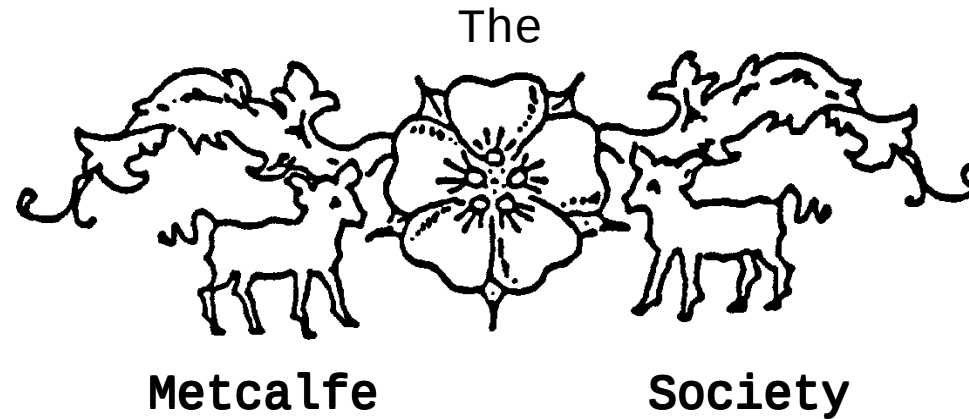




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As I end my fifth year as your editor I wonder where the time has gone. I did wonder at times what I had let my self in for and whether it was worth it! However as I have grown into the job I have found a high degree of satisfaction in the task. I have made changes to the layout over the period which have been in some part rewarded with three recommendations by the FFHS under the

Elizabeth Simpson Award; the third this Spring.

Given constraints on the size of the magazine I have attempted to give a layout pleasing to the eye. However, whilst presentation is important content is more so. Recent issues have contained articles focusing on lesser known areas of possible research - like the recent Manorial Rolls - and I hope to do similar articles on Assize records and Quakers for example, in the future. If you have experience of little known or used records and wish to share your knowledge send me details and I will attempt to pass on the sources to the wider membership.

You will see from the FFHS feature in this News that costs have rocketed for wills. Whilst I understand the pressures on the public service to cover costs I cannot see what commercial values are driving the recent announcement. The wills are not usable in a commercial way and for family historians, who must be the bulk of the users, to be charged such prices seems ridiculous. I for one agree that those responsible should put the wills in a repository, preferably locally and make the records readily available, especially those over fifty years old. To save some money you can always consult the Society's Wills Booklets and find out their locations thereby minimising cost.

OBITUARY

It is with great sadness we announce the death of

Basil Metcalfe M200

who died 28 April 1999.

A long time member, we extend our condolences to his family and friends

A MEETING DOWN UNDER

After reading Mecca News number 55 (August 1998) I wrote to Patrick Malham (M444) to congratulate and applaud his efforts he and other members of the Society were undertaking in recording all the births, marriages and deaths of Metcalfes (with all the variations) in the United Kingdom. A truly mammoth task for the benefit of the Society. I also offered to help in any way, if I could, albeit from some considerable distance. I was indeed surprised to receive a very quick reply from Patrick saying thank you and even more surprised to hear that he would like to talk to me about his efforts when he was in Auckland in a weeks time. So, through a mutual contact (the person Patrick and his wife were staying with in Auckland) we organised a time to meet at Auckland's Museum of Transport and Technology (MOTAT). This is where I learned of Patrick's other hobby - tramcars. Outside MOTAT a working model in fine condition still operates and travels the couple of kilometre route from MOTAT to the Auckland Zoo. After this Patrick and I had a look around the museum and stopped for a coffee and a chat about our mutual interest/hobby. It was here that Patrick suggested I might like to look at undertaking a similar gathering of the BMD's for New Zealand. I agreed that it would be an interesting task. After a very pleasant couple of hours we parted - I went home and I'm sure Patrick plied the route between MOTAT and the zoo a few more times.



Gary Medcalf M278 and Patrick Malham M444

The following week I started looking into how to collect the BMD's for New Zealand. I initially thought the New Zealand National Archives would be a good starting point but was quickly put onto the Auckland Public Library and subsequently the Takapuna library on the North Shore of Auckland where I live. I was pleased to find that the library had a good genealogical section and all the BMD's starting from 1840 (the year the Treaty of Waitangi was signed between the indigenous

Chairman's Report

Maoris and the Crown) are recorded on microfiche. With a good source that was local I began copying the birth details of the New Zealand Metcalfes and the variants.

My next problem was deciding how best to record these details electronically in database form. Patrick had advised me that he was recording the UK records on a Rapidfile database. I had seen this database some years ago but decided to stick with Access (version2) which I have on my home computer. I initially thought that three databases would be the best way to go (one for births one for marriages and one for deaths) but after speaking with a friend who is database literate I have put all the records onto one database. With the option to query records it becomes relatively easy to make fairly accurate conclusions about the matching of births marriages and deaths (especially considering the much smaller number of records that I would be dealing with, around 3,500 in all). To date (February 1999) I have completed collecting the details of all births and marriages and am up to 1945 on the deaths. Once all the records are on the database I will transfer them to a disc and forward it to the Society.

In Patrick's recent letter he asked if I could explain the New Zealand history of BMD's. Well, very briefly, as stated earlier the records started in 1840. In general they all give the date of B/M/D, the surname (alphabetically) and registration numbers. Birth and death registration numbers can be refined by consulting booklets produced by the New Zealand Society of Genealogists (NZSO) which give the registration district and the quarter of the birth/death year up to 1955. From 1960 onwards birth records give the mother's first name(s). From 1957 marriage records give the spouse's surname and from the 1960s death records give the age of the person when they died. The best source of how to find out more about New Zealand genealogy is "Tracing Family History in New Zealand" by Anne Bromell or by consulting the NZSO (<http://www.genealogy.org.nz> or <http://home.clear.net.nz/pages/ian.clapham/>).

Gary Medcalf M278

What's in a name?

As far as I know we are the only Metcalfes in Israel. I converted to Judaism to marry my wife whose family originated in the Yemen, so we may be the only Jewish Metcalfes. My eldest daughter just finished her army service and my eldest son will enter the army next year. I am a quality Assurance Manager in an R&D company (part of Israel Chemicals) which owns the Dead Sea Works. My membership in the Society (together with my mother) comes from the time my son wrote his roots project for school. The name Metcalfe in Hebrew (where it is written without vowels) is pronounced by Israelis as Meetkalef - which is from the verb to peel!

John Metcalfe M639

To my great delight "the Mecca News" was for the second year running singled out by the judges of the Elizabeth Simpson Award, the prize awarded annually to member Societies of the Federation of Family History Societies. On this occasion it was Highly Commended. This reflects greatly on our Society as well as on the Editor and the contributors to the journal. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Peter Dobson and the contributors who made this possible.

My first Committee meeting, in the chair, proved to be particularly lengthy and demanding. I trust it was not solely down to me !! Over the years that I have been on the Committee, the number of reports and matters requiring consideration has grown, reflecting the growth in the various projects and size of our Society together with the sophistication of the various activities which we are undertaking. Clearly some steps will have to be taken to address the problem.

We approved new posters and leaflets promoting the Society, some of them laminated for use in Libraries, record offices and other suitable establishments. I hope that you will look out for them and, indeed, volunteer to take a few for placing in appropriate locations. I was able to leave some with the Yorkshire Consortium at the Society of Genealogists Fair in London in May and also at the Wharfedale Family History Group Annual meeting in the same month.

If we are to continue to thrive we do need new members, since our research suggests that there is a significant number of persons who do not re-join each year, fortunately covered by an equal number of new members. To continue to extend our services to you we need surplus income to fund these.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the next Muster in the autumn.

David Lambert M11

That's a Metcalfe Pot

Paying a visit to the Algarve and spotting a reference to Roger Metcalfe, Designer on the wall of a Portuguese shop, we decided to make a pilgrimage to Silves which is just a few kilometres from the south coast and its golf courses. A lovely milk jug marked RM99 now adorns our shelves.

CS Metcalfe M305

THE RICHARD III FOUNDATION, Inc.

Last Saturday evening (15th May) Michael & I drove up Wensleydale to Akebar and to the Friar's Head where we met Joe Ann Ricca, her husband Michael T. Ricca and Judith Dickson all over from the USA to celebrate Richard III's life & times. Before this meeting I had no idea that anyone, and Americans in particular, were so interested in King Richard.

The four aims and objectives of the Foundation are :

- * To cultivate the life and times of the medieval period, with emphasis on King Richard III, his contemporaries and era.
- * To secure the advancement of education on the medieval period of the Wars of the Roses with emphasis on the 15th Century.
- * To enhance and promote scholastic studies of the 15th century.
- * To sponsor and encourage research, scholarships, medieval conferences and publications showcasing the 15th century, with particular emphasis on King Richard III, his contemporaries and era.

The Board of Directories are CEO/President Joe Ann Ricca; Exec. Vice President/Scty - Susan Mahoney; Chief Financial Officer - Michael T. Ricca and Data Base Administrator - Judith Dickson. One of the benefits of being a "Patron" (a qualification for which could be any one of the three following, served at least 3 years on the Board or a Committee productively; be a Life-time Member; or bring into the Foundation as least 20 new patrons) is an annual draw at which a USA Patron could win 2 Round Trip Tickets to England, if a UK Patron wins they could have a Luxury Four Day Weekend in York - this makes our raffle prizes seem tame !

This year Joe Ann and her party had spent at least ten days touring the Castles with which Richard was connected, from Doncaster northwards. Patrons had subscribed towards and commissioned a gold plated chalice which was presented to the Rector of Middleham in October 1997 to mark Richard III's 545th birthday. It will be used to carry communion wine during services in memory of Richard and his family. In 1998 a twelve day tour of other sites included York, Helmsley Castle, Pickering Castle, Haworth, Ripley Castle,

Middleham, Whitby Abbey, Royal Armouries in Leeds, Sudeley Castle, Oxford, Bath, Stokesay Castle and Ludlow. What a trip!

It was an interesting hour at Akebar and one I will remember vividly every time I pass through Middleham.

Nina Benson (M28)



Nina Benson M28 with Joe Ann Ricca
of the Richard III Foundation of the USA
at Akebar, North Yorkshire

MECCA NEWS DEADLINES

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

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

As members will appreciate receipt of the items by the due date will not necessarily guarantee inclusion in that issue but don't let that put you off sending in those articles comments or snippets!



COMMITTEE

NEWS

Earby, March 1999.

The meeting began with a short silence in memory of Ron Metcalfe.

Chairman: David had represented the Society at the Federation Open Day in the Mormon Library in Salt Lake City last year. He has heard many favourable comments about our book "Metcalf: History of the Clan" from Federation colleagues.

Secretary: Diane reported on the handover arrangements and thanked Nina for her help in ensuring these have progressed smoothly. Most of Diane's time has been spent on book orders and Internet enquiries.

New Members' Secretary: The membership number reached 1010. Active membership was 345.

Archivist: Nina's new role! She is keeping busy answering your enquiries.

Treasurer: Following a detailed report of the finances, subscription rates were discussed, particularly whether there should be an increase in the rate for overseas members and whether there should be a higher rate for the first year of membership. It was agreed to defer a decision on a Committee recommendation until the September meeting. There were 64 covenants last year and a further five new ones this year.

Editor: The August 1998 edition has been submitted for the Elizabeth Simpson Award competition.

Conference Secretary: Arrangements were proceeding well for this year's Muster. It may be necessary to find an alternative venue in 2001 because of student pressure on the College facilities at weekends. The idea of a coach tour round Wensleydale on Muster Sunday was discussed. It was felt there was not time to organise this for this year but that the idea would be raised at the Muster. The idea was suggested that there be a Mecca picnic at Earby on the Sunday following the spring Committee meeting. Other suggestions were to attach such an event to a family history fair or to hold informal regional meetings. The viability of these ideas will be explored and the membership consulted.

Computer Index: There were now 70,500 entries on the computer with approximately 300 lists still needing to be entered. Much of David's time is now taken up with checking entries. Family tree queries should be sent to Nina, not David. She will forward to David any family tree data needing entry onto the computer.

Publications: Diane was thanked for her hard work on updating a number of publications, forms and posters. It was agreed to send out the updated New Members booklet to all current members so that you are fully informed of what is currently available from the Society.

Federation of Family History Societies: Diane will be attending the March conference in Enfield.

Council of Family Societies: Diane reported on the meeting she had attended on 14th November.

North West Group of FHS: Peter reported on the Stockport Fair. This year's North West Fair is to be held at Preston Guildhall on 30th October.

North East Group of FHS: Nina will attend the March meeting.

Metcalf History Book: Diane distributed a detailed financial report to the Committee. This was discussed at length. 597 book orders had been dealt with. It was agreed that the Society is not currently in a financial position to commit itself to the production of a second edition. This is a matter which will be the subject of future review, when the sales position over the next few months can also be taken into account. It was agreed to submit the book for the millennium competition on family history.

Internet Home Page: Diane reported that the web site has been busy.

GRO Collection: Patrick reported that almost 100,000 records are now held. Births have been recorded up to 1943, marriages to 1925 and deaths to 1954. The goal is to reach 1983.

Exhibitions / Fairs: The Society will be represented at the Northern Fair at York racecourse on 26th June, 1999 and at the North West Fair in Preston on 30th October, 1999.

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, 4th September at Earby.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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 at Stockport). Details from Mr E W Gullick 4 Lawrence Street Simonstone Burnley BB12 7HX.

Saturday 12 February 2000. Lancashire Record Office Open Day. Details from the Record Office Bow Lane Preston PR1 2RE ☎ 01772 263039.

5 - 7 April 2000. Huguenot Society of Great Britain & Ireland conference "From Strangers to Citizens: the integration of Immigrant Communities in GB, Ireland and the Colonies 1550-1750" at the Dutch Church Austin Friars London EC2N 2EG. Details from the Secretary Huguenot Library University College Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT.

North Yorkshire County Record Office
Publication No. 62. Review 1997.
The Metcalfe Family of Nappa.

This publication will be of interest to members as it lists the papers held by the last of the Nappa Hall Metcalfes - Thomas, who died in 1756. Some of the records were not used by Walter and Gilbert Metcalfe in their 1891 book which was used heavily by the Society in Metcalfe - History of the Clan. The publication is available for £5 + £1.75 UK p&p, £5 + £5.50 air-mail or £3.50 surface overseas, {must be in Sterling} and contains some 80 pages of text and detail including micro-film numbers for all the documents.

The records were sorted and microfilmed in 1997 and include deeds, correspondence and other papers such as Thomas Metcalfe's letter book 1747-48, a letters patent appointing James Metcalfe as overseer of Middleham Castle 1527 and a Bainbridge mining agreement 1695. They give details of everyday life in the dales in the mid eighteenth century and pen portraits of per-

sonalities of the time. Many of the letters/documents are quoted at some length, all are listed, giving interesting insights into the dales mining industries and the necessity to guard lead ore overnight in certain circumstances; the sale of Nappa rabbit skins for the manufacture of hats etc. One letter in particular says *'John White a miner committed to Carlisle Castle for stealing black lead: he is said to have lived (if not been born) at Gunnerside and about seven years since basely killed Metcalfe Smith, a godson of Thos Metcalfe, at Gunnerside Barf and escaped the hands of justice'*.

One further piece of interest which came out of the visit was the discovery that copy No 34 of Walter and Gilbert's book which Warwick Metcalfe had not been able to trace and was seeking its whereabouts (see Mecca News No 57) is owned by the NYCRO!

Charles S Metcalfe M305

Greyfriars Scarborough

Peter Metcalfe of Darabie Dale, Co. York, weaver, produced to the same bailiffs his deed of sale to William Sedman of Scarborough, glover, of a messuage or tenement in Dumble Street, Scarborough abutting the land of William Headley called Greyfriars, dated 11 June 1623

From the Banyan Tree No 74, April 1998, page 2.

Metcalfe School Masters
by Charles K Mercer (M754)

My Great, Great Grandfather James Metcalf was born in 1802 at Kilburn, near Thirsk, the eldest son of William and Dorothy (Hunter) Metcalf. Initially working as a farm labourer he became the schoolmaster of the village of Scawton, between Thirsk and Helmsley, when the post became vacant in the late 1830's. Prior to the Education Act of 1874/75 anyone could apply for the post of schoolmaster. Taking lodgings with the Thompson family he soon began courting Elizabeth their eldest daughter. They married on Christmas Day 1837, a paid holiday. Any other time he would have lost pay. A house went with the job and they took in lodgers to help with their income. The couple were buried in Scawton in the 1880's.

Their eldest son William Hunter Metcalf was born in 1838. His father ensured that he received a good education. In his early working life he was a farm labourer working part of the time in Lockton near Pickering. However when visiting his parents in Scawton in 1867 he heard of a vacant schoolmaster's job at Old Byland, applied and was appointed to the post. As a house was provided with the job he took the opportunity in August 1868 to marry Margaret Middleton, whom he had been courting in Lockton. His diary for that time mentions his "salary" as £6-10s per quarter, the house rent free and £2-10s per year for cleaning the school. Riches indeed!

Before 1871 he had transferred to Hawnby school and in 1878 he was appointed schoolmaster at Saltersgate living in a cottage at Wilton near Thornton Dale. He walked ten miles to Saltersgate each morning and back each night, summer and winter alike. William and his family moved to Lockton two years later when he took over the school there. He also ran the village shop with his unmarried daughter Elizabeth.

A great walker, William, returning from a visit to his parents set off from Scawton at 3.30am, walking the 23 miles to Lockton in 5½ hours, arriving in time to open the school at 9am. By way of celebration on his 70th birthday he walked 16 miles to Whitby, with a friend. They spent the day there, returning by train to Levisham Station (on what is now the North Yorkshire Moors Railway) and then walked the two miles to Lockton.

A talented man, as well as a scholar, William was quite an artist and a builder. He built a dry stone wall with a recessed gateway at Lockton cemetery when he was 74, which is still standing today. A monument to a grand old man.

None of William and Elizabeth's eight children followed him into teaching. He died in 1924 aged 86 and is buried near his wall in Lockton cemetery.

Secretary's Report

The Joy of Being a Secretary!

Besides the never-ending paperwork, I have already found that one of the best parts of this new job is chatting to, and meeting so many people from literally around the world. I frequently come home from work to find a message on my answering machine from people who are interested in the society - so a returned phone call or package is continuously being served but this story is a little special because it is not every day you receive a thank you for "helping my dreams unfold into reality".

Just recently one of those messages was from an Australian lady who is a Metcalfe by birth, and just happened to be on holiday visiting her friend only 5 miles away from my home. Two days later, this lady is a member of the society, has a copy of the Metcalfe book, and a trip to Yorkshire booked to include an overnight stay at Nappa Hall. Back in Australia Norma Forbes, M1032, is now planning a Metcalfe Family Day at New Farm Park, Brisbane in late September. So if anyone is interested, please do contact Norma. Her details are in the New Members section. Perhaps we will be able to report on this Family Day in a future edition.

From new members to long-standing members. Many thanks to John Harker (M192) and Jose Roberts (M640) for taking the time to get in touch so that we could meet at the Federation AGM in Winchester. Despite jet-lag creeping up on me, after just arriving home from holiday the day before, the Federation conference hosted by Hampshire Society was very fruitful - meeting our members, gaining a Highly Commended in the Elizabeth Simpson Award, and securing an agreement with the Society of Genealogists to sell the book on our behalf both in their bookshop and on their internet site. Further details on this deal can be found in the Status Report on the Book in this edition.

Looking forward - if you are planning to visit the biggest family history fair in the North West - Preston Guildhall, Saturday 30 October 1999 is the place to be. The Metcalfe Society will certainly be there. Please do pop along to see us and over 100 stalls. It really is a great day out!

Diane Howarth M409

FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

News from the Federation

As of 26th April the prices charged by the Principal Registry of the Family Division (PRFD) for copies of wills/admons 1858 to date will be going up. For per

sonal applicants at First Avenue House or a District Probate Registry, any copy of a grant of probate, including a copy of the will, if there is one, will cost £5.00 (Five pounds). This is an increase from the current prices of 25 pence for a grant and 75 pence for a will. Any extra copies ordered at the same time will be £1.00 (one pound) per document. If you want to read the will or grant in the searchroom, the fee will go up up to £15.00 (fifteen pounds), from the current rate of 25 pence. An increase of 5,900%. Postal applications to the sub-registry at York will be £5.00 (five pounds) for a search of up to 4 years, including a copy of the grant, and the will if there is one. Additional years will cost £3.00 (three pounds) for every four year period. There is no refund for an unsuccessful search. There are changes to the prices of their other services, but the above are the ones of most relevance to family historians.

Time is Running Out - Have YOU got a copy?

Looking back to the 1997/8 Mecca News articles you will find reference to our cautious, though optimistic view on how many copies of Metcalfe - History of the Clan could we sell, and so how many should we produce. We were astounded when advance sales meant that we could produce 750 rather than the original 500 copies.

Well, I am delighted to announce that after only 8 months since the launch we have sold over 90% of the 750 copies!!! Yes - we have less than 75 copies left in stock. So do you have a copy of this limited edition? Time is running out to buy a copy for yourself, a family present and heirloom.

At the last committee meeting, we deferred the decision as to whether or not we should, or could, do a reprint for the following reasons :

- * We do not have the £8-10,000 available at this moment to do a reprint (unless someone wins the lottery and the society becomes a benefactor!)
- * We have funds tied up in the outstanding stock and the rate of sales varies.
- * We have met our objectives for this, our millennium project, and need to review financial priorities

Hence, the committee will be reviewing the book sales figures at the September committee meeting and making a recommendation to the AGM. But do you want to gamble - don't leave it too late to buy a book. As the saying goes..... 'whilst stocks last'.

For an outside view of the Book see the GOON's review on page 23.

Where there's a will ...

Many members have bought copies of the various Wills booklets which help locate Metcalfe wills held in various UK-based repositories. This enables you to seek out these valuable sources of very varied and interesting family history data. But imagine the wealth of data the society would hold if we could hold actual copies of these wills so that we could include this data into our computer records, and also make available these wills to you directly.

This opportunity has been made possible by a semi-anonymous donation from an Australian member in memory of his late mother, who was grand-daughter of Captain Thomas Metcalfe Thompson (1843-1917) of Kendal and Pooley Bridge in Westmorland.

The cost of collecting wills from these repositories varies dependent on the repository itself and the size of the will. But before any of this valuable donation is spent on this project, we thought that a large number of wills could be collected by making a plea to you, our members, to send copies of any wills that you may have that relates to a Metcalfe (or spelling variant of course) to Stephan Newman M824.

To aid the cataloguing of the wills, when you send it in, please identify the person mentioned in the will by one of two ways :

* If you know that the will is listed in one of the five Wills booklets that we have already published, then please identify which page/booklet it is referenced. This helps the cataloguing of the will greatly.

* If not, identify the will belonging to a person who appears in your birth brief.

We are focusing on wills held in UK-based repositories as this would provide a greater service to the majority of members as most families do originate from the UK. But we would be more than happy to receive non-UK wills, and possibly generate a further Wills booklet identifying this collection.

When is a will not a will?

We are all generally familiar with the term 'will', its intentions and contents. However, the English probate system generates other legal documents in this area which will be of equal interest. For instance, the term 'intestate' is used for someone who dies without having left a valid will, and so letters of administration known as 'admons' are available. So please don't just send wills, please send the following if you have them available.

* Admons for intestate estates

* Affidavits, bonds for admons, inventories (very useful for signatures etc)

* Will books, Act books, court records detailing the grant of probate. These are the official record of wills and sometimes easier to read than the original wills.

* Calendars - court-produced indexes to probates/admons.

Please do NOT send originals. They are far too precious to be at the mercy of the postal system.

So what are we going to do with all of these wills?

Look out for part two of this project in the next Mecca News when we let you know what happens to all of this valuable data, and how it can help you in your family history research.

ROMAN NUMERALS

How many of us have had cause in the past to look at the PRO BMD Indexes - the really early ones - and wish we had remembered those lessons from school on Roman numerals? Well for those of you who still may have that problem **Member 843 Alan Vickers** has supplied a listing which will help.

The seven key symbols in Roman Numerals as represented today (originally they were a little different) are:-

I	=	1	V	=	5	X	=	10
L	=	50	C	=	100	D	=	500
			M	=	1000			

There is no zero.

Economy is achieved by addition eg VIII = 5 + 3, or subtraction eg IX = 10 - 1 (after a main figure meaning add and before a main figure meaning subtract).

The first fifteen Roman Numerals are :

I, II, III, IV(or IIII), V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, XIV and XV;

the multiples of 10 from 20 to 90 are :

XX, XXX, XL, L, LX, LXX, LXXX, and XC.

Some examples of years in Roman Numerals are :

MD = 1500	MDC = 1600	MDCCCXCVI = 1896
MDCCCC or MCM = 1900	MDCCCCLXIV or MCMLXIV = 1964	
MCMLXXXIX = 1989	MM = 2000	MMI = 2001

A debate raged earlier this year over whether the date on the copyright page at the end of television programmes should be MCMXCIX or MIM. Have a look to see which one was adopted.

NEWS from the ARCHIVES

Nina E Benson (M28)

Thank you to one and all for your letters and emails. Since going “live” in mid April I have received over 90 of these electronic letters, but to be fair to all our members they are normally dealt with in rotation by date of receipt. May I request that you all remember to include your Membership number with all and any type of correspondence, this is vital to my well-being !!!

Would those members who are on the internet like us to publish their “address” with their ordinary address ? Your response would be appreciated.

Some recent enquiries have received massive results and whilst the majority of members do reply, thereby reassuring us of their safe arrival, there are some for which nothing has been heard. Even a short note would be appreciated but especially if you do not agree with our findings, your silence indicates agreement unless we hear differently.

Remember it is never too late to explore our records so dig out your Metcalfes and send them to me. If required your family details can be kept quite confidential between you, me and the proverbial bed-post !

1st June 1999 ☎/Fax 01423-324018 email: nina@bronco.co.uk

died twice?

Family Record Centre Visitor **Julian Metcalfe** came across two entries for one of our members of the clan in the second quarter of 1927. The entry *Metcalfe- Joseph H, 53, Cockermouth 10b 674* repeated with an identical entry under *Metcalfe*.

Here, There and Everywhere

We have said on many occasions that Metcalfes were present at the important events throughout history and this was borne out on 26 May 1999 when over the public address system of the Nou Camp Stadium Barcelona before the start of the European Champions league final between Manchester United (who you may remember won) and Bayern Munich came the request for Michael Metcalfe to go to the first aid room to be reunited with his belongings. We never found out what those were!

Metcalf Sightings

1851 Census of County Durham. Stanhope HO 107/2388 Folios 161-240.

Metcalfe	John	50	Durham	Stanhope	197
	John	4	Durham	Stanhope	197
	Mary	34	N'thb'land	Allendale	197

1851 Census of County Durham. Edmundbyers Hunstanworth & Wolsingham HO 107/ 2388 Folios 313 - 492.

Metcalfe	Ann	53	Yks	Reeth	490 Tow Law
	George	50	Yks	Luns (Lund)	490 Tow Law
	Jane	4	Durham	Wolsingham	365 Wolsingham
	John	19	Warwicks	Birmingham	490 Tow Law
	John	24	Yks	Lunedale	471 Tow Law
	Mary	27	Durham	Etherlay	471 Tow Law
	William	17	Yks	Lunedale	490 Tow Law

(Both from Northumberland and Durham FHS Publications)

1851 Census Whitechapel Artillery and Spitalfields Sub-district HO 107/1543

Medcalf	Elizabeth	12	folio	91
	Frederick	23		434
	John	14		91
	Mary	48		91
	Susanna	20		434
	Thomas	9		91
	Thomas	42		91

Medcalf	George	11	91
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Metcalfe	Ann	42	316
	Ann	32	610
	Eliza	14	316
	John	46	316
	John	31	610
	Julia	10m	316
	William	16	316

Whitechapel Mile End New Town Sub-district HO 107/1544

Metcalfe	Emma	16	5
	Mary	45	5
	Mary	45	5
	William	45	5

(Supplied by Mrs Pam Jarman M123)

To the Manor Born II

In the last issue (no 57) an overview of the manorial system was given. This issue we give a flavour of the content you are likely to find in manorial records.

As explained in the last article the Manorial courts regulated the administration of the manor by enforcing local customs and agricultural practices, settling minor disputes and debts and transferring property rights, notably copyhold tenure where a tenant's legal title was based on a copy of an entry on the court roll. All tenants of the manor were meant to attend and could be fined for not doing so.¹

Manorial records include minister's and receiver's accounts, rentals and surveys, court rolls as well as details of fines, estreats, admittance books, sheriff records, account rolls and reeve's/bailiff's accounts.

George Buxton M003 has used the records to great effect in tracing the land holdings of his ancestors in Swaledale, from the late 1690's through to 1922. These records have helped to fill in gaps and expand the brief details obtained from other sources. In 1698 the records for the Manor of Satron in Swaledale noted the surrender of a piece of land in Satron by Anthony Kearton and the renting at one penny (1d) per year plus a fine (fee) of one shilling and eight pence (1s 8d or 8p) by Jane Cottingham. Her daughter Margaret born in 1699 married Thomas Metcalfe (d1778) and he became the tenant with his wife.

The manorial rolls record the various transactions down through the years. At the annual meeting in May 1767 (the court was held around the beginning of May each year) Thomas Metcalfe rented more land in Wharton Close *"with a cow house thereon with two cattle gates in Satron pasture"* at a fee of £2 plus an annual rent of two shillings and a half penny. The two holdings were endorsed in the court in 1772 when the rent went up to 2s 2d and a fine of £2 3s 4d.

The property passed down to George Metcalfe (d1823) in 1790 and then his son George (d1824) who added land at Ivelet to his holdings. The entries in the 19th century are much more detailed and the annual renewals continue to 1922 when Elizabeth and Amy Metcalfe - mother and daughter - were granted the copyhold.

The entries make fascinating reading and give a record of a family, listing a variety of relatives, where they lived and the property they held for over 220 years. Another example of the type of information contained in the manorial records relates to the mineral rights of the area. The Manor of Bainbridge received royalties from coal and lead mines and from stone taken from quarry and beck.² At Storth, west of Gayle near Hawes in Wensleydale a coal mine was developed in the 18th century. In

1770 Edmund Dinsdale of Busk Farm was granted the lease, at a Court Leet (meeting), for the mine. In 1789 Thomas Routh, by now the lease holder, issued a complaint about unofficial working at Storth, at the meeting in that year. Details of subsequent leaseholders down through the 19th century are also recorded.

As you will appreciate this little used source could help to track down that elusive ancestor or put meat on the bones of their lives, so why not give it a go you never know what you might turn up. Details of the manorial holdings from the PRO for Arkengarthdale, Swaledale and Wensleydale, which run to 21 pages of records, with the earliest dating from 1255 (for Skelton) have been extracted for the Society. The list gives the location and the appropriate reference number. If you are interested contact the Society's Archivist Nina Benson who has a copy (don't forget a sae). If you need the locations of other manorial records you should consult the Manorial Documents Register held by the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, Quality House, Quality Court, Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HP.

☎ 0171 242 1198 or direct to its web site address <http://www.hmc.gov.uk>.

Sources used: ¹ Manorial Records in the Public Record Office. Legal Records Information Sheet 1.

² Under Wetherfell by James Alderson. Printed by Wensleydale Press Hawes



Family of John Luther Metcalf - youngest son of Isaac J Metcalfe around 1900.

James, John, Noble, Norman, Bill, Priscilla, Bruce and Pearl.

Provided by **John S Metcalf M994.**

How Can We Help You? - The Member Reference Booklet

For those of you who have joined the society in the last few months, I am sure you will have looked inside the envelope in which this journal arrived and commented along the lines "Why have I received one of these - I've already got one!" referring to the enclosed "Member Reference Booklet". To the rest of you it may be something like "ooh, what's this big package from the Metcalfe Society - what have they sent me?".

Last year we updated the information that new members received when they joined the society and created the "Introduction Booklet for New Members" providing them with all the information and facilities available to them as new members of the society.

But what about the 400+ people who have been members of the society for two, three, ten, eighteen years. Can you remember all the information and services that the Metcalfe Society provide to you? Can you even remember your membership number!??

So we thought it was about time that all our members were brought totally up to date with all of this valuable reference material. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the contents so you understand the scope of how The Metcalfe Society can help you.....oh yes, and don't forget to write your membership number on the booklet for future reference.

The Cost of Postage

In every Mecca News we always stipulate that if return postage is not included with a query, then no response is expected. We have to do this otherwise most of our budget would be spent on responding to our members, rather than being spent directly on projects to help you.

Even so many members still send in a query, expecting a response, but do not include a stamped addressed envelope or an international reply paid coupon. It may sound petty, but the cost of paper, envelopes and postage for these queries soon adds up to significant sums.

It really is super to hear from as many members as possible because the two-way communication is the life of the society. We really do want to hear from you. But please please please, do remember to enclose return postage.

As some of our committee members are now responding to queries via electronic mail, the costs of which are not so easily identifiable and recoverable, the committee are to review the situation to see how best to cope with this necessary and probably increasing cost.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND MECCA MUSTER 1999

Saturday 9 October 1999

*College of Ripon and York St John,
College Road, Ripon,
North Yorkshire.*

*9.30am Registration
10am start.*

**Review of the last year, Metcalfe book sales,
update of projects, future proposals.
Election of Committee members.**

**Once the AGM is completed spend the rest of the day
looking for those elusive ancestors! With some 70000
Metcalfe records you may well be lucky.**

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

UNCIVIL SPEECHES

Christopher Medcalfe a broken merchant of Old Ford Stratford Bow in the diocese of London came into the High Commission Office in Garter Lane St Mary Magdalen's in a very angry manner and uttered uncivil speeches concerning Elizabeth Barcroft saying "she would run a tilt at a man or any man".

High Court of Delegates, 1640. Supplied by Michael Gandy M671

Announcing our new USA agent

We are very pleased to announce that we now have a Metcalfe Society agent in the USA. **Mr Clifford Metcalfe M978**, who only joined the society late last year, has volunteered his time and services to join our precious league of overseas agents.

Cliff was one of the first people to find out about us via our website when we launched it in October 1998. After sending off his subscription via snail mail, he sent his birth brief via e-mail to our secretary, who then faxed it onto our archivist the same day. Within 24 hours, Cliff found his Metcalfe tree with a further 4 generations, further information about known family members, and related to one of our committee members. This is the power of electronic mail and the world wide web - brings the whole world that little bit closer! He now keeps 19 cousins up to date on the progress of his Metcalfe family tree.

We now have 4 overseas agents - USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. See below and the inside back cover of this journal for their contact details. The main benefit of having overseas agents to the society and to non-UK members is that you can pay your subscription in your local currency to the agent without incurring the cost of overseas postage or sending a £ sterling cheque. So watch out for further details in the December Mecca News when we include details of Subscription Renewals. The agents also field enquiries from non-members who are interested in finding out more about the society. By having a local contact, it removes one of the main barriers of joining what would appear to be an organisation which is around the other side of the world.

May we also take this opportunity of thanking our existing three agents -

Mary Morris (M147) in New Zealand, Dianne Fox (M113) in Australia and Susan Harper (M266) in Canada

- for their continued support and enthusiasm in doing this job. Long may you all continue!

METCALFE AGENT DETAILS

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"Absolute gem of a book..... of the highest standards, enabling it to stand the test of time and become a precious heirloom."

- The Guild of One Name Studies

A review by Jane Morson of The Guild Of One Name Studies of Metcalfe - History of the Clan appeared in their journal in the April 1999 edition.. This is what she had to say:-

"What is your society producing for the Millennium? The Metcalfe Society has given us this absolute gem of a book. Future generations of this clan will be indebted to today's members for producing a book of the highest standards, enabling it to stand the test of time and become a precious heirloom.

This publication is bursting with information, clearly laid out. The text is easy to read, not only grabbing the attention of the professional and novice genealogist alike, but also I feel that it will whet the appetite of any descendant that has yet to follow their own family history. Due to the sheer size of the Metcalfe clan, the book only covers the UK (there is enough information held by the society on the Metcalfes in India to produce a whole book!). But the overseas Metcalfes have not been forgotten and they do get a brief mention towards the end.

The origins of the Metcalfe clan are covered in some detail. We are guided through the lives of early clan members with informative text brought to life with maps, a family tree and numerous colour photographs of the sites as they are today.

The Metcalfes of Nappa Hall, Wensleydale, are covered in the next section. We are taken on a journey through time from the birth of James Metcalfe in 1389, the founding of Nappa Hall and the trials and tribulations of the descendants of this branch. Again, this section is brought to life with illustrations and colour photographs.

In another section we are treated to the occupations and lives of 79 branches. These branches, each with their own trees, are based on the evidence of two or more ancestors of society members being alive in 1850 who can be traced back to a common source. The closing section is on the Metcalfe Coats of Arms, also well explained with illustrations.

This is a beautiful publication. The Metcalfe Society is to be congratulated on producing such a masterpiece."

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE NEWS

The Family Records Centre now has over 1000 reference maps, previously only available to view at Kew, on microfilm showing the census registrars maps. These can be used to identify the census enumerator's districts.

Closed - 28 -30 August inclusive; 29 November - 4 December inclusive; 24 -28 December and 31 December - 3 January 2000 inclusive.

PRO information line ☎ 0181 392 5200. Web site address <http://www.pro.gov.uk>
Family Record Centre ☎ 0181392 5300.

Books

Sufferings of Early Quakers Yorkshire 1652-1690 by Joseph Besse. Facsimile of the 1753 edition. Available from William Sessions Ltd The Ebor Press York YO31 9HS ☎ 01904 659224 or bookshops price £12 plus £1 p&p UK £2 overseas.

A Guide to Genealogical Sources in Guildhall Library by Richard Harvey. Published by Guildhall Library Publications Aldermanbury London EC2P 2EJ price 33.95 plus p&p 70p UK. Guide to the Record holdings of the City of London.

Is Yours an SS Great Britain Family? by Adrian Ball. Seventy five pages containing 14,000 names of passengers from Liverpool/ London to Australia between 1852 to 1875. Through your local library system.

Raymonds Original Pollbooks. Yorkshire 1741 £24. West Riding 1835 £24.50. Yorkshire 1807 £20/25. Available from SA & MJ Raymond PO Box 35 Exeter EX1 3YZ.

Finding Folk. Lancashire Record Office guide to genealogical sources. Price £8.50 plus p&p. Contact the Record Office Bow Lane Preston PR1 2RE ☎ 01772 263039.

Tracing your Ancestors in the Public Record Office by Amanda Bevan. 5th edition. Price £12.99 plus p&p £2 UK. From PRO Kew Richmond Surrey TW9 4DU.

Kettlewell St Mary's Memorial Inscriptions and Memorials in the former Wesleyan Methodist Chapel Kettlewell. Price £2 UK, £2.85 overseas. From Wharfedale FHS Group 206 Moseley Wood Gardens Cookridge Leeds LS16 7JE.

Scarborough Artists of the Nineteenth Century, A Biographical Dictionary at £3.50 and **Photographers in mid Nineteenth Century Scarborough , The Saxony Years - A History and Dictionary** at £4.50. Both from Anne & Paul Bayliss Flat 5 12 Esplanade Scarborough YO11 2AF.

British Army Mutineers 1914 -1922 by Julian Putkowski published by Francis Boutle Publishers 23 Arlington Way London EC1R 1UY ☎ 0171 278 4497. Price £12.50 plus £1.50 p&p. Lists men charged with mutiny under the British Army Act in WWI includes some events in France and England in detail.

Records of Merchant Seamen by Kelvin Smith & Christopher and Michael Watts. Price £6.99 from PRO Kew Richmond Surrey TW9 4DU. If your ancestor was a merchant seaman this guide will help you locate records from the 16th up to the 20th Century. Includes chapters on fishermen and the Royal Naval Reserve.

Despatching the Mecca News

As a result of the death of our long-standing friend Ron Metcalfe (M13), as reported in the last Mecca News, we have an important vacancy to fill - that of the Despatch Department. We are looking for an individual or husband/wife team based in the UK, who could spare a few hours three times a year to handle the distribution of the Mecca News.

So what does it involve? It is a straightforward job these days. On a mutually agreeable date, you would receive about 4 boxes of Mecca News (along with some inserts) from our secretary. Simple written instructions direct you on which inserts to put into each Mecca News. Then you put the Mecca News into the envelopes and put the address stickers on the envelope. You then get the finished envelope weighed at your local post office and purchase the required number and value of stamps for each country. After copious amounts of stamp fixing, take the finished Mecca News to the post office. Spare copies of Mecca News and inserts are then sent to our New Members Secretary for further use. The balance of money remaining is then returned to the Treasurer. All stickers, envelopes and cost of postage will be supplied to you.

So if you are interested, please do contact our secretary, Diane Howarth. Thanks go to the Treasurer, Margaret Metcalfe and the Conference Secretary, George Buxton who have distributed the April and August 99 issues.

A Metcalfe Puzzle

from
Joan Metcalfe M63

Five Metcalfe brothers were born at two year intervals between 1838 and 1842.

Alice's husband, the innkeeper, is not called George. The clergyman is two years younger than Thomas and two years older than the shoemaker who heads the alphabetical list of the brothers. John who is listed in the 1841 Census along with William is married to Sarah. Mary's husband was born in 1844. Elizabeth, the same age as her farmer husband, is six years older than James. The blacksmith's wife is not called Jane.

Can you work out the year each brother was born, the name of his wife and what his occupation is?

Once you have worked it out go to page 40 to see if you have the correct answers.

Military Birth Registrations - Part III

(Parts I & II listed in Mecca News nos 56 & 57)

Year	Surname	Forenames	Place	Regiment	Reference
1894	Mte	Maud L	Alderney	7th	891 40 B
1894	Mte	Maud L	Alderney	7th	885 4 B
1895	Mte	Grace H	Colabra	19th	1375 44 B
1895	Mte	John C	Pontefract	65th	908 152 B
1898	Mte	George	Pontefract	65th	908 31 B
1899	Mte	Madge G	Aldershot	7th	885 4 B
1900	Mte	Gladys CA	Pontefract	65th	908 152 B
1903	Mt	Charles JFW	Dublin	ASCC&T	634 218 B
1905	Mte	Dorothy	Aldershot	21st	1277 45 B
1905	Mte	Emma		ASCC&T	632 233 B
1905	Mte	John	Weaste nr Manchester	15th	899 249 B
1905	Mte	John S (twin)	Clapham	RA	339 233 B
1905	Mte	John S (twin)	Clapham	RA	445 103 B
1905	Mte	Muriel E	Lebong	7th	885 4 B
1905	Mte	William (twin)	Clapham	RA	339 233 B
1905	Mte	William (twin)	Clapham	RA	445 103 B
1906	Mte	Charles H	Chelsea	26th	1254 66 B
1906	Mte	Charles H	Chelsea	6th	984 146 B
1906	Mte	Edward V	Bury St Edmunds	21 st	671 25 B
1906	Mte	Robert H		ASCC&T	632 233 B
1907	Mte	Eric T	Bordon	26th	1254 66 B
1907	Mte	Eric T	Bordon	6th	984 196 B
1907	Mte	George A	Tidworth	21st	1277 45 B
1907	Md	Grace E	Tidworth	AH&M Corps	617 237 B
1907	Mte	Thomas A	Salford	15th	899 249 B
1908	Mte	Evelyn H	Bulford	ASCC&T	649 167 B
1909	Mt	Percy A	Tidworth	AH&M Corps	617 237 B
1910	Mte	Edith	Salford	15th	899 249 B
1910	Mte	Eileen	Pontefract	65th	908 152 B
1910	Mt	Elizabeth H	Quetta	65th	907 93 B
1910	Md	Eric C	Tidworth	AH&M Corps	617 237 B
1912	Mt	Edward H	Pontefract	65th	907 93 B
1912	Md	Leslie A	Tidworth	AH&M Corps	617 237 B
1914	Mt	Alexander	Pontefract	65th	907 93 B

A Spring Picnic?

At the moment, the October Mecca Muster is the one opportunity each year for Metcalfe Society members to meet each other and the committee. Is this enough we ask you?

Each Spring and Autumn your committee meet in a village school at Earby, Lancashire (which is between Skipton and Colne) to discuss all aspects of the society. These Saturday meetings are usually in March and September. As the committee are all in the vicinity for a weekend in March 2000, we are interested in organising a Spring Picnic where members can visit the Earby School on the Sunday to meet the committee, each other, make queries against society records and view the data that the society holds first hand. Refreshments and sandwiches would obviously be available otherwise it would not be a picnic! So even if the weather does its worst, it will prove no hindrance to the sunshine that will no doubt come through indoors.

The committee would be happy to organise this if they knew that society members would be interested in attending. If you have any comments about this additional get together, or ideas of any other form of Metcalfe Society gathering, please do provide feedback directly to the secretary, Diane Howarth. We really need to receive this feedback rather quickly so that it can be discussed at the Autumn 1999 committee meeting to be held on 4 September.

So send your feedback directly to Diane by any of the following methods :

☎ or fax +44- (0)118-933-1244 e-mail : diane_howarth@uk.ibm.com

RASPBERRY JAM

Put raspberries in one pan and castor sugar in another - lb for lb. Place both in oven, no water with fruit or sugar, cover pans with lids or plates. Leave in oven until sugar is so hot that around the edge of the pan it shows a little yellow. Take out of oven and mix well together until raspberries all broken up, Place in hot jars and cover in usual way. TB Medcalf, Aughton
(Supplied by **Mrs Joan Gouldson M672** from an old cookery book)

From our records we find a Thomas Benyon Medcalf b 4Q1876 West Derby (Liverpool) s.o Thomas and Harriett Medcalf. In the 1881 Census Thomas's father was age 33 an Architect & S, of Liverpool whilst from the IGI an entry is found for a baptism of a Thomas Medcalf on 28 July 1847 s.o Thomas and Anne Medcalf.

compiled by **Nina Benson, archivist.**

NEW NAMES/ADDRESSES

M557 Mrs Christine Crossley to :- 2 Chapel Close, Walsden, Todmorden, Lancs, OL14 6TZ.

M824 Stephen Newman to :- Belvedere House, 25 Westwood Drive, Ilkley, LS29 9QX.

M853 Mr L.Natrass change of post code only to:- YO32 5YN.

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. The new system notes where the child fits into their parent's family hence 6/10 means 6th child of 10. Dates are DD/MM/YYYY.

CORRECTIONS

M972 Ms Susan Hildreth, 115 Upland Way, Green River (not Coreen River), Wyoming 82935, USA.

M981 Mrs Anne L.Parker - Florence Ann was actually registered as a METCALFE not a Browne and was born 23 Nov 1894 at 5,Paradise Row, Drifffield, Yks.

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

M204 Mrs Mary Armitage, 283 Alder St, Fartown, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, HD2 1AX (& her brother M213). After a double check by Julian Metcalfe of the 1871 Census Returns for Darlington we can confirm that JAMES is the head of the household,[not Joseph]. James b 1845 Hunslet 1/ ?4 of Benjamin & Sarah (Darwen) MT. Benjamin bpt 17 Jan 1819 2/9 of James & Sarah (Wolley) MT m 24 Feb 1814 Leeds. James bpt 13 Aug 1792 Hunslet, Leeds s/o John. **Connects to M925.**

M218 Mr B Foster Chapman & Mrs Lillah M. Chapman, 252, Shipton Road, York, YO30 5RZ. Lillah d.o. Thos. Wintersgill & Doris (Caultron) MTE m 1 Jun 1921 Leeds. Thos W b 12 June 1894 Azerley 2/8 s.o. Thos & Mary (Carter) MTE m 23 Apr 1891 Middlesboro. Thos b 8 May 1863 Masham s.o. Thos & Isabella (Wintersgill) MTE m 7 Jun 1854 Healey. Thos b 23 May 1826 Kexmoor bpt 18 Jun 1826 Kirkby Malz. s.o. Geo &

Grewelthorpe s.o. Geo & Jane (Mallerley) MTE m 31 Mar 1777 Masham. Geo bpt 2 Apr 1747 Ilton Masham s.o. Geo & Jane (MT) MTE m 15 July 1745 Masham. Geo bpt 13 Oct 1722 Masham s.o. Thos & Mary (Askwith) MTE (1st wife) Eliz Windrass m 30 Oct 1745 Masham (2nd wife). Thos bpt 13 May 1693 Healey s.o. Thos & Jane (Thorpe) MTE m 2 Feb 1690/91 Healey Masham. Thos bpt 18 Mar 1659/60. Jane bpt 12 Oct 1665 of Ellingstring d.o. Thos Thorpe.

M301 Miss V Metcalfe, 282 Livesey Branch Road, Blackburn BB2 4QL. Cameron Thomas s.o. Keith McIntyre & Nichola Thornber b 28.11.98 chris 14.3.99 at Bradley Yorks Methodist Church.

M824 Mr Stephen Newman (See New addresses section) gs. of Henry & Agnes (Mte) Shaw, Agnes b 1884 d.o Robert & *Mary Ann (Mte) Mte mar 4 Apr 1883 Hawes, Yks. Robert b 16 Mar 1862 bpt 12 Jun 1864 Hawes, Yks s.o John & Agnes (Blades) Mte mar 17 Nov 1853 Hawes. John bpt 25 Dec 1827 Hawes s.o William & Elizabeth/Betty (Marsden) Mte mar 6 Oct 1817 Slaidburn, Yks. William bpt 30 Sep 1792 Hawes s.o James & Isabel (Blenkhorn) Mte mar 17 May 1790, Stalling Busk, Yks. James bc1759 Stalling Busk, d 1831 Gayle.(*)Mary Ann bpt 5 Nov 1863 Mallerstang d.o James Metcalfe of Mossdale Head & Ellen (Sunter) Mte of Collier Holme mar 3 Nov 1860 Hardraw, James b 1832 Mossdale Head nr Hawes bpt 10 Jan 1832 Hawes. James s.o Ninion Metcalfe a yeoman of Mossdale Head & Isabella (Mason) Mte mar 19 March 1825 Dent Yks. Ninion bc 1798 High Gayle,Horton, bpt 30 Dec 1798 Ingleton Fells,d 28 Jan 1870 Hawes s.o (***)Alexander a yeoman of Mossdale Head, High Gayle, & Jane (Mte) Mte mar 8 Mar 1794 Hawes, she of Thorns & Birkrigg. Jane bpt 5 March 1771 Hawes d.o Ninion Metcalfe a yeoman of Thorns & (***)Elleanor of Appersett (Mte) Mte mar 17 Nov 1766 Hawes. Ninion bpt 22 Mar 1739/1740 Hawes,of Thorns, s.o Thomas Metcalfe of West Ashes & Thorns nr. Hawes & Margaret (Lambert) Mte mar 29 Aug 1734 Hawes, Thomas bpt 25.3.1694 Askrigg, died 1744/5,s.o Richard Metcalfe of Thorns near Ashes a yeoman and Alice Stockdale m 4.5.1678 Askrigg , Richard bc 1660,d 1716, s.o Thomas Metcalfe of Ashes nr. Hawes a yeoman and Elizabeth Rucrofte m ?1640 Askrigg, Thomas bc 1610, died c1663 s.o ?? (***)Elleanor bpt 22.8.1731 Dent d.o Jeffrey Metcalfe of Blean,Aysgarth & Agnes (Petty) Mte mar 6 May 1728 Dent, Jeffery bpt abt 1705 s.o Jeffrey a yeoman of Blean , Aysgarth and Ellinor(?) Mte, Jeffrey s.o?? (***)Alexander b. c1763, bpt 12 June 1764? Hawes, d 1845 Halfway House, s.o ?John Metcalfe of Gunnerfleet & Eleanor (Whaley)Mte of Widdale Gill, mar 11 May 1761 Ingleton Fells. John bpt 4 Oct 1734 Ingleton Fells, s.o George a Yeoman & 1st Wife Margaret Thompson mar 13 Aug 1726 Ingleton . (2nd wife Elizabeth (Battley) Mte, mar 26 Dec 1739 Ingleton Fells). George bpt 27 Mar 1700 Ingleton,d 1786 ,of Southerscales par Bentham Yks, s.o Christopher of Rose Gale and Catherine (Leake)Mte mar 22 Jan 1697 Ingleton. Christopher bur. 1757 Ingleton,s.o??

Connected to M6,M62,M141,M155,M597,M769,M307,M317,M475,M591,M529

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 20 Nov 1861 Sedbergh Yks 25/11 of William & Elizabeth/Betty/Betsy (nee Davis) MTE m pre 1854. **THE SOCIETY CAN ADD** :- William b c1830 High Shaw Paddock, Lunds, Yks. 4/8 of Joshua/Joseph & Isabella (Blades) MTE m 20 Sep 1823 at Kirkby Stephen. Joshua/Joseph bpt aged 40 19.3.1843 with brother William aged 53 at Lunds sons of Thomas & Ann (Blades) m 16 June 1788 at Hawes, they may also have had Richard b c1789 bur 1814. As both Joshua & William were born at Appersett it is probable that their father Thomas is the one buried at Hawes 10 July 1820 and if born c1755 he could be Thomas bpt 6 Apl 1756 at Hawes s/o John Mte of Hazel Bank in Widdale. **Connects to M155 & M908.**

DELAYED BIRTH BRIEFS -

Another innovation - those members whose Birth Briefs have so far NEVER been published in the Mecca News will appear in this section when details have been made available to the archivist who, in this issue, has gone back to the beginning of 1999. Anyone else in a similar situation (no matter when they joined the Metcalfe Society) is welcome to contact Nina Benson.

M993 Mrs Ruth Seward, 48 Wigan Crescent, Bedhampton, Havant, Hants, PO9 3PP. Grand-dau of Richard & Clara (nee Metcalfe) Addison m 1912 Stainton in Cleveland. Clara born 9 Apr 1885 Stainton 8/9 of Joseph & Margaret (Wood) Mte m 15 Jun 1867. Thomas b 18 Mar 1846 Crathorne, Yks. s/o Ann MTE & Joseph Thompson. **THE SOCIETY CAN ADD**:- Ann bpt 17 Apr 1821 Crathorne 6/14 of Thomas & his 2nd wife Thamar (Stanger) Mte m 15 May 1814 Crathorne. Thomas bpt 10 July 1774 Kirklevington, Yks. 1/5 of Joseph & Tamar (Wake) MT m 22 Nov 1772 Kirklevington. **Connects to XM675 & XM712.**

M995 Mr Roger L. Metcalf, Oaklea, Mapledrakes Rd, Ewhurst, Surrey, GU6 7OP. 2/3 of Frank Leslie & Hilda Edith (Barnham) Mt m 1932 Kingston, Surrey. Frank L. b 26 Dec 1900 Fulham, London 1/2 of Frank & his first wife Kate (Millham) Mt m Sandhurst, Kent. Frank b c1876 Grainsby, Lincs 3/? of Joseph Mt b c1844 Ludborough, Lincs.

M997 Mr J. E. Mitchell, 49A Alexandra Rd, Southport, Lancs. PR9 9HD. Descendant of Robert & Ann (nee Metcalfe) Drury m 31 mar 1811 Kirkby Overblow, Yks. Ann b 29 Apr 1782 5/9 of Rev'd John & Dorothy (Barnett) Mte m 3 May 1774 Middleham, Yks. **THE SOCIETY CAN ADD**:- Rev'd John bpt 23 June 1750 Hawes, Yks. 11/13 of Anthony & Alice (nee Metcalfe) Mte m 18 August 1724 at Chapel le Dale Yks. Anthony b c1694/9 1/5 of Cuthbert & Barbara (Simonston) Mte m 1694 at Kettlewell. Cuthbert b c1660/3 1/2 of Anthony & Elizabeth (Winn) Mte. Anthony

? b c1640/50 s/o Margaret Mte of Hardraw. Margaret ? b Hardraw d/o Anthony & Ann (Hudson) Mte. **Connects to M55 et al !**

M999 Mr Andrew J. Allen, 16 Swire Croft, Gargrave, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 3SJ. Andrew has several lines of interest. 1. Descendant of Lydia Metcalfe who m 26 Mar 1829 at Garsdale to Benjamin Akrigg. Lydia b c1809 d/o John & Agnes Mte ? 2. Sarah Metcalfe m Thomas Akrigg. Could Lydia & Sarah be sisters? 3. John Metcalfe m 25 Feb 1875 Hawes (aged 30, no father named) = Elizabeth FOSTER nee Beresford, widow aged 38 of Beckermonds d/o George. John bpt 18 July 1844 Hawes s/o Dorothy Metcalfe bpt 13 Dec 1818 Hawes 3/3 of James & Alice (nee Metcalfe) MTE m 20 Aug 1814 Hawes.

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

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

M1002 Mr & Mrs Robert F. Mills, 41 Nell Street, Greensborough, Victoria 3088, Australia. Robert b Victoria, Australia 2/5 of Robert Metcalfe & Ellen (Cummins) MILLS m 26 Dec 1936 Brunswick, Victoria. Robert Metcalfe b 1905 3/4 of Frederick & Mary (Pattison) Mills m 1892 South Melbourne. Mary b 7 Aug 1858 Yarrum, Victoria 4/9 of Edward & Ann (Metcalf) Pattison m 7 Jan 1855 Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland, Eng. Ann born c1835 Hetton le Hole, Co. Durham d/o Richard Metcalf/Mitcalfe, a miner. **Connects to XM49.**

M1004 Mr Ian E. Metcalfe, Ingthorne House, Ingthorne Lane, South Milford, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS25 5BZ. Ian b Battersea, London 1/3 of Robert Henry & Daisy Frances (Murr) MTE. Robert H. b 8 Feb 1903 Battersea 1/3 of James & Edith (Eyles) MTE. James b 24 Mar 1871 Oliver, Aske, Richmond, Yorkshire 3/8 of Robert & Alice (Turner) MTE m 21 May 1864 Marrick in Swaledale. Robert bpt 18 Feb 1843 Easby 9/9 of Anthony (tailor of Skeeby) & Mary (nee*Metcalfe) MTE m 15 Nov 1820 Easby. **THE SOCIETY CAN ADD** :- Anthony bpt 1 Nov 1795 South Cowton, Yks 1/9 of James & Mary (Whitaker) MTE m 25 Nov 1794 South Cowton. James bpt 18 Nov 1770 South Cowton 3/4 of James & Eleanor (Swalwell) MTE m 21 Nov 1757 South Cowton. James born c1738. **Connects to XM65, XM129, XM282 & XM311 & M992.** Could this James be the one bpt 11/09/1737 Thornton Watlass 2/8 of Stephen & Ellen (Moody) MTE m 19 Sep 1734 at Thornton Watlass and therefore connected to M56; M266; M493; M545; M616; M127; & ?M123/165/632/644/843 & 480. Can anyone enlighten us ?

*Mary Metcalfe bpt 25 Mar 1798 St Mary, Marylebone, London d/o John & Frances (?) Metcalfe.

M1005 Mrs Iris Marquis, 6 Hadnall Close, Acklam, Middlesbrough, TS5 8QP. Descendant of James & Ann (nee Metcalfe) MEDD who m 11 Nov 1781 at Ebberston, Yks. Anyone "lost" an Ann ?

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

M1006 Mrs Ann Peters, 84 Upper Lorne Beach Road, RR#2, Tiverton, Ontario, Canada, N0G 2T0. Ann's husband William Ronald Peters is the great grandson of Margaret Jane Metcalfe who m William Thomas Peters. Margaret J. b 1868 d/o Philip & Mary A. (Belford/Balfour) MTE. Philip b 1845 s/o Robert & Mary (Daniels) Mte. Robert b 1818 Westward, Cumberland, Eng. s/o Thomas & Isabella (Matthews) Mte. Thomas b 1797 Westward s/o James & Ann/Nancy (Sawyer) Mte. James bpt 13 Aug 1756 Crosscanonby, Cumb. 6/7 of Simon & (?) Mte. Simon b c1715 ? **Connects to XM26 & XM89.**

M1007 Mr Kevin J. Metcalfe, 26 Rathen Avenue, Ince, Wigan, Lancs, WN2 2JR. Details awaited.

M1008 Mrs Judy M. Bates, 12355 E.Kalil Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona 85259-3306, USA. Judy b Kansas City, Jackson Co.Mo. USA 2/2 of Morris Eugene & Edythe Marie (Metcalfe) Filson m 1927 Kansas City. Edythe M. b 28 Mar 1905 Kansas City 1/2 of Frederick Earl & Effie Myrtle (Adams) MTE m 4 May 1904 Kansas City. Frederick E. b 13 Dec 1880 Kansas City or Wyandotte Co.,Ks. 3/7 of Daniel Webster & Elizabeth S.(Bean) MTE m before 1872. Daniel W. b March 1850 In. Daniel and his wife are buried in Moberly, Mo. where they both lived before Daniel went into the harness business in Kansas City. As the Society's USA records are very sparse there is nothing we can add to Judy's records. Can anyone over there help ?

M1009 Mr David Wm Adams, 570 Washington Street, Dedham, MA 02026, USA. David b Berwyn, Illinois, USA. s/o Edward Russell & Doris Gertrude (Palm) Adams m 1943 Sioux City, Iowa. Edward R b 1898 Chicago great x 4 grandson of Simeon & Achsa (Metcalf) Partridge m 27 Dec 1785 Franklin, MA, USA. Achsa b 13 Apr 1762 at Wrentham, MA. d/o Michael & Hannah (Adams) m 16 Dec 1741 at Wrentham. Michael b 24 Jan 1717/8/9 at Wrentham s/o Michael & Abiel (Colburn) MT m 23 Dec 1712. Michael b 25 Jan 1686/7 Wrentham s/o Eleazer & Meletiah (Fisher) Mt m 9 Apr 1684 Dedham. Eleazer b 2 Jan 1652/3 Dedham s/o Michael & Mary (Fairbanks) MT m 2 Apr 1644 Dedham. Michael bpt 29 Aug. 1620 St Benedicts, Norwich, Norfolk, Eng. s/o Michael & Sarah (Ellwyn) MT of Tatterford. m 13 Oct 1616 Heigham, Nfk. Michael b c1590 (no baptism traced) thought to be the s/o Leonard & Amy (?) Mte. Leonard b c1541 Apperside, Wensleydale, Yks may be the s/o Leonard of Bear Park, Aysgarth. The ancestry has yet to be proved. **Connects to M585qv & M1010 & to XM283; XM445; XM456; XM571.**

M1010 Ms Lenore Hailstone, 1890 Village Court, Hollister, California 95023, USA. Descendant of Henry & Mary (Metcalf) Wilson m 24 Sep 1642 Dedham USA. Mary bpt 17 Feb 1618/9 St Benedict, Norwich, Nfk, Eng. d/o Michael & Sarah (Ellwyn) Mt of Tatterford, m 13 Oct 1616 Heigham, Nfk. Michael b c1590 (no baptism traced) thought to be the s/o Leonard & Amy (?) Mte. Leonard b c1541 Apperside, Wensleydale, Yks may be the s/o Leonard of Bear Park, Aysgarth. The ancestry has yet to be proved. **Connects to M585qv & M1009 & to XM283; XM445; XM456; XM571.**

M1011 Mr Anthony H. Bushell, Broadgate, Hillside Rd, Leighton Buzzard, Beds. LU7 8BU. Anthony's wife Joyce Elizabeth nee Metcalfe b Hartlepool 1/3 of John & Catherine (Anderson) Mte m 12 Jun 1929 Hartlepool. John b 27 Jul 1899 s/o Benjamin & Annie Elizabeth (Goodwill) Mte m 7 Jun 1889 Leeds, Yks. Benjamin b 25 Apr 1869 Helmsley Yks. 9/9 of John & Alice (Mayman) Mte m 5 Oct 1850 Middleton by Pickering, Yks. John bpt 18 Mar 1828 & **THE SOCIETY CAN ADD:-** at Helmsley, Yks. 6/10 of Thomas & Ann (Moorhouse) Mte m 17 Mar 1818 Helmsley. Thomas bpt 16 Jul 1797 Helmsley 4/6 of Richard & Anne/Hannah (Megginson) Mte *m 7 Aug 1787 Hawaby, Yks. Richard bpt 15 Aug 1756 Helmsley 1/4 of James & his 1st wife Margaret (Waddy) Mte m 9 Sep 1755 Helmsley (2nd wf Ellen (Milner) m1770 by whom R had a further 5 children). James bpt 26 Jul 1730 Whorlton in Cleveland 1/2 of Richard & his 2nd wf Mary (Sweet) Mte [1st wife Elizabeth ?>4 children] m 19 Sep 1723 Hutton Rudby Yks. Richard b c1670 Whorlton in Cleveland. **Connects to M61; M261 & M683 who should make note * of the marriage date/place of Richard & Anne/Hannah Megginson. And XM328; XM392 & XM413.**

M1012 Mrs Ann Greig, 15 Denman St, Mitcham, Victoria 3132, AUS. Ann b London, Eng.d/o Walter & Margaret Agnes (Metcalfe) Lindsay m London. Margaret A. b 1922 Oakley, Victoria, AUS. 1/2 of Robert Grange & Florence May (Murphy) Mte m 21 Apr 1915 Melbourne, AUS. Robert Grange b 30 Sep 1890 Aberdeen, Scotland 1/3 of James & Agnes (Connor) MTE m 1889 Aberdeen Old Machar district. **THE SOCIETY CAN ADD:-** James b 2 Nov 1862 Monquhitter, Aberdeen 1/4 of James Stewart & Sophia B.(Taylor) MT m 11 Jun 1859 King Edward, Aberdeen. James S. bpt 21 Mar 1837 Monquhitter 4/6 of Thomas & Margaret (Webster) MT m 9 Oct 1828 Monquhitter, Aberdeen.

M1013 Geoffrey & Phillip Ingram, 44 Yvonne Crescent, Mountwarren Park, Queensland 4207, AUS. Grandsons (b Fiji) of Sefton Errol & Marjorie (nee Metcalfe) Ingram m 11 Jan 1915 Mosman, New South Wales. Marjorie 5/5 of Edward Milner & Marion Annie (Underwood) MTE m 19 Dec 1882 Wesleyan Parsonage, Forest Lodge, NSW. Edward M. b 4 May 1854 Sydney, NSW. 4/10 Michael & Agnes Georgiana (Robinson) MTE m 30 Apr 1845 Glebe, NSW. **THE SOCIETY CAN ADD :-** Michael bpt 22 Feb 1814 Sculcoates, Hull, East Riding of Yorkshire 3/7 of Michael & Anne (Bell) Mte m 13 Sep 1809 Leconfield, Yks. Michael bpt 10 Feb 1779 Hull 4/12 of Michael & Ann (Young) m 28 May 1776 Sculcoates. Michael

b 21 Jan 1730 Sculcoates s/o Michael & Jane (?) Mte of Crowle in Lincolnshire. Michael b c1706 Crowle s/o Michael & Mary (?) Mte. Michael b c1674 s/o Michael of Revesby,Lincs. & Mary (Bussey) Mte. Michael b 29 June 1644 s/o Richard & Elizabeth (Conyers) Mte. Richard b 1610 s/o Michael and his 2nd wf Frances (Wilden) Mte whose other children were Christopher, Roger & Anthony. Richard's 1st wf was Elizabeth (Vaisey) & their children were John, Elizabeth, Dorothy & Isabel. Michael b c1579 s/o John & ? (Asbough) Mte. John s/o Richard & ? (Mackeridge) Mte of Co.Durham & Otterington. **Connects to M718 & XM669.**

M1014 Dr Rosemary Fearnley, 3 St.John's Close, Romiley, Stockport, Cheshire, SK6 3JU. Details awaited.

M1015 Mrs Donna M. Caygill, 2304 Sunnyslope Rd, Box 451 Linden, Wisconsin 53553, USA. Donna's husband Jack Metcalf Caygill b 1930 s/o Frederick Metcalf Caygill b 1889 s/o Thomas Caygill II b 1857 Newbiggin near Askrigg, Yorkshire, Eng. s/o Thomas & Catherine (nee Metcalf) Caygill m 17 Nov 1849 Askrigg, Thomas a gamekeeper for the Vyner family on Askrigg Moor had 10 in all and three of their sons emigrated; Thomas II & Christopher to USA and William to Australia. Catherine b 25 Aug 1826 bpt 26 Aug 1826 Askrigg 2/6 of William & Betty (Sagar) Mte m 6 Dec 1823 Aysgarth, Yks. William bpt 7 Nov 1790 s/o James of Worton & Catherine (?) Mte. Also interested in Elizabeth MT who m 21 Apr 1788 Askrigg to Christopher Caygill a blacksmith but we cannot trace Elizabeth with any certainty.

M1016 Mrs Rosemary Richardson, 26 Ascott Ave,Ealing,London,W5 5QB. Great x 4 grand-dau of George & Ann (Midcalf) Stephenson m 1 Jan 1834 Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland. Ann/Nancy bpt 15 Aug 1804 St.Augustine's Ch, Alston, Cumb. 2/7 of George & Eunice (Tatters) Mte m 8 Mar 1800 Alston. George bpt 7 Aug 1779 Alston 9/10 of William & Sarah (Askew) Mte m 11 Dec 1762 Alston. **Connects to M43 & XM240.** George and Ann Stephenson had seven sons and the family emigrated from Liverpool to Melbourne on the Kalmia in 1852. George Stephenson was b 1799 at Gap Shield Farm, Haltwhistle s/o William and it is claimed that Wm was a brother of "Owd Bob" the father of George Stephenson "Father of the Railways". Ann's uncle Robert married Margaret Stephenson in Alston in 1790. Rosemary is also interested in Robert Metcalf, fireman to George Stephenson, and probably lived in North Shields.

M1017 Mr H. J. Hamilton Metcalfe, 6 Forest Rd, Pinehaven, Silverstream 6007, New Zealand. Details awaited.

M1018 Mr W. John Waite, 31 Manchester Rd, Accrington, Lancs.BB5 2BW. What a puzzle this one gave us ! John's wife Ethel Marion was nee Metcalfe and b Accrington d/o John James & Ethel (Crabtree) MTE m 1929 at the New Jerusalem Ch, Accrington. What we didn't know at the time but thanks to intense research and finally help from Patrick Malham M444 - John James had previously m on 8 Jun 1915

at Bedale to Mildred Mary Gatenby,although he had described himself as a bachelor at his 1929 marriage! It wasn't until Patrick dug out a second marriage for Mildred Mary that all was revealed as she described herself as the divorced wife of John James Metcalfe. We could then continue the search for John James and confirmed his bpt 16 Sep 1890 Bedale 5/9 of John & Jane* (nee Metcalfe) Mte m 29 May 1883 Bedale. John b c 1862 Aiskew 1/9 of Thomas & Hannah (Burry) Mte m 28 Nov 1857 Bedale. Thomas b c1834 Aiskew 3/10 of Thomas & Ann (Simpson) Mte m 10 Oct 1830 Bedale and **THE SOCIETY CAN ADD:-** Thomas b c1800 Bedale 1/4 of William & Mary (Hird) Mte m 23 Sep 1799 Bedale. William b 1769 Bedale 1/3 of Thomas & Catherine (Wetherall) Mte m 3 Apr 1768 Hornby nr Catterick, Yks. Thomas b c1745 Hackforth nr Richmond 6/6 of William & Margaret (Walton/Wilson?) Mte m 16 Nov 1732 Hornby.

*Jane Metcalfe was John's first cousin, bpt 9 May 1865 Linthorpe, Yarm 2/2 of Matthew MTE & his 1st wf Charlotte Hudson m 4 Aug 1856 Bedale. Matthew & his 2nd wf Ann Whitfield m 29 Feb 1864 Richmond had a further 6 children. Matthew b c1832 Aiskew, Bedale 2/10 of Thomas & Ann (Simpson) Mte m 10 July 1830 Bedale and see above. **Connects to XM35; XM236; XM273; & XM516.**

M1019 Mrs Shirley Medland, 12 The Elms, Stoke, Plymouth, Devon, PL3 4BR. Great great grand-dau of Thomas & Mary (Walker) YOUNG m 1809 Newcastle upon Tyne. Thomas s/o Nicholas & Margaret (Fenwick) Young m1777 Newcastle. Margaret d/o Tristram & Elizabeth (nee Metcalfe) Fenwick m 27 Apr 1752 Sunderland Co Durham. Elizabeth b 1726/7 Newcastle 4/5 of Thomas & Margaret (Shaftoe) Mte m 18 Dec 1718 Newcastle. Thomas was apprenticed to a feltmaker and was of Dockendale Hall, Neville House, Westmorland House, Newcastle. Thomas & Margaret's eldest son John (b 1719) was a surgeon of Newcastle when he died 1771, his will mentions "estates in Wensleydale". Thomas bpt 16 Nov 1690 St Johns, Newcastle ? 3/6 of John & Isabel (?) Mte. At each of his children's baptisms he is described as MR John Metcalfe & from 1699 - 1706 as one of the "Free School" masters. It is therefore highly likely that he is the John b c1653 s/o John of Bainbridge in Wensleydale who was admitted St John's College, Cambridge 22 May 1671 aged 18 and in 1677 was admitted master of the "Free School" of Ravenstonedale, Westmorland where there is a well worn monumental inscription which states "...some fragments of Hebrew, half worn away, the composure of Mr Metcalf who is now schoolmaster at Newcastle upon Tyne, whither he removed from this place ". In the will of John of Newcastle dated March 1717 (proved Durham 1720) he left " ...lands in Wensleydale, monies due from Matthew Metcalfe's estate in Apperset, lands & tenements in Orton Parish; at Skales & (unreadable) adjoining places; monies due from "his brother" Edward Birbeck at ... in the parish of Orton; monies out of lands or grounds called Standingstones in the county of York....lands and tenements at Six Acres; The Carrs; Closes, the West Closes & cattle gates belonging to West Parracks & some lying in the parish of Aysgarth;..I give to the inhabitants of Busk the sum of £20 towards the opening of their chapel and £5 to the poor of Bainbridge to be distributed...£20 to my "cousin" John Spar/ Scar's eldest son, he paying unto Metcalfe Sheldon? £7 out of the

same....”

I’ve taken the liberty of adding all this data in the hope that some of you may be able to recognise places and/or names and be able to assist in tracing the John of Bainbridge c 1650. **Connects to XM36.**

M1020 Mr R. W. & Mrs Denise E. Simpson, 28 South Lane, Shelf, Halifax, West Yorkshire, HX3 7PN. Details awaited.

M1021 Mr Roger J. Brunton, 46 Byron Ave, Coulsdon, Surrey, CR5 2JR. Great grandson of John & Jane (nee Metcalfe) Lofthouse m 28 Oct 1848 Dallowgill, nr Ripon, Yorkshire. **THE SOCIETY CAN ADD:-** Jane bpt 19 Jun 1825 Winksley 3/4 of Thomas & his 1st wf Mary (Clarkson) m 26 Apr 1821 Ripon Cathedral, Thomas m his 2nd wf Dorothy (Snowden) 15 Nov 1830 and they had a further 9 children. Thomas bpt 23 July 1797 Aldfield 1/9 of Andrew and his 2nd wf Dorothy (Lofthouse) m 29 Mar 1786 Ripon Cathedral; his 1st wf Elizabeth (Fryer) m 27 May 1779 had Jane 1780. Andrew bpt 31 Dec 1743 Ripon Cathedral 5/6 of Robert of North Field House, Aldfield, & Mary (Rymer) Mte m 16 Apr 1735 Topcliffe. Robert bpt 13 Feb 1704 Cundall s/o James Mte junior, yeoman of Cundall 2/4 of James & Ann (?) Mte of Cundall. James bpt 17 Apr 1638 2/3 Francis Mte & his 1st wf Isabel (Smeton) Mte m 18 Sep 1636 Cundall & his 2nd wf ?Cicely (Gatenby) m 25 July 1637 Burneston. **Connects to M519, & XM443 & XM573.**

M1022 Rev. Mons. Alan McCormack, Casa Internazionale, Del Clero, Via Della, Scrofa, 70, 00186 Roma. Italy. Born Toronto, Canada, grandson of John Walter & Helen (Whitehead) Metcalfe. John Walter b 3rd Quarter 1873 Penrith, Cumberland, Eng. 3/7 of William & Margaret (Watson) Mte m 29 Apr 1868 Ousby, Cumberland. William b c1843 Addingham Cumb. 7/9 of John & Hannah (Bleamires) Mte m 26 Nov 1831 Addingham. John bpt 28 Jan 1806 Orton, Wes. 8/8 of Anthony & Mary (Sanderson) Mte m 21 Aug 1786 Orton, Westmorland. Anthony bpt 15 Apr 1758 Ravenstonedale 5/5 of William & Elizabeth (Cansfield) Mte m 30 May 1750 Hawes, Yorkshire. **Connects to M805 & XM117, XM719.**

M1023 Mrs Margaret Peters, 3 Hoghton Rd, Longridge, Preston, Lancs, PR3 3UA. Descendant of Richard & Ann (nee Medcalf) Dearman m 11 May 1848 Manchester Cathedral, Lancs. Ann bpt 11 Nov 1821 Manchester Cath 4/8 of William & Ann (?) Medcalf, brush manufacturer of Manchester whose will is featured in Wills Book 2.

M1024 Ms Beatrix Walker, Rock Cottage, 4 Railway St, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 5AY. Details awaited.

M1025 Mr Robert D. Metcalf, 5100 John Ryan Blvd, Apt#444 San Antonio, Texas 78245, USA. Robert Dale (Bob) 1/3 of George Eugene & Nellie Cordelia (Dale) MT m 27 Sep 1920 Dodgeville, Wisconsin, USA. George E. b 9 May 1895 Highland,

Wi: only child of George & his 2nd wf Geneva Dudgeon m 8 Feb 1892 Arena, Wi: George & his 1st wf Sarah Woodward m 5 Jul 1858 at ? & they had 6 children all born in USA. George bpt 4 Aug 1833 in Askrigg, Yorkshire, Eng. s/o Alexander & Elizabeth (?) Mte. This gives rise to a puzzle ! We have a George in the 1851 Census at Askrigg aged 20 roadmaker son of Alexander & Elizabeth (Whaley) Mte [m 15 Dec 1821 Aysgarth] however this Elizabeth is then aged 72 which would make her 52 at the birth of baby George. Alexander bpt 9 June 1799 Askrigg s/o James of Worton. However, Bob Metcalf has notes of a Quaker family of Countersett with Alexander b 23 Jan 1811 2/3 of William & Elizabeth (Raw) Mte m 1 Mar 1804 Stalling Busk. Wm was a cordwainer. Has anyone knowledge of further Quaker Records that would help us to sort out this family.

M1026 Mr Roderick D. Metcalfe, 101 Woolwich Rd, Woolwich, Sydney, New South Wales 2110, AUSTRALIA. Details awaited.

M1027 Mr Martin Moran, 7 Cockshute Hill, Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire, WR9 7QP. Details awaited.

M1028 Mrs Catherine Metcalfe, Vyes Corner, Cattistock, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 0JD. Husband Norman John only child of George John & Dulcie Beatrice Amy (White) Mte. George John b 25 Sep 1906 St Pancras, London 1/7 of Henry William & Elizabeth (Bone) Mte m 1904 St Pancras. Henry William b 18 Mar 1874 1/4 of Henry & Elizabeth (?) Metcalfe formerly DAVIDSON, Henry had assumed the Metcalfe surname of his mother, Georgiana Metcalfe and the wife of Lord Henry Davidson. Georgiana b 1832 Delhi, India 2/5 of Sir Thomas Theophilus & Felicity Anne (Brown) Metcalfe. Sir Thomas T. bpt 27 Mar 1795 St Mary, Marylebone, London. 7/8 of Major Thomas Theophilus & Susannah Selina Sophia (formerly Smith nee Debonnaire) Metcalfe m 16 July 1782. Thomas Theophilus who became the first Baronet & MP for Abingdon 1796-1807, b 8 Jan 1745 only child of Thomas & Margaret (Williams) Mte. **THE SOCIETY CAN ADD:-** thanks to some research by George Buxton M3 and to a pedigree & associated papers at the College of Arms that Thomas was b c1695 in the north of Ireland 3rd s of Theophilus & Peggy (Ormsby) Mte. Theophilus had moved to Ireland in 1690 & was one of at least three sons of Theophilus & Ann (?) MTE, others were William who settled in Norfolk, a farmer and John, who went abroad to seek his fortune. Their father Theophilus invented the art of shorthand writing, on which he published books and taught the art, he was bpt 3 June 1610 at Richmond, Yorkshire 8/9 of Matthew & Ann (Taylor) Mte m 2 July 1593 at Richmond. Matthew ? s/o Thomas of Askrigg. **Connects to XM357.**

M1029 Mr Jack & Mrs Margaret Metcalf, 12 Peregrine Avenue, Morley, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS27 8TD. Jack b Hunslet, Leeds 4/4 of Percy & Harriet (Spur) Mt m 14 June 1920 Hunslet. Percy b 24 Sep 1896 Ellerby St, Leeds 2/4 of Alfred & Sarah Ellen (Farrar) Mt m 13 May 1894 St Saviour’s Church, Leeds. Alfred b 29 Dec 1871

Leeds 1/11 of Thomas & Rose Ann (Lane) Mt m 16 July 1871 Burmantofts, Leeds. Thomas b 27 Jan 1852 East St, Leeds 11/11 of John & Elizabeth (Haigh) Mt m 8 Jan 1826 Leeds Parish Church. John bpt 6 Apr 1806 St Peters, Leeds s/o Joseph of Holbeck. **Connects to M959.**

M1030 Mrs Yvonne Moffatt, 45 Halsey Street, London, SW3 2PT. Dau of Matthew Wells Metcalfe b Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland s/o James Andrew & Hannah (Ashby) Mte m 1 Jan 1920. James Andrew b 13 Aug 1899 1/2 of James Andrew & Isabella (Temple) Mte. James Andrew b 20 Apr 1875 Newcastle 2/6 of Matthew Wells & Harriet (Trail) Mte m 1865 Bishop Auckland Co Durham. Matthew Wells bpt 7 June 1841 Hornby near Catterick, North Yorkshire 8/10 of George & Frances (Brown) Mte m 30 Oct 1829 Hornby. George b 22 Feb 1807 bpt 2 Mar 1807 Scruton, Yorkshire 4/10 of George & Elizabeth (Wells) Mte m 18 Nov 1798 Scruton. George ?bpt 12 Mar 1776 Danby Wiske, Yorkshire 2/4 of George & Margaret (Ewbank) Mte m 15 Mar 1775 Danby Wiske. **Connects to XM201 & ?XM162.**

Yvonne requests the help of all Members to solve a long standing Puzzle. A relative of her father, Matthew Wells Metcalfe, went to Pennsylvania in the late 1800s and died there (?1931-39) leaving his estate to any surviving "Matthew Wells Metcalfe". At this time there were three that they knew about and all have been shown to be related to Yvonne's father - himself; his father's elder brother b 1870 Gateshead & who m Ellen Colman; and their son Matthew Wells Charles MTE b 1910 d 1926. Considered opinion points to the emigrant being Matthew Wells Mte born 9 Nov 1870 at Gateshead eldest child of Matthew Wells & Harriet (Trail) Mte but it has so far proved elusive to trace any reference to him in the states. Now we need the help of Members in the USA - are there available records that can match deaths of Metcalfes (and variants) between 1930-40 with Wills ? Yvonne can be contacted on email <YMoff@aol.com>.

M1031 Mrs Norma P. Forbes, 55 Leone Street, Bray Park, Queensland 4500 Australia. Norma b Cairns, North Queensland d/o Norman & Alice Louisa Cecilia (Fry) MTE m June 1935 Atherton, Queensland. Norman b 1 Oct 1892 Brisbane, Aus s/o William John & Mary Jane (Fitzpatrick) MTE. William John b c1853 Loughgall, Armagh, Portadown, Ireland s/o Samuel & Charlotte (Turtenton) MTE.

M1032 Mr D. Seyward Smith, 201-1121 Oscar Street, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada V8V 2X3. grandson of Henry Duncan & Alice Jane (Weston) MTE m 1885 Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Henry Duncan a grain broker of Winnipeg, b 1864 Montreal d 1954 Winnipeg, Manitoba, s/o Charles Popple & Catherine (Pullar) MTE m 1863 ? Quebec. Charles P. b 1843 Owston, Lincs, England d 1914 Montreal, s/o Henry & Sarah Ann (Popple) Mte m 1840 Corringham, Gainsborough, Lincs. Henry b ? Owston Ferry s/o Joseph Mte.

useful web site addresses

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission's web site is at <http://www.cegc.org/> which has some 1.7m names of Commonwealth servicemen who died in WW's I & II plus 60,000 civilians who died in WW II. (*Northumberland & Durham FHS Journal - Spring1999*).

Public Record Office Kew <http://www.pro.gov.uk> has information on the PRO and the Family Records Centre. For details of the PRO publications try <http://www.pro.gov.uk/bookshop/>

Quaker Family History Society <http://www.qfhs.mcmill.com>

Lancashire Record Office - <http://www.lancashire.com/lcc/edu/ro/index.html>

EARL - The Consortium for Public Library Networking on <http://www.earl.org.uk/familia/index/html> offers a wide range of on-line services. Use Familia to help you locate libraries holding family history information in the UK and Ireland.

Society of Genealogists on www.sog.org.uk.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons) on <http://familysearch.org>

UK&Ireland Genealogical Information Service on www.genuki.org.uk/

bits & bobs

Bishops Transcripts have been discovered for twelve Yorkshire Parishes in the Dean & Chapter Library at Durham. They are Birkby (1714/15) Brompton (various dates between 1710/35) Deighton (various 1714/1728) High Worsall (1727/32) Kirby Sigston (1702/03 & 1730/32) Leake (129/30) Northallerton (1717/18, 1727/30 & 1732/34) North Otterington (1727/29) Romanby (1732/34) Thornton-le-Street (1729/30) and West Rounton (1709, 1729/32 & 1733/35). Copies are also to be held at Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections, Palace Green, Durham. (*Northumberland & Durham FHS Journal - Spring1999*). Lancashire Record Office at Bow Lane Preston ☎ 01772 264020 will have transferred to it in May this year the County Local History Library Studies Collection. Want to know what a peel, andirons, a keeler or a mat and cord are? Find out from **A Glossary of Household Farming and Trade Terms from Probate Inventories by Rosemary Church** published by Derbyshire Record Society price £4.60. Available through FFHS Publications, Family Tree Magazine and other outlets.

COMPUTER CONFERENCE

On Saturday 8 April 2000 the above event organised by the NE Group of the FFHS will be held at the Askham Bryan College near York.

The conference will cost £12.50 without catering and £20 with. Full details expected soon.

Just a thought
from
Lillah M Chapman M218

I often think of our ancestors and wonder just what they were really like. I know many were deep thinkers and had a lot of courage and energy, but did they smell?

It is all right laughing but how did the everyday ordinary person like you and I cope? I agree the Romans taught us a lot about baths but few of our ancestors in those early days had baths or even water in the house. They had no privacy - it was a dip in the local stream or the horse trough when it wasn't frozen up. The 'well to do' could afford perfume but what did they do with it, just cover the bad smell? We are told raw sewage lay in the streets and that people used to open their bedroom windows to empty the contents of the 'potty' on any unsuspecting passer-by.

Roads and footpaths were not paved and ladies dresses trailed in the mud and dirt as they walked. It wasn't always lovely, dry and sunny as we see portrayed in the films. People had no radio or television and the females in those days spent many hours embroidering the bodices, cuffs and all around the hems of those dresses often in candlelight. However did they get those dresses and coats clean?

I don't know when deodorants were invented but they must have been very welcome, especially to manual workers. Just imagine trying to get romantic in those conditions. We are lucky to live in this day and age, even if the world gets 'topsy turvy' sometimes.

Not a topic that usually springs to mind when considering family history but some very valid questions raised. Do any of you have any information / thoughts how our ancestors dealt with this very personal problem? If so drop me a line and we will pass the it on to the membership.
Editor

Answers to a Metcalfe Puzzle on page 25.
William - born 1838, wife Elizabeth, occupation - farmer.
John - 1840, Sarah, blacksmith.
Thomas - 1842, Alice, innkeeper.
James - 1844, Mary, clergyman.
George - 1846, Jane, shoemaker.

and finally.....

Did you know that there are around 600 dales, however not all of them are in Yorkshire. Raydale one of the smallest, off Wensleydale, also has one of the smallest rivers in the country - the Bain - a mere two miles long, from Semerwater to the Ure.

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**Mrs Margaret Metcalfe, 17 Duxbury Street, Earby,
Barnoldswick, Lancs. BB18 6RG**

**Don't forget your name and address (and if appropriate your
membership number) with your remittance.**

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Cheques must be made out to M L Morris.

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Notes for Potential Contributors

We welcome any articles or letters on the Metcalfe name in all its derivations, together with articles on family history research in general. Material should be sent to the Editor, Peter Dobson, 143 Vernon Road, Poynton, Cheshire. SK12 1YS

The editor will publish, where appropriate, letters received by him unless contributors specifically request their correspondence not to be used. It would be appreciated if material could be submitted typed or in legible handwriting. We can also accept copy in ASCII formats on IBM compatible discs which will be returned if a SAE is included.

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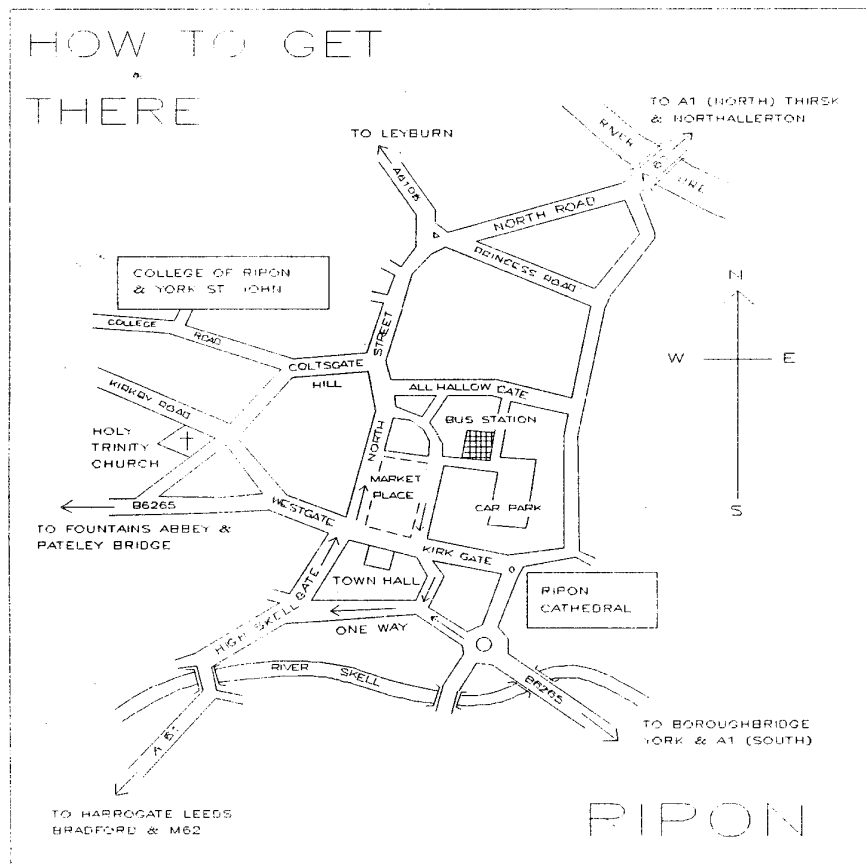
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THE MECCA MUSTER & A.G.M.

Saturday 9th October 1999

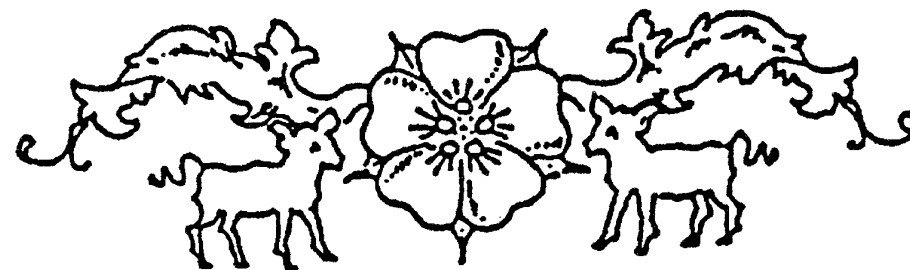
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Royal Baths Assembly Rooms, Crescent Road, Harrogate.

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1999 MECCA MUSTER & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

**THE MECCA MUSTER
&
AGM 1999**

Saturday 9th October 1999

**At the College of Ripon & York St John,
College Road, Ripon, North Yorkshire.**

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

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.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5th APRIL 1999

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THE METCALFE SOCIETY - BOOK FUND
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5th APRIL 1999

INCOME

Metcalf History Book Reserve as at 5 th April 1998		1053.57
Advance Receipts for Book Sales as at 5 th April 1998		7158.00
		8211.57
Income from Book Sales During the Year		6182.42
Income from Book Postages During the Year		1929.20
		16323.19

EXPENDITURE

Publication Costs	14962.00	
Distribution Expenses	3568.42	
		18530.42

DEFICIENCY OF EXPENDITURE OVER
INCOME CARRIED TO BALANCE SHEET

£ (2207.23)

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THE METCALFE SOCIETY
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5th APRIL 1999

ASSETS

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
COST:		
Printers	538.73	539
Copier	410.08	410
Computers, Printer, Workstation & Software	2942.15	2,942
Filing Cabinets	<u>338.84</u>	<u>339</u>
	4229.80	4,230
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LESS DEPRECIATION:		
Printers (25% on Cost)	(538.73)	(403)
Copier (25% on Cost)	(410.08)	(308)
Workstation & Software (10% on Cost)	(1580.22)	(1,286)
Computers, Printer,		
Filing Cabinets	<u>(339.00)</u>	<u>(339)</u>
	(2868.03)	(2,336)
	===	===
NET BOOK VALUE ASSETS:	1361.77	1,895
BANK BALANCES:		
Barclays	2794.22	12,161
National Savings Investment Account	6252.99	4,830
	<u>£ 10408.98</u>	<u>£ 18,886</u>
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Note: These accounts do not include stocks of books on hand or monies held by P.M.S. in packaging and the Metcalfe book.

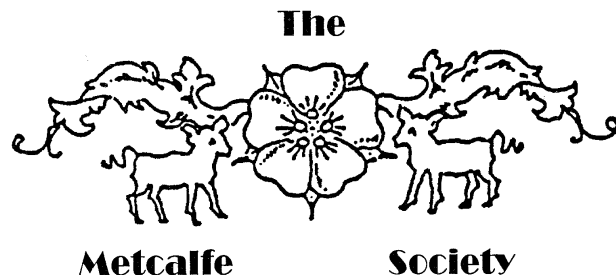
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	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
Metcalfe History Book Reserve		
Balance at 5.4.98	-	1,054
Receipts on account for Book Sales	-	7,158
SURPLUS BROUGHT FORWARD	10674.07	8,048
Surplus Of Income Over		
Expenditure For The Year:	1942.14	2,626
Deficiency Of Expenditure Over		
Income For The Year - Book Fund	(2207.23)	-
	<u>£ 10408.98</u>	<u>£ 18,886</u>
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Windle & Bowker

 5th May 1999

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



THE AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE METCALFE SOCIETY

To be held at the College of Ripon & York St John, College Road, Ripon, North Yorkshire
on Saturday 9th October 1999 at 10am.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of the 1998 AGM - copy attached
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
5. Reports
6. Elections
7. Subscription Rates for 1999
8. Approval of Accounts
9. Appointment of Auditor or Independent Examiner
10. Any other business
11. Date of AGM 2000

PROGRAMME

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| 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 |

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

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

Minutes of the AGM of the Metcalfe Society
10th October, 1998

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

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:

- Diane Howarth welcomed all members and guests. She felt that now that the Society was eighteen years old it was a fitting 'coming of age' that the meeting was to witness the launch of the "Metcalfe: History of the Clan". She thanked all those contributing to carrying out the work of the Society and moved on to outlining the resources available for consultation during the day.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Helen Offer, David Lambert, Leo Metcalfe, Joan Grundy, Mr & Mrs Alan Thwaites, Julian Metcalfe, Margaret Condon, Lilian Lawrence, June Cutting, Eunice Herring, Arthur Metcalfe.

3. The Minutes of the AGM 1997, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN:

- This had been the busiest year to date for the Society. The coming year would see the resumption of projects put in abeyance while the concentration was on the Metcalfe book.
- This meeting marked Nina's official retirement as Secretary, though she will continue as a Committee member and as archivist. The process of handing over her work will take some time, there being three members who are taking up sections of it. Diane paid tribute to Nina's dedicated work.
- On behalf of the Committee Diane welcomed ideas from members for further development of the Society.

SECRETARY:

- The membership to date has reached the number of 971, with an active membership of 455. Of these 101 are overseas, with 32 in the USA, 27 in Australia, 19 in Canada, 19 in New Zealand, 2 in France, 1 in Jersey and 1 in South Africa. 50 members failed to renew their subscriptions in January but there have been 56 new members so far this year.
- There have been two long Committee meetings during the year. Nina had represented the Society in a piece for Yorkshire television on Metcalfe history.
- The Society was sorry to lose, for personal reasons, Val Metcalfe as Covenant Secretary and she was thanked for all her work in this role.
- Nina thanked all those who had supported her during her sixteen years as Secretary.

TREASURER:

- As at 9th October, the Society holds £2913-84 in Barclays Bank and £830-40 in National Savings, making a total of £3744-24.
- The income from the catering charges was £1245. £14,962 had been paid to Deanprint for the printing of "Metcalfe: History of the Clan". £156-15 had been received as a tax refund regarding the Deeds of Covenant.
- There had been a change in the balance sheet initially circulated to members. This was due to a mistake by the auditor. A new balance sheet and a letter from the auditor explaining the changes were available for members to view.

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- Margaret gave a personal thanks to Nina for all her support over the years.
- Diane pointed out that the borrowing from the Society for the book had been within the amount approved by the 1997 AGM. Advance sales of the book had gone well.

EDITOR:

- Peter continues to try to improve the quality of the "Mecca News", especially this year in the use of pictures. He thanked members for their contributions and asked for more items for inclusion.
- He informed the meeting that the Metcalfe Society had been the first one name Society to again be shortlisted at the beginning of the year for the Elizabeth Simpson Award.

COMPUTER INDEX:

- There are now about 70,000 records on the computer. There are about 300 - 400 lists still to be entered.

PROJECTS:

GRO INDEXES:

- Patrick explained that births had now been logged up to 1928, marriages to 1925 and deaths to 1930. Altogether this adds up to 84,917 references.
- Patrick thanked Betty van Arkady and Julian Metcalfe for their valuable work in checking those references at Middleton Street which were difficult to read on microfiche. He also thanked the small group of other members who had helped him in this project and he asked for more volunteers to help with the work during the coming year, which has the target date of 1960. The target for the following year is 1983.

INTERNET:

- Diane explained the importance of placing the Society on the Internet and its potential for increasing the membership. The cost to the Society had been about £150. Susan Metcalfe Harper in Canada had designed the page, which had gone live during the previous week. Those accessing the page can communicate at the moment with three members, that is Diane, David Metcalfe and Susan Metcalfe Harper.

PUBLICATIONS:

- The Metcalfe book is the publication of the year.

6. ELECTIONS:

- Following the appropriate procedures the following were elected to the stated offices.
Chairman - David Lambert
Business Secretary - Diane Howarth
- The rest of the Committee were willing to re-stand in their current roles and they were re-elected by the meeting. David Galloway has agreed to also take on the work of Covenant Secretary. Carol Arkwright has taken on the New Members role.
- There were some vacancies on the Committee and volunteers were asked for.

7. SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

- The meeting accepted the Committee's recommendation that there should be no change in 1999.

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8. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS:

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

9. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION:

- This amendment proposal had been published and sent to all current members of the Society with the August edition of the "Mecca News".
That sub-clause 9(C) of the Constitution be deleted and that the following new sub-clause be substituted: "Once, at least, in every year the statements of account of the Society shall be audited or examined by one or more qualified auditors or independent examiners. The results of such audit or independent examination shall be presented to the members of the Society."
- The above was put before those members attending the AGM and after due process was passed unanimously.

10. A.O.B:

- Lynda Simpson gave a resume of her work to save Hipswell Mill and asked the Society to support this cause. Following some detailed discussion the meeting gave its consent to the Committee examining the implications of possibly becoming a Buildings Preservation Trust so that a report on the feasibility of this could be presented to next year's AGM.
- 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. It was agreed by the meeting that the feasibility of this should be explored. Jean Metcalfe, member 316, volunteered to look into this matter.
- Charles Metcalfe showed the meeting the three books of Metcalfe interest which had been temporarily lent to the Society. One was a school exercise book with notes on armorial issues, one had some glued in cut-outs from the "Craven Herald". The third book had more interesting content, specifying the lands of the Reverend John Metcalfe. The documents will be copied by the most appropriate means before being returned to their owner.
- Diane presented Nina with a book of letters from members showing appreciation of all her dedicated work for the Society in her sixteen years as Secretary. Charles presented Nina with a special red leather bound edition of "Metcalfe: History of the Clan". Diane gave Nina a basket of flowers on behalf of the Society. The meeting voted unanimously in favour of making Nina an honorary Vice President of the Society.

11. DATE OF 1998 AGM:

This will take place at the same venue on Saturday, 9th October, 1999.

The meeting was officially closed at 12-00 noon.

This was followed by the launch of "Metcalfe: History of the Clan" and presentations of special leather bound editions to the Book Committee, to Barbara Smailes, the photographer, and to Mary Metcalfe, Vera Adams and, in their absence, to Helen Offer and Margaret Condon.