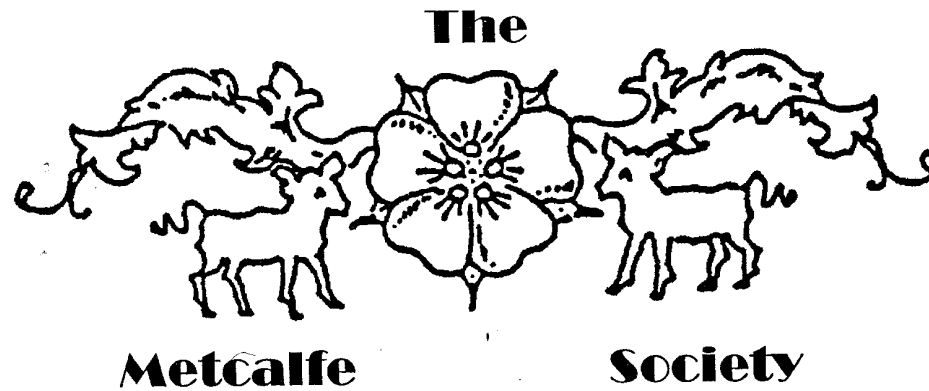




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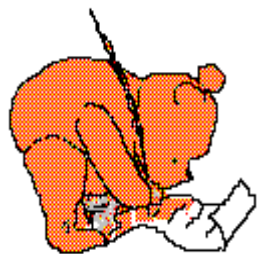
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I undertook a break to the Canary Islands in early March and was in San Sebastian Bay on La Gomera where Christopher Columbus set sail for the New World. Quite a salutary experience. He took many weeks to get to the new world. Whilst there I saw a large number of Canadians who had flown from the "New World" in about 12 hours or so! I wonder what Christopher would have made of that. It is now a smaller world in travelling terms.

Whilst in the hotel I got speaking with one couple discovering they had gone to Canada some thirty years earlier and were originally from Huddersfield. On talking about the county of their birth I happened to mention, as one does, about our Society when a smile crossed the pair's lips and the woman said "My aunt's a Metcalfe!" - definitely a small world!

Another success in the Elizabeth Simpson Award. We were short-listed for the second successive year. Although we did not make a top three placing the News was commended. We look to improve upon that in the future so send your articles snippets and items along.

This issue sees a large number of new members joining and that together with the regular birth brief updates has meant that some articles have had to be held over. Be assured that if you have sent in an item I will be looking to use it in the future.

If you have not booked for the Muster you have only until the end of August to respond. In addition to the AGM and Muster the book

Metcalfe : History of the Clan
is to be launched. Don't miss out on this historic event. Book now!



Yorkshire Consortium of Family History Societies

The Metcalfe Society is one of sixteen based Yorkshire FHS's affiliated to this grouping. They hold regular meetings with guest speakers at The Society of Genealogists 14 Charterhouse Buildings Goswell Road London EC1. For further details sent a sae to the Secretary Mrs E Craig, 104a, Roman Road, Basingstoke RG23 8HD

Birthday Honours - June 1998

Order of the British Empire (Member) - Lt Cdr **Harvey Nevill Metcalfe** (RN)

Hipswell Mill

Lynda Simpson
M791

It was 1995. Living in Scotland I had three family history facts : my great grandmother's name was Mary Metcalfe, my gran Edith Crown had a sister Emma whose house in Middridge near Shildon Co Durham was called *Hipswell House* and there was the poem by a soldier, Fergus Brown which Emma had sent to my grandmother. (See page 5)

Naively I looked for this mill in Durham County believing it to be Mary and husband William Moses's home. The first revelation was their marriage certificate. It indicated that she was a daughter of Robert Metcalfe miller of Hipswell, YORKSHIRE. Excitement was intense. I was due to visit cousins in Durham. I wanted to see this old mill, should it still exist but how would I uncover such information?

I phoned Richmond library and held an extraordinary conversation with an unsuspecting librarian. From the electoral roll she confirmed that the mill was still inhabited. I was euphoric and detailed my determination to see the building and photograph it. I explained that my great grandmother had left the mill when she married in 1866 and had moved north to West Auckland. By chance, as the conversation drew to a close, I suddenly asked about the resident's name, "Could it per chance be Metcalfe?" "Yes" she said "it was." I expect to this day she will remember my response.



The outside of Hipswell Mill -1995

I wrote a letter to Lilian Metcalfe of Hipswell Mill (my gran's second cousin!). Sometime later Rosemary Munn (nee Metcalfe) telephoned. Her aunt Lilian (Bessie) was in hospital and she had chosen to respond. (She is my third cousin - her great grandfather was Mary Metcalfe's brother.) We met and she took me to see Hipswell Mill. As I stood at its door my feelings were quite beyond description. I took photographs. We did not venture in (after all it was still Bessie's home). I learned that the Ministry of Defence owned the Mill. It had been bought by compulsory purchase order when Catterick Garrison was created,

Auntie Bessie died and the mill's future became tenuous. The MOD wished to sell and so began my efforts to "save" Hipswell Mill. Through Rosemary I had discovered the Metcalfe Society. I sent a letter to all known mill descendants enquiring if anyone was interested in purchasing it. It had after all been in Metcalfe hands for two hundred and fifty years. It would be devastating if a builder bulldozed it to use the land for building.



Lynda Simpson in Hipswell Mill

Nobody wanted to buy it ! I sent my external photographs to English Heritage hoping that the mill would merit listing. This would surely save it from destruction. Listing was withheld. Apparently the building was not architecturally adequate. I was stunned but continued to search for help through a variety of archaeological societies which led me to the Society for Protection of Ancient Buildings, a very supportive group with a wind and water mill section. (*To be continued.*)

Hipswell Mill

An appreciation of kindness 1918 -1919

F Brown

A tiny village by the brook,
A church, a school, a hill,
A green, a dozen houses too,
A hall, a shop, a mill.

A peaceful English country scene,
A little babbling rill
That merrily pursues its course,
And helps to drive the mill.

So picturesque, so commonplace,
That's all there is, until
One Wanders down, as I have done
So often - to that mill.

A cottage, shyly hid'n away
Below the shaded hill,
As though 'twould hide itself from view
They call it "Hipswell Mill".

To add to its tranquillity,
'Tis "OUT OF BOUNDS"', but still
One boldly passes through the gate
And enters that old Mill.

The smiling faces, kindly thoughts,
Of that dear household, fill
His soul with loving memories
Of dear old Hipswell Mill.

Hundreds of miles away from home
His duty to fulfil -
A soldier strayed one day into
That cheerful, cosy Mill.

What gracious friends he there has made
How blessed is the Will,
That led his steps to love and cheer
That fill the dear old Mill.

The evening hours, when duty's done,
The happy children fill,
With music, laughter, mirth and joy,
At quiet Hipswell Mill.

At night, when they have gone to rest,
And Father's work is still,
He brightly chats and smokes with him
In comfort at the Mill.

And though he'd lost his dearest friend
- His loving Mother - still
That soldier found another one -
His Mother at the Mill.

And Auntie's gentle spirit gives
Him hope and joy, and will
Until he joins his friends at home
To talk of Hipswell Mill.

Thank God for every blessing giv'n,
His promise to fulfil,
For hearts as large as those we find
At Hipswell's peaceful Mill.

A Tippler?

Theophilus Metcalfe son of John Metcalfe Esq. of St Andrew Holborn
apprenticed to Robert Fidell - 3 April 1716.

Brewers Company Apprentices 1685 - 1800.

From Hell Hull and Halifax.....

It's done, it's finished, it's shipped.

But not yet in existence. That is THE BOOK - "Metcalf - History of the Clan" All 260 pages, 57 colour photographs, 14 black and white etchings, 20 maps and 20 coloured coats of arms have been recorded with the help of a desk top publishing program, transferred to a 100 Megabyte Zip disk and hand carried, twice, to the printer. Twice because this article's title when completed is synonymous with 'From Warwick, change and changes good Lord deliver us'.

Over the past few months (years ?) no sooner was I quite content with shape, form and content of the book on computer than Warwick phoned or wrote with another page, picture or paragraph. This eventually resulted in the printer being given the final disk on Tuesday 19th and again on Wednesday 20th May.

This is formal notice to Warwick "I quit". I refuse to hear his sigh of relief.

What passes for Yorkshire humour aside, it has been a very intense and hectic few months. The committee, initially of five until they generously took me on board two years ago, was/is composed of Warwick Metcalfe as supremo, author and artist; Joan Metcalfe as arboriculturist, occupation and family tree author/controller; Diane Howarth as scheduler, publicist and distributor; George Buxton and Peter Dobson as critics, editors and reviewers. We had, like all well organised and disciplined committees, targets to meet which were initially quite difficult to set as we were not sure of the number of books we might sell in advance (and thus of the cash available to pay the printer), not at all aware of the cost but sure of the size - 7½ x 9½ inches. The book, or it was the last time I checked, is now 8½ x 12 inches, the cost is around £15,000 and we've sold in advance about half the total to be printed. With additional help from mapmaker David Metcalfe things at last are looking good. This is in spite of our recent task of cutting the book from a massive 300 plus pages down to our self imposed target of 240 pages based upon projected sales and the known production costs of that size of book having a certain number of coloured and black and white illustrations.

As you can see from previous details we failed to meet that page number target due to the realisation that further reduction might lower the quality of the product and deprive members of the undoubted bargain that some have already grabbed and that the remainder are now in a position to take up.

As they say — Buy now — this offer will not be repeated.
Limited stock available at the Muster and thereafter. **CSMetcalf**

SECRETARY'S NOTES

25th May 1998

Many thanks to members who continue to send in Lists and/or newspaper clippings, our stock of Metcalfes, large and small, young and old, is steadily growing ! Mainly thanks to David (M46) Metcalfe the records of Yorkshire are in the majority, have we anyone able to do the same for other areas ? Lancaster, Kendal and Norwich immediately spring to mind and any recordings would be of great benefit to our computer index.

We all owe our Editor, Peter Dobson, a huge debt of gratitude. For the second year running The Mecca News has been in the top few in the Elizabeth Simpson award, a really great achievement. Well done Peter ! Keep on sending in the articles, a well rounded choice makes a well rounded journal.

It has been an exciting time as far as our book is concerned and I have heard of all the latest preparations - what an enormous task Warwick and his team are drawing to a successful conclusion and I, among many, will be eagerly awaiting publication day !

Although changes in the running of our Society are coming, everything will continue as at present until the new positions are announced after the AGM in October and in the December Mecca News. But now is the time for me to sign off these final "Notes" as your secretary. I have thoroughly enjoyed my sixteen years in this office (well, most of the time anyway !) and my very best wishes for the future go to my successor and to the Society.

Nina E.Benson

BEWARE

if you find one of your ancestor's tombstones inscribed either "OSB" or "Orbin Sine Proie". The inscription translates from the Latin as "died without issue"!!!!!!

Cleveland North Yorkshire & South Durham FHS Journal January 1997

MECCA NEWS DEADLINES

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

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

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!

THE GRO INDEXES

As most of you must be aware the Society has been compiling a list of Births, Marriages and Deaths from the GRO Indexes, formerly housed at St Catherine's House and now at the Family Records Centre in Myddleton Place, London. The original Society list was started some years ago and carried on by Dorothy Pope before I took it over a couple of years ago. The original lists were all handwritten or typed so that consulting them was a bit of a chore, having to look physically at each quarter in turn but since the decision to computerise them and extend the list was taken, the ability to search for any name, place, date etc has made them much more accessible. We now have getting on for 75,000 entries for all BMD's and are about half way through the Indexes from 1837 to 1997.

It would be a magnificent achievement to complete the task but there is only one way and that is to persuade more members to help. What is extremely useful is if anyone has the facility to photocopy the main bulk of the entries for each quarter ie Metcalf & Metcalfe and then the remaining entries eg Meckiff, Medcalf, Mitcalfe etc can be done by hand. This then cuts down the amount of physical work and may mean only as few as twenty entries per quarter need writing down. The problem is finding a source where they will allow this photocopying to be done. Please let me know if you have a local source that will allow this and I will let you know what we need.

It is a time consuming job jotting down all the details and it needs patience as well as an eye to accuracy but there is always room for more volunteers. What you need is a copy of the Indexes which are often held in the local archives, library or maybe the Mormon (Church of Latter Day Saints) Family History Centre. Look at the entries under M and copy out, legibly all the relevant ones. Take a magnifying glass with you. The vast majority will be Metcalf(e) but there are also quite a number of Medcalf(e), Midcalf(e) and Mitcalf(e). However, that is not the end as there are occasional examples of surnames such as Matcalf(e), Meckiff, Midgaff, Midcuff as well as other rarefied ones which also need documenting. It is also very useful to indicate in some way, either by underlining or circling when the spelling is unusual and differs from what might be considered the normal. This then lets me know that it is not a mistake but was actually in the original. If you aren't certain of a spelling query it. If in doubt as to whether an entry is part of the Metcalfe family copy it out.

If anyone living in or near London wants an extremely useful but deadly boring job I could let them have a copy of the current printed lists so that each one could be checked against the originals in Myddleton Place for errors and omissions. This would involve a lot of time and the ability to be very accurate but we should all forever be in that person's debt when it was finally done.

The current situation is that we have copies of all the entries for the following

years though some of the later ones need checking:

England & Wales		No of Entries
Births	1837 - 1915	34269
Marriages	1837 - 1920	18566
Deaths	1837 - 1915	20846
Ireland		
Births		
Marriages	1864 - 1905	287
Deaths	1864 - 1905	336

We are also collecting entries from the minor register such as Army Consular and Marine BMD's (see page 20) but these amount to less than 500 in total.

My target for this year's muster was 1925, but this is now probably unlikely. However if every current member of the Society was to copy out one year's entries then we should have them all done by the beginning of the next Millenium. Something about many hands comes to mind. Let me know **before** you start and I'll allocate you a year as we don't want any duplication!!

For their outstanding efforts over the past few years in this field I should particularly like to thank Lillah & Foster Chapman, Dorothy Pope and Ron & Gwen Metcalfe. There are many others who have helped but these few have been consistently in the forefront.

If you have the time please let me know. Patrick Malham (M444)
(Patrick's address is on the inside of the front cover - Ed)

Metcalfe Misdemeanours

Sir William Pykeryng to the Earl of Leicester. May 4 1572.
Complaints of Oswald Metcalfe. *The first and only seducer of the Earle of Northumberland. The author of the most traitorous publications. At the time of the rebellion he and his dear friend Roger Danell entered Pickings lands at Byland and committed damage there to the extent of £300.*

From the Dudley Papers 11/95. Calendar of the Manuscripts of the Most Honourable The Marquess of Bath. Preserved at Longleat Wiltshire. Vol V Talbot, Dudley & Devereux papers 1533 - 1659. From the British Library.

Supplied by George Buxton M003

UNKNOWNCOUSINS

Part II

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 I appeared in the April issue.)

Further Sources

There are four types of shipping records. Assisted and unassisted passengers from the UK, passengers from foreign ports and passengers who arrived in Victoria from other states of Australia. Many of the passenger lists have been indexed and more are being done all the time. Not every passenger list survived so it is impossible to locate everyone arriving in Victoria. Many people arrived in other parts of Australia then travelled on a coastal ship or came overland to Victoria.

The Index to Assisted Immigrants 1839-1871 covers British immigration to Victoria. The passenger lists will give information such as occupation, native county, age and religion whilst a second list - the disposal list will give details of employers after arrival.

Unassisted Passenger lists are not as informative as the assisted. These passengers arrived in Victoria on ships from British ports without financial assistance from any group or government authority. The index covers 1852 to 1884 giving names, month and year of arrival, ship's name and the later entries indicate country of origin and age.

Foreign shipping arriving from ports other than the UK, such as Germany, USA, Canada, New Zealand, South America and Asia are shown in indexes. These include Immigration Index (Foreign Ports) January 1852 - December 1879. The Index gives full name, sex, age, nationality, ship, and arrival date. There is also the Inward Overseas Passenger lists (Foreign Ports) 1852-1923 which can supply further information but it is only indexed up to 1879.

The arrival of all ships in Victoria from overseas or inter-colonial ports is recorded in the "Overseas and Intercontinental ports 1846 - 1852", a guide to the Register of inwards shipping and index. The index has details of family and given name, sex, age, nationality, arrival date, port of departure and ship. The index also gives a fiche reference which refers to a fiche of the Register of Inward Shipping

which often does not give more information on the register than there is on the index. There is also another set of microfiche Index to Emigrants from Hamburg to Australia 1860-1869. The index refers to books which may give more details.

Coastal shipping passengers are those that arrived in Victoria from ports within Australia. There are a number of published indexes including Coastal passengers to Port Phillip 1839 - 1844. There are other sources such as Argus Passenger Indexes which have information extracted from the Argus newspaper and covers 1846 - 1865. When viewing these shipping records copy out all the relevant entries and match against the Birth, Death and Marriage records.

Cemetery records, such as existing registers and monumental inscriptions, have been transcribed, indexed and published. Check if the index lists people alphabetically as well as by plot location. The plot location index will give all those buried in a particular grave. There could be four or so people with different surnames buried in one grave over a hundred year period. In that case identify each person, using the death index, to see if they are related. Check the cemetery for headstones which may add information. Using this information check the local paper for death notices or obituaries.

The Probate Index in Victoria begins in 1841 and stops in 1992. The index, not strictly alphabetical, lists name of deceased, late of (town), occupation, date of death, nature of grant (probate/administration) and date of grant. The index gives an exact date of death which can be used to search in local papers.

Newspapers are a great source of information and most Victorian papers, both city and county, can be viewed on microfilm at the State Library. There are several Melbourne papers. The Argus ran from June 1846 to January 1957; the Age began in October 1854 and is still running. The Herald started as the Port Phillip Herald then became the Melbourne Morning Herald then the Melbourne Herald and then the Herald until October 1990. The Sun ran from September 1922 until October 1990 and is now the Herald-Sun. There are some indexes such as the Argus Index to Births, Deaths and Marriages 1846 - 1860 and the Bendigo Advertiser Personal Notices 1854 - 1895. If someone died in an accident or was a well known figure in the area an obituary may appear in the local paper.

Directories and Electoral Rolls are good sources for tracing relatives residences and occupations. These are best used together. Directories list the head of the house with possibly occupation, and electoral rolls give all those who had registered to vote. Directories began as early as 1839. From listings in a directory it is much easier to locate them and anyone living at the same address with the same surname in the electoral roll. Not all electoral rolls have survived. The 1903 Federal Electoral Roll for Victoria is the first complete roll to survive in the state. The

Commonwealth Franchise Act of June 1902 granted the vote to all British subjects of six months residence aged 21 years and over. Victorian women were granted the vote in October 1908 but the proclamation was delayed until after the December 1908 election. So after 1908 all men and women over the age of 21 years were eligible to vote but it was not until the 1920's that voting was compulsory. The Victorian Federal Referendum 1899, Roll of Electors lists those men who voted at the referendum in July 1899 to decide on the Australian Federal Constitution. *(Nearly 100 years later their descendants are going to vote on whether to become a republic - Ed.)*

By using the death index which goes up to 1980 in conjunction with cemetery records, probate indexes, newspapers and electoral rolls it is possible to trace the family through to the present day. The last step in finding Unknown Cousins is, once they have been identified, to contact them by letter or telephone. They may be interested in divulging family history information or have memorabilia which has been passed down through the generations.

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Dear Editor...Dear Editor...

I was surprised and delighted to read that I had been successful in choosing the title of the new "Metcalf Book". At first I could not believe it but am very grateful to the Committee for accepting my choice. I look forward, very much, to reading the book I am sure it will be a huge success.

Congratulations and best wishes to all involved with the project.

Vera Adams M002

The Full Monty

Where the news is made you're sure to find a Metcalfe and sure enough in the hit film's credits there is a **Liz Metcalfe**, Second Unit. *(Anyone know more? - Ed)*

Officer of Customs

From the Manchester & Salford Directory for 1788 - **George Metcalf** of Redbank, Manchester.

Top of the League

From the Daily Telegraph World Cup Fantasy Football 98 (end of June) - in third place **Mrs Metcalfe**. *(Anyone we know -Ed?)*

School Teacher Priest

Thomas Holme born in Orton in Westmorland in 1817 became a master at Ravenstonedale Grammar School before becoming Headmaster of Alston Grammar School. At the age of 30 he married **Martha Metcalfe of Ravenstonedale**. He later became a priest at Nenthead near Alston and in 1870 he was the parish priest at St Thomas's Church, Moorside, Oldham where he died in 1890. Their youngest son was Robert Weston Metcalfe Holme named after his uncle of Ravenstonedale.

(Cumbria FHS Journal May 1997)



COMMITTEE

NEWs

Early March 1998 - brief snapshots of a six hour meeting!

Chairman - Diane welcomed George Buxton as a new member of the Committee.

Computer Index - The database now stands at some 69,000 records.

Secretary - The membership number had reached 938, with 392 active members.

Treasurer - It was agreed to encourage the payment of subscriptions by direct debit.

Mecca News - There was discussion as to whether an A4 Format for the "News" would be advantageous. It was agreed to keep this proposal under review and seek further information/ views on the idea. Feedback from members on the magazine had been of interest; some of the suggestions will be incorporated in future editions.

Publications - The Wills booklets have been scanned on to the computer and will be printed and available for sale in standardised format at the Muster.

Library - The library list is being updated again and will be available to any member sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Carol Arkwright.

Federation of Family History Societies - The Chairman will represent the Society at the April Conference. She also attended the September meeting of the CFS.

North West Group of FHS - Peter Dobson has attended the meetings. He will represent the Society at the 21st Anniversary celebration in Kendal in June.

North East Group of FHS - Nina Benson attended the November meeting.

G.O.O.N.S. - They are doing a special survey of the 1881 census index and will be compiling maps to show distribution of surnames. In Yorkshire in 1881 there were 5997 Metcalfes (or variant forms of the name) and 14,413 in the rest of the country. Only one county, Huntingdon had none.

Exhibitions / Fairs - David Metcalfe and Robert Metcalfe will represent the Society at the Northern Fair in York in June. Diane Howarth and David Metcalfe will attend the Wharfedale Fair at Grassington in August.

GRO Collection - Births have been recorded 1837 - 1915, marriages 1837 - 1920 and deaths 1837 - 1915. Patrick Malham would like to hear from any volunteers.

Internet - It was agreed it would be worthwhile for the Society to have a web site on the Internet. The Chairman will make arrangements for the web pages. David Metcalfe will have an e-mail address on behalf of the Society.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Metcalf History Book - Warwick Metcalfe reported back on the further drafting and proof reading of the book. Many of the suggested changes have been incorporated into the final version. Many thanks to all those involved. The title will be "Metcalf History of the Clan". The print run will be for 750 copies. Advance orders had been received for 307 copies. The launch of the book would be at the Muster in October. The members who attend will be able to collect their copies then.

The next meeting will be on Saturday 12 September 1998 at Earby.

Margaret Hodgson M515 - Committee and Publicity Secretary.

Metcalf Memories

(Modes of Travel)

My father (Thomas b1894) told me he started school at the age of three. He was 2nd of eight in the family and was packed off to school in all weathers over the Wensleydale moors. Leonard, 2 years his senior used to drag him along as in those days they were caned if late. It was nearly three miles to walk and sometimes Leonard gave him a piggy-back to get him there on time and save a punishment.

In the 1930's two of my cousins (Tom and Mary) used to go to school by horse from their farm on the moors. They were very fond of their horse - affectionately called "Darlin". The cousins had so many cows each to handmilk before school and after that they climbed on Darlin's back. Tom was given a bottle of milk to carry for lunch and he also had the reins to see to. Mary had a canvas bag containing their sandwiches and a pair of shoes each. They couldn't go into school in muddy wellies.

The way to school was across their own fields and they used to leave all the gates open as they went. Tom often dropped the bottle of milk when sliding off Darlin's back and they had to go without at lunchtime. When they got to school they turned the horse around, gave it a biscuit and a slap on the rump and it then trotted home, looking over the farmyard gate as if to say "I'm back - what now". He was the only horse they had - no machinery in those days. When it was time to pick up Tom and Mary, Darlin got another biscuit and a slap on the rump and it arrived in time to meet them out of school.

In my younger days the bicycle came after the horse. I used to long for a bike and even asked Father Christmas for one every year but he never brought it. My Aunt and Uncle (Pam and Basil Metcalfe M200) lived not far away and Pam was always very kind in lending me her "sit up and beg". Later we lived in Leeds and when I was twelve my little sister who was born prematurely came home from hospital which meant my mother was fully occupied. It was a lovely day and I wanted to see my aunt

and uncle on the farm in Grewelthorpe so I told my mother I was going to see Auntie Pam but she naturally thought we would not go far from home. My brother Ralph who was two years younger was all for it so we set off, me on the sit up and beg and he on the junior bike.

After a long time and lots of frequent short rests we arrived at the farm on Lord and Lady Swinton Estate. We had cycled to Ripon then to Kirby Malzeard and finally Grewelthorpe. As soon as everyone got over their surprise Uncle turned to me and said "We will keep the boy here until tomorrow but you my girl must go back straightaway or they will all be worrying about you both." I wearily set off alone getting back to Leeds about 8pm.

In those days none of us had a telephone so couldn't get in touch with each other. I don't remember my punishment for that harebrained scheme but I think I was probably made to stop in and help with the washing and cleaning every day for a week or two - and no machines to help either! I think my father had to borrow the firm's car to go up and fetch my brother back the next day after work.

Lillah Chapman M218

Only the Best

Last August an article appeared in the Daily Telegraph (forwarded by **Muriel Johnson M445**) concerning an offer to a Peter Knee to sell him a copy of the publication *The Burke's Peerage World Book of Knees* containing a Knee coat of arms. Mr Knee, who had researched his name back to the 1500's, knew the Knees had never owned land nor been granted a coat of arms, complained to the Advertising Standards Authority. They upheld his complaint.

In a letter dated 13 April 1998 Joseph L Metcalfe made an offer to sell "*The Burke's Peerage World Book of Metcalfes*". We are not sure whom Joseph L Metcalfe is but we do know who the recipient was - none other than our own President - Charles S Metcalfe!. Their book would provide details of wills, a unique coat of arms and what the surname means. Doesn't it seem strange writing to the President of the Society which has some 69,000 entries of the name and printed lists of Wills back to 1389 plus many other records? How can they hope to match our wealth of information?

The Metcalfe Society has its book:

Metcalf History of the Clan

due for publication and distribution at the Muster in October. This will give the definitive history of the Metcalfe name. So is there a choice?

Do you remember?



If so you were at last years Muster. If not, this year sees the launch of the Metcalfe Book so why not come along to the 1998

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND MECCA MUSTER

to be held on Saturday 10 October 1998
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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.

CATHEDRAL OF THE DALES

St. Andrew's Grinton

*.....By Woodland way, full leafed and Shady
Joined Joyously by the anglers Arkle
Curves on, new Dale's Cathedral
Its Churchyard sleeping silent....*

from Swale - River of Moods by Brenda Dane Matheson.

Swaledale. For many THE dale. Rising in wild and rugged Birkdale, rushing past Keld, diving over Kisdon, bypassing Muker, Ivelet and Gunnerside before gliding into the wider dale at Grinton. The lower reaches of the Swale are nothing like the upper dale. Grinton marks the boundary.

The upper dale along the river was always wooded and wet - difficult to penetrate and the early history is sparse. The Domesday commissioners considered the land beyond Reeth and Grinton *waste* and promptly headed off across to Wensleydale leaving the higher dale a mystery. The names of Reeth, Grinton and the small village of Fremington situated between them are Anglian dating from the 7th or 8th Century, whilst those higher up the dale are mainly Scandinavian possibly of 9th or 10th C origin. There seems little doubt these settlements which were so small would not have been devastated by *The Harrying of the North* around 1069 but the officials probably felt the result would be hardly worthy of their effort.

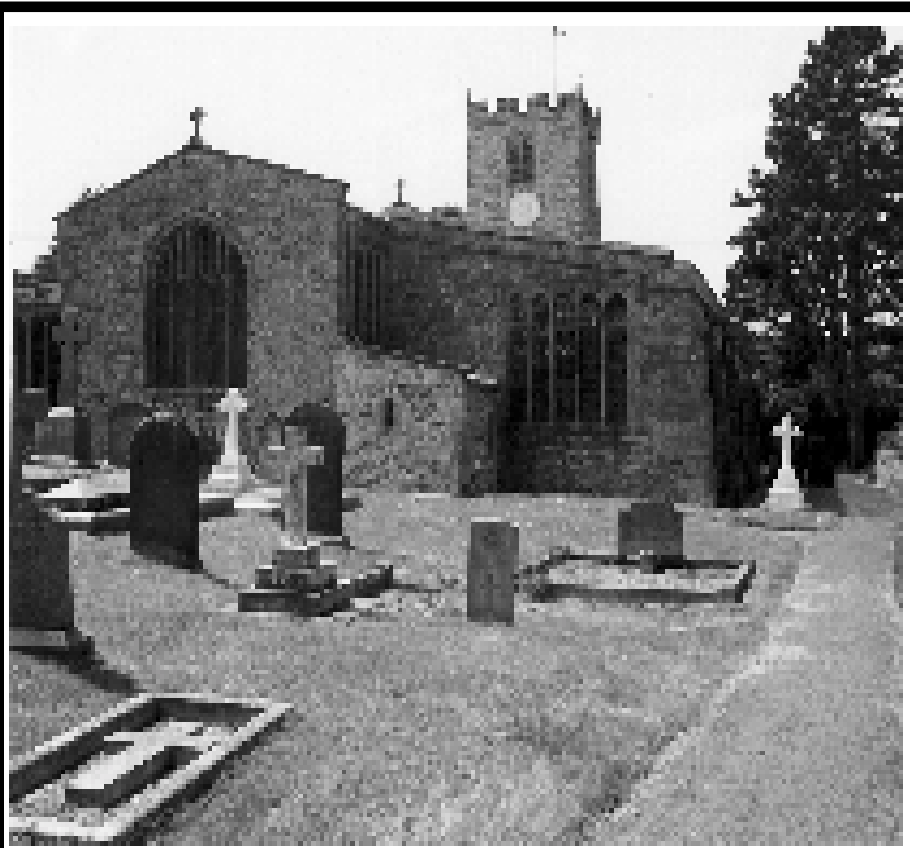
Grinton - a green enclosure - was part of the Norman manor of the same name and in 1086 was occupied by Bodin (an Anglo-Saxon name?) from Count Alan of Brittany. Count Alan was Earl of Richmond, head of the Bretons in England and married to Constance daughter of William the Conqueror / the Bastard (dependant upon your viewpoint). A powerful associate of the king owning much of Swaledale and Wensleydale as well as land in twelve other English counties.

The church at Grinton was not mentioned until around 1114 when Maud daughter of Count Stephen of Brittany and head of the Honour of Richmond married Walter de Gaunt, and had included in her dowry Swaledale. In 1138 Walter, who had founded a priory of Augustine canons at Bridlington some twenty five years before, gave, as head of the manor of Healaugh, tithes from the manor and granted the church of St Andrew at Grinton to the monks. Those early brothers served the church until 1272 when the first vicar was appointed.

St Andrew is an early church name possibly dating from the 7th century. The British kingdom of Strathclyde withstood the batterings of the Anglo-Saxons until the late 6th or early 7th century when control of the area east of the Pennines was lost to the invaders. Until then its influence stretched from Forth to Ribble and St Andrew could date from the time of British rule. There is a story that Paulinus the great convertor came and preached at Catterick and baptised many thousands in the

St. Andrew's Grinton

Swale and later did the same thing at Grinton. A heathen temple on the site was taken over by the Christian Church which became St Andrews.



St Andrew's Church, Grinton

What is known is that as with many Anglo-Saxon churches the Normans re-built (the usually wooden structures) in stone; so for all intents and purposes the real history of the present church starts in the early 12th century. Originally part of the early Saxon parish of Catterick (perhaps lending credence to the Paulinus story) the church and its surrounding parish became part of the See of Carlisle then included in the Archdeaconery of Richmond part of the Diocese of York before being transferred to Chester in 1585 (some early records may well be in Chester rather in York although the Parish records only date from 1640). There it remained until 1836 when it became part of the Diocese of Ripon (almost full circle). Until 1585 the parish used to extend to the head of the dale beyond Keld when the church at Muker was built. The parish now covers the area around Grinton, Hurst and Marrick about 20 square miles.

The church saw re-building in the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries before the last

St. Andrew's Grinton

major restoration (to undo some of the earlier changes) was undertaken by the Reverend David Walker in 1896. The grey stone gives an aloof impression but in the sunshine it comes to life. The blue faced tower clock also brightens the exterior and the main grounds are well kept. The somewhat simple but graceful structure is in the Perpendicular style and it is larger than first impressions. One of the treasures is the Jacobean pulpit dated 1718 but of an earlier time which speaks of a recusant tradition in the parish. Amongst other features there are a Norman window and font and an interesting east window.

The church has had a number of Metcalfe connections including churchwardens - Anthony Metcalfe of Oxnop (1643 - possibly the endower of Muker Free School in 1660) and John Metcalfe (1708). A John Metcalfe of Low Whiteside gave 10s forever to the poor of Grinton Parish and there are a number of other Metcalfes mentioned in and around Grinton - Matthew (1575), Simon (1579), Brian of Fremington (1649) and Ralph, Scar House, Grinton (1754).

Immediately in front of the church is a gravestone to Robert and Jane Metcalfe but weathering has almost obliterated the inscription and it is almost impossible to decipher. More modern Metcalfes may be found in the burial ground beyond the Bridge Hotel on the Richmond Road and include John (d 26/9/1945 age 74yrs) and Mary (d 7/1/1943 age 65yrs) both of Town End Hall, Reeth also Margaret Mte (d13/10/1958 age 85yrs).

Sources: *St Andrews Church Grinton* by Rev EBA Somerset (1968)
The Yorkshire Dales by Marie Hartley and Joan Ingilby
Swaledale by Ella Pontefract and Marie Hartley
Swaledale: The Spirit Speaks by Sandra K Wood
Bygone Reeth by Margaret Batty.



New Home for Wills

The Probate Department of the Principal Registry of Family Division housing the Post 1858 Wills has moved to First Avenue House, 42/49, High Holborn, London WC1V 6NP as from 2 June 1998. They can be contacted on ☎0171 936 7000.

Public Record Office News

A major new series of records became available in February when details of men who had served as officers between 1914 and the end of 1920 was released. Over 230,000 commissions were given during the period and records of some 220,000 officers survive in record classes WO 339 and WO 374 with indexes on microfilm in WO 338. A leaflet is available together with a new Guide - Army Service Records of the First World War at the PRO shop price £6.99 or mail order plus p&p £1.40 from ☎ 0181 392 5271.

Chairman's Report - August 1998

We all make the general comment on how time passes so quickly these days. 1998 is marching on so fast not only personally and professionally but also for the Metcalfe Society. It only seems like two minutes since we discussed the idea of doing a book about the history of the Metcalfes to be available in time for the millennium. Here we are 16 months before the our computerised world goes into overload as we read newspaper reports that it may be advisable not to switch certain machinery on or take a flight in case something untoward happens!! The phrase we often read about computers, businesses being "Year 2000 Ready" or "Year 2000 Compliant". Well, as you read this we should shortly be taking delivery of 750 copies of Metcalfe : History of the Clan by The Metcalfe Society. So as a society, we can certainly announce that we have reached our target of being Year 2000 Ready!!!

The Metcalfe book, as it has always been referred to, will be launched at the Mecca Muster in October. So here is yet another reason to come along. Last year's Muster was reported as being the biggest and best yet, so let's see if we can beat it again. We will have a few 'surprises' that will not be announced beforehand. So you will only find out if you come along!

The Metcalfe Society has received another accolade from the Federation of Family History Societies. I was very proud to receive the commendation for the Mecca News at the Federation AGM on behalf of the Society, and certainly on the behalf of our editor Peter Dobson, whose hard work and enthusiasm has delivered this merit - read all about it in this edition.

Susan Metcalfe Harper and I are looking at how we can setup a distribution list of members e-mails so that when we do go live we can communicate electronically with members. So for the time being we will publish members' e-mail addresses so that they can communicate individually . *

Mrs Diane Howarth (M409) = diane_howarth@ibm.com.uk

* **Mrs Page Roe Barroll (M905)** = jposey@welchlink.welch.jhu.edu and put "To Page"

* **Mrs A Ruth Carr (M912)** = Killomoran@digistar.mb.ca

* **David Metcalfe (M46)** = DAVEMETCALF@AOL.COM

So as the Metcalfe Book is finished and available, what next - do we put our feet up and take a relaxed rest for a few months - no chance! Watch out in future Mecca News for the projects that have been put in abeyance until the BIG one has been finished - 16 months ahead of its target! A thought - building companies get bonuses for completion ahead of targets don't they!!!!? Happy Reading to those of you who have ordered the book, and to those of you who haven't, what are you waiting for complete the order form that is enclosed in this edition!

Diane Howarth M409

Membership Details -

CORRECTIONS

M647 Mr Peter Trueman -address should read:- Barnfield Chapel Road, Beighton, Norwich, NR13 3LF.

M902 Julian J Metcalfe - address should read:- 21 Hartland Drive, Edgware, Middlesex HA8 8RJ.

NEW NAMES/ADDRESSES

M029 Mrs Nina Benson - post code has been altered to YO51 9GD.

M262 Dr Carol Metcalf to :- 905 Summit Pointe Way NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30329, USA.

M741 Mr Maurice Stirk - post code has been altered to BS32 4BW.

M747 Mr John Dobson from Appleton le Moors to :- 1 Norman Close, Pickering, North Yorkshire, YO18 7AZ.

M829 Mr Edward Medcalf from Cheddleton to :- 28 Prince George Street, Cheadle, Staffs. ST10 1HX.

M855 Mrs June Cutting - post code has been altered to BS31 2DW.

M891 Mr Arnold Metcalf, 59/64A Clark Road, North Sydney, New South Wales 2060, Australia.

BIRTH BRIEF SECTION

ABBREVIATIONS :- MT = METCALF. MTE = METCALFE. MD = MEDCALF. MDE = MEDCALFE. dau = daughter. d.o = daughter of. s = son. s.o = son of. m = married. b = born. bpt = baptised. d = died.

RE-JOINED MEMBERS

M510 Mrs Barbara Stephenson, PO Box 768, Cheltenham, Victoria 3192, Australia. Great x 2 grand-daughter of George & Mary (Metcalfe) Sparks m 27.11.1843 Bradford, Yks, England. Mary bpt 13.03.1817 Muker in Swaledale, Yks d.o John & Nanny (Metcalfe) MTE m 12.04.1803 Grinton, Yks.

M622 Ms Katy E. Metcalfe, Otterburn Hall, Otterburn, Bell Busk, Nr.Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 4DX. Dau of John Robert & Elizabeth Jane MTE. John Robert s.o George Harrison & Helen (Clark) MTE m 13.02.1923. George Harrison b 1896 Brough under Stainmore s.o James Robert & Elizabeth (Harrison) MTE James R. bpt 31.07.1856 Gunnerside Methodist Chapel s.o George & Mary (formerly Metcalfe nee Pratt) MTE m 04.08.1849 Grinton. George bpt 29.12.1818 Muker

s.o George & Ann (Harker) MTE of Calvert Houses m 06.04.1805. George bpt 25.04.1780 s.o George & Jane (Harker) MTE m 13.01.1772 Muker. George bpt 04.02.1748/9 s.o Thomas & Margaret (Cottingham) MTE m April or June 1737 Muker. Thomas bpt 26.08.1708 Muker s.o Thomas of Gunnerside. **Connects to M3, M679, M704, M818 & M848.**

UP-DATED BIRTH BRIEFS - please send these entries direct to the Editor in the usual format.

M320 Mr & Mrs Leon Metcalfe, Conquieso, Spriggs Alley, Chinnor, Oxon, OX9 4BX. Leon b 1939 York s.o Edward & Eva (Letby) MTE m 30.06.1934 St Laurence's, York. Edward b 08.12.1913 s.o Joseph & Margaret (?) MTE. Joseph b 11.09.1883 Layerthorpe, York s.o William & Kate (Hill) MTE m 25.12.1875 St Cuthbert's, York. William b 30.10.1851 s.o William & Monica (Walker) MTE m 20.03.1842 St Savior's, York. William bpt 22.02.1819 St Margaret, York s.o Isaac & Mary (?Farrer) MTE. Isaac a shoemaker b c 1783 Sheriff Hutton, Yks.

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, a Yeoman & 1st wife Margaret Thompson mar 13.08.1726 Ingleton. (2nd wife Elizabeth (Battley) Mte mar 26.12.1739 Ingleton Fells) George bpt. 27.03.1700 Ingleton d. 1786 Southerscales Bentham, 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 ?? (**) 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 6 May 1728 Dent. **Connected to M6,M62,M809,M597,M58, M769,M307,M317,M475,M591,M97,M871,M860,M529,M553,M637,M777,M871.**

M844 Mrs Catherine Snowden, 8 Avon Close, Neston, Wirral L64 0TH. Dau of Leonard Richard & Amy (Gelling) MTE m 1933. Leonard born 01.02.1910 s.o Richard Daniel & Catherine (Furlong) MTE. Richard b 1877 Liverpool s.o Robert & Mary Ann (Rogin) MTE m 12.11.1873 Kendal. Robert b 11.11.1849 Skelsmergh s.o Richard & Betsey (Kellet) MTE m 27.06.1849. Richard b 20.03.1827 Sedbergh s.o Richard & Jane (Canby) MTE m 28.06.1812 Sedbergh. Richard b 1790 Garsdale s.o George & Isabella (Thackstone) MTE m 26.03.1788 Hawes. **Connects to M270 & M378**

M891 Mr Arnold Metcalf, 59/64A Clark Road, North Sydney, NSW 2060, Australia. See MN53 p26. Robert b 23.11.1858 South Shields Co.Durham, England s.o Henry & Margaret (Wright) MTE m 08.02.1843. Henry s.o Henry MT.

BIRTH BRIEF CORRECTIONS -

M908 Miss Helen Savage, 49 Lower Crow Nest Drive, Lightcliffe, Halifax, HX3 8UN. :- Horace Alexander NOT b 1880. He was b 31 May 1907 s/o Alexander & Lilian (Entwistle) MTE m ?. Alexander born 14/09/1880 s.o Parkin & Agnes (Staveley) MTE.

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

M914 Mrs Mary Rothwell, 15 Ash St, Failsworth, Manchester,M35 0AJ. Nothing received.

M915 Mr Murray T.Metcalf, Royal Harbour Yacht Club, 6210 Paradise Point Drive, Miami, Florida 33157-2645. U.S.A. Nothing received.

M916 Mr Terence L.Wilby, 143 Ravensthorpe Rd, Thorhill Lees, Dewsbury, W.Yorks. WF12 9EG. Descendant of John FOSTER b 05.10.1870 s.o John Scarr & Alice (Metcalf) Foster m 1866 Askrigg area, Yks. John Scarr Foster had previously been married in 1830 to Sarah MTE. Alice b 03.12.1842 Bainbridge d.o James & Priscilla (Peacock) MTE m 15.01.1836 Aysgarth....awaiting confirmation.

M917 Mr Christopher F.R.Potter, Headmaster's House, Old Swinford Hospital, Stourbridge, W.Midlands, DY8 1QX. Nothing received.

M918 Mr John Metcalfe, 29 Kings Drive, Wrose, Bradford, West Yorkshire. BD2 1PX. S.o Alexander b 09.04.1900 bpt 10.04.1901 Askrigg s/o John & Mary Elizabeth (Young) MTE. John b 03.06.1846 bpt 14.05.1848 Askrigg s.o Matthew & Elizabeth (Chapman) MTE m 12.09.1840 Askrigg. Matthew bpt 07.07.1811 Askrigg

s.o John & Margaret/Peggy (Blades) MTE m 31.01.1803 Askrigg. John b c1781. **Connects to M054. M296. M297. M400. M403. M406. M410. M597. M639 & M720.**

M919 Mr Stanley J.Metcalf, 69 Bourn Lea, Shiney Row, Houghton le Spring, Tyne & Wear, DH4 4PF. Nothing received.

M920 Mr Maurice Stockdale, 15 Boothgate, Howden, Goole, East Yorkshire DN14 7EL. Great great grandson of John & Elizabeth (Metcalf) Slight m 09.07.1810 ERY. Elizabeth b 24.04.1797 bpt 07.07.1797 Sculcoates d.o George (shipowner) & Ann (Coulson) MT m 08.03.1770 Hull...this means that Elizabeth was only 13 years old on her marriage - investigation continues !

M921 Mrs Nancy Waugaman, 23450 D Drive South, Homer, Michigan, 49245-9409. USA. Great x 3 grand-daughter of Patrick Connor & Eliza (Metcalf) Cullenen. Patrick from from Irish parents although he was born aboard ship coming home from the West Indies, while in the Bay of Biscay and Eliza was from England, they were married c 1836 in Petersborough, Ontario, Canada. Date of the marriage is not known but they were married by a man named Gilmore in his house, a minister in the Baptist church. There are conflicting dates of birth and death for Eliza - birth 10 Oct 1810 and 18 Jan 1810 - death 7th Aug 1881 and 14th August 1881. Her death cert does state she was born in London, England and the family story is that she was the daughter of a Prime Minister and was disinherited. In 1809 William Pitt was in this office and 1810-1812 Spencer Percival - Can anyone help Nancy in her search?

M922 Mrs Amanda Amabile-Taylor, 30 Aldershot Road, Church Crookham, Hants, GU13 0LG. Nothing received.

M923 Mr John R.Metcalf, 14 Queen St, Dorchester on Thames, Wallingford, Oxon, OX10 7HR. Nothing received.

M924 Mrs Muriel Raw, Pennypot, 3 Conistone Rd, Kettlewell, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 5RE. Related through her late husband's RAW family to **M86 Carol Arkwright**. Also related through her late father William Sayer's mother to **M526 & M746** via John & Rosamund Pratt. Muriel nee Sayer is grand-daughter of Charles & Anne (Metcalf) North m 11.08.1877 at Catterick, North Yorkshire. Anne bpt 18.02.1855 at Catterick d.o William Bowe & Jane (Sheppard) MTE m 05.09.1843 Catterick. William B. bpt 04.03.1813 Catterick s.o William Bowe & Jane (Lockey) MTE m 23.11.1799 Catterick. William Bowe bpt 25.02.1773 at Bowes s.o John & Elizabeth (Bowe) MTE m 14.11.1763 Brough under Stainmore, Westmorland. John b c1741 bur 16.11.1823 at Bowes aged 82. This family **connects to M418, M481, M482, M624 & M726.**

M925 Mr Ralph Cheek, 27525 Edgerton Road, Los Altos Hills, California 94022, USA. Great grandson of Alfred Edmund & Sarah Alice (Metcalf) Wallis m 12.09.1903 Paradise Chapel, Darlington, Co.Durham, England. Sarah Alice b 14.02.1880, Bell's Place, Darlington d.o Joseph & Alice (Render) MTE m 10.11.1877, Trinity Church, Darlington. Joseph b 08.03.1853 "Brewery" Hunslet, Leeds, s.o Benjamin (brickmaker) & Sarah (Darwen) MT.Benjamin bpt 17.01.1819 Hunslet s.o James & Sarah (Wooley) MT m 24.02.1814 Leeds. James bpt 13.08.1792 s.o John MT. **Connects to M362**

M926 Mr Stuart N.Kipling, 19 Lower Fern Road, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ12 4TQ. Nothing received.

M927 Mr Robert J.Blackburn, 37 Beacon Avenue, Sedgefield, Stockton on Tees, TS21 3AE. Great great grandson of William & "Mercia" (Metcalf) Wetherald of Wensleydale. Confirmation awaited that "Mercia" is the Matilda Metcalf who m on 7th Jan 1822 at Aysgarth to William Wetherald, labourer of Worton. Again, confirmation awaited that Mercia / Matilda is MERCY METCALFE bpt 28.10.1803 at Hardraw d.o William & Alice (Moor) MTE a 31.08.1802 Hardraw.

M928 Mrs Heather J.Medcalf, 8 Pinehurst Cottages, Pinehurst Ave, Farnborough, Hants. GU14 7LJ. Dau of Patrick Gerard & Lillian (Quelch) Medcalf m 1939 Southall, Middlesex. Patrick G b 04.01.1914 Liverpool s.o Christopher George & Ellen (McKeown) MD. Christopher George b 26.12.1881 had two sisters who emigrated to Canada, children of Christopher & Catherine (Howard) MD. Christopher b c1852 Kendal, Westmorland. s.o Richard & Ann (?) MD. Richard bpt 29.05.1814 Kendal s.o Caleb & Mary (Birkett) MD. m 03.08.1801 Kendal. Caleb bpt 08.09.1776 Kendal s.o John & Ellen/Eleanor (?) MT/MD.

M929 Dr Garrioch Sedman, 33 Greensleeves Ave, Broadstone, Dorset, BH18 8BJ. Great great grandson of Thomas & Ellen (Metcalf) Wallbank m 16th April 1842 at Low Bentham, Yks. Ellen bpt 06.06.1819 at Thornton in Lonsdale d.o Adam & Mary (Dodgson) MTE m 26.12.1809 Thornton in Lonsdale. Adam bpt 04.01.1789 Thornton in Lonsdale s.o Thomas of Burton in Lonsdale.

M930 Mrs Rosemary Dempster, 5 Church Hams, Finchampstead, Wokingham, Berks. RG40 4XF. Descendant of four lines :- 1. Great x 2 grand-daughter of John & Ellen (Metcalf) Teasdale m 27 Apl 1851, St Marys, Lancaster. Ellen b c1827/8 Lancaster d.o William MTE labr. 2. Great x 2 grand-daughter of Thomas & Isabella (Metcalf) Stainton, m 10th Jan 1846 Chapel of Middleton, Westmorland. Isabella bpt 14.02.1819 Dent d.o Leonard (shoemaker) & Isabella (Allen) MTE m 17.02.1816 Dent. Leonard bpt 23.02.1794 Dent s.o Thomas (tailor) & Elizabeth (Powley) MTE m 15.10.1787 Dent. This line **connects to M58 & M520.** 3. Rosemary's husband had as a God-mother a cousin of his grandmothers - Louie Metcalf d.o John &

Agnes MTE = Louie Ethel bpt 22.05.1904 Horton in Ribblesdale d.o John & Agnes MTE. John bpt 09.11.1862 HiR s.o Alexander & Ann (Whitehead) MTE m26.05.1860 Alexander of Gober bpt 17.04.1824 Ingleton Fell s.o John & Ellen MTE. John bpt 18.10.1789 Hubberholme natural s.o Barbary widow of Christopher MTE. This line connects with M423 4. Great x 3 grand-dau of Henry & Esther (Metcalf) Yarker m 19 Oct 1819 at Gilling, North Yorkshire.

M931 Mrs Mary Liddle, 43 Tweedholm Ave. Walkerburn, Peebleshire EH43 6AP. Descendant of Robert & Elizabeth (Metcalf) Dixon m 18.11.1741 at Sessay, Yorkshire. Elizabeth bpt 14.12.1724 Hutton Sessay, Yks. d.o Thomas & his first wife Dorothy (Mason) MTE m 11.02.1720 Sessay. Thomas a farmer and landowner was bur 27.04.1774 at Hutton Sessay born c1690.

M932 Mrs Barbara A. and Mr Kevin J. Metcalfe, 18 Lauderdale Road, Hunton Bridge, Kings Langley, Herts. WD4 8QB. Nothing received.

M933 Mr John R. Kidd, 54 Ashover Road, Old Tupton, Chesterfield, Derbys. S42 6HJ. Great x 3 grandson of Roger & Isabella (Metcalf) Kidd m c 1824 Isabella b 11.12.1793 bpt 07.05 1797 Keighley, West Yorkshire. d.o Cuthbert & Isabella his 2nd wife (nee Allen) MTE m 20.10.1788 at Hawes. The ancestry of Cuthbert is a puzzle, is he the one b 15.01.1754 bpt 11.01.1755 Hawes s.o Anthony & Elizabeth (Allen) MTE of Apperset OR the son of Cuthbert (schoolmaster) & Margaret (Hardacre) MTE m06.01.1753 Hawes? Awaiting verification. **Connects to M55 etal.**

M934 Mr John Harwood-Bee, Stocking Hill Farm, Cottered, Herts. SG9 9PX. Nothing received.

M935 Mr Barry Metcalfe, 4 High Ash Crescent, Leeds, LS17 8RG. Details confidential for the moment.

M936 Mrs Iris Metcalfe, 2 Chadcourt, Orchard Park Estate, Courtland Road, Hull, East Yorkshire. HU6 8BA. Iris's late husband Joseph James was b 1925 in Hull s.o Thomas Manby & Alice (Evans) MTE. Thomas Manby b 20.01.1891 Hull s.o Charles Alfred Cressey & Mary Ann (Southcoate) MTE m 04.03.1889 Hull. Charles A.C. b 12.05.1867 Hull s.o Thomas Manby & Ann Elizabeth (Cressey) MTE m 26.06.1853 Hull. Thomas Manby b 1831 Hull s.o Thomas & Nancy (Fox) MTE m 05.01.1824 Wrawby. Thomas b 28.05.1800 Wrawby s.o Thomas & Mary Ann (Bradley) MTE m 11.06.1799 Wrawby. Thomas b 12.08.1768 Elsham s.o Thomas & Elizabeth (Manby) MTE m 14.05.1767 Elsham. Thomas b 22.11.1741 Hibaldstow s.o Jeremiah & Alice(Vessey)MTE m10.12.1742 Barnetby. Jeremiah b24.03.1707/8 Barnetby s.o Thomas & his 2nd wife Mary (Baldwin nee Gibson) MTE m 03.04.1704. Thomas b 22.11.1668 South Kelsey s.o John & Ellen (Parker) MTE m 06.06.1664 South Kelsey. John b circa 1635.

M937 Mr Brian Medcalf, 55 Vere Road, Peterborough, Cambs. PE1 3EB. Son of Sidney & Sheila (Brown) MD m 1949 Gateshead, Co Durham. Sidney b 19.04.1927 Thorney, Cambs. s.o Thomas & Elsie Amy (Atkins) MD m 1926 Peterborough. Thomas b 15.02.1900 Sheffield, Yks. s.o Sidney & Catherine (Betteridge) MD. Sidney b c 1878 Hundon, Suffolk. s.o Thomas & Frances (?) MD. Thomas b 02.11.1851 s.o George & Ann (Root) MD m 04.02.1832 Hundon. George b 01.07.1803 Hundon s.o Samuel & Elizabeth (Granger) MD m04.01.1800 Poslingford. Sfk. Samuel b c1774 Hundon Sfk. **Connects to M405.**

M938 Miss Violet V. Luty, Wyndways, 30 Moor Rd, Stanley, Wakefield West Yorkshire. WF3 4EW. Grand-daughter of George & Lucy Ann (Metcalf) Luty m in 1898. Lucy Ann bpt 11.06.1871 Askrigg, Yks. d.o William Coates & Ann* (Metcalf) Metcalfe m 23.06.1869 Askrigg. William Coates bpt 01.08.1843 Askrigg s.o George & his 2nd wife Elizabeth Coates. George an auctioneer bpt 30.06.1806 Coverham, Yks. s.o John & Elizabeth MTE. John a wood turner of Worton b c 1761. *Ann Metcalfe bpt 31.05.1846 Askrigg d.o John a tailor & Elizabeth (Knowles) MTE of Askrigg m 03.06.1843. John b c1803 Woodhall ? bpt 03.07.1803 Askrigg s.o James a dish turner & Jane (Pratt) MTE m 18.08.1799 Aysgarth. James bpt 01.06.1780 Askrigg s.o James MTE of Woodhall.

M939 Mr Cyril Metcalfe and Mrs Gladys Bentham, Gorse Heights, 11 Southlea Ave, Goose Cote Lane, Oakworth, Keighley, West Yorkshire. BD22 7NL. Cyril b 1902 Leeds, s.o Michael & Annie (Graham) MTE m 08.02.1879 Aysgarth. Michael (a gas stoker) bpt 25.04.1834 Askrigg born at Bainbridge s.o Michael & Agnes (Chapman) MTE m 03.10.1816 Askrigg. Michael bpt 28.02.1796 Kirkby Stephen, Wes. s.o Edward & Sarah (Shaw) MTE m 05.05.1791 Kirkby Stephen.

M940 Mrs Janet Holdsworth, 126 Queens Road, London, SW19 8LS. First cousin to **M879 Christine Hudson** and their descent is as follows :- Great grand-daughters of Stephen Hey & Nancy (Metcalf) Holdsworth. Nancy bc1852 Keld in Swaledale d 1928, 4th child of 7 of James & Margaret (Clarkson) MTE m 05.12.1846 Muker. James bpt 10.06.1827 Keld/Muker 5th child of 5 of John & Jane (Willan) MTE m 25.07.1818 Muker. John bpt 14.04.1793 Keld s.o George & Mary (Rukin) MTE m 18.09.1792 Muker.

M941 Federation of Family History Societies/Admin purposes.

M942 Mrs Shirley Wainwright. 113 Kingsway, Mapplewell, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S75 6EU. Great grand-dau of Thomas & Hannah (Metcalf) Burke. Hannah b 1.10.1873 d.o Anthony & Sarah (North) MTE of Hartshead Moor near Liversidge, Yorkshire. Anthony b c1843 Shipley, Yks. s.o John & Ann (?) MTE. John is a slight mystery ! In the 1861 CR for Shipley he states he was aged 50 & born at "Thornfet" Yks. Should this be "Thorntwaite" ? I cannot trace a Thornfet

in Yorkshire, nor is there anything similar on the IGI, however in the Hampsthwaite parish registers (which cover Thornthwaite) there is a John bpt 14.04.1811 s.o Anthony & Elizabeth (Foster) MTE m 06.06.1808 Hampsthwaite. Confirmation awaited.

M943 Mrs Carol G.Venner, The Malthouse, Chilmark, Salisbury, Wiltshire. SP3 5AU. Dau of John W. & Gertrude Ellen (Metcalf) Hall m 1894 Lambeth. Gertrude Ellen b c1870 Bradford Yks. d.o Dawson & Emily Chittenden (Gostick) MT. Dawson bpt 15.12.1841 St Leonards, New Malton, Yks. s.o Thomas & Ann (Dawson) MT, a wheelwright and carpenter of Hovingham, m 29.12.1831 New Malton Yorkshire.

M944 Mr Charlie Metcalf, 1436 McGregor Ave. Petaluma, California 94954-3746, USA. Born Santa Monica, California s.o Charles Gillespie & Magda Johanna (Skomsvold) MT. Charles G. b 19.12.1900 s.o Charles Samuel & Anna Belle (Williams) MT. Charles S. b 1860 Shelbyville, Missouri s.o Benjamin Franklin & ? MT. Benjamin F. b 23.03.1817 s.o Nathaniel H. & Hannah W. (Worsley) MT. Nathaniel H. b 05.09.1779 Chesterfield Twp, New Hampshire s.o Asa & Mehitabe (Upham) MT. Asa b 16.01.1740 Medway, Massachusetts s.o Joseph & Deborah (Adams) MT. Joseph b 16.11.1714 Medway Mass s.o Michael MT. Michael b 09.05.1674 Dedham, Norfolk, Ma s.o Michael & Elizabeth (Fuller) MT. Michael b 21.01.1644 Dedham, Mass. s.o Michael & Mary (Fairbanks) MT. Michael b 29.08.1620 St Benedicts, Norwich, Norfolk, ENGLAND s.o Michael & Sarah (Elwyn) MT. ***Michael b 17.06.1590 Tatterford, Norfolk, England s.o Leonard Mt of Apperside in Wensleydale, Yorkshire. Leonard b about 1541 Apperside s.o Leonard & ? (Thursby) MT. Leonard b 1522 s.o Brian & Johanna MT of Beare Park, Yorkshire. Brian b 1460 s.o James & Gelsone MT of Nappa Yks. James b 1389. It is necessary to point out that the data from ***Michael remains unproven by the Society and we would appreciate sight of any documentary evidence that proves the links shown above. For example if Brian was born in 1460, his father James would then be aged 71.

M945 Mrs Anne E.Barnes, 28A Frogwell, Chippenham, Wilts. SN14 0DQ Related by marriage to Anne's great grandfather Henry Craiggs is Joseph MIDCALF and his wife Christina/Christian/Christine Craiges and in the Paxton Toll section of the Lamberton Toll Records there is a record of their marriage on 19.07.1845. Joseph was of Dickson Coalhouses and Christian of Heasebriges. CAN ANYONE IDENTIFY either of these places ? In 1861 the family lived at Scotland Gate, Bedlington, Northumberland when Joseph aged 30 gives his birth place as Warkworth NBL and living with them is another Joseph (? father to aforesaid) aged 60 b Berwick upon Tweed. In 1871, same town, Joseph junior is aged 42 b Christon, NBL. ANY HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

M946 Mrs Yvonne A.Metcalf, 1/293 Tamaki Drive, Kohimarama, Auckland, New Zealand. Husband Graham Norman Alan MTE s.o Eric James MTE b 04.10.1910 Palmerston North, New Zealand s.o Norman James & Clementina Edith (McDowall) MTE m 31.10.1907. Norman J. b 09.05.1870 Waimea NZ s.o James & Louisa Kearns (Oldfield) MTE m 10.02.1866 Daylesford, Victoria, Australia. James b1832 Wherton Craig s.o Christopher Hoggarth & Martha (Hodgson) MTE m 13.05.1833 Warton, Lancs, England. Christopher H. b 25.08.1808 bpt 02.10.1808 Halton, Lancs. s.o George & Margaret (Hoggart/h) MT m 02.01.1799 Halton, Lancs. George b c1767. **Connects to M239, M279 & M486.**

M947 Mr David N.Medcalf, Flat 3, The Vaults, 2 Giles Street, Edinburgh, EH6 6DJ. Nothing received.

M948 Ms Janice Robertson, 10860 Pinot Noir Circle, San Diego, California 92131. USA. Nothing received.

M949 Mrs Helen Aird, 21 Northfield Ave, Ringstead, Kettering, Northants, NN14 4DX. Nothing received.

M950 Mrs Angela White, Orchard View, Chapel St, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 6BZ. Nothing received.

M951 Mr Simon P.Metcalf, 14 Upper Park, Loughton, Essex, IG10 4EW. Born Oxford s.o M20 James & Edna May (Amos) Mowbray-Metcalf m 25th Aug 1938 Oxford. James b 26.02.1916 Hartlepool, Co Durham s.o John Storey & Margaret Denver (Mason) MTE m c 1915 Hartlepool. John b c 1894 Hartlepool s.o James Mowbray & Isabella (?) MTE.

Medals Returned

From Auckland New Zealand 1997. Frank Metcalf returned home to find burglars had ransacked his house and made off with among other items three generations of war medals. These were a posthumously awarded Military Cross and a Distinguished Service Order awarded to his great-uncle Captain James Beverly Metcalf who died from wounds in the First World War; the NZ Defence Medal, Victory Medal and Pacific Star awarded to Mr Metcalf's father Richard and his own campaign medals for serving in Vietnam.

However despair turned to joy when less than a day later the safety box in which the medals were stored was found, handed in to the police and quickly returned to the Metcalf Household.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

22 August 1998. Marlow Local & FH Fair. Shelley Theatre, Court Gardens Leisure Centre, Marlow, Bucks.

4 - 6 September 1998. East Midlands and FFHS 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.

17 October 1998. GOONS Seminar. Wildlife Park, Burford, Oxon.

31 October 1998. Doncaster & District FHS Family History Day.

14 November 1998. West Surrey FHS Open Day, Methodist Church Hall, Brewery Road, Woking.

9 - 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.

24 April 1998. SoG / Manchester & Lancashire FHS Joint Conference. 'Computers in Family History'.

3 - 5 September 1998. NW Kent FHS Family History Conference / FFHS Council Meeting. University of Greenwich. 'Time and Tide'.

Metcalfe Sightings

Supplementary Index to the 1851 Census of Lancaster PRO Ref HO 107 / 2272 - **Metcalf (folios 33 and 71), Midcalf (folio 68).** The Manchester Genealogist Vol 33, No 4, 1997.

James Metcalfe, Gentleman of Sedbusk, died 1772. Hardraw Church.

Missing Marriages from Horton Parish Northumberland between 1809 and 1812 included - 25 November 1809 **William Midcalf** & Elizabeth Arkell both otp, by banns. N&DFHS Journal Winter 1997.

Vans & Lorries. **Paul Metcalfe** of Horsforth has a joiners van, **Chris Metcalfe** of Keighley has white vans and **R Metcalfe** of Bradford has red lorries. Seen by **Phill Metcalfe M710**.

Christmas cancelled. As part of a policy to raise awareness in Religious Education at Bishopsgarth School, Stockton the RE teacher **Christine Metcalfe** cancelled Christmas for the school. Until they came up with some good reasons it was not to be re-instated! Evening Gazette 15 December 1997 - supplied by **Dorothy Pope M55**. (*I wonder if the school got its Christmas holiday or did they work through?!! - Ed*)

A RAF Nimrod took part in the 1997 Toronto Air Show two years after a fatal crash had killed all seven crew members at the Canadian National Exhibition. The station commander of RAF Kinloss, Scotland where the Nimrod is based was Group Captain **Wils Metcalfe**. From The Toronto Star 1 September 1997. Supplied by **Ian V Metcalfe M744**.

Federation AGM Report

Diane Howarth M409

I have represented the Metcalfe Society only once before at a Federation event - and that was at the Federation's 21st anniversary party at the House of Lords when I literally hobbled along to a splendid evening. That was a party but this was now business I was off to represent the society at the Federation AGM at Crewe 18-19 April 98, and also to feed my own curiosity as to what goes on at these Federation weekends - to answer the question as to whether or not it is worth the individual family historian attending such gatherings!

Not having been anywhere near Crewe before, I found the joining instructions and directions excellent - a good start. On arrival I received a detailed programme of events, a full list of attendees and their interests. My first reaction at seeing almost three hundred people congregate in the dining hall for a cup of tea, I was quite happy to talk to anyone and everyone - and so were they! I found that most people were lucky enough to be able to arrive Friday evening and not have to leave until Sunday teatime, and so have plenty of time to attend the many elective sessions on such topics as "Waifs and Wanderers", "Transportation of Convicts to Australia", "Railway Staff Records", "Movement for the sake of religion". You really were spoilt for choice and had to plan your day quite meticulously. Due to personal commitments, I only had the Saturday to taken in as much as possible.

A full hall of bookstalls, Federation material, society stands etc could easily swallow up a half day just in the one room! I also stepped into the GOONS session but had my only disappointment as it was merely a Q&A session - I really wanted to understand what the GOONS had to offer. If I had stayed for the whole weekend, there were also organised social gatherings eg after dinner speech by Blaster Bates, or a guided tour around Nantwich, and a demonstration of the Internet.

Representing the society, I had two jobs - one to collect the abundant mail addressed to the society, which I have duly distributed around our committee, and the other to attend and vote at the Federation AGM. This meeting allowed me to put faces to those names I had only read about before. As many of you know our own David Lambert (M11) is the current Chairman of the Federation. Being a specialised society then many of the business topics under discussion were not really relevant. But they do have many projects where we could possibly gain valuable information to help you, our members. So through the Mecca News, we do try to keep you up to date on these projects. The highlight of the AGM for the society and myself was the commendation that the Mecca News received from the record number 53 entries for the Elizabeth Simpson Award 1997. Well done yet again to our editor, Peter Dobson. Here are the exact words

" It has often been said that the One-Name societies stand little chance of winning. This is not true at all..... once again, the Metcalfe Society gets a mention

as a good all round One-Name journal and this did have quite a number of news items as well as articles and illustrations."

So my view of the Federation weekends, as an individual family historian - I really would recommend taking the opportunity to attend - all you need is a notebook and plenty of energy because there is a lot to see and do. The next Federation Family History conference is on 4-6 September, Nottingham University. Go on - treat yourself, even if you can only spare the one Saturday, 5th September.

George Metcalfe

An Update

(In Mecca News 54 page 21 - From the Ripon Gazette - the initially mysterious death of George Metcalfe was reported. We have now had a response from George's great nephew, himself a retired general practitioner, Dr Chris Metcalfe M590, giving further details of what the condition syncope might actually have been.)

I was very interested to see the contribution concerning my great uncle George Metcalfe whose death caused such consternation within the family and neighbourhood. A step-nephew, Dr Jack Hesketh of Portsmouth (b1919) had always been told that it had been a suicide covered up but the newspaper reports totally denied this. I have quite a number of letters written at the time, particularly from his brother John Hawkrige Metcalfe.

George and his brother Herbert had been smoking in the lounge before they parted for the night. I suspect that he had intense indigestion and not realising that this was a heart attack went out *to walk it off* and during the process went up the valley side and collapsed with syncope - probably a sudden cardiac arrhythmic. It was interesting that the post mortem was carried out at their home, Castlestead, built by his father in 1861 - it was his widowed stepmother who was still there then, Mrs Phoebe Annie Metcalfe, whose grandson is Dr Hesketh mentioned earlier.

There was an article, some years back, in a medical journal indicating the high rate of cardiac deaths in Nidderdale in the early part of this century. A post mortem then would not have had the present knowledge nor the microscopic accuracy now available. All the brothers in the family died of cardio-vascular disease at an early age than was considered normal - but I think they all smoked, NB!

.....and finally

SANTA'S SLEDGE

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As at mid-June, I have received less than 20 responses.....!

As you know the Metcalfe Society is run by a few people who manage to squeeze in a lot of work to keep the society going for you our members. We do realise how busy life is these days. But please take just five minutes one day May I please ask you all to do this one thing for the society - please send just one handwritten line, or a small paragraph to thank Nina for all the work that she has done for the society.

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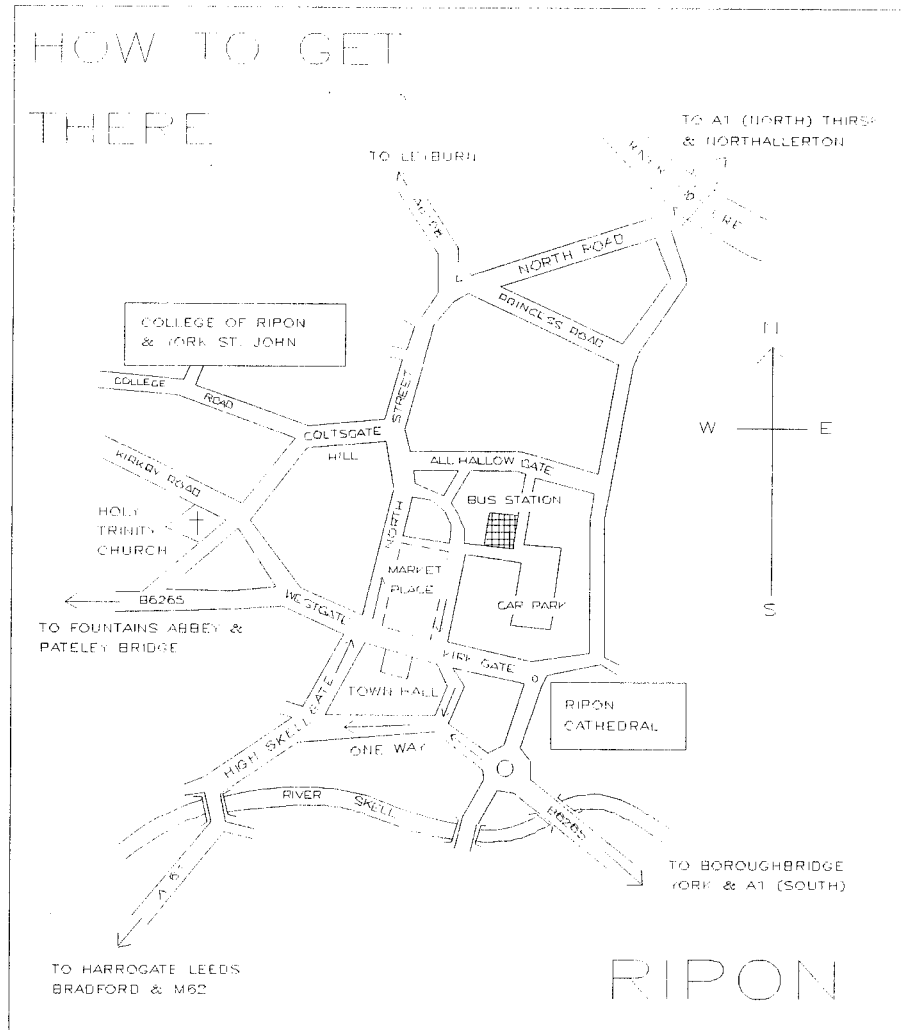
Queries/Payments to : The Metcalfe Society, 31 Groves Lea, Mortimer, Berkshire, RG7 3SS, UK
Tel/fax +44 (0) 118-933-1244

How did you find out about the book? _____

THE MECCA MUSTER & A.G.M.

Saturday 10th October 1998

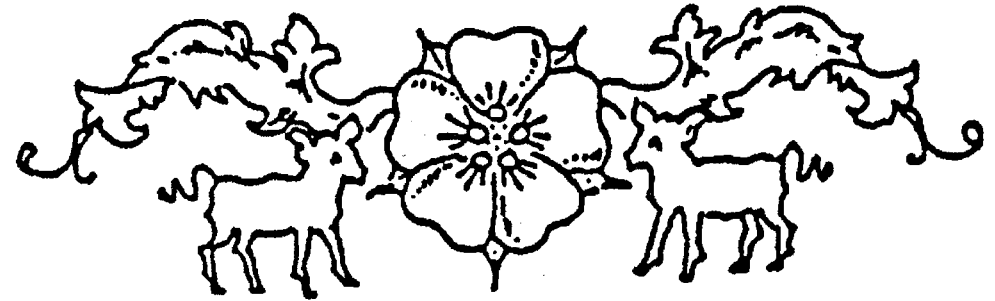
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Plenty of car parking space at the College

The nearest train station is at Harrogate, from where buses regularly go to Ripon.
Accommodation lists can be obtained from the Tourist Information Office,
Royal Baths Assembly Rooms, Crescent Road, Harrogate.

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1998 MECCA MUSTER & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on
Saturday
10th October 1998
at the
College of Ripon & York St John,
College Road,
Ripon,
North Yorkshire.

THE MECCA MUSTER & AGM 1998

BOOKING FORM

Please return by 31 August 1998

I wish to reserve the following for the Mecca Muster 1998 as detailed below :-

..... Places for Saturday 10th October at £15.00 each £.....

Total £ _____

Payments should be made out to "The Metcalfe Society" and sent to :-

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

Prices include lunch which will be served in a separate dining room.
If you require Vegetarian meals please indicate the number here

Full Name..... Membership Number

Address

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If you are to be accompanied please give Full Names
and indicate whether they are Society Members.

Non-members are welcome but cannot take an active part in the AGM.

Names here :-

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Accommodation

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

THE MECCA MUSTER & AGM 1998

Saturday 10th October 1998

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

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9.30am	Registration & Coffee
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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5th APRIL 1998

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* Tax refund on covenants

* 1998 £400 figure should be added to the Muster Catering figure to = £1,096.00

THE METCALFE SOCIETY
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5th APRIL 1998

ASSETS

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
COST:		
Printers	538.73	539
Copier	410.08	410
Computers, Printer, Workstation & Software	2942.15	2,018
Filing Cabinets	<u>338.84</u>	<u>339</u>
	4229.80	3,306
	===	===
LESS DEPRECIATION:		
Printers (25% on Cost)	(403.29)	(269)
Copier (25% on Cost)	(307.56)	(205)
Workstation & Software (10% on Cost)	(1285.69)	(991)
Computers, Printer,		
Filing Cabinets	<u>(338.84)</u>	<u>(339)</u>
	(2335.38)	(1,804)
	===	===
NET BOOK VALUE ASSETS:	1894.42	1,502
BANK BALANCES:		
Barclays	12160.82	2,799
National Savings Investment Account	4830.40	4,585
PREPAYMENTS:		
Deposits Ripon Muster - 1996 & 1997	<u>0.00</u>	<u>400</u>
	<u>£ 18885.64</u>	<u>£ 9,286</u>

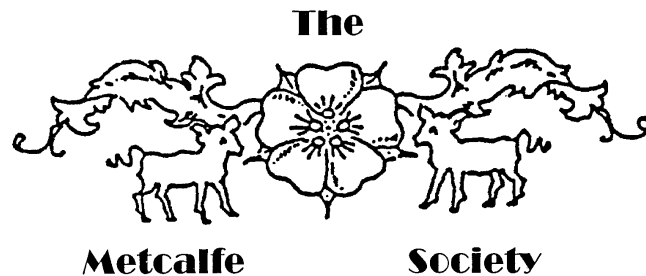
LIABILITIES

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Metcalfe History Book Reserve:-		
Balance at 5th April 1997	1237.98	
Interest Added (5 $\frac{1}{4}$ %)	<u>65.00</u>	
	1302.98	
Less Research Costs in the Year	<u>(249.41)</u>	
	1053.57	1,238
Receipts on account for 1998/99		
Book Sales	7263.00	
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER		
EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR:	2521.21	1,734
SURPLUS BROUGHT FORWARD:	8047.86	6,314
	<u>£ 18885.64</u>	<u>£ 9,286</u>

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Windle & Bowker

 13th July 1998

Windle & Bowker
 Chartered Accountants
 Croft House, Station Road
 Barnoldswick BB18 5NA



THE AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE METCALFE SOCIETY

To be held at the College of Ripon & York St John, College Road, Ripon, North Yorkshire
on Saturday 10th October 1998 at 10am.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of the 1997 AGM - copy attached
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
5. Reports
6. Elections
7. Subscription Rates for 1999
8. Approval of Accounts
9. Special Business

- Amendment to the Constitution.

That sub-clause 9(C) of the Constitution be deleted and that the following new sub-clause 9(C) be substituted therefor :- "Once, at least, in every year the statements of account of The Society shall be audited or examined by one or more qualified auditors or independent examiners. The results of such audit or independent examination shall be presented to the members of The Society."

10. Appointment of Auditor or Independent Examiner
11. Any other business
12. Date of AGM 1999 - Saturday 9th October

PROGRAMME

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All members are hereby officially notified that our Annual General Meeting will be held as indicated above. Members are welcome to attend this section of the Muster, free of charge. Only those wishing to take part in other activities and to have any refreshments are required to pay. Non-members are very welcome but may take no active part in the Annual General Meeting.

All attending are required to register on arrival and to wear an identification badge at all times.

Minutes of the AGM of the Metcalfe Society
11th October, 1997

Held at the College of Ripon & York St John, Ripon.

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:

- Standing in for the Chairman, Diane Howarth welcomed all members and guests. She emphasised the progress made by the Society since its inception in 1980. She thanked those who carried out official roles on behalf of the Society, particularly the ones who had given very freely of their time on tasks and projects for the benefit of all members. She mentioned the favourable comments about the Metcalfe Society received by those who had represented the Society at the Stockport Fair.
- At the relevant points in the ensuing proceedings Diane drew the members' attention to the very significant time and effort which the members of the Committee giving reports to this meeting devoted to the Society.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

John Holden, President, Vice Presidents Mary Metcalfe and Helen Offer, Chairman Charles Metcalfe, Ann Crabbe, Eunice and George Herring, Daphne and Leon Metcalfe, Guy Metcalfe, Leo Metcalfe.

3. The Minutes of the AGM 1996, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN:

- Diane thanked Charles for all the work he had done as Chairman, a role from which he is stepping down. However he will continue to contribute to the Society through the projects in which he is currently involved.
- Diane encouraged the members present to consider the openings for their more active involvement in the Society, which would be outlined as the meeting progressed.

SECRETARY:

- 903 was the most recent membership number allocated. However the active membership remains steady at 420, of which approximately one quarter lives overseas: USA 30, Australia 26, New Zealand 22, Canada 21 and one member in each of South Africa, Tasmania, France, Jersey, Isle of Man. 53 members did not renew their subscriptions this year. During 1996 63 joined and the figure has been 48 so far this year, which is two more than at the same time last year.
- The Society has continued its membership of the Federation of Family History Societies, the Guild of One Name Studies, the Council of Family Societies, the North West Group and the North East Group. Nina had represented the Society at the AGM of the Federation in Chichester. Nina and David Metcalfe had attended the Northern Fair in York in June on behalf of the Society.
- Nina drew attention to the various records on display and pointed out that there were now four copies of each set of the St Catherine's House records collected and also of the 1881 census extracts.
- Nina thanked Diane for all her hard work in revising the Birth Brief Booklet, which was now available for sale.
- In preparation for her retirement as Secretary at the 1998 Muster, parts of Nina's work had been apportioned to other Committee members. As from this meeting. Carol Arkwright had

DEEDS OF COVENANT:

- Nina gave Valerie Metcalfe's report. £645-77 had been recovered by the Society from the Inland Revenue since starting Deeds of Covenant in 1992.
- Diane emphasised that Deeds of Covenant entailed no additional cost to the member and said that members would be asked personally in the afternoon session if they would like to begin a Deed of Covenant and at that stage any queries could be discussed.

6. ELECTIONS:

- John Holden had stepped down as President. He had accepted the Vice-Presidency offered as a recognition of his contribution to the Society.
- Following the appropriate procedures the following were elected to the stated offices.
President - Charles Metcalfe
Chairman - Diane Howarth
- David Lambert had been appointed as Vice-Chairman by the Committee.
- The rest of the Committee were willing to re-stand and they were re-elected by the meeting.
- There were some vacancies on the Committee and volunteers were asked for. George Buxton was proposed, seconded and elected to the Committee.

7. SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

- The meeting accepted the Committee's recommendation that there should be no change in 1998.

8. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS:

- Following due process the accounts were approved by the meeting.

9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

- The auditing by Windle and Bowker had cost over £300 for the last financial year. The Committee recommended that the Society constitution be altered so that it was no longer necessary to use an auditor but simply someone approved by the Committee. This would meet legal requirements for a small charity. The motion was proposed, seconded and passed by the meeting with no dissent.

10. A.O.B:

- There was a query from the floor as to whether the telephone numbers of the Committee should be published in the "Mecca News". Diane replied that this had not been considered appropriate when it had last been discussed by the Committee. However those Committee members running projects would have no objection in letting other members involved in those projects have their telephone numbers for ease of communication.
- There was a query as to the updating of the Wills Booklets. Diane said that ongoing projects, particularly the Metcalfe Book, were as much as it was felt sensible to commit the Society to at present.

11. DATE OF 1998 AGM:

This will take place at the same venue on Saturday, 10th October, 1998.

Following the singalong with Freda White, with the Committee as the chorus, the meeting was officially closed at 11-30a.m.

- agreed to take over from Dorothy Pope as New Members Secretary, with some other associated work. Margaret Hodgson is now the Committee Secretary. This left the role of Business Secretary, which would focus on the links between the Society and other organisations. A volunteer was sought for this job.

TREASURER:

- As at 11th October, the Society holds £2736-54 in Barclays Bank and £4585-72 in National Savings, making a total of £7322-26. The book fund is included in this total and now stands at £1187-03.
- There was a slight mistake in the balance sheet issued to all members. The deposit to Ripon College should read as £96-97.
- Since April various accessories had been bought to update the computer used by the Editor, these costing about £900.
- David Galloway is now Deputy Treasurer.

EDITOR:

- Peter thanked the members for their written contributions to the magazine. He informed the meeting that the Metcalfe Society had been the first one name Society to reach the last eight in the judging for the Elizabeth Simpson Award after submitting its 50th issue in this competition.
- He felt the quality of presentation of the "Mecca News", especially the photographs, had been increased significantly with the use of improved technology.

COMPUTER INDEX:

- David explained the range of records available on the computer. These stand at about 62000, almost the same figure as the previous year, as much of this past year's work had been in merging the newly inputted lists with existing records in the database. Progress was steady. A significant number of written records, about 20000, are still to be entered.

PROJECTS:

GRO INDEXES:

- Patrick explained that births had now been logged up to 1913, marriages to 1920 and deaths to 1910.
- Patrick thanked each of the small group of members who had helped him in this project and he asked for more volunteers to help with the work during the coming year, which has the target date of 1925.

1881 CENSUS RETURN INDEXES:

- This now covers the whole of England, Jersey and the Royal Navy. Volunteers were sought who could extract the Metcalfe information for Scotland, Wales, the other Channel Islands and possibly Ireland.

1891 CENSUS RETURNS:

- Volunteers were sought to extract the Metcalfe information for the remaining counties.

BIRTH BRIEF BOOKLET:

- Diane explained that this was a substantial revision, in which she had also standardised the format and abbreviations used. It also included an alphabetical list of members. Addresses are only included for the current membership.