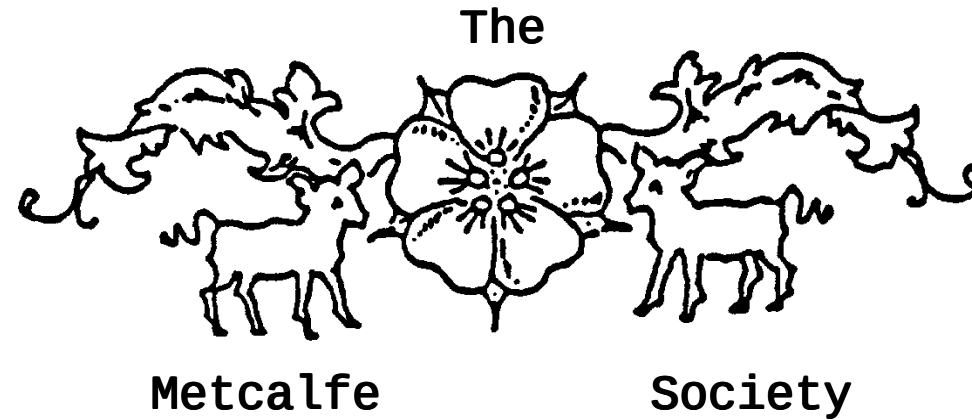




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"We live in interesting times", so apparently said the old Chinese soothsayer; whoever he was, I don't think he was one of my ancestors! However, the sentiment is recognised as we reach the end of the year (decade, century, millennium).

As it is in normal life so it is with your Society, changes occur - look at the last eighteen years. The Metcalfe Society has come a long way in that time - the successful transfer of the card index of c20,000 records to the computer - we now have some 75,000 records

and the implementation of the project to publish a Metcalfe Family History Book - which is now sold out, to name but two of the many achievements.

This next year sees a move of the Mecca Muster to a new home at York after ten years at Ripon. Also your committee is considering the future for the Society. This process has already started with a meeting of a sub-committee meeting in Birmingham on 6 November to see what our approach should be. The result is that three groups have been formed to look at the various aspects and charged with the task of providing proposals for your consideration. A report will be made in the next Mecca News in April.

"We live in interesting times."

Happy New Year (decade, century, millennium).



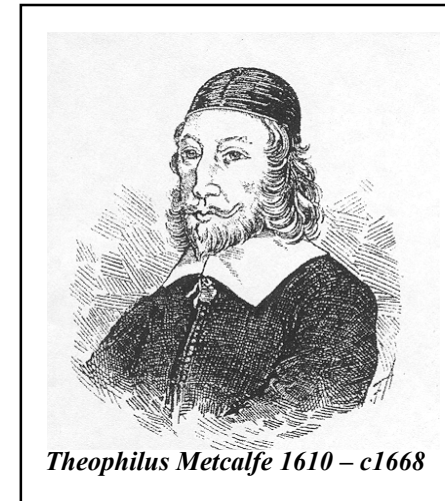
SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING BIRMINGHAM 6 NOVEMBER 1999



Left to right : Nina Benson, David Metcalfe, David Lambert, Diane Howarth, George Buxton, Peter Dobson and John Metcalfe.

IT'S ALL IN THE GENES Part I - Theophilus the Scribe

*(This is the first article in a proposed series following the descendants of Theophilus Metcalfe by **George Buxton M003.**)*



Theophilus Metcalfe 1610 – c1668

The most important, charismatic, interesting and influential Metcalfe family during the British association with India were the descendants of Theophilus Metcalfe (hereafter called Theophilus the scribe), who developed and improved Shelton's system of shorthand. Although there were three Theophilus Metcalfes who were alive in the early part of the 17th century, Theophilus the scribe was probably the son of Mathew and Maria (Taylor) Metcalfe, (who were married 2nd July 1593 at Richmond in North Yorkshire)¹ and baptised on the 3rd June 1610 at Richmond North Yorkshire.

Various descendants of Theophilus the scribe claimed to be related to the Metcalfe family of Nappa Hall in the parish of Askrigg. As the recording of the baptisms, marriages and burials had started only just a lifetime before; we will never be able to prove this as the grandfather of Theophilus probably never had his birth recorded. Sir Christopher Metcalfe of Nappa, only had one son who lived to adult hood and produce issue. That son James Metcalfe died when his only son, Thomas, was six months old. The confusion is caused by the fact that Matthew, the father of Theophilus the scribe was the son of a James Metcalfe of Askrigg and not James Metcalfe of Nappa Hall Askrigg. We must not forget that Sir Christopher Metcalfe, who rode to York in 1555 with 300 fellow Metcalfes, was one of the most well

known names at that time and to be associated with the family was more than useful in terms of advancement.

Theophilus the scribe was by 1635 living in the parish of St Catherine's by the Tower (of London) where he made a living as a professional writer. By this I do not mean he was a stock writer for the 17th century equivalent of Mills and Boon, or the Arthur C Clark of his day; more he would have gone to a meeting place, rented a shop or even gone to the local public house, to have letters dictated to him or to compose or write them on a client's behalf in return for a fee. The ability to read and write was not thought to be a necessity at this time. The letter could well have been along the following lines;

My dear wife

Brother Edward and I have completed our fathers probate. I have been unable to book a seat on today's coach. I am therefore compelled to wait until Friday. I expect to be home on Sunday or Monday, so I will be home in time for your birthday on Tuesday next week.

Theophilus the scribe was probably more enterprising than his contemporaries. He could well have taken himself off to the Fleet prison, or other such establishments, where the letter could well have very different:

My dear wife

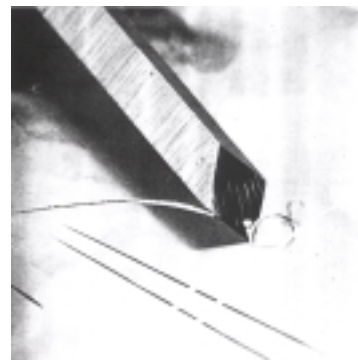
As I crossed Hounslow Heath I was accosted by six desperate men who took off with the 2 pigs and 10 fowls I was to sell. I walked 15 miles to London to find Cousin James, only to find he had died 2 months ago. As you can imagine I had been unable to purchase a bed or food, I saw a stale loaf of bread, which I took. For this crime I am to be hung at Tyburn at 3 o'clock this afternoon. So by the time you have this read to you I will swing in the gibbet and you will be a widow. I have sold my hair and clothes so Mr Metcalfe can write and post this letter for me.

(By the way where the gallows of Tyburn once stood, now stands Marble Arch. This was designed and built for the main entrance to Buckingham Palace. Unfortunately someone dropped off the perch (made a huge mistake) as the state coaches were unable to pass through the arch!)

The living Theophilus was able to earn must have been a little precarious. Probably in an effort to supplement his income he had made copper plates etched with his system of shorthand which he then sold in book form, calling his book ***"Short Writing: the most easy, exact, lineal and speedy Method that hath ever yet been obtained or taught by any in this Kingdom"***. The book was printed and sold by John Hancock at the first shop in Popes Alley next to Cornhill in 1652 and at the sign of the Three Bibles in 1674. In 1706 it was printed for John Hancock sold by John M Hotham at the Black Boy on London Bridge.

On the title page of the edition published in 1679 it is claimed that 'a young

man, that lately lived at Cornhill, learned so well by this book that he wrote out all the Bible in this character, this claim is repeated on the title page of the fifty – fifth edition, printed about 1756. These editions were printed from the original plates with the dates and titles being changed. Frederick Henry Van Hove of Harlem (1648 – 1700) probably engraved these plates. A copy of the Bible, written in the system of shorthand writing devised by Theophilus the scribe completed in 1668, is held by British Museum as are several editions of his book.



The only way of composing the picture is by varying the pressure, slightly changing the angle and turning the copper plate on the bag of sand. Any changes were made by the careful use of a hammer and tool. My admiration is untold, when we consider these plates were created by one man sitting for hours and hours etching a thin sheet of copper placed on a leather bag filled with sand using a tool similar to the illustration. Although Theophilus the Scribe's system of shorthand was modified in the first quarter of the 18th century it is largely as he left it and was still in use in the 20th century³.

Theophilus followed a peaceful occupation in turbulent times in the history of England. He and his wife Ann had at least three sons². William who went to Norfolk to be a farmer, (he could have been the one who paid hearth Tax at Kings Lynn in 1664, and even founded the Inglethorpe Hall line of Metcalfes) John who was baptised on 11th July 1638¹ and went overseas seas to make his fortune² whilst the third son also called Theophilus took a grant of land in Ulster in 1688 and was a lawyer in Dublin in 1690. Theophilus the lawyer married Peggy (Margaret) Ormsby and they had several children with all but one dying in their youth or unmarried². The one son to survive and marry was Thomas Metcalfe who became an officer in the British army and married Margaret Williams. Thomas was born c 1695 in Ireland and died in Dublin in the year 1778 aged about 83 years². His son Thomas Theophilus Metcalfe became a director of the East India Company; MP for Abingdon and was created a baronet in 1802. He was also father of Lord Charles Theophilus Metcalfe - of which more in future articles.

Indications are that Theophilus the scribe died in 1668 and is said to have been buried on a private estate near Richmond North Yorkshire. Despite valiant efforts Nina, our archivist, has been unable to locate his burial..

¹ The Metcalfe Society

² Information supplied by the College of Arms

³ New York Short Hand Writers - History of Shorthand.

OBITUARY

It is with great sadness that we report the deaths of the following members:

M004 Francis Offer of Chichester, husband of Helen died June 1999.

M192 John Harker of Lindfield, Sussex died June 1999.

M337 Alan Metcalfe Wilkinson of Rainton, Yks, husband of Joyce died 17 June 1999.

M470 Myrtle C. Smith of Warminster, Wilts died August 1999.

M593 Wayne L. Owen of USA, husband of Rita died 21 August 1999.

XM201 Michael Auty died early 1999

We extend our condolences to family and friends of the above.

MECCA NEWS DEADLINES

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

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

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

MECCA MISCELLANY

Patients in York Asylum buried at St. Olaves York :

Wm Medcalf buried 26 May 1832 age 35yrs late of Bishop Burton
Wm Metcalfe buried 7 April 1832 age 49yrs late of Heslington ERY
From National Burial Index 1813 - 1837 currently under compilation. The Journal of the City of York & District No 45 May 1998.

William Metcalfe, councillor for Central Ward Leeds 1892-93.
On a plaque at the side entrance to Leeds City Hall to commemorate the incorporation of Leeds as a city on 13 February 1893 by Queen Victoria.

Qualified to the Institute of Marine Engineers - **S W Metcalfe** -
The Times 9 March 1999
 War Memorials 1914 -1918

All Saints Fulham
A Metcalf, F Metcalf.
 Borough of Fulham Roll of Honour
A Metcalf, F Metcalf.
 South West Polytechnic Manresa Road Chelsea, Roll of Honour - **J Metcalfe.**

The Schoolbred Roll of Honour (Department Store Tottenham Court Road)

A Metcalfe.
 St. James Hampton Hill - **Charles Mt.**
 St Nicholas Shepperton - To the memory of my darling **Christine** the deeply loved wife of **Ernest J Metcalf** of Shepperton & British West Africa born 3 June 1883 died 22 September 1925 aged 25 years. Also **Ernest J Metcalf** born 10 November 1882 died 27 January 1930.
W Middx. FHS MI's

Jacques Metcalfe of Southall bur Hayes Middx 11 November 1773.

Mr Michael Metcalf Cabin passenger from London 22 February 1836 arr Sydney Australia 2 June 1836 on the "Camden".

Robert Medcalf, wid., of the Middlesex Militia m Elizabeth Cole, wid. at St Thomas a Becket, Portsmouth 20 Feb 1808.

Geo. Marmaduke Metcalfe of Christ Church, London m Ann Bush otp at All Saints Isleworth by licence 10 Dec 1796. *West Middx FHS Strays.*
All Supplied by Jose L Cray M816.



Metcalf Avenue Ottawa (Supplied by Mrs Pat Rushworth M850)

Chairman's Report

Since the last News we have enjoyed the Society's Annual General Meeting, held once more at Ripon. This was not just a "usual" Muster for me but my baptism of fire as your Chairman, as well as being the last Muster this Century and Millennium. I survived the former and trust that I will survive the latter despite the length of the holiday and the hype.

We are now joined on the Executive Committee by two new faces, namely Stephen Newman and John Metcalfe, both of whom were present at the Muster and played an active part in the day's proceedings. Robert Metcalf, who has served on the Committee Society for several years, stepped down. Robert did not have a "high profile" job to do for the Society but he regularly attended and participated in the Committee meetings; he helped in a number of ways, quietly, conscientiously and efficiently and I would like to thank him for all that he has done. His contributions have been much appreciated by us all. The other members of the Executive Committee were re-elected I am glad to report.

The events of the Day itself will be reported in the News and the Minutes of the AGM will be made available to you all. I do not intend to write about them save to say that the Muster was felt by the Committee to have been a success, due in no small way to the organisers George Buxton and Diane Howarth, as well as to others on the Committee, whose names regularly feature in the Mecca News. Thanks to all who participated, as well as to the Members who came, with a special mention of Sandra Walton from Canada.

The Committee has agreed that we will locate the next Muster at York rather than at Ripon, where we have met for 10 consecutive years. In the hope that it will shorten the formal part of the Muster it has been decided that we will produce written reports to the Muster rather than making oral ones on the Day. We also intend to invite a guest Speaker in order to provide a focal point after the completion of the formal AGM business.

Within the next few days, a small Policy sub-committee will be meeting to consider a review of the Society's affairs and its structure, with the intention of making a report to the Executive Committee next year. I hasten to say that there will not be any changes for change sake but the Committee feel that as the Society starts its 20th year, it is important that we do take account of the changes that have occurred, are occurring and will occur in the future, in order to ensure that this Society is fit for the future, in the next Century.

We have the finest one-name society in the Country. It is not only the largest but is nationally and internationally recognised as being pre-eminent; your Committee is anxious to ensure that we will continue to provide to all our members the service to which they have become accustomed and which they deserve. The policy sub-committee will I hope help us to achieve this ambition.

It only remains to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Century and Millennium !!

David Lambert M11

FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

The FFHS Computer Committee has recommended Norton Antivirus 5 to protect Societies and individuals data from attack by viruses. Cost around £30. The program detects most viruses in computer memory, on floppy and hard disks, in compressed files and from e-mail attachments.

The Data Protection Act 1998 will be brought into effect by the FFHS in stages starting from 1 March 2000. It will for the first time cover data not kept on a computer but in other forms of filing systems. Exemptions ought to apply to individual Family Historians although at this stage the full extent of these is not clear. The Data Protection Registrar's Web site can be accessed on www.open.gov.uk/dpr/eurotalk.htm. David Lambert the FFHS solicitor will be writing a booklet on the subject in the near future.

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE

will only be open on Wednesday 29 December 1999 and closed the rest of the period from 24 December 1999 to 3 January 2000.

From 1 April 2000 postal fees will be reduced by £1 to £8 if the index reference is quoted and to £11 without a reference. The current five year search period for applications without a reference will be reduced to 3 years.

Laureate Connections

From the 1851 Census for 98 Montpelier Place Twickenham
Alfred Tennyson 41 Poet Laureate
Emily Tennyson 37
Thomas Metcalfe 11 Servant (Errand Boy).

Does anyone know anything more about Thomas?
Responses please to the Editor.



COMMITTEE

NEWS

Earby, September 1999

Chairman: Peter Dobson chaired the meeting in David Lambert's absence. He began by welcoming John Metcalfe and Stephen Newman as prospective new members of the Committee. This was the first meeting to make use of written reports submitted in advance of the meeting. The Committee decided to continue with this in the future.

Secretary: Diane has continued to find that most of her time has had to be devoted to book orders and Internet enquiries. The book is now almost sold out. *(Eventually sold out before the end of September - Ed.)*

Treasurer: Because of losses to the Society in dealing with foreign currencies, the Committee agreed to recommend to the AGM that in future all foreign money transactions should go via the overseas Agents.

New Members' Secretary: The membership number reached is 1056. Active membership is 478.

Archivist: Nina has been kept busy with her e-mail, having had 195 queries since she went 'live' at the beginning of April.

Editor: The 'Mecca News' received a Highly Commended in the Elizabeth Simpson Award competition. Peter was congratulated on this.

Computer Index: Currently David is inputting the 1881 census data into the computer records. He has completed most of the returns for northern England. A computer donation by IBM means he will be able to more effectively run CD Roms on the more powerful machine.

Publications: Diane has created and distributed a revised New Members Booklet, now known as the 'Members Reference Booklet'. It is hoped to produce the updated Birth Brief Booklet during 2000.

Despatch: Thanks were given to Margaret Metcalfe and to George Buxton regarding their work in despatching the last two editions of the 'Mecca News'. An an



Margaret Hodgson M515
Committee and Publicity Secretary

nouncement will be made at the Muster about a more permanent arrangement. It had been pleasing that several volunteers had come forward.

Federation of Family History Societies: Diane had attended the meeting in April in Winchester and the March conference for One Name Societies in Enfield.

North West Group of FHS: Peter reported on the arrangements for the North West Fair to be held at Preston Guildhall on 30th October.

North East Group of FHS: Nina had attended the March meeting and had been elected as Chairman for the coming year.

Conference Secretary: George reported that arrangements were proceeding well for the Muster. It was agreed that the issue of a future change in AGM / Muster venue would be discussed at the AGM this year.

Metcalfe History Book: Diane announced that 710 books had been sold. The Committee felt that the book had been a very successful project.

Metcalfe Records: Charles had had printed 50 copies of these records which he offered to the Society on a sale or return basis. The Committee thanked Charles for his work and was pleased to accept this offer. The booklets will be available at the Muster at £6 each.

Wills: Stephen reported on the early stages of this project. Certain matters of copyright need to be further investigated.

Internet Home Page: This has now received over 2300 visits. The Committee recognised the hard work put in by Susan Harper in establishing the website.

GRO Collection: Patrick was unable to attend the meeting as he is awaiting a major operation. The Committee sent their good wishes to him. Births have been recorded up to 1946, marriages to 1948 and deaths to 1960.

Exhibitions / Fairs: Diane, Nina and Margaret Hodgson had represented the Society at the Northern Fair at York in June. It was a successful occasion.

Future Policy: A subcommittee was set up to carry through initial discussions and to bring back recommendations to the main Committee.

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, 18th March, 2000 at Earby.
Compiled by the Committee and Publicity Secretary - Margaret Hodgson M515.

Dent Dale Millennium Book

A proposal to carry out a "Domesday" listing of all properties in Dent Dale is under way. The project organisers expect to compile a book which will have a photo of the property, a description as to its age etc plus a list of occupants as at 1 January 2000.

The book is forecast to cost £10. Further details from
Mrs Shirley Tebay Walnut Bungalow, Dent,
Sedbergh, Cumbria LA10 5QT.

Secretary's Report

As we leave this century and venture into the next millennium, the Metcalfe Society are venturing forward with many major achievements now in place :

- After 10 years of holding the Mecca Muster in Ripon we start the millennium by moving our flagship event to a new date and a new venue in York.
- We are going into our 20th year of being a family history society
- From AGM '98 to AGM '99 exactly 100 new members joined the society
- We now have over 500 active members.
- We have sold out of the 750 limited edition copies of the book "Metcalfe - History of the Clan" in exactly one year - the final book being delivered at this year's Muster.
- The 1,000th member joined the society this year.

.... and finally, after checking with the Federation of Family History Societies, we can now officially say that the Metcalfe Society is now not just **one of** the world's largest one-name societies, but is now **the** world's largest one-name society..... probably. In a similar manner to that famous lager advertisement, the Federation have suggested that we use the term 'probably' in case there may be an organisation in existence somewhere that may be larger. There are articles in this journal that enlarge further on some of the above facts.

All of these achievements are as a result of you, the membership, because you are The Metcalfe Society. Without you there would be no society. Hence, please do continue supporting the society into the next century by renewing your membership to help take the society to even greater heights. I wish you, your family and friends a most enjoyable Christmas and health and happiness in the new millennium. I hope to have the opportunity of meeting many more of you in the next century.

Diane Howarth M409

Using or Want to Use a Computer for Family History?

If you want to use a computer for your own family history, or are already using a computer, and want to know how you can do more with your computer - book your diary now for Saturday 8 April in York.

Full details of the event are included on a sheet enclosed with this edition of the Mecca News including agenda, cost and booking form. It really is a day you cannot afford to miss. Look out for committee members who will also be there seeking help and advice to improve how the Metcalfe Society uses computers and the internet. It is also at the venue we plan to use for the Mecca Muster 2000, so check it out for yourself!

TWENTY QUESTIONS

(The quiz was designed by Joan Metcalfe M63. A bit like Wilfred Pickles - for those of you who go back that far! Although in this instance there is nothing on the table, Mabel. All answers to be found in "Metcalfe - History of the Clan")

Which Metcalfe :

1. rode to York Assizes accompanied by 300 fellow clansmen on white horses?
2. became Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in 1483?
3. died in Oxford following a Civil War engagement?
4. was a good linguist, with a knowledge of Arabic?
5. was a Member of Parliament for Dartmouth?
6. was appointed Chief Steward of the Lordship of Middleham in 1271?
7. as a Government official, "appropriated", invested and lost a considerable sum of money"?
8. was responsible for the "Siege of Raydale"?
9. was knighted by Henry VIII at Windsor in 1528?
10. described Nappa as "the old ruinous house"?
11. heads the surviving line of the Nappa branch?

In which year :

12. was Medecalf first recorded as a family name?
13. according to an old agreement, was there the first indication of a mill at Hipswell?
14. did the continuous Metcalfe connection with Nappa Hall end?

Where :

15. is Ambien Hill?
16. was the site occupied by Cistercian Monks before they established Jervaulx?

How long:

17. was the parish of Gawber served by a Metcalfe vicar?

Which :

18. society established a 'tramping route'?

Who :

19. was Susan Paget?

What :

20. cost 21 shillings a set in 1820?

(Answers on page 40)

NEWS from the ARCHIVES

Nina E Benson (M29)

7th October 1999

Thank you for your correspondence which has been raining in, a bit like confetti ! Deliveries so far this year are over 380 via snail mail and over 410 emails, quite unbelievable and at times it has been quite a struggle to keep up with the replies, so please try to be patient and understanding with the inevitable delays and the occasional error as my fingers overtake (or lag behind) my brain, we may work professional hours but we are all unpaid volunteers. Today the back-log stands at 21 - all of which were received in or after September so I am catching up !

Following your response regarding email addresses I will continue to include these with your usual address at all times but will not be printing lists within the Mecca News as they would be too boring and a waste of precious space.

At the Mecca Muster on Saturday I am to hand over the entire Master Membership File to fellow committee member David Galloway. This vital work involves maintaining the primary membership details of all Members, past and present.

Henceforth all changes to names and addresses should be sent direct to David Galloway, whose address is within this Mecca News. That is all that David should receive, NO SUBS, NO QUERIES, NO ARTICLES FOR THE MECCA NEWS. Your support would be appreciated.

37 new members in this issue must be a record for the December Mecca News but I am concerned that 16 have not yet sent in any family details. Please be assured that they can be kept quite confidential should you so desire. If you need help in deciding either what I need, or what format to use, just contact me between the hours of 9am to 9pm.

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A GENEALOGIST'S NIGHTMARE?

You have changed my little boy into a little girl. Will this matter?

Letter to Hackney Borough Council, London

PREVENTATIVE BOATMAN

When looking at the registers of Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland I noticed the following entry:

Anthony Metcalf of the parish of Embleton, Preventative Boatman and Mary Atkinson of Kirkby Lonsdale spinster married by licence 3 Sept 1821; witnessed by John Metcalfe (sic) and Mary Metcalf.

Embleton is on the coast of Northumberland, 100 miles from the inland farming community of Kirkby Lonsdale. I suppose that Anthony was a crewman for the Customs & Excise Officers (unless there is another explanation for Preventative Boatman) but how did he meet his wife? So wrote **Mrs Judith Robinson M631** in a letter dated 4 October 1998.

There was another letter from Mrs Robinson a month later which said
*In the 1851 Census for Kirkby Lonsdale, Main Street was the following entry:
Anthony Metcalfe H M 55 Chief Boatman, Superannuation from the Coast Guard Service, born Wes. Kirkby Lonsdale
Mary Metcalfe W M 56 born Lan. Leck
Alice Metcalfe D U 24 Dressmaker born IRL*

She further wrote "So there is the explanation Anthony came from Kirkby Lonsdale joined the Coast Guard Service and was posted to Northumberland, returned to marry a local girl (Leck is quite near Kirkby Lonsdale although across the county boundary) was then posted to somewhere in Ireland, where they had a daughter and then retired back home to Westmorland".



Embleton Church. Embleton capital of an important barony. Created by William II for Odard his sheriff around 1100. John of Gaunt was baron in 14th century, his son Henry IV was supported by the Metcalfes when he usurped the throne in 1399. ¹

¹ Bastions and Belligerents Medieval Strongholds in Northumberland by John F Dodds.

This is the first of what may become a regular article in the Mecca News and is intended to keep members informed of changes, additions, give general WWW tips and Internet guidance.

First, some history: <BODY TEXT="#400080" BGCOLOR="#FFFF80" LINK = " # 0 0 0 0 f f " V L I N K = " # F F 0 0 8 0 " ALINK="#800000"><CENTER><TABLE BORDER=0 CELL P A D D I N G = 1 W I D T H = " 1 0 0 % " > T R > < T H COLSPAN="2"><CENTER></CENTER></TH></TR>

The above is a sample of what is called HTML tagging for internet programmers. It looks like gibberish but when viewed on "the net" it represents the top of the opening page of the Metcalfe Society's web page, positions and displays the logo, and establishes the colour of the page, text and links. After Diane Howarth received official endorsement for the pages, secured our "domain name" at metcalfe.org.uk, and sent me a bunch of files to "put on the net", the tedious, time-consuming task of "wrapping code around it all" began for me. As an amateur (and volunteer), I worked late into many nights to get the pages uploaded to the "server" and

Susan Harper, Web Author, M266

available for the world and members to see at the 1998 Muster. Ever since then, I have redesigned and refined it, often responding to suggestions (and proof-reading) by visitors, members and non-members alike. Some visitors were not able to view "frames" (the sidebar) and therefore could not reach the site so I created a duplicate set of pages, each with its own menu instead of the sidebar, so that everyone trying to reach the site was successful.

The aim of the site has been to raise awareness of the society around the world, attract new members, advertise the book and provide readier access to the society resources for overseas members by offering contact details and up-to-date information. Since its inauguration, the site has been visited about 3500 times by visitors from all over the world. Although visitors are mostly from the U.S., Canada, Britain, Australia and New Zealand, we have had visitors from 17 other countries including Iceland, Switzerland, Brunei Darussalam, Nicaragua, Japan and Israel.

At last report, at least 18 new members have joined after finding us on the Web. The pages are ever-evolving and I encourage you to visit often, offer suggestions for improvement, point out errors if you find them or take advantage of the many useful links to genealogical sites around the world.

You may wish to have your name and email address included on the Contact page and correspond with other members individually who are on-line. A page has been created that lists places in the world bearing the name Metcalfe (or var.) and the Miscellany section has been greatly expanded with material gleaned from my own internet surfing or with information sent to me by members and nonmembers alike.

Our Web site now includes links and information about: Blind Jack (at the suggestion of a descendant, Giles Metcalfe); a poem about a possible alternate origin of the name, from a relative of member Ruth Carr; a number of noteworthy Canadian and American politicians such as "the Prince of Goodfellows" and "old Stonehammer"; and part of an article that appeared in the February 1999 edition of the Dalesman about Thomas Metcalfe Moore of Hawes (suggested by Australian member Ian Metcalfe). (The latter was used after requesting and receiving permission from Terry Fletcher, editor of the Dalesman, who sent me a complimentary copy with a note attached: "married to a Metcalfe".) A link had been added, on the Metcalfe Book page, to the Society of Genealogists site where the Metcalfe book could be purchased on-line using a credit card - until it recently sold out.

If you have Metcalfes in Scotland you will be interested in following the link to Origins where the searchable index is on-line for Civil Registration, OPR and the 1891 census entries. Once a record has been located, the site allows one to order a certified copy on-line, as well. (A similar service is in the works for the English PRO by 2001.) Follow the new link to the LDS site where the IGI for North America, the British Isles and Finland (currently) is now searchable on-line. Our site has been registered with "Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet" and at various other sites such as GOONS, FFHS, SurnameWeb, and other "surname interests" lists to increase our exposure and guide people to the Metcalfe Society pages.

I look forward to your comments and hope that you have the opportunity to visit <http://www.metcalfe.org.uk> once in a while. I have donated a copy of Cyndi Howells' "Netting Your Ancestors" to the society library for those of you wishing to learn more about this rapidly expanding research tool. Your input is also sought. What would you like to know regarding the Internet and what would you like to see in the future on our site? A Society mailing list is being considered to which members with email addresses may subscribe for the purpose of Mte/Mt/Md research discussion. A members-only area with password access is in the offing where privileged information may be made available for paid-up members. Please let me know if this interests you and what you would like to see there. You may contact me at: sharper@interchange.ubc.ca

Subscriptions Policy

As in previous years, the December Mecca News is the time of year when we ask you, the members, to continue supporting the society by renewing your membership. As in previous years, the subscription renewal form is included with this issue.

Can you remember

- * Have you already paid your subscription in advance for future years?
- * If you are a UK member, have you taken advantage of setting up a standing order for automatically paying the subscription via your bank so you do not need to take any action whatsoever?

If the answer is 'I don't know' or 'I can't remember' then check the back of the Subscription Renewal Form. Here you will find out who has paid in advance and who has setup a standing order. If your number is NOT there, then you need to complete the subscription renewal form and send in your subscription.

If you require a receipt for your subscription, please remember to include an SAE. To help you send SAEs, please note that agents now hold a stock of UK stamps in values to send letters/packages from the UK to USA, Canada, New Zealand and Australia. Please contact your local agent directly to purchase stamps if you require them.

What is new for this year is the instruction about WHERE to send your subscription.

Due totally to the ever-increasing UK bank charges for non-sterling cheques, we have to insist that only UK sterling cheques be sent to the treasurer Margaret Metcalfe in the UK. If you wish to pay in your local currency, do not send a non-UK sterling cheque to Margaret Metcalfe in the UK. You MUST send it to your local agent in the USA, Canada, New Zealand or Australia. Please make your payment payable to the agent themselves, not the society. On receipt of all the local currency cheques, the agent will then send one UK sterling cheque to Margaret for all the members. This process is easier, quicker and cheaper for you and certainly for the society.

Throughout the year, the agents can also receive payments in local currency for any publications and items on the sales order form. Please ensure that when you send payments to the agent that you send sufficient funds in the local currency to meet the local exchange rate.

If you have any queries regarding subscription renewal please contact either Margaret Metcalfe in the UK or your local agent.

CHANGES ON THE COMMITTEE



Robert Metcalf M15
stepped down from the committee after some
ten years service

New committee members



John Metcalfe M567



and

Stephen Newman M824

New Muster Date and New Muster Location for 2000

After 10 years of Mecca Musters at the College of Ripon & York St John, at Ripon, the society is starting the new millennium on a new date and at a new location. Please mark your diaries for

Saturday 21 October 2000, Askham Bryan College, York

Despite the society having reservations for future years, for various reasons, the college at Ripon cannot guarantee either the room or the date for our meeting. We cannot take the risk of jeopardising our flagship event. The City of York is a superb location for a weekend away in Yorkshire - see for yourself by looking through the York brochure enclosed with this journal. As York is also on the main railway line from London, the south and south west, the society is hoping that many more members will be able to make the journey to attend the Mecca Muster 2000. Accommodation will be available on site and obviously throughout York itself.

Full details of the new Mecca Muster will be available in both the April and August 2000 Mecca News. But do make a note in your diary now -
spend the weekend in York & attend the Muster 21 October 2000.

10th Anniversary of the Muster at Ripon



**Secretary Diane Howarth and Chairman David Lambert
open the last Muster to be held at Ripon**

THE METCALFE MUSTER

Finding the venue at Ripon was more difficult than finding my Metcalf ancestors in West Suffolk but the AGM must be unique:-

Officers presenting reports were enthusiastic and willing to serve a further term of office!

One committee member had kindly stood aside to allow two new members to be elected without exceeding the maximum allowed!

The story of four disappointed members too late to obtain the onerous task of despatching the Mecca News even though they had applied on the day of notification of the 'job vacancy'!

A committee member, awaiting an operation, filling in his time entering GRO data!

Two members asking for understudies so that continuity in their jobs is not lost if they are ill!

Enthusiastically embracing the internet to spread the Metcalfe Society worldwide, with astounding results!

This was the Metcalfe Society I found at the Muster. It is accessible, outgoing and full of life. I am proud to belong to such a Society.

Oh yes. There were well stocked stalls ably looked after; information from the computers, instruction on internet use, a raffle and a super lunch.

What was missing? A kindred spirit researching in West Suffolk, but I know you will be there next year.

Edwin Metcalf M980

Translator Wanted.

Due to the kindly generosity of a member, we now own microfilm and paper copies of some forty sheets of North Yorkshire manorial records, some of which contain references to the name Metcalfe.

That's the good part. The rest is that they are manuscript in 16th century Latin ! Can anyone help ??

Editor.

‘Metcalf - History of the Clan’ A remarkable heirloom is now Sold Out!

As reported in the August issue of Mecca News, the rate of orders for the book were arriving at an alarming rate and so members were advised to order copies as soon as possible. Well, you have had your chances - the opportunity to purchase a



copy of this limited edition of 750 copies has expired. At the October Mecca Muster 1999, exactly a year to the day after launching the availability of the book as our millennium project, the final copy of the book was delivered to M541 Sandra Walton, who also travelled the furthest to collect her copy of the book.

There are absolutely no copies of the book available to anyone at any price. So handle your copies with care!

- at the moment, the committee has recommended to the society that we do not consider a reprint for at least the next two years for the following reasons:

- although the financial status of the society is very good, we need at least £12-15,000 to pay the printer in advance, to print a further 500-750 copies. A smaller print run would not be financially viable.

- the original print run was feasible due to the advance payment by many members. As our main audience (ie current membership) have already made their purchases, the initial cost of £12-15,000 would not be recovered for at least 2-3 years - hence, a longer investment, and greater risk.

Any orders and payments received will be returned to the originator advising that their interest has been noted and they will be advised if/ when a decision is made to do a reprint in the future.

So what about the finances of the project. The final detailed reconciliation is

almost complete. It includes a full audit trail of all 750 copies outlining the cost and revenue, order by order. The reconciliation is available from the secretary to any member on receipt of an SAE. The details make good bedtime reading - especially if you are having problems getting to sleep!

The total costs for the project = £19,000

The total revenue for the project = just over £20,000

The profit for the project = approx £1,200 = 6.6%

As outlined in the early stages of the project, the book was the society's millennium project - to deliver the history of the Metcalfe name and family in a way that it would still be available to Metcalfe's in a hundred years. The marketing and financial strategies have enabled the society to deliver a remarkable heirloom without endangering the society itself. The testimonials received by you, the members, and other genealogical institutions are indeed recognition that we have surpassed our objectives and that a remarkable heirloom is now available for future generations to enjoy.

Despatching the Mecca News



The new despatch team Doug & June Cutting M855.

Our thanks to George Buxton M03 & Margaret Metcalfe M52 who despatched the April & August Mecca News. Also thanks to all those others who offered to take on the despatch duties.

FROM THE SCRAPBOOKS OF JAMES HENRY METCALFE

I found this poem in my Great Uncle's scrapbooks, it was in his own handwriting but unfortunately, not signed! Thus, I have put "unknown" as the author. Great Uncle James Henry Metcalfe was a poet in his own right and I do have some short poems of his which are signed. James Henry (1848-1925) was born in Kingston, Ontario, Canada and in later life was a Member of the Ontario Provincial Parliament and subsequently a Member of the Parliament of Canada. maybe someone in the Society will recognize it and possibly know the author.

(Ruth Carr M912)

ORIGIN OF A FAMILY NAME

Some centuries since as tradition makes known,
An Englishman plucky and stout,
On entering a certain enclosure alone
Was told he had better keep out.

That a dangerous bull in the pasture was kept,
From which he'd be sure of attack.
"Have no fears" said the yeoman, as bravely he stepped
O'er the stile, "but I never turn back".

He passed unmolested, till half way across,
When the bull his appearance put in,
With his two horny bayonets ready to toss
The intruder, and riddle his skin.

And rushed on his foe with his nose to the ground,
Closing up, ere collision, his eyes,
When the man on the watch, sprang aside with a bound,
Very much to the creature's surprise.

'Twas a furious charge, yet the brute nothing hit,
Now, resistance, his tactics confused;
Just what to do next was too much for his wit,
In his confidence, so much abused.

On the instant, the man, while his foe is at fault,
Grasps hold of the animal's horns;
His turn having come, as he deems, to assault,
Though advantage of weapon, he scorns.

Then giving a sudden and powerful twist
On the horns with his sinewy hands,
The joints of the spinal, they could not resist.
And dead dropped the bull on the sands.

Had he met the wild bull, he was asked the next day,
"Not a bull" unconcerned he replied,
But he had met a calf and attempted to play
With the weak little thing,
When it died.



Met-a-calf
As contracted to Metcalf, became
Our forefathers' cognomen then;
And it has, ever since, as a family name
Been respectably known among men.

Books

Sufferings of Early Quakers, Yorkshire 1652-1690 by Joseph Besse. Facsimile of the 1753 edition with an introduction and index by Michael Gandy. Available from William Sessions Ltd, The Ebor Press, York YO31 9HS. Price £12 plus £1 p&p UK, £2 overseas. ☎ 01904 659224 fax 01904 637068.

Memories of Upper Wharfedale by Thomas Hebden Metcalfe. An account of his life in Wharfedale and the changes he has seen. From Wharfedale FH Group, 206 Moseley Wood Gardens, Cookridge, Leeds LS16 7JE. Price £3.75 plus 50p p&p. A donation is made to Hubberholme Church for every book sold.

The Sailing Ships and Mariners of Knottingley by Ron Gosney & Rosemary Bowen MA. Published by Ron Gosney & Sons, 51 Oakfield Crescent, Knottingley, West Yorks WF11 0JT. Price £6.95 plus £1.25 p&p, £1.75 Overseas, £3.50 Australia, Canada & USA.

Yorkshire History and its sister publication Lancashire History. Quarterly local history journals. Details from Hudson History, Proctor House, Kirkgate, Settle, North Yorks BD24 9DZ.

Convict Love Tokens; The Leaden Hearts the Convicts left behind edited by Michele Field & Timothy Millett. Price £12.99 plus £1p&p UK. Available from A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, 11 Adelphi Terrace, London WC2N 6BJ.

Tracing your Ancestors in the Public Record Office - 5th Edition. First update for ten years,. Ed. Amanda Bevan. 320pp £12.99 and **The Family Records Centre. Introduction to Family History**. 32pp. £3.99. UK & Europe p&p £2 on orders under £25, free over; £5 rest of world. Both obtainable from Marketing, PRO, Kew Surrey TW9 4BR.

compiled by Nina Benson, archivist.
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M087 Dave F. Tunstall to :- Spring House, Spring Hill, Fylingdales, Whitby, Yorkshire YO22 4QQ.

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M454 Bruce & Marta Metcalf to :- 12716 Newfield Drive, Orlando, Florida 32837-7434, USA. email <mmetcalf@vol.com>

M497 Mrs Delphine McDonnell to :- 26 Hammon Street, Creswick, Victoria 3363, Australia.

M627 Mrs Jean Kington to 65 Elder Close, Badger Farm, Winchester, Hants SO23 4LH.

M710 Phillip Metcalfe to :- 19 Adel Wood Close, Leeds. LS16 8JG.

M804 Mrs Lisa Bartlett to :- PO Box 3111, Burnie, Tasmania 7320, Australia.

M905 Mrs Page Roe Barroll to :- 4 Spring House Road, Lutherville, Maryland 21093, USA. email <jposey@welch.jhu.edu>

M965 Christine Amsden e-mail to camsden@escape.ca.

M992 Mr J.J. Fletcher to :- Church Barn, Ightfield, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 4NU.

BIRTH BRIEF SECTION

ABBREVIATIONS :- MT = METCALF. MTE = METCALFE. MD = MEDCALF. MDE = MEDCALFE. b = born. bpt = baptised. d = died. dau = daughter. d/o = daughter of. s = son. s/o = son of. m = married. The new system notes where the child fits into their parent's family hence 6/10 means 6th child of 10.

CORRECTIONS

M218 Mrs Lillah Chapman, 252 Shipton Rd, York, YO30 5RZ....see MN58 pp 28/29....d.o Thomas Wintersgill & Doris (Caulton NOT Caultron) MTE. ...George bpt 3 Oct 1784 Grewelthorpe s.o George & Jane (Mallerby NOT Mallerley) MTE.....The date of the marriage of Thomas & Mary (Askwith) Mte is 10 Apl 1720 at Masham.

M1009 Mr David Wm Adams, 570 Washington Street, Dedham, MA 02026, USA. Is NOT connected to M445 but to XM455.

M1010 Ms Lenore Hailstone, 1890 Village Court, Hollister, California 95023, USA. Is NOT connected to M445 but to XM455.

M1013 Geoffrey & Phillip Ingram, 44 Yvonne Crescent, Mountwarren Park, Queensland 4207, AUS. ... see MN58 pp 33 & 34... Michael was NOT

bpt 22 Feb 1814 Sculcoates, Hull, but on 27 Oct 1813 at Kirk Ella, 3/7 of Michael & Anne (Bell) Mte m 13 Sep 1809 Leconfield, Yks. Connects to M669 (NOT XM669) & M718.

Alexander Pope (1688-1744) wrote "To err is human, to forgive, divine"!

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

M155 Mrs Yvette Horton, 11 Norwood Terrace, Burley-in-Wharfedale, Ilkley, Yorks LS29 7EY. Gdau of Harry & Frances Jackson (Mte) Jackson, Frances Jackson b 7 Jul 1884, 6/17 of Parkin & Agnes (Staveley) Mte m 31 Dec 1878 Lunds. Parkin b 19 Apr 1858 "Scale", Grisedale, 5/6 of Thomas & *Frances (Jackson) Mte m 20 May 1850 Hawes. Thomas bpt 13 Sep 1824 Mallerstang, 1/8 of Joseph or Joshua & Isabella (Blades) Mte of Mallestang then "High Shaw Paddock", Lunds m 20 Sep 1823 Mallerstang. Joseph or Joshua bc 1802 Appersett bpt (aged 41) 19 Mar 1843 Lunds, 5/6 of Thomas & (second wife) Ann (Blades) Mte of "Little Ing" Mallerstang, m 16 Jun 1788 Hawes, Thomas b 4 Jul 1736 Hawes 2/5 of Thomas & Margaret (Lambert) Mte he of "West Ashes" and she of "Thorns" Hawes, mc 1733. Thomas b 25 Mar 1694 Askrigg 1/4 of Richard & Alice (Stockdale) Mte of "Thorns" Hawes mc1693, Richard bc 1660 1/7 of Thomas & (second wife) Elizabeth (Rucroft) Mte of "Ashes" Hawes mc 1659, Thomas bc 1610 s.o Thomas & (unknown) Mte.

* Frances Jackson bc 1824 Aysgarth 1/4 of Richard & Mary (Mte) Jackson m 23 May 1823, Mary (of Mossdale) bc1796 2/7 of Alexander & ** Jane (Mte) Mte of "Half-way" Hawes, he of Camm High Gayle Mossdale & "Thorns" & she of "Thorns" & "Birkrigg" m 8 Mar 1794, Alexander b1767 Dent s.o. sJohn & Eleanor (Whaley) Mte m 11 May 1761 Ingleton Fells, John bpt 1734 Ingleton Fells s.o. George & Margaret (Thompson) Mte m 13 Aug 1726 Ingleton, George bpt 1700 Ingleton s.o. Christopher & Catherine (Leake) Mte m 21 Jan 1697 Hubberholme. Christopher bpt 1672 s.o. (unknown) Mte.

** Jane Mte of "Thorns" & "Birkrigg" b 5 Mar 1771 3/4 of Ninian & *** Elleanor (Mte) Mte he of "West Ashes" & "Thorns" and she of Appersett m 17 Nov 1766, Ninian b 23 Mar 1736 3/5 of Thomas & Margaret (Lambert) Mte of "West Ashes" mc 1733 (see above).

*** Elleanor Mte of Appersett bpt 22 Aug 1731 Dent d.o. Jeffrey & Agnes (Petty) Mte of "Blean" Aysgarth m 1728 Dent, Jeffrey bpt c1705 s.o. Jeffrey & Elinor (?) Mte of "Blean" Aysgarth, Jeffrey s.o. (unknown) Mte. **Connected to M141, M242, M824, M908, M998** & possibly others?

DELAYED BIRTH BRIEFS -

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.

M1017 Mr H.J.Hamilton Metcalfe, 6 Forest Rd, Pinehaven, Silverstream 6007, New Zealand. Born New Zealand 2/4 of George Hamilton & Adeline Menary (Dunning) Metcalfe m 27 Oct 1915 Remuera, NZ. George H.b 25 Apl 1887 NZ 5/6 of Henry Hulbert & Jessie Alexander (Hamilton) Mte m 25 March 1879 Walkerville, Adelaide, Australia. Henry H. b Lyndhurst, Hants. England 30 Oct 1851 d 3 May 1919 on the foreshore at Whakatane, New Zealand, a civil engineer who in the course of his working life carried out various works in England, Brazil, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Henry H. 1/9 of Henry Geldart & Mary (Hulbert) Mte m 21 Aug 1850 Farlington, Hants. Henry G. b 22 May 1824 Newington, Surrey, only child of James & (his second wife) Ann (Veal) Mte. James & his first wife Ann Hooper are known to have had at least 3 children Elizabeth Hooper Mte 1815 who d unm in Brighton 1891; William Hooper Mte 1819 who m Caroline (?) and had issue Wm Henry & Elizabeth; and James Mte 1823 & Edward 1843 - whose places of birth & residence include Pauls Wharf, Southwark, London & Greenwich Kent. According to the Herald's College, London, James MTE was styled : Gentleman, Armigerous. He may be the son of William & Ann Mte bapt 8th Oct 1780 St Marylebone Ch, London.

M1026 Mr Roderick D.Metcalfe, 101 Woolwich Rd, Woolwich, Sydney, New South Wales 2110, AUSTRALIA. Born Brisbane Aus 1/4 of Douglas & Nancy Abbot (Cramb) Mte m 31 July 1943 Brisbane. Douglas b 2 Dec 1920 Brisbane, 2/2 of John & (his second wife) Lillian Beatrice (Carrick) Mte m 7 Aug 1915 Taringa, Queensland. John's first wf Deborah nee Metcalfe* was m 1881 in Massach USA but returned to Scotland where three sons were born - 1st, name unknown; William b 1883 m Mary Shaw & had 3 sons and died in Sydney Aus 1948; James Galbraith b 1891 d 1976 Brisbane Aus m Audrey Emily Mavis Little & had 2 sons: John b 1855 Scotland 3/3 of John & Mary (Townsend) Mte m Aug 1834 Glasgow Scotland. John b c1812. *Deborah Mte b 1850 Ireland 4/12 of John & Margaret (McKinney) Mte m 10 Feb 1846 Lurgan. John b 1825 Co Armagh, Ireland 2/2 of William & (?) Mte.

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

M1033 Mr Jack Lambert, 11 Flower Hill, Heaton, Bradford, Yks. BD9 5QW. Son of & Lillian (nee Metcalfe) Lambert. Lillian b c 1887/9 Bradford d/o William & Mary Ann (Yeadon) Mte. William known to have been a horse dealer.

M1034 Mrs E.Ineson, 20 Broadway, Swindon, Wilts. SN2 3BT. Details awaited.

M1035 Mr & Mrs John Metcalfe, 3 Farnham Close, Auckland Park, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham. DL14 8YR. Details awaited.

M1036 Dr Anthony D.Metcalfe, 12 Coronation Ave. Forton, Preston, Lancs. PR3 0AU. Son of Richard George Mte who was son of Edward & Isabel (?) Mte. Edward b c1912 4/5 of Richard Staveley & Mary Ellen (Shaw) Mte who m 7 Apl 1902 Low Bentham, Yks. Richard S. b 1879, one of 17 of Parkin & Agnes (Staveley) Mte m 1878 Lunds nr Dent Yks. Parkin b 19 Apl 1858 Grisedale, Yks 4/5 of Thomas & Frances (Jackson) Mte m 2 May 1850 Hawes. Thomas bpt 13 Sep 1824 1/9 of Joshua/Joseph & Isabella (Blades) Mte m 20 Sep 1823 at Kirkby Stephen. Joshua/Joseph born 1803 bpt aged 40 on 19 Mar 1843 (with his brother William aged 53) at Lunds sons of Thomas & Ann (Blades) Mte m 16 June 1788 at Hawes. In all probability Thomas bpt 6 Apl 1756 Hawes s/o John Mte of Hazel Bank in Widdale. **Connects to M155 & M908 & M998.**

M1037 Mr Keith Suddaby, 10 Hartley Crescent, Birkdale, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 4SG. Great grandson of Christopher & Frances (nee Metcalf) Holmes m 13 Nov 1855 Barton le Street, Yks. Frances b 16 Jan 1830 2/3 of John & Hannah (Langdale) Mt m 28 Apl 1827 Barton le Street. John bpt 12 Mar 1797 Barton le Street 2/2 of John & his second wife Elizabeth (?) Mt, his first wf being Mary (?) by whom he had William; Margaret & Maria. John bpt 16 Apl 1757 Hampsthwaite s/o John Mt, weaver. John bpt 7 Nov 1734 Hampsthwaite 1/5 of John & Elizabeth (King) Mte m 19 Nov 1733 Hampsthwaite. John bpt 21 June 1702 Hampsthwaite 1/3 of William & Jane (Stubbs) Mte m 1 May 1701 Hampsthwaite, Yks.

M1038 Mrs Joyce E.Westell, 127 E.3rd Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701, USA. Daughter (4/5) of James Gordon & Marjorie (Mitchell) Metcalfe. James Gordon b Essex, Ontario, Canada 2/10 of Arthur Wilkinson & Gertrude (Beamer) Mte m 1898 Ontario, Canada. Arthur W. b ?, son of Revd James Finlayson & Mary (Wilkinson) Mte. James F. b 22 Mar 1848 Toronto, Canada died 25 May 1899, he was son of James & Ellen (Howson) Mte m 1843 in Peterborough County, Ontario. James b 1822 Sun Inn, Cumberland, England bpt 1 Mar 1823 Westward Parish 5/5 of James & Ann (Finlinson/Finlayson) Mt m 4 Apl 1810. James bpt 6 Feb 1784 Bolton Parish, Cumb. 1/3 of James & Ann/Nancy (Sawyer) Mt. **QUERY** could this marriage be the one at Brough on Stainmore, Wes 22 Aug 1780 James Mt, collier to AGNES SAYER. James b 1752 bpt 15 Aug 1756 Maryport / Crosscannoby, Cumb. 6/7 of Simon of Crosby near Maryport, Cumberland who was born circa 1715 & died 1798 in Maryport parish aged 83. **Connects to XM26, XM89 & M1006.**

M1039 Mrs Elizabeth Anne Johnson, 956-F Calle Aragon, Laguna Hills, California 92653 USA. Details awaited.

M1040 Mr Adrian Metcalf Brown, 43 Moorlands Drive, Mossley, Ashton-Under-Lyne, Lancs. OL5 9DB. Details awaited.

M1041 Mrs Geraldine Huppe, 370 Meaderboro Road, Rochester, New Hampshire 03867. USA. email <Ghupbbfarm@aol.com> Grand-dau of Mary Jane Mte b 21 Dec 1878 Middlesbrough, Yks. England only child of James & Isabella (Calvert) Mte (mge sought). Mary Jane's 1st husb whom she m 27 June 1899 at All Saints, Middlesbrough was John Thomas Goodfellow s/o Wm. Mary married her 2nd husb James Richards in Laconia, New Hampshire USA and her 3rd husb John Aubrey Fanning pre 1910 and their second child Mary Alice m John Joseph Foley and were the parents of Geraldine. Returning to James, a police sergeant, bpt 12 Dec 1830 Kirkby Malzeard 9/10 of George & Ann (Astwood) Mte m 21 Jan 1811 Masham. George bpt 3 Oct 1784 Grewelthorpe Yks s/o George & Jane (Mallerby) Mte m 31 Mar 1777 Masham. George bpt 2 Apl 1747 Masham s/o George & Jane** (Metcalf) Mte m 15 July 1745 Masham. George bpt 13 Oct 1722 Masham s/o Thomas & Mary (Askwith) Mte m 10 Apl 1720 Masham. Thomas bpt 13 May 1693 Healey s/o Thomas & Jane (Thorpe) Mte m 2 Feb 1690/91 Healey, Masham. Thomas bpt c 1659/60. **Jane, on her marriage in 1745 was described as d/o Thomas Mte, weaver of Keighley, Yks. **Connects to XM200, M218, XM440, M445, XM459, M593, M640, M710 & XM732.**

M1042 Ms M.J.Heron, 10 Dawson Hill Yard, Horbury, Wakefield Yks. WF4 5AQ. email <j.heron@shef.ac.uk> Great grand-dau of Thomas & Susan (nee Metcalfe) Richmond.

M1043 Mr John C.Tennant, 48 Meath Way, Hunter's Hill, Guisborough, TS14 7PG. Is interested in all Metcalfe/Tennant connections but is great nephew of Robert & Susannah (Tennant) Mte. Robert bpt 1 Dec 1880 Aysgarth 2/6 of Richard & his 1st wf Mary Ann (Routh) Mte m 23 Nov 1878 Aysgarth Yks & his 2nd wf Mary Thwaite m 23 Nov 1886 Aysgarth. Richard bpt 22 Nov 1846 Aysgarth, Yks 3/15 of Robert (1st wf Ann Jefferson m 20 Apl 1839 Aysgarth) & his 2nd wf Rosamond (Thwaite) m 29 May 1843 Aysgarth when Rbt was a widower, farmer of Bishopdale. Robert bpt 29 Nov 1807 in Halton Gill, Littondale 8/9 of Thomas & Rose/Rosamond (Preston) Mte m 20 Mar 1793 Arncliffe. Thomas bpt 19 Oct 1774, 5/5 of Robert & Isabel (Simpson) Mte m 13 May 1751 Arncliffe. **Connects to M46 M52, M608, M678, M839 & M859.** John's great great uncle Thomas Tennant m Agnes Metcalfe 22 Nov 1819 at Hawes, TT of Hubberholme & Agnes of Snaizholme.

M1044 Mr Peter Bousfield, Wedgewood, Myton On Swale, York, YO61 2QY. email <peter_bousfield@lineone.net> Great, great, great grandson of Jonathan & Elizabeth (nee Metcalfe) Bousfield m 23 Sep 1834 Bowes. Elizabeth/Betty/Betsey bpt 4 Sep 1811 Hardraw Yks 8/14 of Richard & his 1st wife Sybilla/Sibil/Sibel nee Whitfield m March 1793 Kirkby Stephen, Wes. He married his 2nd Wf Ann Bushby in 1829. Richard bpt 17 Jan 1773 Askrigg s/o John Mte of Low Coat. **Connects to M144, M145, M389, XM658, M807 & M810.**

M1045 Mrs Malise McGuire, 16 Carron Close, Sinfin, Derby, DE24 9LH. email <mikemalise@aol.com> Grand-dau of John & Jane (nee Metcalfe) Hillary m 1872. Jane bpt 25 July 1850 Muker Yks 3/6 of William & Rosamund (Alderson) Mte m 30 Nov 1843 Muker. William bpt 23 Sep 1821 Muker 5/9 of John & Ann (Scott) Mte m 25 May 1812 Muker. John bpt 2 June 1779 Muker 4/4 of John & Sarah (Whitehead) Mte m 7 May 1772 Muker. John b c 1744. **Connects to XM366 & hopes for more !**

M1046 Mr S.J.Metcalf 69 Parkway, Ratton Manor, Eastbourne, BN20 9DZ. Details awaited.

M1047 Mr Raymond J.Metcalf, Rosebank, Alders Ave, East Grinstead, W. Sussex. RH19 2BT. Son of John & Doris (Laskey) Mte m 15 Sep 1948. John b 15 Oct 1909 s/o George Henry & Ruth (Collinge) Mte. George H. b c 1878 Burley Woodhead, Yks. 9/9 of George & Mary (Benson) Mte mge not yet traced. George bpt 26 July 1829 Burley in Wharfedale Yks. son of William & Elizabeth Mte. NOW begins the problem ! In 1881 the now widowed George & his family are in Habersham Eaves near Burnley and their place of birth has been transcribed as BARLEY, Yks but I consider we can be certain it is the same family. Next comes the puzzle of William & Elizabeth, parents of George. William dies before the 1851 Census but his wife Elizabeth says she was born at Otterburn YKS c1790. It therefore looks likely that William married Elizabeth Parkinson 6 Feb 1815 at Kirkby Malham when he was described as labr of Hanlith. The couple had John bpt 25 Jun 1815; Joseph bpt 7 Feb 1817 and William bpt 18 Apl 1819 all at Kirkby Malham. Next we have Anne bpt 11 Nov 1821; Leonard 13 Apl 1823; Hannah 16 Jan 1825; Elizabeth 24 Sep 1826; George 26 July 1829 and Thomas c1833 all bpt Burley in Wharfedale. Confirmation awaited. **Could connect to XM91 & XM344.**

M1048 Mrs Anne Metcalfe, Cockpennies, Thorns Lane, Sedbergh, Cumbria, LA10 5LD. Details awaited.

M1049 Mrs Geraldine Tew, Wycliffe, 11 The Peregrines, Birdwood Grove, Estate, Fareham, Hants. PO16 8QU. email <106422.3272@compuserve.com> Geraldine has four lines of interest :-

1. Charlie (Charles H.) Metcalf was the first husb of Sarah Haddlesley who was b 1916 at Coxwold, YKS & whom he married in 1938. Charles died in 1955 aged 55 and they had Sheila, Pauline, Joyce, Robin, Mervin & Susan. Charles H. b c 1900 not yet traced.
2. William Metcalf bpt 28 Dec 1856 at Chapel Haddlesley in the parish of Birkin, Yks. & married Kate Friskney and they had three children Alfred Henry 1881 Stockton on Tees; Annie c 1883 Middlesbrough and Eva b 1886 Middlesbrough. William 3/3 of Henry & Catherine (?) Mte. Henry born circa 1812 Swinefleet but the only bpt there is on 31 May 1810 s/o Joseph & Mary (?) MD. The same entry is repeated as taken place on the same date at Whitgift, Yks.

3. Eliza Metcalfe born 12 Sep 1845 at Hull m at Belper, Derbyshire on 28 Nov 1871 to Thomas Brockhurst/Brocklehurst. Family knowledge says there was a connection with AMY JOHNSON the aviator. Has anyone any clues ?

4. Laurella Ruth MT married on 24 Nov 1973 to Kevin George Chuck - area unknown MAY BE IN NEW ZEALAND.

M1050 Mrs Nichola Potts, 8 Dewberry Close, Tyldesley, Manchester, M29 8RD. email <graham@potts9.freemove.co.uk> Great grand-daughter of Thomas & Louisa (nee Metcalf/e) Layton m 1913 Salford, Lancs. Louisa born 17 Aug 1892 Pendleton, Salford d/o John & Helena Jane (McConnochie) Mte, John being a labourer for paper stainers.

M1051 Mrs Mary L. Burnage, 13 Bush Drive, Rugeley, Staff. WS15 2AQ. Details awaited.

M1052 Mr David Goth, 27 Acanthus Road, Old Swan, Liverpool, L13 3DX. Details awaited.

M1053 Messrs Ralph Henry & Phillip William George Metcalfe, 12 The Avenue, Durham City, Co Durham. DH1 4ED. Descendants of Joseph Henry Mte b 21 Feb 1905 Shirley, Hampshire s/o George & Theodora (Fladgate) Mte. George b 1853 Maryport, Cumberland s/o Thomas & Sarah (Ismay) Mte m 1843.

M1054 Mr Nick Rolph, 1 Evergreen Close, Leybourne, West Malling, Kent, ME19 5PY. Great Grandson of William Thomas & Elizabeth (nee Medcalf) Squires m 3 Nov 1891. Elizabeth b 1865 Market Deeping, Lincs d/o Samuel Wilders & (?) MD. Samuel W. b 1836 Market Deeping s/o Samuel Jocelyn/Joslin/Josling & Ann Nidd (Wilders) MD m 7 Apr 1836 Holbeach, Lincs. Samuel J. bpt 16 May 1813 Swarby, Lincs. s/o William & Ann (?) MD. **Connects to M278 & XM555.**

M1055 Mrs Elizabeth Ann Hardman, 41 Pinn Way, Ruislip, Middlesex. HA4 7QG. Great x 4 grand-dau of John & Jane (nee Metcalfe) Capstack m 29 Nov 1786 Hawes, Yks. when Jane was "of Gayle" and the witness was a James Mte. Also Elizabeth is great x 4 grand-dau of James & Anne (Nancy/Nanny) (nee Metcalfe) Webster m 12 Jan 1801 at Aysgarth. Elizabeth would also like more information on "CANDLE WILLIE" - a William Metcalfe who had a candle factory at Hawes up to the end of WW1. William's son was a T.W. Metcalfe, county surveyor pre war. There may be a connection with this factory and the Webster family. Can anyone help ?

M1056 used for admin purposes.

M1057 Mrs Sharon M. Pollard, 5 East Street, Methuen, MA 01844, USA. De

scendant of John & Isabella (nee Metcalfe) Dobby m 29 June 1816 Well, Yks, England. Isabella bpt 27 May 1792 Easby nr Richmond, Yks. 6/8 of Christopher & Hannah (Cheeseborough) Mte m 28 Oct 1780 at Well. Christopher b c1757 2/11 of Christopher & Henrietta Maria (Reynold) Mte m 15 Sep 1756 Bedale, Yks. Christopher bpt 26 March 1733 Well 2/3 of Christopher & Anne (King) Mte m 14 July 1730 Well. Christopher bpt 27 Feb 1704 Well 1/5 of George & Eleanor (Raper) Mte m 25 July 1703 Well. George a joiner of Snape was son of John of Carperby, Aysgarth who died in 1715. **Connects to XM170, M590, XM715 and M864.**

M1058 Mr Jerry Metcalf, 411 Montcrest Place, Denville, California 94526. USA. Details awaited.

M1059 Mr & Mrs Brent Colin Metcalfe, 4 Arden Lodge Road, Brooklands, Manchester M23 9AE. Details awaited.

M1060 Mrs Diane Medcalf, 653 Avondale Avenue, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada N2M 2W4. Details awaited.

M1061 Mr Thomas Metcalfe, Nearfield Cottage, 6 Keighley Road, Laneshawbridge, Lancs. BB8 7HU. Son of Leslie & Ida (Spencer) Mte Leslie b 17 Aug 1914 1/3 George Wilson & Elizabeth (Edwards) Mte. George W. b c1876 Thornton in Craven, Yks, 3/6 of Samuel Hartley & Hannah Ann (Simonson) his 1st wf m 19 May 1838 Kirkby Malham Yks. His 2nd wf was Agnes (Wiseman) m 1 July 1876 KM. Samuel H. bpt 28 Apr 1811 KM 1/3 of Oliver & Mary (Hartley) Mte m 14 Oct 1809 KM. Oliver bpt 1 Dec 1782 KM 2/12 of Joseph & Dorothy (Atkinson) Mte m 16 Nov 1780 Arncliffe Yks. Joseph "a convert from Quakerism of Pen y Ghent" was bpt as an adult 20 Jan 1780 Arncliffe - no parents named. He was born circa 1758. **Connects to M557**

M1062 Andrew J. & Karen A. Metcalfe, 3 Malvern Close, Basingstoke, Hants. RG22 5BH. Details awaited.

M1063 Mr Peter Hodgkiss, 7 Garners End, Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks. SL9 0HE. email <peterhodgkiss@cyber-guide.net> Born Denton, Lancs, grandson of Johnson & Sarah Ellen (nee Metcalfe) Hodgkiss m 10 Aug 1897 Everton, Lancs. Sarah E. b 30 June 1873 Everton 4/7 of John & Mary Ellen (Dexter) Mte m 20 Oct 1861 Liverpool. John b 2 Aug 1838 Liverpool 4/5 of Richard & Elizabeth (?) Mte. Richard b c1798 d Oct 1858 aged 60 of Webster St. Liverpool. There is an oral tradition that before living in Liverpool the family were sail makers in Hull.

M1064 Mr Gordon Heavysege, 8209 Ridgewood Drive #1. Hayden, Idaho 83835. USA. email <HHeavysege@aol.com> Gordon s/o & Alice (nee Metcalfe) Heavysege. Alice b 30 Dec 1901 at 111 Hartump St, Everton, Lancs ENG. 2/2 of

Richard & Ellen (Kerr) MTE...whose eldest child Ernest was b pre 1901. The family emigrated to Montreal, Canada c 1902 but Richard & Ernest returned to England prior to 1914.

Another one of those co-incidents that defies explanation, perhaps Members 1063 & 1064 should combine their research !

M1065 Mrs Kathleen Cox, Jasmine Cottage, 57 St Johns Avenue, Thorner, Leeds. LS14 3BZ. Details awaited.

M1066 Mrs S.H.M.Gedge, The Cottage, Witton Woods, North Walsham, Norfolk, NR28 9UF. Details awaited.

M1067 Mrs Kathleen E.Watson, Appletrees, Gilham Lane, Forest Row, East Sussex. RH18 5AN. Details awaited.

M1068 Mr Nicholas Metcalfe, 107 Woodford Road, Bramhall, Stockport, Cheshire. SK7 1QB. Born Saltburn by the Sea YKS 1/2 of John D. & Olivia (Thomas) Mte. John b 31 July 1924 Norton on Tees, 1/2 of Albert Isaac & Hannah (Stones) MTE. Albert I. b 22 Mar 1890 Spennymoor Co Dur. 1/2 of John & Elizabeth Dunbar (nee ?) MTE. The following has yet to be confirmed :- John bc 1862 Sunnyside, Tow Law, Co Dur. 1/4 of Joseph & Mary Ann (?) MTE. Joseph bpt 3 May 1829 Barton nr Darlington, Dur. 3/6 of Joseph & Jane (Rowland) MTE m 21 Aug 1824 St Cuthberts, Barton. Joseph bpt 21 Feb 1802 Middleton Tyas s/ Thomas & Anne (?) MTE. Albert Isaac had a younger brother Ernest who, following a row with his parents concerning a motorbike, left home and has never been seen since. Has anyone "found" Ernie ?

M1069 Mr Steven Metcalfe, 62 Bradley Avenue, Houghton-le-Spring, Tyne & Wear, DH5 8JY. Son of Matthew Dunn & Doreen (Smith) MTE m 5 Jan 1957 Murton, Co Durham. Matthew D. born 24 Dec 1935 Easington Lane, Dur. s/o Joseph & Nancy (Croft) MTE m 30 Mar 1929 in Houghton le Spring Reg District. Joseph b c1904 s/o Matthew Dunn & Margaret (Robson) MTE m 1 Q 1898 Houghton le Spring district.

M1070 Mrs Liz & Dr Chris Brammall, 25 Shippards Road, Brighstone, Isle of Wight. PO30 4BG. Details awaited.

Platinun Bonanza Denied

Minmet the mining company has denied discovery of a significant platinum reserve in Brazil. Minmet Chairman **Jeremy Metcalfe** said "... there was absolutely no truth in the story". The rumour was started on an Internet bulletin board.

From The Investors Chronicle 22 October 1999.

Bits & Bobs

Travelling on the Bark Arabia from Liverpool to New York in 1854 a **Mr & Mrs Metcalfe** both aged 26 years. *Via the Internet.*

Parish Council Clerks 1999. Aysgarth **Mrs T Metcalfe**. *The Upper Wensleydale Newsletter June 1999.*

Scroll of Honour. **Steve Metcalfe** of Northallerton has set up an Internet site of names on Northallerton Romanby and Brompton WWI war memorials which includes personal details of those killed. *Evening Gazette 15 December 1997 supplied by Dorothy Pope M55.*

On 28 March 1855 141 mainly German immigrants travelled on the ship **Adelaide Metcalfe**, Master Wm J Hanson from Le Havre to New York. *From the Internet http://istg.rootsweb.com/.*

Brunswick Bay Scarborough crumbling into the sea. Eighty houses and a hotel run by **Mo Metcalfe** threatened. *Local news 16 August 1999.*

The will of Michael Jones of Lancaster, Esq dated 12 October 1798 and housed in the PRO mentions the tenant of one of his properties was a **John Medcalfe**. *Catholic Ancestor November 1998, Vol7 no3.*

The Wales Actors' Company toured Wales in the summer of 1998. The title role was played by an **Adrian Metcalfe** born in Swansea.

Killed in the 1883 Moorfield Colliery Lancashire was **Thomas Metcalfe** aged 33. He was buried at St James's Church Altham (near Accrington).

Both from Mrs J M S Robinson M631

Death of Carpet Weaver **George Metcalf**, whose legs became entangled in a machine in Barnard Castle in May 1852. *Family History Monthly April 1997 p33.*

Barbara Metcalf (widow) married Peter Beresford at Hubberholme Church 10 October 1797. Lived at Raisgill. Peter Beresford worked at Bolton Abbey Estate. Barbara's son **John Metcalf** had stepbrothers Mark Beresford (b1798) and George Beresford (b1802). John and five generations of his descendants lived at Gober Farm Horton in Ribblesdale from 1820 to 1940's. *Beresford Family History Journal.*

Every night at nine o'clock from September to February for the past 700 years a member of the **Metcalf family** has sounded three long blasts on a horn as a guide for travellers in the forest near the Yorkshire village of Bainbridge. *Cyprus local paper. Supplied by Leo Metcalfe.*

WEB SITE ADDRESSES

Scottish records information at www.origins.net.

Outside UK records at www.cyndislist.com/.

Probate Office information on wills from www.courtservice.gov.uk.

FFHS general enquiries at info@ffhs.org.uk.

The Borthwick Insitute of Historical Research at <http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/bihr>.

The Family Tree postal book service www.family-tree.co.uk.

British Telecom telephone listings www.bt.com/phonenetuk.

The Northern Family History Fairs go from strength to strength

As in previous years, The Metcalfe Society have a stand at
two family history fairs

- North East Group of Family History Societies Fair at York Racecourse, held in June
- North West Group of Family History Societies Fair, previous held at Stockport, but which moved this year to Preston, held in October.

YORK FAIR

With a greater number and variety of stalls, along with an even greater number of visitors, the York fair can only be called an unqualified success. The position of the Metcalfe Society stand was excellent for us in terms of access and visibility. We have even requested and received confirmation of the same spot for next year! As a result, we sold 6 books, much more merchandise than normal and gained 3 new members - Many thanks to the following members who visited the stand. It was so nice to meet you...

M826 Michael Hammon	M992 John Fletcher
M853 Len Natrass	M424 Elizabeth Potts
M982 Sydney Richardson	M640 Jose Roberts
XM503 Mrs E Ainsley	M892 Bill Wright

A special thank you to M892 who commented :

“Of all the organisations we have joined, the Metcalfe Society is the one who has done most for us. Thanks to all for the work and the information”

PRESTON (NW) FAIR

At its new location in Preston, The North West Fair was extremely successful. Over 1,900 people went through the doors. We sold a significant amount of merchandise, and gained 2 new members. Once again, it was nice to see the following members take the time to come and say hello :

M126 Rita Cawthra	M660 Brenda Thompson
M294 Julie Taggart	M806 Mr & Mrs Mills
M386 Enid Cox	M1023 Margaret Peters
M1050 Nichola Potts	

As M660 Brenda Thompson was saying hello, a visitor to the stand started talking to our secretary about her Metcalfe links, only to find that she is related to Brenda who was standing right next to her! Talk about a small world. Brenda and the lady have swapped addresses and we are hoping to have another new member very shortly!



York Racecourse Fair June 1999
Margaret Hodgson, David Metcalfe, Nina Benson and Diane Howarth



Preston Fair October 1999
Joan Metcalfe (M63), Margaret Hodgson and Diane Howarth

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Family History Study days. Sources in the Oriental & India Office Collections. Designed for those tracing ancestors in India and the Orient. Guidance on locating and using the open access collections and catalogues in the Oriental and India Collections Reading Room. Cost £25. Details from Tim Thomas, Oriental & India Office Collections, The British Library, 96 Euston Road, London NW1 2DB.

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

Saturday 11 March 2000. NE Group AGM at Industrial Museum Bradford 11am. Nina Benson chairman of the NE Group and the Metcalfe Society representative.

Saturday 24 March 2000. NW Group of Family History Societies. Millennium Conference - *Religion, Life and Love in North East Lancashire in the Middle Ages* at Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool. Speakers include Michael Gandy, Michael Mullett-Lancaster University and Janet Hollinshead of Liverpool Hope University. Booking form etc from Catholic Family History Society, Jo McCann, 46 Stanley Avenue, Rainford, Merseyside WA11 8HU.

Saturday 1 April 2000. Family History Fair, Trinity School, Carlisle, Cumbria 10am-4pm On site car park, refreshments. Admission £1.

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.

Saturday 8 April 2000. Computers in Genealogy & Family History day. The Society of Genealogists and the North East Group of FFHS is hosting a day conference at Askham Bryan College near York. A programme of lectures, demonstrations of leading genealogy software and workshops on using computers including the Internet in genealogical research. Speakers and tutors include Jeanne Bunting, Joe Houghton and Eric Probert. Cost £20 (including refreshments and a buffet lunch - £12.50 if you bring your own lunch). Ample car parking available. Apply to John Le Seelleur, Bernfold, 45B Ashgap Lane, Normanton WF6 2DT enclosing a SAE.

12-16 April 2000. The Millennium British Family History Conference at Bath University. Hosted by Wiltshire FHS in association with the Federation of FFHS. * Presentations inc. Irish Migration to 19thC Britain, Markets and Fairs, Rogues & vagabonds. Full details & booking form available from our secretary or direct from Mrs Marjorie Moore, 1 Cambridge Close, Swindon SNQ 1JQ.

Sunday 17 April 2000. Family History Fair, CRO, County Hall, Durham. 70+ stalls, 1,000+ visitors. Tel 0191-383-4211 or email recordoffice@durham.gov.uk for further details.

Saturday 24 June 2000. Northern Family History Fair at York Racecourse 10am-4.30pm. **The Metcalfe Society will be present please come along.**

Saturday 21 October 2000. Mecca Muster. Put a note in your diaries now!

DEVON MINISTERS

The Reverend James Metcalfe. Vicar of Teignmouth 1877-1904.

"A few years ago I visited the Church of St James-the-Less at Teignmouth, South Devon and it was interesting to find one of my mother Edith Buckton Metcalfe's ancestors, James Metcalfe, had been vicar. An even more pleasant surprise was to discover the imposing and beautiful stained glass memorial window provided in his honour. It depicts a shepherd leading his flock - sadly not calves. The present church was consecrated in 1861. It is one of the very few octagonal churches in England; James's window being on a north-east face (appropriate for one of Yorkshire extraction)."

The inscription reads 'To the glory of God and in ever loving memory of the Reverend James Metcalfe M.A. Fellow of Christ's College Cambridge; for 27 years Vicar of this Parish. Obit March 11, 1908. AET 81 years.' Presented by his widow 1909.

DRH Major M324

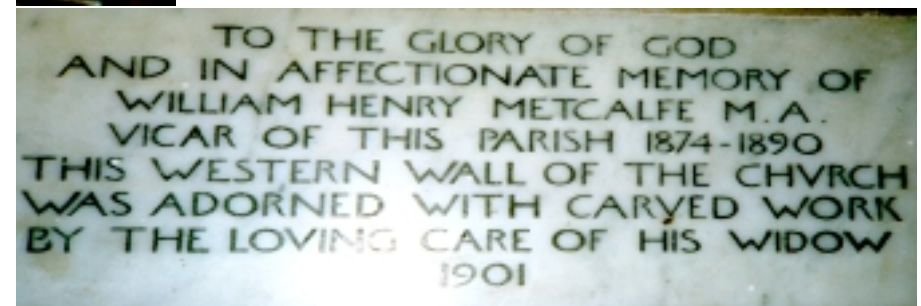
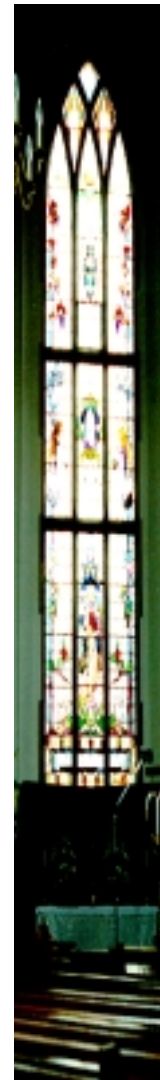
The Reverend William Henry Metcalf. Vicar of Ottery 1874-1890

Found in the Parish Church of St Mary of Ottery the memorial stone below reads 'To the glory of God and in affectionate memory of William Henry Metcalf M.A. Vicar of this Parish 1874 - 1890. This western wall of the church was adorned with carved work by the loving care of his widow 1901.'

Also on the list of Vicars at the same church was

The Reverend John William Metcalfe M.A. 1908 - 1920.

Supplied by **Ron Metcalfe.**



A Visit to the Promised Land.

While spending an active three weeks in February 1999 in Palm Springs, California (over there in the colonies) - active only because all grapefruit within reach of the balcony had already been taken - my wife and I decided to make a journey. A journey triggered by the discovery that along the Coachella Valley, some 40 miles south, was a place called *MECCA*.

With the objective of being the proud sender of a few Mecca postcards ('wish you were here') we set off along the Date Palm, Dinah Shore and Bob Hope Drives towards Highway 111, a four lane road with traffic lights every 50 yards!

Some 1½ hours later, in a temperature of 86° and after a few miles of desert, there was a sign on the left - Mecca. 100 yards off the highway we avoided several large potholes, a dozen Clint Eastwood type Mexican extras sitting in the shade, and pulled into a petrol station cum store which purported to sell 'Gas'.

With 3 or 4 Spanish speaking people in the store I chose to address the girl behind the counter. "Can you please direct me to the centre of town?". The look in reply said it all. This was the town. "Do you have any postcards?". I knew the answer was an unspoken 'of what', but a polite negative was given instead. And that was it. Turn around and return with a strong comment from my wife about Mecca Tours and wild goose chases having a lot in common.

CSMetcalf M305

Twenty Questions (from page 13)

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and finally... Did you know that the population of England & Wales at the time of the 1881 Census was 25,974,000 (there were also 3,736,000 in Scotland and 5,175,000 in Ireland) of which 2,888,536 were in Yorkshire and 14,413 were Metcalfes?

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UK Individual	£8	\$13	\$20	\$21	\$26
UK Family	£9	\$15	\$22	\$24	\$29
Overseas Surface Mail Individual	£8	\$13	\$20	\$21	\$26
Overseas Surface Mail Family	£9	\$15	\$22	\$24	\$29
Overseas Airmail Individual	£9	\$15	\$22	\$24	\$29
Overseas Airmail Family	£10	\$17	\$25	\$26	\$32

If you are altering your present classification of membership, please tick here : ☐

How would you like to pay your subscription?

Please tick box : ☐ By standing order (UK members only)
 - Complete the standing order form & send to your bank, **not** the society
☐ By sterling cheque
☐ By sterling cheque under a new Deed of Covenant (UK tax payers only)
☐ By dollar cheque

How many years subscription would you like to pay?

To help you and the society, you can pay subscriptions for any number of years you wish on one cheque now **at the current subscription rate**, thereby avoiding future increases in subscription rates. Please check overleaf to see if you have already paid in advance, or have setup a UK bank standing order. Please tick which year(s) that you wish to pay your subscription :

☐ 2000 ☐ 2001 ☐ 2002 ☐ 2003 ☐ 2004

Personal Details

Name : Mr / Mrs / Ms / Dr _____

Name : Mr / Mrs / Ms / Dr _____

If you wish to change to (or are already paying) a 'Family' subscription, please give **two full names**.

Address (including postal/zip code): _____

Tel : _____ e-mail : _____ Member No : _____

Please print clearly and use BLOCK CAPITALS throughout.

Where to send your subscription

Return this form with your payment to **one** of the following:

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

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

If you wish to pay in the relevant local currency, please make your cheque payable to the name of the agent, not the society, and send it to :

* Miss Mary Morris, 59A Devonshire Road, Miramar, Wellington 6003, **New Zealand**

* Miss Dianne Fox, 53 Southern Road, Heidelberg Heights, Victoria 3081, **Australia**

* Ms Susan C.M. Harper, 7567 Canada Way, Burnaby, British Columbia, V3N 3K1, **Canada**

* Mr Clifford Metcalfe, PO Box 265, Wolfeboro Falls, NH 03896, **USA**

If you wish to receive a receipt for your subscription payment, please enclose an SAE or IRC. Nov 99

Have you paid your subscriptions in advance?

Now is the time to pay your annual subscription to The Metcalfe Society. At the time of going to press, the following people have already paid their subscriptions in advance. Please do not be alarmed if you have paid during November and your number is not listed below!

If your membership number is NOT listed here, please pay your 2000 subscriptions by 31st January.

The country agents have a complete listing of your membership subscription - your contact details, category of membership and which years you have paid. So if you have any queries please contact the relevant person named overleaf on the Subscription Renewal Form.

The following members are either honorary or administrative members, and so no payment is due :

M1, M2, M4, M490, M491, M653, M681, M743, M941,
M1056, M1091, M1092, M1093

The following members have already paid **2000** subscriptions in advance, and so no payment is due :

M6, M15, M16, M24, **M033**, M35, M51, M57, M64, M66, M81
M141
M204, M208, M213, M219, M231, M244, M252, M256, M262, M266, M288, M297
M305, M331, M335, M336, M363, M368, M379, M389, M393
M409, M474
M502, M513, M540, M541, M553, M565, M575, M593
M605, M634, M655, M659, M676, M678, M679, M693, M694, M696
M719, M754, M772, M777, M788, M793
M800, M824, M831, M840, M844, M860, M871, M890, M891, M894, M896
M903, M905, M925, M936, M937, M946, M954, M962, M963, M973, M978
M1000, M1009, M1010, M1016, M1017, M1022, M1024, M1025, M1028, M1030,
M1041, M1046, M1048, M1051, M1052, M1053, M1055, M1058, M1062, M1063,
M1065, M1066, M1073, M1074, M1075, M1076, M1077, M1078, M1079, M1080,
M1081, M1082, M1083, M1084, M1085, M1086, M1087, M1088, M1089, M1090.

Have you set up a UK Standing Order?

The following members have setup a standing order with their UK bank. Hence, no further action is required by them as the subscription will automatically be drawn from their bank account in January 2000.

M63, M68, M82, M140, M158, M261, M310, M329, M450, M519,
M756, M854, M858, M902, M1071.

Set up a standing order & forget about paying the subscription

If you have a UK bank account you can set up a standing order with your bank to pay your Metcalfe Society subscription automatically each year. In future years, you will not have to remember to renew your subscription or pay in advance. If you wish to set up a standing order please complete the Standing Order Mandate form enclosed with this issue of the Mecca News and send it to your bank, not the society.



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Standing Order Mandate

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

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

Account to be debited

Name of Bank :	Sort Code :
Branch :	Account Number :
	Account Name :

Beneficiary Bank

Bank : Barclays Bank plc
 Branch : Earby, Lanes
 Sort Code : 20-15-70
 Account No : 20628263
 Account Name : The Metcalfe Society

Payment Details

Amount of First Payment : £ (insert subscription amount due)
 Date of First Payment : (insert a date during January eg 21/01/2000)
 Amount of Regular Payment : £ (insert subscription amount due in future years)
 Amount of Regular Payment in words :
 Date of Regular Payment : (insert a specific date in January eg 21 Jan)
 When paid : Annually

Complete either of the following (but not both) :

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

Authorisation

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

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

The Metcalfe Society Sales Order Form

All prices include postage & packing.

	UK	Overseas Surface Mail	Quantity Required	Cost
Birth Brief Booklet	£3.95	£4.50	___	___
For sale to members only. October 1997				
Mecca News	£1.00	£1.25	___	___
Numbers 1 to current issue. Each issue.				
Mecca News Binder	£4.00	£4.40	___	___
A5, holds 15 issues. Red with society name in gold in spine.				
Beginners Guide to Genealogy	£1.25	£1.60	___	___
How to start tracing your family tree by David Lambert				
Wills Series				
Book 1 = West Yorkshire Archives 1540-1857	£1.90	£2.25	___	___
Book 2 = CRO Preston, Lancs 1545-1857	£1.90	£2.25	___	___
Book 3 = Borthwick Inst, York 1389-1857 including Cornwall & Durham	£2.50	£3.00	___	___
Book 4 = National Index 1858-1899	£4.50	£5.00	___	___
Book 5 = National Index 1900-1940	£5.55	£6.55	___	___
Society Badge	£2.00	£3.00	___	___
Pin badge in white/gold/blue. Yorkshire white rose/two calves, with 'The Metcalfe Society' on the base rim.				
Metcalfe Coat of Arms				
Quality paper to fit frame 7"x5" - black & white	£2.00	£2.50	___	___
Quality paper to fit frame 7"x5" - colour	£2.50	£3.00	___	___
A5 folded notelet/greetings card - black & white	£0.75	£1.00	___	___
A5 folded notelet/greetings card - colour	£1.00	£1.25	___	___
Nappa Hall, Wensleydale				
Treated to give effect of old sepia photograph.				
Quality paper to fit frame 8"x6" - black & white	£2.25	£2.75	___	___
A5 folded notelet/greetings card - black & white	£0.75	£1.00	___	___
Certificate Folders				
Empty red or green folder to hold full-size certificates flat.	£10.00	£11.00	___	___
Pack of 5 acid-free plastic folders for certificates	£2.50	£3.00	___	___
'Medecalf'	£5.00	£5.50	___	___
by Thomas Metcalfe, Vicar of Mytholmroyd 1906-1924, A5 copy.				
Family Research Aids				
10 Generation Relationship Chart - 2nd cousin 3 times removed?	£0.50	£0.75	___	___
Year of Birth Calculation from Census Date-8yrs in 1841 so born ?	£0.50	£0.75	___	___

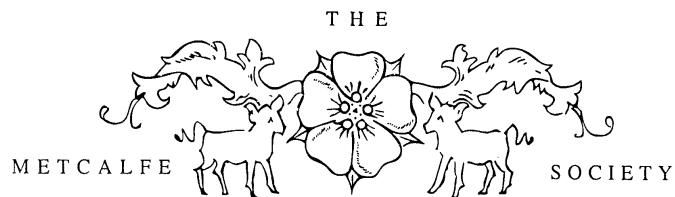
Total order value = £
 (+ Society subscription if applicable) = £

Grand total enclosed = £

Personal Details

Name : Member No :
 Address :

Please see overleaf for details of where to send your order.



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Deed of Covenant

Tax Recovery Form for UK Taxpayers

Help the society gain additional income at no cost to yourself whatsoever!

Please read the information overleaf and complete the form below.

I _____ (title) _____ (full name)

of _____ (address)

promise to pay THE METCALFE SOCIETY during my lifetime, such a sum as after deduction of Income Tax at the basic rate, amounts of £ _____ per annum (see note 1) (or such a sum as is equivalent to the annual subscription rate as at the time the payments fall due, whichever is the greatest). Provided that I may revoke, in writing, this deed of covenant at any time after the expiry of four years from _____ (date - see note 2).

Signed : _____ Date : _____

Witnessed by : _____

of (address) _____

Enter here the FULL NAME & ADDRESS of your tax office : _____

Give your Tax Reference Number : _____

Tick applicable membership : _____ Individual _____ Family _____ Member No : _____

Note 1 : Enter here the current applicable subscription rate.

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

All you need to know about Deed of Covenant

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

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

How does the Deed of Covenant work?

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

How much income will the society receive?

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

The simple way to pay subscriptions by Deed of Covenant

Complete the form overleaf and return it to :

Mr David Galloway,

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

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

What happens next?

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

Changes to the Deed of Covenant

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

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