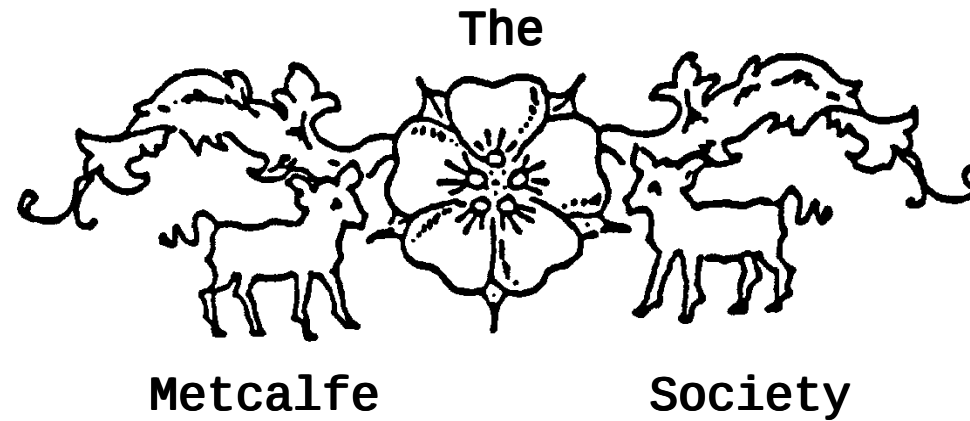




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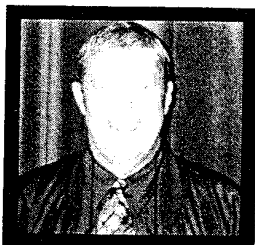
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FROM THE EDITOR



In compiling articles for this issue of the News I needed background on Quakers / Charles I and timepieces. I already had some books and other information but I wanted some details not available in the literature. So whilst waiting one Saturday morning for the milkman to call for his money I went on the world wide web (www.) put in a few key words (Quaker / King Charles) - got rid of

the references to King Charles Spaniels - and by the time I was relieved of my weekly milk payment, less than half an hour later, I had printed off six pages on Quakers, been to the Royal web site, picked up information on Charles I and identified pages to look at later.

I don't pretend that the web is the answer to genealogists prayers - oh that it was - but it is another tool for us to use in the pursuit of our family history hobby. It is like ignoring the parish records or lesser known records because it is not straightforward. It should be used as another source. Once you have used it a few times you find that there are easy ways to get answers to your questions. If you get stuck you can always use the back button on the tool bar - it is invaluable!

Don't hamstring yourself in identifying that elusive piece of information. The web is being added to all the time - there were some 422,000 pages at the last count - so give it a go you may be pleasantly surprised.

Some possibly useful web addresses are displayed on page 39.



There are also discussion /chat areas on the metcalfe surname, See <http://www.rootsweb.com> and <http://genforum.genealogy.com/metcalfe/> & <http://genforum.genealogy.com/metcalfe/>.

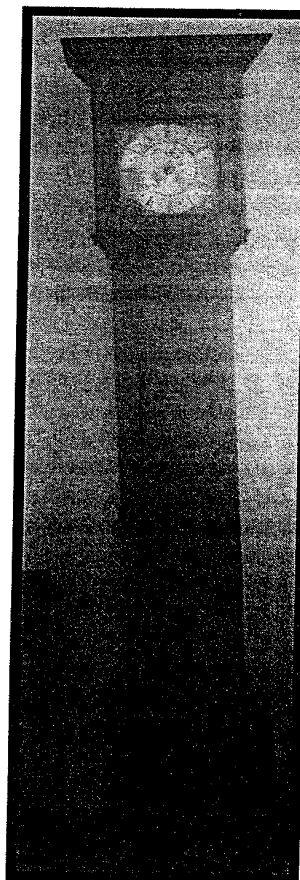
Pet Sheep

When my husband and I were on holiday in New Zealand in 1999 we visited the Matakoho Museum which is situated between Dargaville & the Coromandel Peninsula. There in an exhibition of photographs we spotted a "Mrs Harold Metcalf with her pet sheep at Claremont, Metcalf's Point" the date possibly 1934. Mrs Metcalf looked quite elderly. I hope this may be of help to a family member and I'd be interested to hear from anyone into whose family she fits.

Mrs Carol Venner M943

A Metcalfe Clockmaker

The first recorded Metcalfe clockmaker was Mark Metcalfe who was an apprentice to a well know clockmaker John Ogden of Wensleydale in the late 17th century. The first of what we would recognise as modern clocks were built in the 14th century. Prior to that, time was measured by a mixture of sun dials (a little difficult in northerly climes due to long winters and dull days even in summer!) water flow devices and notched candles or ropes. The Middle ages saw the introduction of mechanical clocks but many of these needed long, heavy weights which were only suitable for housing in large towers or halls - not really suitable for most dwelling houses. Also the clocks were not all that accurate (particularly in minutes) and many only recorded the passage of the hours.

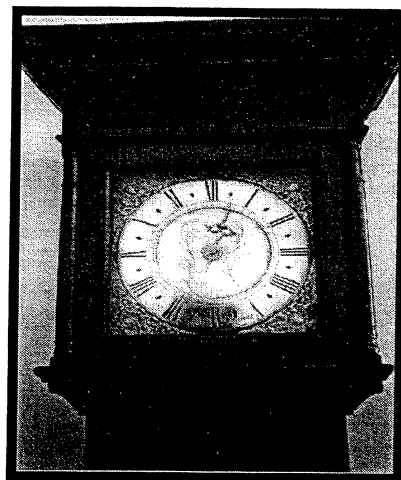


The early seventeenth century saw advances on a number of fronts which enabled a pendulum to be used to regulate a clock. Around 1667 Robert Hooke an English physicist made a discovery which resulted in the use of a pendulum in a small space which meant that for the first time fairly accurate small clocks could be produced and kept in ordinary houses across the country. The first clockmakers often used local cabinet makers so many of the early clocks were of a simple design but usually of a solid construction. However as time went by many of these boxes became more and more ornate until highly intricate designs were to be found on the cabinets.

Mark Metcalfe born in the late 1680's was apprenticed to a Quaker of Bainbridge John Ogden. Once he had served his time, until the age of 21, he set up a business across the Ure in Askrigg - the first clockmaker in the village. He took on apprentices amongst them a James Wilson and a Christopher Caygill who then carried on the trade in the district taking on their own apprentices amongst them James and William Pratt who carried on the tradition in the area well into the 1830's.

As the 18th century progressed farmers and land-owners began to be relatively well off and those that could acquired the new contraptions which often took pride of place in their houses. Many of the clocks have been

handed down from generation to generation and whilst some have not lasted the passage of time there are a number of these clocks across the Dales. Mark Metcalfe made clocks for many years, dying in 1776 well into his eighties. Now, nearly 300 years after he started on his own in 1710, there are still a number of his clocks around and there is at least one example of his handiwork in Wensleydale. We were fortunate that **David Arkwright M086** - who is interested in long case clocks came across the one pictured here and was allowed to take photographs. My thanks to him.



Again, the Metcalfe clan was at the forefront of new innovation with the introduction of the modern house clock. Shortly after the discoveries that allowed clocks to be more accurate and as consequence more in demand Metcalfes were involved in the process! If any of you have information on other Metcalfe clockmakers or know of other examples of Metcalfe clocks please let me know.



STSEVER CEMETERY, ROUEN

L/cp John Charles Metcalfe 2nd Bn York & Lancaster Reg. Age 19. Died of wounds 27 July 1915. Son of Mr George and Mrs E Metcalfe 16 Cleaves Row, Pontefract.

Pte Wilson Metcalfe 7th Border Regt. Age 25. Died 4 July 1916. Son of William and Hannah Metcalfe of 10 Mason Terrace, Flimby, Maryport, Cumbria.

Supplied by Mrs Moira Macare M734

MECCA NEWS DEADLINES

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

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

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



COMMITTEE

NEWS

Policy Review : The Metcalfe Society - Fit for the Future

Meeting held on Saturday 6 November 1999 at The Benson Room, BMI, Birmingham
Attendees: M3 George Buxton, M11 David Lambert (Chair), M29 Nina Benson, M46 David Metcalfe, M69 Peter Dobson, M409 Diane Howarth, M567 John Metcalfe

The aim of the Policy Review Committee was to be able to propose a strategy and detailed proposals to the main committee to enable the Metcalfe Society to be 'Fit for the Future'. Given the vast number of topics that need to be reviewed, the policy committee wholeheartedly agreed that the job was just too large for one small committee to tackle. Hence, the meeting focused on the strategic approach and scope of the policy review rather than penetrate down to the individual aspects. It was proposed that three separate sub-committees be established to review each area (the objectives and scope of each were defined) and then put forward proposals to the Policy sub-committee, who in turn would show how each could work together and report directly back to the main committee of the society for consideration by the membership.

The Policy Committee proposed that the structure of Metcalfe Society committees should be : Policy Review Committee and Sub-Committees for : Administration/Finance, Data/Projects, Marketing and Communication. The objectives for each of the sub-committees included : -

1. Reviewing and Assessing the current methods
2. Formulating future methods of operation.

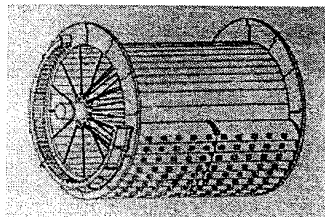
Topics would cover the whole range of Society activities with a view to formulating policy / strategy and procedures to meet the changing demands of the Metcalfe membership for the foreseeable future. As befitted such a major review members were invited to put forward their ideas to the Secretary for discussion by the appropriate sub-committee.

The Metcalfe Water Wheel

*This plaque was unveiled by
HM Queen Elizabeth
The Queen Mother
on the occasion of her visit
to Quarry Bank Mill, Styal on 14 th April 1987
To commemorate the restoration
of the iron water wheel.*

So reads a piece of marble on the wall of Quarry Bank Mill, Styal about 2 miles as the jackdaw wanders from my house in Cheshire. The Wheel, which is currently in use, belonged to a Metcalfe family¹, who owned the Glasshouses Mill at Pateley Bridge and was built in 1851 as one of the last wheels designed by William Fairbairn the great 19th century engineer.

Complete with pentrough, governor and gearing the wheel was dismantled at Pateley Bridge in 1980 and brought to Quarry Bank Mill. The original shaft had been broken in the mid-cast to enable the wheel to rotate once again in October 1986 before powering the production of cloth in the summer of 1991.



The wheel is 24 feet (7.3m) in diameter and 22 feet (6.7m) wide with a total weight of 50 tons which could power 150 looms while using about 25,000 gallons of water each minute.

C S Metcalfe M305

¹See Metcalfe - History of the Clan; Metcalfe Flax Spinners page 229/230.

OBITUARY

It is with great sadness that we report the deaths of

M0310 Dr Elizabeth Asser of Leatherhead

M0470 Mrs M C Smith of Warminster

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

Secretary's Report



This first secretarial report of the new millennium comes from warmer climes after spending the school vacation wearing my feet out at the Disney theme parks of Florida. For those of you who have enjoyed/endured Disney World will have encountered Spaceship Earth at Epcot (looks like an enormous golf ball!) where you are reminded of the development of communications from caveman to the modern technologies of today such as video conferencing (the ability to have a live face to face discussion over the TV).

One of the main roles of secretary is to maintain communication both within the society and to outside organisations. After my year of initiation I was looking forward to being able to feel somewhat more in control, and being able to keep on top of the mountain of letters, queries, e-mails etc. But when one's main tool of communication (namely my personal computer) decides to take a holiday without notice, it is amazing how even the easiest of jobs just becomes a hassle. Similarly, for all of you who drive, there is always those few days when the car is not available for some reason - you then realise how you depend on this mechanical item just to go about your business everyday. It feels as if your right arm has been cut off, and life is just hassle, hassle hassle. February was like that and by the time you read this life and my PC should be back on track!

Good and improving communication is fundamental for the society to flourish. As you have seen with the launch of the society internet web site over a year ago, this new line of communication has found many new members. Our four overseas agents are able to communicate via e-mail both with local members and directly to some of our committee - thereby again improving service within the society. You will see in this journal the announcement of the latest facility available to you - the members only area of the society website. For those of you who are not on the internet, please be assured that you will still receive the same information - we are merely making society information more easily available to our membership through various methods of communication. Also look out for news on our flagship event - the Mecca Muster. I look forward to continuing to focus on maintaining and improving the communication to current members, potential new members and other organisations.....now where did I put my pen?

Diane Howarth M409

Football Metcalfe

Stuart Metcalfe born and raised two minutes from Ewood Park Blackburn. Made nearly 450 appearances for Rovers in 1960's and 1970's.

Supplied by Mrs Dorothy Pope M055

METCALFE SIGHTINGS

The K Shoe Village Kendal Cumbria. A member of the K Shoe sales force in 1893 one **Edward Medcalf**. Pictured with other members of the team in display cabinet 3. Also "**Jimmy Metcalfe's Bike**" - the last person to ride the delivery bike (like an old butcher's boy bike) shown in the display.

RAJ -The Making and Unmaking of British India by Lawrence James makes mention of two authors **James and Charles Metcalfe**.

From a local magazine under an item headed The Abingtons is recorded the funeral on 9 September 1999 of **Douglas Frank Metcalfe** (exM548 who left in 1993). Memories included his love of gardening and in particular a clipped rabbit. Supplied by **C S Metcalfe M305**.

Charter Theatre Preston handout January 1999. Choreographer **Henry Metcalfe**.

A student of Mr Anderson's private school in West Hartlepool, **T. Metcalfe**. From Cleveland, South Durham and North Yorkshire FHS Journal April 1998 Vol7 No2.

Mary Metcalfe married Henry Calvert (b 1754), blacksmith at Kettlewell 1778. From Yorkshire Historian October 1998 Vol24 No5.

Sightings in the press:-

The Manchester Metro 17 June 1999. One hundred senior citizens demonstrated to improve pensions. One of the organisers of the Manchester protest was 77 year old **Cliff Metcalf**, chairman of the Manchester TUC Pensioners Association.

The Independent 22 January 1999. **David Joseph Metcalfe** died at Leytonstone London E11 on 24 February 1998.

Regional Golf Spring Issue 1999. Appleby Golf Course bookings through **Denis Metcalf**. Sunday Teelgraph 1 November 1998. **Shiela Metcalfe**, 67, of Welwyn Garden City swept away in the swollen river Lew in Devon.

The Independent 20 February 1999. **Glenn Metcalfe** former Kiwi and now Northampton Rugby Union full back played for Scotland against England in the Calcutta Cup. Darlington & Stockton Times 24 February 1900 Thoralby. Pte **W E Metcalfe** of Newbeggin A Company 1st Yorkshire Volunteers who has left Richmond Barracks for active service in South Africa, was presented with a cardigan jacket, pipes, pouch of tobacco, box of cigarettes and cigarette-holder and horse-shoe matchbox; also £4-6s-8d (£4.33p) in cash. The money being collected by his friends in Thoralby and Newbeggin. Supplied by **Freda White M784**.

The Independent January 2000. The famous presenter **Jean Metcalfe** remembered particularly for her Sunday lunchtime broadcast - Two way Family Favourites died 28 January 2000. Born in Reigate Surrey on 2 March 1923 she joined the BBC in 1940 and became one of the first presenters of Forces Favourites which later became the famous programme which opened up with "In Britain it is 12 noon, in Germany it is 1pm but at home and away it is time for Two-Way Family Favourites". Through this show she met and married in 1950 her co-presenter in Hamburg Cliff Michelmores - the BBC's first on air romance. Supplied by **Joan Metcalfe M063**.

It's a small world Elizabeth Morey, M255

On a trip to England from my home in New Zealand in 1995, one of the things I was determined to achieve was to find the house where my mother was born in Coundon, in the south western area of Co Durham. There had been a village at Coundon for centuries but with the expansion of the coal industry in the area, the village had also been extended to provide housing for the many miners who worked at Leasingthorne Mine, just to the north of Coundon.

My mother, Jean Wilson, the daughter of Leonard Wilson and Elizabeth (nee Metcalfe) was born at 29 Howlish Terrace in Coundon in 1921. My first visit to Coundon took place in the company of Vi Simpson (nee Metcalfe) (MN119) from Huntly, New Zealand, on a Tuesday afternoon in late October. I was armed with an old postcard of Howlish Terrace with an arrow pointing rather indistinctly to one of the terrace houses - the houses were typical terrace houses, but they did have quite distinctive chimneys. My mother's sister had given me the postcard many years ago and said that the arrow pointed to the house where the Wilson family had lived before emigrating to New Zealand. However, when I drove into Coundon all I could find was Howlish View and the houses in Howlish View didn't match those in the postcard and the chimneys definitely were not right.

I walked around the street and asked several people of all ages, in the street and in the local shop, if they could tell me where Howlish Terrace was. Nobody had heard of Howlish Terrace. I gave up and went to St James' Church, where my grandparents were married and where my mother and her siblings had been baptised. The church was locked so, once again, I gave up - and feeling rather disappointed, I left Coundon.

A couple of days later, Vi and I decided to give Howlish Terrace and the church another try. Once more, I walked all around and could not find the correct street. However, at least this time I did manage to get into the church, as the cleaning ladies were in residence. They very obligingly removed buckets, mops and vacuum cleaners so that I could get good photos from all angles - but they did not know where Howlish Terrace was.

A few days later, on my last day in the area, we made a slight detour so that I could try one last time to find 29 Howlish Terrace. As I parked the car and looked up at the houses, I immediately realised that I had found the right street. It was the street I had been up and down many times, but for some reason that day I was looking from a different perspective, I was standing in almost the exact spot from which the old photo had been taken, and the houses and chimneys left out at me! However, the street was called Collingwood Street - something strange here, I thought - and how was I to

identify what had previously been No 29?

As I walked near the local shop a charming lady came to the door of the shop and asked if I was the person who had been looking for Howlish Terrace - my fame had spread, and I think by this time half the population of Coundon had heard about me! The lady, Lucy Thompson, was the perfect person to have met. She explained that the whole long street had been renamed and renumbered years ago, but she could remember the numbers of the old houses. No 29 was right next door to the local shop. The relief, the emotion, and the excitement at having found No 29 at long last!

Lucy invited Vi and I into her home (over the road from the house where my mother had been born) and made us so welcome. We met her husband, her daughter and several neighbours. Before bidding Lucy farewell, I had the presence of mind to take her address in case I needed help with Coundon local history in the future - which I did a year or so after arriving back home. Over a period of time, Lucy patiently and diligently answered all my questions on Coundon. She had several old photos of Coundon in her home, which she had copied for me. She asked all her family and neighbours and ferreted out more old photos. Just wonderful.

However, the story doesn't quite finish there. Lucy knew that I was looking for the Wilson and Metcalfe families and had been putting her thinking cap on and asking around for information about the families. In the back of Lucy's own mind was a vital piece of information which was just waiting for the right time for the penny to drop - and the penny dropped one day in early 1998, a couple of months before I was due to visit England and Co Durham again. She suddenly remembered that her husband, John (who had died shortly after my visit to Coundon in 1995) had an aunt - his mother's sister - who had married a Jack Metcalfe. When I received Lucy's letter I screeched with joy as my grandmother, Elizabeth Metcalfe, had only one brother and his name was John William Metcalfe. My mother and aunt could not remember anything very substantial about the family they had left behind in England when they came to New Zealand as young children, and with whom the family had long since lost contact, except that they had an uncle known as Jack. Lucy had come up trumps again! Needless to say, I have proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that Lucy's husband's mother's sister's husband is my mother's mother's brother. Phew! Lucy sent me photos of my great-uncle Jack and his family - my mother had just acquired five more cousins. I corresponded with my mother's eldest cousin, Peggy Wood (nee Metcalfe) who now lives in Newton Aycliffe and last year my sister and I had the pleasure of meeting Peggy and her sister, Mildred Wheeler, at Lucy's home in Coundon.

There is a moral to this story: If the first person you ask can't help you, ask the next person. If that person can't help, ask the next. Don't give up, eventually you too may strike it lucky and realise that it really is a very small world.

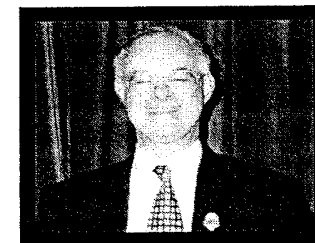
From 'Who's Who in Yorkshire (North & East Ridings)' Limited Edition 1935

William Metcalfe JP 37 Queen Street Redcar born Chapel Haddlesley Yorks.
Married 1881. Alderman of Redcar Borough Council from 1922, Mayor 1928 - 30.
Director Middlesborough Football Club 23 years.
Humphrey Gostwyck Metcalfe (Rev) MA. Clerk in Holy Orders, Felixkirk Thirsk.
Born Bilborough Yorks. Son of late Rev JP Metcalfe.
Supplied by Mrs Lesley M Longworth M068.

Chairman's Report

When this is read we will already be one quarter of the way through the year, having safely survived the threatened "bugs", both Millennium and flu I trust.

In my last report I stated that we were the finest One-name Society. It is gratifying to report that this is not just a subjective view. Two recent examples underline this.



At a meeting of the local Family History Society to which I belong, we had a "question and answer" session recently. The question was posed had anyone had any research success by joining or asking for help from One-name Societies. One member of the audience said that they were a waste of time, he had had no reply to his query and another said that this was his experience too. I hastily declared my interest, on behalf of our Society, and was assured that the two dissatisfied members of the audience were not referring to the Metcalfe Society (not that that was a surprise!!).

One of the critics paid us a compliment by saying that the Metcalfe Society was "huge" and that we were run "like an efficient commercial company". The other said that he knew that our Mecca News was regularly praised by the judges of the Elizabeth Simpson Award. Several others then said that they had heard of us and believed that we were one of the foremost One-name Societies; we set an example for others to emulate.

At the Federation of Family History Societies Meeting on the "Future of the Federation" Diane, our secretary, played a leading role in the debates during the day. Our standing, which was already high in the Family History "world" was much enhanced by Diane's contributions. She advanced the perception of other Societies of One-name Societies and their importance to the Family History movement generally. I

would like to thank her for her attendance.

Every organisation should heed what the outside world thinks of it. If it is criticism then it needs to address the concern; if it is praise then it should be pleased that it is doing something right. It must not, however, become complaisant. I am glad that our Society is not guilty of the latter. As was reported in the last issue of Mecca News, the Committee asked several of us to look constructively and critically at the running of the Society and how we can improve the service that we offer. Following the initial meeting referred to in Mecca News in December, several groups have been entrusted with particular tasks. They will have met by the time this is published and each group will be reporting their preliminary findings to the March Committee Meeting.

A minor change, already approved by the Committee, will be the new venue for the next Mecca Muster. Ripon has served us well for ten years and we are grateful to the College for their help over that time. The new York site for the Muster will I am sure be popular with you and I would encourage you to "book early".

The Committee aims to ensure that the Society will continue to flourish and to remain pre-eminent. By carrying out the review that we have embarked upon, we will I am sure improve what is already recognised as a good service by members and the outside world too.

David Lambert M011

Federation of Family History Societies

The rose *Ancestry* launched at the 1999 Hampton Court Flower Show to celebrate the 25 th Anniversary of the Federation of Family History Societies is available from Rearsby Roses Ltd, Melton Road, Rearsby, Leicester LE7 4PY ☎0116 260 1211.

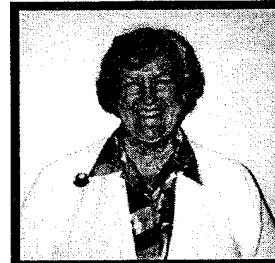
The Federation of Family History Societies is to hold a design competition for the front cover of a CDROM of the National Burials Index. **THE NATIONAL BURIALS INDEX DESIGN COMPETITION.** Book token prize. CD front cover designs / sketched ideas for the 1st edition of this exciting new project. Should be suitable for reducing to 12cm x 12cm with title The National Burials Index given prominence. (The CDs will contain millions of extracts taken from parish/cemetery /non-conformist burial registers in the British Isles). Queries (with sae) and design entries should be addressed to Mrs C. McLee, FFHS Project Co-ordinator, 3 The Green, Kirklevington, Yarm, N. Yorks TS15 9NW. Email canda.mcleee@virgin.net. Closing date for entries 30th July 2000.

26 February 2000

NEWS from the ARCHIVES

Nina E Benson (M29)

Thank you very much for Christmas messages. There new members this quarter some very interesting and out. Some of them were ers took a little more digging are all fun and keep me away



all your letters, emails and is another bumper bundle of as you will have seen, with complex family lines to sort fairly straight forward, oth- to piece together but they from the housework !

Who else would like to miss out on the dusting etc etc ? I am retiring completely in October 2001 so please do begin to consider whether you fancy the opportunity to take over (with support). The work I do has been drastically reduced from that which I did up to the AGM 1998 with many new members joining in to help. So it is purely the ARCHIVIST job that is up for grabs.

The basic necessary essentials are :-

1. ENTHUSIASM
2. You would need to be computer literate
3. You would need space in your home
4. Have the necessary spare time
5. Enjoy receiving and replying to letters and emails (c50 per month).
6. Enjoy the chase. A detective like brain is a great help !
7. Honesty & integrity
8. Ability to attend committee meetings - resident in UK.
9. Ability to prepare Birth Briefs for each Mecca News
10. For the sake of continuity, the younger the better !

The Society could supply the necessary computer hardware and software; filing cabinet, work station, photocopier, reference books and files, stationery etc. AND SUPPORT. Please contact either Diane Howarth or myself if you are at all interested.

I continue to be concerned that many of you have not yet sent in any family details. Please remember that they can be kept quite confidential. If you need any help at all in deciding what to send, get in touch by any means.

All our Members from the days of Mecca News number 17 (Dec 1985) to 22 (Dec 1987) will want to join with me in sending encouragement and sincere love & best wishes to their editor Valerie Metcalfe (M61) who is fighting a courageous battle against illness.

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On the World Wide Web

Our site continues to be well-visited with over 4500 surfing in since inception (October '98 - February '00). The newest addition is the "Members Only" area to which so far 22 members have access authorization. There is currently little content of any real benefit to members but the society is collecting suggestions which can be sent to me or Diane Howarth. Diane will be putting forward these ideas at a board meeting and some decision will be made as to what can be put in this area that will meet member wishes, society mandates, and satisfy legal obligations. Please continue to provide input.

On various genealogical discussion groups on the internet, there has been much written about the UK's Data Protection Act and what it means to genealogists. I have included in the Member area a copy of the Societies registration and an extract from a government pamphlet on the genealogical aspect of the act. I expect that if we restrict publication of data to pre-1895 we should not be breaking any laws.

Mary Morris, our New Zealand agent is now on email. She can be found on the "How to Join" page. Nina Benson's email address appears on our web site but only in the Members-only area to make sure this valuable and dedicated researcher is reserved for Society members only.

A few new links have been added to the links page. One is to a site about the medieval village of Wharram Percy. It gives some interesting insights into the workings of the medieval manors found during this archaeological study of this East Riding, Yorkshire village. Another link is to an incredible site that is a "One-Place Study" - Wirksworth, Derbyshire. Although I could find few Metcalfes (var.) amongst the thousands of records, I found the concept to be unique and the presentation astounding. There is a link to the "Wilma - Dorn - Flood - Fisk Family History" page which includes many Metcalfes from the American Revolution on - supposed descendants of a Theophilus c1650 of England. Another link will take you to the Roots Web Guide to Tracing Family Trees. It is mostly American but has information for researching in countries other than the US as well, so those who need some guidance on getting started should visit. I hope you will send me your favourite genealogical or Metcalfe links for inclusion on this page.

Susan Harper M266

What do you know about....

The Metcalfe Family Album (Six Generations of Traditions and Memories)

by Sallyann J Murphey published by Chronicle Books in the USA? Gives the story of six generations of women starting in 1835 with Marianne Metcalfe. Any information on this pioneering woman? Have any of our members seen a copy? Have any of you read it? If so let the Editor know.

The Society of Friends

The Beginnings

The drums gave out a mournful beat, colours flying the procession made its way to Whitehall. On the scaffold the block and axe lay ready. The prisoner not wishing to shiver in the cold of that late January afternoon, and give the impression of fear, had on an extra shirt. He mounted the steps and restated his unalienable right to rule. His final words were "I go from a corruptible to an incorruptible Crown, where no disturbance can be". The axe swung. King Charles the first was dead the Divine Right of Kings to rule the English people was severed on that day in 1649. England would not be the same again.¹

A similar change occurred some 600 years earlier with the death of another king. The bastard Count **"the Norman heirarchy had all but extinguished the Anglo Saxon ruling class"** William of Normandy usurped the throne of England from the somewhat dubious claim of Harold Godwinson on the field of Battle in 1066. That was a momentous change in English history; within twenty years after the Rising and the Harrying of the North the Norman heirarchy had all but extinguished the Anglo Saxon ruling class. State and Church were effectively run by foreigners and so it stayed for almost 250 years.²

The Black Death of the mid fourteenth century weakened the structures and the English began to express their feelings. They almost succeeded in 1381 during the Peasants Revolt in removing the king but more cunning and desperate men took advantage of the naivety of the rebels to re-establish their grip - but not as strong as before. The weakening continued into the fifteenth century. Whilst there was little that could be done to remove the Norman descended aristocracy the Church was another matter. The ordinary people were denied access to the Holy Bible - few if any knew Latin and the placing of priests, bishops and other hierarchical bodies which in the main knew little or nothing of the local needs resulted in the growth of practices previously unknown. These included excommunication, the payment of tolls to the local incumbent rather than good purposes, penances and the adoration of the saints. The early years of the 1400's saw the growth of a puritan sect, the Lollards, which after initial violence showed itself as an obstinacy against what they considered to be *stories taken as reality and the seduction by symbols*. Whilst efforts were made during the rest of the century to remove what was considered a heresy Lollardy "was active in the north during the early sixteenth century when it had a continuous history through to the Reformation".³

The Church was under attack throughout Europe as the 1500's progressed. Martin Luther in 1517 attacked the Church's position on indulgences which resulted

in Henry VIII responding with his *Assertio Septem Sacramentorum* in 1521, rebutting Luther's assertions. Protestantism continued to be attacked by the English ruling class but by 1527 Henry's position had changed but not purely for religious reasons. His relationship with his first wife Catherine had deteriorated for the king wanted a new wife - Anne Boleyn. The Church under the auspices of the Pope had difficulty in agreeing to the divorce due to tangled politics on the Continent. Henry sent various missions which failed, after which he resorted to bullying the Church in England. Throughout 1528 attempts were made, which appeared to succeed, then failed for one reason and another to secure the divorce. The Pope eventually in 1529 summoned Henry to Rome like other supplicants - a situation the king was not one to accept. He saw it as a test of his authority and he was not one to accept a foreign bishop ruling in England. The Church of Rome in England was removed to be replaced by the new Church of England. Those seeking reform had a Church more to their liking but throughout the remainder of the century and into the early years of the 1600's the struggle between the new Protestantism and the old Catholicism continued.⁴

In 1625 Charles I came to the throne. His incessant financial problems plus the marriage to a devoutly Catholic French princess incensed the Puritans in the population. The king dissolved Parliament in 1629 and ruled on his own for eleven years; a new prayer book was forced on Scotland which resulted in rebellion. Parliament fell out even more with the King over his heavy handed actions, which were instigated by his wife and eventually the problems led to civil war in 1642. The north and west were predominantly for the king but the more prosperous and populous south and east were able to sustain a long and ultimately successful campaign. By 1648 Charles was in the hands of his opponents and done to death in early 1649.⁵



taking it to what he considered was its logical conclusions. The young man concerned was George Fox. His followers considered themselves "Friends of Jesus" (later this simply became Friends). Their more common name of Quakers was to come later.

George Fox was born in 1624 and at the age of nineteen in the middle of the English Civil War he left home on a four year search for answers to questions that had troubled him since his youth. He travelled widely consulting with religious leaders and denominations but not finding his answer. In 1647 he felt the call to become a travelling preacher to promote a concept of Inward Light - the concept coming from John 1:9. He believed that:

- i) every man and woman had direct access to God so that churches were not needed
 - ii) that everyone was of equal worth
 - iii) there was no need for elaborate ceremonies; and
 - iv) following the Inward Light would lead to spiritual development and perfection.
- These ideas were to bring the movement into conflict with the established denominations as time progressed.⁶

Many dales people responded to Fox's message when he visited the north of England in 1652. Standing on the summit of Pendle Hill he saw a vision of "the great people in white raiment". The Seekers, the large body of nonconformists disillusioned with established religious practices flocked to his call and the movement rapidly spread. Amongst the first meeting houses was Brigflatts near Sedburgh - south east of Kendal - which still remains today.

As a result of the movement's views they were frequently prosecuted. Fox himself being imprisoned many times. In London in 1664 it was recorded that hundreds of Friends were arrested. In the latter part of the 1600's over 3000 Quakers spent time in jail. The names of many of those imprisoned were recorded in a variety of documents and it is from these, plus the records of the Friends and other sources that details of our ancestors in the late 17th and 18th centuries can be found. In the next issue sources will be indicated and a potential rich area of research revealed.

Yorkshire 1665. The following persons were also fined (for absence from public Worship)... Francis Metcalf of Gayle.... Margaret Metcalf of Marsett.⁷

^{1&5} Internet extracts. ² Ideas from *In Search of England* by Michael Wood.

³ The Fifteenth Century by E F Jacob. ⁴ Henry VIII by J J Scarisbrick.

⁶ www.religioustolerance.org/quaker.htm

⁷ *Sufferings of Early Quakers Yorkshire 1652 to 1690* by Joseph Besse.

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ELEGANT ARTICLES SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS.

A Yank in Hawes or Who Was Henry.

In September 1912 a letter was written by Henry Metcalfe of 147 Fourth Avenue, NYC, the bulk of which is shown below. The Annie referred to is probably the daughter of Christopher Metcalfe (c1823-1896) & Jane nee Mte. Any descendants who send a SAE can have a photocopy of the full 6 page letter.

C S Metcalfe M305

"..... I repeat that I too have been at Richmond with my genealogist Mr Harry Speight of (I can't remember where just now- but he is quite a writer Romantic Richmondshire etc and he lives at Priestgarth in a village near Leeds - any good bookseller can place him. While at Richmond, I did what I could in looking up Theophilus - and Matthew Taylor. But it was hopeless, XX had called Matthew - the Illuminated Divine - I found that the I. D. was Johannes Taulerus a Bohemian Monk of the XV century. Like the Simon strands and even Nicholas who were all R. C. Clerics, the search for descendants was not profitable. Now as to Lord M's ancestry I saw Gilbert M. in London. He is a barrister of the Temple, and his father wrote the Metcalfe Records, of which you may know (*copy from the Society's librarian £6 + p/p*) Gilbert cast some pretty severe doubts on the ancestry of Lord M's father. I inferred that he might have been the illegitimate son of some distinguished person who pushed him along in his career. This tendency might, by heredity associate him with the Simons and Francis of former days, as it did with one of his own unlawful sons who was a Colonel in the EI Co. All these matters seem very far from being worth while to me - as I do not really know who was our early immigrant. My grandfather - who was a remarkably fine man - and whose name is even now respected in Mississippi, said that he was so fond of mutton himself, that he thought the original John must have been transported for sheep-stealing !

I spent a great deal of time and much more money than I could afford - about £140 I believe - in looking up the family history, as my reward I have acquired a thorough distrust of genealogists for pay, and a great love for a milk maid I met just about six years ago today near Hawes, Annie Metcalfe who tends part of a small holding which she shares with a cousin and her cousins husband. This is called 'Borwins' near Askrigg. I saw her for about ten minutes in the company of her brother George and his co-tenants. Since, I have corresponded with her frequently. She has in her heart the love of God and of poetry in quite equal shares and is one of the loveliest characters I know. If you should go to Hawes - see her. I have been advised to send her to London - but what becomes of a woodland violet in the Strand. She has no worldly ambition and no tinge of discontent - and - she is by no means pretty. I like to feel that we are distant cousins ; though I was rebuked when I suggested that the Rector of Hawes, who took pay from me at say 1/6 an hour for searching the register, should

help her - for pay - in her higher education. Too great a difference in social position I was told.

If I can help you, command me
Henry Metcalfe.

PS. I have a great friend who lives near you. Mr James P Jackman of 'Burley', Woolton Hill, near Newbury. I remember driving through Handover as he called it on account of the rapacity of those who collected the fines for excessive speed

I have also the original Metcalfe arms temp Agincourt from Aysgarth Ch. left me by John Henry Metcalfe & sent me by Col Simon Conyers Scrope of Danby Middleham his executor & very good friend.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

1 May 2000. Boer War exhibition at Stalybridge Library Tameside (near Oldham).

6/7 May 2000. Family History Fair 2000 organised by the Society of Genealogists (14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1 7BA) at the Royal Horticultural Society, New Hall Greycoat Street, Westminster, London SW1.

Friday 23 June & Saturday 24 June 2000. Histories for the Millennium Conference being held at the Conference Suite, Public Record Office, Kew. In association with the Family and Community Historical Society of the Open University it will comprise of an exhibition and talks by PRO staff and outside speakers. Cost £35 for 1 day or £60 for the two days. Includes lunch and refreshments. For further information and application form ring ☎ 020 8392 5323.

Saturday 24 June 2000. Northern Family History Fair York Racecourse 10.00-16.30. Admission £2. **The Metcalfe Society will be there.**

Sunday 16 July 2000. North Yorkshire History Day Northallerton. Venues in the town will hold exhibitions open from 10.00 to 16.00.

Saturday 5 August 2000. East Midlands Family History Conference - *Recollections of One hundred years* - at Pears School, Repton, Derbyshire.

27 September to 1 October 2000. Ninth Australian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry at the University of Western Australia Perth. Details on http://cleo.murdoch.edu.au/#wags/Perth_Congress_2000.

Saturday 21 October 2000. Mecca Muster at Askham Bryan College near York. Easy to get to. Plenty to do. See the leaflet enclosed with this edition.

Saturday 28 October 2000. North West Group of FFHS at Preston Guildall 10.00-16.30. Over 100+ stalls on two levels. **The Society are members of the Group and will be at the event.**



Announcing the 'Members Only' area

Are you connected to the Internet? If you are, it is hoped that you have already surfed our society Web site at <http://www.metcalf.org.uk>. The society is pleased to announce a new facility to all our members who are 'Internet-connected'. To date non-members can access exactly the same information our members. But now we are able to offer a 'members only' area on our web-site. The idea and the facility has been setup totally by our webmaster - **Susan Metcalfe Harper M266**. Without Susan we would have no website whatsoever. As the title implies - we are aiming to offer an additional benefit available only through society membership.

Over 40 members have already discovered the members only area and have requested access. The procedure for gaining access is for members to e-mail their request to our secretary Diane Howarth, who provides Susan Harper with confirmation that membership is current. Susan will then provide the member with a user-id and password. If a member does not renew their membership their access codes can easily be removed and they will not be able to continue to access the area. In this way it is secure and protected for members only.

This new facility is in its infancy so there is currently limited reward in the area:

- * Archivist Nina Benson's e-mail address for research queries, which is not available anywhere else on the site.
- * A request for input from members on what they would like to see on the site.
- * The Metcalfe Society Data Protection Registry entry.
- * Excerpts from the last Mecca News.
- * Member input has been solicited in the form of a "bulletin board".

Members are encouraged to send MIs, census, etc. tidbits that they have come across that may not be of any use to them but useful to others.

By the time you read this your committee will have reviewed and agreed an initial policy of what (and what not) to include in this area. So do expect to see more being posted in due course. But it is your area. If you have any thoughts on what you would like to be able to access in this restricted area, please send an e-mail to Susan Harper or Diane Howarth. Their e-mails are on the web-site.

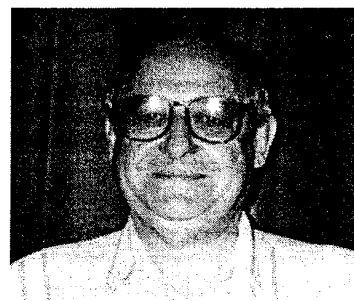
For those members who are not 'Internet-connected' please be assured that all information available via our website will also be made available to you via good old pen and paper. As we see every day on the TV, the Internet is all about being able to access so much information so easily. Hence our web site and use of e-mail is another form of communication which is faster, cheaper and easily accessible for many.

The All New Mecca Muster not to be missed!

Whether you are a relatively new or long-standing member of the Metcalfe Society, you cannot afford to miss the Mecca Muster this year. As previously announced in the last issue, our flagship event has moved to Askham Bryan College on the southern outskirts of York, to be held on Saturday 21st October.

For those of you who have been to a previous Muster held at Ripon, the regular services and facilities will be available - access to all our society records (be they on paper or held on computers), sales and library sections. We are reducing the time required for the business section - the AGM by providing written reports with the August Mecca News. You will also have much more time to get to meet and greet other members, some of which may be connected to you.

But in addition to these regulars, check out the announcement and reservation sheet included with this journal for the all-new features. So why not include this super day dedicated to your Metcalfe interest with a short or long weekend trip to discover the beautiful city of York? You really cannot afford to miss this opportunity. Make your reservation now!



Conference Secretary

George Buxton M003 our Conference Secretary for the last few years is to focus his efforts on a variety of research projects for the Society. His position will be taken by **Mrs Lesley Longworth M068**. Our thanks to George for his work in organising the Muster in the past.

WHERE THEY EAT FOLK

The extended Metcalfe family who came to dominate the farms of Malham Moor in the 19th century were descended from the Metcalfes of Cosh at the very head of Littondale (a tributary of Upper Wharfedale). Cosh is known as the most remote dwelling in the Yorkshire Dales and one of the loneliest houses in England. It appears as "Grenfeldcoche" or Green Field Cosh in monastic records of 1457. (Cosh is a Middle English word for hut, cottage or hovel.) Scandinavian shepherd huts high in the mountains are still called Kosh today. At 1450 feet above sea level it is reached by walking up to the head of Littondale then taking a wet path another mile and a half up the hillside.

From its origins as an old Norse shepherd's bothy it was probably continuously inhabited until abandoned by the final inhabitants - the Browns in 1953. The property was then later owned by the Morphet family of High Birkwith with the farmhouse being used as a Dales centre by a Yorkshire College. There were once three houses and a self-sufficient community - it had to be - as often snow might lie at Cosh for weeks at a time in the winter. The hard winter of 1947 saw the snow lie for two months and gave rise to jokes in the "milder" climate of Littondale putting out stories that Cosh was "where they eat folk" and where they had "salted the old man down" to survive. This latter was probably not as horrific as it sounds as in Cosh they would usually kill the pig for the winter and salt it to preserve it. On the other hand... it was a hard winter.

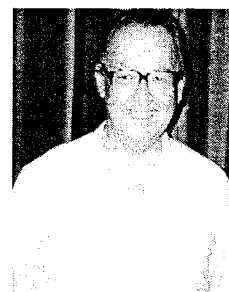
The earliest reference to Metcalfes in Littondale is found in the Fountains Abbey Lease book. Ralph Metcalff of Cosh held a tenement in 1496 paying a rental of 20 shillings (£1). Matthew Metcalfe of Cosh paid 30 shillings (£1.50) twice a year to Marmaduke, Abbot of Fountains for fifteen years from 1505. Metcalfes were still living in the remote house as Christopher Metcalfe of Cosh made a will in 1607 as did John in 1615. Parish registers in the late 1600's and early 1700's recorded that the families of Thomas (Senior and Junior), Richard, Alexander and James Metcalfe all lived there. George Metcalfe the son of Thomas (probably the Senior) of Cosh was baptised at Arncliffe in 1697. The son of Thomas and his third wife he lost his three sisters, his younger brother and his father by the time he was six being the only child left to his mother. George later lived at Foxup two miles further down the dale. It was from George's youngest child - Christopher born around 1751 that many of the descendants of the Metcalfes of Malham Moor, can trace their line. See Branch 10, page 160 of Metcalfe - History of the Clan.

Extracts from The Metcalfes of Malham Moor supplied by Dr Peter Metcalfe M031 and additional material from Bill Mitchell's Yorkshire, At t' Back o' Beyond (pages 63-66) published by the Dalesman.

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The Demographic History of a Yorkshire village: Barwick in Elmet 1700 - 1900, a case study. A ninety five page book by Pauline Robson examines the events affecting the lives of the people of the community. Published by the Northern Writers Advisory Service. Cost £5.

The Chronicle of Private Henry Metcalfe (HM 32nd Regiment of Foot) edited by Lieut-General Sir Francis Tucker. Printed 1953 by Cassell & Co Ltd London. May well be out of print. Copy for £30 seen Jean Metcalfe M316 from RFG Hollett & Son 6 Finkle Street Sedbergh Cumbria LA10 5BZ. ☎ 015396 20298.

Finding Genealogy on the Internet. 20 page A5 book by Peter Christian published by David Hawgood, gives ways of finding surnames on the world wide web (www). Available through Family Tree Magazine Postal Book Service 61 Great Whyte, Ramsey, Huntingdon, Cambs PE17 1HL. 01487 814050. Price £2.04 inc p&p.

The English Gamekeeper. Guide to tracing gamekeeper ancestors together with a history of the profession since 17th century. £16.50 inc p&p from David S Jones 48 Fishers Road, Eling, Southampton SO40 9JA.

FFHS Publications : **Coroners Records in England and Wales**, by Jeremy Gibson & Colin Rogers. 2nd edn 1997, reprint with minor amendments 2000. ISBN 1-86006-0498. A5 pbk 48pp, 100 gm. Retail price £3.50 (GBP3.50), with UK postage £4.10, overseas surface £4.35, airmail £5.95.

Poor Law Union Records vol 3; South-West England, The Marches and Wales, by Jeremy Gibson & Colin Rogers. 2nd edn, ISBN 1-86006-040-4. A5 pbk, 72pp, 140 gm. Retail price £4.50, with UK postage £5.00, overseas surface £5.20, airmail £5.65.

Counties included are Berks, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Glos, Hants, Herefs, Oxon, Shrops, Somerset, Wilts, Worcs and Wales including Monmouthshire. There are minor alterations and additions throughout, with details of new transcripts, indexes and publications, There are major additions to the section on Montgomeryshire, and additions for Newbury in Berkshire.

Victuallers' Licences - Records for Family and Local Historians, by Jeremy Gibson & Judith Hunter. 2nd edn 1997, reprint with minor amendments 2000. ISBN 1-86006-048-X. A5 pbk 60 pp, 120 gm. Retail price £3.95, with UK postage £4.55, overseas surface £4.80, airmail £6.40. Order any of the three with credit card or cheque from FFHS Publications Ltd, 2-4 Killer Street, Ramsbottom, Bury, Lancs BL0 9BZ; phone 01706 824254, fax 01706 826560. See www.ffhs.org.uk/pubs/order.htm for ordering details. Enquiries by email to sales@ffhs.org.uk

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BIRTH BRIEF SECTION - compiled by Nina Benson, archivist.

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

M0655 Mr Walter H. Metcalfe - See MN57 p25. - s/o Charles Halliday & Ena May (SNAITH not Smith) MT m 14 Mar 1925 Gateshead.

M1022 Rev. Mons. Alan Robert McCormack, 70 via della Scrofa, 00186 Rome, Italy. Born 7.12.1946 Toronto, Canada, grds/o William & Margaret Helena (nee Metcalfe) McCormack. Margaret Helena b 7.06.1900 Pendleton, Lancs, UK d/o John Walter & Mary Helena (Whitehead) Mte.m 2Q1899 Salford, Lancs John Walter b 23.06.1873 Penrith, Cumb.s/o William & Margaret (Watson) Mte.m 29 Apl 1868 Ousby Cumb. William b 8.11.1842 Glassonby, Cumb. s/o John & Hannah (Blaymire/Bleamires) Mte.m 26 Nov 1831. John b 28 Jan 1806 Orton, Wesm. 8/8 of Anthony & Mary (Sanderson) Mte.m 21 Aug 1786 Orton Wes. ?? Anthony b c 1765 s/o William & Isabel (Fothergill) Mte m 2 May 1748 Kirkby Stephen OR PERHAPS Anthony & Mary (Fothergill) Mte.m 16 Feb 1757 Ravenstonedale. Connects to M117, M719 & M805 & PERHAPS to M426 & M756.

M1045 Mrs Malise McGuire See MN59 p 31. Malise is GREAT grand-dau of John & Jane (nee Metcalfe) Hillary m 1872 and NOT grand-daughter !

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

M0219 Mr Trevor Metcalfe, 24 Jarnahill Drive, Mount Coolum, Queensland 4573, Australia. Born 16 Feb 1926 Drighlington, Yks 1/4 of Walter & his 1st Wife Ada (Porritt) Mte m 2Qtr 1924 North Bierley, 9b65. Walter b 1898 Drighlington 3/5 of Allan/Alan & Elizabeth (White) Mte m 4Qtr 1892 Dewsbury 9b982. Alan b 1Q1867 Drighlington 5/6 of Samuel & his 1st wife Emma (Housecroft) Mte m 11 Dec 1854 Tong Church, Birstall. Samuel b 23 Oct 1831 Clayton, Yks. s/o Thomas Mte a woolcomber. **Connects to M2.**

M0880 Mrs Sheila Billot, La Porte, Rue du Pont, Maufant, St Saviour, Jersey, JE2 7HT, Channel Islands. Dau of Oscar Hume & Minnie Annie Eleanor (Law) Medcalf m 11 Oct 1913 West Ham, London. Oscar Hume b 30 Sep 1885 Chalfont St Giles, Bucks. 13/13 of Mark & Matilda Charlotte (Hume) MD m 24 Dec 1860 Marylebone, LDN. Mark bpt 21 Apl 1839 Long Melford, Suffolk 9/10 of Samuel & Sarah Ann (Younger) MD m 25 July 1820 Samuel died 8 Apl 1893 aged 96 therefore b c1797. Can any of our Members in USA or Canada help Sheila with the following:- Her father's brother MARK GEORGE MEDCALF born 1866..... 3/13 of Mark & Matilda Charlotte (Hume) Medcalf m 1860 sailed aged 22 years from Tilbury Docks, London, on the "Nestorian" on 11th April 1888. Sheila believes that the first port of call for the Nestorian was Montreal. Nothing further was heard from Mark - please help if you can.

M0909 Mrs Linda Anforth, 27 BARRY St, (not Barley St as in MN54), Burnley, Lancs. BB12 6DT. Great gt grand-d of James & Isabella (Metcalfe) Bowes m 29/10/1834 Burnley. Isabella bpt 30 Jun 1805 St Michaels, Ashton under Lyne, Lancs 4/9 of Christopher & Ann (Blakeley) MT m 17 Apl 1797 Ashton u Lyne, when Christopher was described "of the parish of Redmire". Christopher bpt 30/7/1770 Redmire in Wensleydale 1/6 of Christopher & Isabella (Hamond/Hammond) Mte m 16/2/1768 Redmire. Christopher s/o Christopher a collier of Healaugh in Swaledale. **Connects to M1069 & M1095.**

M0960 Dennis Wray Metcalfe, 41 Victoria Rd, Askern, Doncaster, DN6 0AY. Born 1947 Seaham, Co Durham 1/14 of George Wray & Isabella (Teasdale) MTE m 10 Jun 1943 Seaham. George W. b 28 Oct 1923 Ripon, Yks s/o Sidney & Kathleen (Whayman) MTE m 5 Apl 1920 Ripon. Sidney b 1894 Ripon 1/8 of Fred & Clara (Wray) Mte m 16 May 1894 Ripon. Fred b 26 Dec 1874 Ripon s/o Mary Mte. Mary b 6 Mar 1853 Littlethorpe, Ripon 5/9 of John & Isabella (Simpson) Mte m 16 Nov 1847 Ripon Cathedral. John bpt 12 Nov 1830 ("born 1822" is entered in Par Reg) Ripon Cathedral 3/5 of Thomas & Jane (Hewson) Mte m 6 July 1816 Ripon. Thomas bpt 13 Apl 1789 West Tanfield 6/8 of Thomas & Mary (Wintersgill) Mte m 22 Nov 1775 West Tanfield Yks. **Connects to XM137; XM314; XM387 & XM416.**

M1041 Mrs Geraldine Huppe (see MN59 p30) has now confirmed the marriage and descent of James Metcalfe (s/o George) and Isabella Calvert (d/o Isaiah). It took place

on 5th March 1872 at the Parish Church of St John, Middlesbrough, YKS, Eng. **Connects to M218 et al.**

M1042 Ms M.J. Heron, 10 Dawson Hill Yard, Horbury, Wakefield Yks. WF4 5AQ. email <j.heron@sheffield.ac.uk> Great grand-dau of Thomas & Susan(nah) (nee Metcalfe) Richmond m 10 Aug 1879 Trinity Church, Darlington Co. Dur. Susannah bpt 17 May 1855 North Otterington, Yks. 3/3 of George & Margaret (Green) Mte m 20 Jul 1850 North Otterington. George bpt 30th Jan 1820 Great Langton 1/9 of George & Susannah (Gibson) Mte m 6 Mar 1819 Ripon Cathedral. George bpt 20 Aug 1795 Great Langton 6/7 of Christopher & Hannah (Brown) Mte m 17 Jul 1781 Great Langton, Yks. Christopher bpt 16 Mar 1756 South Cowton, Yks. 2/3 of Christopher & Mackstone/Martha (Nilly) Mte m 27 Jul 1751 at South Cowton. Christopher buried 26 Jul 1783 Great Langton. **Connects to XM108; XM142; XM180; XM280; M305; M337; XM397; XM398; XM428; XM554; XM594; XM601 & XM670.**

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. Matthew D. bpt 11/11/1877 Thornley Co Dur. 7/7 of John & Mary (Gillans/Gillings) Mte m 27 Dec 1856 Thornley. John b c1831 (?) Ashton u Lyne 4/4 of Richard & Ann (Atkinson) Mte m 30/12/1824 Bolton cum Redmire Yks. Richard bpt 19/5/1799 Ashton u Lyne 1/9 of Christopher & Ann (Blakeley) MT m 17 Apl 1797 Ashton u Lyne, when Christopher was described "of the parish of Redmire". Christopher bpt 30/7/1770 Redmire in Wensleydale 1/6 of Christopher & Isabella (Hamond/Hammond) Mte m 16/2/1768 Redmire. Christopher s/o Christopher a collier of Healaugh in Swaledale. **Connects to M0909 & M1095.**

RE-JOINED MEMBERS

M0140 Mrs Anne Magee, Glen Cottage, Carlton, Stockton on Tees, TS21 1EA. Gt. Grd/ d William & Sarah (nee Metcalfe) Thompson, m 5th May 1877 Darlington, Co. Durham. Sarah bpt 18 Jan 1852 West Burton, Wensleydale 5/9 of James & Ann (Falshaw) Mte m 31 Oct 1843 Aysgarth. James b 2 Jun 1821 Woodale in Coverdale s/o Edward & Sarah (Wetherald) Mte m 21 Feb 1803 Aysgarth. Edward bpt 22 Aug 1778 Aysgarth s/o William & Elizabeth (Kidd) Mte m 17 Nov 1760 Aysgarth. William pre 18 Aug 1734 Aysgarth s/o Leonard & Jane (nee Metcalfe) Mte m 19 Apl 1732. **Connects to M301 & M784**

M0494 Mr Neville Metcalfe, 32 South Grange Road, Ripon, North Yorkshire. HG4 2PA. <nevmetcalfe@hotmail.com> Born Newcastle NBL 2/3 of Richard & Winifred (Chapman) Mte m 28/12/1940. Richard b 8/7/1903 Newcastle 1/3 of John Matthew &

Margaret Elizabeth (Hepple) Mte m 19/10/1901 Benwell NBL. John M. b c1877 Swinhope, Allenheads NBL 3/4 of Richard & Elizabeth (?) Mte. Richard bpt 14/10/1849 1/4 of John & Mary (?) Mte. The surname variation of Midcalf/e is used in some records. John b c1800 d 1857 may be brother to the Joseph Mte who m Elizabeth Varty, **ancestors of M655.**

M0719 Miss Patricia Hutcheson, PO Box 13415, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15243, USA. Grd.d/o James Beattie & Ethelwynne (nee Metcalfe) Nicholson m 8 Mar 1895 Manitoba, Canada. Ethelwynne b 24 Sep 1871 Penrith, Cumb. Eng. 2/7 of William & Margaret (Watson) Mte m 29 Apr 1868 Ousby, Cumb. William b 8.11.1842 Glassonby, Cumb.s/o John & Hannah (Blaymire / Bleamires) Mte.m 26 Nov 1831. John b 28 Jan 1806 Orton, Wesm. 8/8 of Anthony & Mary (Sanderson) Mte.m 21 Aug 1786 Orton Wes.?? Anthony b c 1765 s/o William & Isabel (Fothergill) Mte m 2 May 1748 Kirkby Stephen OR PERHAPS Anthony & Mary (Fothergill) Mte.m 16 Feb 1757 Ravenstonedale. **Connects to XM117, M719 & M805 - PERHAPS to XM426 & M756.**

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.

M0923 Mr John R. Metcalfe, 14 Queen Street, Dorchester on Thames, Wallingford, Oxon, OX10 7HR. Grandson of Charles Frederic b c1873 s/o William Henry. Wm Henry b c1838 London s/o William MTE (a barrister) of Torquay. William s/o Charles MTE and his wife a Metcalfe cousin. Charles (a solicitor) b c 1771 4/9 of George & Rebecca (Morehouse) Mte. George 1736-1813 of Gainsborough, Lincs. **Connects to M365.**

M1020 Mr R.W. & Mrs Denise Simpson, 28 South Lane, Shelf, Halifax, West Yorks. HX3 7PN. Denise is d/o Harry & Elsie (Bell) Metcalfe. Harry b 1918 Haworth, Yks. 2/2 of Henry Lambert & Hannah (Sheffield) Mte m 1913 Keighley, YKS. Henry L. b 1889 Keighley s/o Thomas Kendall & Mary E. (?Lambert) MTE. Thomas K. b 1867 Auckland Co Dur. s/o Henry & Mary (Kendall) Mte m 24/9/1864 Masham YKS. Henry b c 1874 Eldon Co Durham 3/3 of Henry & Mary (?) Mte. Henry bpt 2/9/1838 Bedale 6/7 of James & Catherine (Pevy/Perry) Mte m 21/5/1825 Bedale. James b 18/5/1800 Rookwith near Thornton Watlass, YKS. 2/4 of James & Ann (Rid) Mte mc 1794.

M1039 Mrs Elizabeth Anne Johnson, 956-F Calle Aragon, Laguna Hills, California 92653 USA. Born USA d/o Charles Henry & Annie Mary (nee Metcalfe) Knight. Annie M. b 1882 USA d/o Volney II & Lethia A. (Bell) Mte m c1879. Volney II b 29 Sep 1845 Natchez USA 2/6 of Dr Volney I & Matilda Ann (Wood) Mte m 1842. Volney I b 19 Sep 1804 Fleming County, Kentucky, USA s/o John Mte. **Connects to XM283; XM455; XM456; XM571 & M585; M1009; M1010 & M1104.**

M1048 Mrs A.A. Metcalfe, Cockpennies, Thorns Lane, Sedbergh, LA10 5LD. Widow of Robert John Metcalfe. Robert J. born 1938 Ross on Wye 3/5 of Christopher John & .?..(Scudamore) Mte m 1934 Gloucester. Christopher J. b 27 Aug 1910 Ross on Wye s/o James & ? Mte. James b 15 Dec 1880 Burnley, Lancs s/o John & Mary (?) Mte. John b 7 Sep 1865 Halton Gill, Yks. bpt 22 Oct 1865 Arncliffe 2/4 of James & his 1st wife Jane (Petty) Mte of Kirkby Malham m 12 Nov 1853 Horton in Ribblesdale. James b 6 Jun 1825 Halton Gill 1/12 of Christopher & Nanny (Burton) Mte m 18 Dec 1823 Arncliffe. Christopher bpt 7 May 1786 Halton Gill 4/7 of Christopher & Sarah (Foster) Mte m 18 May 1778 Giggleswick. Christopher bpt 28 Feb 1754 Arncliffe s/o George & his 2nd wife Margaret (Howson) Mte m 24 Jun 1745 Horton in Ribblesdale. George bpt 28 Jan 1697 Arncliffe s/o Thomas Mte of Cosh. **Connects to M792 & M31 et al.**

M1051 Mrs Mary L. Burnage, 13 Bush Drive, Rugeley, Staff. WS15 2AQ. 2nd of 4 daus/o Harry/Henry & Mary (nee Metcalfe) Gray m 1915. Mary b 6/3/1894 bpt 25/3/1894 Pateley Bridge Primitive Methodist Ch. 3/9 of William & Harriet (Bales) Mte m 20/6/1890 Pateley Bridge, Yks. William 11/11 of Jonathan & Mary (Horner) Mte m 12/5/1845. Jonathan bpt 18/5/1821 Pateley Bridge s/o Peter & Mary (?Wood/?Graham) Mte. **Connects to M513 et al.**

M1052 Mr David Goth, 27 Acanthus Road, Old Swan, Liverpool, L13 3DX. 5/5 of Fawcett Nelson & Minnie (Nee Metcalf) Goth m 26 Apr 1926 St Margaret's Ch, Anfield, Liverpool. Minnie b 11 Aug 1900 Liverpool, 1/6 of James & Annie May Martha (Carr) Mt m 13 Nov 1899 St Margarets, Anfield. James b 11 Dec 1869 Liverpool 9/12 of George & Margaret (Christian) Mt m 26 Feb 1854 St Nicholas, Liverpool. George b 6 Oct 1832 Liverpool 2/8 of William & Eliza (Lambeth) Mt m 20 Apr 1830 St John's, Old Haymarket, Liverpool.

M1060 Mrs Diane Medcalf, 653 Avondale Avenue, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada N2M 2W4. <dimedcalf@golden.net> Diane's late husband Michael James b 25/6/1944 St Thomas, Ontario, Canada 3/5 of Francis Henry & Mary Eleanor (James) MEDCALF. Francis Henry b 20 Jun 1908 Toronto, Can. 2/2 of Alfred Edward & Alice Maud (Hewitson) MD. Alfred E. b 10 Sep 1879 Toronto 6/6 of Alfred Edward & Elizabeth (Thompson) Md. Alfred E. b 15 Sep 1841 Toronto 3/6 of Francis Henry & Mary (Harrison) MD. Francis H. was a millwright, ironfounder, Orangeman and politician and became Mayor of Toronto in 1865, he was b 10 May 1803 Delganey, Co Wicklow, Ireland 1/8 of William & Martha (?) MD of Co Wicklow. William died 22 Jun 1851 Bayham Twp, Elgin County, Ontario, Canada. The family emigrated in 1819 from Ireland to Big Otter Creek, Bayham Twp. Diane has sent over some fascinating Irish records which will be an interesting addition to our records. **Connects to M1102.**

M1066 Mrs S.H.M. Gedge, The Cottage, Witton Woods, North Walsham, Norfolk, NR28 9UF. Great grand-dau of William & Elizabeth (nee Metcalfe) Smith m 1857. Elizabeth b 1825 d/o Miles & ? Mte. Miles bpt 16 June 1703 Ingleton Fells Yks. 6/6 of

William & Elizabeth (Moore) MTE m 30 May 1778 Horton in Ribblesdal, Yks. William bpt 31 July 1748 Ingleton Fells 1/5 of John & Agnes (Moor) Mte of Weathercote m 13 June 1747 Ingleton Fells. John bc1720/22 s/o William of Weathercote and Southscales. **Connects to ?XM58.**

M1070 Mrs Elizabeth Mary (Liz) & Dr Chris Brammall, 25 Shippards Road, Brighstone, Isle of Wight. PO30 4BG. Liz was born at Frome, Somerset, d/o John Francis & Jill Elizabeth (nee Metcalf) Brown m 26 Mar 1963 St Mark's Church, Southampton. Jill E. b 17 May 1941 Heathfield, Sussex, d/o Douglas Percival & Joan (Bollington) MT m 17 Sep 1938 St John's Ch. Polegate, Sussex. Douglas P. b 28 Nov 1917 Heathfield s/o William John & Grace Minnie (Barnes) MT m 21 Feb 1900 St John Sub Castro, Lewes, Ssx. William J. b 21 Feb 1876 Battle, Ssx 4/5 of Henry (Harry) & Harriet (Everest) MT m 18 Oct 1868 Crowhurst, Ssx. Henry b c1848 s/o Henry and (?) Mt. Henry b 2 Feb 1817 6/7 of George & Elizabeth (?) Mt. **Connects to XM682; M725; XM736 & M1109.**

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

M1071 Messrs Derek Metcalfe & Eric W. Waudby, Yew Trees, 4 Avenue Terrace, Clifton, York. YO30 6AX. Son of Frederick & Dorothy (Cole) Mte m 31 Oct 1936 St Lawrence, York. Frederick b 19 July 1911 York s/o Joseph & Margaret (Milburn) Mte. Joseph b 11 Sep 1883 s/o William & Kate (Hill) Mte m 25 Dec 1875 St Cuthbert's York. William b Feb/Mar 1851 4/9 of William & Monica (Walker) Mte m 20 Mar 1842 St Saviours, York. William bpt 22 Feb 1819 St Margarets, York 3/4 of Isaac & Mary (?Farrer) Mte. Isaac bpt 3 Aug 1788 Sheriff Hutton, Yks 2/4 of John & Ann (Smithson) Mte m 26 Nov 1782 Sheriff Hutton. **Connects to M320.**

M1072 Ms Carol Ann Herbert, 76 Cavendish Rd, Holmes, Rotherham, Yorks. S61 1BP. <carol@herb4.freemove.co.uk> Grand-dau of Ronald & Alice (nee Metcalfe) Williams m 6 Aug 1932 Leeds. Alice b 20 Mar 1911 Leeds 1/6 of William John & Elsie (Goodwin) Mte m 22 July 1909 Leeds. William J. 1/2 of Joseph & Dorothy (Sedgwick) Mte m 1881 Settle, Yks. Joseph bpt 26 Oct 1851 Ingleton, Yks. 2/11 of William & Margaret (Barker) Mte m 22 Aug 1835 Ingleton. William b c1812 Ingleton 4/10 of William & Esther (Bradshaw) Mte m 13 Nov 1802 Bentham. William bpt 30 Mar 1777 Thornton in Lonsdale 5/5 of William & Ellen (Yeadon) Mte m 4 Apr 1774 Ingleton. **Connects to M53; XM58; XM121; XM390; M501 & M1088.**

M1073 Mr Graham Metcalf, 156 Beckfield Lane, York, YO26 5QT. Son of Harland & Amy (Raynes) Mt m Aug 1945 York. Harland b 31 July 1914 Yorks/o Robert & Mary Ellen (Pexton) Mt. Robert b 1885, Lonsdale, Market Weighton, Yks. 3/7 of George & Harriet (?) Mt m 1873 Driffield. George bpt 18 Aug 1848 Huggate, Yks. s/o Harland & his 1st wf Jane (?) Mt m 1844 Pocklington area (2nd wf Mary Fowler m 1869 connects to XM318). Harland b 20 Dec 1823 bpt 18 Jan 1824 South Cave, Yks. 1/10 of John & Jane (Taylor) Mt m 8 Nov 1823 South Cave. **Connects to XM318 & M837.**

M1074 Mrs Doreen Longbottom, 4 Cheviot Way, Mirfield, W. Yorks. WF14 8HW. Dau of William & Gertrude (?) Mt of Aldborough, Boroughbridge, Yks. William b 6 Sep 1908 2/8 of Kirby & Louisa (Hudson) Mt m 17 Apr 1907. Kirby b 19 Nov 1882 Beningbrough, Yks. 4/7 of Thomas & Margaret (Kirby) Mt m 31 Jan 1879 Newton on Ouse, Yks. Thomas bpt 2 Jan 1853 Newton on Ouse, Yks. 10/10 of Thomas & Hannah (Swaine) Mt m 21 Dec 1829 Newton on Ouse. Thomas bpt 24 Feb 1804 Stillington, Yks. 2/5 of Thomas & Jane (Eden) Mt m 20 Mar 1799 Newton. Thomas bpt 25 Nov 1764 Farlington Yks. 2/10 of Percival & Anne (Swales) Mt m 29 Dec 1761 Farlington. Percival/Parce bpt 30 Apr 1735 Middlesmoor in Nidderdale, Yks. 3/3 of John & (?) Mt. John bpt 14 Oct 1705, Middlesmoor 1/2 of John & Isabel (Atkinson) Mt m 6 Aug 1704 Middlesmoor. **Connects to M8; M64; M312; XM661; XM803 & M1101.**

M1075 Ms Jean D. Metcalf, 9 Saxon Gate, Moortown, Leeds, W. Yorks. LS17 5DU. Details awaited.

M1076 Mrs C. Hooper, Newby Hills, Martin Top Lane, Rimington, Clitheroe, Lancs. BB5 1NY. Dau of Albert John & Jean (nee Metcalfe) Wood. Jean born Wheatley Lane, Nelson, Lancs 1/1 of Leonard & Florence May (Atkinson) Mte m 1919. Leonard b 1896 Baxenden, Accrington, Lancs. 2/2 of John & Hannah (Redhead) Mte m 1886 Burnley, Lancs. John b 1864 Bainbridge in Wensleydale, Yks. 1/10 of John & Mary (nee Metcalfe*1) Mte m 26 Nov 1863 Hawes, Yks. John b 15 Jan 1840 Marsett bpt 9 Feb 1840 Stallingbusk only child of John & his 1st wf Alice (Hodgson) Mte m 16 Oct 1839 Aysgarth. [2nd wf Mary Hutchinson m 1844]. John bpt 27 Sep 1815 Stallingbusk 1/10 of John & Agnes (nee Metcalfe*2) Mte m 7 May 1812 Stallingbusk. John bpt 25 Jun 1786 Stallingbusk 1/1 of John & Elizabeth (Prest) Mte m 28 Sep 1785 Stallingbusk. John b c1763 ? s/o John & Barbara (nee Metcalfe*3) m 12 May 1756 Hawes. John ? s/o William & Margaret Mte of Marsett. *1 Mary Mte 1/7 of James & his 1st wf Margaret (Close) Mte m 24/11/1842 Kirkby Stephen. James bpt 23/8/1818 Hawes 1/10 of William & Elizabeth (Marsden) Mte m 6/10/1817 Slaidburn Yks. William bpt 30/9/1792 Hawes 1/6 of James & Isabel (Blenkiron/Blenkhorn) Mte m 17/5/1790 Stallingbusk. James bpt 10/12/1759 Askrigg s/o James Mte. *2 Agnes Mte - no certain ancestry. *3 Barbara Mte bpt 31/7/1729 Hawes 3/13 of Anthony & Alice (nee Mte*4) Mte m 18/8/1724 Chapel le Dale. Anthony 1/4 of Cuthbert & Barbara (Symondson/Simondston) Mte m 1694. *4 Alice Mte b c1704 4/5 of Philip & Alice (Jackson) Mte m 31/7/1698 Hawes. Philip s/o Thomas Mte of Hawes. **Connects to M6; XM28; M50; M55; M63; M69; M173; M178; M256; M288; M303; XM384; XM406; M410; XM427; XM538; M539; M550; M597; M606; M676; XM748; M859; M897; M1077 and M1099.**

M1077 Mrs Jean Wood, 292 Scotland Road, Nelson, Lancs. BB9 7YS. Nee Metcalfe d/o Leonard & Florence May (Atkinson) Mte m 1919. Leonard b 1896 Baxenden, Accrington, Lancs. 2/2 of John & Hannah (Redhead) Mte m 1886 Burnley, Lancs. John b 1864 Bainbridge in Wensleydale, Yks. 1/10 of John & Mary (nee Metcalfe*1) Mte m 26 Nov 1863 Hawes, Yks. John b 15 Jan 1840 Marsett bpt 9 Feb 1840 Stallingbusk only

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M1078 Mr Barry Davis, 23 West Ridge, Billericay, Essex CM12 9NN. Great x 4 grandparents were Hugh & Anne (nee Metcalf) Jones m in 1770 at Llanarmon yn Ial, Denbighshire, Wales. Anne bpt 13 Apr 1750 Llanarmon yn Ial d/o Robert MATCOFF. Robert MADCAFE m Anne Foulkes 13 Oct 1747 at Llangynhafal, Wales. Here's some new variations for us ! Barry has discovered that the Halkyn registers indicate an influx of Metcalfs (etc) during the period 1720-1730, has anyone a reason for this ?

M1079 Diane B.de Petrosky & Lara P.de Stmalo, Apt D, 5073, PANAMA 5 RP. Details awaited. Our first members in Panama !

M1080 Mr Thomas William & Mrs Alice Metcalfe, 11 Dudley Close, Whitehill, Hants. GU35 9PY. Details awaited.

M1081 Mrs Alison Stott, 14 Plumer Ave, Tang Hall Lane, Tang Hall, York. YO31 0PX. Grand-dau of Ernest & Elsie Alice (nee Metcalfe) Pratt. Elsie A. b 1916 Mallerstang d/o Thomas & Alice (nee Metcalfe) MTE m 1906 Mallerstang. Thomas bpt 26 Sep 1871 Mallerstang 1/12 of William & Jane (Morphet) MTE m ?. William bpt 22 Jun 1848 Mallerstang 1/3 of Thomas & Alice (?Dent m 1848 Kirkby Stephen) MTE. Thomas bpt 21 Aug 1822 Mallerstang 1/7 of William & Catherine (Middleton) Mte m 28 May 1821 Kirkby Stephen. William b c 1790 bpt 19 Mar 1843 Lunds aged 53 (with brother Joseph/Joshua aged 40) sons of Thomas & Ann (Blades) Mte m 16 Jun 1788 Hawes, Yks. Thomas bpt 4 Jul 1736 Hawes 2/3 of Thomas & Margaret (Lambert) Mte m 29 Aug 1734 Hawes. Thomas ?bpt 25 Mar 1694 Askrigg s/o Richard & Alice (Stockdale) Mte mc 1693 OR s/o Trinian Mte of Hardrow. Connects to M155; XM908; M998 & M1036.

M1082 Mrs Lesley Melling, Beconsall Hall, Hesketh Bank, Preston, PR4 6RR. Lesley's

husband David is the Great x 3 grandson of Hannah Slinger and John Metcalfe who m 3 July 1824 Aysgarth, Yks. John bpt 2 Dec 1796 Halton Gill, Yks 3/9 of Thomas & Rose (Preston) Mte m 20 Mar 1793 Arncliffe, Yks. Thomas bpt 19 Oct 1774 Arncliffe 5/5 of Robert & Isabel (Simpson) Mte m 13 May 1751 Arncliffe. **Connects to M46; M608; M678; M839 & M859.**

M1083 Mr John Alexander Metcalfe, 25 Brennand St, Clitheroe, Lancs. BB7 2HG. Details awaited.

M1084 Mr Peter King, 23 Ryefield Ave. West, Haslingden, Rossendale, Lancs.....POST CODE REQUIRED PLEASE and details awaited..

M1085 Mr Charles H. Metcalfe, 72 Scott Ave, Elmira, NEW YORK 14905-2018, USA. Born Jacksonville, Onslow County, North Carolina, USA s/o Edwin Alfred & Roberta Ruth (Russell) Mte m 5 Aug 1953 Jamestown, Chautauqua County, New York. Edwin A. b 1 July 1930 Dunkirk, Chautauqua Co. s/o Charles Joseph & Mildred (Merrill) Mte m 20 Sep 1919 Falconer, Chautauqua Co. Charles J. b 26 Nov 1899 Chautauqua Co. s/o Alfred & Miriam (Hopkinson) Mte m 21 Dec 1898 Chautauqua Co. USA. Alfred b 9 Apr 1880 Bell Busk, Yorkshire, England 7/7 of Joseph & Sarah Jane (?Brown) Mte m 15 Nov 1862 Skipton, Yks. Joseph b 8 Mar 1843 Bell Busk bpt 9 Apr 1843 Gargrave, Yks. 4/6 of Thomas & Ann (Tomlinson) Mte m 27 Nov 1836 Gargrave, Yks. Thomas b 17 Oct 1811 bpt 10 Nov 1811 Arncliffe 1/1 of John & Margaret (Horner) Mte m 15 May 1811 Arncliffe.

M1086 Mrs Eileen Measures, "Mistley" 17E Wildhern, Nr Andover, Hants, SP11 0JE. <EileenandDavid@email.msn.com> Dau of A.B.(Bert) & Norah (Melvin) MTE m 16 May 1940 Douglas, Isle of Man. A.B.(Bert) b 18 Feb 1910 Dublin, Eire 2/9 of John & Mary (Kenna) Mte. John b 1884 Dublin, 3/8 of James & Jane (Carrol) MTE. James b Castleruddery, Wic, Eire 1/7 of Michael & Maria (O'Shea) Mte. Michael b Castleruddery 1/18 of John &?Mary..(O'Brien). John b c 1760 Castleruddery.

M1087 Mrs Maureen Ann Shakeshaft, 21 Skipton Road, St Annes On Sea, Lancs, FY8 3PA. Details awaited.

M1088 Mrs Kathleen Robinson, 12 Priory Fields, Horsley, Nr Stroud, Glos, GL6 0PT. Born Worcestershire only child of James and his 2nd wf Linda Florence (Bennet nee Goad) Mte. [1st wf Anne/Nancy Dudman m 1905]. James b 23 Sep 1878 Sedbergh Yks. 3/16 of Thomas & Ann (Frear) Mte m 3 Jun 1873 Dent, Yks. Thomas bpt 3 Jul 1853 Ingleton Yks. 6/12 of Richard & Anne (Shaw) Mte m 20 Dec 1845 Ingleton, Yks. Richard bpt 29 Dec 1822 Low Bentham, Yks. 9/10 of William & Esther (Bradshaw) Mte m 13 Nov 1802 Bentham. William bpt 30 Mar 1777 Thornton in Lonsdale 3/5 of William & Ellen (Yeadon) Mte m 4 Apr 1774 Ingleton, Yks. **Connects to M53; XM58; XM121; XM390; M501 & M1072.**

M1089 Mr Anthony A. Metcalfe, 41 Netley St, Farnborough, Hants. GU14 6AH. Born Hartlepool, Co Dur. 2/3 of John & Catherine (Anderson) Mte m 12 Jun 1929 Hartlepool. John b 27 Jul 1899 Hartlepool 1/2 of Ben & Annie Elizabeth (Goodwill) Mte m 7 Jun 1889 Leeds. Ben b 25 Apr 1869 Helmsley Yks. 9/9 of John & Alice (Mayman) Mte m 5 Oct 1850 Middleton by Pickering, Yks. John bpt 18 Mar 1828 Helmsley 6/10 of Thomas & Ann (Moorhouse) Mte m 17 Mar 1818 Helmsley. Thomas bpt 16 Jul 1797 Helmsley 4/6 of Richard & Ann (Megginson) Mte m 7 Aug 1787 Hawnby, Yks. Richard bpt 15 Aug 1756 Helmsley 1/4 of James & his 1st wife Margaret (Waddy) Mte m 9 Sep 1755 [2nd wf Ellen Milner m 1770 by whom James had a further 5 children]. James bpt 26 Jul 1730 Whorlton in Cleveland 1/2 of Richard & his 2nd wife Mary (Sweet) Mte [1st wife Elizabeth ? had 4 children] m 19 Sep 1723 Hutton Rudby Yks. Richard b c 1670 Whorlton in Cleveland. **Connects to M61; M261; XM328; XM392; XM413; M683 & M1011.**

M1090 Mrs Janet E. Tinley, Box 94, R.R.2, Dugald, Manitoba, Canada, R0E 0K0. <btinley@mb.sympatico.ca>. Janet Ellen 3/4 of Alan Herbert & Karitas (Breckman) Metcalfe. Alan b 19 Jan 1899 bpt 1 Mar 1899 Richmond, Yorkshire 1/3 of Herbert James & Ada Annie (Hall) Mte m 28th Oct 1896 Richmond. Herbert J. bpt 6 Nov 1870 Richmond 3/7 of George Christopher & Margaret (Biggar) Mte m 27 May 1865 St Clement Danes, Westminster, London. George C. bpt 29 Nov 1839 Richmond 1/3 of William & Charlotte (Farr) Mte m 17 Dec 1838 St Clement Danes, Westminster, London. William bpt 9 Sep 1811 Richmond 8/10 of Christopher & Ann (Galloway) Mte m 25 May 1795 Richmond. Christopher b c 1772. **Connects to M447; M474; XM536; XM584; XM764 & M899.**

M1091 Used for Admin.

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M1094 Mrs Linda Steeden, 35 Boughton Lane, Loose, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 9QW. Details awaited.

M1095 Mrs Margaret Rouke, 8 Durrel Street, Methuen, Massachusetts 01844 USA. Cousin to M0909. Great gt grand-d of James & Isabella (Metcalfe) Bowes m 29/10/1834 Burnley. Isabella bpt 30 Jun 1805 St Michaels, Ashton under Lyne, Lancs 4/9 of Christopher & Ann (Blakeley) MT m 17 Apr 1797 Ashton u Lyne, when Christopher was described "of the parish of Redmire". Christopher bpt 30/7/1770 Redmire in Wensleydale 1/6 of Christopher & Isabella (Hamond/Hammond) Mte m 16/2/1768 Redmire. Christopher s/o Christopher a collier of Healaugh in Swaledale. **Connects to M0909 & M1069.**

M1096 Mrs Dawn Raimondo, 26 Bishopscourt Drive, Bishopscourt 7708, Capetown, South Africa. Details awaited.

M1097 Ms Ellen Meredith, 20 Beech Range, Levenshulme, Manchester, M19 2EU. Descendant of William Richard & Sarah (Smith) Metcalfe m 14 July 1846 Christ Church & St Lawrence, Newgate, London. William R. bpt 18 July 1813 St Dunstan, Stepney, London s/o Richard & Mary Ann (Alfrey) Mte m 3 Mar 1810 St Martin in the Fields, Westminster, London.

M1098 Mr Peter Metcalfe, 64 Chapel Lane, Hadfield, Nr Glossop, Derbyshire, SK13 1MX. Son of Walter Frederick & Mary Winifred (Whittle) MTE m 1944. Walter F. b 1918 Chorlton, Manchester 1/3 of Bertie Noah & Molly (Dean) Mte m 11 May 1918 Chorlton on Medlock. Bertie N. b 6 July 1896 Ardwick, South Manchester s/o Jesse Frederick & Emily Frecknoe (Mitchell) Mte m 1893 Chorlton. Jesse F. b 1871 Chorlton 2/3 of John & Eliza (?Mullard) Mte. John bpt 28 Aug 1831 East Cowton, Yorkshire 1/8 of William & his 1st wife Jane (Sharper) Mte m 19 Feb 1831 East Cowton. William & his family lived at East Cowton, East Halsey & Ingleby Arncliffe whilst William followed the occupation of Gent's Servant & Publican, he died in 1872 and was born c 1799-1806 at Loftus nr Middlesbrough son of Thomas & Rachel (Hart) Mte m 12 May 1799 Loftus. Thomas bpt 8 Oct 1778 Loftus s/o Thomas & Catherine (?Simonson m 19 Dec 1773 Coxwold) Mte. **Connects to XM49; XM190 & M892.**

M1099 Mr John Webster, Sycamore House, 91 Cambridge Road, Ely, Cambridgeshire, CB7 4HX. John has an old sampler stitched by Nellie Metcalfe b 23rd July 1892 d/o Thomas & Eleanor Mte. as the sampler also gives the names and dates of birth of Nellie's brothers & sisters, we were able, between us, to collate the following:- Nellie Augusta bpt 4 Sep 1892 Aysgarth [m 15 Mar 1913 to John Webster at Askrigg] 8/9 of Thomas & his 2nd wf Eleanor/Ellen (Routh) Mte. [1st wf Elizabeth Milner m 1868 no issue]. Thomas b Bellerby, Yks. bpt 31 May 1847 Spennithorne, Yks. 4/4 of John & his 1st wf Judith (Horn) Mte m 2 Dec 1839 Aysgarth. John bpt 8 Mar 1818 Stallingbusk, Yks. 5/14 of William & Sarah (Dinsdale) Mte m 18 May 1811 Stallingbusk. William bpt 8 Feb 1789 Stallingbusk 6/15 of William & Ann (Tomlin) Mte. William b 18 Sep 1757 bpt 13 May 1759 Stallingbusk 3/12 of John & Barbara (nee Metcalfe*1) Mte m 12 May 1756 Hawes. John ? s/o William & Margaret Mte of Marsett. *1 Barbara Mte bpt 31/7/1729 Hawes 3/13 of Anthony & Alice (nee Mte*2) Mte m 18/8/1724 Chapel le Dale. Anthony 1/4 of Cuthbert & Barbara (Symondson/Simondston) Mte m 1694. *2 Alice Mte b c1704 4/5 of Philip & Alice (Jackson) Mte m 31/7/1698 Hawes. Philip s/o Thomas Mte of Hawes. **Connects to M6; XM28; M50; M55; M63; M69; M173; M178; M256; M288; M303; XM384; XM406; M410; XM427; XM538; M539; M550; M597; M606; M676; XM748; M859; M897; M1076 and M1077.**

M1100 Mr Peter A. Coates, 8 Nelson Way, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 9PH. <Pacoates8@aol.com> Cousin to Harold Arthur & Winifred B. (Coates) Metcalfe m 1933 Calverley, Yks. Harold Arthur b 1909 Bramley, Leeds s/o George Arthur & Fanny (?) Mt. Peter is anxious to trace the son of Harold & Winifred - Carl Arthur b 1 Aug 1936 Horsforth, Yks, and Graham b 1943 Darwen, Lancs.

M1101 Mr Neill Patterson, Thistledown, Shendish, Herts. HP3 0AA. Descendant of James & Sarah (nee Metcalf) Green m 17 Apl 1838 Strensall, York. Sarah bpt 16 Mar 1817 Strensall 4/5 of Percival & Anne (Dale) Mt m 3 Dec 1798 Kirby Misperton, Yks. Percival bpt 17 Aug 1774 Farlington, Sheriff Hutton, Yks. 6/10 of Percival & Anne (Swales) Mt m 29 Dec 1761 Farlington. Percival/Parce bpt 30 Apl 1735 Middlesmoor in Nidderdale, Yks. 3/3 of John & (?) Mt. John bpt 14 Oct 1705, Middlesmoor 1/2 of John & Isabel (Atkinson) Mt m 6 Aug 1704 Middlesmoor. **Connects to M8; M64; M312; XM661; XM803 & M1074.**

M1102 Ms Mary A. (Molly) Weaver, 67 Welland Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M4T 2H9. <mollyw@idirect.com> Sister in law to M1060 Mrs Diane Medcalf, see above. Diane's late husband Michael James b 25/6/1944 St Thomas, Ontario, Canada 3/5 of Francis Henry & Mary Eleanor (James) MEDCALF. Francis Henry b 20 Jun 1908 Toronto, Can. 2/2 of Alfred Edward & Alice Maud (Hewitson) MD. Alfred E. b 10 Sep 1879 Toronto 6/6 of Alfred Edward & Elizabeth (Thompson) Md. Alfred E. b 15 Sep 1841 Toronto 3/6 of Francis Henry & Mary (Harrison) MD. Francis H. was a millwright, ironfounder, Orangeman and politician and became Mayor of Toronto in 1865, he was b 10 May 1803 Delganey, Co Wicklow, Ireland 1/8 of William & Martha (?) MD of Co Wicklow. William died 22 Jun 1851 Bayham Twp, Elgin County, Ontario, Canada. The family emigrated in 1819 from Ireland to Big Otter Creek, Bayham Twp. **Connects to M1060.**

M1103 Mr & Mrs David John & Christine Valerie Metcalfe, 9 Wren Drive, Peacock Green, Morley, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS27 8UU. David son of John & Eva (Bairstow) Mte m 1 Aug 1942 Eastbrook Hall, Bradford. John 3/6 of William & Louisa (Petch) Mte m 7 Mar 1896 All Souls, Leeds. William bc 1849 4/5 of William & Mary (?Harker m 8 Sep 1828 Kirby Wiske, Yks.) Mte. William b 13 Feb 1807 bpt 15 Feb 1807 Kirby Wiske 3/9 of John & Catherine (Hornby) Mte m 29 Sep 1803 Kirby Wiske. John bpt 17 Jan 1776 Topcliffe, Yks. 1/9 of Alexander & Hannah (Wilkinson) Mte m 31 May 1773 Topcliffe. Alexander bpt 26 Feb 1738 Horton in Ribblesdale, Yks. s/o Thomas & Frances (nee Metcalfe) Mte m 1 May 1729 Hawes, Yks. Thomas died 1770 at Widdale in Aysgarth parish. **Connects to XM275.**

M1104 Mrs Carol (Lewis) Taylor & son Jeffrey Taylor, PO Box 485, Windham, ME 04062, USA. Grand-dau and Great Grandson of Delbert S. & Laura Grace (nee Metcalf) Lewis. Laura G. b 10 May 1893 Diamond Hill, RI. USA 5th child of James & Ida Annie (Brown) Mt. James b 16 June 1861 Wrentham MA s/o Silas Horiato & Rebecca (Adams) Mt. Silas H. b 3 Dec 1823 Wrentham s/o Silas & Nancy Lovett (Sherburne) Mt. Silas b 6 Oct 1798 Wrentham s/o Lewis & Elizabeth/Betty (Winsor) Mt. Lewis b 29 Oct 1773 Wrentham s/o Sergeant Silas & Miriam (Ray) Mt. Sergeant S. b 19 Apl 1746 Wrentham s/o Pelatiah & Hepzibah (Mann) Mt. Pelatiah b 28 Mar 1714 Wrentham s/o Michael & Abiel (Colburn) Mt m 23 Dec 1712. Michael b 25 Jan 1687 Wrentham s/o Eleazur & Meletiah (Fisher) Mt m 9 Apl 1684 Dedham MA. Eleazur b 20 Mar 1653 (M585 has 2

Mar; M1009 has 2 Jan). Michael bpt 29 Aug 1620 St Benedicts, Norwich, England 3/11 of Michael & Sarah (Ellwyn) Mt m 13 Oct 1616 Heigham, Norfolk, Eng. Michael b 17 Jun 1587 (M585 has c1590). [No baptismal record survives according to Norfolk Record Office]. ? s/o Rev'd Leonard & Amy (?) Mte. Leonard may be b 1541 Apperside, Wensleydale but that ancestry has yet to be proved. **Connects to XM283; XM455; XM456; XM571; M585; M1009; M1010 & M1039.**

M1105 Dr & Mrs E. Anthony & Katharine R. Harris, 255 Dobcroft Rd, Sheffield, S11 9LG. <e.a.harris@btinternet.com> Katharine 1/4 of William Montague Metcalfe & Ruth Margaret (Fletcher) CHAPMAN. William M.M. b 1914 1/4 of Robert W. & Katharine Marianne (nee Metcalfe) Chapman. Katharine M. b 1887 1/2 of Arthur Wharton & Annie Elizabeth (Gill) MTE. Arthur W. bpt 13 Sep 1863 British Chaplaincy, Muenchen Stadt, Oberbayern, Bayern, Munich, Germany (where his younger sister Gertrude Elizabeth was bpt 1864) 1/2 of Wharton & Elizabeth Pine (Beardmore) Mte m 24 June 1862 St James' Cathedral, Toronto, Canada. Wharton b 3 Aug 1814 3/7 or 8 of Robert & Jane (Wharton) MTE m 30 Dec 1809. Robert (? bpt 10 May 1786 St Marys, Hull, YKS. 3/4 of Michael & Ann (Wallis) Mt m 5 Jan 1773 Lockington, Yks.) Robert is said to have been a son of Michael Mt, shipping merchant of Hull, and letters exist between the two families but our records do not show that Michael had a son Robert so further investigation is required. **It appears there is a connection to M669 & M718 but it needs confirming.** Watch this space !

M1106 Mr Mark Bennett, PO Box 8731, Symonds St, Auckland, New Zealand. Details awaited.

M1107 Mrs Audrey Harper, Skyrales Farm, Grassington Road, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 3LB. Details awaited.

M1108 Mrs Jennifer Rothwell, 7 Greenway, Eccleston, Chorley, Lancs, PR7 5SH. Details awaited.

M1109 Kerrie Metcalfe, 14 Nella Dan Avenue, Tregear, New South Wales 2770, Australia. Descendant of Henry & Eliza Ann (Boardman) MT m 17 Mar 1868 Cobbily, NSW, Australia. Henry b 31 May 1845 Camden, NSW s/o George & Ann (Peters) Mt m 2 Apl 1841 Presbyterian Meeting House, Battle Sussex Eng. George bpt 4 Jan 1819 Battle, Ssx 7/7 of George & Elizabeth (?) Mt m pre 1800. **Connects to XM682; M725; XM736 & M1070.**

M1110 Mr John Wesley Metcalfe, 5460-20th Avenue, N.E., Salmon Arm, British Columbia, Canada, V1E 1C4. <olcodger@sunwave.net> Born Melfort, Saskatchewan, Canada s/o John James & (?) MTE. John J. b 22 June 1886 Howick, Quebec, Canada s/o John James & (?) MTE. John J. b 28 Jan 1852 Scotch Concession, Quebec s/o John James & (?) MTE whose birth is sought.

The authoritative works are now available!

As most members will know, and as described in the December 97 issue (No 53) of the Mecca News (page 6), the content of the 'history' section of the hugely successful book "Metcalf - History of the Clan", was a fusion of the only two authoritative works on the history of the Metcalfes that we know are in existence. Due to the expiry of copyright, and with permission to copy, the society has now been able to make available the printed text from these two original books: 'Metcalf Records' by Walter & Gilbert Metcalfe, Fellows of the Society of Antiquaries of London. This book was published privately in 1891, limited to 50 copies and is therefore rare in the extreme. It is a scholarly work limited to the Nappa branch, the earliest to have a recorded history. Reliable with references galore, but is really intended for the scholar, with large extremely boring extracts from old legal documents and the need to know some Latin!

'Medecalf' by the Rev Thomas Metcalfe, published 1930 by William Clowes and Sons Ltd. Very scarce and difficult to find. A pioneer work, first to attempt to unravel the very early history of the family pre-Nappa Hall and deal with the topic as a whole. Debunks the notion that we all derive from Nappa but in the nature of things deals with an era where a great deal of research still needs to be done and much is open to question. Even if it can be obtained it lacks the maps/diagrams needed to make sense easily of the highly involved series of events it relates.

The society now holds the text of both books on the computer (courtesy of our President, Charles S. Metcalfe M305). They have been printed out and bound. 'Metcalf Records' is A4 in size, and available at £6 plus postage. 'Medecalf' is A5 in size, and available at £5 plus postage. (Details of postage costs can be found on the sales order form.) These copies are now available from the society. Please send UK sterling cheques to Carol Arkwright at the Sales department, or local currency cheques to your local agent in New Zealand, Australia, Canada or USA. All books will be despatched from the UK.

WHAT'S IN A WORD?

Computing 28 October 1999. **Tim Medcalf** of Link Group Consultants wrote to the computer weewky paper about problems in explaining what he did. He's an analyst programmer and he was explaining to his girl friend that computers don't understand English and to get them to do what you want you have to learn their language as with French or German. She asked him what the computer word was for "the". He said he didn't know. Her response was "You obviously aren't very good then are you?".

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Religious Society of Friends(Quakers)
www.quaker.org.uk, also
www.religioustolerance.org/quaker.htm and
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West Yorkshire Archive Service :
www.archives.wyjs.org.uk

City of York & District FHS :
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National Monuments Board picture gallery of England's architectural heritage at
www.imagesofengland.org.uk.

Cyndi's Military List includes battles, military sites, museums and medals. Records of military pensions, regimental rosters and histories at www.cyndisList.com/miluk.htm.

The American Family Immigration History Centre. Details of a project to set up a searchable database of those 17 million people who passed through New York between 1892 and 1924 on <http://www.ellisland.org/history.html>.

Town and County directories on floppy discs, details from Ibertek on <http://www.tcwaters.free-online.co.uk>.

Roots Web World Connect Project. More than 6m names on <http://worldconnect.genealogy.roots.com/>.

Descriptions of all books published or sold by FFHS - see www.ffhs.org.uk/pubs/.

LDS Church Family Search website at <http://www.familysearch.org/>. Has over 640 million names with new features.

National Maritime Museum. under the name Port can be seen at <http://www.port.nmm.ac.uk>.

Diploma in Local History from Oxford University. Starts June 2000. Details on <http://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/courses/lhist1>.

Ancestry World Tree. 274 million names on <http://www.ancestry.lycos.com>.

Bits & Bobs

Ella Bohne and her husband bought a headstone for their grave in the 1960's.

The engraver to save some time twice carved 19 for their dates of death. Mr Bohne died in 1971 however Ella is still going strong. Her son Henry said "My mother has a year 2000 problem and its carved in stone." Computing 10/2/2000.

The National Statistics Office (NSO) was reported by Reuters to be issuing birth certificates dated 1900 for babies born since the beginning of 2000. To over come the problem the report said that the agency was producing the certificates by hand until the problem could be solved. Computing 27/1/2000. *(A report in the following issue of the publication said that the NSO refuted the report and said that it was based on erroneous information put out in the Times!)*

North Yorkshire Registration Service is now located at Bilton House 31 Park Parade, Harrogate. It houses the records of BMD's for North Yorkshire. Current offices remain open but Harrogate deals with requests for certificates. A reading room facility is available at Harrogate where North Yorks area and St Catherine's House Indexes can be consulted at £18 for 6 hours. Opening times 9.30 - 16.30, Monday to Friday. Ring ☎ 01423.506949 for an appointment.

Family History Centre Acomb. Research facilities include IGI for British Isles an world wide; 1881 Census for England Scotland & Wales; 1851 census for York area. National BM(not deaths) Indexes; Scottish Births and marriages. Ring ☎ 01904 786784 for information.

Wills 2000 Project (so far - February 6, 2000)

Since taking on the job for this project I have been joined by five other members to form the 'team'. The other members are Rosemary Brown, Denny Minnitt, Robert Metcalfe & Eileen Metcalfe who I am extremely grateful to, for their unfailing help.

So far to date we have processed 61 wills completely. This involves obtaining the wills, extracting the content which can be extremely difficult, requiring painstaking work with a magnifying glass and considerable background knowledge and word processing the extracted data.

We have quite a few wills, which are at the stage of being keyed to disc. Approximately 67 wills/admons exist in the lists system which is the Metcalfe Society data store and some of these have been processed, many have already have been extracted. Approximately 44 wills have yet to be looked at. In total we have 172 wills and admons.

Quite a number of wills have been received from members and we are grateful for this. A number were received at the Muster and any not returned so far will be returned in due course. Thank you for your patience.

The copyright problem has been resolved with the Archives with the help of David Lambert our legal expert. Our benefactor who wishes to remain anonymous has been kind in funding the acquisition of new material from the Archives.

S.G.Newman M824

Gone but not forgotten

After visiting the Family Records Centre in Islington I was dawdling through Exmouth Market to the bus stop when there at No 40 was a shop front with the old lettering : **Medcalf - Cash Butchers**. The Medcalf name had been adopted by the present owners **Medcalf Applied & Contemporary Arts**. **Rosemary Richardson M1016**

and finally.....

In the Saga magazine of January 2000 a little article entitled "The Wonder Dog of Wensleydale". This dog, owned by the warden of the YHA in Aysgarth, would after dinner, bring in her master's pipe in her mouth and his cap on her head; she then proceeded to play dominoes indicating the tile with her paw. Another game was taking away sticks one or two at a time from a pile of fifteen, the loser being the one with the last stick. The dog's owner always lost. She could bark out her age and also speak uttering what sounded like "I am" when asked if she was hungry!

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How to get to York & Askham Bryan College

However you choose to travel, by road, rail, sea or air, York is easy to reach.

By car - York is approximately half-way between London and Edinburgh, only a few miles off the main A1 and close to the M1 and M62 motorways. The average driving time from London or Edinburgh is approx 3.5 hours. Road travel information tel 0645-556575. From the A1 take the A59 to get to the centre of York. To get to the college from the A1 (north or south) take the A64 towards York. Take the A1237 exit for Acomb/Askham Bryan. At the roundabout take the first exit (Acomb/Askham Bryan) and after a few hundred yards the college entrance is clearly marked on your left. Proceed along the drive and use the car park which is alongside the drive on your left. The Conference Hall is on the right hand side of the drive almost opposite the car park. Look out for the Muster signs to direct you.

By train - there are frequent fast services between York and London (King's Cross), Peterborough, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Birmingham, Bristol and the West Country, Liverpool, Manchester and Leeds. Rail enquiries tel 0345-484950

By coach - National Express operates coach services to York from most parts of Britain either direct or by connection. Tel 0990-808080.

By air - the nearest airport at Leeds/Bradford is just 28 miles away. Newcastle is within easy reach and there are regular direct train services from Manchester to York taking less than 2 hours. Tel Leeds/Bradford 0113-250-9696, Manchester 01652-688456, Newcastle 0191-286-0966

From York centre there is an excellent Saturday bus service provided by Coastliner to Copmanthorpe as follows :

Departs Stonebow 08.40, Rougier St 08.45, Rail Station 08.45 arriving 9am Copmanthorpe
Departs Stonebow 09.15, Rougier St 09.20, Rail Station 09.25 arriving 9.35am Copmanthorpe
Departs Copmanthorpe 4.35pm, 5.05pm, 5.35pm to the above destinations.

It is a few minutes walk from Copmanthorpe to the College.

Otherwise take a taxi which will take about 10 minutes from the centre.

Where to stay? What to see and do during your visit to York?

The answers to both of these questions for everyone visiting York can be found in the booklet :

'England's Best Historic City - Guide to York'

Please call York Tourist Board on 01904-554488 or 01904-621756 (for international callers, replace the first 0 with 44, the UK country code) who will gladly send you a copy in the post free of charge. It is an excellent publication which recommends facilities ranging from 4 star hotels to self-catering, camping and caravan sites - something for everyone. For each facility, the guide outlines, prices, location and contact details. All the accommodation recommended by the York tourist bureau is featured on the internet at :

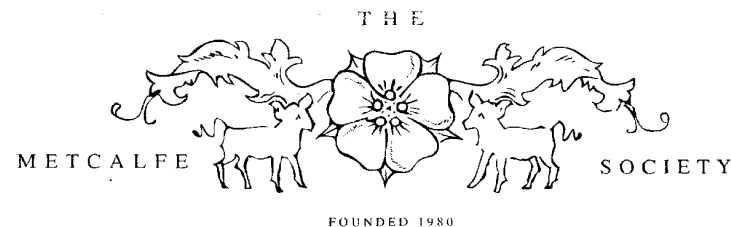
www.york-tourism.co.uk

You can browse through the properties, most with full colour pictures. Search for your requirements, eg price, non-smoking, ensuite facilities, parking etc. The website will also give you directions to your chosen accommodation

As Askham Bryan College is situated approximately 4 miles to the south-west of the city centre, it is suggested that accommodation be reserved either in the city centre or towards the south of the city, rather than the north. There is also a Travel Lodge on the A64 approximately a mile from the college (tel 01937-835067) and a bed and breakfast in the nearby village (tel 01904-707521).

Askham Bryan college can also provide basic student accommodation on-site at the college. The cost and number of rooms available will not be known until early September. If you are interested in receiving details of the college accommodation at that time, please indicate on the booking form.

The booklet also provides a map and details of what to see and do in York. For each attraction the guide provides opening times, prices and contacts for further information. There is so much to see and do in York - National Railway Museum, Ghost tours, Jorvik Viking Centre, York Brewery, York Minster. Also, check out the York Tourism website above where you will be able to check out York's many attractions and facilities.



Mecca Muster & Annual General Meeting 2000

on Saturday 21st October 2000

9.30am - 5pm

at

Askham Bryan College

York

North Yorkshire

The Mecca Muster & AGM 2000 Booking Form

Please return the booking form by 31st August 2000

I wish to reserve the following places for the Mecca Muster as detailed below.

Please insert the number of people attending in ONE of the following boxes : Cost

	Refreshments and two-course lunch at £15 per person	£
	or	
	Refreshments only at £3 per person	£
	Total Cost	£

Facilities will be provided for those who wish to bring their own packed lunch. Lunch will be served in a separate dining room. If you require any special dietary requirements, eg vegetarian, please outline them here:

☐ Please tick here if you wish to receive details of the accommodation at Askham Bryan College when it is available in early September

I am interested in attending the following sessions (please tick the relevant boxes) :

☐	Annual General Meeting
☐	'Seeing it through their eyes'
☐	'Yorkshire surnames'

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

The Conference Secretary, Mrs Lesley Longworth, 57 Westbourne Avenue, Hull, HU5 3HW, UK

Full Name : _____ Membership Number : _____

Address : _____

If you are to be accompanied, please give the full names below, and indicate whether they are a society member or a guest. Non-members are very welcome but may not vote at the AGM.

Name : _____ Member : _____

Name : _____ Member : _____

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Something for everyone is on offer at this year's Mecca Muster.....

*** Michael Gandy - 'Seeing it through their eyes'**

A guide to some fascinating books on the background to our ancestors' lives
- Something to keep you interested in the long winter months

*** Speaker to be confirmed - 'Yorkshire surnames'**

Besides Metcalfe, find out what other surnames originate from various areas of Yorkshire, and how they originate.

*** Carol McLee - An excellent source of help for all your general genealogical questions**

Do you want to know about the pitfalls to avoid, where to access specific records - eg IGI, Scottish records etc. She is a mine of useful information. Got a question - ask Carol.

*** Annual General Meeting**

Your opportunity to hear and join in with what is happening in your society

*** Win a night for two people at Nappa Hall, Wensleydale - the feature raffle prize**

*** Win your 2001 membership in the genealogical quiz and word search**

*** Displays** such as 'Where do our members live around the world?'
'Where in the world can you see the Metcalfe name'

*** Opportunity to meet your 'relatives'**

*** Society sales table**

- Buy your Metcalfe merchandise, back orders of Mecca News, Metcalfe Wills books etc
- Bookstall - including Federation 'how to' guides
- Blank forms and charts to help you record your family tree
- Certificate folders and plastic inserts to store those valuable certificates

*** Access society records** held on computer databases with the assistance of committee members or search through paper records at your leisure.

*** Lending library** available on books about Metcalfe, Yorkshire and other related subjects

*** Laminating service to protect your valuable documents**

- bring along any documents up to A3 in size that require laminating

..... And so much more!