booth Hay named for a General?
Alas, he only made Lieutenant Colonel.
Did William Pitt win his Brief,
And did he defend old Fagin the thief?"

Poor Isabella orphaned at eleven,
Sent into service, it can't have been Heaven.
Then she wed Grandpa and to my Father gave birth.
And that is the reason for all this mirth.

I spend all my time in the C.R.O.
And down the Archives I must go .
Census and P.R.s are all grist to the mill,
I've dozens of notebooks still to fill.
To St. Catherine's London I am booked

YES, IT'S FAMILY RESEARCH AND AM I HOOKED?!!

By Dorothy Pope (M055)

First appeared in Mecca News No 8. December 1982

Mecca Quiz

And now for a quiz. It will not be too difficult (but neither will it be that easy!) and all the answers can be found in this Issue.

1. Murderer Richard's village.
2. An East Indies sailor/soldier.
3. A field description of Nappa.
4. A Canadian Metcalfe. First Name.
5. Ashes also get this; not flowers.
6. Three calves recorded in whose Visitation?
7. "Squire of Askrigg". Surname.
8. Napoleon's residence.
9. Northumbrian family.
10. Longest serving Editor. Surname.
11. Treasure trove; not silver or gold coins.
12. Secretary's first name.
13. In which issue was the Metcalfe logo first used?
14. Agincourt's month.
15. Brenda's surname.
16. Poor Isabella at eleven.

Now take the first letter of each word and re-arrange them into an important piece of Metcalfe history. Answers on page 48.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY of FRED METCALFE

I was born March 12, 1903 at Fell End Farm near the village of Ingleton in the West Riding of Yorkshire. I was the youngest of twelve children born to William and Catherine Metcalfe. When I was one year old my family rented a farm at Clapham. I can remember that we had lots of visitors to see the house which was built in the time of Oliver Cromwell. The farm was more or less a sheep ranch. I spent many happy days on that hill farm but it was not to last. The war broke out in 1914 and it was not long before two of my brothers were in the army. One went at a later date. With little help my father had to quit the larger farm and rented another on the same estate.

In the middle of May 1917 my parents were informed that my brothers were missing in action; my sister Sarah's husband was also reported missing. Later it was confirmed that George was killed on 3 May at Ypres, James was wounded but recovered. Later that year, at the age of 14 I left home to work in a grocery store where I worked for seven years before joining a large company. After working in Doncaster, Worcester, Leeds and Bradford I ended up as branch manager.

In 1929 I decided to emigrate to Canada. The depression had set in and the company was laying off men. I could see the writing on the wall and there was nothing to hold me back, my parents had died and with them went the home.

I landed in Quebec in March 1930. When I left England flowers were in bloom but here it was cold, with snow on the streets. We had not been prepared for what awaited us in the promised land. The pamphlets we were given showed waving fields of wheat and prosperous looking farms. They did not mention the terrible winters and the hot summers.

After a day in Montreal we boarded an emigrant train going west. I decided to stop in Winnipeg, however the depression was starting to be felt in Canada and there was very little



Fred Metcalfe
1903 - 1994

work available to a green Englishman. After a month I found work on a dairy farm in Ontario. We worked 15 hours a day, seven days a week all for forty dollars a month. When the dairy owner died I came back to Manitoba.

The depression had hit and I was working on farms for five and ten dollars a month. We worked hard threshing, haying, stooking, milking cows and other chores. We supplied a lot of our own entertainment with card parties, dances, horse shoe tournaments etc. Times were hard but we were happy.

In 1937 I bought a quarter section of land near Graysville for six hundred dollars. I broke up some of the land and got a fair crop. The next year a hailstorm ruined it so I had to take a job driving the school van to help pay expenses. Again in 1939 I barely broke even with drought and grasshoppers taking much of the crop.

In 1939 war broke out in Europe. In the spring of 1940 I went to Winnipeg to offer my services. Canada was not recruiting at that time so in the fall I went to England to join the British army. I was posted to the 98th Field Regiment (Artillery) then about a year later I was transferred to the Canadian army and posted to the 13RCA. We were part of the D-Day invasion - June 6, 1944 was a day never to forget. The following year with the war over I was sent home.

Two years later Fred Metcalfe married and went on to have eight children. In 1961 for health reasons he quit farming and bought a small country store which he ran until he was seventy. He died June 1, 1994 at the age of 91.

Supplied by his daughter Shirley Metcalfe (M731) of Manitoba from a fuller autobiography.

COLLECTION OF THE GENERAL REGISTRATION INDEXES.

Patrick Malham is continuing this valuable work and at the AGM he asked for help to reach the year 1920 by next year's AGM.

Several of our members volunteered to cover varying amounts of time but we do need MORE of you to help with this work. To get you started it need only be to cover ONE YEAR - see how you progress and maybe then you will feel able to carry on with further years - but not before you double check with Patrick to see whether that year has been covered! Remember that we have now reached the stage of MUCH EASIER reading and extraction as the indexes are now typed.

PLEASE contact Patrick
(address in the Committee list)
for further information and advice.

THE LADY MARY OF MIDDLEHAM

By
JP Warwick Metcalfe (M256)

Following his conquest of England, King William I displaced the old Saxon Earldom of Richmond (Yorkshire) with one of his own kinsman, his cousin Alan Rufus, in 1069/70 AD. Within Earl Alan's domains lay many of the old Saxon manors, which he in turn enfeoffed (transferred) to his supporters. Amongst these was one named Ribald, to whom he granted the Lordship of the manor of Middleham. This lordship itself included the following manors :

Castle Bolton, Spennithorne, Redmire, Scafton, East Hawxwell, Thornton Wanless, Swainby and Allenthorpe, to which the manor of Carleton and the forest of Coverdale (amounting to some 10,000 acres) were subsequently added through marriage.

Ribald's son Randolph inherited the Middleham Lordship, followed in turn by Randolph's son Robert, who was also invested with the wardenship of the forest of Wensleydale by Conan the Fifth Earl of Richmond (died 1171AD).

Mary the 'Lady of Middleham' is reputed to have been Robert's great granddaughter and therefore owed her title and important position as a landowner to her direct descent from Ribald, First Lord of Middleham.

In 1270AD she married Robert Neville, a son of Robert, Lord of Raby, but her husband died in 1271AD only a year later, leaving her widowed with an infant son, in charge of a domain including a large number of manors and very extensive forest lands. It was essential to find an able and loyal chief steward to administer such great responsibilities on her behalf.

Luckily a suitable man to take it on lived not very far away. He was named Adam de Medecalf, a great grandson of William Medecalf de Dent, the first individual known to have borne the family name. This was evolved initially to identify his land holdings in the area of Dent, by the commissioners defining the border between the Yorkshire West Riding and the newly-created County of Westmorland between 1175- 1177AD, during the reign of Henry II 1154-1189AD. William Medecalf also served as chief forester of Wensleydale from 1194-1200AD, meaning he exercised jurisdiction over the forest laws.

Like his great grandfather Adam was an established landowner in his own right in the districts of Dent and Lonsdale, and was also steward of the Abbey lands of Jervaux. His situation and experience enabled to fulfil his appointment as chief steward to the '**Lady of Middleham**' with such good results that she came to rely on him. He settled other

members of the 'clan' on Bowes Moor, in Arkengarthdale and Swaledale, to act as a buffer between the Middleham lands and the Scottish sheep and cattle raiders, and trained his fellow Dalesman in the use of the longbow, superior to all other types. He also concentrated on improving the local breeds of horses, cattle and sheep.

Adam's duties involved adjustments to boundaries, settling disputes and dealing with trespassers, poachers and other felons. The latter finally led to his death at the hands of 'Richard' - a disaffected local inhabitant - at the stone bridge (where the parishes of Dent and Askrigg adjoin).

An extract translated from Latin in the Assize Roll 7 (1057M1) in the reign of Edward I (1237-1307AD) records the following :

'Richard de Staynbrigge of Dent killed Adam de Medecalf of the same place and immediately fled, and he is suspect, therefore let him be exacted and outlawed. Value of his chattels 14/6d for which the same sheriff is to respond. The first finder has died.'

Adam is purported to have been shot by his assailant with an arrow from a longbow and the date 1278 has been associated with this event, but at present I have no means of knowing whether the extract from the Assize Roll is complete, or other way of authenticating these points.

It is generally assumed that Adam was succeeded in his post by his son Adam de Bainbrige, aged 25 at the time. But it is worth pointing out that although a certain amount of information and logic suggest this is so, they do not come strictly within the scope of enough certainty to satisfy a genealogist.

OBITUARIES

It is with sadness and regret that we have to report the death of four
of our Members

M059 Jean Bradley of Ben Rhydding

M070 Ken Metcalfe Banks of St Austell

M317 Stanley Metcalfe of Colchester

M395 David Metcalfe of Bargate, Richmond.

We offer our love and sympathy to all their families.

HOW I FOUND MY METCALFE FAMILY AND THE CONSEQUENCES

by
Dorothy Pope (M055)

Part I - The Search.

In another part of this issue* there is a copy of a poem printed in an earlier edition of the News, which I had written after a sleepless night trying to sort out my Metcalfe problems. It all began in 1934 when an aunt and uncle moved to Harrogate and I discovered the Dales; I loved them and felt a vague sense of belonging there.

About twenty years ago my cousin asked me if I knew where our grandfather was born. I didn't, so I decided to join a Family History class and learn how to go about discovering his place of birth and parentage. Since then all I've found out about my Maternal Grandfather Robert Moore is that he was born somewhere in Ireland on 2 December 1843, the son of James or David and Jane ? Moore possibly with Scottish Presbyterian connections. I was to have much better luck with my Paternal Grandparents, though all I knew of them was that Grandpa Pelmeor was born in Cornwall.

One day I visited the only remaining relative of the previous generation, one of my late Father's sisters in law, then an old lady of 80 plus. I asked her if she knew the maiden name of my Grandmother and where she was born. She told me Isabella was a Calvert, born in Muker in Swaledale and buried in Eston cemetery in 1892 when my Father was only 8 years old. The very next day I went to Eston cemetery office and was pointed in the direction of a headstone which not only gave me Isabella's age but also the name of a hitherto unknown son who died soon after birth.

As one can imagine this was the lead I needed but a search at Richmond Registry Office drew a blank and I began to doubt Aunt Ethel's power of memory. However I felt the Muker connection had to have some element of truth. Maybe Isabella was born in Eston, so my next step was to visit Middlesbrough Registry Office and there within ten minutes I was in possession of her birth certificate which informed me that Isabella was born on 9 July 1855 in Eston the daughter of John and Mary Ann (nee Smith) Calvert.

I then searched the 1861 Census for Normanby and Eston where once again I drew a blank - no sign of a John and Mary Calvert and family. Undaunted I searched further and in Normanby found an Alice Calvert, Widow aged 56, landholder, born in Muker, with her 3 unmarried sons and a daughter Isabella age 14 all born in Dalton near Richmond Yorks. This Isabella was obviously not my grandmother but could be her aunt. Casting my net further I found a family of Airton's, the wife Anne born Muker; in the same household a

John Calvert, visitor, widower age 32 born Muker. So, if this John was my Great Grandfather where was his daughter Isabella? Further search uncovered a William Smith born in Caldbeck, Cumberland, his wife and two children and his niece Isabella age 5 years born ESTON, which gave me the information that Isabella was being cared for by her dead Mother's Brother's Family. Now in racing parlance "I was off".

A visit to Northallerton Record Office produced John Calvert's baptism in Muker Parish Church on 23 Nov. 1828 the son of John and Alice Calvert, Farmer and Miner of Muker. I also found the baptisms of his older sister Margaret b1826, plus Anne b1830, Alice b1834 and Jane b1836, then apparently no more children. This was all I had time for but I came back home on cloud 9! It so happened that the next day I visited a friend who was an old lady of 81, a retired schoolmistress and a mine of information on any subject connected with the countryside and local history. When I told her I'd been to the Record Office in Northallerton looking for my Calvert ancestors in Swaledale she asked if I had found any Metcalfes or Raws in my line because if I hadn't I surely would! How prophetic her words were.

On my next visit to the Record Office I found the marriage of my Great x2 Grandparents John and Alice (nee RAW) Calvert in 1826 and then Alice's baptism in 1804. She was the daughter of Margaret (Peggie) and Thomas Raw the Parish Clerk, which in turn led me to the marriage which took place on 7 July 1796 and the ceremony performed by the Bride's Father the Rev. Lister METCALFE. Searching the register further back I found Margaret was baptised, again by her Father, on 13 January 1776 and on 16 Nov. 1777 her brother Lister Washington was baptised; he would also figure in my future family story.

Next I joined the Family History branch of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society and from their journal discovered a Metcalfe breakaway group was being formed, so I joined that too. At that stage there were only about 13 members but by the time my application was processed my number was 55. In the course of about two years I was to find no less than 12 other members also descended from the Rev. Lister's siblings but only Warwick Metcalfe and I actually descended from Lister who was baptised 14 June 1740 at Hawes Parish Church the son of Anthony a Yeoman Farmer and Alice (nee Metcalfe) METCALFE of Gayle, Hawes in Wensleydale.

I had now realised my old friend's prophesy, not only had I got Raw in my Dales line but also Metcalfe, Milner, Simm, Washington, Farrer, Wilkinson, Simondston, Snell, Winn, Hudson, two other direct Metcalfe lines and another direct Raw line so I felt I could safely say I was a child of the Yorkshire Dales!

To be continued..... Part II The Consequences..... In the next Issue of the Mecca News.

****See page 14 for "Mecca's Lament" by Dorothy Pope.***

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

Newsletter no 49 arrived today (8/8/96) and in answer to the query about Bowbridge on page 29, this is an area lying between Askrigg and Bainbridge just north of the Ure, where Grange Beck runs under the road. For civil administration purposes it is in Low Abbotside. There appear to have been at least two or three properties there before a Primitive Methodist Chapel was built on the site.

Denny Minnit (M410)

Would it be too much trouble to have a page or two of members interests like that which appears in the Family History Magazine but still keeping to the Metcalfe names? We could pay a fee, of say £1 per entry and our membership number / address would be added for anyone wishing to contact us. I for one would be interested in any Metcalf(e)'s connected to Wallasey, Merseyside from 1920 to 1940.

Brenda Thompson (M660)

(What do other members think? - Ed.)

The Northumberland & Durham FHS Library is gathering momentum - although it must take absolutely ages (not to mention pots of money) to get a fully equipped library established! It's on the second floor of Bolbec Hall, Westgate Road, Newcastle which is just around the corner from the Central Station.

Opening times are ; Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays - 10am to 5pm; Wednesdays - 10am to 8.30pm; Thursdays - 1pm to 8.30pm and Saturdays - 11am to 6pm. As timings can change ring 0191 2612159 for details.

Among other sources held at the library are the LDS microfiche of the 1881 census for the whole of England and Wales and the microfiche of the Old Parish Registers of Scotland.

Pauline Walden (M775)

I recently received a Metcalfe will, two bonds and an admon which donot relate to my ancestors but might be useful to another member. Will 1 is of William Metcalfe of Hackergill in Dent in the Parish of Sedburgh, Yorkshire a coal miner, dated 11 December 1802. The admon with bond attached is in the name of Annas Medcalf who was seeking to administer the estate of her brother John Medcalf of Sedbergh a bachelor "without child grandchild father or mother" who died 3 April 1821, estate under the value of £350. The first bond is in the name of Ellen Metcalfe widow of Ingleton Yorkshire seeking to administer the estate of James Metcalfe collier late of Westhouse in the parish of Thornton Yorkshire. Dated 31 December 1799. The second bond is in the name of George Metcalf farmer of Wharf in the parish of Clapham Yorkshire, seeking to administer the estate of Richard Metcalf of Winshowe in the parish of Benthams Yorkshire. Dated 22 February 1803. Richard's widow Isabel Metcalfe is also mentioned. I should be happy to send any of these to anyone interested.

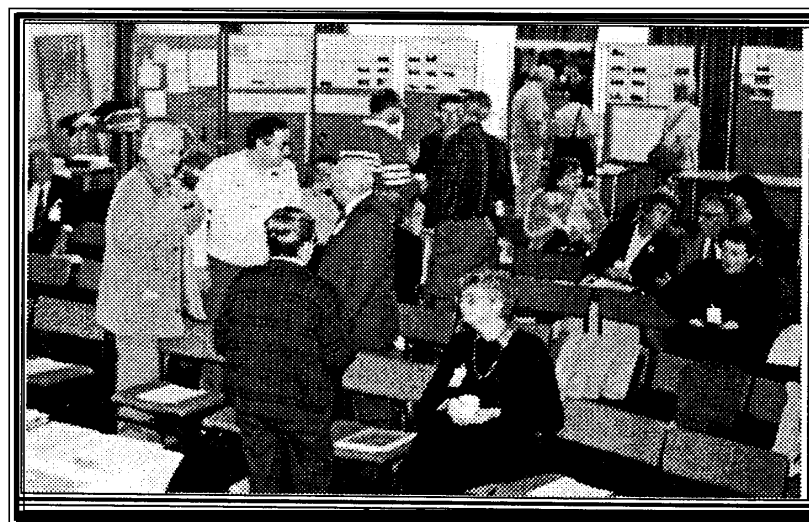
Now a personal plea : I should be most grateful if anyone who knows the Sedbergh area could tell me anything about Derry Hall which is supposed to be near.

Rosemary Brown (M756)

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Recruiting a new member - Dorothy Pope signing up Mrs E Burke (M846)



Open Session

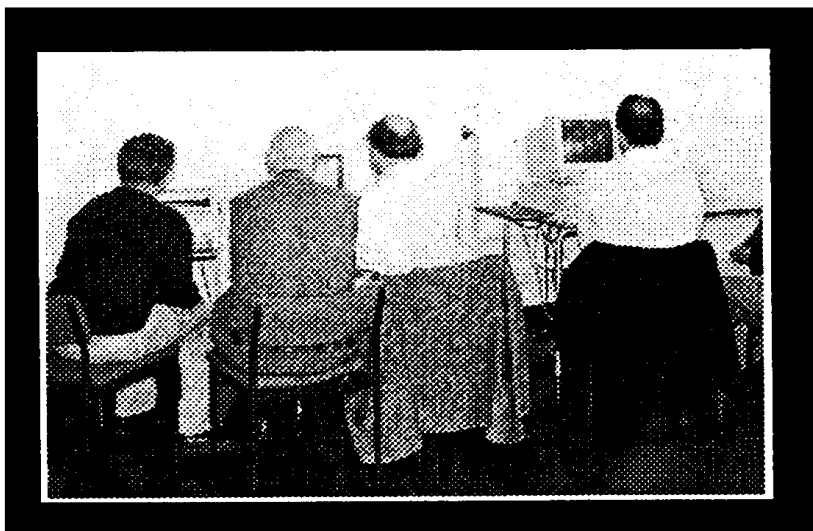
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Impressions
by
Irene Baker (M758)

As a new member of the Society attending my first Muster I was 'asked' (Whatever can she mean! - Ed) to give my thoughts - so for better or worse here goes.

On a bright and sunny morning I caught a train from Norwich and headed North to Harrogate to what was to be a completely new experience for me. With overnight bag and briefcase (filled with my little research into the great name of Metcalfe), I felt sure on my return journey I would have lots more information. Being new to the Society I really had no idea what to expect (or who!). On arrival at the College on Friday afternoon I was met by a very enthusiastic George Buxton who whisked me inside to meet the sub-committee who were discussing the Metcalfe Family History book and in particular Metcalfes in India - which greatly interests me as that is where my research starts.

Saturday morning came all too soon. Before I could gather my thoughts it was AGM time. I must say that this was not the stuffy affair I had imagined it might be; the main business was duly discussed and dealt with, everyone having a chance to voice their opinions. Then came the Open Session which gave us all an opportunity to meet and talk to the hardened researchers and glean lots of fascinating information from them. This to me was very important as



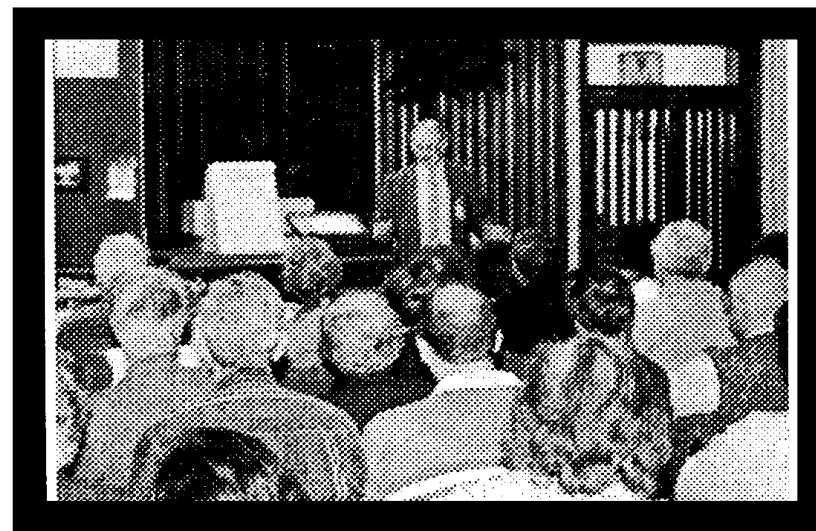
Hardened researchers!

living so far from Yorkshire I do feel isolated. With no one to connect to I do get very frustrated when I draw a blank, however being a part of a group for even a week-end fired my enthusiasm.

Having no-one in the Society to connect to I was saddened (a twilit is what I believe we types are called) but Charles Metcalfe persuaded me to delve into the computer with him and after a small hiccup with wrong dates the printer would not stop regurgitating information connected directly to me - in fact at the touch of a button we went back to 1386 - no one can ever know how pleased I am.

Sunday morning saw us having coffee and chatting before settling down to a most informative and interesting talk by Warwick Metcalfe on the book he is writing on the Family History. This is going to be a great achievement; such a lot of hard work and research has already gone into this and much more is to come. After lunch it was Open Session which gave us another chance to find out more, tie up any loose ends for those of us who had been there on Saturday and ask any final questions.

I am sure all the way home to Norfolk I had a smile on my face with everything I had learnt - not to mention winning the first prize in the Saturday raffle of the beautiful picture painted by Mrs Lillah Metcalfe (M218) which I will treasure. It is such a fitting memory of my first Muster that I will be back next year. Did I enjoy the week-end? Most certainly YES. My thanks to all who made such an interesting and sociable week-end possible.



Sunday Morning

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Time for a break!



Mrs Hilda Lunn M769 with the family Bible discovered by June Cox

The Metcalfe Book An Update

At the Muster on 13 October Warwick Metcalfe (M256) gave an update of the state of affairs regarding the Metcalfe Family Book.

"The form of the book is emerging quite clearly into three distinct parts namely:-

a) The early history of how the family evolved. Ninety two A4 sides so far. Currently up to the founding of Nappa and the end of the Wars of the Roses (the time of Thomas and Miles Metcalfe, sons of James who was at Agincourt). The remainder, it is hoped will be completed in 120 - 130 sides (60 - 65 pages).

b) Members Trees. Seventy three sides (36 pages) have been prepared working back from the 1851 Census on members who have two or more ancestors at this point. Siblings are only included when they related to members. All others are left out in the interests of keeping trees as clean as possible. If those who don't belong wish to know more they should join the Society and get the information that way. We don't wish them just to buy the book.

c) The third section was the subject of a long discussion at the special meeting of the Editorial Board before the AGM. It was decided that this section should aim to give readers a picture of the huge variety of occupations in which members of the family have become involved over the centuries ie social history of the nation as seen through recording the activities of the Metcalfes. This section not to be separate but integrated wherever possible with the section dealing with family trees of the various branches.

To sum up we have a book of some 82 A4 pages written at the present time, along with a large number of diagrams and photos. Another 10/15 pages on the stocks. We are aiming at a book between 180 - 200 pages, which will have a somewhat (but not all that much) smaller format than A4, so are well on the way. Main effort this year will go into getting the third (final) section to a state where it can be seen to be under way like the other two."



Joan Metcalfe and George Buxton

Mecca Miscellany

Wakefield Registry of Deeds. Vol 30 1819 - 1848.

Ref	Name & Location	Book	Page	No	Date
2108	Henry Metcalf , Galphay, Kirkby Malzeard	L9	116	135	1832
2111	Jane Metcalf , Galphay	L	359	357	1832
		L	360	358	1832
2122	William Metcalfe , Galphay LI	359	357	1832	
	33 other properties at various places				
2127	Andrew Metcalfe, Galwheay alias Galphay	IY	537	504	1827
	NR Will	IY	530	498	1827
	Bradford Penny Oaks	PN	628	668	1/1847
2145.6	James Metcalfe , Ripon All Hallowsgate	NI	395	451	2/1839
	Ripon All Hallowsgate	NI	245	262	2/1839
2166.7	Thomas Metcalfe , Galwhay alias Galphey	IY	537	504	1827

Other entries appeared in Mecca News, Issue 48.

Supplied by Mrs K Cole (M443).

History and Antiquities of Leicestershire - John Nichols.

- Vol 2 Page 721. Medbourne Lei. (Gartre Hendred)
Rector of Medbourne Church - **Christopher Metcalfe**, chaplain, 27 Oct 1519.
He continued in 1534. Patronage of Henry Lord Scrope of Bolton.
- Vol 3 Page 471 Tilton Lei. (East Goscote)
Vicar of Tilton Church - **Thomas Metcalfe**, 14 April 1733 (to Dec 1769). Patronage of Sir George Dalston, Knt.
- Vol 3 Page 877 Lockington (West Goscote).
Vicar **George Metcalfe**. 10 Aug 1703 (to Feb 1739?). Patronage of John Bainbrigge, Esq.
- Vol 4 Page 815 Narborough, Lei. (including part of Little Thorpe).
Enclosure of common fields of "Narborow" mentions '**Thomas Metcalf**, clerk, as rector, and entitled to certain glebe lands and to tithes of the common arable fields but not to the tithe of the common meadowland...'
- Vol 4 Page 817 Narborough, Monumental Inscriptions.
Near the altar rails on flat stones:
Thomas Metcalfe, son of the Rev. **Thomas Metcalfe**, rector of Narborough, died 11 March 1737 age 13.

Supplied by Susanne A J Metcalfe (M150).

Sandwich & Snack News (Issue 33 - April 1996).

Winner of the BSA (British Sandwich Association) Award for exceptional influence in the development of the sandwich industry **Julian Metcalfe** of Pret a Manger, the London sandwich bar chain.

☺ Hints, Tips, Publications and Useful Sources

Unable to do your own research at Kew? The Public Record Office, Reader Services Department are offering to search the Army, Navy and Marine medal rolls for WW I, gallantry awards for WW II, design records and Royal Navy continuous records between 1853 and 1892. There is also a search facility for the census records, Prerogative Court of Canterbury wills and non-conformist registers. Each service costs £18.80 (inc VAT) and includes postage and copies of documents. More details from Bruno Derrick, Reader Services Dept., Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond Surrey TW9 4DU or ring the telephone help point 0181 392 5200.

Looking for Wills post-1858? Now costs 75p for a copy irrespective of the number of pages or 25p to read a will from Somerset House. Obtained by post from York Probate Sub Registry, Duncombe Place, York YO1 2EA. Give name of person sought, address, date of death and £2 fee payable to "HMPG". *Don't forget the Metcalfe Wills books 1 - 5 available from the Librarian Mrs Carol Arkwright. See inside front cover for address - Ed.*

Overseas members could make savings. If you have not heard of this why not give it a try? Purchase British Airmail stamps or aerograms from the British Philatelic Bureau Edinburgh EH3 5TT Scotland. Can pay by Visa or Mastercard, add 34p for handling charges. Airmail upto 10g - 43p, over 10g upto 20g - 63p, aerogram 36p.

Need a map to identify that landholding? Maps for Family History - "A Guide to the records of the Tithe Valuation Office and National Farm Surveys of England and Wales 1836-1943" by William Frost. PRO Readers Guide No 9 - £8.95. Also free leaflets: No 41 - Tithe Records, No 68 - Valuation Office Records and No 129 - National Farm Surveys (1940-1943). All from the Public Record Office - see address above.

Tracing your Family History in Australia? Try a Guide to Sources by Nick Vine Hall, 2nd ed 1994 657 pages. Price A\$45 plus p&p - overseas: surface A\$20, airmail A\$40. Available from Scriptorium Family History Centre, 386 Ferrars Street, Albert Park 3206, Australia. You could also try "South Australia Convicts Sentenced to Transportation 1837 - 1851" by Graham Jaunay, 68 pages A5 size. A history of transportation with particular reference to South Australia, available from Adelaide Proformat, 7 East Terrace, South Plympton SA5035, Australia. Price A\$8.00 plus p&p. (UK Air Mail +A\$11, Economy Mail +A\$10, Surface Mail +A\$4.50).

Have you ancestors who worked in the Rowntree Cocoa Works? Over 2000 marriages (1906 - 1926) extracted by Mr McCann of York from their magazine. Copies to be found in York Reference Library, York City Archives and Borthwick Institute, York.

Agincourt

The rise of Nappa

The dawn of a new century, the beginning of a new kingship. Henry Bolingbroke, son of John of Gaunt of the House of Lancaster, usurper of the throne of Richard II, founder of a new dynasty looked to cement his rise to power. He was beset on all sides by pressures from supporters seeking rewards in recognition of their help in securing the throne and from the conspiracies of his enemies. The seeds of Lancastrian destruction leading to the subsequent rise of the Yorkists later in the century were sown at this time as were the changes to the fortunes of one of the branches of the Medecalf (Metcalf) clan.

The Black Death during the middle and late 1300's had accelerated the erosion of the old feudal system. This, together with the defeat of the Scots in 1346, led to increased trade and the amassing of land and wealth by many. One of these was John Medecalf of Bainbridge. His substantial landholdings in Wensleydale and Wharfedale (over 10,000 acres) and shares in lead mining in the district led him to be considered by the Medecalf's as the "head of that kin". John was also a friend and counsellor to Ralph Neville of Middleham, Richard Scrope of Castle Bolton, Henry Percy and others - all men of influence.

The family ties and relationships in the northern dales were often intertwined and frequently complex, resulting at times in conflicting interests. The infant Lancastrian dynasty was supported by the strongest family in the North - the Nevilles of Raby and Middleham. Their base at Middleham became one of the strongest baronial seats in England, being known later in the 1400's as "The Court of the North". Ralph Neville supported Henry Bolingbroke; in 1399 in his struggle with Richard II; in the later rebellions of Northumberland (Percy); and the revolt of the Mowbrays and Scropes. The Scropes, through an antecedent Sir Geoffrey le Scrope, bought, in 1329, the Manor of Masham which also included land along the north side of the Yore (Ure) by Castle Bolton. It was his grandson, Richard the 'Good' Archbishop of York in 1405 who at the prompting of the Percys led the rising, which was easily crushed. The long association with the Nevilles decided the path for John. As a result of the Nevilles' support for Henry Bolingbroke, John Medecalf's family and the clan generally prospered.

Henry's constant struggles with his earls and barons and the Welsh broke his health, brought on insanity and led to an increase in the power and responsibilities of his son Prince Henry. Eventually in 1413 the King succumbed to his ills and the prince then only twenty-six succeeded to the throne as Henry V. The need to strengthen the still weak Lancastrians led Henry to resurrect the long standing claim to the throne of France. An army was assembled at Southampton in preparation for the assault on France in the August of 1415; amongst the leaders were Nevilles, Percys, Scropes and Mowbrays! On the eve of departure, a plot to depose the King, headed by Richard, Earl of Cambridge, supported by Henry Scrope - a great grandson of Sir Geoffrey le Scrope, was uncovered. Shakespeare, in

his play, described Scrope as "...cruel, ungrateful, savage and inhuman creature". The Earl of Cambridge was a distant relative of the king, whilst *another* Scrope, Sir Richard, Lord Scrope of Bolton Castle, was a supporter of the king. Lord Scrope was accompanied by James Metcalf, son of John Medecalf of Bainbridge and confidant of Ralph Neville! Sir Richard Scrope and James - his captain and second in command - controlled 15 men at arms and 45 archers.

The English fleet eventually sailed for Harfleur landing on 14th August. The army was quite small so Henry's plan was to take the town quickly and then appropriate as much land as possible. Harfleur was not a success. The defenders of the small walled town fought hard, giving rise to the now famous lines from Shakespeare's play, "Once more unto the breach..." as the besiegers tried to break through. The attack dragged on, supplies ran low and large numbers of the English army took to eating the local shellfish. The result was disastrous. The water was contaminated by the town's sewerage; over two thousand died. After a month the town still showed no sign of falling, and the besiegers were almost in despair. It must have been at this time that Sir Richard Scrope ran short of money to pay his contingent and James Metcalf came to his aid with a loan. However, the defenders realising that the French king, Charles VI, had left them to their own devices, decided to save themselves and negotiated a surrender.

Harfleur was entered on 23rd September, but at what cost? Henry had lost a quarter of his force. The Kings' commanders advised against proceeding further. Henry refused. Rather than withdraw, he decided to march quickly for Calais some 160 miles away, raiding along the way, with the aim of getting something out of the expedition. As the march commenced, the weather turned wet and cold. However, the three day, 60 mile march to Arques was completed successfully and the castle - although well situated - quickly capitulated, supplying the English with food and wine. The army then marched through the worsening weather, towards the River Somme. Here the French had drawn their battle lines; destroying the river crossings and gathering a large army. The English could find no way across and were becoming hungry and desperate in the poor conditions. On 16th October they forced the garrison of the town of Boves to give them bread, but this was not enough to fully feed the eight thousand English. Desperate men do desperate things, and on the night of 19th October, Henry's men forced a passage over the swollen river. For a few days they avoided the French, but on the evening of 24th October, they found their way to Calais barred by over thirty thousand Frenchmen.

That night the heavy rain continued with the thousands of archers and men-at-arms sheltering under trees or bushes, or out in the open, fearful of the coming day. The morning of 25th October, 1415 dawned grey and wet and the majority of the outnumbered English army, probably thought it was to be their last. On orders the archers moved out onto the track that served as a road, and forced six foot long stakes into the ground (to slow down the French mounted men-at-arms) whilst the English men-at-arms took positions on the flanks bordering the woods on either side of the road, and awaited the anticipated crushing

onslaught. They waited... and they waited.... But the French did not advance. The English in the rain could not wait, they advanced to within three hundred yards of the French and for the second time drove their stakes into the earth. The initiative was then taken by the English; the archers pushed their supply of arrows into the mud; made sure they had spare linen or hemp bow strings (and possibly waved their two arrow draw fingers in the air, the forerunner of the present reverse V sign); and on the command of the Earl of Effingham, drew back their bows. The prowess of the English archers was well known, the foremost being the men of the dales - with the Metcalfs considered the best of all - as the French were soon to find out.

Thousands of arrows sped into the air. The French were taken by surprise, believing themselves out of range. Stung into action, they moved. As they advanced they were caught by more of the English arrows, which further inflamed their anger. At first the French knights and mounted men-at-arms tried to outflank the English forces, but, because of the protection given by the woods, were driven back onto the front ranks of Henry's army. The horses found difficulty with the muddy terrain and the first wave slithered into the wall of stakes. Those that weren't taken by the arrows, were dispatched by the lightly armed archers, using short swords or daggers. They moved more easily in the conditions than the mail covered men-at-arms and killed many before they could regain their feet in the mud. As the first wave foundered on the rock that was the English line, and the remnants turned to flee they met the second wave of some eight thousand charging French. Bloody chaos ensued. The English took the opportunity and slew at least six thousand. The French fled; the way to Calais was open!

A treaty was signed with Charles VI of France and the English returned home victorious. In addition to the spoils of war, James Metcalf claimed his loan from Sir Richard Scrope, but instead of repayment was enfeoffed some four hundred acres on the north side of the Yore opposite his home at Worton. The land at Nappa(y) (Old English - turnip field) was without a house of the standard James was accustomed to at Worton, but it was well-situated, being described by Leland as, "good for feeding cattle". It contained only a small building known as No Castle. James Metcalf resided both at Worton and Nappa, but it was not until 1459 that Nappa Hall was erected, and the family made it their main home.

So from unexpected beginnings, saw the rise of Nappa. Without Henry V's escapade into Northern France in 1415; without the determination of the defenders of Harfleur (leading to Sir Richard Scrope's need for a loan); and finally without the victory against almost impossible odds, a small part of the Scrope landholdings would not have become home to the main branch of the Metcalf clan.

PWD



Sources - GUNN, Peter *The Yorkshire Dales*
METCALFE, Thomas *Medecalf*
SHAKESPEARE, William *Henry V*
WILKINSON, B *The Later Middle Ages in England 1216-1485*
Mecca News, No. 17

Computer Notes

By the time these few paragraphs are read Summer 1996 will be a distant memory and I hopefully, will be hard at work on the computer, entering what appears to be a back log of data. That is not to say the Society has too much information regarding our ancestors. Any new information is greatly received, especially from outside North Yorkshire, but please send it firstly to our secretary (address inside the front cover) for that vital process of photocopying.

As a way of an introduction to new members, to the process of collecting records, there are three main areas to concentrate on, which are locally available, namely parish records, census records and memorial inscriptions. I know time is usually at a premium especially for those members like myself who "enjoy" a full time occupation. But if members can spare a few hours to search above and beyond the call of their own family tree, the Society would be most grateful. Statistically there must be thousands of records out there waiting to be collected!

I have just two personal hints to add to the many guides that have been published as research aids, including the Society's own, written by David Lambert. Firstly, do not overlook marriage banns as they can give a possible insight into a marriage in another parish or county, other than the one that is being researched. Secondly memorial inscriptions are best collected in the winter months, when the shadows are long and the vast amounts of undergrowth that sadly adorn some of our churchyards, has died down.

Finally it falls to me to proudly announce that the Society's computer database currently (October 1996) stands at 62,547 individual records; 67,286 birth, marriage and death certificates and 80,509 lines of information regarding Metcalf(e)'s extracted from the 1992 edition of the IGI. With the help of members past and present over the last 16 years, I think we can boast to have the best one name research database in the country.

David Metcalfe (M046)

Chairman's Column

In 1980 Vera Adams and Mary Metcalfe addressed the first issue of the MECCA NEWS to potential members. The Society was born.

We owe a great deal to those early members who had enough interest in the Metcalfe clan, and also sufficient energy, to put in place the structure that we all get a great deal of enjoyment from today.

The Metcalfe Society now has over 400 members, a number that keeps increasing; an increase in records from 175 cards held by Helen Offer in 1980, to the 63,000 Mecca Index, as well as the records on paper, wills etc. An enormous collection of knowledge and data all available to members.

A distillation of this collection is in the hands of Warwick Metcalfe, who with his editorial board has the task of producing the Metcalfe Family History Book. The shape is set - the sub-committee is at work; start of production is imminent!

The Society has had a good and exciting year thanks in the main to the excellent work of committee members and officers; but your interest and help are needed on many fronts, see elsewhere in this issue, in particular from members with their own personal computer and a willingness to spend a few hours a month inputting data-please contact David Metcalfe the Index Keeper.

Charles S Metcalfe (M305)

UPDATE

In Issue 47 (page 27) mention was made of the modern Forest Horn of Wensleydale and a comment made as to whether members knew what happened to the old horn.

All was revealed in the July 1996 issue of the Dalesman (page 60) when it was stated that the older horn was encased above the modern one at the Rose and Crown in Bainbridge.

Mecca Miscellany (2)

Low Inn, Askrigg, Yorkshire. September 1614. **John Metcalfe** did "one Sundy shot at butts, drank in house at time of divine service" ; discharged from keeping an ale house.

Kirkby Stephen War Memorial. 1914-1919. "To our Glorious Dead" **Gnr C Metcalfe, RGA**

Newchurch in Pendle, Lancs. 1914-1919. Men from this Parish who fell in the Great War. Also Served. **Pte Thomas Metcalfe**. Men from this Parish who Served in the World War 1939-45. **Dvr Hartley Metcalfe**.

City of York & District FHS Magazine No 39, page 6, May 1996. The Rising in the North (1569) saw those who had taken part executed. From entries for Richmondshire: Village - Hallekeld; **Wylliam Metcalf** of Melmrbye.

The Banyan Tree no 67, July 1996. An article about Ambrose Glenton Tyson (1816-1891) - "A man of many parts". Mentions his son in law, **Matthew Metcalfe**, a coal merchant in the 1871 Census for Pickering.

Alderson FHS Magazine February 1996. Evelyn Peacock reminisces about her upbringing by her grandmother a daughter of **John Metcalfe** of Keld and Ann Alderson (daughter of John Alderson of Thorns) who married in March 1860.

Economist 29 July 1995. **David Metcalfe**, Professor of Economics at the London School of Economics.

Publications

Missing ancestor, looking for ideas on where to search? The Society of Genealogists book "My Ancestors moved in England & Wales" by Anthony J Camp, 66p Price £4.60, might help.

Looking for Window Tax documents? Find out where they are from the Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS) publication "Land and Window Tax Assessments" by Jeremy Gibson, Mervyn Medlycott and Dennis Mills. 52p Price £2.50.

Another FFHS publication which you might find of use is "Marriage Census and Other Indexes for Family Historians" (5th Edition) by Jeremy Gibson and Elizabeth Hampson. 64p Price £2.50.

For those of you into using computers and wanting to use them to produce family trees by spreadsheets take a look at "Spreadsheet Family Trees" by Guy Lawton. Price £3. Published by David Hawgood 26 Cloister Road Acton London W3 0DE.

This time the publication is in microfiche form. "Return of Owners of Land, 1873". For Yorks (W. Riding) - £3.00, Yorks (E. Riding) - £1.75, Lancs - £2.50 and Lincs - £3.00. All include postage. Obtained from Mrs R Cleaver 17, Lane End Drive, Knaphill, Woking, Surrey GU21 2QP. Other counties available on request. You can always send them to The Editor who will arrange for all references to be extracted and returned with the microfiche. The only request is that the Society can keep the Metcalfe extracts for its records.

WILLS - Appendix to Booklet 3

SECTION OMITTED FROM THE COLLECTION HELD AT THE BORTHWICK INSTITUTE, YORK VACANCY 1686 - 1688. Appendix 4. (All spelling as in original index). For the Vacancy 1686 - 1688 there are no Wills registered or Acts recorded. This index is compiled from the original Documents still preserved.

Oct	1686	-	Alexander Mte, Newarke upon Trent, Notts.	Will 28.Dec.1685
Jun	1686	-	Ann Mte, Northallerton.	Admon
Mar	1687	-	Bryon Mt, of Paul.	Admon
Mar	1686	-	Gilbert Mte, Gisbrough. Gent.	Admon
May	1688	-	Isabell Mte, Bucden in Langstrothdale, widow.	
			Relict of James Mte late of the said Bucden.	Will 01.Jan.1686
Jan	1687	-	James Mte, Chapel Allerton.	Admon
Jun	1686	-	John Mte, Chapel Allerton.	Admon
May	1687	-	Robert Mte, Whitby, mariner.	Admon

1688 - 1700	Place	Deanery	Date	Document Type
Metcalfe				
Agnes	Rimington	Craven	21.05.1695	W
Belton	Leeds	Ainsty	03.02.1708	W
Gilbert	York	York	15.07.1702	CUR
Jane	Yarm	Cleveland	31.08.1695	A
Jenetta	Cosh in Arncliffe	Craven	06.01.1699	W
John	Holbeck	Ainsty	17.01.1690	W
John	Dykeland	Craven	20.08.1695	W
John	Olding, Horton.	Craven	29.11.1695	W
John	Dearing	Craven	22.03.1704	W
John	Thorpe, Burnsall	Craven	12.03.1706	A
Leonard	Studley Magna	Craven	27.06.1694	W
Maria	Holbeck	Ainsty	10.01.1702	A
Mary	Kingston upon Hull	Holder	28.11.1705	W
Matthew	Thorpe	Craven	07.09.1700	W
Phillis*	Yarm	Cleveland	05.07.1698	W
Richard	Yarm	Cleveland	14.04.1708	A
Thomas	Thorpe, Burnsall	Craven	14.03.1699	A
Thomas	Stainton	Cleveland	11.02.1702	W
Thomas	Leeds	Ainsty	19.08.1708	A
William	Kirk Leavington	Cleveland	28.02.1689	A
William	Dikeland, Pateley Bridge	Craven	17.03.1689	W
William	Staithes	Cleveland	27.05.1689	A
William	Barwick upon Tees	Cleveland	31.05.1698	W

*In both the original Will and Registering described as "Phillis Metcalfe of Newcastle upon Tyne".

Nina E Benson (M029)

Details of the Probate Index 1711- 1731 will appear in the next issue.

**Christopher Metcalfe
Gentleman
of
St Giles in the Fields
by
John Sanders (M819)**

In researching the Collingwood family of Northumberland and Durham, I came across references to a Christopher Metcalfe from which it appeared he was closely connected with the Collingwoods during the first half of the 18th century. I became curious about his identity and background and believe what I have been able to find out about him may be of wider interest to other members.

Christopher turns out to be the grandson of Michael Metcalfe of North Otterington and Elizabeth (m 5.11.1603), daughter of Thomas Danby of Leek and Brawath. His father was Michael and Elizabeth's second son - name not yet determined but possibly Richard (b 1609, m 1637 Alice Stockdale). He had a brother Thomas living in 1718, who may have been the Catholic bookseller of that name who lived in Drury Lane, London. His family go back to Richard Metcalfe living in 1541, married to a Mackridge wife. This Richard is said to be a descendant of Miles Metcalfe of Bear Park by his second son William Metcalfe of Otterington, living 1481/2.

Christopher had an uncle, Thomas (b 1608 according to the Leake PRs), who married Ellyn, daughter of Nicholas Thornton of Witton Castle. She may be a daughter of the Nicholas Thornton of Netherwitton (ob 1632) who married Dorothy, daughter of Sir Cuthbert Collingwood of Eslington and Dalden. From uncle Thomas descended Michael of Otterington, who married Bridget, daughter of William Palmes of Naburn; and the latter's son Henry (b 1669) of Otterington, Naburn and Ricall, who married first (c 1703) Barbara Tancred, spinster of Fountains age 24; and second, Jarrat Brigham daughter of John Brigham of Dunnington. Christopher was godfather to their daughter Mary, who married a Metcalfe and died, apparently, without issue in 1747, having retired some years earlier to the Bar Convent, York. She is buried at Holy Trinity, Micklegate, York.

Michael and Elizabeth may also be the parents of a Mary Metcalfe, (described as the second daughter of Michael Metcalfe of N. Otterington, gent.), who became the third wife of John Metcalfe of Tanton in Stokesley, gent (b 1581, ob 1653). Mary was living in 1674. If this attribution is correct, she was Christopher's aunt. This Stokesley connection is of interest because the executor of the will of John Metcalfe of Tanton was Henry Forster of Stokesley whose granddaughter Mary, the last of her line, married William Collingwood of Eslington c1678. This lady was the mother of George Collingwood who was bullied by his Montague wife into taking part in the 1715 Jacobite rising, was taken under arms at

Preston and executed at Liverpool in 1716. George had inherited responsibility for the payment of annuities to two of his uncles, Robert and Charles, both Jesuits and had arranged with Christopher and Thomas Metcalfe for them to be paid from London. These uncles later claimed payment of overdue annuities from the Forfeited Estates Commission before which Christopher gave evidence on their behalf.

Christopher makes two further appearances; as a party to a Manby/Hicken (Essex) marriage settlement in 1728; and as a witness to the marriage at the Catholic Chapel of the Portuguese Embassy in London in February 1731 of John Collingwood and Marie Françoise Mondehare (of Bordeaux). The origins of this John are still obscure but he bought a vineyard in the Bordelais near Marguax where his daughter and her husband built what is now called Chateau Kirwan, still producing top quality wines. He claimed to be "of Eslington" and was the cousin of an Elizabeth Collingwood of Richmond Yorkshire. Christopher made his will in 1735 and must have died shortly after.

Apart from a scattering of entries in the Leake PR's which suggest that at least some of Michael and Elizabeth's family conformed, all the above information derives from documentary evidence published in the volumes of the Catholic Record Society or in the work of researchers into the history of the Catholics during the penal period. **If any member can add anything to the above or has an interest in any of the people mentioned I shall be glad to hear from them and to provide fuller data and references.**¹ Members who have, or suspect they have, Catholic forbears may wish to note that the Society does hold some valuable material on Catholic Metcalfes of this period provided by Michael Gandy of the Catholic Family History Society contained in the Metcalfe Society List 1801. (Available from our Secretary - Nina Benson. Address on the inside front page.)

I wish to record my gratitude to the Secretary and other members of the Society Committee without whose interest, industry and generous expenditure of time the above could not have been written.

¹ John Sanders' address is 122 Bay View Road, Northam, Bideford, Devon EX39 1BJ.

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LESS THAN STANDARD

15 December 1697. **James Metcalfe**. Bodkin was less than standard. Cost of goods 4s 6d. Fine and fees 10/-excused. Folio 158. Court Book no 10 1688 - 1708.

11 January 1698/99. **James Metcalfe.** Gold and silverware substandard. Fine and fees 18s 6d. Folio 188. Court Book no 10.

23 September 1712. **James Metcalfe.** Silverware less than standard. 8/- charges. Folio 122. Court Book no 11 1708 - 1719.

From 'The London Goldsmith's 1200 - 1800' extracted by **George Buxton (M003)**.

Birth Briefs:-

Main abbreviations used :-

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

UP-DATED BIRTH BRIEFS - these should be sent direct to the Editor.

M685 Mrs Kathleen Holland, “Brialeen” Moor Lane, Horsington, Lincoln, LN3 5EJ. Great x 3 grand-daughter of William & Mary (née Metcalfe) Taylor, m 02.06.1829 Sutterton, Lincs. Mary bpt 04.08.1806 Sutterton d.o George & Elizabeth (Wright, née Graceson/Grayson) MT, m 23.07.1805 Sutterton & also had bpt there Rebekah 05.07.1809 & Anne 13.05.1811.

M697 Mr J.Brian Metcalfe, Carfax, Blaydon Bank, Blaydon, Tyne & Wear. NE21 4AY. Born Blackhill Co.Durham s.o Thomas & Norah MTE m 22.06.1936 Thomas b 28.12.1911 Winlaton, Dur s.o Joseph & Grace Ann (Richardson) MTE. Joseph b 17.03.1885 Easington, Dur s.o Robert & Isabella (Brown) MTE. Robert b 05.07.1861 Easington, Dur s.o Joseph & Ann (Mason) MTE mge 06.05.1843 Gateshead Dur. Joseph b 1822 Cowpen NBL. s.o Thomas & Jane (Brown) MTE m 15.04.1820 Blyth NBL. Thomas b 1796 New Row, Cowpen.

M755 Mr John M.Metcalfe, HAS NEW ADDRESS - from 116 Whitfield Ave to:- ”Aysgarth”, Recreation Road, Pickering, North Yorkshire. PLEASE SEND US YOUR POST CODE. John is grand-son (NOT gt grandson) of John & Hannah (Hancel) Mt.

M781 Mrs Patricia Metcalfe, 6B Milfoil Drive, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN23 8BN. No family details yet received but please note that Patricia’s address is 6 B not 66. M795 Mrs Robyn Young, 31 Boyle Street, Balgowlah, New South Wales 2093, Australia. Descendant of Luke Page and his wife Edith Annie Metcalf Wood. Edith Annie Metcalf b 18 Dec 1865 Whitehaven, CUL. d.o John & Margaret (Kewley) Wood. Margaret b 05.02.1837 Cockermouth CUL d.o Thomas & Hannah (née Metcalf) Kewley m 31.12.1835 Cockermouth, CUL.

M804 Ms Lisa Marshall, PO Box 128, Wynyard 7325, Tasmania. James Mt's wife now thought to be Maria CANNEY and not CRANNEY. They are thought to have married c1820 in Chelsea London. Maria Dau of John Canney a 'Branch Pilot'. What is this?

M808 Mr C W Price, 2 Hay Lane, Longdon Green, Rugeley, Staffs. WT15 4QQ. Marriage of Charles Samuel and Emma (Metcalfe) Price 8/10/1895 not 8/10/1905.

M813 Mrs Betty Prescott, 1 Tamarisk Way, South Grange, Scunthorpe, South Humberside, DN16 3DF. CHARLES Metcalfe the father of John Henry is NOT the son bpt 1832 of Joseph & Elizabeth (Rigby) MT. Charles was bpt 6th May 1829 at Bilsby, Lincs s.o William & Mary Md. William bpt 1801 Bilsby s.o and Ann (Askew) MT.

CHANGES TO NAMES AND ADDRESSES - Please send to the secretary.

M087 Mr David F.Tunstall from Guisborough to :- 2 Balmoral Road, Lingdale, Saltburn. TS12 3HW.

M446 Mr J.M.Turner from Clifton Drive North to :- 62 Warwick Road, St.Anne’s on Sea, Lancashire, FY8 1XL.

M493 Mr David Metcalfe from West Heath to :- 23 Goldfinch Close, Briarleigh, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 3FB.

M666 Vauna G.Meredith, W.Lansing to :- **Vauna M.Green**, 3520 E.Ashlan, #142, Fresno, CA 93726 U.S.A.

M679 Monica & Gilian Crook from Bracewell to :- “Harmonvyll”, 2 Shires Croft, Embsay. Nr Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 6RT.

M762 A.E.Stanbridge to:- Mrs A.E.Walley.

New members, to whom we extend a hearty welcome.

M823 Mr Richard Metcalfe, 817 Elgin Street, Newmarket, Ontario, Canada, L3Y 3B9. Nothing received.

M824 Mr Stephen Newman, 7 Moorlands, Westwood Drive, Ilkley, W.Yorks. LS29 9QZ. Nephew to M769. Grandson of Henry & Agnes (Metcalfe) Shaw. Agnes b 1884 d.o Robert & Mary Ann (Metcalfe) Metcalfe. See **M769**.

M825 Mrs Norma P.Barratt, 52 Wingate Drive, Whitefield, Manchester, M45 7QY. Nothing received.

M826 Mr Michael J.Hammond, 14 Hunter’s Way, York. North Yorks.YO2 2JJ. Great x 4 grandson of John Hammond b 1788 East Witton, Yks s.o Michael & Mary (ne, Metcalfe) Hammond OR s.o Michael & Eden/Edith (nee, Metcalfe) Hammond. There is no baptism for a John Hammond but there is a baptism for a JOHN METCALFE on 15th Mar 1788 at East Witton s.o EDITH METCALFE.

Michael Hammond, widower, aged 33 married 09.Aug.1784 at Masham to Mary Metcalfe spr.22. They have Thomas bpt 10.06.1785 at East Witton. Then Mary is buried there on 29.01.1786. There is no trace of a marriage between Michael and Eden/Edith but they have bpt at East Witton, Michael in 1790 & George 1792, both Hammonds.

So it would appear that Eden/Edith “took over” the husband and family of her deceased sister Mary. This relationship frequently occurred although a marriage would be forbidden in those days. Mary was bpt 28.01.1762 and Eden on 27.11.1763 both at Masham and both daus of John & Mary (ne, Smith) Mte of Golden Light Foot, now called Gollinglith Foot, near Masham. John a husbandman married Mary Smith a spr at Masham 14.07.1761, he appears to have been born circa 1741 but not bpt at Masham.

M827 Mr & Mrs Charlton F.Booth, 26 Springhill Lane, Scarborough, N.Yorks. YO12 5M ?F. Nothing received.

M828 Mr Edward Worthington, 89 Salvin St, Croxdale, Co.Durham DH6 5JA. Great x 4 grandson of John Calvert and his wife Elizabeth Metcalfe the IGI has m 28 Jun 1790 Aysgarth, Muker, Yorkshire. The Aysgarth Parish Registers do not hold the marriage. In the Muker Parish Registers the entry reads :- “28th June 1790 Elizabeth Metcalfe to John Calvert married at Aysgarth”. A puzzle.

M829 Mr Eldred I.Medcalf, Stoneleigh, 326 Cheadle Road, Cheddleton, Staffs. ST13 7BW. Son of Frank & Bertha (Ibbotson) Medcalf. Frank the youngest child of 10 of Edward & Margaret (Cragg) Medcalf **AND THE SOCIETY CAN ADD :-** m 24.10.1861. Edward bpt 10.02.1837 s.o Edward & Mary (?) Md. Edward bpt 15.07.1804 s.o Caleb & Mary (Birkett) Medcalf of Kendal, Westmorland m 03.08.1801. Caleb bpt 08.09.1776 s.o John & Ellen (?) Md. **Connects to M694 & possibly M750.**

M830 Mrs Diane Hatchley, 6 Highfields Drive,Lakenheath,Suffolk,IP27 9EH. Nothing received.

M831 Mr Robert Metcalfe, Manor House Farm, Elland Road,Cromwell Bottom Brighouse, W.Yorks. HD6 2RG. Nothing received.

M832 Mr Jerry Dale Brown, 1351 Marion, Denver, CO 80218-2208, USA. Descendant of Jane Metcalfe born circa 1805 Dent, Yorkshire & MAY be the illegitimate dau of Jane Fields & bpt 23 May 1812 aged 6 years, she married Thomas Stephenson at Orton, Westmorland 29 Apr 1833. Their granddaughter Fanny MOUNSEY married George Metcalfe who was born 7 Mar 1882 FLEETHAM, Yorkshire, his dau remembers that George’s father being Jane Edward and that George was a twin and that there were two sisters in the family, Jane Metcalfe Rawe and Hannah Metcalfe Peacock. **DOES ANY-ONE RECOGNISE THEM ?**

M833 Mr David Howarth, 7 Trinity Close,Hapton,Nr Burnley,Lancs.BB12 7DG. Grandson of Richard & Alice Hannah (Metcalfe) Howarth m 28.11.1893 Burnley. Alice H. b 1872 Burnley, Lancs d.o Robert & Mary (Roberts) MTE*. Robert b 1844 Preston, Lancs s.o Robert & Alice (Turner) MTE m 27.06.1836 Preston,Lancs. Robert bpt 24th Jan 1813 Heversham, Westmorland s.o John & Betty (Redhead) MTE m 24th Aug 1812 Heversham when John was “of Burton”. **THE SOCIETY CAN ADD :-** that John was b circa 1788 Ravenstonedale and he also had Nancy 1814, George 1817, John 1819, William 1821 and Richard 1824. All bpt at Heversham “of Milnthorpe”.* This couple also had Ephas b 1876 see Ex-M367.

M834 Mr Trevor Metcalfe, 11 Cliffe Park, Shepley, Huddersfield, W.Yorks HD8 8EG. Grandson of David Metcalfe b circa 1863 Skelmanthorpe, Yorks s.o David and Bridget (?) Metcalfe ? m in Ireland. Bridget b 1838 in Dublin, Ireland and their eldest son Thomas b 1858 Dublin,Ireland followed by Esther. Bridget, Thomas, David, Annie and Harry are in Shelley, Huddersfield in 1881.

M835 Messrs Michael & Keith Hutchinson, 30 Prince Henry Road, Otley, West Yorkshire, LS21 2BE. Grandson of Olive Ellen Lister ne, Metcalfe b ca 1887 Leyburn d.o Elizabeth Ann & ?John Metcalfe. Elizabeth Ann aged 24 b Leyburn is in Railway Street, Leyburn in the 1891 Census Returns - with her father John, head of the household, aged 64 widower b Leyburn. Also his dau Hannah aged 11 and granddaughters Olive Ellen aged 3 and Ivy Lillian aged 3 months. Elizabeth Ann is proving difficult to pinpoint and if anyone could help it would be appreciated.

M836 Messrs Charles George and George Derrick Metcalfe, 161 Penistone Road, Kirkburton, Huddersfield, HD8 0PH. Nothing received.

M837 Mr Richard Dwayne Metcalfe, 27 Rushmere Drive, Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, Canada, P6C 2T3. Nothing received.

M838 Mrs Peta Helen Davidson, 2 Bonneycroft Lane,Easingwold,York,YO6 3AP Nothing received.

M839 Mrs Joan S.Hamilton, 89 Oroua St, Eastbourne 6008, New Zealand. Great x 3 grandparents are Thomas & Betty (ne, Metcalfe) Hesleden m 6th July 1789 at Arncliffe, Yorkshire. [Their s Matthew bpt 1799 married Elizabeth Metcalfe 24 Nov 1825 at Hubberholme]. Betty bpt 05.07.1768 Arncliffe d.o Robert & Isabel (Simpson) MTE. **THE SOCIETY CAN ADD** that Robert, a yeoman of Foxup m Isabel Simpson spr 13 May 1751 at Arncliffe. They also had :- Margaret 1756, John 1760, Isabel 1766, then Betty in 1768, Thomas 1774. Isabel wife of Robt “of Haltongill” buried 5 Apr 1789. Robt of Haltongill bur 20 Apr 1789 no ages given.

M840 Dr Barbara Metcalfe, “Barfield”, Bradford Road, Burley in Wharfedale, Ilkley, West Yorkshire. LS29 7PT. Born 1948 d.o Albert & Winifred (Tate) MTE m 08.02.1941 Holy Trinity, Ripon. Albert b 10.03.1910 West Leeds 2nd s.o Jesse & Margaret (Hall) MTE m 17.09.1907. Jesse & Margaret had 8 children Arthur 1908, Albert 1910, William 1912, Tom 1914, Ronnie 1918, Harry 1920, Jesse 1923 and Norma 1925. JESSE b 13.06.1885 Leeds s.o Arthur and ? (?) MTE. Arthur and ? had 3 children, Jesse, Elizabeth and Anne. **THE SOCIETY CAN ADD :-** In the 1891 census at 11 Rutland St, West Leeds Arthur MTE hd.m.30. b Kirkstall. ADA wf 26 b Goole. Jesse s.5. b Armley. John William s.3. b Leeds. 1881 CR finds Arthur with his parents at 5 Abbey Road, Kirkstall. John MTE hd.m.51 b Darley nr Ripley Yorks. Sarah wf 47 b East Keswick.

Elizabeth 26. Arthur 21. Harriet 19. Lily 15. Edith 8. all b Kirkstall. + brother in law Wm Parker 53 b East Keswick. John MTE of Leeds son of GEORGE m Sarah Parker spr & minor of Norwood d.o Barnard Parker at Fewston 15.12.1851. So JOHN was b at Darley in the parish of Hampsthwaite son of George circa 1830 and those registers show :- John bpt 15.11.1829 s.o George & Ann (Downs) MTE m 06.02.1826 at Hampsthwaite. 1851 CR gives George widower 55 b Darley....so bpt 14.06.1795 s.o Joseph & Elizabeth (Umpleby) MTE m 3rd May 1784 at H. Joseph APPEARS TO BE (and from here needs further proof) bpt 19.09.1758 s.o John & Sarah (?) MTE. John bur 1787 aged 76 bpt 02.05.1711 s.o Thomas & Mary (Holmes) MTE m 06.05.1708. Thomas bpt 18.10.1676 s.o John & Jane (Atkinson) MTE m 09.06.1669, John bur 11.11.1732 aged 92 bpt 10.09.1641 s.o John. NOT BAD EH ! With thanks to David Metcalfe M46 who recorded the details which only waited to be found !

M841 Mr Colin H. Metcalfe, 26 St Margaret's Avenue, Horsforth, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS18 5RY. Cousin to Dr Barbara Metcalfe above.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

At the AGM Patrick Malham asked members to collect any mentions of Metcalfes (and variants) from their local newspapers.

Any announcements from the births, marriages or deaths columns plus any article, whether good news or bad! Pop them into an envelope and either bring them along to the AGM in 1997 or post them to Patrick when the envelope is full.

For Patrick's address see the Committee names and addresses inside the front cover.

MECCA NEWS DEADLINES

The deadlines for inclusion of articles etc in the Mecca news is as follows:-

April	-	6 February
August	-	6 June
January	-	20 October

As members will appreciate receipt of the items by the due date will not necessarily guarantee inclusion in that issue but don't let that put you off sending in those articles comments or snippets!

There has been such an excellent response for items for the 50th issue some pieces have had to be held over until future issues. Don't worry they will be used!

Some Good Advice

One night I got to thinking of my contribution to this special issue. I wanted to write something different.
Lillah Chapman (M218)

What to do if you should wake up one morning and find you had died in the night.

1. Never jump out of bed to look in the mirror - you could fall over.
 2. Lay there quietly in bed and someone will soon come to find you.
 3. Later on, some motherly lady will come and wash you from head to foot with the flannel. Some places will tickle but whatever you do - don't laugh.
 4. After Mrs Wipedown has gone, you will just have a few minutes to take stock of things.
 5. Firstly, you must make up your mind - do you really want to go in that box and go over to the other side or not?
 6. If the answer is 'no' then there is no time to lose. Get out of bed and get yourself straight to the airport.
 7. It will not cost you anything, just walk straight through and find yourself a seat on the plane.
 8. If there are no spare seats, you will just have to play musical chairs and keep changing seats every time someone gets up to the loo.
 9. Eventually you will arrive at your destination. Make straight for a quiet beach, fringed with waving palms.
 10. After that you can settle down to a "life" of perfect peace and tranquillity where the sun never fails to shine and everything you wish for is there in abundance.
 11. Send me a postcard and let me know how you get on. After all I may want to come and join you, but not just yet!
- P.S No wonder we genealogists cannot find certain of our ancestors, particularly if they took this advice.

ONCE BITTEN, TWICE SHY.

from information
supplied by
Clive Thompson (M553)

Mrs Isabel Garnett was my aunt "Bell" nee Metcalfe who married my mother's elder brother, James Metcalfe Garnett of Gargrave. James's maternal grandfather was William Metcalfe: the Metcalfe middle name given through his mother Harriet. At Harriet's second confinement there was born "at 2.25pm on 1 April 1907", my mother Margaret and her twin sister Ellen. Ellen died of whooping cough aged about three months. Strange that one twin caught the disease and other did not.

Harriet's sister Hannah married a Mr Stirzacker from Liverpool and her other sister Lottie "Little Lottie" married a Mr Corliss also of Liverpool. Her younger brother George married near Leeds and his daughter with auburn hair visited us in Gargrave about 1938. At that time he was living in Finchley North London with a woman friend or his second wife. I visited them with my Garnett grandparents once or twice on holiday.

James and Isabel's ninth and tenth children the Misses Christine Garnett and Freda Metcalfe Garnett still live in Gargrave as does their brother Francis Metcalfe Garnett and some of the later generations. Four of the ten siblings are buried in St Andrew's graveyard and I am now the eldest surviving grandchild of William and Harriet Garnett.

My great grandfather William Metcalfe was born probably at Stalling Busk although it is given as Hawes. William was Hannah's second natural son the earlier one being Richard Metcalfe. Later she married George Clarke and the six or so children seemed to live quite happily together. One son Anthony Clarke became the village green-grocer and would grow some of his own vegetables for sale. One of his brothers died at Freckleton although he was buried at Gargrave.

Great grandfather William died in 1929 at North Street, Gargrave a few months before 22 July - when I was born. He left treasure trove buried in his garden (money; silver or gold coins). A Coroner's Inquest was held and the money went to his second wife Lucy. I never knew him, of course, but I did know Lucy who had been a very young widow with two young sons one of whom is Mr Harry Driver of Gargrave. I make him to be my step great-uncle. Living also in Gargrave is Harriet's fourth and last child, Mrs Christina Pickering, my Aunt Chrissie. I visit the graveyard when I visit my Aunt Chrissie to pick up any news, particularly for information of people I may have known and to see where

flowers are being laid. I have left messages in jam-jars on graves usually before Christmas to try and get in contact with some visiting relatives. Others might like to try the idea. Nowadays most interments at Gargrave are followed by the erection of a "plain memorial headstone of Yorkshire sandstone with black-painted letters; and no angels" but sometimes the ashes from cremations also get an inscription and flowers.

William's eldest son, James Metcalfe was killed in a lift when aged about 19, at the village cotton mill. The load of large bobbins he was transporting in the lift/hoist appeared to have slipped and trapped him against the lift-shaft wall. The mill, now owned by Johnson and Johnson still manufactures or handles cotton wool and bandages and the lift is probably the one in the same shaft with double trellis sliding gates, which I rode in 40 years ago. My grandmother was very upset by the death of her elder brother. I have the write-up of both the inquest and of the funeral taken from the Skipton paper, the Craven Herald.

When I was about 5 or 6 in the mid - 1930's my grandmother Harriet sent me with a little bunch of flowers to take to Anthony Clarke's wife for her birthday. I was told she was some sort of relative to my grandmother. Instead of accepting the little gift the old lady refused to accept the posy and said "We have plenty of flowers of our own". I was young but I well remember the event, it was what I would now call a rebuff or a "brush-off". I think that this event was connected with the fact my great grandfather was illegitimate whereas his half brother Anthony was legitimate. About 1977 I had the opportunity to call and see their daughter Charlotte to ask her about Hannah and the father of William but did not do so. **Once bitten, twice shy.**

Our son and daughter-in-law recently registered their son, our first grandson's birth and were asked by the registrar if they were married (they have each retained their own surname). They confirmed that they were married to each other and were informed they were the first "married to each other couple" out of the first eleven coming to register births that day. How times change!

Our grandson Dunstan John Amable Thompson is named after Dunstan the famous Saxon Archbishop of Canterbury and one of my wife, Margaret's ancestors a Frenchman, Claude Amable de Lapelin of chateau Fognat in central France. As a result of my interest in ancestry we visited the chateau in 1989 and found that the occupant was interested in the previous owners and later sent us copies of 140 pages of chateau deeds. We also went to the local department archives which had a little exhibition to celebrate the bi-centennial of the French Revolution and there found a list of emigre nobles on which was listed "the two de Lapelin brothers of chateau Fognat". However they both avoided getting caught. We had come across the connection on a family gravestone we found in an enormous cemetery in Port Louis in Mauritius, the year before. Tradition had it that a nobleman ancestor had escaped the revolution by sailing from France to Mauritius with an Admiral relative. As a result of the information received from Fognat we went to Paris, Brussels and Brittany and expect to go to Versailles. Genealogy certainly stimulates us to get around!

The Federation of Family History Societies

For those of you interested in your soldier ancestors the leaflet "In Search of your Soldier Ancestors" could be useful as it indicates where and under what reference in the Public Record Office at Kew you might find records. A copy of this can be obtained free of charge from the Federation as can other leaflets including "You and Your Record Office: a code of practice for family historians using County Record Offices", "The Strays Clearing House and National Strays Index" and "Research Services : A code of practice for family historians". All you have to do is send an A5 SAE plus an additional first class stamp (UK only) or two International Reply Coupons (Overseas) to The Administrator, The Benson Room, Birmingham and Midland Institute, Margaret Street, Birmingham B3 3BS.

Forthcoming Events

1997

5 - 9 February Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry hosted by the New Zealand Society of Genealogists at Lincoln University, Christchurch. Perhaps our Kiwi members can attend or any of our other members in that part of the world at that time. (Supplied by **Joan Teale M073**).

4 - 6 April Federation of Family History Societies and the Sussex Family History Group will be holding the 25th Anniversary Conference and AGM at Bishop Otter College, Chichester, Sussex. The Metcalfe Society's Secretary will be attending. If members want further details of the event send a SAE to Mrs D Hayes, 31 Poulter's Lane, Worthing, West Sussex BN14 7SS.

12 April Family History Fair, Leicester & Rutland FHS, De Montfort Hall, Leicester.

12 April SoG/ Devon FHS 'Computers in FH', St. Loye's, Exeter.

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26 - 27 April Coventry & Warwick Local & FH Event, Coventry.

24 -25 May Cornwall FHS 21st Anniversary FH Fair, Falmouth Pavilion, Falmouth.

22 June East Anglian Group FH Fair, Caistor Hall, Caistor St Edmund, Norwich.

3 - 7 September The Eighth British Family History Conference "Faith Hope and Charity" at Askham Bryan College, York. Details from Joint Conference Organisers (Pauline Litton & Pauline Saul) c/o 2 Florence Road, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG2 0LD.

11 October The Mecca Muster, Ripon. Details in the next Mecca News.

I AM STILL STUCK !

Or how one thing can lead
to another
by
D B NOTTAGE (M633)

So far, I can only claim one Metcalfe ancestor, namely Rosamund who married John Pratt at Askrigg on 7 May 1709, both being 'of Hardraw'. That is all I know of her - I thought I had found her birth recorded in the IGI, to Alexander of Sedbusk on 23 May 1690, but this was one of the rare entries where "b" meant "buried" ! It was then suggested she might of been the daughter of Matthew of Appersett, baptised on 30 July 1699 at Hawes but I have now found this one was married in 1725 to a lad from Ingleton Fells. So **I am still stuck!** But in the process and aided particularly by the will extracts provided by Bill Barker of Connecticut published in the Mecca News (Nos 43 & 44 - August and December 1994), I have uncovered this account of the lives of one branch of the family at the head of Wensleydale.

It starts with Matthew of Appersett who was clearly a man of some importance in the area for he was one of the eleven principal freeholders to whom the manor of Bainbridge was conveyed on 9 November 1663 by the City of London, to act on behalf of all in the role of the Lord of the Manor and who were thus known as the "Lords Trustee". He had at least one brother, Richard who died childless in 1685 leaving all his estate to Matthew's children including his sons Richard and Michael.

Of these, Richard married Mary, daughter of a major freeholder in Low Abbotside - Bernard Smith of Camshouses; they had three children namely Matthew, Ann and Esther. Ann seems to have been Bernard Smith's favourite grandchild for in his will dated 5 September 1672 he left her his best cupboard as well as the sum of £50 to be paid by his sons when she reached the age of sixteen. Matthew was nominated in 1705 as one of the twenty four freeholders who succeeded the original Lords Trustee.

Michael, described in his uncle's will as a "clerke" received certain named fields or 'closes' in Appersett, although by that time he was rector of Little Thurrock in Essex. He had matriculated from Magdalen College at Oxford in 1666, taking his BA there in 1670. He then returned briefly to the dale, for in 1672 he was master of the Grammar School in Askrigg, during which time he witnessed Bernard Smith's will. From there he went up to Christ's College Cambridge to take his MA before moving in 1681 to Little Thurrock where he was to remain as rector until his death in 1697. He married twice and in 1710 his son Richard, who had inherited the Appersett lands and was a grocer in Covent Garden, sold them to Thomas Pratt innkeeper of the Three Swans in the parish of St Botolph's in Bishopgate, for £250.

Thomas, too came from the dale and returned in due course together with his brother, Simon whose son John Pratt became well known as a breeder and trainer of race horses and in effect the squire of Askrigg. Thomas married at Hardraw a 38 year old local heiress Mary Smith of Low Camhouses, granddaughter of Bernard Smith and related through her aunt Mary Metcalfe (nee Smith) to Richard Metcalfe who sold him the land at Appersett. When Thomas died he left "all my freehold estate at Appersett ..." to his nephew Thomas Pratt who later married. It seems fitting that his wife Mary should have been a Metcalfe!

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### ***Mecca Quiz Answers***

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The first letters re-arranged spell out  
(yes I know it was easy but this is the first one I've done)

### **MIDDLETON CALF TOP**

and finally.....

### **From the Editor**

For those of you who did not have your dictionaries to hand when reading the editorial and wondered what ***bowdlerising*** was, here is the definition:-  
"To censor words. Corrected for styles. Shortened or made more elegant."  
Hopefully what I do!

The editorial was prepared, due to other pressures, before the Mecca Muster so the festive season was along way from my thoughts. So may I take this belated opportunity to wish you and yours

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Compliments of the Season  
and  
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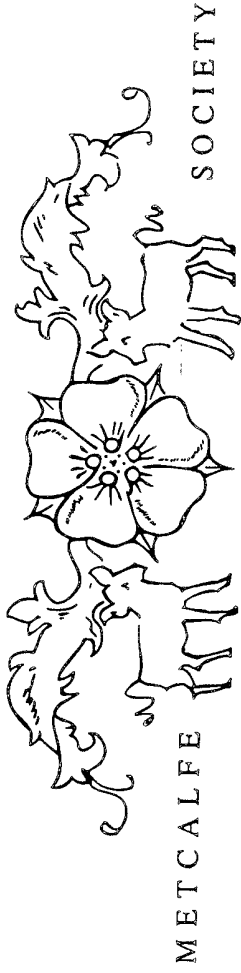
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