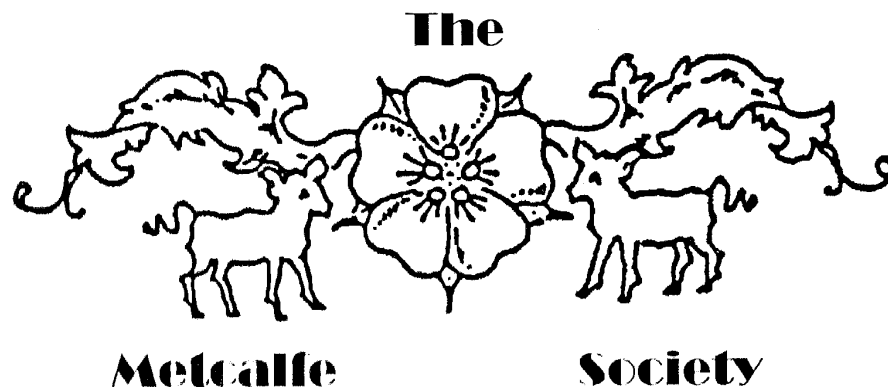




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FROM THE EDITOR

For the past three issues I have been trying to insert an article on the East India Company's training establishment - Haileybury College in Hertfordshire and the goings on of certain Metcalfes but due to pressure for other items it was not possible. The College is not particularly well known so, as you can imagine I was somewhat surprised to see an article in the December Issue of *Family Tree* about the School. My response was similar to one of our contributors in December's Mecca News who said "wonders will never cease" on seeing the picture of Mrs Margaret Kearton, after many years of research! The story is in this issue and whilst it covers some of the background used in the Family Tree this one is all about a wayward Metcalfe and a possible touch of influence.

Also in this issue is the start of a two part article from Dianne Fox (M113) about Unknown Cousins taken from her thesis. It is mainly about Australian sources but I am sure it will help some of you with ideas for research here. There is also another article on churches. If you have anything of interest about Swaledale churches especially if one of your ancestors was involved please let me know.

At this point (early of March) the pre-sales numbers of **The Metcalfe Book** are fast approaching two hundred which is closing on the figure needed to consider going for a print run. There will an update contained with this magazine when it is circulated in April.

Don't forget about the Mecca Muster see the booking form enclosed with this edition.



Master Pilots of Sunderland

George Metcalf of 2 Causeway Monkwearmouth born 05.03.1810. 5' 7" fair

John Metcalf of 2 Long Bank Sunderland born 07.09.1805. 5' 9" fair

Northumberland and Durham FHS Journal Winter 1997, page 131

APPRENTICE to Edward & John Dickon of

Mytongate Kingston-on-Hull c1800 - **Thomas Metcalfe**

The Banyan Tree - October 1997 page 30.

UNKNOWNCOUSINS

Part I

by

Dianne Fox M113

(The following article is taken from a paper prepared by Dianne Fox and whilst it is primarily about discovering "Unknown Cousins" from those who went to Australia the methods can equally apply to any emigrant families and indeed any that have left their traditional family areas. Part II will appear in the August issue.)

SYNOPSIS

Finding your *Unknown Cousins* can be a wonderful source of information for a family history. People did not generally come to Australia alone, siblings, cousins, parents, uncles and aunts also migrated. Tracking down the descendants of those who migrated and finding these *Unknown Cousins* can be a wonderful source of information. They can be living in the same city, state or interstate and can be located using local resource centres, some keen logical research and lots of patience and time. Once these resources become familiar it is easier to apply this type of research to other family branches.

INTRODUCTION

It is a daunting thought to leave family and friends and move to the other side of the world even in this day and age of modern telecommunications and transport. The thought of not speaking to loved ones and seeing they again is quite frightening but what of our forebears who travelled to Australia in the 1800's from England or Europe where the journey each way took some 100 days. When many people left their native country letters were not even exchanged after arriving in Australia.



Family Group UK 1910 prior to some of them leaving for Australia

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Most families did not immigrate alone. Close relatives were already in the colony or joined the family in the years after their arrival. It is necessary to identify these other close relatives and their descendants, *Unknown Cousins*, to build up a better picture of our ancestors lives.

So why try to find other descendants of our great, great, great grandparents? Because all sorts of bits and pieces, such as photographs, letters, Bibles, stories and family memorabilia would have been split up over the generations and passed down. Hopefully some of these items still exist and will be with some of these *Unknown Cousins*.

Records in Victoria are excellent for tracking down who is who. In particular Birth, Death and Marriage indexes and certificates, cemetery records, parish records and early church record indexes, shipping records, probate indexes, newspapers, Post Office directories and electoral rolls are all wonderful sources of information and most can be looked at free of charge.

With a very common name it may be more difficult to identify relatives but even so this process can be successful. Do not forget some golden rules of research - when tracing a particular name do not forget that spelling can vary considerably, so check all possible spellings. Also remember that new records and indexes are continually being published .



Unknown Australian Cousins "found" 1988

Ancestors are found by working backwards one generation at a time with names, birth and death details of our direct ancestors siblings all recorded. These siblings are

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the ones to look for and maybe more distant relatives such as cousins, uncles, aunts and grandparents. If you try to explore the lives of these relatives you may find they have also emigrated. These people are all families like ours, some siblings are close to each other some are not. Hopefully over the generations some item or stories of past generations have been handed down. These *Unknown Cousins* may have information that will lead back to your ancestor's origins.

WHERE TO LOOK

Using resources in Victoria at the State Library, Victorian Public Record Office, Genealogical Society of Victoria, Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies, Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Cemeteries and local municipal libraries it is possible to trace relatives to the present day.

When visiting research centres for the first time check the how to do it manuals and catalogues. Try making a list of items to search before starting a session, with a set of goals more will be accomplished. It is necessary to know as much as you can about the family to be researched before starting the process.

The usual starting point is with Birth, Marriage and Death Indexes and certificates. Compulsory Civil Registration commenced in Victoria on 1 July 1853 and it included the option of registering earlier events. Prior to this time churches recorded baptisms, marriages and burials. The Victorian Indexes to Births, Deaths and Marriages cover different periods - births 1853-1913, marriages 1853-1930 and deaths 1853-1980. Depending on how common the surname copy out all the entries under that name. The birth, death and marriage indexes are the core of the research.

The Victorian Pioneers Index 1837-1888 is a consolidated index of births, deaths marriages and early church records. It contains similar information as the Indexes to Births, Deaths and Marriages but all events are grouped together by surname then Christian name.

Many of the Parish records have been transcribed and have indexes so it is easy to locate names. It is worth checking as many indexes as possible one never knows where baptisms, marriages or burials took place. Parish records cover events before and after civil registration.

The early church records (for an example see page 10) commence 1 January 1837 and end 30 June 1853. They cover baptisms, marriages and burials in the Port Phillip District of the Colony of New South Wales up to 1851 when the area became the Colony of Victoria. The records should be used in conjunction with the Pioneers Index.

(To be continued)

Chairman's Report

In the last Mecca News I stressed that this was a very important year for two reasons - one of those reasons being the forthcoming retirements of our Honorary Secretary Nina E. Benson, and Treasurer, Margaret Metcalfe - both of whom have worked tirelessly for the society for many years.

Whilst you read this, I would like to point out that both Nina and Margaret are reading something completely different in their April Mecca News Chairman's Report!! Your Editor Peter Dobson and I are being somewhat devious and we need the help of EVERY SINGLE MEMBER! In 1997 we finished the AGM in a manner never known before. Well, we aim to beat it this year! There will be a presentation and thanks to Margaret. For all those who know Margaret, we would like pass on your best wishes. See below on how you can do this.

However, as Chairman, for me to then say thank you to Nina on behalf of the society would be a total understatement in showing the gratitude of the society and the membership for all the work, support and enthusiasm she has shown over the many years that has helped the society be what it is today - one of the world's largest and leading one-name family history societies.

There is not one single member who has not received help, support, guidance and enthusiasm from Nina. For instance, just look at the birth briefs for new members in this, and every issue. Whenever it says"the society can add....". This is the effort that Nina "Sherlock Holmes" Benson has done herself, using Society information, to help these new members trace their family tree further, and find new relatives. Nina is always available to receive overseas visitors.... the number of letters she receives, and answers each weekthe liaison with other organisations the list can go on for pages to the point where we are having to find three separate people to take over the work she did, and even then Nina will still keep her "Sherlock" hat on during 'retirement'.

So this is where I need the help of every single member. At the end of the AGM, along with a couple of other surprises for everyone, we aim to give her a scrapbook full of best wishes and anecdotes about what's happened in the society over the years from EVERYONE. How has Nina helped you? Even if you haven't met Nina, there must be something about what you or she has written, what you or she has said either directly or indirectly that you would like to jog her memory about. So please please please contribute and make it a real tribute to Nina. Please write or fax even a few lines to me to the address at the back of the Mecca News (or fax to +44-118-933-1244) and don't forget to include your best wishes to Margaret.

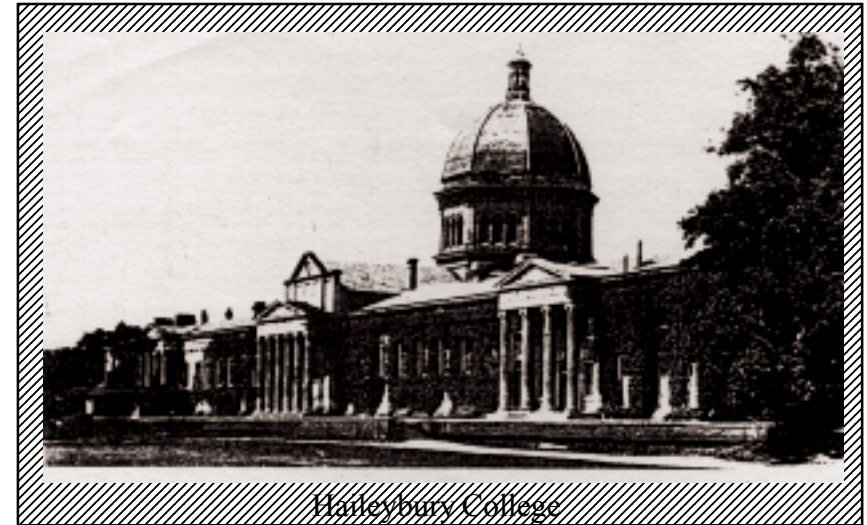
..... and finally - please don't mention a word of this to Nina or Margaret before the Muster!! Any guilty party will be banished from the society for life!

East Indies Connections

or

A Riot of a Very Damaging Nature

(largely based on information provided by **George Buxton M003**)



The East India Company was possibly the greatest collection of merchant adventurers. It was granted its charter on 31 December 1600 by Elizabeth I with "exclusive right to trade with the East". Initially the Company had to compete with the Dutch, French Spanish and other European countries trying to exploit the riches of the lands of the Indian sub-continent and the islands and archipelagos of the China Sea. After a number of set backs in the Far East the Company tended to concentrate on the Indian sub-continent and in February 1640 built its first viable location in Madras at Fort St George. Even then the Company teetered on the edge of extinction with only twenty five officers and men in 1655. However from this low point the Company began to rise to its place of pre-eminence during the 1700's.

This collection of merchants and their appointed civil servants, known as Factors who acted on their behalf were the backbone of the Company. As time wore on the their rules became established and in 1672 the first corporate livery (uniform) was adopted. The method of appointment after 1714 was by a system of patronage exercised by a Court of Directors. These directors appointed the civil servants and each had a annual patronage quota in relation to his seniority. The age limit was fixed in 1784 at 15 to 18 or 25 for those who had spent a year in the army.

As befits a clan who were always ranked with the first families of the land, the Metcalfes were also heavily involved in India. One of the first mentions is in

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1681 of Charles Metcalfe in Madras. (*George Buxton has uncovered a great deal of information which will be used in future issues of the Mecca News.*)

As the traditions of the Company grew the training methods also expanded. However after nearly two hundred years of existence the need for reform was evident and pressure built up from those in India. In 1800 Lord Wellesley founded the first overseas college based on the Oxford and Cambridge models to provide a three year course. The idea for a college overseas soon proved impracticable and so a site was sought in England. Initially the Court of Directors took a lease on Hertford Castle in 1806 but they quickly decided they needed something more suitable, so the nearby Haileybury estate on Hertford Heath was purchased. Haileybury was refurbished with the help of the designer William Wilkins, who was later to become the architect of the National Gallery. In 1809 the College opened for its first students.

The pupils entered at about the age of 16 provided they knew 'Two Latin classics, the Greek testament, principles of grammar and canon rules of arithmetic'. The three year curriculum covered history, law, maths, military tactics and Oriental languages. Fees were 100 guineas per annum.

The Reverend Dr Samuel Henly was the College's headmaster from 1805 to 1815 but ragging at both Hertford and Haileybury "verged on the sadistic". Hertford was "painted red" on a number of occasions and the professors were routinely pelted by the students when going between classes. In 1811 the College suffered its most serious outbreak of lawlessness when a riot took place. Needless to say one of the ringleaders was a Metcalfe!



Hertford Castle c1806. East India Company students in the foreground.

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"On 8 November 1811 **a riot of a very damaging nature** broke out in the East India College during which nearly ninety young men, many of them of the first families of the country participated in acts of the atrocious nature." So the report from the Rev Dr Henly to the East India Court on 14 November stated. Even at that stage there was still some ferment as the students were apparently planning to "proceed in a body" to the College the following day. However by the time the East India Court sat on 12 December 1811 the College was relatively calm.

Before the Court were the five ringleaders including Thomas Theophilus Metcalfe son of Sir Thomas Theophilus Metcalfe, a College committee member. His brother Charles Theophilus Metcalfe was also at Haileybury at the same time but appears to have played only a minor role as he was not harangued by the Court. The examination of the riot's instigators Messrs Farmer, Metcalfe, Hayes, Marstack and Drury lasted through the remainder of December into January 1812 before on 22nd of that month, after all their past misdemeanours had also been considered, the Court passed its decision. All five were expelled.

It must have come as a great surprise and a shock to these young men and undoubtedly there was a great deal of lobbying behind the scenes for less than three months later on 8 April a motion was voted by the Court to grant amnesty to the ringleaders. This was accepted with great alacrity by Thomas Theophilus as at the Court's meeting a week later his letter "expressing grateful acknowledgement for the Court's clemency" had been received. However the matter rumbled on for a while longer with some of the College committee in dispute with the decision to give clemency but this disagreement did not affect the revised decision and Thomas Theophilus went on to a career in India.

Haileybury remained the College for the East India Company's civil servants for another 46 years (until 31 January 1858) but the writing was already on the wall. The Company's monopoly was being challenged and the Indian Mutiny spelled its death knell with its disbandment occurring shortly after the closure of the College.



INTERNET - EMAIL

It has been suggested by **M266 Susan Harper** and other members that we begin to compile a list of those members with access to this facility. Susan can be contacted at :-

<http://www.interchg.ubc.ca/sharper/metcalfe>

If other members would like to send their contact pages direct to the Editor they could be published in a future edition.

AUSTRALIAN METCALFES

A listing of Metcalfe births marriages and deaths
from Sydney churches provided by
Dianne Fox M113.

St Phillip, Sydney

Robert E Metcalf son of Priscilla Metcalf and Robert Bailes born 10 March 1807,
bap 26 July 1807 Ref : 1807 1025 4
Priscilla Metcalf died 7 Jan 1808. No age. Ceremony performed in Sydney.
Ref V1808 2263 2A
Ann Metcalf married Noah Trump 18 June 1810 by banns Ref V 1810 137 5
Sarah Metcalf dau of Joseph & Ann. Born 15 May 1826 bap 11 June 1826.
Ref 1826 7494 1C
John Metcalf aged 55 years, a carpenter buried 21 July 1834 Ref 1834 1725
18 page 70 no 1051
Catharine Jane Metcalf Spinster married John Tugwell, gentleman and bachelor by
licence with consent of parents 17 Nov 1836. Both signed their
names. Witnesses : Thomas Metcalfe of Sydney and Anne
Metcalf, Matilda Metcalfe of Sydney. Ref V 1836 60 20
page 33 no 135.

St Johns, Parramatta

John Metcalf married Mary Brown 26 Dec 1794. Ref 1794 291 3A.
James Metcalfe married Jane Wilson. Ref 1807 726 3A.
James Metcalfe buried 25 June 1810, abode Parramatta, 50 years old, ceremony
at Parramatta. Ref V1810 252 2A.
Joseph Mitcalf buried 17 June 1829, abode Parramatta, 48 years old, a convict
and he arrived on the Earl St Vincent. Ref V 1829 8542 2C
no 312.

St James, Sydney

Alice Amelia Metcalf daughter of William & Susan born 30 Aug 1848, bap 3 Sept
1848. Abode Surry Hills Barracks Fathers occupation - soldier
in the 11 Regt. Ref V 1848 2179 33 A no 1739.

Dianne writes this is only some of the entries transcribed and she has much
more to do. There may well be further listings in the future.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

3rd February 1998

As we begin 1998 my only concern is once again the lack of response from
members, the position of your secretary is still up for grabs and will become vacant on
10th October.

The work has been successfully sub-divided in many ways and plans are afoot
to give more responsibility to the treasury department (Margaret Metcalfe and David
Galloway) which will further lighten the load. What will be left is more the business
side of things - overseeing such as the Federation of Family History Societies, the
Council of Family Societies, the Guild of One Name Studies, the Charity Commis-
sioners, the Date Protection people - they are all a very important section of the job
but in actual fact need very little work.

The gremlins had been at work in our December issue when it was stated that
Margaret Metcalfe would be retiring as Treasurer in the near future. This is not true.
Margaret hopes to carry on with her work as long as she is able. Thank you Margaret.

We sincerely thank **Dianne Fox M113** in Australia and **Susan Harper M266**
in Canada who have offered to become our agents in their respective countries. Work
is going ahead to have these facilities available before subscriptions are due in 1999.
Watch the Mecca News for details. We now need someone willing to act for America,
can YOU help ?

Notice has just arrived that as from April 1998 the cost of copy certificates
bought from the Family Record Centre in London and therefore via Julian J. Metcalfe
M902 who is providing this service for our Members, will be increased to £6.50p
each. The cost of a copy via the ONCS at Southport has been reduced to £9.50p. Also
please note that return postage costs & envelope are now not required by Julian.

Nina E. Benson

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MECCA NEWS DEADLINES

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

April	-	6 February
August	-	6 June
December	-	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!

ROYALIST METCALFES

Supplied by Mrs Delphine McDonnell M497

I read with interest in the March 1996 issue of the Family Tree magazine, an account by Robert Daniel about various records pertaining to the 17th c. Civil War. The article gave the PRO reference to many Civil War sources including indexed records of petitions to have lands, which were sequestered by the Commonwealth, returned to the original Royalist owner. I engaged a professional researcher to obtain these records, filed under SP24, concerning the Metcalfe name then I abstracted the Metcalfe entries (from printed pages of a 19th C book of the original documents) and provided a copy for the Society. Below are brief details.

Adrian Metcalf	Apothecary, Westminster 28 Nov 1646.
Alex Metcalfe	Barton in Elmet, tenant of Mary Ellis 22 May 1651.
Alex. Metcalf	Leeds, York 22 Sept 1646
Antony Medcalfe	Aldborough Co York 18 Nov 1652. Ellinor widow of Antony and Richard Md mentioned. Also Timothy Tysack and his wife Elizabeth and Isabel, Frances & Mary Medcalfe daus of George Md and their brother Anthony Md.
Barbara Metcalf	Rackwood Hill Co Durham 22 Feb 1655. Mentions Richard Metcalf deceased. Claims on her estate.
Bryan Metcalfe	Recusant, Sutton under Whitestone Cliff Co York. 17 Jan 1654
Christopher Metcalf	Little Otterington 31 Dec 1650.
George Metcalf	Rumanby Co York 17 March 1653.
George Metcalf	Recusant, Firby Co York 13 July 1654.
John Metcalf	Taunton Co York 26 Feb 1651. Claims on his estate.
Michael Metcalf	Recusant, Otterington Co York and Thomas Metcalfe his son and Thomas's wife Margaret (nee Robinson) 13 July 1652.
Rebecca Metcalfe	Owner of a colliery 12 Nov 1652.
Toby Metcalfe	Tenant to 2/3rds of the estate of Lady Anne Clavering Co Durham, estate on Holy Island 7 Jan 1652.
Thos. Metcalf	Merchant, Leeds, Co York 10 March 1646.
Thomas Medcalfe	Mayor of Lancaster 1 July 1651.
Thomas Medcalf	& Margaret Robinson of Marsette Middleham 21 Jun 1653.
Wm. Metcalfe	Yarm Co York 5 May 1647.
Ant. Medcalfe	In General Proceedings of March 1648.

Mrs McDonnell has supplied copies of the listings and if any member would like to have a copy of a full entry please send a sae to the editor.

THE MECCA SONG

At the 1997 Mecca Muster your committee were inveigled into accompanying Freda White on her rendition of "Young Jim Mecca". Those of you who saw the performance thought amongst other things it was unforgettable! We had hoped to have a photograph of the event but Committee members have apparently paid off those who took the photos as none have been forthcoming. So for those of you who were unable to attend and for those of you who did and want to re-live the experience here are the words of the song. (At the end of each verse a *Volunteer Committee member* was brought in to sing the last line of the verse and then sang that line at the end of each of the following verses. All (?) the committee sang the chorus.)

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| <p>1. Young Jim Mecca was a very brave fellow
and a very bold fellow was he.
He called for his bow and he called for his
arrows
and he called for his volunteers free.
<i>Beer Beer Beer called the Volunteers</i></p> <p>Chorus
<i>Merry Brave men are we
There's none so rare as can compare
With the Loyal Dales Voluntary.</i></p> <p>2. Young Jim Mecca was a very brave fellow
and a very bold fellow was he.
He called for his bow and he called for his
arrows
and he called for his farriers free
<i>We do all the work said the farriers
Beer Beer Beer called the Volunteers</i></p> <p>Chorus</p> <p>3. Young Jim Mecca was a very brave fellow
and a very bold fellow was he.
He called for his bow and he called for his
arrows
and he called for his infantry
<i>We marched for sixty mile said the infantry
We do all the work said the farriers
Beer Beer Beer called the Volunteers</i></p> <p>Chorus</p> <p>4. Young Jim Mecca was a very brave fellow
and a very bold fellow was he.</p> | <p>He called for his bow and he called for his
arrows
and he called for his cavalry free.
<i>Our horses need a rest said the cavalry
We marched for sixty mile said the infantry
We do all the work said the farriers
Beer Beer Beer called the Volunteers</i></p> <p>Chorus</p> <p>5. Young Jim Mecca was a very brave fellow
and a very bold fellow was he.
He called for his bow and he called for his
arrows
and he called for Richard Scrope.
<i>The French are shot to hell said Richard
Our horses need a rest said the cavalry
We marched for sixty mile said the infantry
We do all the work said the farriers
Beer Beer Beer called the Volunteers</i></p> <p>Chorus</p> <p>6. Young Jim Mecca was a very brave fellow
and a very bold fellow was he.
He called for his bow and he called for his
arrows
and he called for the Padre.
<i>Thank the Lord we won said the Padre
The French are shot to hell said Richard
Our horses need a rest said the cavalry
We marched for sixty mile said the infantry
We do all the work said the farriers
Beer Beer Beer called the Volunteers</i></p> <p>Chorus</p> |
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...Dear Editor.....Dear Editor.....Dear Editor....Dear Editor....

Record Breakers?

I noticed in Issue 53 from Brenda Thompson M660 about numbers of offspring. In my Ancestry there is a George Metcalfe, a yeoman of Southern Scales who had apparently 22 children getting through two wives in the process!

Stephen Newman (M824)

I think I may have the oldest Metcalfe direct ancestor - my 4 x great grandfather, John Metcalfe of Widdale and Gayle who according to the Wensleydale Advertiser, died on 21 April 1848 in his 100th year. John was born in Cotterdale and later farmed Tawney Force in Widdale. Part of the text of the notice in the Advertiser said "...until the past year he possessed all his faculties.. an excellent shepherd up to his last haytime."

Mrs Judith M.S. Robinson (M631)
(Any other record breakers out there? - Ed.)

Versatile Metcalfe

During the war a nursing propaganda film where I was training was produced by an Ernest Metcalfe. He was a jolly man who could 'play' a wastepaper basket with wire brushes very effectively!

Gina MacKenzie (M310)
(Have you come across other Metcalfes with 'unusual' skills? If so let me know - Ed)

Never Again!

Issue 53 mentioned cricketing Metcalfes. On the last occasion ever for me to visit a county cricket match, I went to see

Hampshire v Yorkshire at Southampton. The openers were Ashley Metcalfe and Captain Moxon. Our man ran out his partner for 1 run. Never again.

CS Metcalfe (M305)

(Perhaps that is why Ashley moved on to another county? Running out anyone is a sin but running the captain out incurs a fate worse than death! - Ed.)

Wicked Bailiff

In reading Burt & Grady's 'Illustrated History of Leeds' 1994, I came across John Metcalfe who was the 'wicked bailiff' there in the early 17th century who appropriated much of the rent of the Moot Hall to himself when it should have been used for the relief of the needy. Even more he disregarded the custom that corn levied as a toll should be used substantially for the poor as well as for the repair of the highways and market. He was also reported by the church for failure to attend and this seems to have been connected to his encouragement of drinking and merry making at the St Bartholomew's Day rush bearing ceremony.

The Red Hall was built in 1628 for Alderman Thomas Metcalfe on a site which became Schofields. There was another John Metcalfe in 1846 who was Chairman of the Board of Guardians.

Do any of our members claim (acknowledge might be a better word) any of these ancestors or do they know any more about these interesting characters?

George Wigglesworth (M501)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND MECCA MUSTER 1998

Will be held on Saturday 10 October 1998
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.

Help Wanted

Irene Baker M758 writes " When I joined the Metcalfe Society three years ago, little did I realise just how fortunate I was going to be. My joining coincided with the start of the research into the Metcalfe family in India, where members of my family had lived and worked since 1829.

My great great Grandfather was Henry Cranston Metcalfe who was a judge. When he died he left to his son - Henry Howe Metcalf "My family pedigree which is emblazoned and on rollers to be held by him for use and reference by each and all of my children". Henry Howe in turn left it to his son Cranston William who again left it to his son Percy Ignatious Howe Metcalfe.

When India became independent 50 years ago my father (Theophilus Howe Metcalfe) returned to India as did his parents and one sister. Another sister Ena Louise Winton went to live in New Zealand with her husband a tea planter. I have no idea where Percy Ignatious Howe Metcalfe went to live - he could be anywhere in the world. My best estimate is that if he is still alive he would be in his late 90's. My hope is that a member of the society has seen somewhere in the world a reference to

Percy Ignatious Howe Metcalfe

With a name like that one should remember him!"

If you have any information please let Irene or the Editor know.

OTHER YORKSHIRE SOURCES

In Issue 52 we gave some Yorkshire Sources you might wish to try when looking for that elusive ancestor. Here are some more.

North Yorkshire County Record Office, County Hall, Northallerton North Yorkshire DL7 8AF. ☎01609 777585. Holds a wide range of records including parish records gazetteers surveys and population surveys and individual documents. Also has a wide range of publications for sale.

West Yorkshire Archive Service, Registry of Deeds, Wakefield WF1 2DE. ☎01924 295982. Administers the Yorkshire Archeological Society archives which cover all of Yorkshire also has holdings for North and East Ridings. Land registration records from 1704 to 1970. Local offices in Bradford, Huddersfield, Halifax and Leeds (Sheepscar and Claremont). Sheepscar holds Deanery of Richmond records.

The Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, St. Anthony's Hall Peasholme Green, York YO1 2PW. ☎01904 642315. Has copies of parish register transcripts for most of Yorkshire, parish registers for the Archdeaconry of York and most of the Yorkshire marriage bonds.

East Riding Archive Office, County Archives and Record Service, County Hall, Champney Road, Beverley HU17 9BA. ☎01482 885005. Wide range of items including parish records.

Wakefield Local Studies, Balne Lane Wakefield. ☎01924 371231. Has over 32,000 items including trade directories, poll books, census returns and the Wakefield census of 1723.

There are also record offices in Sheffield, Middlesbrough Doncaster and Barnsley plus reference libraries in Hull, Rotherham and Todmorden.

Note :- you should always contact these offices before visiting as some of them have waiting lists.

New Publications

Robert Metcalfe of Ottawa father of Sue Metcalfe M856 has published his WWII memories - *No Time for Dreams*. It is expected that it will be available from The Green Howards Museum in Richmond. When you are there look out for it.

To mark the 140 years since the investiture of the Victoria Cross *The Register of the Victoria Cross* has been published by This England, PO Box 52 Cheltenham Glos. GL 50 1YQ. £25 post free UK, Overseas surface mail £27.

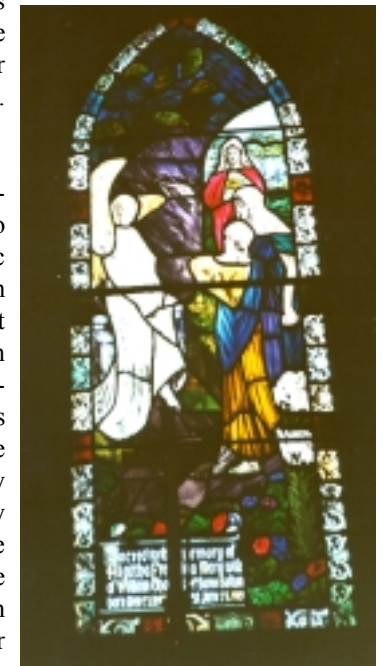
HOLY TRINITY WENSLEY and other Wensleydal Churches

Previous articles in this series have covered the churches within the ancient parish of Aysgarth - namely Aysgarth itself, Askrigg and Hawes. However there is another old parish to the east of Aysgarth - Wensley

Wensley was the market town of the dale until it was ravaged by plague in the 16th Century. The market was moved to Leyburn and the village lost its commercial importance but still remained the local religious centre. Whilst Wensley is cut by the, at times busy, Leyburn to Hawes road the village itself sits seemingly serene in the dale that bears its name. It has the rare privilege of a village naming the dale rather than the river running through it.

The parish church (dedicated to the Holy Trinity) lies to the south of the road and is one of the few missed by the great Victorian renovations which changed, and in many instances destroyed the character of the churches they were supposed to "improve". The present church was erected in 1245 on the site of a Saxon Church. Its tower was rebuilt in 1719 but the original remains largely intact. When entering the church for the first time one gets an impression of a dark interior but there are many nuggets to brighten the gloom.

The church has a number of artifacts originally located at Easby Abbey and brought to Wensley after the Dissolution of the monastic houses in the 1530's. Amongst them is a wooden rood screen (not as impressive as Aysgarth but worthy of a look nonetheless), pre-reformation nave seats and a large wooden box known as a reliquary. Supposedly the only one in England it is thought to have held the relics of St Agatha. The choir stalls date back to 1527 and were made by craftsmen from Ripon Cathedral whilst the family pew of the Scropes of Castle Bolton is also in the church. The two decker pulpit (original a three decker) has seen many preachers amongst them John Wesley (1743) and Oswald Metcalfe, rector in the 1540's. Well worth an hour of your time.



Window at St Oswald's Castle Bolton

There are a number of other churches in mid-Wensleydale including Bellarby,

Leyburn, West Witton, Redmire and Castle Bolton. The first two are relatively new both being built in the 19th century. West Witton is mainly 19th century with some 16th century aspects but by far and away the oldest are St Oswald's at Castle Bolton and St Mary's at Redmire.

St Oswald's lies in the shadow (literally) of Castle Bolton and pre-dates the castle. It is a simple building with no break between chancel and nave. At one end of the church is the colourful window dedicated to the wife of the 4th Baron Bolton. Built about 1325 the remnants of a beamed roof is evidence of an older history back before the 12th century. Although close to the castle there is a certain serenity in the church.

About half a mile from the centre of Redmire village down a small lane and not seemingly part of the village it serves, lies the Church of St Mary the Virgin. Built about 1150 the windows have shards of old glass depicting the shields of the Nevilles and Scropes. Another of the churches restored by the Victorians in 1894 its beauty does not seem to have been adversely affected. Here near the main door of the church lying against the wall is a gravestone to two Metcalfe children. The stone reads "*Here lies the bodies of Leonard and Isabella Metcalfe. He departed this life April 3, 1761 aged 9(?) years and she 20th March 1766 aged 11. All you that come our*" (the remainder is illegible).



St Mary the Virgin Redmire

A second gravestone records "*James Metcalfe who died November 15(?) 1864(?) aged 64 years also Elizabeth Metcalfe wife of the above died August 6(?) 1837 aged 37(?) years. Also John Metcalfe their son who died November (?) 1824 aged 3 weeks. Also Margaret Metcalfe their daughter who died March 17, 1823 (?) age 3 years.*" (The next series will cover churches in Swaledale any contributions to the Editor as soon as possible.)



Sara Ann Wood nee Metcalf born 1848



Photograph of a portrait supplied by M884 Mrs Joan M. Williams.

Early Retirement?

Thorn the Radio Rentals & Crazy George rentals group has parted company from its chief executive **Mike Metcalf** after bad news on profits. He will get a pay off of about £350,000.

Investors Chronicle 20/26 February 1998

WILLIAM METCALF POTTER OF LINTHORPE

(In the Mecca News Issue 52 we featured an item about the potter William Metcalf. Now we have received further information from Alison Collin M894.)

William Metcalf was my grandfather's brother and a potter at the Linthorpe pottery before moving on to the Crown Derby works. I never met him but my uncle Harold Edwin Metcalf owned several pieces purported to be from him, one of which is now in my possession. The ones that I remember best from my childhood were creations of bisque porcelain of the most incredibly delicate structure. My favourite was a complete bridal bouquet which was mounted on a pedestal and covered with a glass dome. Alas, I fear it must have got broken, as through the years it somehow disappeared. The piece that I possess is of a posy of flowers, again in white unglazed porcelain and consisting of a rose, cornflower, lily of the valley and stephanotis in a beautiful arrangement, mounted on brown velvet in a deep picture frame. The flowers are life sized and every petal of the cornflower delicately quilled, impressions of the potters thumb are just discernible on the rose petals and the lily of the valley are amazingly realistic.

Unfortunately the piece is not signed but was given to me as a family heirloom and I have no reasons to doubt that it was by him. My uncle told me "Uncle Willie did beautiful work" and anyone who has struggled to make a lopsided pot in pottery classes could only marvel that anything so delicate could be created in clay!

My cousin **Sheila Metcalf M78** has painstakingly transcribed my Grandfathers diaries running from 1876 to 1810. After hours of research she found that William is buried in a pauper's grave a sad ending indeed. The diaries give a wonderful insight into life at the end of the 19th century and mention many of the Metcalf's around Middlesbrough and Ebberston. Extracts from the diaries mention William but stop abruptly in 1902 when he was going through hard times. If anyone can shed more light on his later life or his works I should love to hear about it.

Here are a few extracts from the diaries: (William was born in 1864)

1880 May 11 Willie commenced work at the Linthorpe Art Pottery
1883 May 21 My brother got a 5/- rise at the pottery, is now getting 13/- per week
1883 Aug 16 Willie took over Tooth & Ault's pottery
1889 Apr 20 Willie arrived from Derby
1890 Apr 9 Gave Mr Stevens a St Cecilia modelled by Willie and framed in oak
1891 May 3 Willie and Rosa (Fogg) married at Derby yesterday.
1892 Apr 11 Willie working half time for 8 weeks.
1894 July 13 Willie has notice (with many others) to leave
1902 Dec 26 Willie moved to Stoke

FROM THE RIPON GAZETTE of 26 June 1902

Found Dead in a Wood

Mr George Metcalfe of Pateley Bridge who had been missing since the previous Sunday night and for who's discovery £20 was offered, was found dead on Friday night in a wood at Ravensgill, one of the most attractive parts of Nidderdale and about a mile from his residence. The body was accidentally discovered by a man who was out for a walk with his wife. It had been previously been passed by a search party.

At the inquest Herbert W Metcalfe stated the deceased was his brother aged 39 years. He last saw him on Saturday night at 11 o'clock when he left his brother reading a book downstairs. The following morning he knocked on the bedroom door when there was no reply he entered and found nothing had been disturbed. From then until his body was returned they had not heard from him. The coroner then asked for a post mortem to be carried out. The result showed the body had not suffered from any fatal disease or external wound and death was due to syncope. (*Pears Cyclopaedia - 59th edition 1949 says the condition of syncope is a loss of consciousness due to a lack of blood to the brain caused by exhaustion or emotion.*)

A revolver was found on the body with letters, field glasses and keys. The letters were gone through in the presence of the deceased's brother but nothing in them had any bearing on the case. It was stated that a rumour had been started that he had lost money in stocks and shares. However it appears he had never dealt in them.

Summing up the coroner said finding the revolver in the pocket of the deceased led to a lot of suspicion - the findings of the post mortem removed this. The jury returned the verdict - The deceased was found dead and died from syncope.

(Supplied by **George Buxton M003**)

HAWES in 1754

M805 Arthur Metcalfe tells us that in 1754 there were 210 families in Hawes, Wensleydale and according to a local clergyman of the time, there were no Papists, 10 Quakers, 12 Methodists and 188 Church of England.

The Council of Family Societies

As you can see from the inside cover of the Mecca News, the Metcalfe Society is a member of a few family history organisations. Have a quick look because I am sure most of you will have by-passed these references to get to the juicy bits of the journal - we know how eager many of you are!

In my capacity of chairman, as I represent the Metcalfe Society, I will give you an insight, albeit personal, into what these organisations are, why we are affiliated to them, and how they can benefit the Metcalfe Society. So my first port of call has been to attend the Council of Family Societies meeting on Saturday 8 November 1997 at the new Family Records Centre in Islington, London. The location proved to be an added incentive to attend. So although I only live 40+ miles west of London, like 90% of you, I never really go to London!

Founded in 1993, today there are 14 one name/family societies in the council - Bliss, Davidson, Hamley, Harmer, Metcalfe, Stockdill, Swinnerton, Witheredge, represented at the meeting, whereas Alderson, Appleby, Beresford, Courtenary, Grubb, Martin & Morgan were unable to attend.

Whereas the Metcalfe Society coordinates, produces and makes available information of interest and value to its members, the objectives of the council is as described by the title of its newsletter - "Forum" - it is a forum for one name societies of a similar nature to share ideas and problems, and help each other. So I percieve it to be more of a 'listen & learn' than an 'action' council. As I have not attended such meetings before, I was surprised and proud to discover that, together with the Beresford Society, we are the largest one-name society in terms of number of members, skills and resources available, what we have produced and made available to members etc.

Societies have members ranging from 40 to 400+ (us!). The examples that some of the societies outlined in their summary of what they are doing today certainly reminded me of our own society history, for example, moving from a card index to a computer database, development of an A4 or A5 newsletter, ideas to generate funds etc. The term '....got the t-shirt' comes to mind!

So what can the Metcalfe Society offer the Council and its members, and how can the Metcalfe Society benefit from being a member of the Council of Family Societies? The biggest thing we can offer the council is recounting experiences of why we did something one way as opposed to another. This will help the smaller societies avoid the pitfalls and so further their own development for the benefit of their own members, for example, ideas for generating funds besides subscriptions can be done through merchandising (Metcalfe Society badges, Nappa Hall & Coat of Arms pictures etc).

So how can the Metcalfe Society benefit? As one of the largest one name

societies, personally, I believe it is our duty to participate in this larger 'family' We all need to help each other - no one in any of the societies does it for profit or gain - purely out of love for the subject. Participating in just this one meeting has made me realise that as a society, we are going in the right direction. I found out about a number of specific 'snippets' that could help us in various projects :

* Did you know that BT publish a disc which will provide names of Metcalfes everywhere.....(get info and correct details from Stockdill paper)

* I received a copy of the new "From the Desktop" - guidance on creating and publishing newsletters for one name societies. We know Peter Dobson has done a super job on the look and content of the Mecca News as justified by being a finalist in the Elizabeth Simpson Award last year. But there may be even a little something here that Peter could use!

* The message came across loud and clear that the Internet is definitely a good route for finding potential new members given the experiences todate. We are currently exploring proposals for the society venturing on to the world wide web.

The council is planning to resurrect the "Forum" courtesy of the skills and resources of Roy Stockdill of the Stockdill Society. We will endeavour to provide articles wherever possible.

So we live and learn by our own, and experiences of others. The Metcalfe Society will continue to send a representative to these council meetings (diaries & commitments permitting of course), and we will share with you any news and actions in the future. Lookout for an insight into the Federation of Family History Societies in the next issue of Mecca News as I represent the Metcalfe Society at the Federation AGM!

Diane Howarth, M409

WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL
in Kettlewell Wharfedale has an inscription to
J Metcalfe
of the New Zealand Regiment.

Supplied by John Hebden of GOONS

Membership Details -

CORRECTIONS

M446 J.M. Turner correct address is 62 Warwick Road, St. Anne's-on-Sea, Lancs FY8 1XL.

NEW NAMES/ADDRESSES

M31 Peter Metcalfe is now Dr Peter Metcalfe.

M52 Mrs Margaret Metcalfe - the house is the same but the Post Office has altered the address and post code! To:- 17 Duxbury Street, Earby, Barnoldswick, BB18 6RG.

M262 Dr Carol Metcalf from Seattle to:- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, DHAP-SE, PSRB, Mailstop E-46, Atlanta, GA30333, USA.

M331 Ernest W.Dodding to:- Flat 3 Staveley Court, 28 Staveley Road, Nab Wood, Shipley, West Yorks. BD18 4HF.

M385 Andrew Kerridge, to:- 8 Wyvern Close, Broughton Astley, Leicester, LE9 6NH.

M547 John C.M.Rayson from Clifton to:- Drew House, Main Street, Sutton on the Forest, York, YO6 1DP.

M639 is now **Dr John & Mrs Dorothy Metcalfe** - same address.

M756 changes to **Mrs Rosemary Brown** - same address

M762 Mrs A.E.Walley, to:- 12 Cleveland Drive, Westcliff on Sea, Essex, SS0 0SU.

M754 Bruce & Marta Metcalf, to:- Box 574802, Orlando, Florida 32857-4802, USA.

BIRTH BRIEF SECTION

ABBREVIATIONS :- MT = Metcalf: MTE = Metcalfe: MD = Medcalf: MDE = Medcalfe: dau = daughter: d.o = daughter of: s.o = son of: m = married: b = born: bpt = baptised: d = died.

RE-JOINED MEMBER + New Address.

M669 Ms Robyn Metcalfe, PO Box 267, Springwood, New South Wales 2777, Australia. B 1936 d.o Milner & Margaret (McDonald) MTE m 1914 New South Wales. Milner s.o Edward Milner & Marion Annie (Underwood) MTE m 1882 Sydney. Edward Milner, 1 of 8, s.o Michael & Agnes Georgianna (Robertson) MTE m 1845 Sydney, Aus. Michael bpt 27 Oct 1813 Kirk Ella, Hull, Yorkshire, Eng s.o Michael

(ship owner of Tranby) & Ann (Bell) MTE m 1809 Leconfield. Michael bpt 10 Feb 1779 Kingston upon Hull s.o Michael & Ann (Young) MTE m 28 May 1776 Sculcoates. Michael b 21 Jan 1730 Sculcoates s.o Michael & Jane (?) MTE. Michael b 1706 Crowle, Lincs. s.o Michael & Mary (?) MTE. Michael b 1674 d 1724 s.o Michael & Mary (Bussey) MTE. Michael b 29 Jun 1644 of Revesby, Lincs. s.o Richard & Elisabeth (Conyers) MTE of York. Richard s.o Michael & his 2nd wife Anne (Weldon) MTE of Otterington. Michael d 1579 s.o John & ? (Asbough) MTE. John s.o Richard & ? (Mackeridge) MTE of Alwent in County Durham & Otterington, Yks. The family in Australia established the Metcalfe Bond Warehouse still visible today on the Sydney harbour waterfront **Connected to M718.**

UP-DATED BIRTH BRIEFS

M596 Rev. Charles E Medcalfe, 2020 Bloomfield Road, Sebastopol, Sonoma County, California 95472-5408, USA. b 20.02.1924 Jersey City, NJ 1 of 2, so Charles Hiram Lyndhurst, teamster, 8 of 9, b 21.11.1889 & Lizzie (Flanagan) Md m 17.08.1922, Jersey City so William Arthur, accountant, 2 of 2, & Cornelia (Weeks) Md. William A b 29.10.1852, Bocking Essex England so Arthur Brown, butcher, railway employee and tobacconist, 1 of 8 b Bocking Essex & Mary Eleanor (Crack) Md. Arthur B. b 18.06.1828 Bocking Essex so John 7 of 7, butcher, & Sophia (Brown) Md b 1801 Bocking Essex so William & Lucy Md, both butchers (no dates/places).

M637 Mrs Lillian Holmes, 55 Manton, South Bretton, Peterborough, Cambs PE3 9YT. John bpt 04.10.1734 s.o George MT & Catherine Sedgwick. George MT. bpt 1703 d1755 s.o James & Margaret (Standing) MT. James b1678 d1747.

M824 Mr Stephen Newman, 7 Moorlands, Westwood Drive, ILKLEY, W. Yorks, LS29 9QZ gs. of Henry & Agnes (Mte) Shaw, Agnes b1884 d.o Robert & *Mary Ann (Mte) Mte mar 4 Apr 1883 Hawes, Yks. Robert b16 Mar 1862 bpt 12 Jun 1864 Hawes, Yks s.o John & Agnes (Blades) Mte mar 17 Nov 1853 Hawes. John bpt 25 Dec 1827 Hawes s.o William & Elizabeth / Betty (Marsden) Mte mar 6 Oct 1817 Slaidburn, Yks. William bpt 30 Sep 1792 Hawes s.o James & Isabel (Blenkhorn) Mte mar 17 May 1790, Stalling Busk, Yks. James bc1759 Stalling Busk, d 1831 Gayle.(*) Mary Ann b 5 Nov 1863 Mallerstang d.o. James of Mossdale Head and later Hell Gill & Ellen (Sunter) Mte of Hell Gill. James b 1832 Mossdale Head nr Hawes bpt 10 Jan 1832 Hawes. James s.o Ninion a yeoman farmer of Mossdale Head & Isabella (Mason) Mte mar 19 March 1825 Dent Yks. Ninion bc 1795 Horton in Ribblesdale, bpt 30 Dec 1798 Ingleton Fells, d 28 Jan 1870 s.o Alexander a yeoman farmer of Mossdale Head, Thorns, Camm and High Gayle & **Jane (Mte) Mte mar 8 Mar 1794 Hawes, she of Thorns. Alexander b. 1767, bpt ? 22 Jan 1770 Dent, d 1830 s.o John a yeoman Farmer of Mossdale Head and later of Camm & Eleanor (Whaley) Mte, mar. 11 May 1761 Ingleton Fells John bpt. 04.10.1734 Ingleton Fells s.o George (aYeoman) & 1st wife Margaret Thompson mar 13.08.1726 Ingleton.

(2nd wife Elizabeth Battley mar 26.12.1739 Ingleton Fells) George bpt. 27.03.1700 Ingleton d. 1786 Southerscales Benthams, Yorks. s.o Christopher of Raisgill & Catherine (Leake) MTE mar. 22.01 1697 Hubberholme. Christopher bpt. 03.03.1672 Leake bur. 1757 Ingleton.s.o John & Thomiso (Foggerthwaite) MTE mar 17.11.1663 Leake. John bpt. 07.05.1620 Leake s.o Anthonie & (?) MTE. Anthonie bpt 27.01.1582 Leake s.o ?? (***)Jane bpt 5 March 1771 Hawes d.o. Ninion & ***Ellenor (Mte) Mte mar 17 Nov 1766 Hawes. Ninion bpt 22 Mar 1739/1740 Hawes, of Thorns, later Mossdale Head, s.o Thomas & Margaret (Lambert) Mte mar 29 Aug 1734 Hawes. (***)Ellenor bpt ? 1731 Dent d.o. Jefferey & Agnes(Petty)Mte mar 6May1728 Dent. **Connected to M6, M62, M809, M597, M58, M769, M307, M317, M475, M591, M97, M871,M860 ,M529, M553, M637, M777, M871.**

M882 Ms Lynn Houghton, 32 St Alban's Road, Derby, DE22 3JJ. Great x 2 grand-daughter of John Robinson & Mary (Metcalf) Houghton m 11.12.1837 Masham, Yorks. Mary bpt 14.09.1811 East Witton d.o Matthew & Ann (Sadler) MTE. Matthew bpt 08.03.1775 East Witton s.o Matthew & Elizabeth (Topham) MTE m 02.04.1817 East Witton. Matthew bpt 15.07.1733 Masham s.o Thomas & Mary (Askwith) MTE m 10.04.1720 Masham. Thomas, blacksmith of Healey. **Connected to M515 & M558.**

M896 Mrs Sandra Dunne, 1A, Malsbury St, Bicton 6157, West Australia. Sandra b 1945, Burnley Lancs d.o John James & Edna Martha (Holland) MTE. John James MTE b 14.16.1925, Padiham, Lancs s.o John James & Edith (Richardson) MTE, m 23.05.1921 Habergham. John James MTE b. 06.05.1899 Padiham, Lancs s.o Richard Christopher & Ada Martha (Heaton) MTE.

M902 Mr Julian J.Metcalf, 21 Hartland Drive, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 8RJ. Born Marylebone, London s.o Arthur & Florence Harriet (Drake) MTE m 1919 Oulton, Suffolk. Arthur b 1891 Hartlepool, Co Durham s.o John & Mary Ann (Jackson) MTE m 1886 Ludlow. John b 1861 Asenby nr Thirsk, Yorkshire s.o Thomas & Rebecca (Richardson) MTE. Thomas bpt 24.07.1817 Topcliffe, Yks s.o Thomas & his 2nd wife Margaret Potter m 1.1.1816 Hinderwell. Thomas bpt 22.10.1773 Topcliffe s.o John & his 1st wf Ann Baynes m 29.04.1771 Topcliffe. John b circa 1734 s.o Joseph of Rainton.

BIRTH BRIEFS - NEW MEMBERS to whom we extend a hearty welcome.

M904 Dr Claire A.Hale, 2 Woodbine Place, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear NE8 1RT.

M905 Mrs Page Roe Barroll, 734 Chapel Ridge Road, Lutherville, Maryland 21093, United States of America. **Related to M871 q.v.**

M906 Mrs Joan C.M.Crouch, Thatch Cottage, Andover Lane Farm, Faberstown, Hants. SP11 9PE. Grand-dau of Edward George & Matilda (Metcalf) Simmons m 25 Aug 1878 Christ Church in parish of St Marylebone, MDX. Matilda b 11 Aug 1854 St George East d.o James & Elizabeth (Mullins) MT m 1851. James MAY be bpt 08 Jan 1826 St Botolph Without Aldgate, London s.o Conyers Tobias & Mary Ann (?) Mt. Conyers Tobias bpt 02 Apr 1781 St Botolph Bishopsgate s.o Conyers Tobias & Isabella (?) MT who also had issue bpt at Saint Katherine by The Tower, London.

M907 Mrs Teri Paice, 199 Caswell Close, Cove, Farnborough, Hants. GU14 8TQ. Born Utah, USA great x 10 grand-dau of Lord William Hilton & his wife Margaret (nee Metcalfe) m 1543 England. Margaret b circa 1520 Yorkshire d.o Sir James MTE of Nappa Hall and his wife Margaret nee Pigott m 1507. Sir James b circa 1460 s.o Thomas & Elizabeth (Hertlington) MTE. Thomas b circa 1436 s.o James & ? MTE. James b 1389 s.o John & Alice (?) MTE of Wensleydale, Yorkshire.

M908 Miss Helen M.Savage, 49 Lower Crow Nest Drive, Lightcliffe, Halifax, HX3 8UN. Dau of Michael & Barbara (Metcalf) Savage m 1973. Barbara b 1944 d.o Horace Alexander & Mary (Sunderland) MTE. Horace Alexander b 1880 s.o Parkin & Agnes (Staveley) MTE m 1878 Lunds nr Dent Yks. Parkin b 19 Apr 1858 Grisedale, Yks. s.o Thomas & Frances (Jackson) MTE m 1850 Hawes. Thomas bpt 13 Sep 1824 at Mallerstang s.o Joshua & Isabella (Blades) MTE m 20 Sep 1823 at Kirkby Stephen. Joshua born circa 1803 was baptised Joseph 19 Mar 1843 Lunds s.o Thomas MTE. **Connected to M155.**

M909 Mrs Linda Anforth, 27 Barley Street, Burnley, Lancs. BB12 6DT. Great, great grand-dau of James & Isabella (Metcalf) Bowes m 29 Oct 1834 Burnley, Lancs. Isabella believed to be bpt 30 Jun 1805 St Michaels, Ashton under Lyne, Lancs. 4 child of 9, d.o Christopher & Ann (Blakeley) MT m 17 Apr 1797 Ashton u Lyne.

M910 Mr Brendan O.Metcalf, 2 Cotswold Close, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 3RL. Descendant of a Family in Wicklow, Ireland since the 17th Century which included Sir Anthony Metcalfe who went to Ireland with Cromwell - was he from the Nappa Hall line ? Does anyone know anything about him, nick-named Black Anthony ?

M911 Ms Anita Bradshaw, 113 Cavendish Court, Cavendish Street, Willow Row, Derby. DE1 1UB. The maiden name of Anita's mother was Elizabeth Annie Metcalf d.o Harry Francis & Elsie (Johnson) MT m circa 1920. Harry Francis bpt 05 Sep 1897 Ripley, Chesterfield, Derbys s.o Harry & Elizabeth Frances (?) MT. Harry MAY be the one whose birth is registered in the 4th Qtr of 1874 at Belper s.o George & Ellen (?) MT.

M912 Mrs A.Ruth Carr, 144 Beaver Crescent, Thompson, Manitoba, Canada R8N 1C8. Nee Metcalfe b Hamilton, Ontario, Canada d.o William Henry & Alice Rose (Benn) MTE m 1925 Ontario. William Henry b 16 Sep 1887, Kingston, Ontario s.o John Charles & Mary Agnes (Waggoner) MTE m 15 Sep 1886 Kingston. John Charles b 09 Apr 1858 Kingston s.o John & Gladwise Bridget (Matthews) MTE m 14 Jul 1846 Kingston. John b circa 1800 at ? Bainbridge, Yorkshire England s.o James MTE of Bainbridge. John went to Canada circa 1829 with the British Engineer Corps to construct the Rideau Canal and when he built his home in Kingston, Ontario he named the house "ASHTON". HAS ANYONE heard this name for a house/farm in the Bainbridge district ? Does anyone have any knowledge of the British Engineer Corps ? The nearest possible baptism in our records :- 20 June 1802 at Askrigg s.o James "of Yorescott".

M913 Mr Charles S.Watson, 3 Bowness Road, Millom, Cumbria LA18 4LA. Charles b Haverigg, Millom, Cumbria s.o John Charles & Margaret (Metcalfe) Watson m 20 Jun 1935 Millom. Margaret b 16 Mar 1906 10th child of 10, d.o Stephen & Margaret (Jackson) Mt m 13 Apr 1885 Millom. Stephen b Whitehaven, Cumberland died 1911 at Millom aged 50. The Society can add :- Birth reg 2nd Qtr 1861 Whitehaven s.o Thomas & Mary (?) MT m 1851 Whitehaven. Thomas bpt 19 Sep 1830 Whitehaven s.o Stephen & Elizabeth (Clark) MT m 1829. Stephen bpt 23 Jul 1806 Gosforth, Cumb. s.o Thomas & Dorothy (Smith) MT m 23 Jun 1794 Gosforth.

OVERSEAS MEMBERS - PLEASE NOTE BANK CHARGES FOR DOLLAR CHEQUES

We apologise that alterations have become effective which mean charges must be passed on to Members.

- a) Dollar cheques to the value of UNDER £50.00 IN STERLING do not generate any extra charges.
- b) Dollar cheques between the value of £50 and £100 IN STERLING must add an extra £4.00 in Sterling.
- c) Dollar cheques over £100 IN STERLING must add an extra £9.00 in Sterling.

Therefore if you are, for example, ordering a few copies of our book or paying several year's subscriptions, it may be beneficial to you to send two or three small value cheques instead of a single large (and chargeable) one.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

17 -19 April 1998. The Federation of Family History Societies AGM Council Meeting and 1998 Cheshire Conference "*A Moving Experience*". Transport and movement of people. To be held at the Crewe Campus of Manchester Metro University.

Saturday 27 June 1998. The Yorkshire Family History Fair, York Racecourse. From 10am to 4.30pm. To be attended by the Society.

27 & 28 June 1998. Family and Local History Fair at Middlesex County Show, Uxbridge. Further details from Gill May 01753-885602.

25 July 1998. Buckinghamshire FHS Open Day. Aylesbury Grammar School, Walton Road, Aylesbury. 10am to 4pm.

4 - 6 September 1998. East Midlands and Federation Family History Conference at Nottingham University. 'Digging up your Family History'. Details / booking form from Mrs Kathy Orford-Perkins 4 Linden Court, Beeston Notts NG9 2AG

Saturday 10 October 1998. Mecca Muster at the College of Ripon & York St John, Ripon. Book now!

10 October 1998. The NW Group of Family History Societies Stockport Fair at Stockport Town Hall.

8 - 11 April 1999. Hampshire FHS will host the FFHS AGM, Council Meeting and the 1999 Spring Conference entitled '*Cabbages and Kings*' at Spasholt College near Winchester.

From other Publications

Wills from Cumbria FHS:

Joseph Metcalf 1809 Harrington
Robert Metcalf Whitehaven 1851.

FFHS Strays Microfiche:

Frances Metcalf wife of **William Mt** of St Mary Newington Surrey, aged 55 years buried 12 November 1812 at Chislehurst Kent

Thomas Mte of Preston, Lancs & Jane Cookson otp married by licence 5 June 1832 at St Wilfrid Grappenhall, CHS.

Family History Monthly - August 1997: Retired inhabitants of seaside towns 1871 Census (RG 10 998) Broadstairs - **James Metcalfe**, Eldon Place, married, 53 Calcutta. Retired Colonel, Bengal Army.

The Journal of the Manchester & Lancashire FHS - Vol 33 no 3 1997 page 157: **L/Cpl W H Metcalfe** awarded the DCM at Cabaret Rouge Vimy Ridge 24 May 1916 when with 22nd (Service) Battalion (Kensington).

The Journal of the City of York & District FHS, September 1997 page 13: Edmund Dinsdale of York died 1761 and mentions in his will two sisters **Catherine Metcalfe** and Jane Dinsdale. The former appears to have been married to **Thomas Metcalfe** in Askrigg in 1735.

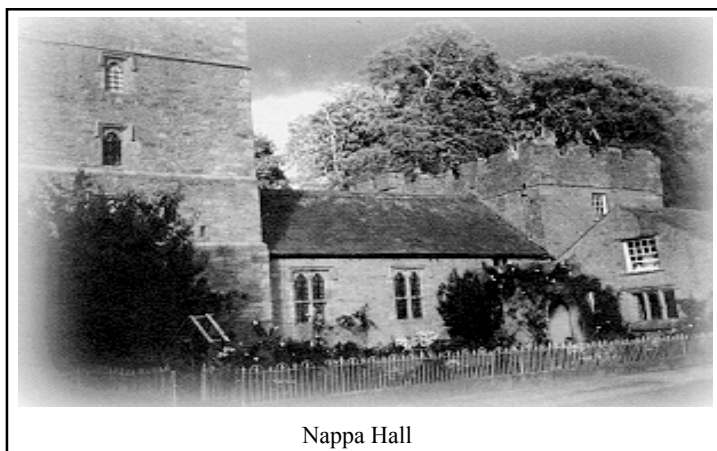
Cumbria FHS Journal November 1996: Westmorland Names in a House of Lords Select Report of 1846 - Fines for assault **Christopher Metcalf** - Payments for roads & bridges possibly to builders or masons - **James Metcalf**.

A DAY OUT IN METCALFE COUNTRY COURTESY OF YORKSHIRE TELEVISION.

I always said I would never do it - but - last night saw the beginning AND THE END of my career in television ! Those of you who have seen themselves on the "box" may understand. As usual it was my enthusiastic wish to spread the word that allowed Katy Metcalfe to persuade me to appear in the first of a short series on "Surnames" which began last night on the Yorkshire TV "Tonight" programme. It entailed a full day's outing to Nappa Hall, the Rose and Crown in Bainbridge and to the Coach House in Northallerton - mainly in wind and rain.

It was all very exciting and after trying to promote our Society, I tried to right some of the misinterpretations that have arisen over the years with the various "stories". This included the tale of the 300 Metcalfes on White Horses which rode into York led by Sir Christopher Metcalfe. Although I mentioned that, a) they were not ALL bearing the surname of Metcalfe and that, b) the horses they rode were more likely to be Yorkshire Greys - the original story was repeated. But then Metcalfes always did like a GOOD tale !

You may not believe it but this was the first time I had been to Nappa Hall. On a cloudy wet day it was looking very grey and cold with wellies imperative. Trying to imagine life there in the days of long dresses made me fully appreciate our modern fashions, washing machines and central heating. Mrs Thompson brought out four large mugs of welcome hot coffee and wedges of fruit cake which we enjoyed whilst looking at the Hall.



Nappa Hall

I don't know what steps are taken to preserve these old buildings - perhaps someone in the Society can tell me. Although it appeared fairly sound, obviously (in parts) it is in a dangerous condition - hence the ban on entering.

Our next stop was at the Rose and Crown in Bainbridge where we were welcomed into a cosy bar with a roaring fire. After the interviews were over, the two horns were filmed. It was unfortunate that no-one could be found to give us their full history although other facts came to light after the day.

The day came to an end at the Porch House in Northallerton which is still open for bed and breakfast accommodation by the new owners, Mr & Mrs Beardow, whose greeting very quickly made us feel at home. The brief views shown on the television could not do justice to the air of welcome in such beautiful surroundings. I can think of no better place to stay if you were wanting to do research at the Northallerton County Record Office.

My day was full of surprises. Katy Metcalfe was at her best helping us all with great patience - the cameraman and the sound recordist, both of whom had, occasionally, to double as furniture removers, Gaynor Barnes asking the questions and myself bungling along. Amazing the amount of time it all takes, after being out for over 10 hours there was still the editing and cutting to do and all for seven minutes viewing!

Nina E.Benson

1881 CENSUS INDEX - NEWS AND SNIPPETS.

By the time you read this I hope that our recording of the whole of Scotland will be finished. Completing our coverage of England, Wales and Scotland.

Spotted in Cambridgeshire 1881 at Ref 1669-49-25

Arthur W.Metcalfe aged 16 was a pupil at Leys School, Cambridge St+. Born Pateley Bridge, Yorkshire.

Thanks to David Metcalfe's recording we see the baptism of Arthur Wilson in the Wesleyan Methodist parish registers on 2nd March 1865 (born 28th Jan 1865) s.o George & Isabella MTE of Castlesteads, Beverley. Isabella was nee Wilson and their son Arthur Wilson became grandfather to M590.

In Cheshire 1881 at Ref 3583-155 we have :-

William Charles Metcalf aged 32 unmarried. 3rd Mate on Vessel "Ranger". Born SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.

In Halifax, Yorkshire 1881 at Ref 4401-73, 2 Highfield Terrace, we have :-

Harriet Metcalfe a servant, single, 20 yrs. general domestic servant to Samuel & Lucy Cocking.

Samuel was a wool stapler. Harriet was born in BALARAT (sic) AUSTRALIA.

MEMBERSHIP NOTICEBOARD

For **M296, M297 etc** NEB has a Birth Certificate for 13 February 1874 at Darlington Co Durham for Matthew William so Richard & Dorothy (nee Madgen) Metcalfe. SAE will bring a copy.

For **M718 RH Metcalfe New Zealand**. The birth of Peter Herbert Metcalfe was registered in the 2nd Quarter of 1853 at Depwade Ref 4b 214. **NEB**

....And finally.....

From Our Family Record Centre Visitor

Julian Metcalfe M902 writes....

....on a visit to the Family Record Centre at Ararat I found the following:

And God said unto Noah Metcalfe

Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shall pitch it within and without with pitch.

And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of; (here follows detailed instructions - not listed)

Thus did Noah; according to all that God hath commanded him, so did he.

And when the ark was almost completed the Lord came again to Noah Metcalfe and said:

The carp have found favour in my eyes: these fish have never offended against my laws.

Get thee to the D.I.Y. shop and purchase the entire stock of gopher wood.

Make thee a second but smaller ark. Many tanks shalt thou build in the ark, row upon row, tier upon tier to the very top.

Thou shalt pitch them without and within with pitch.

Thus did Noah Metcalfe: according to all that God commanded him, so did he construct the very first multi-storey Carp Ark!

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Notes for Potential Contributors

We welcome any articles or letters on the Metcalfe name in all its derivations, together with articles on family history research in general. Material should be sent to

the Editor,
Peter Dobson,
143 Vernon Road,
Poynton,
Cheshire. SK12 1YS

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The Metcalfe Book

Update 31 March 1998

At the Metcalfe Society Committee Meeting on 28 March 1998 the Committee agreed to proceed with the publication of the Metcalfe book. The project which has been in progress for the last three years and led by Warwick Metcalfe (M256) is in the final stages of completion. Warwick and his Book committee have been putting the finishing touches to the book and subject to final scrutiny over the next six weeks will have finished their mammoth task of writing a history of the family from early times.

The concerns regarding the financial situation have largely disappeared as a result of the excellent response from the membership. To proceed with the printing of the book it was agreed at the AGM that at least 250 pre-paid copies should be requested by members otherwise the printing would not proceed. The response has been such that by 28 March the monies for 325 books had been received, with more orders being received daily. This endorsement by the membership has meant that the monies collected and currently available through Society funds will enable the order for the book to be placed in the next few weeks. Thank you to all of you who have made the commitment to purchase the book.

When looking for a title it was decided that those purchasing the book should have an input. The Committee was seeking a title which would reflect the special nature of the Metcalfe family (and its derivatives) yet at the same time appeal to a wider audience. At the Book committee's meeting on 27 March the title which met those aims was decided as **METCALFE - History of a Clan**. The closest submission was Metcalfe - The Story of a Clan. The titles had been provided - as shown on the reverse - without the names of those submitting them. There was a great deal of interest in discovering who had supplied the title and it was revealed that the person was none other than **Vera Adams M002!**

The book is to be launched at this year's MECCA MUSTER at Ripon on 10 October. Those that have pre-ordered their copy and who are at the Muster will receive it on the day. Those unable to be present will receive their copy as soon as possible after the Muster. As part of the Muster celebrations there will be a Muster dinner, probably at the Ripon Spa Hotel on the evening of October 10. If you wish to be present please let your Secretary Nina Benson know by 1 August 1998 (or sooner if possible).

It is pleasing to know that all the hard work that has been put into the Book now appears to be bearing fruit and more details will appear in the August edition of the Mecca News.

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The Metcalfe Book - Title Competition

(all entries received up to, and including 31st March 1998)

Metcalfe	From Humble Beginnings
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Metcalfe - The Story of a Clan	The Making of the Metcalfes
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The Lives and Origins of the Metcalfe Family	The Book of Metcalfes
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Metcalfe, The Dalesmen	The Metcalfes - Offspring of the Dales
Metcalfe Memorabilia	The Metcalfes - Their History, Distribution & Occupation
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Mecca Max	History of the Mecca Family
The Mecca Chronicles	A Mecca of Metcalfes
The Mecca Book	Mecca Miscellanea
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THE MECCA MUSTER & AGM 1998
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Please return by 31 August 1998

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Total £_____

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For details write to the local Tourist Board, address on the back of this leaflet.

**THE MECCA MUSTER
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Saturday 10th October 1998

**At the College of Ripon & York St John,
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PROGRAMME

Saturday 10 October

9.30am Registration & Coffee

10.00am Annual General Meeting
Followed by a report on the
Metcalfe History Book

1.15pm Luncheon

2.15pm Open Session

3.30pm Afternoon Tea

5.00pm Close

THE MECCA MUSTER & A.G.M.

Saturday 10th October 1998

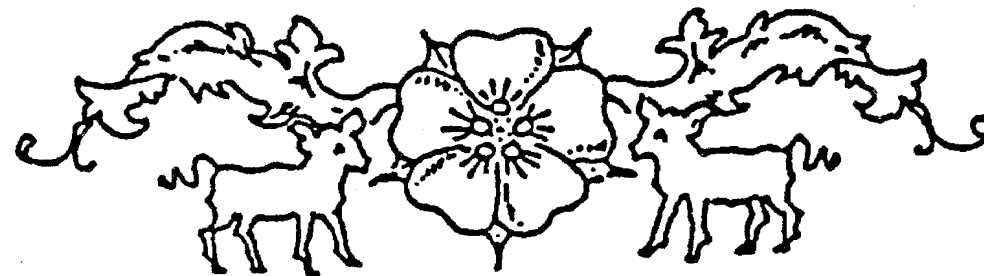
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