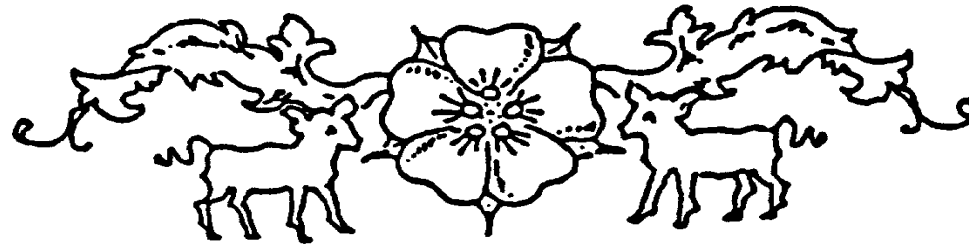


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FROM THE EDITOR

What a start to 1997! First of all trouble with the double issue (No 50) which meant a panic to get a second master copy to the printers to meet the issue date then a viral illness affecting my wife which has thrown the household into turmoil for the first eight weeks of the New Year and looks set to continue for some time yet. This has meant that some of the articles planned for this issue have not been completed and will have to be held over till next time. One item being delayed is the series concerning Dales churches - the next one being Aysgarth. So this is your opportunity to contribute if you wish. One item not being held over is your invitation to the **Mecca Muster** to be held on Saturday 11 October - see the enclosed booking form and return it post haste to our Conference Secretary George Buxton.

Another sadness this year has brought is the proposed resignation of our Chairman Charles (see below). He has been a tower of strength and I for one am sorry to see him go. Charles helped me to settle into the Editorship, has been highly supportive of my efforts and has provided useful guidance: he will be sorely missed.



RESIGNATION

"For the last few years, Charles S Metcalfe has been a corner stone of the Metcalfe Society, on which many of us have been able to lean. Charles has advised the committee of his intention to resign, effective from the Muster in October 1997, for personal reasons. Charles has asked me, as Vice Chairman, to act for him until the Muster. He will not be performing any official actions on behalf of the Society between now and then. So if you have any queries normally destined for the Chairman, please direct them to me and all computer queries as normal to David Metcalfe.

The Society has come such a long way under Charles' chairmanship. The momentum must continue not only for the benefit of our members and the Society as a whole but also as an appreciation of the commitment and the achievements of our retiring chairman. I am sure you have found many times, like me, that there are two little words that seem so ineffective in many ways but can also go a long way to cover the many things you want to say **Thank You, Charles.**
Diane Haworth (M409) - Vice Chairman

THE METCALFES AS MILLERS 250 YEARS AS THE MILLERS OF HIPSWELL

from
JP Warwick Metcalfe
M256

*Part of the **Metcalfe Family Book** is to be given over to 'Metcalfe Occupations' and the articles will be interspersed amongst the chapter on 'Mecca Members Family Trees' (for more details see Mecca News No 50 - January 1997, page 27). As an example of the type of article which will be included is the following from Warwick based upon information supplied by **Lynda Simpson (M791)** a descendant of the Metcalfes at the Mill at Hipswell. **If any members have similar knowledge about a particular occupation followed by their ancestors can they supply a short piece (this one is about 750 words but it can be less) to Warwick direct.***

The story of the long Metcalfe association with Hipswell Mill began with George Metcalfe (born 1733) who married Elizabeth Robinson in 1768. At first the couple lived in the village but following the birth of their second child, George took over as miller and their further seven children were born there.

George died in 1829 at the great age of 96. The mill tenancy passed to his son Robert, two older brothers having left home for work elsewhere; but it seems likely Robert had always assisted his father in working in the mill. Robert had married Elizabeth King in 1818 and they had four children. He is still recorded as the miller in the 1841 Census though evidently by now a widower living there with three surviving children, one of whom, Robert II, married Elizabeth Frankland in the same year.

Ten years later the 1851 Census shows Robert is still working in the mill and although Robert continued to live at the mill until his death at the age of 73, his son Robert II had taken over some while before. Robert II and his wife Elizabeth, by now have five children (and were to eventually have eleven) all living at the mill. (It was their second child Mary Metcalfe who became the great grandmother of Elizabeth Simpson to whom we owe this history.) How they all managed in a house which even today only has a kitchen, sitting room or 'Sunday' room, two bedrooms, a two-seater outside loo or 'dunny' and no bathroom, gives some idea how different the view of acceptable living conditions was in those days, bearing in mind a miller was a craftsman not a labourer.

By the 1861 Census Robert II's eldest boy George was 19 and had joined his father but that of 1871 shows a much diminished family at the mill with Robert senior dead and six of his eleven grandchildren elsewhere. George having served his apprenticeship under his father Robert II, had departed with at least one other brother for Kiplin Mill. Although his wife Elizabeth died in 1879 and her grave can be seen in the churchyard of St Johns Hipswell

By 1891 all three children at the mill have evidently left and Robert II has remarried. His wife Harriet is 21 years his junior! They are living at the Mill and he is still running it. It will not be clear until the 1901 Census can be consulted whether or not he had any help with this before his death in 1900, though his second wife Harriet is known to have left following that event. It seems possible that George, Robert II's eldest son, who had helped him as long ago as 1861 at the age of 19 and inherited the tenancy, may have moved back to Hipswell some while before Robert II's death.

In due course the tenancy passed to George Donald Metcalfe who married Olive Hebdon and had nine children. Unwilling to tolerate the cramped conditions accepted by the families of his predecessors, George Donald built a bungalow nearby called Brookside to house them. He was the last Metcalfe miller to the work the mill. Shortly before World War II the army, who became its landlords in the time Lord Baden Powell owned the estate, experienced flooding in property they had built nearby. This was put down to the beck which drove the mill wheel, so the water supply was cut off and the mill machinery came to a halt, where it still stands capable of being put into running order.

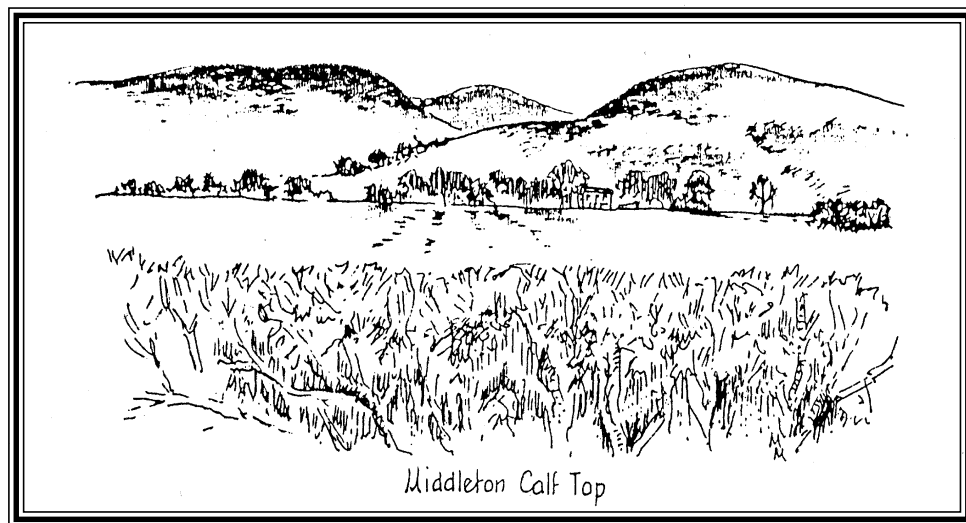
But we are still within the range of living memory and it is to Terry Metcalfe, one of the cousins who remembers playing at the mill in the 1930's, that we owe the details of the layout and functions of the mill shown in the accompanying illustration. **JPWM**

Lynda Simpson became aware of a possible redevelopment of the Mill and took up the matter with the Department of National Heritage seeking to have the premises preserved, however she was turned down as it was said there were already many mills being protected. Not daunted by this rebuttal Lynda pointed out that the internal features of the mill were striking and just as this article was being put forward to the Mecca News, Lynda heard on 4 February 1997, that the mill had been granted protection as a Grade II listed building. Well done, Lynda! - Ed.



MIDDLETON CALF TOP

The answer to the competition in the last issue (No 50) was Middleton Calf Top. The line drawing of the hill was first shown in issue 4 - September 1981.



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!

Forthcoming Events

- 24-25 May.** Cornwall FHS 21st Anniversary FH Fair, Falmouth Pavilion, Falmouth.
- 22 June.** East Anglian Group FH Fair hosted by Norfolk & Norwich GS, Caistor Hall, Caistor St Edmund, Norwich.
- 5 July.** SW Group of FHS FH Fair, Winter Gdns, Royal Parade, Weston-super-Mare
- 11 October** Mecca Muster Ripon. See enclosed booking form.

Rules and Regulations

The Rev R W Metcalfe was a Master of Arts from Cambridge University and passed his Bachelor of Arts in 1873. He arrived in India towards the end of 1880. He became a master of the grammar school at Ootacmund Madras state. From his arrival to 1883 he was appointed on a series of short term contracts, of a minimum of a month at a time as the chaplain of the second church at Ootacmund. (His daughter Annie Constance Metcalfe died on the 17 May 1882 aged 6 years and 7 months.)

In January of 1884 the Archdeacon of the Madras dioceses unexpectedly died. The Bishop of Madras wished to permanently appoint the Rev R W Metcalfe to the vacancy thereby created. One would presume that as he was already acting temporary chaplain and installed there would not be a problem. Unfortunately for the Rev R W Metcalfe he was born in November 1848, making him 35 years and 2 months when the Bishop wished to appoint him. The age rule of new permanent appointments in India was 34. On the instructions of the Secretary of State for India a more suitable applicant was sought from England.

In 1887 and 1888 Rev R W Metcalfe was listed as Clergyman (there not being Chaplain or Missionary) in Berara for the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

Rules and Regulations (2)

Edward Parr Metcalfe M A was born on the 8 March 1842. In 1872 he was an assistant master at Malvern College in Worcestershire. In February of that year he was appointed to be the head master at Rajahmundry College Madras. As he was required to give notice to Malvern College he did not arrive in India until 19 November 1872. For the years 1876 to 1878 he was also Lay Trustee and church warden at Rajahmundry. In 1880 he served on the committee regarding ecclesiastical fees. From 1881 to 1884 he was Fellow of Senate of the University of Madras Faculty of Art.

As he neared retirement age he calculated that he would have completed 24 years 3 months before returning home. Civil Service Regulation 441 stated *that with 25 or more continuous years service he would be able to claim 3 years furlough (paid leave counting towards his pension)*. With under 25 years continuous service he would only be entitled to 1 year furlough thereby losing out on two years furlough for the want of 9 months service.

In 1893 and 1894 he wrote to the Secretary of State for India in an effort to change the regulation to include the period from his appointment and his arrival in India. The government did not appreciate his efforts and refused to comply with his request. He tried again in 1897 without result. He died 31st January 1916 in Upper Norwood. His brother was Rev Robert Weston Metcalfe who in 1891 was vicar of Ravenstonedale. He and his wife Eliza Ann had a son called Edward Parr Metcalfe. His son was a BSc. London, Professor of Physics at the Central College Bangalore.

From the records of the British Library Indian and Oriental Record Collection .

Supplied by **George Buxton (M003)**

PROPOSED STAMP BANK

Do you realise that one IRC is insufficient for return postage from one country to another? For an airmail reply at least 4 coupons are necessary. These make overseas postage very expensive and for this reason we are working on the idea of a **POSTAGE STAMP BANK** for use by members.

The Stamp Bank could be operated from a central point based in one country or from three points such as Australia and New Zealand, Canada and the USA and UK, or even all five countries.

The suggested operation is for the bank(s) to hold stamps for the five countries and "sell" them to members who would pay using stamps to the equivalent value in their own currency including the postage to send the stamp from the bank to the member. For example, say an Australian member wants one UK stamp (43 pence) from a stamp bank in New Zealand the cost would be \$A1.80, with exchange rate this covers \$NZ1.00 for 43pence UK stamp plus \$NZ1.00 for return postage.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!

Would members who are prepared to either

- a) operate a Stamp Bank or
- b) advise the bank operators of changes to postage rates and supply stamps etc as required,

PLEASE WRITE TO THE SECRETARY NINA BENSON

DEEDS OF COVENANT

The 57 members now paying their subscriptions under a Deed of Covenant have had the letter "C" added to their membership number, see your address label, top right.

Under the current rules once the initial form is signed the Deed remains in force until cancelled by the member - there is no need to renew at any time.

SO EASY - WHY NOT JOIN ?

Details can be obtained from the Secretary, SAE appreciated.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

7th January 1997

I'm writing this in the early days of 1997 and would like to begin by saying thank you for all the greetings sent to me and to the other officers of the Society - always lovely to receive your kind thoughts. We all wish you Good Hunting in 1997 !

The extremely early start to typing this and the Birth Brief section of the Mecca News issue 51, April 1997, is because Michael and I are jetting off for six weeks holiday. By the time you read this we (hopefully !) will be back home having been around the world via Los Angeles; New Zealand; Melbourne, Sydney & Perth in Australia and Singapore. Our plans include 3½ weeks in a campervan in New Zealand and I'm to be allowed (!) a two day visit to the Australasian Genealogical Congress which is in early February in Christchurch. I hope to meet up with many of our members during those two days. So you now know why your letters have lain unanswered on my door mat ! I'll catch up as soon as I can.

Many thanks to everyone who sends in LISTS both large and small and apologies for not being able to acknowledge these personally. Gary Metcalfe M244 of Australia, telephoned and then wrote to me explaining that Australia does not have early Civil Registration as such but has the "Pioneer Indexes", most of which he had sent in for us many years ago. Sandra Metcalfe M807 of New Zealand has plans to tackle their records for us.

Lillah Chapman, Denny Gibson, Eunice Herring, Josie Hopper, and Jean Kington all helped to find BOWBRIDGE in Yorkshire - would you believe that there are two ? One near Bainbridge and another one near Threshfield, Grassington. I haven't heard if this information has helped the research but thanks anyway.

David Metcalfe M46 continues his valuable collecting of Census Returns - thanks to him we now have the whole of Yorkshire in 1881 and 1891. He has also added Indexes from the County 1881 returns and with these and others sent in by members we now have them for the Counties of Durham, Middlesex, Northumberland, Norfolk, Suffolk and Sussex - when you have finished with yours, why not send it to us for the benefit of all the members ? Shirley Metcalfe M731 of Canada has sent us the Manitoba 1891 Returns.

Patrick Malham M444 and his team of helpers have finished the gathering in of the General Registration records 1837 to 1911 and now have plans to complete to 1920 by the AGM in October. Thanks to R.H.Jewitt M607 we have also been able to incorporate many years of the Irish registrations. If you could help please contact Patrick.

At the year end I totted up the number of new members this year - 63 - this compares with 69 in 1995.

Best wishes.

Nina E.Benson

How I Found My Metcalfes and the Consequences

Part 2 :The Consequences

(Continued from Issue No 50 - January 1997)

As I related in my first article my great x 3 grandmother Margaret (nee Metcalfe) Raw's younger brother Lister Washington Mte was, 150 years later, to play a part in my family story.

Some time after I had found there were Calvert descendants actually still living in Guisborough, where I now live, I was introduced to a Calvert cousin who was about 80 years old and had a fund of strange tales to tell. One of these was about my greatgrandmother x 2 Alice (nee Raw) Calvert who was very conscious of being the granddaughter of the Rev. Lister Mte. and was treated as a bit of a celebrity amongst the mining community, not least because she took tea with the then Vicar of Guisborough! Apparently she sat there in her cottage, in great state, with a bottle of 'medicinal' whisky on one side of her armchair and a big handbag at the other in which she kept all her money. Like lots of Dales people she did not trust banks. However, the next story she told me was more of a family legend which I'm afraid I was able to put paid to, having researched our Family History.

In the 1920's one of the Calverts recalled grandmother Alice telling of the fortune which her mother's brother Lister Washington Mte. had amassed in Liverpool at the end of the 18th and early 19th centuries and supposedly should have come to her and her siblings but she had no idea what had become of it. This prompted old Frank's mother and one of his aunts to go to Muker to see if they could find out where it had gone. Needless to say they came home empty handed, after all it was some 80 years after Lister had died in 1846! Then, I was shown part of an old letter which one of old Frank's uncles had written to one of his brothers asking for financial help to employ a solicitor to trace the missing Metcalfe money. The very sensible reply to this request was -- "You fund the search yourself and when you get the money you can share it with the rest of us!". It never happened of course, and it's just as well because it would have been money wasted.

The truth was, as I was able to explain, that Lister Washington Mte. married late in life and his considerable estate naturally went to the only one of his six children to survive him. However, during the course of my research I was often to come across Lister W's name in connection with transactions connected with his Calvert and Raw relatives through marriage. In the course of time, through the Metcalfe Society I met Lister W's greatgrandson Warwick (M256), and discovered a whole lot more about my ancestors.

One thing that has always puzzled me, was where the Christian names Simm,

Washington and Lister had come from and once again a Metcalfe Society member was able to supply the answers. John Holden, himself a descendant of Anthony and Alice Metcalfe of Gayle, had been writing a paper on Church Fabric and in the course of his research had read a lot about the Rev. Lister W. Mte. and so we were able to follow up his history. We found Lister's wife, from Howgill near Sedbergh, was a Simm before marriage and her mother was a Washington.

We spent a lot of time trying to find where the Lister came into the family and eventually Warwick found amongst all the papers he had inherited a letter which gave the information that Anthony b. c1700 was the son of Cuthbert and Barbary. We guessed she had been a Lister before marriage but that proved not to be so. The letter had said she was of Starbotton in Wharfedale and so it was back to the Record Office at York where I found her baptism in 1664, the daughter of Lister and Mary (Snell) Simondstone, so now we had all the answers.

Following on from this John Holden traced back to a Lister / Simondstone marriage in c1450 which probably explains the use of those surnames as Christian names which have been used in the Metcalfe, Raw and Calvert families right down to the present day. I still haven't found Robert Moore - anyone got any answers?

The icing on the cake for me was, when in early August (1996), I spent three days at Low Oxnop Hall Guest House, one of the properties which had, over a century ago, belonged to my Great x 3 Uncle and Warwick Metcalfe's Great Grandfather Lister Washington Metcalfe. Oxnop Hall Farm was only one of the many estates Lister W. owned in Swaledale and it is this, that would eventually, through my Calverts, lead me full circle back to the Metcalfes.

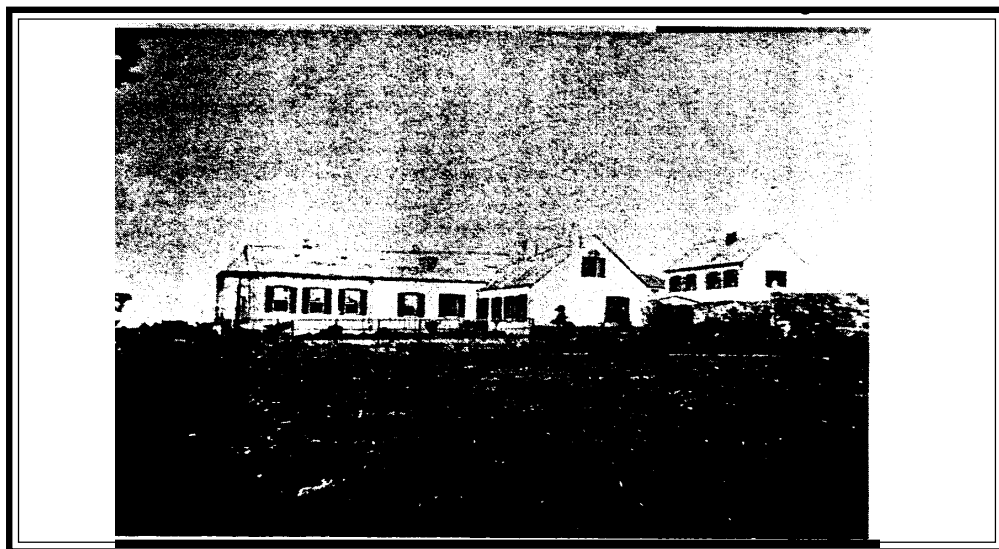
My stay in Oxnop Hall was a strange experience, the house is basically as it was when it was first built in 1685 for the Alderson family and was it my imagination that I felt my Metcalfe cousin's ghosts were with me? It is still very much a working farm and the present owner has many awards for his prize winning Swaledale sheep. John Porter's wife had asked me to take my family tree with me and she showed great interest in it all, even giving me some stories connected with our line which had been passed down to her. My Raw line is the only one now to still have descendants in Muker but our Metcalfe legend still lives on in memory there.

The outcome of all of this is that through the Metcalfe Society, the great help of Nina and the members, not only have I been able to discover part of my own history but also made many good friends, to say nothing of a whole new set of cousins with the same interest in Family History as myself. My grateful thanks and I wish the Society a successful future and many more new members.

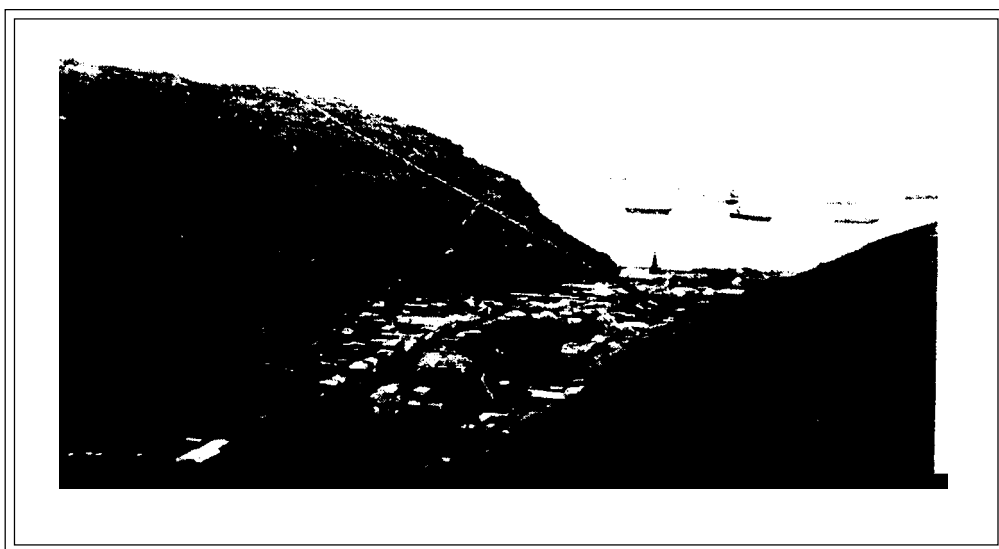
Dorothy Pope (M55)

St Helena

Further to the Metcalfes in St Helena article in the last issue (No 50 page 11) the picture below shows the residence of Napoleon whilst in exile on the island - Longwood.



The second picture shows the main town on St Helena - Jamestown about 1880.



I am my own Grandpa

Now many years ago when I was twenty three ,
 I married a widow who was as pretty as could be .
 This widow had a daughter who had hair of red ,
 My father fell in love with her , and soon they too were wed ,
 This made my dad my son - in - law , and changed my very life ;
 My daughter was my mother ' cause she was my father's wife .
 To complicate the matter , even though it brought me joy ,
 I soon became the father of a bouncing baby boy .
 Our little boy then became a brother - in - law to dad ,
 And so became my uncle though it made me sad .
 For if he was my uncle then that made him brother ,
 To the widow's grown - up daughter who is now my grandmother .
 My fathers wife then had a son who kept him on the run ,
 And he became my grandson ' cause he was my daughter's son .
 My wife is now my mother's mother and it makes me blue ,
 Because , although she is my wife , she is my grandmother too .
 Now if my wife is my grandmother , then I am her grandchild ,
 And every time I think of it , it nearly drives me wild ,
 For now I've become the strangest case you ever saw ,
 That as husband of my grandmother , I'm my own grandpa.

Author unknown.

From Chippewa County Genealogical Society Newsletter May /June 1991 and
 Grant County Genealogical Society Newsletter (Wisconsin) August 1996

Supplied by **George Buxton M003.**

Very Disappointed

My father was born at Azerley but the farm went bust when he was only a few years old and the family moved to Leeds although he spent a lot of his weekends with relations in the Dales. I was brought up in the end house of a row of terraced houses also in Leeds. There was an identical row of houses opposite - about a dozen or so on each side. I can remember coming home from school one lunch time and when my father came from work to join us he was quite excited. He told us that the new people who had just moved into the empty house up the street were called Metcalfe and when he came home from work that evening he was going to see them. When he came back from the visit he was **very disappointed**. To think, he said, there are four of us called Metcalfe in this one street and not one of us is related.

Lillah M Chapman M218.

.....Dear EditorDear EditorDear Editor

As a founder member of the Metcalfe Society I would like to say how delighted I was to see our first letter along with the first "Mecca News" printed in the January 1997 issue. It seems a long time since 1980 when we formed the Society. It has grown tremendously since then, far beyond our expectations in those early days. I well remember our very first Mecca Muster held at Claremont in Leeds on 4 September 1982 when just 13 members attended. I think I am right in saying that all 13 are still members.

So here's to the next 17 years when we hope the membership will have increased as much as in the first seventeen.

Vera Adams (M002)

a member of the Metcalfe Society had noted my interest and had given my details to the Society and I am invited to join. Apart from my Metcalfe interest in the 1800's I also have a future interest in that my son is engaged to a Metcalf. So I joined. That not only solved some small Christmas gift problems for my new Metcalf's but also joy of joys, finds me some relatives -in Australia! M504 and M197 also the birthplace details of Hannah. All in all a good £8 worth.

Having scanned the birth brief I suspect the original informant was Edna Outhet M406, the Secretary of the Scarborough branch of EYFHS of which I am a member. Many thanks Edna.

Mrs F Jane Buddo (M858)

I received an informative letter telling me that

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND MECCA MUSTER 1997

Will be held on Saturday 11 October 1997
at the College of Ripon and York St John,
College Road, Ripon, North Yorkshire.

9.30am Registration for 10am start.

Come along and delve into the records of over 65000 Metcalfes.
Meet old friends, make new ones and see how your Society functions.

Full details, costs and a booking form are enclosed with this issue.

THE METCALFES OF HULL

Thomas Butler, the only son of John Butler of Butler House Baildon was born in 1773 and died in 1831. He kept a diary between 1796 and 1799 from which the following extracts have been supplied by Colin J Butler a descendant.

Dimanche 13th Mars 1796. I delighted in travelling, now I am always the happiest at home - my late disappointment at Hull makes all my occupations irksome. To me business has lost its pleasures, reading its joys and amusements of every kind their charms. In brooding over my unfortunate attachment to **Jane Metcalf**. Really I love her more sincerely (tho perhaps less passionately) every day.

Dimanche 27 Mars 1796 -Easter Sunday. Michael Metcalf is not yet come. Mrs Horner (*a confidant*) says he is an unfeeling young man; to raise my expectations of seeing by writing so often and as often to disappoint me, he knows of my attachment to his sister and must suppose I must be anxious to hear of her. But I excused him to her and showed her his letter. She immediately answered "Why! you little nonsense; how can you expect him till you have informed him you are at home to receive him. His letter requires an answer. I beg his pardon for judging hardly of him." I did not think his letter required an answer but on perusing it a second time I found it did and immediately wrote him.

Jeudi 31 Mars 1796. My father went to Leeds. He returned to dine. Came with **M Metcalf Junr.** I had long expected him. I was much agitated at seeing him. Immediately all my sufferings in that I had experienced from being disappointed of the love of his sister rushed fresh into my mind.

Vendredi 1 Avril 1796. M Metcalfe accompanied me to Low Moor Iron works. He was much pleased with looking over them. We came back to dine with Mr Balme. I had determined this night to have spoke to Michael about my unfortunate attachment to his sister but I had not courage.

Jeudi 14. A letter from Mrs Horner saying that Lydia (*his sister*) had informed her I was in famous spirits and that she (Lydia) supposed it might arise from my expectation of soon seeing **Jane Metcalf**. But Mrs H knows better she knows that I fear seeing Jane Metcalf well knowing that another interview would kindle a flame in my breast which I am now endeavouring as much as in me lays to extinguish. She further adds "If she does come fly the Syren who bewitches, but to destroy fly hasten here and forget your sorrows in the arms of Friendship." Blessings on you my dear Mrs H.

Mardi 4. I gained a compleat victory over my inclination this morning; I had an account in my pocket against Joshua Green, Apperley Lane on whom I was going to call to have it settled but as I approached the house it occurred to me that **Jane Metcalf** might possibly be there (which was probable). I stopped short, hesitated. Shall I go in? Shall I

risk an interview with that lovely girl ? Yes said I to my self she can do thee no harm. So I pushed forwards and again hesitated and said perhaps an interview may rob me of my peace. Well then said reason do it - I will not go in - clapped spurs to my horse and galloped off.

Mardi 12. I went to Leeds. I had purposed seeing **M Metcalf** to apologize the abrupt manner in which I had left him on Sunday night. My heart was so full did not know what I did.

17 December 1797. Letter to **Michl. Metcalf** at Batton's Coffee House, Cornhill, London. By Jove, Michael, I have a very good mind to insist upon you asking my pardon for saying you recd. my short letter which was really more than you expected after a silence for 2 or 3 months. Does my friend mean to hint by this that I care little about him, his letters; if he does he I do assure him, he does me great Injustice; for I do now protest that I value his friendship at a very high rate; and his letters are always very welcome. Tho by the bye I do now confess that I was rather dilatory in answering your last;..... I hope you will be a good boy whilst you are in London, keep good hours, keep good company. I wish I was with you to take care of you for you know I am a good lad ; very steady and serious... tho of late I have rather got into a bad name - I am blamed for having too fond a partiality for the Fair Dear Little Creatures I was once a strenuous supporter of Matrimony..... but alas I am destined to pass through this wicked world without a helpmate - I have met another disappointment; a cruel disappointment the Little Brunette has proved unfaithful to all her vows..... and cruelly forsakes me..... to think I have been the dupe of a girl of nineteen. You may write what you please to me on this subject. You ask me if you can do anything for me in London - there is a scoundrel called J B Guianelli to whom my sister paid one guinea for two busts and which I never received. I have wrote four times .. without receiving an answer.... call upon him and say .. you have orders to proceed against him rigorously.

Thursday 11 Jany 1798. I heard from **M Metcalf** he informed me he has procured the two busts. I wrote very saucily to him (Guianelli) I am now sorry for he has all the time been in Italy.

Saturday 27th Jany. 1798. I wrote a long hasty letter to **M Metcalf Junr.**, Hull in answer to his of the 9th & 23 inst.

Wednesday 16 May 1798. I met with old **Mr Metcalf** of Hull at Leeds today. He desired to know why I did not come to Hull more frequently.

Friday 13 Sept. 1799. In the afternoon **M Metcalf** came - he is a pleasant well informed young man - my father is highly pleased with him.

Thomas Butler married his cousin Anne Beecroft in 1801 by whom he had ten children, only five of them reaching a mature age.

There appears to be more than one family of Michael Metcalfes in the Hull area. It seems that as far as the Society is able to trace Michael Metcalfe had Jane chr 26 Nov 1774 and Michael chr 7 Oct 1776 both at Holy Trinity Hull. Perhaps one of our members can add more. There is a marriage for a Michael Metcalf on 1 Jan 1808 at Holy Trinity to Hannah Turner / Turnel and a mge on 10 May 1804 at St Mary's Hull of a Jane Metcalfe to James Findlay... but whether these are the brother and sister mentioned in the diary is anybody's guess.
NEB

COMPUTER NOTES

David Metcalfe

February 1997

With winter hardly over, the task of entering data from members continues. The database currently at about 62,800 records. Not a lot more than last year but at last I am beginning to put together chronologically multiple records for individuals, especially for our 19th century ancestors.

To this aim, on a recent visit to London, I obtained for the Society, the 1881 surname index for Metcalfe and its variations for County Durham, Lancashire, Cumberland, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, Warwickshire, Bedfordshire, Staffordshire, Shropshire and Sussex. Together with Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, Northumberland, Westmorland, Norfolk, Suffolk and Middlesex, the Society now has a large proportion of the index for Great Britain. Watch this space for further acquisitions.

Whilst Visiting the capital I was surprised to learn of the imminent demise of the index search rooms at St Catherines House in the Aldwych and the census room at the Public Record Office in Chancery Lane. According to a published leaflet the census room will relocate to a new Family Records Centre in Myddelton Street, EC1 (near the Angel tube station on the Northern Line) on 10 March 1997 and St Catherines House, now called the Office for National Statistics will relocate to the same site on the 1 April 1997. However it is not intended to relocate the probate records currently held at Somerset House.

Planned opening times are to be 9 - 5 Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 - 7 Tuesday, 9 - 7 Thursday and 9.30 - 5 Saturday. If any members are intending to make a visit please check first, as these are just planned timings, but good luck with your searches.

HELP WANTED

M805 Mr Arthur Metcalfe, 58 Lilac Avenue, Framwellgate Moor, Durham, DH1 5JB.

I have been trying to help Arthur pin point an ANTHONY METCALFE who is possibly the one baptised at Ravenstonedale on 15th April 1758 son of William and Elizabeth Metcalfe. BUT which William ?

We have been able to eliminate him from being the son of William & Elizabeth (née Simpson) who married in 1734 at Penrith - a copy of William's Will (died 1763) reveals that he had only two surviving daughters (Ruth and Ann) at that time. Could he be the son of William & Elizabeth (née Cansfield) Metcalfe who married at Hawes, Yks on 30th May 1750 ?

The following issue baptised at Hawes may belong to them. It is confusing as there are two Williams having children baptised during this period but this family always mention the name of their farm :-

21.07.1751 Alice	of	William of Brown Moor
11.02.1753 Ann		"
05.12.1754 Elizabeth		"
14.06.1756 William		"

"Brown Moor" is on the east side of the road between Hawes and Hardrow.

There is no further mention of this family in the Hawes Parish Registers so they COULD move away to Ravenstonedale.

HAS ANYONE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS FAMILY CAN YOU HELP, PLEASE ?

NEB

If you are in Wensleydale, exploring your Metcalfe roots and are looking to spend some time there, why don't you stay at the holiday cottage of Daphne and Leon Metcalfe M320 at Sedbusk, only 6 miles from Nappa Hall? It sleeps 5 in three bedrooms. For full details and terms telephone 01494 482 352.

Mecca Miscellany

Has anyone with Thornton Steward, Yorkshire, ancestors lost a **LIZZIE MED-CALFE** born circa 1867 - because in the 1881 CR for Flintshire she is at the Pantasaph Convent, Gorsedd, Whitford, boarder unmailed 14, scholar. Sent in by **Peter Metcalfe M621**.

Members 447, 474, 536, 584 and 764 - with RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE ancestors - connect to this family :- St Pauls, Hammersmith. Baptism - 25th November 1906. BRYAN CHRISTOPHER s.o Bryan Biggar & **Violet Metcalfe**. Born 30th June 1906. Of 30 Elm Grove. Occupation - ? Laundry. Sent in by **Audrey Letts** (non member).

SS GREAT BRITAIN on her 34th voyage from Liverpool, England to Melbourne, Australia sailed on 12th August 1869 carrying 169 crew and 490 passengers. The voyage took 62 days. Amongst the passengers were :-

Joseph Metcalf aged 22

Elizabeth Metcalf aged 22

William Metcalf aged 1

NEB

(1) Westgate Road Baptist Church Newcastle-upon-Tyne :- a bronze plaque on the wall inside the church bears the names on a 1914-1919 "Roll of Honour", including the name **Chris Metcalfe**.

(2) Beamish Open-air Museum, County Durham : In Home Farm there is (Sept 1996) a horse exhibition. Among the photographs on display is one with the caption : **Ivy Metcalfe** and prize gelding "Rand Footprint" 1st prize London Horse Show".

(neg 16,267 - this is believed to be the reference number of the negative used by Langbaugh Museum Service.)

Below the photograph is the following: "1928, 2 year-old Shire Gelding. The property of the late Ernest Sherwin, Rand Grange, Bedale shown by his 19 year-old daughter Ivy, now Mrs Metcalfe, Blackwell, Darlington. 1929 as a 3 year-old, winner 1st London Shirehorse Show: 1st Royal: 1st Great Yorkshire and numerous other agricultural shows. Weight 23cwt." Both provided by **Richard Woolfall M057**.

Jane Metcalfe and Louis Rossetto - first son Orson born 28 January 1997. US owners of the magazine *Wired* - "which has evolved from the hip bible of the Internet generation to an advertisement-packed lifestyle magazine for the pretentious technophile." The Economist, 8 Feb. 1997.

Vancouver singer-songwriter **Megan Metcalfe** after a number of years discussing a recording contract decided to go it alone in January 1996 and released an independent CD. The gamble paid off with an offer from the Ontario based EMI Music Canada who signed her up for a six - CD deal and released the CD - *Megan Metcalfe* throughout Canada. Supplied by **Shirley A Metcalfe M731**.

The Craven Herald Friday 1 April 1932. The funeral took place at the cemetery in Ingleton on Saturday of **Mrs Margaret Manson** aged 73 wife of Mr Richard Manson of Ingleton. Mrs Manson was the last survivor of the family of the late **Mr John Metcalfe** for many years proprietor of the Cross Streets Hotel, Austwick. Supplied by **George Buxton M003**.

UP-DATED BIRTH BRIEFS - please send direct to the Editor.

M320 Mr Leon Metcalfe, Conquieso, Spriggs Alley, Chinnor, Oxon, OX9 4BX
Has traced the marriage of William Metcalf, 23, bach, lab'r of Layerthorpe Buildings, father - William Metcalfe, labourer. = Kate Hill, 18 spr. of same. father - Thomas Hill, labourer. on 25 Dec 1875 St Cuthbert's Church in the City of York.

Can anyone help to trace this family in EARLIER Census Returns ?

M780 Mr Derek S Medcalf, 3 Alwyns Close, Barnpark Road, Teignmouth, Devon, TQ14 8PL. Born 14/3/1929 Edmonton m to Rona Mary (Sleath) Md. s.o. Harold Spencer Md & Ethel Emily Blanche (Wiltshire) Md m 1924. Harold S. b 1902 Edmonton London. s.o. Edward Charles & Charlotte Amelia (Herd) Md. Edward Charles (a silver and goldsmith) b 1868 Islington. s.o. Thomas William & Elizabeth (Malyon) Md m 1864. Thomas Wm b 1841 Shoreditch. s.o. Theophilus Edward (furrier) & Elizabeth (Leveridge) Md. Theophilus E. bpt 1818 Shoreditch. s.o. Thomas (grocer) & Mary Md. Connects to xM432 and probably to xM563 and xM751.

M807 Mrs Sandra L. Metcalfe, 56 Thorncombe Rd, Te Awamutu, New Zealand 2400.
Thanks to the dedicated work of David Metcalfe M46 who has found the baptism of JOHN on 22nd March 1870 at Sharow, near Ripon, Yks s.o. Christopher & Jane Metcalfe of Sharow, sheep doctor; we can now confirm the **connection to M144, M145, M389 and M658.**

M837 Mr Richard Dwayne Metcalfe, 27 Rushmere Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada P6C 2T3. Son of Robert Dunkin and Elsie (Shatford) Mt m. Mar 11, 1936. Robert b. Oct. 22, 1905, Virden, Manitoba, Canada. Son of David Arthur and Rachel (Dunkin) Mt. married Feb. 24, 1903. David b. in Wingham, Ontario, Canada, June 21, 1870. Son of Isaac and Mary Jane (Stephenson) Mt m. c 1860. Isaac b. Feb 15, 1835 in South Cave ERY. Son of John and Jane (Taylor) Mt m. Nov 8, 1823, South Cave, ERY.

NEW ADDRESSES AND CORRECTIONS to Birth Briefs :-

M755 Mr John M. Metcalfe MOVED TO :- "Aysgarth", Recreation Road, Pickering YO18 ?. Also a correction - he is grandson of John Henry & Sarah E. (Fletcher) MTE not great grandson.

M832 Mr Jerry Dale Brown. George's father was JOHN Edward not Jane Edward !

M854 Mr Richard Metcalfe-Gibson, 4 Gardens Mews, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 7EJ.
From Ravenstonedale.

REJOINED MEMBERS :-

M40 Mr Roland Metcalfe, 6 Westcott Drive, Durham Moor, Durham City Co Durham DH1 5AG. Born Consett, Dur. s.o. Joseph & Edith (Nelson) MTE. Joseph b 14.11.1913 Hunwick, Dur. s.o. George & Margaret (?) MTE. George b 14.07.1880 Low Row, Swaledale s.o. Edward & Margaret (?) MTE. Edward b c 1851 Nettlebed farm, Crackpotside, Swaledale s.o. George & Jane (Taylor) MTE m 22.04.1843 Muker. George bpt 14.06.1816 Muker s.o. George & Margaret (Calvert) MTE m 28.12.1807 Muker. George bpt 18.06.1786 Muker s.o. John & Mary (Whitfield) MTE m 13.02.1776 Muker. John born circa 1754. **See also M57, M220, M394.**

M84 Mr Derek Metcalfe & MOVED to:- 56 Brentwood Road, Nelson, Lancs. BB9 8AY. Confirmation awaited.

M552 Miss Maureen Porter, 10 Nithdale Gardens, Exchange St, Hull, North Yorkshire. HU15 1HP. Born in Hull d.o. Kenneth George & Constance (Medcalf) Porter m 1948. Constance b 20 Sep 1921 Hull d.o. Herbert & Beatrice (Gardham) MD m 1920 Hull. Herbert b 15.04.1898 Hull s.o. William & Ann Elizabeth (Spavin) MD m 1888 Great Driffield, Yks & in the 1891 CR for Hull lived at 10 Andrew March Terrace. William 24 b Sutton. The 1881 CR for Sutton on Hull has William 14 with f. John 44 b Cranswick and m. Emma 41 b Lund.

BIRTH BRIEFS - NEW MEMBERS

to whom we extend a warm welcome.

M842 Mr Timothy D. Breen, 9 Windsor St, Whitecross, Hereford, HR4 0HW.

Great, gt grandparents Edward & Eliza (née Metcalf) Bartholomew mge 26th July 1835 St George the Martyr, Southwark, Surrey with a Hugh Metcalf as a witness. **The Society can add** :- Eliza bpt 31st July 1814 dau of Hugh and Rebecca (?) MT. This couple also had Henry 1808, Rebecca 1810, Hugh 1813, James 1817, Benjamin 1819 and Francis 1822. All baptisms took place at Spitalfields Christ Church, Stepney, London. It is possible that Hugh is the son of John & Eleanor MT bpt 14.07.1785 Holborn.

M843 Mr & Mrs Alan & Freda Vickers, 3 Wingrove Avenue, Fulwell, Sunderland, SR6 9HJ.

Freda born Houghton-le-Spring, Co. Durham, d.o. Joseph & Jane Emma (née Hall) MTE m 24.03.1934. Joseph b 15.11.1877 Houghton-le-Spring. Freda has step-brothers Donald & Joseph MTE and cousins Roland & Bernard MTE (sons of Charles) all of the Houghton-le-Spring area. **The Society was able to add:-** Joseph b 1877 s.o. Joseph & Elizabeth (?) MTE

who in 1891 lived in H-I-S with their 8 children Elizabeth A.21: Robert 19: Thomas C.16: Joseph 14: Ellen Ellis 10: Ethel 8: Charles Bernard 5: & Edmund L.3: there was also a Hugh born later. Joseph was 42, born Warlabby Yks. and was bpt 22.10.1848 at Ainderby Steeple, Yks s.o Thomas & his second wife Ellen (?) MTE. He & his 1st wife Esther neé Hall were married at Danby Wiske 23.11.1829 and their son John went to New Zealand & was the ancestor of XM127. Esther died Dec 1839 aged 29. Thomas & Ellen had William 1842: Ann 1843: Thomas 1845: Ann 1847: Joseph 1848: Sarah 1850: Ellen 1853: Hannah 1855: Robert 1857 & Thomasine 1861. Wm bpt at Kilburn, all the others at Ainderby Steeple where father Thomas was buried 01.07.1877 aged 66. Ellen followed 20.12.1892 and in 1881 CR she lived with son Robert at Low Sober farm.

Thomas b ca 1811 at Warlabby as given in the 1851 CR of Warlabby but was he “adjusting” his age ? If b 1811 he was only 18 at his 1st mge. There is only one Thomas bpt at Ainderby Steeple anywhere near 1811 and that is :- 16th Sep 1809 s.o Elias & his 2nd wife Mary (neé Hunter) MT husbandman of Warlabby mge AD 22.11.1806. Also ancestors to XM626 & XM632. Elias b ca 1743 1st m 17.11.1765 at AS to Susanna Todd, he was bpt at Thornton Watlass 15.09.1746 s.o Thomas & Ann (neé Meek) MTE m 23.04.1728 Thornton Watlass. Thomas bpt 04.03.1704/5 TW s.o Elias MTE. Elias b ca 1647 s.o James.

M844 Mrs Catherine Sowden,8 Avon Close,Neston,South Wirral,L64 0TH

Dau of Leonard Richard Metcalfe b 1910 Liverpool s.o Robert & Mary Ann (neé Rogion/Rogin) MTE of Water Crook, Natland, Kendal mge 12.11.1873 at Kendal. Robert b 11.11.1849 Skelsmeigh, Kendal s.o Richard & Betsy (neé Kellet) MT m 27.01.1849. Robert b 20.03.1827 Sedbergh s.o Richard & Jane (neé Canby) mge 28.06.1812 Sedbergh. **The Society can add :-** Richard b 18.01.1789 or 1790 s.o George & Isabella/Bella MTE of Gills, Garsdale ? neé Low m 13.05.1786 Hawes, Yks. See also XM270 & XM378.

M845 Mr Eugene W.Metcalfe, 1234 Jack Oak Road, Cassville, Wisconsin 53806, United States of America.

Father to M766. Eugene s.o Raymond William & Lillian MTE, son of Robert William & Emma MTE bpt 24.05.1870 Grewelthorpe, Yorkshire s.o William and Grace (?) MTE. William bpt 15.12.1833 Kirkby Malzeard, Yks. s.o George & Isabella (Burton) MTE m 16.07.1821 Masham, Yks. George ? bpt 10.04.1791 Kirkby Malzeard s.o Thomas MT of Bramley Grange.

M846 Mrs Betty Burke, Wassick House Farm, Langthorne, Bedale, DL8 1PL. North Yorkshire.

Has an interest in Robert Metcalfe of Welbury (nr Northallerton) whose Will was proved 29.06.1764, his wife was a Jane and they had issue :- dau Elizabeth who married 11.11.1741 to William LISTER at either Welbury or Faceby when she was aged 21 and died at Appleton

Wiske in 1804; and dau Mary married Jonathan Burnett 08.05.1746 at Welbury. Robert had a brother James; and sisters, Anne = Ralph Simpson at Northallerton on 03.10.1715; and Elizabeth = Thomas Calvert at Northallerton on 25.11.1730. **Can anyone help ?**

A connection is sought to George Metcalfe whose Will was proved in 1647 and mentions children Elizabeth; Catherine; Mary; William and Richard - no wife's name given. **The Society can show that** George is of the long line from the Porch House, Northallerton and Nappa Hall - but where is the connection to Robert and could he be son of Francis (& ? Dorothy Dixon) bpt 09.02.1705/6 at Northallerton ?

M847 Mr George Terrance C.(Terry) Metcalfe, 2 Loddon Court, Croydon Hills, Victoria 3136, Australia.

Brother to M292 & M849 (see below). All children of George Donald James & Olive Alice (neé Hebdon) MTE.G.D.J. b 22 Sep 1905 Hipswell Yks.s.o George Herbert & Lilian (neé Firth, his cousin). George Herbert bpt 09.09.1877 Hipswell s.o George & Elizabeth (neé Moses) MTE m 30.09.1875 Hipswell. George bpt 23.01.1842 Hipswell s.o Robert & Elizabeth (neé Frankland) MTE m 28.12.1841 Hipswell. Robert b circa 1821 s.o Robert & Elizabeth (neé King) MTE m 3rd Mar.1818 Hipswell. Robert bpt 03.06.1787 Hipswell s.o George & Elizabeth (neé Robinson) ?m 17.11.1768 High Coniscliffe nr Darlington. George b circa 1733. See also M13 M29 M39 M66 M70 M92 M132 M133 M211 M212 M246 M248 M257 M292 M458 M517 M546 M547 M791 M849 M855 and M856.

M848 Mr John Coates & Mrs Mary Ingham, Blue Grass, Stainmore,Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria. CA17 4DY.

Born “Blue Grass” - great grandson and gt.gt grand-dau of John & Rose (nee Metcalfe) Coates m 20th May 1841 Muker, Yks. Rose bpt 17 Sep 1816 Muker d.o George & Ann (Harker) Mte of Calvert Houses, Yks. m 6th Jun 1805 Muker. George bpt 25.04.1780 Muker s.o George & Jane (Harker) Mte of Satron m 13.01.1772 Muker. George bpt 14.02.1748 Muker s.o Thomas & Margaret (Cottingham) Mte of Satron m 21.04.1737 Muker. Thomas bpt 26.08.1708 Muker s.o Thomas of Gunnerside. See also M003. M506. M679 & M818.

M849 Mrs Rosemary I.Munn, “Dalelands” Hipswell Village, Nr Richmond, North Yorkshire. DL9 4BB.

Please see the entry above for M847.

M850 Mrs Patricia H.Rushworth,35 Talbot Rd,Roundhay,Leeds.LS8 1AG.

Nothing received.

M851 Mrs Olive B.Kidd, 61 Boroughbridge Road, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL7 8BG.

Descended from Ralph & Annie Mary (Dunn) MT. Ralph b 1904 Old Lodge Farm, Staindrop, Co Durham s.o John Stephenson & Beatrice Elizabeth (Bell) MT. John S. b circa 1869 Langleydale s.o Ralph and Margaret Jane (née Stephenson) Metcalfe of Dent Gate Farm, Langleydale near Barnard Castle, Co Durham. Ralph bpt 05.03.1832 Barton, North Yks. s.o James & Eleanor/Ellin (Neé Gibson) MT m 23.05.1829 Barton. James bpt 25.12.1801 Bowes s.o Ralph & Susannah (née Deanham) MT m 12.04.1784 Bowes. Ralph born ca 1751?

M852 Mr Peter R.Metcalf, Silfield House, Silfield Road, Wymondham, Norfolk, NR18 9AV.

Born Hale, Cheshire s.o Thomas Coates & Christine Mary (McMorran) MT m 1941 Hale. Thomas C. b 1911 s.o Thomas Chapman & Lilian (née Coates) MT. Thomas Chapman MT b 1879, Hunslet, Leeds s.o William & Elizabeth Annie (née Chapman) MT m 1877 Hunslet. William b 1853 Mareham le Fen, Lincs s.o William & Hannah (née Taylor) m 1849 Branston, Lincs. William b 1814 Stickney s.o Thomas & Mary (née Clarke) MT m 1813 Revesby, Lincs. Thomas b 1783 East Keal, Lincss.o William & Ann (?) MT. **See also M262, M247 and M652.**

M853 Mr Leonard Natrass,6 Redmayne Square,Strensall,York,YO3 5YN.

Maternal Gt Grandparents William & Ann (née Metcalfe) Snowden m 11th July 1868 at the Cathedral, Ripon, Yks. Ann aged 28 yrs. dau of Edward a gardener. The Society can add :- Ann b 28.03.1840 Killinghall, bpt 01.11.1840 Ripley d.o Edward & Sarah (?) MT. Edward b 28 Sep 1805, bpt 15.12.1805 Ripley s.o Richard & Anne (née Pinder/Pindar d.o James) MT m 24 Nov 1794 Kirk Deighton,Yks. Richard bur 28.08.1855 aged 84 therefore born circa 1771 Knaresborough. ??bpt 7th Feb 1773 Knaresborough s.o Edward & Mary (Bake) MT m 25.11.1771 Knaresborough. Edward of South Stainley.

M854 Mr Richard Metcalfe-Gibson, 4 Gardens Mews, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 7EJ.

Descended from Anthony & Mary Ann (née Raine) Metcalfe-Gibson m 18.09.1879 Laithkirk, Co.Durham. Anthony bpt 02.10.1849 Ravenstonedale, Wes. s.o Anthony & Mary (née Atkinson) Metcalfe. Anthony assumed the extra surname of Gibson after the death of Richard Gibson of Coldbeck in 1880. Anthony bpt 22.11.1817 Ravenstonedale s.o Anthony & Frances (née Wilson) MTE mge 12th Sep 1815 at Crosby Ravensworth. Anthony b 08.02.1765 Ravenstonedale s.o Anthony of Adamthwaite & Mary (née Fothergill) Mte mge 16th Feb 1757 Ravenstonedale.

M855 Mrs G.June Cutting and Mrs Christine Turner, 22 Culvers Road, Keynsham, Bristol, BS18 2DW.

Sisters - daughters of Robert Henry & Grace (née Metcalfe) Roberts m 02.04.1934 Ovingham, NBL. Grace b 17th June 1905 Leeds d.o Frederick Christopher & Minnie Elizabeth (née Roberts) MTE. Frederick C. bpt 10.06.1866 Hipswell, Yks. s.o Christopher & Mary (?) MTE. Christopher bpt 6th Jan 1833 Hipswell s.o James & Mary Barbara (née Binks) MTE m 28.03.1825 Raskelf, Yks. James bpt 13.01.1793 s.o George & Elizabeth (née Robinson) ?m 17.11.1768 High Coniscliffe nr Darlington. George b circa 1733. **See also M13 M29 M39 M66 M70 M92 M132 M133 M211 M212 M246 M248 M257 M292 M458 M517 M546 M547 M791 M847 M849 and M856.**

M856 Ms Sue Metcalfe, 46 Baby Point Road, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M6S 2G3.

Sister to XM39 Sharon Milton. Sue b Windsor, Ontario d.o Robert William & Helen Marguerita (née Porter) m 28.10.1944 Yesi, near Rome, Italy. Robert Wm b 25 Jan 1915 Yorkshire Eng: s.o John Pickard & Harriet (née Peart) MTE m 23.12.1907 Easby, Richmond, Yks. John Pickard bpt 12.05.1880 Richmond s.o Robert & Elizabeth (née Pickard) MTE m 20.03.1876. Robert bpt 28.11.1852 Hipswell s.o Robert & Elizabeth (née Frankland) MTE m 28.12.1841 Hipswell. Robert b circa 1821 s.o Robert & Elizabeth (née King) MTE m 3rd Mar.1818 Hipswell. Robert bpt 03.06.1787 Hipswell s.o George & Elizabeth (née Robinson) ?m 17.11.1768 High Coniscliffe nr Darlington. George b circa 1733. **See also M13 M29 M39 M66 M70 M92 M132 M133 M211 M212 M246 M248 M257 M292 M458 M517 M546 M547 M791 M849 and M855.**

M857 Miss Marian G.Stephens, 301 S.15th #1, Bozeman, Montana 59715-4155 United States of America.

Nothing received.

M858 Mrs Frances Jane Buddo, Greenheld, 43B Main Street, Seamer, Scarborough, Yorkshire, YO12 4PS.

Nothing received.

M859 Mrs Margaret Bullock, 6 Ashfield Close, Barrowford, Nelson, Lancs, BB9 6DJ.

Great grand-daughter of James & Sarah (née Metcalfe) Heseltine who married 15th Dec 1860 at Stalling Busk, Yorks. Sarah bpt 26.02.1837 at Stalling Busk d.o James & Priscilla

(née Peacock) MTE m 15.01.1836 Aysgarth. James bpt 15.08.1813 Stalling Busk s.o William & Sarah MTE. The Society can add :- William married Sarah Dinsdale 18.05.1811 Stalling Busk. William bpt 08.02.1789 S.B s.o William & Ann (Tomlin) MTE. William bpt either 1757 or 1759 S.B. s.o John & Barbara/Barbary née Metcalfe MTE m 12.05.1756 at Hawes. John bpt 25.03.1727 s.o William & Margaret (?) of Marsett.

The Heseltine side of the family include other Metcalfes :- Thomas Heseltine married Betty/Elizabeth MTE 06.07.1789 at Arncliffe. Betty bpt 05.07.1768 at Halton Gill d.o Robert & Isabel (Simpson) MTE m 13.05.1751 at Arncliffe. **Connected to M6; XM28; M46: M55: M178; M303; XM308; XM406; M539; M550; M597; M608: M678; M839 - how's that for starters !**

M860 Mrs Erica Harding, 86 Bradleys Road, Terrigal, New South Wales 2260, Australia.

Grand-daughter of Abraham Grange & Emmaline Beatrice (Adams) Metcalfe m 21 Dec 1911 Australia. Abraham G. b 10.07.1877 Eccleshill, Idle, Bradford, Yorkshire, England s.o John & Sarah Ann (Grange) MTE. The Society has been able to add :- In 1871 John & Sarah lived at 18 Chapel St. Eccleshill with Martha Ann/Hannah 7; Anne 5; Charles 3; Richard Gorrill 7months;. In 1881 they were at 8 Sherwood Place with additional children Edward Arthur 8; Emily 5; Abraham Grange 3; and Gertrude 1;. In 1891 father John has died and Sarah Ann has remarried to John Tillotson & living with 6 of the children at 4 Terra Cotta Row (Undercliffe Road) Eccleshill. John died 1st March 1885 and probate of his Will was granted to his widow Sarah Ann at Wakefield on 25th Sep 1885 - £278. John was born 12.09.1835 at Gunnerfleet bpt 15.11.1835 at Ingleton Fells s.o Richard and Martha* (Gorrill) MTE m 13.03.1824 Ingleton Fells. Richard bpt 29.05.1796 Ingleton Fells s.o Richard & Agnes (Shepherd) MTE m 17.11.1788 Chapel le Dale. Richard bpt 15.06.1766 Ingleton Fells s.o John & Eleanor (Whaley) MTE m 11.05.1761 Ingleton Fells. John bpt 04.10.1734 ? 1740 ? s.o George & Elizabeth (Battley) MTE his second wife m 26.12.1739 IF - with his 1st wife Margaret (Thompson) m 13.08.1726 IF George of Southerscales had a total of 22 children. George bpt 27.03.1700 Ingleton s.o Christopher & (?Catherine Leake) MTE of Raisgill.

*Richard and Martha also had a son Joshua in 1827 who appears to go to Australia by 1855 when he had married Eliza Thomas. **Also connected to XM58: M97: XM319: M529: M553: XM637: M777.**

Because of my forthcoming holiday trip, the Birth Brief of any member joining after 9th January 1997 cannot be included and will appear in the August issue.

Nina E.Benson

Ralph Tiplady Metcalfe

The article in Mecca News No 49 (August 1996) about St Margaret's Church, Hawes contained a surprise for me - I have visited Hawes and spent time wandering around the churchyard looking for Metcalfes and other ancestors but had not looked **inside** the Church! Next time I shall certainly go inside to see the war memorial screen which I now know mentions "John Chaytor Mte, John Moore Mte and **Ralph Tiplady Mte**, who fell in the Great War of 1914 - 1918".

Ralph Tiplady Metcalfe was my father's cousin. His parents are buried at Hardraw and Ralph is also remembered on their headstone :

"In Loving Memory of
Jane wife of John Metcalfe of Bainbridge Ings Hawes
who died 17th September 1884 aged 34 years
also of their son Ralph Tiplady Metcalfe
who died on active service in Italy
22nd November 1917 aged 33 years
Also of the above John Metcalfe
who died on 1st April 1926 aged 76 years."

The name Ralph Tiplady Metcalfe does not appear on the war memorial list inscribed on the Hardraw lynchgate. I had thought that was because of the circumstances in which, according to family tradition, he "died in active service" but was not actually "killed in action". Now I realise that it was because he lived in the Parish of Hawes and was included in the Hawes memorial.

The story passed down in my family is as follows:
Ralph was the only child of John Metcalfe, farmer of Bainbridge Ings near Hawes and his wife Jane. (The baby was called after John's father, who was also Ralph Tiplady Metcalfe.) About a week after the birth Jane Metcalfe caught a chill crossing the yard and died. John never remarried and young Ralph was reared by his maiden Aunt Belle (Isabella Blyth Mte) who was stone deaf. He grew up a shy recluse who suffered dreadfully from travel sickness on the shortest of journeys and rarely went beyond the farm, although he loved reading travel books. At the age of 32, still unmarried, he was moved by the war-time recruitment campaign and joined the army. After initial training, his unit was sent to the Middle East (Palestine?) but Ralph never reached the destination. The journey made him very ill and he died in Italy of travel sickness (?!).

From my own researches, I can add that Bainbridge Ings near Hawes had been farmed by Mtes since before 1841, when it was occupied by John Metcalfe, his wife Jane (nee Tiplady) and his father, another John. In the mid 1840's the two Johns moved to Bridge End at Gayle (where the elder one died in 1848 aged 99). This move probably

coincided with the marriage in 1845 of John's son Ralph Tiplady Mte, senior (1813 - 1880) to Mary Blyth, daughter of a Hawes mill-owner. The couple remained at Bainbridge Ings throughout their lives and were both buried in the Friends Burial Ground at Hawes, where there is a headstone to them. They had five daughters (from one of whom I am descended) but only one son, John. After the death of Ralph Tiplady Mte, junior, John continued to farm alone at Bainbridge Ings but when he died in 1926 this male line of Mtes died out and Bainbridge Ings passed out of the family.

I do not know whether it is really medically possible to die of travel sickness but I do feel that cousin Ralph did give his life for his King and Country and I am pleased to know that he is included in the Hawes War Memorial.

Judith M.S.Robinson (M631)

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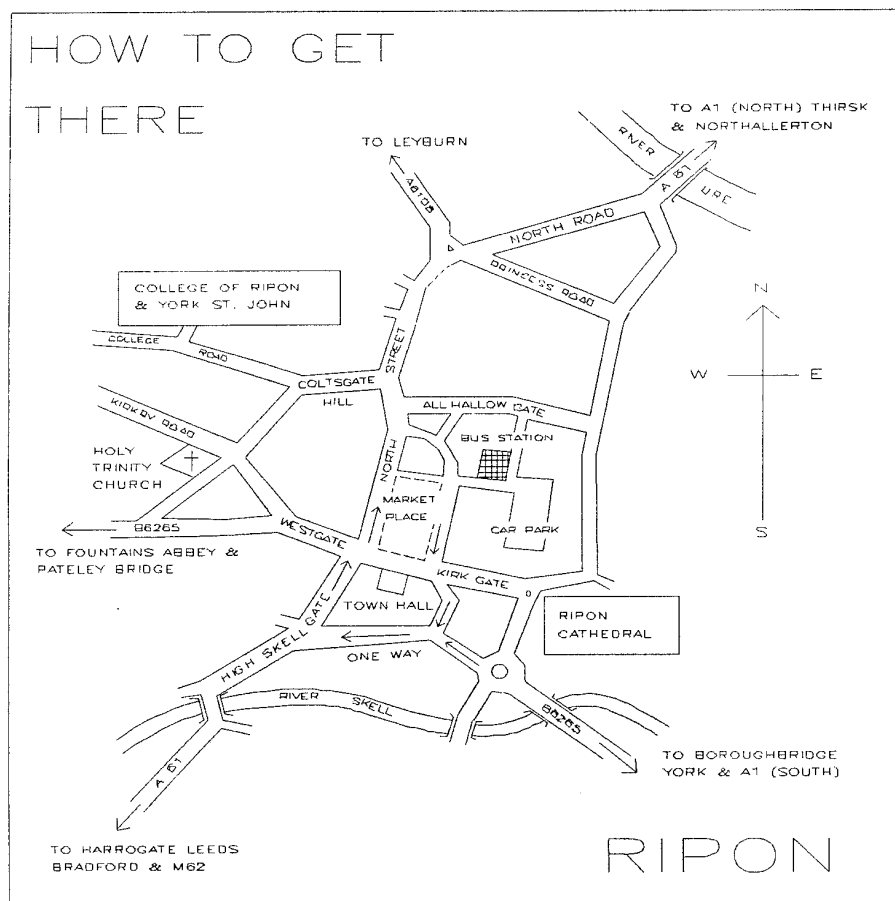
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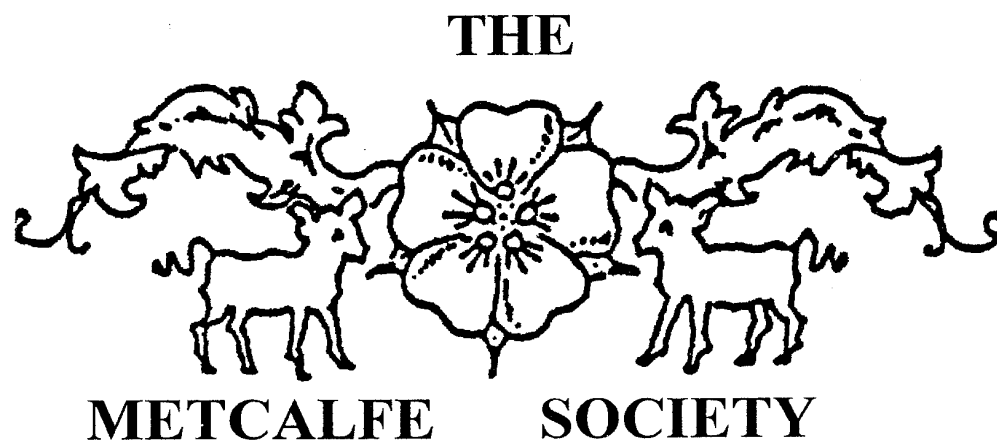


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