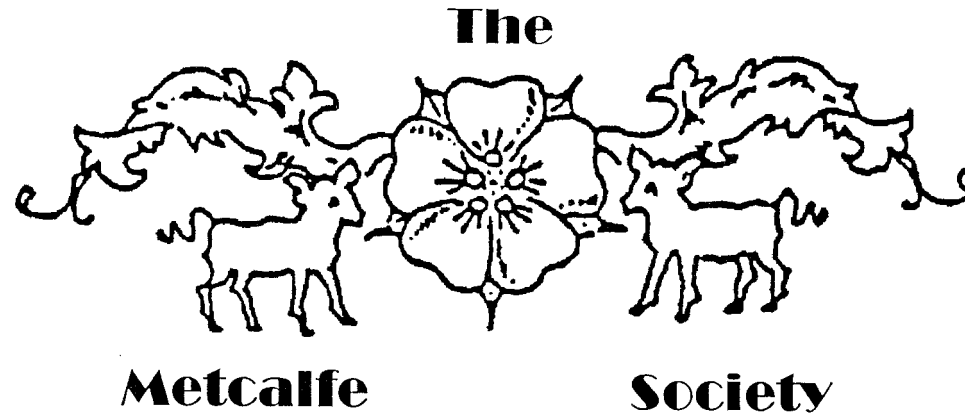




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This has been a momentous year for your Society. We have - "come of age" eighteen years as a One-name Society and still growing; produced our first publication - **Metcalf - History of the Clan** to general acclaim and seen the retirement of our long serving Secretary Nina after sixteen years. Those who were at the birth of the Society and assisted it during its formative years have much to be thanked for.

Now as we enter into full adulthood and look to recruit our thousandth member what next? Should we seek to maintain buildings such as Nappa Hall or Hipswell Mill as discussed at the AGM and mentioned in this issue or should we look to undertake other projects? If so what? Your ideas and thoughts will help determine the future of your Society so why not drop me a line on what you think we should look to do in the future. Whilst on the topic what do you like/dislike about the News please let me know so we can look to make any appropriate changes.

This issue is larger than normal, at 40 pages, to try and do justice to the events of 10 October namely the launch of the book, Nina's retirement as Secretary and the AGM. There are also a number of articles and items of interest provided by members and I am pleased to say that we are doing well with a constant supply of snippets which will appear in future issues. However, I could do with articles from half a page (70/80 words) upwards to 2/3 pages (400/500 words) plus photographs. So if you have any item you wish to appear in the News don't hesitate send them to me now while it is fresh in your mind!

I hope you enjoy this issue and may I take this opportunity to wish you and yours the Compliments of the Season and a hale and hearty 1999.



Where there's a will, there's a way

.....or so the saying goes! A member, who wishes to remain anonymous, would like to donate some funds, as yet unspecified, to finance the collection of copies of some Metcalfe wills. The Metcalfe Society has already indexed Metcalfe wills held at many repositories - as members can see by buying any of the five Wills booklets that are available from the Sales and Publications department (see the enclosed list). So at the moment, the society can provide members with details of how to find out what wills are available and where they are located. However, we do not hold many copies of actual wills, especially those that may be deemed 'important' because we cannot review their content. It was agreed at the AGM that the feasibility of financing such a collection of copies should be explored. The society wishes to thank **Jean Metcalfe (M316)** for volunteering to look into this matter.

NINA - AN APPRECIATION

*Extracts from a selection of the over one hundred written tributes from members on the retirement on 10 October 1998 of **Nina Benson M28** after sixteen years as Secretary of the Metcalfe Society.*

I first met Nina about ten years ago at the AGM in the Tarn House Hotel near Skipton. I was impressed then and still am with the amount of interest, energy and effort that Nina put into the Society. Without this dedication and drive we would not be where we are today at the forefront of single name societies and we would surely not have the strong membership base that gives us so much flexibility.

C S Metcalfe M305 - President

When I first had the idea of contacting others researching the surname Metcalfe, Mary Metcalfe and Nina were the first two to show interest..... It is all due to Nina's hard work and enthusiasm that Musters became an annual event and the membership grew by leaps and bounds.....Without her the Society would not be what it is today - a thriving very well organised and active group...I may have been the spark which set it all off but Nina is the engine which kept it all going.

Vera Adams M002 - Vice President



Chairman Diane reading out a few of the tributes. Nina looks on.

NINA - AN APPRECIATION



Nina Presented with the Book of letters from members.

I do not think I am exaggerating if I say you were a 'leading light' and inspiration to us all. You personally helped individual members (including me) with their trees and missing ancestors, but also led the Society by sheer hard work. You will be sorely missed.

Carol Arkwright M086

Greetings from New Zealand. From the moment I joined you have left no stone unturned in order to 'pad out' my family tree. I was delighted to meet you - twice in Yorkshire and once in New Zealand. Very Best Wishes in your retirement.

Alison Hutton M081

For all the information you have given us on Captain George Robert Metcalfe, his family and countless other help. Thanks a million, Nina.

John Metcalfe Coulthard M261 and family

NINA - AN APPRECIATION

The mind boggles at the mere thought of how many thousands of notes and letters giving details to members you've sent out over the years. How did you manage to give each individual correspondent the impression that you only ever write to them and are interested in their branch above all others?

Joan & Bill Metcalfe M63

Your going will be a little like trying to keep "Have a Go" going without Wilfred Pickles!

E W Dodding M331

When the cry went up "we need an Editor" I knew a little of the amount of work for the Metcalfe Society Nina did so enthusiastically so it seemed downright mean not to volunteer. As Editor I worked closely with Nina and her support and encouragement throughout were immense, always with much good humour.

Valerie Metcalfe M61



Nina receiving a bouquet of flowers on her retirement as Secretary

Whilst Nina has retired formally from her post as Secretary she continues to give her support on the Committee and has taken on the role of dealing with Birth Briefs, Information lists and Archive queries. Topics, as some have already remarked upon, close to her heart!

Through the Mists to Grassington

Diane Howarth (M409)

After a drive through the early morning mists through some of the most beautiful countryside the Dales have to offer, **David Metcalfe (M46)**, **Margaret Metcalfe (M52)** and **Diane Howarth (M409)** setup the Metcalfe Society stand at Grassington Town Hall to support the 1998 Wharfedale Family History Fair on Saturday 1 August.

The fair is not on the same large scale as the two main fairs we attend - Stockport and York, and we do not make a profit from the outing. However it is important to maintain an awareness of the Metcalfe Society in family history circles in the Dales area given the origins of the Metcalfe name.

Thanks to those current members - **M630 Joan Grundy**, **M924 Muriel Raw**, **M303 Denny Gibson** and **M11 David Lambert**, in his capacity of Chairman of the Federation of Family History Societies, to take the time to visit the stand and say hello.

Most of the interest shown in our stand at this, and other fairs, are usually from those people who know a Metcalfe personally and so take details of the society with them, and possibly buy some of our merchandise at the same time. Comments from visitors included"No, I haven't got any Metcalfes but you've got an impressive stand!" Another visitor explained how he lived next door to a Metcalfe in Bradford. This Metcalfe was a stonemason who worked in Cartwright Hall in Lister Park. He suggested his wife was pleasant, but he was a bit cantankerous!! Does this fit in with your Metcalfe line anywhere perhaps?

The next family history fair where the Metcalfe Society will be represented with the stand, will be at the excellent Yorkshire Family History Fair, to be held once again at York Racecourse (Knavesmire stand) on Saturday 26th June 1999, 10am-4.30pm. If you are planning to attend, please pop along to the Metcalfe stand and say hello.

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!

Hipswell Mill - Part II

Lynda Simpson
M791

(Continued from Issue 55 - August 1998. In part I Lynda described her links to the mill and her failure to gain English Heritage's approval to list the building as an archeological treasure.)

In 1996, on my annual trip to North East England I stayed in Hipswell with Rosemary Munn. The MOD allowed me an internal viewing of the mill. **Warwick (M256)** and **Jean Metcalfe** joined me and gave encouragement to reapply for a listing - this time enclosing photographs of the machinery. A second refusal seemed impossible for stepping into Hipswell Mill was like a hundred years step back in time. Ladders in use at St John's Church until the fire of 1811, were to be seen along with the original feeding stalls and the milling machinery. English Heritage promised a review. I was to make immediate contact should the mill be in jeopardy. Months passed.

It was 1997, Rosemary phoned. She had seen surveyors at the mill. I called English Heritage because anything could happen. They said they "would look into the matter". I returned from work the next day to the best message my answer phone has ever delivered - "Mrs Simpson I am pleased to inform you that Hipswell Mill was listed Category Two today". A surprising number of people viewed this event as being the end of the story. To me it was just the beginning. Further protection and maintenance were imperative.



Everywhere there was evidence of vandalism - Hipswell Mill October 1998

Hipswell Mill

My third autumnal visit to the mill and "Muster" followed. Deterioration in the mill was devastating. Everywhere there was evidence of vandalism. In its isolated position the old mill was in need of urgent protection. I spoke to Hipswell Parish Council and received genuine enthusiasm and support. Fund sources are to be investigated and a meeting is to be held between North Yorkshire County Council, Richmond Council, Hipswell Parish Council and the MOD with a view to purchase and restoration providing the area with a building housing a way of life which, according to an document dated 1228, has continued on the site for eight hundred years.

This article will I hope require an update. My greatest joy would be the following entries in future Mecca News' :-

2000 - As we enter our third millennium the old mill on an ancient site at Hipswell has been refurbished and preserved for future generations.

2228 - Hipswell Millennium. During the course of this year celebrations took place marking 1000 years of corn grinding and water milling on the site of the old mill at Hipswell. Anyone interested in the family who lived there for over 250 of those years contact The Metcalfe Society.

Hipswell Mill Update

Further to the recent articles, Lynda approached The Metcalfe Society requesting help - in any shape or form possible, but more specifically for support that the society could provide as a registered charity in applying for a lottery grant.

From the Metcalfe heritage perspective, the society committee agrees with Lynda on the importance of Hipswell Mill, along with Nappa Hall. However, the question was raised that irrespective of the building in question, is the Metcalfe Society the right sort of organisation, charitable or non-charitable, given our constitution, to be looking into the feasibility of trying to maintain an historic building. We are not, after all, a Buildings Preservation Trust (BPT), and according to the lottery application pack (section 7.4 for those of you who are further interested), our constitution must state that we are a BPT, to be even eligible for a Heritage Lottery Grant. But as none of the committee have any expertise in this area whatsoever, they invited Lynda to present her work to date at the AGM, and to request the members' ideas and views. The members were then asked to vote as to whether or not the society should explore the feasibility of supporting a BPT project, or even becoming a BPT.

After her excellent presentation, obviously coming from the heart, Lynda received many suggestions and ideas as to other potential routes for support. After putting it to the vote, the meeting gave its consent to the Committee to examine the implications of possibly becoming a Buildings Preservation Trust so that a report on the feasibility could be presented at next year's AGM. Warwick **Metcalfe (M256)** has offered his support to Lynda in performing this feasibility project. We look forward to receiving their findings next year, which we will report to you.



COMMITTEE

NEWs

Earby, September 1998 - some insights into another six hour meeting!

Chairman: Diane Howarth reflected on the Society's keen anticipation of the book launch at the Muster. Besides this, her main work had been in representing the society at Federation and Council meetings, where she had found the Metcalfe Society to have a good reputation.

Computer Index: The database now stands at about 70,000 records.

Secretary: The membership number reached is 967, with about 460 active members. Preparations are under way for the transfer of sections of the Secretary role to David Galloway, Carol Arkwright and to Diane.

Treasurer: Margaret Metcalfe was on holiday but had submitted a comprehensive written report. It was felt that the subscription rate for next year should remain at its current rate.

Mecca News: Peter Dobson was congratulated by the Committee on the Mecca News having been shortlisted for the Elizabeth Simpson Award for the second year running, the only one name society to have achieved this. Peter thanked members for the increase in the number of articles he is receiving and he hopes this will continue. More letters / snippets on matters of interest would be appreciated. The December issue of the Mecca News will be a larger edition to celebrate the publication of **Metcalfe - History of the Clan**

Publications: We all await the book!

Sales / Library: Files to hold certificates will be available for sale.

Covenant Secretary: Unfortunately, owing to personal reasons, Val Metcalfe has had to resign this role. The Committee extended their thanks for all her hard work in this job.

Federation of Family History Societies: Diane Howarth had represented the Society at the April and September meetings.

North West Group of FHS: Peter Dobson and David Lambert had represented the Society at the 21st anniversary celebration in Kendal in June. Next year's North West Fair is to be held at the Preston Guildhall on 30th October.

North East Group of FHS: Nina Benson had represented the Society at the North East groups stand at the Yorkshire Show.

GRO Collection: Births have been recorded up to 1927, marriages to 1923 and deaths to 1922. Patrick Malham would like to hear from any members who would like to contribute to this work.

Internet: The Societys domain on the Internet has now been registered and Diane is working with Susan Metcalfe Harper in Canada on details of the web page.

Metcalfe History Book: Warwick Metcalfe reported on the final stages of the publication process. Advance orders are going well, with about 400 placed. The launch of the book at the Muster will be a landmark occasion for the Society.

AGM / Muster: Preparations are well in hand for this years Muster on 10th October, with 77 places already booked. Margaret Condon, the Reverend Thomas Metcalfes granddaughter, and Barbara Smailes, the photographer for the book, will be invited as the Societys guests.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, 6th March, 1999 at Earby.

Pay your membership subscription the easy way

It is so easy to forget to pay bills, payments and subscriptions on time - we all do it at one time or another. Each year the society has to send out many reminders to our members who have not paid their subscriptions by 31st January. We regularly have at least 50 members who respond to these reminders who have merely forgotten to pay. So to help you, and to help the society maintain members, we are now able to offer a solution - but only to our UK members at the moment, due to the UK bank clearing system.

UK members will now be able to set up a standing order with their own bank to pay the membership subscription on a specific date each year directly to the Metcalfe Society's bank account. So you can set it up now to pay your 1999 subscriptions and not worry about paying subscriptions again. The only times in the future you would need to change the standing order would be if you wished to cancel your membership or the amount of money paid on the standing order needs to be altered (eg you wish to change the type of membership or the society increases the subscription amounts).

To help you setup this standing order we have created a standard form for you to complete and send to YOUR bank. Some banks may wish you to complete their own forms instead, but most will accept the enclosed form duly completed, as it will provide all of the information your bank requires to setup the standing order for you.

So all you have to do is complete the form that is included with the Mecca News and send it to YOUR bank - it couldn't be easier.

Have you paid your membership subscription in advance?

Some members (UK & overseas) have already paid their subscription in advance for 1999 and sometimes beyond and so do not need to pay in January 1999 (be it by standing order or via cheque). **Please look on the back of the Standing Order Mandate form.** Here you will find a list of those members who have paid their subs for future years. If your number appears on the list there is no need to send any subs (unless you want to pay even further in advance - the advantage being that you pay all future years at the current rate).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

20 March 1999. City of York and District FHS Open Day at the Folk Hall New Earswick York. Free admission.

27 March 1999. Second Midlands Family History Fair hosted by the Leicestershire & Rutland FHS at DeMontfort Hall Granville Road Leicester. Tickets from Miss D Merryweather 11 Faldo Close Rushy Mead Leicester LE4 7TS.

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' at Chapman Building Salford University. Cost £18.50 inc refreshments and buffet lunch. Application form with sae from the Conference Manager Manchester & Lancs FHS Clayton House 59 Piccadilly Manchester M1 2AQ.

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

Saturday 9 October 1999. Mecca Muster at the College of Ripon & York St John, Ripon. Put in your diaries now!

Saturday 30 October 1999. NW Group of FFHS Family History Fair 1999 at Preston Guildhall (previously Stockport). Details from Mr E W Gullick 4 Lawrence Street Simonstone Burnley BB12 7HX.

METCALFE SIGHTINGS

Anne Metcalfe, a nursery nurse since 1991 at Bainbridge Wensleydale was, on her move to Leyburn Nursery Unit, presented with a water colour by staff and parents.

Irene Bergerud (nee Metcalfe of Garsdale and family from Hardrow & Snaizholme), married to Koare Bergerud the recently retired Hawes postmaster, worked on finding his Norwegian roots and was rewarded with contacts with various relatives and cousins from Kirkenes Northern Norway after 57 years.

Both from Upper Wensleydale Newsletter, no29, August 1998

Sproatley (nr Withernsea, E Yorks) Monumental Inscriptions. "...Also to the memory of **Herbert Musgrave Metcalf** eldest son of the above (*not stated in article*) who was lost at sea by the foundering of the Orient Pacific liner "Arequipa" of Valparaiso on 2 June 19(?)3 aged 21 years. **From "Lost at sea" Banyan Tree no30 1987 by the late Val Cowburn - in the Banyan Tree 21st Anniversary Issue 1998.**

Mary Alton (b 30.7.1715) dau of James (d 22.1.1737 Muker) & Mary (?) (d 15.1.1762 Muker) Alton married 8.7.1736 **Nathan Metcalfe (so James Metcalfe.**

John Metcalfe witness to the marriage of William Alton (B 14.10.1801 Gunnerside) & Esther Cottingham (b 14.4.1805 Satrop) on 23.9.1823 in Muker. **Both from Alton Association Family Newsletter, USA Vol6 no3 Jan 1998.**

Sources

Jury book for Barnard Castle 1824 -1863 (DCRO Class D/WAT/BOX58) at Durham County Record Office. **From the Alderson FHS Newsletter June 1997.**

Genealogical Services Directory in its reference work gives sources of information costing £3 & pp from GR Specialist Information Services, 33 Nursery Road Nether Popleton York YO2 6LL.

London Gazette started as Oxford Gazette on 16 November 1665 as a Court publication (retired to Oxford because of the plague). Became London Gazette on 1 February 1666 when Court returned to London (in time for the Great fire). Copies available at Leeds Reference Library 1666 - 1841 & 1881 to date. Boston Spa (British Library) has 1841 -1881. **From The Yorkshire Family Historian Feb 1998.**

York Reference Library Local Studies Collection has over 13000 books and pamphlets about York and Yorkshire. In addition it has Census returns 1841 - 1891, St Catherine's Index 1837 - 1980, Parish Registers, Marriage Indexes, Newspapers from 1728, Poll books, Electoral Rolls from 1832 and OS Maps of 1852 and 1891. Located in Museum Street York ☎01904 655631. Ring to check availability of microfilm readers.

From York & District FHS Newsletter.

The Ordnance Survey's Landranger maps have been updated. The OS also has a helpline ☎ 08456 050505 call to find out which map shows that elusive hamlet. **OS Newsletter Autumn 98.**

From the Durham Advertiser

2 July 1825

Great Foot race over York Race Course for One mile between **James Metcalfe** and John Halton - Metcalfe to give Halton 30 yards.

This race was run on Tuesday last and a great concourse of spectators were assembled to witness the decision, Metcalfe being considered one of the first runners in the kingdom. About twenty minutes past one o'clock both men appeared on the ground stripped ready for starting, Metcalfe being distinguished by wearing pink silk drawers and Halton white ones.

Thirty yards having been previously measured off, the men took their stations, once it being ascertained they were ready, a gun was fired by a person in the wood and both went off at full speed.

Little ground had been got over, when it soon became evident that Metcalfe would prove the winner as he appeared to run considerably swifter and much stronger than Halton. After passing Middlethorpe Corner (about a quarter of a mile) Metcalfe headed him and continued to keep the lead, when he ultimately won very easy by about 40 yards. The race was run in four minutes thirty one seconds and a half.

Metcalfe appeared confident of winning the race. There was but little betting and Metcalfe the favourite at 6 and 7 to 4; and when they had run about half a mile high odds were offered on him. Metcalfe was trained by Mr Gooch and Halton by Mr Brown.

Supplied by Pauline Walden M775

EX-Secretary's Notes

11th October 1998

There is no way I could begin to take my 'back seat' without saying a BIG thank you to you all for the presents given to me yesterday. Your heart warming letters, which fill my Scrap Book to overflowing, will be treasured forever. The beautiful basket display of flowers won't last as long but is bringing me equal pleasure and my leather bound copy of "History of The Clan" will eventually be passed down through my family with instructions for its preservation for many generations. With luck I should have time to read it more than once before it begins its journey !

Finally, to be elected as one of your "select" Vice Presidents is an honour I felt extremely proud to accept. Thank you.

Those Members who were present on Saturday heard Diane and others refer to me as the "engine" which had provided the drive behind the Society and as I replied then - IF I was the engine then all of YOU were the fuel that provided the force.

I leave you with a Society that is a leader among the One Name Study Groups and of which I am, and always have been, extremely proud and protective. This is mainly due to the work, support and advice from many Committee Members over the years without whom it would have been impossible and I sincerely thank them all for stepping forward when the need arose.

It would have been impossible for me to retire if I hadn't been fully confident that in Diane Howarth you have an "engine", sound and strong enough and who, together with all the team, will be well able to continue the forward motion for many years.

Elsewhere in this journal you will have notices about the changes to our systems and you will see that I am continuing in harness for a few more years. All enquiries for research in our archives will now come to me instead of David Metcalfe, releasing him to concentrate on inputting the collected data. Your own collections of records will still come to me to become the LISTS from which David will work and I will continue with the preparation of Birth Briefs for new Members for inclusion in The Mecca News - so it will be a while before I become compost !

Talking of Birth Briefs - there are still many Members who have never submitted any form of Family Details. This is fine as long as you are happy. If, however, you have other reasons, then please be aware that searches can be made in our archives without the family details being released to anyone but yourself. We are here to help, not criticise or pontificate ! We genuinely want to see that you get the full benefit of your membership at all times.

All best wishes.

Nina E. Benson

Retiring Chairman's Report

Some people think that 18 is when you come of age, and some people acknowledge 21 as this momentous occasion. At the Mecca Muster this year, The Metcalfe Society was 18 years old, and certainly came of age. This year, the Muster was the most important date in the history of the society since its inception. The launch of the book **Metcalfe - History of the Clan** is a momentous occasion in itself, but given that a few members of the society were able to deliver such a quality product certainly recognises the maturity of the society as a whole. None of the individuals could have delivered the book on their own, but the book team as a whole - the sum of the individuals, brought their personal skills to this project to deliver this exceptional book. This maturity was also shown in the vast array of facilities, merchandise, support, and offerings available at the Muster that day - never before have we been able to deliver so many things to our members at a Muster.

As you all know, we have been quite devious over the last few months, and I have to thank all of you who provided a tribute to Nina - I was very happy to present a book containing over 100 tributes to a very surprised Nina at the end of the AGM, along with flowers and the post of Honorary Vice President of the Metcalfe Society - a proposal that was accepted unanimously by the members attending the AGM.

Nina has now officially retired as secretary, but it will take the next year of transition to pass over her workload and responsibilities to 3 people - Carol Arkwright, David Galloway and myself. In order that we can get the work done, I am stepping down as Chairman and moving across to attempt to follow-on from Nina to be the new secretary of the Metcalfe Society. By no means could I say that I am taking over from Nina, because I do not have even a small percentage of the knowledge that she has. Nina will be the society's "Archivist" and will be doing the searches for new and existing members, thereby allowing David Metcalfe to focus on entering the data into our databases.

May I thank you for your support over the last two years and may I ask you to continue with your support to the new Chairman - David Lambert, previously our Vice President, and the current Chairman of the Federation of Family History Societies.

Diane Howarth M409

By Their Misdemeanours Shall Ye Know Them from Mrs Rosemary Brown M756

Anthony Metcalfe was born in 1733 and baptised at St Oswald's Church Ravenstonedale on October 13th :- "Anthony illegitimate son to Agnes Meckow". The Bishop's Transcripts add that he was "o Brackenber" a farm just above Brownber. The odd spelling of Metcalfe is difficult to understand as it occurs nowhere else.

The parish registers up to this time contain few Metcalfe entries. Notably on 9th February 1582/3 "was baptised Maybell the daughter to John Medcalfe, fornicator". No mincing of words there! There were no further entries until 1639 when Isabell, a daughter of Roger Medcalf was baptised, he had two more children, Mary in 1650 and Wilyame in 1652. In 1679/80 Christopher Medcalfe was baptised, the son of Mr John Medcalfe, who appears to have been the schoolmaster. Over in the neighbouring parish of Orton in March 1715/16 George Metcalfe married Isabel Morland.

It is likely that Agnes Metcalfe came across the border from West Yorkshire; it is unlikely that she wandered in on her own. Parishes were wary of unattached females who might become a burden upon the parish. It is possible that she was connected to Thomas and Margaret Metcalfe whose names occur for the first time in an entry in the Ravenstonedale register of baptisms on 12 August 1733, "Thomas Metcalfe was baptised on August 12th, son of Thomas and Margaret Metcalfe o Brounber". Subsequently they had three more sons, all of whom died. On 26th July 1742 Agnes married William Adamthwaite, they had three children before he died. She may have then married a John Tarlton both of Town, on 15th November 1757.

Who then was Anthony's father? Until recently it had been thought he was of Nappa Hall descent. In a book entitled "Family Notes and Reminiscences" by Mary A Metcalfe Gibson, published in Kendal in 1899 there are several allusions to a Nappa Hall connection. In particular there is a description of the Arms and Crest of the Metcalfe family which was inscribed on the tombstone of Frances Metcalfe, who was second daughter of Anthony Metcalfe of Park House Ravenstonedale. She died on 18th November 1880, aged 59 and was interred at St Peter's Church, Halliwell, Bolton le Moors, Lancashire. However the Anthony in question was born at a different time and the dates do not match.

The Reverend Robert Weston Metcalfe, Vicar of Ravenstonedale and his wife Margaret Wearing Sewart discovered the truth sometime after their marriage in

Sedbergh in 1875. They investigated their respective family trees and discovered they were distantly related. Their common ancestor was Anthony Robinson but they discreetly kept this information to themselves merely hinting at the relationship in a letter which Robert wrote to his brother Edward Parr Metcalfe.

Anthony Robinson was a blacksmith, who lived at Brownbar in 1733. He had already married Elizabeth Wharton in February 1732/33. She had their first child, Anne in 1733, baptised 8th of October. This was within a few days of the baptism of Anthony Robinson's unofficial son, Anthony Metcalfe. Margaret Metcalfe, wife of Reverend Robert Weston Metcalfe, was descended from the legitimate line, whilst he was descended from the illegitimate line. No one would have thanked him for revealing the truth at that time.

The proof of all of this can be found in the records of the Westmorland Quarter Sessions held at Michaelmas in 1733. Kendal Record Office has a series of volumes which contain synopses of these records, commencing in 1726 until 1810. The original record is in beautiful handwriting which is perfectly easy to read.

Here it is :-

MEMORANDUM *that on the third day of September one thousand seven hundred thirty and three and in the seventh year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the second Anthony Robinson of Brownbarr Blacksmith and George Jackson of Dovengill slater and John Robinson of Dovengill yeoman, all in the Parish of Ravenstonedale and county aforesaid personally came before me Robert Lowther esqr one of his majesty's justices of the peace appointed in and for the said county and acknowledged themselves indebted to our Sovereign Lord the King, namely the abovesaid Anthony Robinson in twenty pound and the abovesaid George Jackson and John Robinson severally in ten pounds of good and lawfull money of Great Brittain separately to be made levied of their goods and chattels land and tenements to the use of our Sovereign Lord the King of his heirs and successours, if the aforesaid Anthony Robinson do not perform the condition below writt, the condition of this recognizance is such that whereas the above bounden Anthony Robinson is charged by Agnes Metcalfe of the parish of Ravenstonedale and county of Westmorland singlewoman, that he had carnall knowledge of her body at severall times and that the said Agnes Metcalfe is now by child by him the said Anthony Robinson which when born will be a bastard. If therefore the said Anthony Robinson shall personally appear before his majesties justices of the peace at their next general quarter sessions to be holden at Appleby for the county of Westmorland then and there to abide and receive what shall be enjoined by the said court concerning the premisses and in the meantime to be of good behaviour that then the condition of this recognizance to be void or else remain in full power force and virtue.*

Rob: Lowther

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Some scribbled writing underneath is difficult to read but appears to make a note that he will appear in "sessions next after this". What I believe it means is that Anthony Robinson, together with a relative and a friend, had to pledge forty pounds to the court as a bond or surety that he would appear at the next Quarter Sessions and abide by the conditions imposed upon him. By this time the baby would have been born. However if it had died, or been stillborn, presumably, no further action would be taken. I have found no further reference to this matter in the next session but this needs to be rechecked to confirm the position.

Anthony Robinson and his wife Elizabeth Wharton had ten children altogether. He died at Garshill in 1783 aged 76 a pauper.

As one mystery is solved another appears. Who was Agnes Metcalfe? Where did she come from? If anyone has an Agnes in their family trees born somewhere between 1700 and 1715, who unaccountably disappeared I would be extremely pleased to hear from them, particularly if she had a brother called Thomas.

Finally if anyone else has a missing ancestor they should investigate the Westmorland Quarter Sessions Records, if they have not already done so. They are easy to use and full of fascinating material.

Note: As Mrs Brown says Quarter Sessions are a fertile area for family historians. It is hoped to undertake an article setting out the usefulness of this source in a future issue of the News - Editor.

BITS AND BOBS

Hearth Tax, Lady Day 1666 Darlington Ward, Borough of Auckland - Solvents(?)

Tho: Medcalfe - 2

Reorganisation of the Registration Services in North Yorkshire with effect from 1 October 1998. North Yorkshire will become a single registration district (with the existing network of offices). The office will be based at Bilton House, 31 Park Parade, Harrogate.

(Both items from Cleveland S Durham & N Yorks FHS Journal July 1998)

Died at George Edmondson's (her father), Hantsig, Temple Sowerby (date not stated, notice 4 December) **Elizabeth (30) wife of Thomas Metcalph**, Ravenstonedale - Penrith Herald December 1897.

Bolton Westmorland. An assessment of nine shillings per oxgang towards the relief of the poor within the constable wick of Bolton April 25, 1800.

Ric Metcalf £0.00s.3¹/₂ d.

Assessors Geo Harrison and Hy Dent.

Both items from Cumbria FHS Journal - May 1998

Metcalfe - History of the Clan

Launch of The Book

After three years of hard work and nearly twenty years of existence, the Metcalfe Society has produced a book of which we can all be proud, and at the Muster on the 10th of October we reached the 'sold' number of 430.

Only 320 to go before the last copy of 'Metcalfe - History of the Clan' becomes a cherished heirloom !

Going, ... going... !

In two overburdened cars, three-quarters of a ton of books were taken to our postal agents in York and to eager Metcalfes in Ripon; each book of nearly one and a half kilograms looking quite impressive in its blue leathercloth cover and plasticised colour jacket. By early Saturday morning copies were displayed on show on a special stand erected on the dais in the large hall where the Muster and AGM were held.

Several special presentations marked both the occasion and also some of the hard work that has gone into this production in so many ways over the past months and years.

Our two founder members, Mary Metcalfe (see the drawing on page 71 of the Book) and Vera Adams (very strangely the suggester of the title picked by the Book Committee, who did not know the name of the suggester until afterwards) were the recipients of copies of the book (given by the Society) in a red leather binding (donated by the President), as were Helen Offer, Nina Benson (both Vice Presidents), the 'book photographer', Barbara Smailes and Margaret Condon, the provider of so much useful material which originated from her grandfather the Reverend Thomas Metcalfe author of 'Medecalf'.

A sad and sorry story of trouble and strife within the book committee then emerged in a tale told to the assembled Muster who found it difficult to believe that committee life was not all tea and biscuits. Apparently over the past year or so a suggestion for the title of the book was consistently put forward by one member to the other five and was obstinately, perversely and persistently rejected by the five - the five members who happened to originate from the south of the Old Cam Road (see page 9 of the book), so it was thought, even though it is not a normal Metcalfe trait, that their unreasonable stubbornness was perhaps inherited. Eventually they battered the lone ranger into submission, but .. *read on* .. the individual whose brilliance was responsible for this outstanding proposal, told the Muster that, as the book committee were adamant in their view, there was only one way to handle the

situation, to make use of the tried and trusted Metcalfe motto - 'If you can't beat 'em then cheat.' With that in mind and corrective action having been taken, the President took the opportunity to present to the Book Committee individually labelled copies (only six having been made) of a red leather bound book "CLAN METCALFE" whose interior bears a remarkable similarity to the earlier 'History of the Clan'.

In the afternoon the hall seemed to be filled with members, purchased books in hand, circulating past the book committee with the objective of obtaining signed copies.

Eventually, after tea, time was called, the book stall was closed, and thoughts began to turn to 'Metcalfe II', or 'Metcalfes Over There'; or is it to be 'Metcalfes in India'?

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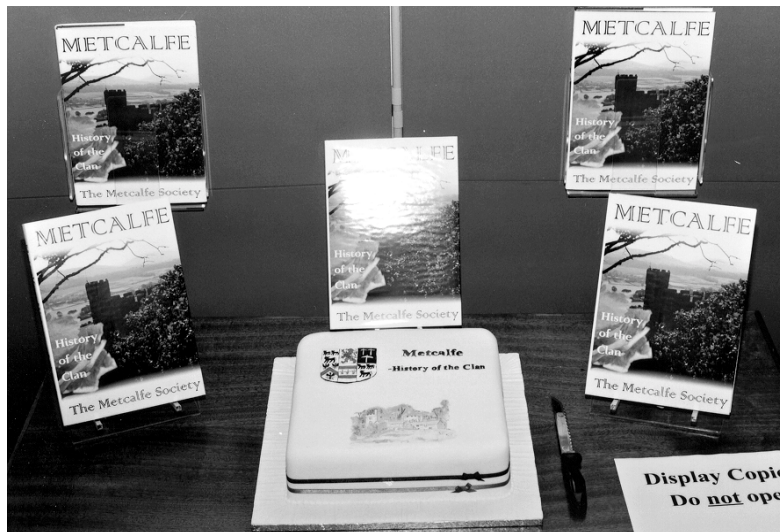


The Celebration Cake made by Chairman Diane Howarth's Mother showing Nappa Hall

Metcalfe - History of the Clan Launch of The Book

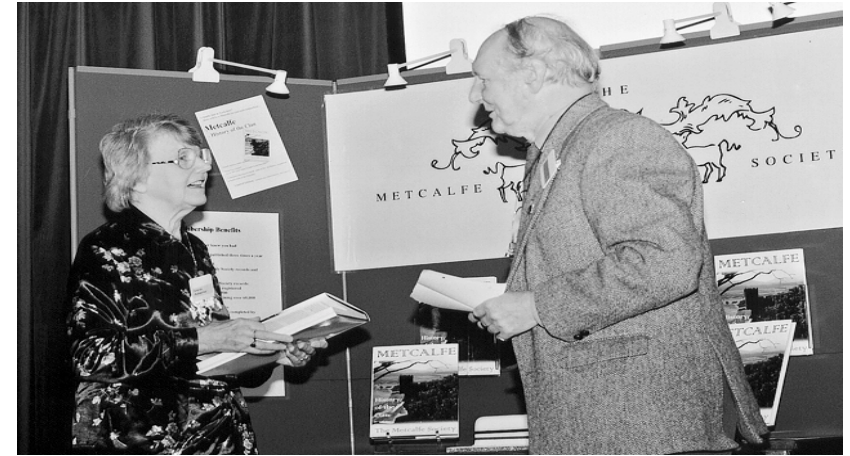


An element of excitement - the membership hears that the Book has been successfully printed and will be available for collection

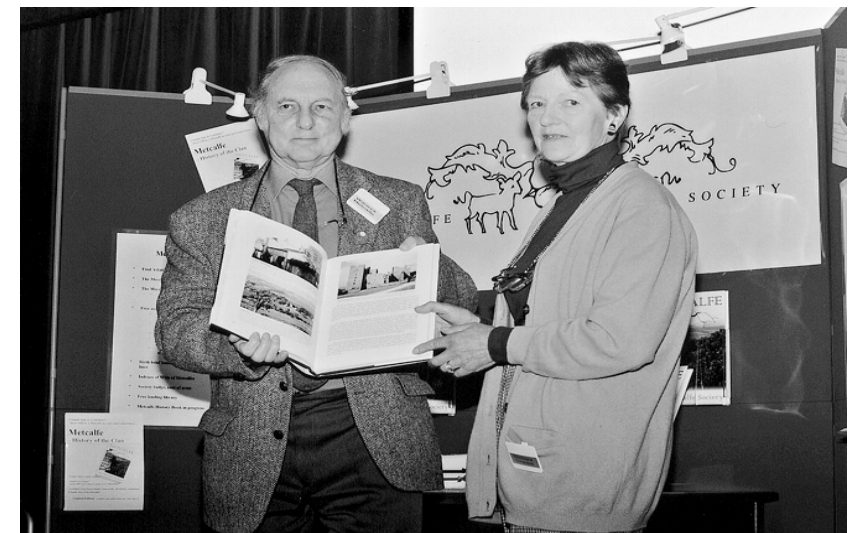


A superb cake emblazoned with the Metcalfe Coat of Arms - takes centre stage of the Book display

Metcalfe - History of the Clan Launch of The Book



Warwick Metcalfe presents Mary Metcalfe M001 with a copy of Metcalfe - History of the Clan



Warwick Metcalfe with photographer for the Book Barbara Smailes

Metcalfe - History of the Clan Launch of The Book



In the afternoon the hall seemed to be filled with members, purchased books in hand - Joan Metcalfe and Warwick Metcalfe sign copies of the Book.



Warwick Metcalfe and Joan Metcalfe cut the Book celebration cake

Metcalfe - History of the Clan Launch of The Book



President Charles Metcalfe and Chairman Diane Howarth present a copy of the Book to Secretary Nina Benson

The Metcalfe Book - Sales Status

Metcalfe - History of the Clan is now available. As you will have read, the launch at the Mecca Muster was very exciting indeed. For those of you who placed an advance order to allow us to go to print and make it available - a very big thank you. To all of you who have ordered and received your book, we are sure that you will enjoy both the content and the very high quality presentation of the book. It really has exceeded our expectations. By the time we launched the book at the Muster we had already received orders and payments for 390 of the 750 books. As we go to print, we have now sold over 475 books - over 65% of the volume printed. This is truly astounding! Will we have sold all of them by the AGM in 1999? We will keep you updated in future Mecca News.

Please note that a number of members placed advance orders for the book but did not send the postage costs to enable us to despatch the books to them. So please see the enclosed leaflet which outlines those members who needs to submit the postage as soon as possible. The postage can be submitted with 1999 subscriptions on the same cheque.

Diane Howarth M409

Military Birth Registrations

Year	Surname	Forenames	Place	Regiment	Reference		
????	Mt	Sarah	Corfu	Ion Is	5	22	B
1810	Md	John	Norwich	RA	16	4	B
1812	Md	Mary	Bodsey	RA	16	4	B
1815	Md	William	Bodsey	RA	16	4	B
1817	Mte	Charles	Williby	RA	RA18	49	B
1817	Md	Charles	Willoughby	RA	16	4	B
1817	Mt	William	Jamaica	61st	1034	3	B
1820	Mte	Ann J	Charlton	RA	RA18	49	B
1823	Mte	Sarah	Woolwich	RA	RA18	49	B
1828	Mt	Sarah	Woolwich	RA	RA16	101	B
1828	Mt	Sarah	Woolwich	RA	RA17	57	B
1828	Mt	Sarah	Woolwich	RA	RA16	35	B
1830	Mt	Jane	Woolwich	RA	RA16	101	B
1833	Mt	William	Woolwich	RA	RA16	101	B
1837	Mte	Richard	Malta	59th	1147	24	B
1840	Mt	Thomas	Woolwich	RA	RA16	101	B
1842	Mt	Mary A	Nicolet Canada	100th	26	45	B
1844	Mt	John	Canada	100th	26	68	B
1846	Md	William	Canada	100th	26	117	B
1849	Md	Anthony	Amherstburg	100th	27	3	B
1849	Mt	Patrick	Buttevant	41st	1323	56	B
1851	Mt	Eliza	Castlebar	41st	1323	60	B
1852	Mte	Sarah	Corfu	49th	961	9	B
1853	Md	Anne	Acaster Malbis	56th	1209	14	B
1861	Md	Agnes	Aldershot	15th	901	29	B
1861	Md	Sarah	Tynemouth	56th	1209	14	B
1862	Md	Francis H	Devonport	15th	901	29	B
1864	Md	Thomas C	Duncannon	15th	901	29	B
1867	Md	Isabella	Mauritius	15th	901	29	B
1867	Mte	William H	Honiton	RE	664	169	B
1868	Mte	Grace B	Honiton	RE	664	169	B
1871	Mte	William T	Lucknow	17th	1009	31	B
1871	Mte	William T	Lucknow	17th	1007	115	B
1872	Md	Honora T	Beverley	15th	901	29	B
1875	Mte	Henry J	Peshawar	17th	1007	115	B
1875	Mte	Henry J	Peshawar	17th	1009	31	B

Abbreviations : Mte - Metcalfe, Mt - Metcalf, Md - Medcalf.

RE - Royal Engineers, RA - Royal Artillery.

There will be further extracts from the list over the next two issues - Editor.

Federation of Family History Societies

Survey of One-Name Studies. The Federation has carried out a survey to find out if it was fulfilling its obligation to those Societies by providing them with all the necessary advice and service they required. Results so far indicate that around 60% of One-Name Societies take part in Federation functions - mostly on an occasional basis whilst some 70% send in reports to the FH News and Digest. However 12% do not. Over 90% consider the Federation helpful to them but three-quarters would appreciate tailored seminars to their special needs. Topics proposed include The function of a one-name society, how to secure greater participation by members of a one-name society, how to make best use of the new information resources and how better to collaborate with local family history societies. The first seminar is planned for 13 March 1999.

Federation Rose. A rose *Ancestry* was launched at the Nottingham conference in September. Plants available from November 1999 will cost £6.95 each or £18.95 for three (inc p&p). Order forms from Mrs M Bullows The Orchard Penmark South Glam CF62 3BN.

FFHS Nottingham Conference September. See Diane Haworth's report on Page 36.

Public Record Office

Heritage lottery funding has been made available to film the remainder of the burnt Soldiers Documents of WWI. The exercise is expected to be completed by 2003. Around 2m soldiers documents will be filmed but this is only about 40% of the original total. Already available are surnames beginning with E, N, O, U, V and Z. Expected by Christmas 1998 are F, X and Y ; Spring 1999 A - D and W. *M's will not be available until Spring 2001 - Ed..*

Electronic access. At a conference on electronic access to records involving representatives from across the European Union in June the PRO indicated its aim was to allow electronic access to readers of public records, not just in this country but around the world. The meeting agreed a programme of common aims under the auspices of the EC which was expected to lead to wider co-operation.

Family Records Centre. Archive Direct Project 2001 has made available many of the Kew class lists from the Census Reference Area in Myddelton Street. It will be introduced on the Internet early in the next century.

Site Tours of the Family Records Centre. Second Friday of the month at 12.30pm. Tours last an hour and give a behind the scenes insight. No need to book just turn up before the due time at the reception desk.

BOOKS

The Great War - A Guide to the Service Records of all the Worlds Fighting Men and Volunteers by Christina K Schaefer, published by the Genealogical Publishing Co Inc, 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore Maryland 21202, USA. Price \$22.50 plus surface mail \$5. This book gives pointers to where to find the wide range of records held around the world.

Reference to English Surnames 1601 & 1602 by FK & S Hitching. Originally published 1910. Publishers Clearfield Co Inc 200 E, Eager Street, Baltimore Maryland 21202 (☎ 410 625 9004) Price \$18.50, surface mail \$5. Names taken from printed registers of some 778 parishes covering around 19,500 names.

National Index to Parish Registers. Released this year Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. Cumberland and Westmorland to follow. Details from Rob Thompson Society of Genealogists ☎ 0171 253 5235.

Record Offices: How to find them. Eighth edition 64pp (over 100 maps) £3.50 The Guide has been updated to include changes and also includes fax and e-mail addresses. From FFHS Publications Ltd, 2-4 Killer Street, Ramsbottom, Bury Lancs BL0 9BZ

Records of Merchant Shipping and Seamen. Kelvin Smith & Christopher and Michael Watts £6.99

New to Kew? Jane Cox £5.99. First time visitors guide for those using the Public Record Office.

Record Repositories in Great Britain. Tenth edition £3.99. National and local record offices, libraries, higher education libraries and special archives. For the more advanced family historian.

All three from PRO Publications The Bookshop, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU. (☎ 0181 392 5271). P&P 20%.

CD-ROM's

Eighteen disks and a CD-ROM Master Index have been published by Palladium Interactive giving names from lists. Includes church and county records from Virginia, Pennsylvania; passenger lists for New Orleans, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Boston. Contact Palladium (web site <http://www.familyinfo.com>)

4.5m British Isles BMD records. Contact LDS Church Distribution Centre, 399 Garretts Green Lane, Sheldon West Midlands B33 0AU. (☎ 0121 784 9555) for more information.

1851 Census information from LDS, For contact point see above.

Impressions of the Muster

Stephen Newman (M824)

My journey to the Muster is a fairly short one from Ilkley and after picking up my Aunt from Leeds we were soon in Ripon. This being my third year of attending the Muster I didn't feel a new member anymore. I have found each time a very convivial atmosphere and can only think that this is because we are all related,

On arrival we checked in, gained our ID badges and had a coffee. The set-up in the hall was much the same as before but as the AGM proceeded I felt an element of excitement as "*The Book*" was nearly in our hands. Diane, our Chairman opened the proceedings and mentioned that the Society was coming of age as it was now 18 years since it was formed. A superb cake emblazoned with the Metcalfe Coat of Arms had been made to celebrate the introduction of the new Metcalfe Book and donated by Diane's parents, how kind. Diane carried the AGM through in her usual dynamic style without a hitch.



Secretary Nina Benson with Chairman Diane Howarth *carrying the AGM through in her usual dynamic style*

the Muster

Nina was later presented with a book of letters from members and thanked for her generous unfailing contribution to the Society, it looked for a moment like "This is your life". I think it was said that three people would be required to take on Nina's job!



A moment like "This is your life" - Chairman Diane presents Nina with a Book of letters of appreciation from the membership

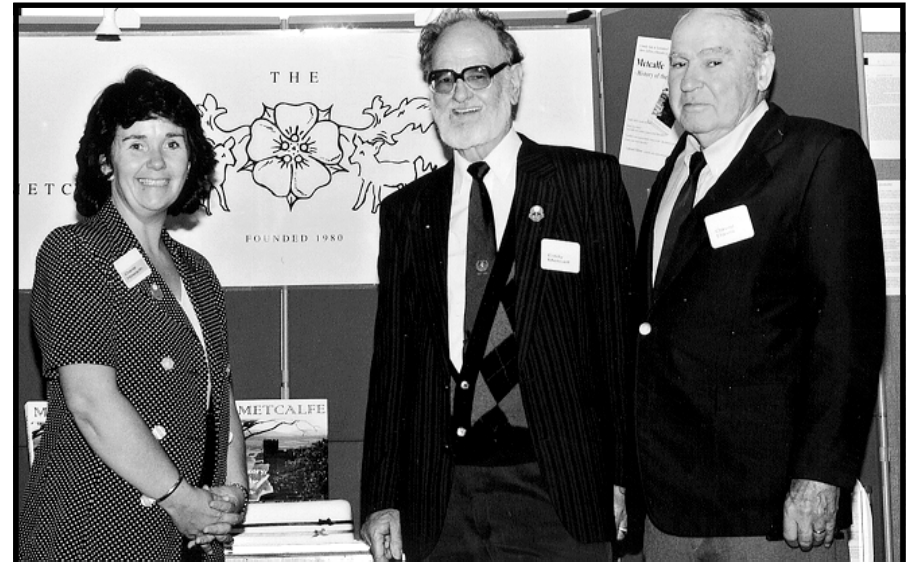
The AGM ended and after a ten minute recess we gathered again for the New Book ceremony. A certain amount of amusement was created by Charles, our President, in presenting the Book Committee with leather bound copies of the Metcalfe Book and Charles's own choice of title - Clan Metcalfe - that had been rejected in favour of Metcalfe : History of the Clan. I think Charles's comment was "If you can't beat them, cheat"

After an excellent lunch Warwick and Joan were available to sign copies of the super new book and Nina's documentary originally on Yorkshire Television concerning the Metcalfes, was shown several times through the afternoon. I had the impression that Nina was looking the other way most of the time but it seemed splendid to me.

The afternoon simply zoomed by and looking around there were all sorts of interesting items on show as well as back issues of the Mecca News, countless other items, a raffle and an Internet web page with David Metcalfe performing enquiries for members. Another very good Muster and I am sure a memorable one with Nina's transition and the new Metcalfe Book.

I enjoyed the day very much and may I take the opportunity to thank all those who made it possible. I will be back again next year.

the Muster



Chairman Diane welcomes overseas members
Eddie Metcalfe M213 (South Africa) and David A. Davis M526 (USA)



Another Muster successfully completed. Nina and Diane take a few moments out at the end of the day, just before the adhoc committee meeting starts!

Membership Details

NEW NAMES/ADDRESSES

YORK and district Members have all had their postal codes altered but we have not received many notifications. Please enter your new codes onto the Renewal Forms for your 1999 subscription.

M218 Mr & Mrs F.Chapman post code has been altered to YO30 5RZ.

M234 Miss Molly W.Brack from West Sussex to :- 28 Harewood Chase, Romanby, Northallerton, North Yorkshire. DL7 8FX.

M520 Duncan Broomhead from Cheadle Hulme to :- Butley Cottage, Well Lane, Butley Town, Prestbury, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK10 4DZ.

M754 Charles K.Mercer from Eastfield Road to 6 Keepersgate, Pickering, North Yorkshire, YO18 7EZ.

M824 Stephen G.Newman from Westwood Drive to :- 18 Premiere Park, Ilkley, West Yorkshire. LS29 9RQ.

M882 Lynn Houghton is now Mrs Lynn Spendlove.

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

M143 Mrs Margaret Morley, 21 Meadow View, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire. HD8 9ET. d.o John M.MTE of Grassington Yks who had 3 sons & 3 daus. His father was 1 of 5 sons & 3 daus b Wensleydale.

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

M131 Mrs Kathleen M.Hopper, 5 Hales Close, Cotgrave, Nottingham, NG12 3HW. Thanks to David Metcalfe's recording of the Darlington Census Returns and some parish registers a break through has been made! Dau of Arthur & Miriam Kate (Naisbitt) Mte. Arthur bpt 8th Feb 1880 Holy Trinity, Darlington s/o William & Mary (Oliver) Mte. William bpt 19th Dec 1839 Barnard Castle s/o James & Sarah (Raine) Mte m 31st Dec 1834 Barnard Castle. James bpt 19th Dec 1816 Barnard Castle s/o James & Hannah (Shield) Mte m 9th Dec 1799 at Oakham, Rutlandshire. James bpt 26th Mar 1775 at Muker in Swaledale s/o James & Ruth (Hancock) Mte m 26th Apl 1762 Grinton.

M567 John H.Metcalf, 62 Maxwell Road, Beaconsfield, Bucks HP9 1QX. John Howard MTE, 3rd s/o Clifford & Florence Ellen (Oaks) MTE m 3.4.1926 Clifford b 13.2.1902 d 24.2.1995 eldest s/o Samuel & Fanny Maria (Greetham) MTE m 19.9.1900. Samuel b 2.9.1876 Holbeck (2nd child) s/o Christopher & Louisa (Williamson) MTE. Christopher MTE b 10.10.1845 Holbeck 2nd s/o George Thompson & Rachel (Crowther) MTE. George Thompson MTE bc1819 bpt 25.7.1819 Bedale d .3.1882? Holbeck, (3rd child) 2nd s/o possible link to Christopher & Frances (Thompson) MTE m 23.3.1811. Christopher MTE bpt 10.10.1784.

M831 Mr Robert Metcalfe, Manor House Farm, Elland Road, Cromwell Bottom, Brighouse, West Yks. HD6 2RG. Born Halifax s/o John Robert & Ivy (Shepherd) MTE m 1941. John R. b 12/02/1913 Bramhope, W.Yks. eldest child of Robert & Mary (Cowling) MTE m 1912 Christ Church, Darley N.Yks. Robert b 10/09/1881 Pateley Bridge (Dacre Banks) N.Yks. 3rd of 7 sons of Robert & Anne (Busfield) MTE m 14/04/1877 Pateley Bridge. Robert b 02/02/1846 Wising House, Pateley Bridge 1st of 10 children of Jonathan & Mary (Horner) MTE who m 12/05/1845 Kirkby Malzeard N.Yks. Jonathan bc1820 Fellbeck Pateley Bridge, 13th of 14, of Peter & Mary (Graham) MTE m 21/03/1796 Pateley Bridge. Peter bpt 07/01/1770 Pateley Bridge s/o Peter of Collarstoops & Hannah (Richmond) MTE m 02/04/1766 Ripon Cathedral. Peter born circa 1739 died 1829 aged 90 of Fellbeck.

M904 Dr Claire Anne Hale, 2 Woodbine Place, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear, NE8 1RT. Born 8 May 1949 Irvine, Ayrshire, Scotland. 3rd child of 3 only d/o George & Edith Margaret (Craven) MT m 3 Aug 1933 Whitby Yks. **Connects to M182 and M205.**

M916 Tery Wilby - see M55. Descendant of John Foster b 1870 s/o John Scarr & Alice * (Metcalf) Foster m c1866 Askrigg area. John S. Foster had previously been married 11.12.1858 Stalling Busk to Margaret **Metcalf and was s/o John Scarr & Sarah *** (Metcalf) Foster m 01.07.1830 Askrigg.
* Alice d/o James & Priscilla (Peacock) MTE
** Margaret d/o Simon & Agnes (Parker) MTE.
*** Sarah d/o John & Alice (Richardson) MTE.

M950 Mrs Angela White, Orchard View, Chapel St, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 6BZ. FIRST LINE - Elizabeth MTE m 25 Dec 1874 Cold Kirby to Christopher Dunning. Elizabeth b c1858 d/o Abraham & Sarah (Grundy) MTE m 7 Dec 1839 Middleton by Pickering. Abraham bpt 16th Jan 1814 Old Byland s/o David & Ann (Abram) Mte m 2nd Sept 1811 Old Byland Yks. DAVID* (? Christopher) bpt 6th Aug 1784 Cold Kirby, Yks s/o Thomas & Mary (Clarke) Mte m 13th Sept 1763 Stamfordham, Northumberland. Thomas b c1729 s/o Thomas, farmer of Cold Kirby & Elizabeth of Boltby nee Stillington. *This David connects to M149 who insisted

he was the baby b 1784 and bpt Christopher...a previous son in 1777 was also so called. Perhaps he appeared to be dying and they used the name again and then the baby recovered and survived....proof sought. SECOND LINE Ann MTE mar Thomas Rimer/Rymer a joiner 26th Jan 1807 at Kilburn Yks when a witness was a Robert MTE. THIRD LINE Ann MTE m Thomas Richardson 13th Nov 1764 Kilburn Yks. when a witness was Luke MTE. Ann b c1747 d/o George & Ady (Fisher) MTE of Wass and Newstead Yks. m 7th May 1734 Kilburn, George b c1709 Kilburn. This line **connects to M754**.

M951 Simon P.Metcalf, 14 Upper Park, Loughton, Essex IG10 4EW. See MN55 p29. John b 1896 Hartlepool, Dur. s/o James & Isabella Thompson m 1886. James b1865 s/o Thomas Pounder & Elizabeth (Mowbray) MTE m 1864. Thomas Pounder b 1844 s/o Joseph Nicholson & Sarah (Pounder) MTE m 1843. Joseph Nicholson b 1822 s/o Andrew & Mary (Nicholson) m 1813. Andrew b 1774 Monkwearmouth s/o Andrew & Mary (Holy) MTE m 1766. Andrew b 1740 Whickham s/o James & Elizabeth (Croser) Mte m 1735. **Connects to M20, M565 & M602**.

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

M952 Mrs Dot Cannon, 46 Old Road, Churwell, Morley, Leeds. LS27 7RT. Dot's late father was a farrier and came from the North Yorkshire area.

M953 Janice Medcalf Butz, Rt.3, Box 372-A, Willow Rd, Hendersonville, NC 28739. USA. Born Sea Isle City, New Jersey d/o James Beard Medcalf b 11 Oct 1913 Dale, Indiana s/o William Sankey & Cora (Lane) MD m 14 Mar 1897 Cottonwood, Tennessee. Wm Sankey b 19 Mar 1877 Dale, Indiana s/o James Andrew & Elizabeth (Beardsley) MD m 24 Dec 1871 Warrick Co. Indiana. James A. b 25 Jan 1851 Daviess Co. Kentucky s/o Andrew & Mary Melvina (Scifres) MD m 27 Jan 1848. Janice has been told that Andrew was s/o Amos who was s/o Thomas. It is not known when the family left the UK.

M954 Mr & Mrs Roger Guest Metcalf, 1C Oxhouse Road, Orrell, Wigan, WN5 7AN. Descendant of Joseph Henry MT b 5th Apl 1879 Leeds.

M955 Stanley W. Cowan, 77 Seafarer's Lane, Rochester, NY 14612, USA. Born USA, great great grandson of George & Margaret (Metcalf) Newton married in UK. Family lore has it that George a cabinet maker worked for Margaret's wealthy father in Bradford, Yorkshire. Against his wishes they married, had two sons John & Wm George in Bradford. George went to America seeking work, Margaret and his sons followed around 1860 but the family were never reunited. Stanley would appreciate help to prove the "tale".

M956 Miss Jacqueline P. Metcalf, 101 Dundee Road, Perth, Scotland. PH2 7BB. Nothing received.

M957 Mrs Jacqueline G.Depelle, Hunter's Folly, 15 Bankhouse, Pudsey, Leeds. LS28 8EA. Nothing received.

M958 Capt.Christopher I. Potter-Hanwell, 41 Arundel Place, Brighton, BN2 1GD. Great grandson of Henry & Ann (Dugdale) Slinger m 1854 Gargrave, Yks. Henry Slinger natural son of John Metcalf and Hannah Slinger who later married 3rd July 1824 at Aysgarth, Yks. and went on to have a further 9 children at Aysgarth, Hubberholme and Linton in Craven where John was at times a farmer, drover, innkeeper and cattle dealer. Confirmation is awaited that John was bpt 2nd Dec 1796 Halton Gill s/o Thomas & Rose (Preston) m 20th Mar 1793 Arncliffe. Thomas bpt 19.10.1774 Arncliffe s/o Robert & Isabel (Simpson) Mte. If confirmed this line **connects to M46 et al**.

M959 Mrs Patricia L. Jarrett & Mr Carl Metcalf, 9 Stuart Ave, Stacksteads, Bacup, Lancs. OL13 0UD. Thanks are due to our FRC Visitor Julian Metcalfe for help in tracing most of the following. Daughter and grandson of Benjamin & Clare Agnes (Lamb) MT m 1929. Benjamin b 17 Aug 1905 Ellerby St. Leeds s/o Alfred & Sarah Ellen (Farrar) MT m 30 May 1894 Leeds. Alfred b 1872 Leeds s/o Thomas & Rose Ann (Lane) MT.

M960 Dennis Wray Metcalfe, 75 Avenue Road, Askern. Doncaster. Sth Yks. DN6 0BG. Born 1947 at Seaham, Co Durham. 1 of 14 to George Wray & Isabella (Teasdale) MTE m 10 June 1943 Seaham. George W. b 28 Oct 1923 Ripon, Yks. s/o Sidney & Kathleen (Whayman) MTE m 5 Apl 1920 Ripon. Sidney b 1894 Ripon s/o Fred & Clara (Wray) MTE m 1894 Ripon. Fred b 1874. **Connects to M137 & M314**.

M961 Jonathan B.F.Metcalf, Buttle's Mead, North St, Charminster, Dorset, DT2 9QZ. Son of Evelyn Maud Metcalfe and her husband. Evelyn Maud b 1904 Dublin d/o George [a Dublin Architect] & Elizabeth (Buttle) MTE. m 1899. George b 1872 s/o Alexander & Elizabeth (Hannigan) MTE m 1863. Alexander b 1832 Kilbracken House, Ballybrittas, Ireland s/o George & Jane (Barrington) MTE m 1828. George b 1801 Capoley, Nr Portlaoise, Ireland s/o John & Ann (Pilsworth) MTE. John b 1760 s/o Robert. Robert b 1730s Ballycarroll s/o Edward who is considered the grandson of Francis & Alice (Slade) MTE. Francis of Yorkshire went to Ireland in 1658 as a Quaker and settled at Newtown Co. Fermanagh moving to Ballintougher Co. Offaly. George MTE the architect in Dublin died 1926 and in the 1920s he did considerable research into the family. One of his daughters Betty LUTTRELL lent this research to another Metcalfe in Sydney, Australia and it was never returned. **HAS ANYONE SEEN THIS WORK ?**

M962 Miss Linda R. Metcalfe, 55A Carlotta Road, Double Bay, Sydney, New South Wales 2028, Australia. Born in Ripon, North Yorkshire, 5th child of Godfrey & Florence May (Harker) MTE m 30.09.1941 West Witton, Yks. Godfrey b 23.03.1919 Ellingstring, Yks eldest s/o Hilda MTE. Hilda b 05.08.1892 Ellingstring 5th d/o William & Jane (Edmondson) MTE m 07.02.1874 Masham Yks. William bc 1849 Grewelthorpe, Yks s/o Jonah & Dorothy (Carling) MTE m 12.04.1847 Kirkby Malzeard, Yks. Jonah bpt 27.07.1822 East Witton twin s/o Matthew & Ann (Sadler) MTE m 19.01.1807 Topcliffe, Yks. Matthew bpt 08.03.1823 East Witton s/o Matthew & Elizabeth (Topham) MTE m 02.04.1759 East Witton. Matthew bpt 15.07.1733 Masham s/o Thomas & Mary (Askwith) MTE m 10.04.1720 Masham. **Connects to M515, M558 & M882.**

M963 George W. Metcalf, 65 Arley Ave, Bury, Lancs, BL9 5HG. George was born in Bedlington, Northumberland, s/o George Wm & grandson of Richard & Margaret (Smith) MT. Margaret came from Woodland in Westmorland. They had five children Florence 1897, George William 1898, Robert, Christopher & Dora & they all lived in and around Northumberland. Richard had a brother Squire MT who lived in Castleford, Yorks. Any help would be appreciated as this family is proving elusive! Can any of our Co.Durham based Members do any research in the Bedlington Parish Registers? Please contact Nina Benson if you feel able to help, it would be appreciated.

M964 Philip Driver, 5 Rochester Drive, Burnley, Lancs. BB10 2BH. Grandson of Arthur & Edna (Simpson) MTE m 25 Jun 1931 Nelson, Lancs. Arthur b 15 Oct 1905 Woodhouse, Austwick, Yks. s/o Michael & Jenny (Holden) MTE m 25 Apr 1893, Wesleyan Chapel, Benthams, Yks. Michael b 4 Aug 1858 Widdale, Hawes, Yks. s/o Edward & Rebecca his 1st wife (Blades) MTE m 20 Oct 1855 Lunds. Edward's 2nd wife whom he m 20 Oct 1872 at Thornley by Tow Law, was Jane Coates. Edward should have been able to remember his wedding anniversary! Edward b 2nd May 1823, bpt 29 June 1824 at Ingleton Fells s/o John of Winterscales and Isabella (Moss) MTE m 23/04/1817 Ingleton Fells. John bpt 28/01/1792 Ingleton Fells s/o Richard of Southerscales & Agnes (Shepherd) MTE m 17/11/1788 Chapel le Dale. Richard bpt 15/06/1766 Ingleton Fells s/o John of Gunnerfleet & Eleanor (Whaley) MTE m 08/07/1761 Hawes. John bpt ? 04/10/1734 or circa 1740 s/o George of Southerscales & Elizabeth his 2nd wife (Battley/Batley) MTE m 26/12/1739 Ingleton Fells. His 1st wife being Margaret Thompson m 13/08/1726 by whom he had at least 6 children, Elizabeth presenting him with a further 16! George bpt 27/03/1700 Ingleton s/o Christopher of Raisgill & Catherine (Leake) m 22/01/1697/8 Ingleton. **Connects to M58. M97. M331. M529. M553. M637. M777. and possibly to M824, M860 & M871.** Not a bad collection when you think that Philip had discovered just as far as Edward & Rebecca (Blades) MTE!

M965 Mrs Christine Amsden, Box 4014, Stonewall, Manitoba, Canada, R0C 2Z0. Born Darlington, Co Durham great great grand-dau of Simon & Ann (Metcalf) Spensley m 23/10/1837 Aysgarth, Yks. THE SOCIETY CAN ADD :- Ann bpt 1819 Aysgarth d/o John of Carperby & Margaret (Bowes) MTE m 19/12/1818 Grinton in Swaledale, Yks. John bpt 17/09/1775 Aysgarth, 8th of 9, s/o John of Carperby & Isabel (?) MTE. John bpt 29/09/1726, Aysgarth, 1st of 8, s/o Bryan & Margaret (Lupton) MTE m 30/10/1725 Aysgarth. Bryan bpt 21/08/1698 Aysgarth, 1st of 10, s/o John & Grace (?) MTE. Bryan, 2nd of 6, (died 1700) s/o John & Christian (Simpson) MTE. John (died 1634) s/o James & Ann (?) MTE of Heugh and Nappa Scar. **Connects to M163.**

SECOND LINE. Parents of Simon Spensley who m Ann MTE in 1837 were Ralph & Margaret (Metcalf) Spensley m 29/03/1813 Aysgarth. Margaret bpt 17/12/1775 Thoraby, 7th of 7, d/o Christopher of Barker in Bishopdale & Elizabeth (Dinsdale) MTE m 27/08/1756 Aysgarth. Christopher bpt 26/07/1730 Askrigg s/o George of Yorescott & Isabel, his 2nd wife, (Pratt) MTE m 14/01/1721 Askrigg. George s/o George. **Connects to M27 & M483.**

THIRD LINE gt gt gt grandparents were Thomas & Jane (Metcalf) Preston m 05/12/1811 Muker by Banns with John & Betsey Grime.

AN EARLY MUSTER

My father and a cousin decided to try and organise a Family Gathering at Eastbourne, Sussex in April 1949 for the descendants of their grandparents Dawson (Chris 15 December 1841, St Leonard, New Malton Yorks) and Emily Chittenden (nee Gostick b 1 January 1844, Keighley, Yorks) Metcalf.

Sixty five out of a potential eighty direct descendants and their spouses attended the event. One branch of the family was sadly not represented at all - no doubt due to the distance involved. This was the family of Dawson and Emily's youngest son Walter Gostick Metcalf (b Lambeth 1878) who with his wife Julia (nee Henfry - possibly Australian) had emigrated to Canada and were living in Vancouver. They had three children, Don married to Florence (Flora) nee McAllister; Emily married to James Stewart and Hugh unmarried at the time. Don and Flora had a daughter, Donna (b1945); Emily and James a son Jimmy (b1936?) and a daughter Edith (b1938?). The patriarch of the Gathering Henry Ernest Metcalf told the assembled company that a cable was being sent to them that day.

In 1948 Walter's eldest brother Harry (Henry Ernest Mt) and his wife Edith (nee Crosland) paid a visit to Walter and his family in Vancouver and I have a copy of a diary which Edith wrote about the visit having not seen them for twenty years. Should any descendants or connections of this family be interested I would be happy to forward any information to them that I have in regard to Walter Gostrick Metcalf's ancestry.

Carol Venner M943, The Malthouse, Chilmark nr Salisbury Wiltshire SP3 5AU.

A Day Out at Nottingham University

Each spring and autumn a different family history society in the UK host a weekend conference which includes family history seminars and a fair open to the general public. The Federation of Family History Societies are guests of the hosting society and also hold their council meeting, and AGM at the spring conference.

Representing the Metcalfe Society, and for my own personal interest, I have now attended two such conferences - see my previous report on attending the AGM at Crewe last April. As mentioned previously, these conferences are very well attended by over 200 people for the full weekend, in addition to local people attending the fair on the Saturday.

Nottinghamshire Family History Society staged an excellent conference at Nottingham University with excellent facilities - parking facilities, lunch, and seminar subjects were all of a very high standard indeed. Given personal circumstances, I can only attend the conference for the full day on the Saturday, I was still able to visit all the stands where I introduced myself and the society, and once again continued to build the awareness of the Metcalfe Society to all other societies.

The GOONS (The Guild of One-Name Studies) meeting provided an outline of what they have to offer for one name societies and discussions centred around what the societies wanted from the GOONS - be they large or small societies. In addition, the GOONS are to review the feasibility of setting up a competition for one-name society journals similar to the Elizabeth Simpson Award. At the moment, the criteria for this award does not make it easy for one-name society journals to succeed. So this makes the commendation we received again this year even more thrilling.

We have now secured a deal with the Federation whereby they will sell the Metcalfe Book on their publications table wherever they exhibit at a 10% fee. So I am looking forward to the next Federation conference to be hosted by the Hampshire Genealogical Society at Sparsholt Agricultural College, Winchester, Friday 9th - Sunday 11th April. I hope you can attend too!

Diane Howarth M409

The Weakest go to the Wall

If you have ever wondered where the saying comes from wonder no longer. Before the Reformation churches did not have pews and the congregation had to stand often for many long hours especially when mass was being said. The old young and infirm therefore looked for support. There would only be so many that could cluster around the pillars so the remainder naturally gravitated towards the outside walls hence the saying "The weakest...." From the Financial Times September 1998

JAMES METCALFE 1848

James was born in 1817 in Barnard Castle and later married Sarah Raine. This intriguing portrait was supplied via **Mrs Miriam Hopper M131** a descendant.
Do any other members have in their possession similar items - Ed.



The Metcalfe Society launched on the Internet

Even if you are not computer literate, I am sure you have heard about the Internet or World Wide Web in newspapers and on the TV. You will often hear presenters asking you to telephone, fax or send an e-mail to them, and at the end of all TV programmes you see lots of letters described as an e-mail or home page on the Internet. The Internet is a whole new method of communicating on a global basis - you can find holidays, buy houses, do your weekly shopping, write letters (without going out to the postbox!) to friends and relatives on the opposite side of the world.

If you have never had a look at the Internet - find someone who has a computer and is connected to the Internet, because now is the time for you to find something on there that is of personal interest to you The Metcalfe Society now has its own home page on the Internet. We can be found at the following address : <http://www.metcalfe.org.uk>

Susan Metcalfe Harper (M266) and Diane Howarth (M409) have worked together over the last few months to be able to launch this site on the Internet in time for the Muster. Members attending the Muster were able to see the site live. Using a personal contact, Diane arranged for the registration of the site, and also provided the content for the page. Susan, with the help of her sister, provided the technical expertise to turn the content into a presentable "shop window" on the Internet.

In the first two weeks of the site being live we have already received 2 requests to join the society - one from Australia and one from USA. This home page will allow the society to reach a global audience and therefore raise membership numbers. We also believe that this is an excellent route to promote the Metcalfe book to the overseas audience. We will keep you updated on the progress. But don't just wait for the next Mecca News to find out - find a friend who is linked to the Internet and have a look at the Metcalfe Society home page. You can even e-mail some of the society members (which means you can send a letter to them immediately over the computer at the cost of a telephone link)

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A fantastic coincidence

I had heard during my childhood that Gt Uncle John had been murdered in Birmingham City Centre, on leaving the pub in Park Street to visit the toilet he was robbed and killed. Apparently an old style mugging. The man reportedly responsibility was a Bob Cherry but I was never really interested until taking up genealogy; a mistake, for both Mother and Father were now deceased. However, my eldest sister had told me that the murder had occurred about the time my parents had first met, this was towards the end of the First World War. I found John was born 1872/3, the 1881 Census gave his age as 8 however no trace of him from that date. I searched records from 1881 of deaths, burials, coroners reports and newspaper cuttings, even contacting the local prison, all without result. It was as if he never existed.

Let me now advance to 9 April 1941. During this period of our lives World War II was in progress and just before I joined the army, I accompanied my father putting out fires in the Small Heath district. (We lived in Whitehall Road). April 9th saw the same procedure until we decided a tea break was in order. The family were all in the Anderson shelter apart from my sister Kate who had remained in the house busy writing. She said she would be down later so off we went to enjoy a well earned cuppa. After ten minutes or so my father said it was about time for another walk about and we rose to go. He climbed the first step when the ground literally shook even the shelter shook and threatened to part at the seams as soil trickled through the cracks. Dad was thrown backwards crashing into me and we both fell to the floor. It was now pitch black. As soon as we could move we scrambled out. We emerged into a cloud of dust that blocked out any vision. As I stepped forwards I heard my father say "Keep still Jim". I stopped and remained so until the dust gradually subsided. We were just off the edge of a crater, the barricade in front of the shelter was smashed, whilst the shelter stood at a crazy angle. When I was able to see further our house had disappeared, no rubble just a deep hole. We would never see Kate again .

During the next day while continuing to search and with father trying to find a place for the night he was approached by a complete stranger who stated that he lived out of Birmingham while the bombing was going on, returning to work during the day (as many did). He offered the keys to his house saying we could live there until we found a place to go and to treat the house as our own. My father was amazed at the offer and said "But we do not even know one another.". They shook hands and introduced themselves. I knew nothing of this until being called to go to our temporary home. The family stayed there for about a week although I only spent a day or so at the house. Because of the bombing all buildings were in short supply however we were sent to a ramshackle house in Green Lane. This became our home for some time.

Many years later, on becoming interested in genealogy I tried to find out just what had happened to Gt Uncle John. Not having a date to narrow any search down it was very difficult. Neither was there any reference to Bob Cherry. Talking to my sister I expressed my frustration in failing to obtain any further information. Her reply puzzled me "A pity you never asked them when you met." I asked her what on earth she was talking about and the reply was "Oh! You never knew. Well you remember when the house was bombed that man had said I'm Bob Cherry." She smiled and said "Why do you think Mother was apprehensive about going in the house?"

What a fantastic coincidence, one generation does the family a bad turn while the following does a wonderful one. I could hardly believe it. This information fired my enthusiasm and once more on with the search. Yes! I still failed, perhaps one day there will be a lucky break.

Jim Metcalfe M080

Perhaps one of our members can help with this mystery? - Ed.

BITS AND BOBS II

Patients in York Asylum buried at St Olaves, York. **Wm Medcalf**

Criminal Petitions Index 1819-1839

(as provided by Jill Chambers, family history researcher specialising in convict records)

John Mt, CHS ASS (Cheshire Assizes) August 1833 (Insane) ref : H017/47/1 Gs10

William Mt, YKS QS (Yorkshire Quarter Sessions at Pontefract) October 1831, 6 months ref : H017/54/1 1q04

Did you know that the purchasing power of the £ compared with 1900 has this year fallen to 1p (old 2d)!

John Metcalfe (70), had his provisional booking made 21 years ago (1967) for a millenium bash at Baildon West Yorkshire confirmed by his local council! News of the World 23 August 1998.

A Metcalfe (Plant Hire) Ltd of Langworthy seen on a JCB working on the A590 near Newby Bridge on 17 September 1998.

Robert Metcalfe actor in Rambo -First Blood 1977(?) with Sylvester St

and finally.....

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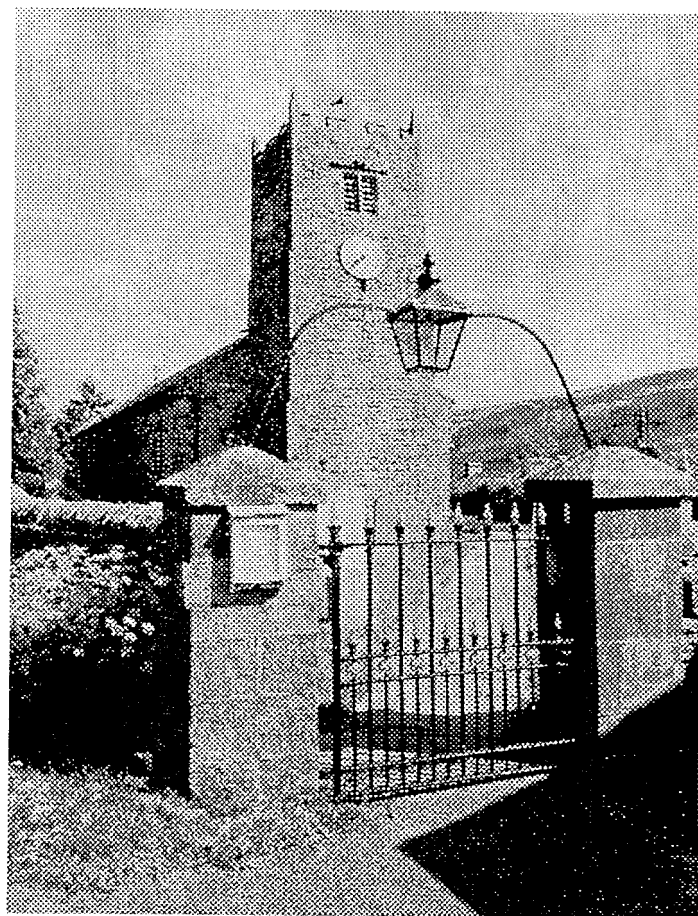
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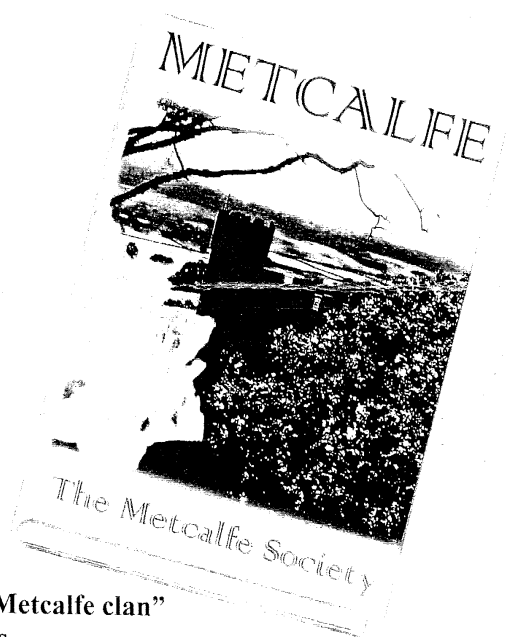
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Note 2 : Enter here the date on which the first payment is to be made. For example, if you join the scheme in December, you could put here "Jan 31st next" (when the next subscription year begins) and put the December date below.

All you need to know about Deed of Covenant

The Metcalfe Society is a Registered Charity. This status allows the society to reclaim from the Inland Revenue an amount of tax that applies to subscriptions from members who are UK taxpayers. This provides an additional income to the society **at no cost to yourself whatsoever**.

In order for the society to gain this additional income, we ask that if you or your spouse pay UK Income Tax, whether on earnings, pension, or investments (eg bank or building society interest), then please pay your subscription under a "Deed of Covenant".

How does the Deed of Covenant work?

A Deed of Covenant can be taken out at any time. Because the Metcalfe Society Covenant covers our annual subscription, the wording on the Deed is that this covers the subscription rate due at the time it is payable and is to run continuously as long as there is no power to terminate within the first four years. After this four years, it can be terminated by advising the Covenant Secretary (details below) in writing. Payments made before the date of your Deed are not, of course, covenanted.

How much income will the society receive?

The Inland Revenue will refund direct to the society, the amount of tax deemed to apply to the subscription. For example, for a £5 net subscription, tax of £1.67 is deemed to have been deducted and will be refunded to the Society each year.

The simple way to pay subscriptions by Deed of Covenant

Complete the form overleaf and return it to :

Mr David Galloway,

The Metcalfe Society, 16 Ewood Hall Avenue, Mytholmroyd, Hebden Bridge, HX7 5PH

David is happy to answer any queries you may have. The general enquiry staff at any tax office are also available to answer queries and issue free explanatory leaflets on request.

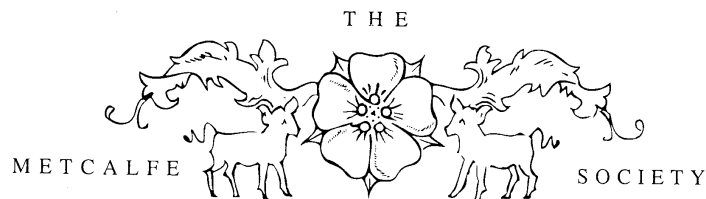
What happens next?

After the first year of your Deed, the society will send you a form R185. This **must** be signed and returned, as without it, we cannot claim the refund of tax. All R185 forms completed by members will then be sent by the Covenant Secretary directly to the Metcalfe Society's tax office, who will in turn, forward each one to the tax office designated on it. They will verify that tax of at least the amount shown (as above) has been paid. Please be assured this takes all of one minute! When all of the verified R185 forms are returned to the Society's tax office, they will then repay the society, by cheque, to the Treasurer. We will make an annual claim for refund of tax, usually in mid-April - this is why it is imperative that all R185 forms are returned promptly. The Inland Revenue will only repay on the R185 forms which accompany our claim.

Changes to the Deed of Covenant

- * If, for any reason, you cease to be liable for Income Tax, then the Deed of Covenant ceases in the last year that tax is due.
- * If a Deed of Covenant (R185) is completed by a spouse because they pay tax and you do not, and the spouse dies, then the Deed ceases. If you pay tax in your own right **after this**, you can complete a Deed for the following tax year.
- * Higher rate taxpayers should advise their own tax office of the Deed, so that they can ensure that the appropriate tax relief is given in either code or assessment.
- * For family subscriptions, the Deed must be made in the name of the taxpaying member.
- * Subscriptions continue to be made in the normal way, direct to the Treasurer in January and **cannot** be made by standing orders.

We hope that many of you will decide to covenant your subscriptions, as we are sure you will agree, it is a very painless way of increasing society funds.



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Standing Order Mandate

I wish to pay the annual subscription to The Metcalfe Society by standing order.

Please tick relevant box : ☐ This is a new instruction
☐ Please amend previous standing order

Account to be debited

Name of Bank : Sort Code :

Branch : Account Number :

Account Name :

Beneficiary Bank

Bank : Barclays Bank plc
Branch : Earby, Lanes

Sort Code : 20-15-70
Account No : 20628263
Account Name : The Metcalfe Society

Payment Details

Amount of First Payment : £ (insert amount due in January 1999)
Date of First Payment : (insert a date during January 1999)
Amount of Regular Payment : £ (insert subscription amount due in future years)
Amount of Regular Payment in words :
Date of Regular Payment : (insert a specific date in January eg 20 January)
When paid : Annually

Complete either of the following (but not both) :

Amount of Last Payment : £ Date of Last Payment :
OR Please continue payments until further notice ☐ Yes (please tick)

Authorisation

Signature(s) : Name (please print clearly) :
Date : Metcalfe Society member no. :
Daytime telephone :

ALL boxes must be completed in order for the standing order to be processed.