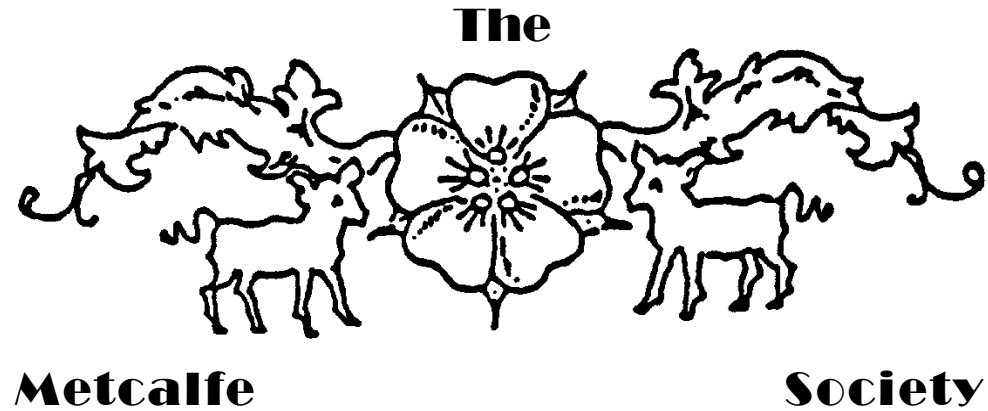




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I was saddened to hear the death of Ron Metcalfe. I met Ron some years ago but had really only dealt with him after I became Editor. He and his wife were always supportive and encouraging and will be sorely missed.

This issue sees the recruitment of the 1000th member since our Society began in 1980. We have also seen the biggest number of members join in a period - some forty this

time - which means that the membership details have taken up a larger number of pages in this Mecca News. As a result some articles/items have had to be held over.

Many thanks to those of you who responded to the request for articles of half a page or more. They are already earmarked for future use.

This issue includes an article on a little used source of information - manorial rolls. Hopefully it will give you a start to a new area of research. Also there is a report from our new Chairman David Lambert, and information from our new archivist Nina Benson.

Burkes Peerage is again circulating its publication on Metcalfes. See also article Only the Best, Mecca News, Issue 55 - August 1998. Why buy it when you have a wealth of information in our own book **Metcalfes - History of the Clan?**

An editor is someone who separates the wheat from the chaff and prints the chaff - Adlai Stevenson, US Politician. I hope I have managed to do that in this issue!



A FISHY TALE

Neil Metcalfe and a team at the University of Glasgow are studying the feeding habits of different sized, same age, salmon to find out why they were different sizes. They have them electronically tagged to see when they feed. Neil said the larger fish do not take as many risks, coming out at dusk thus avoiding predators and thereby growing even bigger!

The New Scientist - 12 September 1998

Ron Metcalfe (M13)

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of one of our original members, Ron Metcalfe (M13) who died suddenly of heart failure on 14th January 1999.

Together with his wife Gwen, they distributed the Mecca News to all our members for a number of years. Being married for over forty years, they were able to enjoy fourteen years of retirement, when they travelled frequently. The society did manage to catch them in three times a year for them to receive boxes full of Mecca News, and various inserts, so that they could eagerly assemble and post the 450 packages. No matter what time we arranged for the courier to deliver them, they always seemed to arrive before 7.30am each time - an ungodly hour to retired folk! It took us some time to realise that the depot was just around the corner and so they would always be the first delivery!

Our secretary, Diane Howarth (M409) and Pat Malham represented the society at Ron's funeral in Solihull. Led by a standard bearer of the Royal Air Forces Association, the family gave Ron a truly splendid send off. He really would be so very proud of them - something that was so very apparent through the tribute given by his son, Ian. There was certainly something that every single one of the 200+ people attending the funeral could relate to. We send our fondest regards and very best wishes to Gwen, their two sons Ian and Mark, and their families. God bless.

We dedicate this issue of the Mecca News to the memory of Ron Metcalfe.

Committee member Pat Malham (M444) first met Ron and Gwen five years ago when he was looking for volunteers to copy the births, marriages and deaths from the GRO. Ron, in his quiet way, said that he and Gwen would help out and it was not long before an envelope landed on his doorstep bringing their contributions. Since then, it was an annual occurrence that when Pat was looking for volunteers, Ron and Gwen would always offer their services. Often, having done a batch of five years, Ron would indicate that they might be able to fit in a few more if needed, and sure enough, the ones that were needed would soon be winging their way. There was no fuss, just a desire to help the Society. The main thing about it was that you knew that there would be no need to check the lists - they would be as accurate as it was possible to be. Since then, along with many other members of the society, Pat always looked forward to seeing them both at the Muster. It will be a great disappointment that Ron will not be there this coming October.

It was 1981 when I joined the Metcalfe Society and my very first Mecca News showed me that Ron's family line and mine stemmed from the same village of Hipswell in Yorkshire. Naturally I made immediate contact and we quickly

Ron Metcalfe (M13)

established proof of our common descent but no matter how hard we tried, the birth of George Metcalfe c1733 had us beaten. Over the years we have enjoyed many meetings and exchanged numerous letters and nearly all Ron's end (as did that first letter in April 1981) with the words "May the bluebird of happiness fly with you" I would like to think that when we finally find "our" George, the bluebird will let him know. Farewell Ron and thank you for all your help and support, you will be greatly missed by us all. Nina E.Benson M029.

I had really only just met Ron and yet I still feel a great sense of loss at his passing. Ron was a descendant of Hipswell mill and was therefore very special to me. My two or three meetings were brief yet enough to disclose his fine qualities. He was so friendly and supportive of my efforts with the mill. Technically he was a stranger but his warm and genuine nature made him feel instantly like family - which of course he was. I am thrilled to have known him. I shall remember his smile. I shall miss him. Lynda Simpson M791.

It is with great sadness that the Society also reports the deaths of
Tom Metcalfe M309

&

Kathleen Cole M443

We extend our sympathy to the relatives and friends of both members.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND MECCA MUSTER 1999

*to be held on Saturday 9 October 1999
at the College of Ripon and York St John,
College Road, Ripon, North Yorkshire.
9.30am Registration for 10am start.*

*Come along and delve into the records of over 70000 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.

SEVEN YEARS PENAL SERVITUDE

Supplied by Ken Mitchell - GOONS

From The Times 3 January 1879

Middlesex Sessions 2 January. Edward William Metcalf, 34, describing himself as a general merchant was charged with obtaining by false pretences a roll of cloth, value £6 18s 6d and a horse, cart and harness value £34. Mr Besley and Mr Grant prosecuted. Mr Fulton defended.

On 31 October, the prisoner, by paying £7 5s, half a quarter's rent, obtained possession, as tenant for three years, of a house stable and garden - 120 Forest Road, Dalston. He issued cards and memorandum forms as Elton & Co., general merchants and opened an account at the Birbeck Bank with £32. Before November 26 he drew out £31 15s and after that day there was only 5s to his account. He bought the roll of cloth for cash on 5th December and gave a cheque which of course was dishonoured; and on 7th December he induced Mr Richard Relf to sell him a horse, cart and harness for £34 giving a cheque for the amount which was quite worthless. On December 15 he was using the cart and horse to remove the fittings of the stable when Detective Armstrong took him into custody. He said "I am done." In his possession were found a number of pawn-tickets relating to pledges for small sums.

The jury found the prisoner Guilty and he then admitted a previous conviction for burglary, under which he had suffered five year's penal servitude. Mr Serjeant Cox sentenced him to seven year's penal servitude.

From the Society:-

GRO - Births Q1 1846. Medcalf, Edward William Elton b Clerkenwell B3 116
Marriages q 4 1865 Medcalf, Edward William Elton, St Luke London 1b 1149
1881 Census Porland Dorset -
Edward Metcalfe inmate mar 36 costermonger b London Middx

OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO EVERY HOUSEKEEPER

To be in the possession of a medicine of known efficacy is of the utmost importance to every housekeeper in the kingdom. Temporary sickness, either more or less, is of daily occurrence in nearly every family and in many instances, if a suitable remedy be timely and judiciously applied, medical aid will not be required. The best Medicine for family use at present before the public is Warrior's Tonic Antibilious or Vegetable pill.

Sufferers from stomach and liver complaints, indigestion, bile, spasms, wind etc should try a box of Dennis's Celebrated Family Pills, which have been established more than a century and are allowed by the faculty to be one of the best family medicines extant. A correspondence says that two ladies living in the North Riding of Yorkshire whose united ages are 182 years are in the habit of taking Dennis's Family Pills which is another proof of their usefulness.

Adverts from the Richmond & Ripon Chronicle c1870

Chairman's Report

When I decided to go on holiday with Family Tree Magazine last year, little did I think that I would miss the "best ever" Muster or that on my return home, I would find myself elected by the AGM as your Chairman; that will teach me to go away in October!!

I am proud and privileged to step into the shoes of the previous Chairman, Diane Howarth, who thank goodness agreed to take on the demanding role as our new Secretary, replacing the redoubtable Nina Benson. The reports in the excellent last issue of Mecca News clearly show what a superb Muster it was, as well as reflecting the deep gratitude that we all owe to Nina. As I said in my contribution to Nina's scrap book, to the outside world (genealogically speaking), Nina was the Society.

The Christmas post brought me my copy of the excellent Book on our Family (or should I say Clan?). Once again the Mecca News was there on the day (unlike your new Chairman) and fully reported its publication. Whilst the thanks were all expressed at Ripon last year, I wish to put on record my thanks and congratulations to everyone who contributed to this tremendous work. A thank you too to all of you who have purchased the Book. We now have the difficult task of deciding whether to order more copies, since we have virtually sold, within 3 months, the entire stock, something I do not think the Committee in its wildest dreams (and we do have some!) ever thought conceivable.

After April, when I retire from the Chairmanship of the Federation, I should be able to devote more time to the Society. I count myself extremely fortunate that the members of the Committee are so hard working and forward thinking. I look forward to serving you and them as best I can in the coming months as your Chairman.

David Lambert (M11)

TRADE DISTURBANCE

In the Autumn of 1830 there was "a serious strike amongst the operative classes for increased wages." The dispute occurred in Tameside, Cheshire and "a special contingent of honorary constables was organised." Some 120 reliable men were chosen. Amongst their number Chris Medcalf.

From Bygone Stalybridge by Samuel Hill, 1907.

Supplied by Pauline Walden M775.

THE METCALF HOUSE

Lewis Delaware USA

The three houses that comprise the Metcalf House are fine examples of both the Colonial and Revolutionary periods. John Metcalf purchased the property (part of the original four acre grant set aside by Sir Edmund Andross in 1680 for St. Peter's Church) in 1838 from the vestry. John Metcalf was the draysman for Lewis, providing the "taxi service" and horse and hack rental for the local area. Extensive stables were located behind the house and to the right side.

Two small houses and a two storey house were consolidated into one residence sometime after 1868. The main house (202 West Third Street) originally faced Market Street, approximately 40 feet behind its present location. The small portion of the current house nearest Market Street was originally located on the right side of the property. This side was used by Mr Metcalf as a blacksmith's shop for his business and occupies its original position at 204 West Third Street.

John Metcalf died in 1882, his wife Hettie Maull Metcalf having died in 1877. They are both buried in St Peter's cemetery across the street. Their daughter Annie Elizabeth, lived in the house until her death in 1934. In 1950 the house was purchased from the Metcalf estate by Lester Web, who began major restoration. In 1960 the property was divided and the Metcalf House purchased by Gordon and Laura Bryan. Wayne and Margaret Ehlerind purchased the House in 1885 and continued the restoration.

(Libby and Bill Roe M871)

HORTON IN RIBBLESDALE CHURCHYARD

Alexander Mte of Gober died 5 November 1893 aged 68years also his daughter Elizabeth died 9 September 1888 aged 24 years. Alexander son died 15 August 1869 - 6 months and Robert his son died 14 February 1866 - 4 days.

MECCA NEWS DEADLINES

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

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

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!

METCALFE RESEARCH OVERSEAS

For some time now, the Society has been gathering the English and Welsh Births Marriages and Deaths, as found in the General Register Office Indexes, kept at Myddleton Street with copies in many local archives and LDS Family History Centres. What would be extremely useful, would be to extend this collection to include the overseas registers. Many British people emigrated overseas in particular to Australia, New Zealand Canada, South Africa and the United States but in the Society archives we have few Births Marriages and Deaths as yet, from most of these countries apart from Australia. What I am hoping to do is to prod a few of our overseas members into helping to remedy the situation. I do not know how easy it is to get hold of these records or what facilities there are for copying them. Are they available electronically? Are they on fiche? Can one photocopy them? When did they start? What information is given? Are they listed according to State Region or County or as a whole country? Can we access them in the near future? Is it something **you** could do to help the Society?

On a recent holiday, I met one of our New Zealand members **Gary Medcalf (M278)** and had an interesting conversation with him, the result of which is that he has volunteered to note all the Births Marriages and Deaths in the New Zealand registers. He has within just over a month, already copied the Births as far as 1967 onto a database, currently a total of 800 entries and he is hoping to have all the BMD's completed by April this year. This an excellent beginning. Is there anybody in the far flung countries who is willing to tackle some, at least, of the entries for their own country? If so please let me know and if there is more than one person from the same country, I will arrange some form of co-operation so that work is not duplicated. Write to me in the first instance and let me know what is available, how and what you can do. This information will help to build up the picture of the Metcalfe Clan. My address is on the inside of the front cover of this magazine.

We also know that Metcalfes are to be found in other parts of the world so if you are in another country apart from those mentioned above and are willing to help, please do your part, however small it may seem. Negative information is also helpful. It might just trigger someone else later on. I do not imagine that in many other countries there will be prolific entries, nor that it will always be easy to note them down but for anyone based overseas try a sample -a year or five- and see what you come up with. It may be that your research helps someone else to discover what happened to that elusive younger brother in their great-grandfather's family or why Great Aunt Jane's birth was not listed with the rest of her brothers and sisters in Much Snoring.

Currently the following are the only BMD entries which we already have - all for Australia :-

	Victoria	NSW	Queensland	W Australia
Births	1854-1895	1856-1860	1860-1899	1841-1905
Marriages	1854-1895	1883-1893	1856-1872	1841-1905
Deaths	1854--1895 & 1961-1980	nil	1885-1899	1841-1905
	Tasmania	S Australia	NT	ACT
Births	nil	1842-1906	nil	nil
Marriages	1839&1847	1841-1916	nil	nil
Deaths	nil	1842-1915	nil	nil

Patrick Malham (M444)

NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS

Don't forget that Patrick, on behalf of the Society, collects newspaper cuttings of Births Marriages and Deaths - or any other sightings - and he would like any members to send them to him either by post or in person at the Muster. He is wondering if there are any members in Lancashire who can help.

Papers such as the Yorkshire Post, Yorkshire Evening Press, Northern Echo, Westmorland Gazette and the Darlington & Stockton Times seem to be covered very well but rarely are cuttings from the Craven Herald or Lancashire papers or any papers from the Midlands, South, South West, Wales, Scotland or East Anglia seen. London local papers are also noticeable by their absence.

So what about it? Metcalfe sightings in any newspaper should be forwarded to **Patrick Malham (M444)** - address in the front of this magazine.

Doncaster Stray

Herbert C Metcalfe age 26 Lt. Northants Reg (58th foot) born Upwell Norfolk, Visitor - 1891 Census Doncaster Part II. (*The Doncaster Ancestor* - Spring 1997 Vol 8 no5)

CORRECTION

In Issue 56 of the News the photograph at the top of page 21 was incorrectly said to show Mary Metcalfe receiving a copy of the Metcalfe Book from Warwick Metcalfe when it should have said Vera Adams. Apologies to the ladies involved and thanks to those who pointed out the error.

NEWS from the ARCHIVES

Nina E Benson (M28)

1881 Census - County Index - Surrey

Walton on Thames RG11 0765-32-13 (of interest to M517,XM257,XM887)

James R. MT Servant M 35 gardener b Masham YKS
Ann M. MT Servant M 37 cook b Wescott BEK
No issue listed.

James Raine Metcalfe was son of George & Elizabeth (Forster) MTE, George too was a gardener. James in 1851 was with his parents in Silver Street, Masham. In 1861 with his uncle Robert Forster in Market Place, Richmond. 1871 back in Silver Street and in 1891 he was head gardener living at Garden House, Swinton Hall (now Swinton Castle).

Battersea RG11 0655-24-42 & 25-43. Of interest to M447 & M764.

William MTE head. m. 38 joiner b Richmond YKS
Jane wife. m. 33 - b Coldeads DEV
Charle dau. - 11 scholar b Batta. SRY
Ellen dau. - 10 scholar b "
Char son. - 8 scholar b "
Earnest son. - 3 - b "

Spellings and abbreviations as Index. Is Batta supposed to be Battersea? William bpt 15/11/1843 Richmond s/o William, joiner & Charlotte (Farr) MTE.

Battersea RG11 0630-32-1. Of interest to ExM201.

William MT lodger. unm. 23 stone mason b Skeeby YKS

In household of Frances Rorke. William Christopher bpt 27/12/1857 Easby s/o Christopher & Frances (Metcalf) MTE of Skeeby, mason.

Battersea RG11 0638-129-35

John MT head. m. 51 omnibus condu+ b Catrick Bridge YKS
Martha A wife. m. 48 - b Carlisle CUM
George son. un. 18 painter b Chelsea MDX
Henry son. un. 15 transparent s+ b "
Marion dau. - 13 scholar b "
Annie dau. - 10 scholar b "

Catrick as in Index. Not traced.

Camberwell RG11 0684-105-10

Christopher H MTE head. m. 38 assistant boo+ b Londonderry YKS
Matilda wife. m. 33 - b Bishopgate MDX
Henry H son. - 12 scholar b Hackney MDX
Matilda dau. - 11 scholar b "
Charles E son. - 8 scholar b Southwark SRY
Christopher Henry bpt 26/12/1842 Burneston Yks, s/o Christopher & Eliza Frances
(?) MTE, farmer of Londonderry. Henry Homes MTE bpt 27/11/1868 Islington, LDN.

RAILWAY HERO

John Metcalfe was hailed as a hero when he dashed out from his derailed train to warn an on coming goods train of the blocked line and thereby prevented a more serious accident occurring.

John from Carlisle (an ex -mayor of the City) was the driver of the Huddersfield to Carlisle passenger train on the wind and rain swept night of January 15th 1999. Just to the north of Kirkby Stephen on the wild Settle to Carlisle railway line the diesel passenger train was derailed by a landslip near a tunnel. Some 37 passengers suffered mainly minor injuries. Whilst they were seeing to the passengers, John realising that a southbound goods train was heading in their direction, went out into the stormy night to lay the detonating shells on the line to warn the onrushing train.

His action meant that the driver of the goods train was able to slow his train sufficiently to only cause some minor damage to the derailed train and undoubtedly saved his passengers from greater injury. John was very modest when commended on his actions and played down his part in the accident.

(From radio and newspaper reports of the accident. *Does anyone know who this Metcalfe hero is? - Ed*)

Goldsmith

Heslrigg Metcalf son of Richard Metcalf of Newcastle apprenticed 1 August 1728 to James Kirkup for the term of seven years, the premium paid being £30.

He was the only surviving son of Richard Metcalf of Newcastle, tinman, by his wife Dorothy daughter of Matthew Curry of Bedlington by his marriage with Hannah Ewbank; which Hannah married secondly Robert Heslrigg the last male survivor of the ancient family of Heslrigg of Swarland.

Heslrigg Mt had property in the chapelry of Longframlington, Northumberland which he sold in 1736. He was stated to have emigrated to Jamaica dying there c1760. From An alphabetical catalogue of the Goldsmiths of Newcastle.

Supplied by Alan Vickers M843

Secretary's Report

After a few months in the secretary's job, I am slowly putting together the many pieces of the jigsaw so I can hopefully see the full picture in the near future. The telephone and postal connections between Boroughbridge and Mortimer don't get a chance to cool down as Nina guides me along, prompting me about forthcoming external and internal deadlines, such as equipment log and insurance to the Federation, or agenda items to Margaret Hodgson so that she can update and distribute the detailed agenda in plenty of time for our next committee meeting. So my new secretary's diary that prompts me, and others(!), into action is growing daily. I really am beginning to truly appreciate the work that Nina did for so long and how she made it look so easy. Perhaps I shall have to learn to curb my enthusiasm for volunteering in the future!

As part of the secretary's role, I am fielding many queries from people wanting to know more about the society - most of whom have heard about us via the book or our new internet site. As a result, the society membership increased quite dramatically over the last few months. In the last few years, we have seen a trend where we have lost about 50 members each year and gained 50-55 members. So our current membership has remained constant at around 450. You will see in this issue alone, that we have 40 new members just since the last issue. This is indeed a record for the society. I cannot yet update you on how many members we have lost as we are just starting our annual subscription reminder process. We usually have to send out about 150 reminders of which 100 forgetful people do actually respond. Hopefully the additional methods of subscription payments that were sent out in the December Mecca News (standing order for UK members, and paying for future years a current rates for all members) will ease this recurring problem. We know it will not disappear due totally to human nature.

If you are planning to go to the Federation Family History Conference in Winchester on 10th April, please do let me know because I will be there representing the society (and hopefully selling a few books). I would dearly like to meet more of our members, especially if you don't get the chance to go to the Muster each year.

For those of you who have sent me a query - be it via e-mail or post, I do try to respond as quickly as possible, as do all our committee. But as we are all volunteers, doing all that we do in our spare time, please bear with us if the response is not totally immediate! As we get nearer the end of the century, I am sure time is speeding up ... 1998 went by so quickly, and 1999 appears to be going at a galloping pace.

I am sure many of you find life is operating at a much faster pace these days. But I do hope you find time for yourself, your family, and your family history.

Diane Howarth, (M409), Secretary

These were written and published privately in 1891 by Walter C and Gilbert Metcalfe. They were father and son, both in the law and Fellows of the Society of Antiquaries of London and traced their ancestry back to James Metcalfe (1389-c1471) founder of the Nappa Hall branch, through Ottiwell second son of Thomas (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster to Richard III) who was in turn second son of James. Several members of the Metcalfe Society today can trace their connection with James through this route though the direct line died out in 1756.

Only fifty copies of the Records were printed, so they were rare from the start. My own copy (no 6) which I used as one of the chief sources of our new 'History of the Clan' (recently published by the Society in an edition of 750 copies to mark the millennium), came down to me through my uncle or grandfather, who somehow acquired it from a Dr Henry Collins MD, to whom it was originally given.

Another copy (no 24), in good condition, I have passed to Dorothy Pope (M55) in gratitude for her extensive research into our own branch. It was given to me by a colleague who found it quite by chance in the attic of a house he had recently moved into! This gives an idea of the challenge we would face locating them - it may never be possible to find them all. Nevertheless, their rarity and relevance to our recent book about the family surely justifies making some attempt. The nub of this article is an appeal to members to keep their eyes and ears open for any hint or clue of a copy's whereabouts and to let myself, the editor or the Society's secretary know if anything comes to light. Meanwhile a bit more information about the few we have located to date.

Nina Benson (M29) has come across a copy in the Harrogate Reference Library but its condition is too fragile for photocopying. However at the same venue she also chanced upon a most useful list of the original recipients, shown overleaf. This means we do at least know for whom they were destined, as well as the dates they were apparently sent, noted alongside. Tracing some should therefore be relatively easy, the Inner Temple and Bodleian Libraries for example received copies 21 and 22, whilst Downside (either the Abbey or the School) received no 19. There are also several titled recipients whose descendants should not be too difficult to trace and if the Bodleian has a copy it seems likely the Library of Cambridge University and the British Library are fairly certain to have copies.

Meanwhile three other copies have come to light thanks to John Harker (M192) who reported having seen a copy in the Brighton Municipal Library some time ago and Dr Christopher Metcalfe (M590) who has no 50 and put me in touch with a relative Mr John Metcalfe Wood. The latter has written confirming he has a copy though it is apparently not numbered - and therefore presumably not on the Harrogate list. Evidently Mr Metcalfe Wood's father obtained it from a second-hand book shop in Leeds in the 1920's after hearing about it from a fellow 'gun' on a shoot he

List of the Recipients of the Metcalfe Records found in Harrogate Library

Copy	Name	Date Presented
1	Mrs Tempest	4.3.1892 (passed to Mrs Speight Sept 1906)
2	Mr Vincent	4.3.1892
3	Sir Albert Woods	6.3.1892
4	Mr Horace Broke	7.4.1892
5	Mr W Paley, Baildon	7.3.1892
6	Mr Henry Collins MD	14.3.1892 (owned by JPW Metcalfe M 256)
7	Mr Chalenor Smith	14.3.1892
8	Mr Henry Rodman	14.3.1892
9	Mr Everard Green	7.3.1892
10	Mr Walter J Grubbe	7.4.1892
11	Mr George W Marshall (Rouge Croix)	5.4.1892
12	Hon W R Orde-Powlett	7.4.1892
13	Mr John Sykes MD	17.3.1892
14	Mr Howlett	27.4.1892
15	Mr William Boyd	27.4.1892
16	Mr William Brown	26.4.1892
17	Rt Hon Sir Edward Fry	20.6.1892
18	Major T G Booth	25.7.1892
19	Downside Library	17.5.1892
20	Mr John George Witt QC	12.6.1892
21	Inner Temple Library	19.12.1892
22	Bodleian Library Oxford University	23.9.1892
23	William Page	27.4.1893
24	HH Bothamley	5.5.1894 (passed to Dorothy Pope M55)
25	Benjamin Winston	27.4.1894
26	Viscount Dillon	18.12.1894
27	Charles B O Gepp	2.1.1895
28	George Blencowe	17.7.1895
29	The Lord Hawkesbury	22.11.1897
30	W P W Phillimore Esq.	5.4.1900
31	Sir Hereward Wake Bart	15.2.1899
32	John Hawkwood Metcalfe Esq	- 6. 1902
35	? Heinz Esq	9.7.1902
39	Captain Edward Metcalfe	11.5.1907
43	John Hawkins Esq.	22.11.1903
49	Captain Metcalfe (of America?)	26.10.1906

What happened to the others? Were they never presented? Did they end up in some second-hand book shop in Leeds on Gilbert Metcalfe's death in 1925 as Mr Metcalfe Wood's copy might imply? If there is any member of the Society who would care to try solving this mystery and unravel the whereabouts of the surviving copies of this rare and valuable book would they contact me at Tudor House 6 High Street West, Uppingham Rutland LE15 9QD

METCALFE RECORDS



A chief source of the modern 'Metcalfes - History of the Clan', shown by Barbara Smailes - the books photographer - and Warwick, was Walter and Gilbert's 'Metcalfes Records'.

was attending. At the time he complained of having to pay too much for the book - it would have been interesting to know its price! There has also been one other important development thanks to the industry of our president Charles Metcalfe, who borrowed my copy of the 'Metcalfes Records' and has typed the whole into his word processor and printed it so that the Society now has its own master copy on disc of this invaluable Victorian research. The page size is A4 rather than that of the original but this is likely to be a more useful dimension to handle today. The question is how to make the best use of it? The topic will certainly be discussed at the March committee meeting, so I will end by quoting one of two letters written by Walter Metcalfe to Dr Collins, the recipient of my copy, which have been stuck into it.

'Having at last completed my 'Records' I beg your acceptance of the enclosed copy which I hope will interest you. I hope you will not hand it to Mr JH Metcalfe or anyone else who is likely to fritter away its contents in a local newspaper, a thing I have a great objection to. I will send a copy to Mr Sykes who like yourself will appreciate the various subjects and bygone subjects of interest which it has been my object to place on record, particularly as to the old forms of litigation.'

The underlining is mine. The books contain an amount of Latin (or Clerk's Latin) plus long passages describing court cases and arguments over property and descent, in amongst its material of interest to the ordinary person. It should certainly be valuable for the historian or scholar with an interest in law, though I suspect from this letter the way I have shortened and re-written his erudite work for the general reader of the new Metcalfe book would be unlikely to meet with Walter's approval. Fortunately my initials are not JH! **(J P Warwick Metcalfe M256)**

Metcalfe - History of the Clan - a best seller!

We reported last December about the highly successful launch of the book at the Muster, the fulfilment of all advance orders and the flow of new orders coming in. I am more than pleased to report that this flow became an absolute waterfall through my letterbox every single day leading up to Christmas. In the 18 days of December prior to me going away on holiday, 121 books had been processed and distributed, of which every single one arrived at their destination in time for Christmas (didn't they Stuart Metcalfe M273!!). That is an average of almost 7 books each and every day!!! Since the New Year, it has obviously slowed down from this mad frenzy to a regular average of 10 books per week. To my knowledge, all books despatched have reached their destination - not one lost - although some did take longer than others due to such things as random searches by Canadian customs.

As I write this report in the middle of February, we have sold just over 600 of the 750 books printed. In both our early planning and our wildest dreams, we did not expect to sell this private publication so quickly and in such volumes. Hence, the subject of a potential reprint is looming far earlier than expected, and is a subject for discussion at our spring committee meeting. Full details will follow.

Who is buying the book?

So who is actually buying this best seller? Obviously we have hit our main market - you as members of the society. But as we discuss the feasibility of a reprint - the financial cost, the potential market, short versus long term view etc, here are a few facts and figures to show you where these sales have come from.

- * Of the 600 sold, 409 of these were advance orders and sales at the Muster - all of which were to society members.
- * Since the Muster, only 28 of the remaining 191 copies sold have been to existing members - an equal combination of repeat and new orders.
- * The remaining 163 copies sold since October have been to non-members or newly-joined members. These people have heard about the book from the following sources :
 - * Newly joined member receiving Society and book information (48)
 - * The Dalesman article (44)
 - * Book recipients telling their friends or relatives (especially Dr Christopher Metcalfe M590) (35)
 - * Darlington & Stockton Times article (9)
 - * Metcalfe Society web site (9)

- * Unknown as they did not provide the information with the order (8)
- * ISBN book registration (4)
- * University of Leeds Newsletter (article by Dr Claire Hale, M904) (3)
- * Salt Lake City, Utah, Federation Open Day (2)
- * Family Record Centre (1)

Given the current rate of sales, further promotion of the book through other opportunities has been halted until a decision is made about a potential reprint.

Diane Howarth (M409)

Books

- Swaledale - Portrait of a North Yorkshire Mining Community by John Hardy.
• Published by Frank Peters (Printers) Ltd £15.95.
- Yorkshire Parish Records Volume 1 - Church of England. Compiled by Colin Blanshard Withers, MSc, MBA. From Yorkshire Wolds Publications Mill Farm, Church Street, Banton, Yorks, YO25 9NJ. £24.99.
- National Index of Parish Registers. Published by Society of Genealogists, 14, Charterhouse Lane Bldgs, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA.
• Volume 11 Part2 - Yorkshire North & East Ridings and York. Compiled by A Wilcox £15.00 plus £1.50pp.
• Volume 11 Part 3. Yorkshire - West Riding. Compiled by A Wilcox. £15.00.
- Marriage Laws, Rites, Records and Customs. (Chapman & Litton : Lochin Publishing 1996).
- Basic Facts about using Marriage Records for Family Historians. (Chapman & Litton : FFHS 1996).
- Close Rolls J.O. Payne - Records of the English Catholics of 1715. Burns & Oates 1889, reprint 1970 (contains details of 18thC wills).
• E.E. Estcourt & J.O. Payne. The English Catholic Non-Jurors of 1715. (Burns & Oates 1885).Estate Details.
• Both from The Catholic Family History Society. Mrs B Murray, 2 Winscombe Crescent, Ealing London W5 1AZ

To the Manor Born

In the TV series of the 1980's Penelope Keith and Peter Bowles clashed and sparked over the traditions of the Manor House. Penelope thought that foreign blood could not provide the expertise nor understand the traditions of manorial rule. One had to be "To the Manor Born". It made for entertaining TV.

As with all things the manor had its time and place, now you see the lordship of manors regularly available for sale. In a recent article in Night and Day (Sunday Mail - 7 February 1999) an ex-journalist auctions "titles" "largely to foreigners or rampant social climbers". All the purchasers usually got for their money was the legal right to use "Lord of the Manor" after their names. They have no rights to the old manorial holdings. Yet earlier it was different.

In Anglo-Saxon times many of the villages were controlled by leaders often descendants of the war band chiefs who came in the 5th to 8th centuries. There was a distinct family orientation to these groups. The Norman invasion created a new system which used the Anglo-Saxon estates as the base. Over 90% of pre-conquest owners were summarily disposed of their lands in the twenty years after 1066. This new system was the manor. Manor land was either for the support of the lord and his personal household (his demesne) or land tenanted to villeins in return for services to the lord. Each villein normally had thirty acres, for which they had to give ten days of work a month to the manor. Free men could leave the lord's service whenever they chose but the serfs working directly for the manor were little better than slaves. As the lord controlled all aspects of their life (and death) the statement "To the Manor Born" was apt. Every time land was transferred, for example on the death of a tenant the lord would receive a payment (a fine) and when the heirs took over the land a further fine was imposed.

The system was not particularly popular given the imposition of a largely foreign aristocracy on the majority of the population. Over the years this led to disturbances but the system was strong enough to weather the problems for nearly three hundred years. In the middle of the 14th century the Black Death reduced the number of workers for the land and the law of supply and demand came into play. The serfs used the opportunity to exact changes from the system. This was primarily greater security of tenure including full hereditary rights and fixed rents. Details of the arrangements were entered into the manor court roll and a copy of the title given to the tenant. The record became known as the copyhold. This was the beginning of the end of the manorial system but it survived fairly vigorously until the Enclosure Acts of the 17th and 18th centuries before finally expiring in this century.

Over time the lord often sold his manorial rights to raise cash, either to the sitting tenants or to the new rich of the growing towns. As a result manorial control was reduced. The effective end of the manorial system occurred in 1922 when copyhold

tenure was abolished and made into freehold. Nowadays the lordship is conveyable in name only with few manors retaining their original land rights.

Manorial records are an important source for family historians as they hold details of land tenure down many centuries. They also recorded other day to day activities of the manor and its inhabitants including rights to extract minerals and the treatment of misdemeanours. The manorial court, presided over by the lord's steward administered the regulations and dealt with any offences. The court proceedings were first recorded on rolls then later in volume form. Written in Latin until 1733 the rolls or books may be supplemented by draft rolls, minutes and other steward rolls. Records may have started shortly after the introduction of the manorial system but much of any early information has been lost and the remaining records tend to start in the 15th century with documentation often through to this century.

After the abolition of copyhold tenure in 1922, manorial records were placed under the supervision of the Master of the Rolls. Any changes in ownership of the records should be notified to the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts who administer the rules on behalf of the Master of the Rolls. The Manorial Documents Register contains details of surviving documents and where they are located. Manorial records are not held by the Master of the Rolls or the Commission but are normally to be found in record offices, the PRO, and national/local libraries. Some still remain in private hands and may not be readily available. Buying a lordship does not automatically entitle the purchaser to the manorial documents nor to copies of the documents.

A manor could cover more than one village and a village could be covered by more than one manor. Thus identifying the appropriate manor is not always straightforward. The first thing to do is identify the manor covering the place you are interested in. Published County histories should provide lists. County Record Offices also hold manorial details.

Manorial records are a much under utilised source of information and whilst not the easiest to use can add details where parish records (or the lack of them) fail to do so. If you have not looked at this source why not give it a go. Essential reading *How to Locate and Use Manorial Records* by Patrick Palgrave-Moore.

In the preparation of this article a list of the location of manorial records for the Arkengarthdale, Swaledale and Wensleydale areas was compiled and is to be lodged with our archivist Nina Benson, together with sample extracts from the Bainbridge (Bainbrigg) manor of Wensleydale for the period 1614-1620 which mentions John Edmund James Richard and Joshua Metcalfe amongst others.

*My thanks to **George Buxton M003** for his hard work in producing the lists, obtaining the extracts mentioned above and providing some of the background information..*



Military Birth Registrations - Part II

(first part listed in Mecca News no 56 - December 1998)

Year	Name	Forenames	Place	Regiment	Ref
1876	Mte	Margaret E A	Poona	AH&M Corps	607 7 B
1876	Mte	Margaret E A	Poona	15th	902 82 B
1876	Mte	Margaret E A	Poona	15th	900 21 B
1877	Mte	Gertrude E G	Deesa	15th	900 21 B
1877	Mte	Helen G G	Deesa	15th	902 69 B
1877	Mte	Helen G G	Deesa	AH&M Corps	607 7 B
1878	Mte	Auston	Deesa	15th	900 21 B
1878	Mte	James A F	Deesa	AH&M Corps	607 7 B
1878	Mte	James A F	Deesa	15th	902 79 B
1880	Mte	Ada C	Thoba	17th	1007 115 B
1880	Mte	Ada C	Thoba	17th	1355 3 B
1880	Mte	Ada C	Muree Hills: E India	17th	1009 31 B
1881	Mte	Emma P W	Aberdeen	AH&M Corps	607 49 B
1882	Mte	George S	Portsmouth	17th	1007 115 B
1882	Mte	George S	Portsmouth	17th	1009 31 B
1882	Mt	George S	Portsmouth	17th	1355 10 B
1883	Mte	Elizabeth	Cork	20th	1151 64 B
1883	Mt	Mary J	Athlone	AH&M Corps	607 104 B
1884	Mte	Thomas J	Cork	20th	1151 64 B
1885	Mte	Richard J	Aldershot	17th	1355 14 B
1885	Mte	Richard J	Aldershot	17th	1009 31 B
1885	Mte	Richard J	Aldershot	17th	1007 115 B
1886	Mte	Victoria C	Leith	AH&M Corps	607 131 B
1887	Mte	Albert E	Leeds	17th	1355 14 B
1887	Mte	Albert E	Leeds	17th	1007 115 B
1887	Mte	Albert E	Leeds	17th	1009 31 B
1887	Mte	Isabel T	Aldershot	AH&M Corps	609 326 B
1887	Mte	John R	Aldershot	20th	1151 64 B
1889	Mte	Mary	Aldershot	20th	1151 64 B
1891	Mte	Leslie	Winchester	20th	1151 64 B
1892	Mte	John J A	Farnborough/Aldershot	RA	500 59 B
1892	Mte	John J A	Farnborough/Aldershot	RA	373 306 B
1893	Mt	James	Preston	14th	816 91 B
1893	Mt	James	Preston	14th	813 57 B
1893	Mt	James	Preston	14th	814 185 B
1893	Mte	Kathleen	-	20th	1151 64 B

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

RE - Royal Engineers, RA - Royal Artillery.

There will be a further extract from the list in the next issue - Editor.

Jane Charlotte Sanderson Metcalfe

b 1834



Photograph supplied by **David J Metcalfe M 583**
See branch 66 of Metcalfe - History of the Clan.

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE NEWS

PRO Kew is closed over Bank Holiday weekends and for stocktaking normally in November. To get up to date opening information ring 0181 392 5200.

Induction Training Days on 19 May and 24 June. Chance to learn about the most popular family history records and the material available in the Microfilm Reading Room. Places limited to 12 per session. If interested contact Stella Colwell on 0181 876 3444 extension 2254.

Womens Army Auxiliary Corps. Some 57,000 served with these units in World War I. About 9,000 records survive and can be found in record class WO 398.

Family History Summer School. Four day non-residential event on 12th - 16th July 1999. Course Cost £150 and includes coffee lunch and afternoon tea. To book send name address and daytime telephone number to The Events Team Pro Kew Richmond Surrey TW9 4DU. Mark envelope - Summer School.

Family Records Centre.

BMD Certificates. From 1 April postal fees will be reduced by £1 to £8 if the index is quoted and £11 without a reference.

As from 1 February 1999 Thursday morning opening will be 10.00am.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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.

17 April 1999. Durham County Archives Family History Day.

24 April 1999. SoG / Manchester & Lancashire FHS Joint Conference. 'Computers in Family History' at Chapman Building Salford University.

3 - 5 September 1999. 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. Book 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.

1861 CENSUS

Member J M Dobson (M442) was searching for an elusive ancestor in North Yorkshire and had cause to examine the 1861 Census for the Bedale Registration District. The area consists of some 56 parishes/locations extending from around Northallerton in the east to Castle Bolton in the west and from Danby Wiske in the north to Masham Moor in the south. Here are some of his findings.

There are some fifty six Metcalf(e) families of about 270 individuals scattered in 29 parishes recorded in the Census. The largest congregations were in Bedale, Fearby, Masham and Kirkby Fleetham (six families in each), Crakenhall (4) and Aiskew, Exelby and Ilton (3). The remainder were spread across twenty one of the remaining parishes/locations which include Theakston, Burneston, Carthorpe, Swinton, West Witton, Ellerstring, Thirn, Thornton Steward, Romanby, Danby Wiske, Ainderby Steeple, Morton on Swale, Little Langton, Great Langton, Anderby Myers, Langthorn, Gatenby, Redmire, Preston and Wensley.

The occupations of the head of the families were a surprise in that only 8 were described as farmers (farming 8 to 200 acres) whilst twenty seven heads were listed as agricultural labourers (a term which covers a great deal more than its present day significance). In four villages the Metcalf(e)s were blacksmiths but there was only one leadminer in the whole of the area despite the fact that leadmining was still carried on in the northern part of the registration district. The occupations of the others included rural postman, gardener, vermin destroyer, woodman, wood cutter, grooms (at Agglethorpe and Middleham where there were horse training facilities) and the usual village calling of butcher, baker, joiner, carpenter, shoemaker, tailor and cartwright. There was also one tile maker one milliner and one hairdresser. All in all a versatile and vibrant society.

Metcalf Sightings

Newly qualified to the Institute of Mechanical Engineers J Metcalf and A J Metcalfe
(The Times 8 December 1998)

Settle Football Club Third Team player - A Metcalfe.

(Settle Shop window 2 November

1998)

From a map dated c1730, which was a copy of a 1716 map showing families in the parish of Middlesbrough and the Curacy of Acklam.

Metcalf Mdw, Middlesbrough

Metcalf - , Middlesbrough

(From the Cleveland and S Durham & N Yorks Journal Jan 1999)

Frostrow Methodist Chapel near Sedburgh.

Stone laid by Fida A Metcalfe (and others) 3 April 1886 (*Fida bc1877 Garsdale dau Edmund & Elizabeth*).

Grave of Gibson Metcalfe d 22 January 1965 age 74 (*s Thomas & Elizabeth*)

Membership Details

compiled by Nina Benson, archivist. 10 February 1999.

NEW NAMES/ADDRESSES

M016 Mrs Anne Crabbe to:- 5 Winston House, Parsonage Lane, South Molten, Devon, EX36 3AX.

M144 Mrs Elizabeth Herd to:- 57 Harmire Road, Barnard Castle, Co.Durham. DL12 8DL.

M296 Mrs Christine Sykes to:- Turn Hill, Lunedale, Middleton in Teesdale, Barnard Castle, Co Durham, DL12 0PS.

M396 David J.Metcalf to:- 123 Route de la Chapelle, La Fondance, 76480 Sainte-Marquerite-sur-Duclair, France.

M634 Gordon L.Metcalf from Sequim, WA to :- Pebble Creek Resort, 14734 W.Piccadilly Rd, Goodyear, AZ 85338. U.S.A.

M647 Peter Trueman correction to :- Barnfield Chapel Road 45.

M741 Maurice Stirk, post code change - BS32 4BW.

M829 Eldred Medcalf to:- 28 Prince George Street, Cheadle, Staffs. ST10 1HX.

M855 June Cutting & Christine Turner, post code change - BS31 2DW.

M960 Dennis Metcalfe to :- 41 Victoria Road, Askern, Doncaster, South Yorkshire DN6 0AY.

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.

Nina is trying out a new system by noting where the child fits into it's parents family...hence 6/10 means 6th child of 10. Nina would welcome your comments.

RE-JOINED

M204 Mrs Mary Armitage, 283 Alder Street, Fartown, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire. HD2 1AX. (Sister to M213) children of James William & Gladys (Smith) MT mar 1918 Leeds. James William b 8 Dec 1896 s/o Alfred, iron planer & Annie (nee Fellows) MT. Alfred b c1873 Darlington Co Durham 2/6 of Joseph* and Sarah MT. Joseph b c1846 Hunslet, Leeds. * There is some doubt with Joseph, in the 1881 CR Index he is named James ! Enquiries continue.

M395 Mrs Christine Porter, Scar Close, Hudswell, Richmond, Yorkshire, DL11 6BQ - has taken over the Membership number of her late father David Metcalfe of Richmond. David b 4 Nov 1909 bpt 4 Feb 1910 Masham 8/11 of John & Maria

(Myers) MTE of Masham 1899-1910 when the family moved to South Cleatham, Staindrop Co Durham. John bpt 27 Sep 1868 North Stainley, near Ripon, Yorks. s/o John & Elizabeth (Dickinson) MTE m 13 May 1865 Ripon Cathedral. Confirmation is sought that John was bpt 10 Nov 1839 Masham s/o Thomas & Ann (Wright) MTE m 24 Nov 1831. Thomas bpt 19 Apl 1802 Masham s/o Thomas & Margaret (Hauxwell) MTE m 26 Feb 1794 at Spennithorne.

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

M655 Mr Walter H.Metcalf, Tanglewood, Netherfield Hill, Battle, East Sussex, TN33 0LF. Born Rowlands Gill, Co Durham s/o Charles Halliday & Ena May (Smith) MT m 14 Mar 1925 Gateshead, Co Dur. Charles H. b 1903 Burnopfield, Dur. s/o Charles Aaron & Martha Halliday (Cardwell) MT m 15 Oct 1902 Newcastle upon Tyne, NBL. Charles A. b 5 Dec 1880 Burnopfield, Dur, 3/8 of Aaron & Elizabeth (Carruthers) MT/MD m 27 Apl 1874 Newcastle upon Tyne. Aaron b 5 May 1848, Moss House, Allendale, NBL, 5/8 of Joseph & Elizabeth (Varty) MIDCALF/METCALF/MEDCALF m 11 Jun 1835 Allenheads, NBL. Joseph b c 1806 Swinhope, NBL.

M870 Mrs Jennie Mould, 2429 Goodison Ave, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, L5B 1W6....discount everything entered in MN53 p24/5 we were following a false trail ! Jennie is a descendant of William MTE whose military records reveal that he was born 1799/1800 in England. William enlisted in the 99th Regiment of Foot at Blackburn, Lancs on 19 Dec 1825 at the age of 22 when he states that he is a weaver of the town and parish of WINSORDALE in Yorkshire. We know that this COULD be Wensleydale (but there is no town of Wensleydale) and we would like to check to see if anyone else has a better idea...please let Nina or Jennie know.

M959 Mrs Patricia L.Jarrett & Mr Carl Metcalf, 9 Stuart Ave, Stacksteads, Bacup, Lancs. OL13 0UD. Alfred b 1872 Leeds s/o Thomas & Rose Ann (Lane) MT m 16 July 1871 St Stephens, Burmantofts, Leeds. Thomas b 27 Jan 1852 East St.Leeds, 11/11 of John & Elizabeth (Haigh) MT m 8 Jan 1826 St Peters, Leeds. John bpt 6 Apl 1806 St Peters s/o Joseph MT of Holbeck.

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

M966 Dr Michael J.Metcalf, The Willow Tree, Wasperton, Warwickshire, CV35 8EB. Details awaited.

M967 Mrs N.Jane Meachin, 24 Pentland Crescent, Comiston, Edinburgh, EH10 6NP. In researching a LEAF ancestor Jane wished to search from a marriage on 2 Oct 1847 at Thornton near Pickering, Yorkshire between James METCALFE & Eliza LEAFE d/o Robert. James a mason of Bradford s/o Ruben (sic) MTE also a

mason. James bpt 18 May 1822 Grinton in Swaledale 6/6 children of Reuben & Isabella (Lockey) MTE m 14th May 1803 at Muker. Reuben 1780-1842 s/o Thomas & Annis (Binks) MTE m 16 Oct 1769 Grinton. Thomas b c1745. **Connected to M46, M52, M300 & M302.**

M968 Ms Kristina M Metcalfe, 6800 Columbia Avenue, Apt 8Q. North Bergen, New Jersey 07047 U.S.A. Born in Dallas, Texas, USA dau of James Joseph & Lillian (Hammer) Oberwinder m 1933. James J. b 16 Sep 1906 in Berlin, Germany, (took his mother's surname of Metcalfe upon emigration to USA Feb 1914) s/o Richard Maria Wilhelm & Bernice Roche (nee Metcalfe) Oberwinder m 8 Oct 1903 Dresden, Germany. Bernice b 19 Feb 1822 Natchez, Mississippi only d/o William Baker & Mary S.(Roche) MTE m 1881. William b 30 Sep 1849 Natchez s/o Oren & Zuleika Rosalie (Lyons) MTE m 12 Apl 1838 Natchez. Oren b 28 Jan 1810 Enfield, Connecticut s/o Thomas & Sybil (Chapin) MTE m 26 Nov 1788 Enfield. Thomas b 9 Aug 1764 Ockham, Massachusetts s/o Samuel & Hannah (Richardson) MT m 11 Mar 1762 Rutland, Mass. Samuel b 26 Apl 1739 Rutland Mass. s/o Ebenezer & Margaret (Rockwood) MT m 11 Jul 1732 Wrentham, Norfolk, Mass. Ebenezer b 8 Jan 1690/1 Wrentham s/o Ebenezer & Meletiah (Fisher) MT m 9 Apl 1684 Wrentham. Ebenezer b 2 Mar 1652/3 Dedham.Mass s/o Michael & Mary (Fairbanks) MT m 2 Apl 1644 Dedham. Michael b 29 Aug 1620 St Benedicts, Norwich, England 3rd of 11 of Michael & Sarah (Ellwyn) Mte m 13 Oct 1616 Hingham (Heigham) nr Norwich, Norfolk. Michael b 1590 Tatterford, Norfolk 5/8 of Leonard & Amy (?) Mte. Leonard b circa 1541 Apperside, Wensleydale ?1/3 of Roger & Elizabeth (?) MTE of Beare Park. Roger ? born by 1490 s/o Leonard MTE. Leonard ? b c1460 1/3 of Bryan MTE. **Cousin to M585** who believes the ancestry stems from Alfred the Great. **See also XM283, XM455, XM456 & XM571.**

M969 Mr & Mrs Ivan & Grace Metcalfe, Hare Appletree Farm, Quernmore, Lancaster, LA2 0QP. And their son and dau in law :-

M970 Mr & Mrs John & Christina Metcalfe, Millstones, Hare Appletree, Quernmore, Lancaster. And dau & son in law of M969:-

M971 Mr & Mrs James & Irene G.Slater, Hudsbrook Farm, Claughton on Brock, Garstang, Preston. Lancs. Ivan s/o John Bibby & Clarice (Burrow) Mte. John Bibby b c1895/6 Aughton Hall Farm, Lancs. 7/10 of Edmund & Mary (Bibby) MTE m 6th Jun 1882 Over Kellet, Lancs. Edmund bpt 10 Feb 1858 Over Kellet 7/9 of Anthony & Mary (Tomlinson) MTE m 21 Jul 1844 Over Kellet. Anthony bpt 16 Jan 1820 Timrig 9/16 of Anthony & Margaret (Rallinshaw) MTE m 30 Sep 1805 Tunstall, Lancs. Anthony bpt 5 Jun 1781 Hawes in Yorkshire 8/10 of Thomas & Mary (nee Metcalfe) m 4 Nov 1775 Hawes. Thomas bpt 15 Aug 1736 1st of 4 of Michael & Ann (Plewes/Plowes) m 15 Nov 1735 Hawes. Michael bpt 18 Nov 1709 Hawes, 6/10 of Matthew & Alice (?) Mte. Matthew 1st/3 of Richard & Mary (Smith)

MTE. Richard 1/2 of Matthew of Appersett & Lord Trustee of the Manor of Bainbridge who had a brother Richard. **Connects to M53, M121 & M390.**

M972 Ms Susan Hildreth, 1115 Upland Way, Coreen River, Wyoming 82935, USA. Gt.Gt grand-dau of Anthony Metcalfe and his wife Margaret ?Pheason/Pearson whose marriage has not yet been traced. Anthony's 2nd wife whom he married 6 Jan 1840 at Skelton on Ure Yorkshire, was Frances Chambers nee Swiers a widow aged 47 & dau of Thomas Swiers. Anthony lived at Westwick Lock betwixt Roecliffe & Bishop Monkton, Yorkshire and born at Masham c 1793 son of Thomas. Confirmation sought that he was bpt 9 Oct 1791 Kirkby Malzeard s/o Thomas & Sarah (Ward) MTE m 23 Nov 1780 Masham. Thomas b c1755.

M973 Mr Ian Metcalf & Dau Mrs Jacqueline Pickering, 1 Popplewell Terrace, Preston Village, North Shields, Tyne & Wear, NE29 9LD. Descendants of William John Mt bapt 13 Jun 1909 St Hilda's Ch. Middlesbrough, YKS. s/o Charles Robert & Susan (?) MT. Charles R. b c1881 Boldron Co Durham 5/10 of William Scarth & his 2nd wife Jane Hannah (Colpitts) MT m 14 Aug 1871 Wilton in Cleveland. William Scarth b c1840 Guisborough, Yks, s/o William MT, a currier b c1813 Newcastle NBL.

M974 Mrs Marilyn Palmer, 1198 Newell St, Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, N7V 3H8. Great great grand-dau of John & Adassa Frances (Benton) MT m 12 Apl 1832 Huttons Ambo, Yorkshire. Their first child of 8 Edward Benton MT is supposed to have been born in England before the family emigrated to Canada. John is listed as a gardener and said to go to Canada from Lincolnshire.

M975 Mr David Blanchard, 3 Grove Court Farm, Boughton, Faversham, Kent, ME13 9SH. Details awaited.

M976 Mr Peter Howarth, 42 Lee Road, Nelson, Lancs. BB9 8SD. Born in Colne, Lancs.s/o Robert & Hazel (nee Metcalfe) Howarth. Hazel b 25 May 1920 Colne d/o Reuben & Gladys (Pearson) MTE. Reuben a master coachbuilder & painter died 1962 in a small village called Houses Hill near Kirkheaton in Yorks - had sister Dolly, Gladys & Hazel & a bro Ernest children of Charles & Eleanor Ann/Nelly (Mashiter d/o Thomas) MTE m 1899. Charles born 29 Feb 1869 d 1939.

M977 Mrs Wyn George, 137 Rydal Road, Chester le Street, Co Durham. DH2 3DS. Wyn has two distinct lines...her own mother was Emily Mary nee Metcalfe b in Streatham, London in 1908 dau of Anthony Weston MTE b 1879 s/o James & Sarah (Hunter) Mte. James b 5 Jan 1833 Liverpool 4/10 of Edward Parr & Martha Kaye (Gorst) MTE m 19 Aug 1825. Edward Parr bpt 20 Jan 1799 Liverpool d 1867 Birks, Sedbergh, 4/6 of James & Ann (Parr) MTE bpt 31 Dec 1759 Ravenstonedale, Wes. James bpt 31 Dec 1759 2nd/5 of Anthony & Mary (Fothergill) Mte m 16 Feb

1757 Ravenstonedale. Anthony bc1736.

Wyn's mother in law, Ruth Mary Metcalfe, m 1 Jun 1931 Barton Ch nr Darlington to Oscar George 1904-1989. Ruth Mary b 28 Sep 1910 Leamside, Co Durham d/o Thomas & Anne (Lancaster) Mte m 1 Jun 1899 Manfield, Darlington. Thomas b 1 Nov 1862 Killerby Co Durham s/o John ? and this is where our research begins to differ ! Wyn's information is that John was born circa 1827 at Thornton Rust in Wensleydale the son of Thomas & Elizabeth (Thistlethwaite) Mte m 27 Mar 1827 Aysgarth. Thomas being s/o John & Nanny (Allan) Mte m 1794 Aysgarth...However in all the census returns for John and his family he states he was born at Aldfield/Ripon circa 1823/6 and **THE SOCIETY CAN ADD**:- would appear to be baptised at Aldfield 12 Oct 1823 2/4 of Thomas & his 1st wife Mary (Clarkson) Mte m 26 Apr 1821 Ripon Cathedral. (Thomas 2nd m 1830 Dorothy Snowden by whom he had a further 9 children). Thomas bpt 23 Sep 1797 Aldfield 6/9 of Andrew & his 2nd wife Dorothy Lofthouse m 29 Mar 1786 Ripon Cathedral (he had previously been m 27 May 1779 to Elizabeth Fryer by whom he had 1 dau). Andrew bpt 31 Dec 1743 5/6 child of Robert & Mary (Rymer) MTE m 16 Apr 1735 at Topcliffe, Yks. Robert bpt 13 Feb 1704 Cundall 6/7 child of James & Ann (?) Mte. James 2/4 child of James & Ann (?) Mte of Cundall. James bpt 17 Apr 1638 Cundall 2/3 sons of Francis & his 2nd wife ? Cicely Gatenby m 25 Jul 1637 Burneston Yks. **Connects to the late Kathleen Cole M443 & M573 & ?M519.** Wyn is to return to her original source of information to double check !

M978 Mr Clifford A. Metcalfe, PO Box 265, Wolfeboro Falls, NH 03896 USA. Clifford b USA s/o Clifford Aloysius & Ann (Jergensen) MTE m 20 May 1948. Clifford Aloysius b 29 June 1927 s/o Francis George* & Julia (Whelan) MTE m 30 July 1911. Francis G. b 17 July 1888 in Leeds, England s/o George Smith & Harriet (Iles) MTE m 1887 Leeds. George Smith b 1863 Scarborough, Yorkshire, 1/9 of Major & Mary Ann (Reed) MTE m 1862 Scarborough. Major bpt 9th Mar 1838 St Sampson's York 8/10 of James & Margaret (Girling) MTE m 3 Jul 1820 Escrick YKS. James bpt 29 Jan 1796 St Mary's Castlegate, York 6/7 of William & Mary (Fearn) MTE m 12 Mar 1782. William s/o John, cordwainer of Leeds & Mary (?) MTE. *Francis George had a brother Sydney Fairfax MTE b 1893 Leeds - the story goes that he was arrested and sent back to England during World War 1 - he had been demonstrating against USA entering the war. It is said that he joined the English army and at the end of the war he went to Australia and was lost to the family, **CAN ANY-ONE OVER THERE HELP ? Connects to M444.**

M979 Mrs Karen Hawkins, 37 Palmerston St, Consett, Co Durham, DH8 5RF. Great great grand-dau of John & Margaret (Metcalfe) Holmes m 4 Oct 1790 Aysgarth. Margaret bpt 29 Mar 1768 Aysgarth d/o Bryan & Elizabeth (Thompson) MTE m 6 Nov 1766 Aysgarth. Bryan bpt 23 May 1738 Aysgarth 6/8 of Bryan & Margaret (Lupton) MTE m 30 Oct 1725/6 Aysgarth and **THE SOCIETY CAN ADD**:-

Bryan bpt 21 Aug 1698 1/10 of John & Grace (?) MTE. John b ? yeoman of Carperby 3/5 of Bryan & ? MTE husbandman of Carperby. Bryan 2/6 of John & Christian (Simpson) MTE of Carperby. John 1/3 of James & Ann (?) MTE of Heugh and Nappa Scar. **Connects to M163.**

M980 Mr Edwin G. Metcalf, 55 Swinton Rise, Ravenshead, Nottingham, NG15 9FS. Grandson of Oliver William & Ellen (Weedon) MT m 15 Jun 1907 Fornham St Martin. Oliver W. bpt 22 Feb 1874 Withersfield SFK 2/4 of Simon & Maria (Lindsell) MD m 29 May 1871 Withersfield, SFK. Simon bpt 28 Jan 1844 Withersfield, SFK, 7/8 of Charles & his 2nd wife Lydia (Sparkes) MT m 1 Oct 1830 Withersfield, SFK. Charles 5/6 of George & Sara (Copping) MT m 5 Nov 1795 Great Thurlow SFK. George 9/9 of Isaac & Elizabeth (Webb) MT m 11 Oct 1744 Great Wrating, Suffolk.

M981 Mrs Anne L. Parker, 179 Cole Valley Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, B28 0DG. Grand-dau of Florence Ann Browne b 31 Dec 1894 at 5 Paradise Row, Driffild, E. Yorkshire d/o Annie Maria MTE. Annie Maria b c1876 Northallerton, N. YKS. d/o James & Christiana (?) MTE. **THE SOCIETY CAN ADD** :- James bpt 4 May 1851 Kirkby Fleetham YKS 9/9 of Joseph & Ann (Smith) MTE m 7 Oct 1837 Well, YKS. Joseph b c 1811/12 Aiskew nr Bedale.

M982 Mr Sydney Richardson, 5 West Dene, Wigton Lane, Leeds, LS17 8QT. Descended from Kirkby Stephen families 18-19C. Details awaited.

M983 Mr Dave Metcalfe, Castle View, 7B Tower Street, Richmond, N. Yorkshire, DL10 4QW. David Charles MTE b 1953 2/2 of Leonard & Muriel W.(?) MTE. Leonard b 7 Oct 1924 4/5 of Charles William & Alice (Atkinson) MTE m 8 Apr 1912 and lived Wombwell nr Barnsley. Charles Wm b 1 May 1888 s/o Charles & Mary Elizabeth (Smith) MTE & lived at Fishtoft, Lincs. **THE SOCIETY CAN ADD** :- Charles bc 1856 Fishtoft and **may connect to M742** - confirmation awaited.

M984 Mrs Jean Marr, Rose Warren, Arkengarthdale Road, Reeth, Richmond, N Yorkshire. DL11 6QX. Grand-dau of Mary Jane nee Metcalfe b c1871 Croft only child of John & Margaret** (nee Metcalfe) Metcalfe m 9 May 1867 Grinton in Swaledale. John was a shoe & bootmaker of Hurworth Place, Co Durham b c 1838 Sadberge Co Durham 4/12 of John & Mary (Moses) MTE m 9 May 1831 Croft. John b 19 Feb 1804 Co Durham. ** Margaret b c1844 Healaugh in Swaledale 1/3 of George & Mary (Gill) MTE m 8 Apr 1843 at Grinton. George bpt 11 Apr 1820 at Low Row Wesleyan Methodist Ch. 7th child of William & Margaret (Raw) MTE m 5 Jul 1804 Grinton. William b c1781 Whitaside, Swaledale. **Connects to M128, M335 & M451.**

M985 Ms Kristine K. Webster, 1112 Portner Road, Alexandria, VA 22314, USA. Kristine b Brooklyn USA great great grand-dau of John & Edith (nee Metcalf)

Turnbull m 4 Oct 1869 St Stephen's Ch. South Shields, Co Durham, England. Edith b 29 May 1849 South Shields 4/6 of William & Ann (Carter) MT m 17 May 1842 St Hilda's Ch. South Shields. William b c 1821 at Barton N. Yorkshire s/o ?John MT a glassmaker.

M986 Mr John Metcalfe, 71 Brentwood Road, Nelson, Lancs. BB9 8AY. Details awaited.

M987 Mrs Gladys M. Gill, 1 Thorn Lane, Leeds, LS8 1NF. Grand-dau of Joseph & Mary (nee Metcalfe) Richardson m 22 Oct 1877 Stalling Busk in Wensleydale, YKS. Mary bpt 26 Dec 1858 Stalling Busk d/o Sarah Metcalfe & James Heseltine m 15 Dec 1860 Stalling Busk. Sarah bpt 26 Feb 1837 Stalling Busk 1/6 of James & Priscilla (Peacock) MTE m 19 Jan 1836 Aysgarth. James b Castle Bolton bpt 15 Aug 1813 Stalling Busk 2/14 of William & Sarah (Dinsdale) MTE m 18 May 1811 Stalling Busk. William bpt 8 Feb 1789 Stalling Busk 6/15 of William & Anne (Tomlin) MTE. William bpt 13 May 1759 Stalling Busk 3/11 of John & Barbara** (nee Metcalfe) MTE m 12 May 1756 Hawes. John bpt ? 25 Mar 1739 OR 1727.

Barbara Metcalfe bpt 31 Jul 1729 4/13 of Anthony & Alice* (nee Metcalfe) MTE m 18 Aug 1724 Chapel le Dale. Anthony b c1694/9, 1/4 of Cuthbert & Barbara/Barbary (Simonston) MTE m 1694. Cuthbert b c1660/3 1/2 of Anthony & Elizabeth (Winn) MTE. Anthony b c1640 ? s/o& Margaret**** nee Metcalfe) MTE. ***Alice b c1700/5 d/o Philip & Alice (Jackson) MTE m 31 Jul 1698 Hawes. ****Margaret d/o Anthony & Anne (Hudson) MTE. Anthony d 1658/9.

Mrs Gladys Gill told me that she hoped to find some relatives - I trust that M6, M50, M55, M63, M69, M178, M256, M288, M296, M297, M307, M384, M410, M427, M539, M550, M676, M748, M859, M896 & M897 will be in touch !

M988 Mrs Barbara Payne, 1 Stoney Lane, Foulridge, Colne, Lancs. BB8 7PQ. Dau of John Eric MTE b 6 Nov 1931 Stalling Busk in Wensleydale YKS. 5/7 of Thomas Henry & Eva Gwendoline (Stubbs) MTE m 20 Jan 1925 Coverham. Thomas Henry b c1902 8/9 of Jeffrey & Mary (Wilkinson) MTE m 10 Nov 1888 Lunds. Jeffrey b 20 Nov 1853 Snaizelholme 4/7 of John & Elizabeth (Calvert) MTE m 23 Nov 1844 Hawes. John b c1820 Appersett s/o James MTE. **Connects to M321 & M521.**

M989 Mrs Pamela Metcalf, Nappa Lodge, Trotters Lane, Harlaxton, Grantham, Lincs. NG32 1JQ. Husband Irvin b Staindrop, Co Durham s/o James & Jane (?) of Old Lodge Farm. James b 11 Nov 1914 at Old Lodge Farm s/o John Stephenson & Beatrice Eliza (Bell) MT. John S. b 6 Apl 1869 Old Lodge Farm 2/10 of Ralph & Margaret Jane (Stephenson) MT. The family lived at Dent Gate Farm, Langleydale, Staindrop c1871-1891. Ralph bpt 5 Mar 1832 Barton, near Richmond, YKS 2/2 of James & Eleanor (Gibson) MT m 23 May 1829 Barton. James bpt 25 Dec 1801 Bowes 6/6 of Ralph & Susannah (Deanham) MTE m 12 Apl 1784 at Bowes. Ralph b

c1751 Mallerstang died Nov 1811 and is buried at Bowes, he is believed at have had a brother Edward bc1748 Mallerstang d 1810 buried at Bowes. **Connects to XM851.**

M990 Mr John R. Metcalfe, 161 London Road, Newmarket, Ontario, Canada, L3Y 7A7. Born 1946 s/o Ronald & Dolina (Harlow) MTE. Ronald 1923-76 b London, Ontario 6/6 of Francis & Gertrude (Kilvington) MTE m 9 July 1919. Francis born 15 Dec 1892 Leyburn, North Yorkshire, Eng.

M991 Mrs Jennifer Priestley, 8 North Green, Staindrop, Darlington, Co. Durham, DL2 3JN. Great great grand-dau of Thomas & Ellen/Eleanor (Robson) MTE m 8 Jun 1850 at Patrick Brompton in Wensleydale, YKS. Thomas & his family lived at various times at Bellerby, Middleham, Thornton Watlass, Stanwick St John, Richmond & Eggleston in Teesdale; he was b c 1831 Bellerby YKS and as stated on his marriage cert he is son of Thomas MTE a blacksmith. The only bpt at Patrick Brompton is on 24 May 1831 (right year) s/o Thomas & Elizabeth (?) Mte of Bellerby - Thomas given as a schoolmaster (wrong occupation). **Connects to XM645.**

M992 Mr John J. Fletcher, 31 Brook Park, Sleights, Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO21 1RT. Born Redcar, Yorkshire grandson of John & Alice (nee Metcalf) Walburn m 22 Jun 1908. Alice b 4 Apl 1881 1/7 of Robert & Alice (Turner) MT m May 1864 Marrick in Swaledale. Robert bpt 18 Feb 1843 Easby nr Richmond 1/9 of Anthony & Mary** (nee Metcalfe) MTE m 15 Nov 1820 Easby. Anthony a tailor of Skeeby b c 1795 d Sep 1849 aged 54. **Mary bpt 25 Mar 1798 St Mary Marylebone, London d/o John & Frances/Fanny (?) MTE. **Connects to M311.**

M993 Mrs Ruth Seward, 48 Wigan Crescent, Bedhampton, Havant, Hants, PO9 3PP. Details awaited.

M994 Mr John Stuart Metcalf, 636 Upper Oak Leaf Rd., Athens, Ontario, Canada, K0E 1B0. Son of Neil & Carolyn (Palmer) MT. Neil b 1928 Canada s/o Bruce & Neva (Allan) MT. Bruce b 1890 1/7 of John Luther & Priscilla (Cox) MT. John Luther 1866-1955 7/7 of Isaac & Ann (Bell) MT. Isaac is supposed to have been born in 1808 in England and moved to Canada in the 1830s. He settled in Darlington township near Bowmanville, Ontario. Isaac married wife Ann Bell. However we have on record that Isaac married Ann Bell at Brough under Stainmore, Westmorland, Eng. on 31st June 1847. Isaac bpt 13 May 1806 5/6 of James & Jane (Johnson) MT m 13 July 1790 at Brough. James bpt 31 Dec 1773 at Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland s/o William & Mary (Williamson) m 25 Nov 1765 Kirkby Stephen, WES.

M995 Mr Roger L. Metcalf, Oaklea, Mapledrakes Rd, Ewhurst, Surrey, GU6 7OP. Details awaited.

M996 Mr Richard Jack, 5 Wilkes Street, Richmond, Nelson, New Zealand. Descendant of George & Mary (Pratt) Scar m Dec 1767 Askrigg, Yorkshire. Mary d/o Thomas & Mary (nee Metcalfe) Pratt m. 20 Jun 1736 Askrigg when both were "of Grange". Mary born c1719 could be bpt Askrigg 2 Aug 1719 d/o Thomas MTE of Worton, husbandman. OR bpt 19 Nov 1719 Askrigg d/o John MTE of Askrigg, householder - does anyone know more ? **Connects to M38.**

M997 Mr J.E.Mitchell, 49A Alexandra Rd, Southport, Lancs. PR9 9HD. Details awaited.

M998 Ms Susan Wallace, 36 Doncaster Ave, London, Ontario, Canada N6G 2A3. Dau of Earl Weston & Edith (nee Metcalfe) Wallace m 1945 Rotherham, England. Edith b 1922 1/3 of John William & Esther Gladys (Barratt) MTE. John William b 1890 Askham in Furness, Lancs 1/11 of Parkin John & Margaret (Heaveyside) MTE m 1889 Ulverston, Lancs. Parkin John b 4Q1861 Sedbergh Yorkshire. **May connect to M155.**

M999 Mr Andrew J.Allen, 16 Swire Croft, Gargrave, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 3SJ. Details awaited.

M1000 Miss Lydia D.Crompton & Mrs Lydia A.Crompton, 127 Shaw Lane, Prescot, Merseyside, L35 5BT. Details awaited.

M1001 Wing Commander & Mrs F.D.Metcalfe, Lluest, Penuwch, Tregaron, Dyfed, Wales, SY25 6RA. Details awaited.

M1002 Mr & Mrs R.F.Mills, 41 Nell Street, Greensborough, Victoria 3088, Australia. Details awaited.

M1003 Mrs Joan Pinkney & Mr.M.W.Pinkney, 4 Rowanbrook, Station Rd, Scorton, Richmond, North Yorkshire. DL10 6EY. Descendant of Francis & Elizabeth (nee Metcalfe) Earle m c1786 Aysgarth, Yks. Elizabeth b c1760 d/o William & Mary (?) MTE.

M1004 Mr I.E. Metcalfe, Ingthorne House, Ingthorne Lane, South Milford, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS25 5BZ. Details awaited.

M1005 Mrs Iris Marquis, 6 Hadnall Close, Acklam, Middlesbrough, TS5 8QP. Details awaited.

PLEA FOR HELP

M866 John L.Metcalf, 19017 Newhouse St., Canyon Country, CA 91351-2834 USA. Enquires whether anyone knows of a William Medcalf (or variant) who was born circa 1700 to 1725 and who is not accounted for ? John's most distant ancestor William Medcalf m Ann Button in Great Limber, Lincolnshire on 31 Jan 1748 (old style). He had previously been m in 1744 to Sarah Fock but she died the same year. William died in Great Limber in 1763. Nina holds two IRCs for any replies.

Further NEWS from the ARCHIVES

Many thanks for your letters, Christmas cards, photographs and last but not least your Lists - all are much appreciated. Amongst the latest arrivals are :-

1881 Census Returns Index "National Sort", a complete alphabetical arrangement by forenames for all Metcalfes (& variants) has been purchased by the Society and enquiries are welcome (with return postage) but NO we cannot copy sections !

M943 has donated copies of a book by her ancestor Henry Ernest Metcalf, M.I.Mech.E., M.I.N.A. born 1868 in Bradford YKS & whose father was born in Hovingham, Yorkshire. Henry, in the course of his business life travelled widely and his accounts of the life & times in Russia and in Japan are enlightening. In this book and an accompanying diary his wife adds her own comments on Russian & Japanese life and gives a wonderful account of a trip to visit relatives in Canada. Now in our Library. **M980** has sent in Census Returns covering Withersfield, Suffolk 1841-91 and Parish Registers covering Births 1558-1853; Mges 1558-1842 & 1859-1909; Burials 1558-1880; & MIs. Also Boyds Marriage Index 1500-1837 for Suffolk Metcalfes. **M951** provided us with MIs from Hutton Rudby, Crathorne, Kirklevington and Stainton in Cleveland, **M866** sent in parish register entries from various parishes in Lincolnshire c1500-1720. **M930** has recorded the Metcalfes in the 1851 CR for Lancaster and maybe worthy of a mention is John Metcalfe 62 b Cockerham Lancs a grocer & East India Company Pensioner, wf Jane 59, s Thomas 15, s John Edward 12 & mother in law Mary Cornthwaite aged 90!

Thank you to everyone who has sent in contributions - keep them coming ! Perhaps here I should mention that it has been necessary to cease copying Lists for Members due to the uncertainty on Copyright law. Naturally reply paid enquiries for particular persons or families remain very welcome. During the handover of the secretarial work to Diane Howarth and David Lambert I have been extra busy and at times this has caused a pile-up of your requests - do not despair, I can now see daylight at the end of the tunnel & although 23 letters of the 63 received since 1st January still await attention I trust that by the time you read these lines your request has been answered.

Nina E.Benson, Archivist. Tel/Fax 01423-324018. 9th February 1999

Useless Information Department

Our family history book **Metcalfe - History of the Clan** has 105,00 words.

LT. EDMUND WHITEFORD METCALFE

The following incident was found in the East India Company records (Ref E/4/195 Pages 976-981) by George Buxton (M003). It is dated 25 November 1840 and relates to complaints forwarded by the commission in Gauvain regarding improper conduct by Lieutenants Richardson and Metcalfe of the 43rd Native Infantry during the celebration of the Desserah festival at Kimneddy, India.

Lt Richardson whilst in command of a detachment of his regiment at Kimneddy went to the Desserah festival on the evening of 18 October 1839 where he stopped and spoke with the Rajah. The crush around the Rajah and his Planquin was so great and the noise so loud that the lieutenant found he could not carry out a conversation with the ruler and finding difficulty in extracting himself from the throng took a sword, waved it over the heads of the crowd and cleared a way back to his horse. The complaint was that he caused an insult to the ruler and offended the Hindu's at the festival by waving the sword during a religious procession. The findings were that he was somewhat improper and inappropriate in his conduct by talking to the Rajah in the middle of a religious festival and then flourishing a drawn sword at a sensitive time.

Lt Edmund Whiteford Metcalfe went to the town on the same evening and after the procession was over entered one of the Hindu temples against the wishes of the priest and touched the idols. Although this was denied by the sepoy accompanying the lieutenant who said the priest did not object. He then went to the house of a dancing girl where he was violently attacked by a gang of men and beaten. He sent his sepoy back to camp for help and a number of sepoys and a Hindu came to his aid. Another message reached the camp that an officer was being murdered by ruffians and the rest of the detachment was called to arms and marched on the town. The infantry rescued Lt Metcalfe but the attackers had fled although an assailant was seized shortly afterwards. The lieutenant was accused of threatening the peace of the district by his conduct and compromised his position and that of his fellow British officers by interfering with the religious beliefs of the local populace and placing himself in a situation which resulted in him being beaten and generally ill treated.

The Major General of the East India Company Army Sir H Gough thought it necessary for both officers to be brought before a Court Martial to answer the charges but the Governor requested that they be severely reprimanded for their improper conduct and that neither of them should be employed in a similar role until they had gained sufficient experience so as to avoid future incidents. The recommendation was adopted and the hope was that the leniency would lead to an improvement in the officers future conduct. If it did not they were to be dismissed from the service.

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As repeatedly reported, Metcalfe - History of the Clan would not have been the resounding success if it had not been for you, the members, buying the book, even before it had been produced. As you have received your copy, can any of you say that you haven't tried to find reference to yourself, and/or your Metcalfe line in the book? Be honest!

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The Metcalfe Society on the television again!

Those of you attending the Muster last year, watched the video copy we have of Nina Benson's excellent TV debut promoting the Metcalfe name and the society. Full details about Nina's nerve-wracking adventure are in MN 54. Well, it looks like the society's TV career is blossoming. For those of you in the north of England, you will all know, and probably love the TV series "The Dales Diary", presented by Luke Casey. It is produced by Yorkshire/Tyne Tees TV and also goes out worldwide on the Sky Travel Channel. The wonder of electronic mail (e-mail) has led the producer of the programme to our secretary to discuss their interest in doing something on the Metcalfe Society, particularly the Wensleydale connection. So a copy of the book has been swiftly despatched as background information and discussions will begin shortly to find out what they want to do. We will obviously keep you up to date with progress on this very exciting opportunity.

and finally....

Governor Metcalf of the Know-Nothing Party

Residing in great state of New Hampshire, USA, myself, I have a small collection of old books, one of which is the "History of New Hampshire" by John N. McClintock Copyright 1888. It quotes

"In 1852 the Democratic party seemed strongly entrenched in power in New Hampshire, and were arrogant and overbearing. The Know-Nothing movement was introduced to break their solid front; and well it succeeded.

At the spring election in 1855 Ralph Metcalf was elected by the Know-Nothing party. Governor Metcalf was born in Charlestown in November 1798, passed his youth on the farm of his father... veteran of the Revolution, graduated Dartmouth College... elected Secretary of state in 1831 (state of NH). He was re-elected for a second term and died in 1858.

Governor Metcalf was a great lover of romance... and wielded a ready and humorous pen. He was fond of social life, and contributed freely to its promotion."

He was only two paragraphs in the entire book, and only a footnote twice as the Governor who appointed men to the bench, who later themselves became famous. It sounds as if he just was a man who knew how to have a party and that's all. As an aside, the author's partner and contributor of many of the pictures in the book was Henry H. Metcalf, no other information given.

Cliff Metcalfe (M978)

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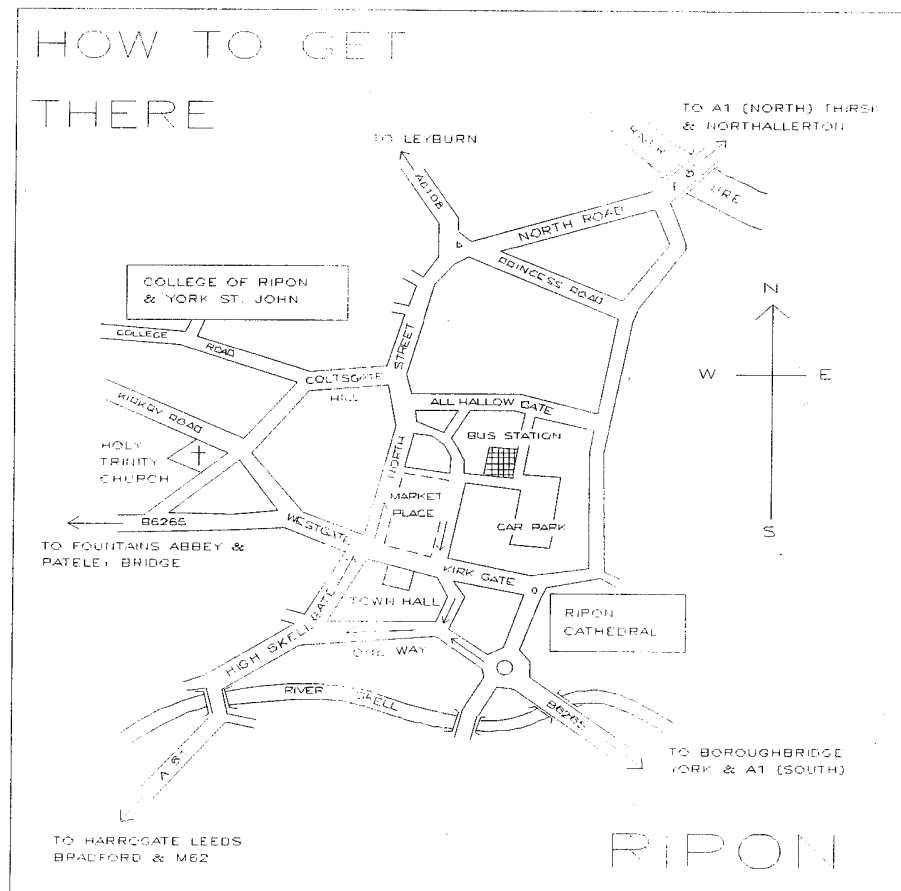
If you wish to pay in £ sterling (irrespective of the country in which you reside), please make your cheque payable to The Metcalfe Society to :

- * Mrs C. Arkwright, School Farm, 1 Middleton Road, Overton, Morecambe, Lancs LA3 3HB, **UK**
- If you wish to pay in the relevant local currency**, please use the current exchange rate, make your cheque payable to the name of the agent, not the society, and send it to :
 - * Miss Mary Morris, 59A Devonshire Road, Miramar, Wellington 6003, **New Zealand**
 - * Miss Dianne Fox, 53 Southern Road, Heidelberg Heights, Victoria 3081, **Australia**
 - * Ms Susan C.M. Harper, 7567 Canada Way, Burnaby, British Columbia, V3N 3K1, **Canada**

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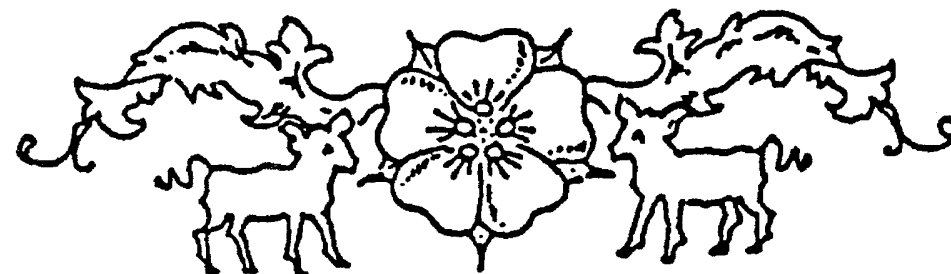
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Plenty of car parking space at the College

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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1999 MECCA MUSTER & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on
Saturday
9th October 1999
at the
College of Ripon & York St John,
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North Yorkshire.

THE MECCA MUSTER & AGM 1999
BOOKING FORM

Please return by 31 August 1999

I wish to reserve the following Places for the Mecca Muster for
Saturday 9th October 1999 as detailed below :-

..... Lunch and refreshments at £15.00 each £.....
..... Refreshments (Morning coffee/Afternoon tea) at £3.00 each £.....

Total £

Lunch which will be served in a separate dining room.

If you require Vegetarian meals please indicate the number here

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.**

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 1999**

Saturday 9th October 1999

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

Saturday 9th October

9.30am Registration & Coffee

10.00am Annual General Meeting
Followed by an open session.

1.15pm Luncheon

2.15pm Open Session

3.30pm Afternoon Tea

5.00pm Close