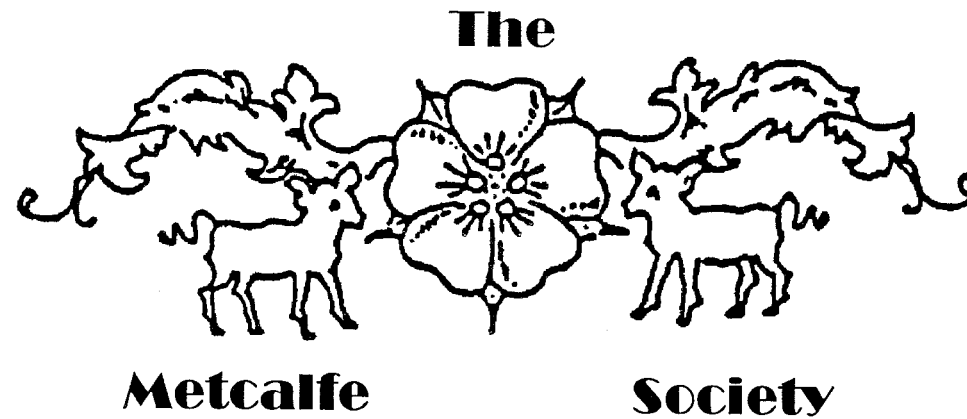




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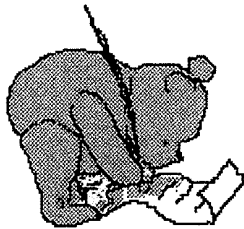
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FROM THE EDITOR



Since August 1991 (Issue 35) your Mecca News has been in the A5 format. The reasons for changing at that time, to the current small, handy size was because of the increasing amount of information being received. To continue to type and photocopy the News with the larger number of pages as we had in the past was inappropriate. So for the

last nine years we have used computer desktop programs to produce the News.

Again we are reaching a point where the present facilities do not meet the increased requirements. You will have noticed that the number of birth briefs has been increasing over the last two years and to keep a balance of articles the News has also increased in size from some 28/32 pages to the current 40; around 25% increase. We have also included photographs and other features but the present magazine size has often constricted the layout. With the increasing amount of information being received it seems an appropriate time to look at changing the format to accommodate the new demands. Therefore in is proposed to look to produce a pilot A4 sized magazine for members consideration. We will seek to get comments at the AGM and if you are unable to attend but wish to contribute please let me know.



The joys ... or hassles of technology!

As you will read, our secretary has moved house. Along with the normal associated hassles, Diane has experienced e-mail problems, and has not been able to receive e-mails at diane.howarth@virgin.net since mid-May.

Hence if you have sent Diane an e-mail and not received a reply, please accept her profound apologies and she requests that you resend the e-mail to her work id which is diane_howarth@uk.ibm.com and be assured of an immediate response, especially as Diane does not have any immediate holiday plans. Diane will be using her work id for the foreseeable future pending either major surgery on her virgin.net id or the creation of a new one with a different service provider!

Society of Friends

Part 2

(Part 1 in the April issue Mecca News 60 covered the beginnings of the Society of Friends)

The year 1652 was a momentous one in the Dales. Shortly after his vision on Pendle Hill, George Fox continued his journey north eventually arriving in Sedbergh at the time of the hiring fair in June. He preached in the churchyard for several hours before moving onto Firbank Fell some three miles away. One of the highest points in the area from the Fell there is a marvellous view of the Howgills to the east and the Lakes in the west. Here it was that Fox preached to over a thousand people at what is known as Fox's Pulpit. His preachings hit a chord with the Seekers and Separatists of the area



Fox's Pulpit

and the new teachings spread rapidly. Fox moved on into south lakeland (then North Lancashire) where the message again was eagerly received. However, not all were pleased to see the "new religion" and there were those who took exception to Fox's preachings. In a number of places he and his followers would be persecuted in a variety of ways from verbal denunciation through to physical violence. Along with the successes of the Friends also came the persecutions which were to mar most of the remainder of the century.

Fox stayed in the north of England throughout 1653 and 1654 meeting with much success before evangelising in other parts of the country. It was not until 1657 that he returned briefly to the Dales. The return of the monarchy in 1660 did not stop the persecution, Fox himself was arrested and only released when the accuser did not put in an appearance. However, problems continued to dog him and the Society. A refusal

in 1664, at Lancaster, to take the Oath of Allegiance to the Crown led him to be imprisoned for the greater part of the next two years until released on the order of Charles II. He was not to visit the Dales for another nine years.

Whilst George Fox was the instigator of the Society of Friends, his work could not have succeeded in the way it did without the supporters of the religion, the travelling ministers often referred to as "the valiant sixty" - they in many respects were the Society's "shock troops". This band of itinerant preachers covered the length and breadth of the north and beyond, spreading the message and it was they who set up the first Friends' meeting houses.



Brigflatts Meeting House near Sedbergh dates from 1675

These early Friends were subject to a number of acts of Parliament after the restoration of the monarchy in 1660, until the 1689 Toleration Act which allowed all Dissenters, except Roman Catholics, the freedom to worship as appropriate. However, the Act did not immediately stop the persecutions and it was not until the early 1700's the Society of Friends began to flourish without major hindrance. This they did for another 150 years until the emergence of a new vibrant offshoot of the Church of England - the Wesleyan Methodists.

The first forty years were a difficult time for the Friends and the trials and tribulations can be followed in a variety of records. Friends held, amongst other views, that priests were an unnecessary interference between themselves and God and refused to pay tithes; as all men were equal, the doffing of hats was irrelevant; to swear an oath was against the teaching of Jesus and they felt driven to stand up against immoral and anti-religious behaviour when they saw it. Needless to say, this caused resentment in

the established Church, the judiciary and the business classes. No wonder the Society was persecuted with the array of enemies set against it.

Many of the early persecutions, which were extremely harsh, can be found in assize records, quarter session books, parish records and the Quakers own records. Registers were compiled from the early days which contains useful earlier information. From 1675, details of cases of persecution were compiled and a recent publication "Sufferings of Early Quakers; Yorkshire 1652-1690" - a facsimile of part of the 1753 edition of Joseph Besse gives some interesting insights into the problems (and worse) encountered.

In reading through the printed records of those years it cannot but be felt that the persecution of the Friends was an excuse for the informants and those in power, who should have known better, to exact revenge for slights real and imagined. Needless to say, the Metcalfe's were involved on both sides!

On Sunday 31st August 1662 at a meeting of Friends at James Wetherilt's house, James Metcalfe the JP of Nappa Hall, arrested and imprisoned nineteen people at York Castle and sent four people to the House of Correction. James's persecution of the Friends continued over the following years. In 1670 and 1671 he signed orders against some of his own clan including John Metcalf for meeting at the home of Elizabeth Cherry in Swaledale. Others fined in the same years were Francis Metcalf and his daughter for meeting at the house of Thomas Fawcett at Hawes. Francis Metcalf was regularly fined in this period as he was apprehended at meetings at Anne Coward's house in Bainbridge (twice) and at Bainbridge Pastures (twice). An Anne Metcalf was also at the two meeting places at different times in the same period and was fined. The fines in themselves were not high, often only a pound or two amongst the congregation, but the distraint for non-payment of the fine was often out of all proportion to the amount owed. Francis Metcalf, who owed less than £1 had a cow worth 40 shillings (£2) taken.

Informants made a livelihood out of reporting Friends. In 1677 William Thornaby and John Allison, both of Richmond and known informers, went searching for Quakers. Finding three people visiting a widow's sick daughter, they reported them, and two others who happened to arrive whilst they were there, to James Metcalfe the JP. He fined them all and issued a warrant of distress against their property. An appeal to the Sessions Court reversed the decision.

By 1756 attitudes had changed. Thomas Metcalfe, the then incumbent of Nappa, was a friend of Alexander Fothergill, a Quaker. However, the Friends were still being pursued for non-payment of tithes. In 1766, forty-seven people had stirks, stockings, cheese, hams, shoes and other personal property taken. John Metcalfe of Marssett was

excommunicated in churches and chapels for manifest contempt (1770's). However, persecution was not always from outside the Society as an early Metcalf Quaker, Augustine, had his wife buried at a church and ran off with a woman and was married by a priest, much to the annoyance of his meeting house!

The records relating to the Society of Friends are a rich area for possible research. There are a number of useful books on the subject by Donald A. Rooksby (Vol. I - The Man in Leather Breeches; Vol II - A People to Be Gathered; Vol III - And Sometime Upon the Hills), Joseph Besse (Sufferings of Early Quakers); The Society of Genealogists (My Ancestors were Quakers) and John Breay MA (The Quaker Registers of Ravenstonedale, Grisedale and Garsdale 1650-1837) amongst others. Also the records of the Friends at Euston Road, London contain a great deal of information, including the Digest Registers of Births, Marriages and Burials 1650-1837 (plus a second register from 1837). Record offices (Northallerton) and libraries (Newcastle central) as well as the PRO are useful sources. The dreaded internet has provided a wide range of information covering both the Society and its records in the UK, USA and worldwide (www.mindspring.com/~strecor Soc/quaker.html).

Thanks to George Buxton M03 and Jean Metcalfe M316 for information used in this article. Information gathered in the research of this article will be lodged with the Metcalfe Society's archivist.



Examples of the records held at the PRO

Ref. RG6/737

On the Second day of the Fifth month called May one thousand Eight hundred and Sixteen was born at Northallerton in the parish of Northallerton in the county of York unto William Metcalfe; Joiner and Ann His wife a daughter who was called Ann.

We, who were present at the said birth, have subscribed our names as witness thereof Richard Dighton Surgeon; Mary Humble

A True copy Peter Buck Register To the Thirsk Monthly Meeting

N B The parents are not members of the Society of Friends

On the Eleventh day of the Fifth month called May one thousand Eight hundred and Nineteen was born at Northallerton in the parish of Northallerton in the county of York unto William Metcalfe; Joiner and Ann His wife a daughter who was called Isabella

We, who were present at the said birth, have subscribed our names as witness thereof Christopher Dighton Surgeon; Cicily Richardson

A True copy Peter Buck Register To the Thirsk Monthly Meeting

N B The parents are not members of the Society of Friends

Secretary's Report



As the new millennium marches on very quickly, so has my family and I - albeit by only 5 miles! Please note that my new address is as follows : 29 Farriers Close, Bramley, Hampshire, RG26 5AX Tel +44 - (0)1256 - 883633 Even if you write to me at my old address I will receive your correspondence. Hence, the spare time available to me to focus on The Metcalfe Society has been limited recently. The good news is that by the time you read this I should be working in my new, larger home study which has a built-in computer network. I am sure I will be able to fill this extra room space without problem (!!!). The improved technology support will hopefully mean the ability to tackle

society work with a greater ease. As it tends to happen during the summer months, the general correspondence does tend to go down somewhat, thankfully for me this year.

Besides the everyday correspondence, the focus for me has been on putting together the content for the forthcoming Muster to be held at York, with the logistics being handled so ably by Lesley Longworth, the new Conference Secretary. So please do checkout the enclosed leaflet - see what you are missing if you are not planning to attend and we hope that you can be tempted. It really will be a super day and the forerunner to our 21st anniversary next year. Finally, please do endeavour to visit the excellent North West Family History Fair at Preston, the Saturday after the Muster on 28th October.. The Metcalfe Society will be there once again - do come and say hello. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at either York or Preston.

Diane Howarth, M409

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!



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A brief summary of a five hour meeting!

Chairman: David Lambert chaired the meeting. The procedure of submitting written reports in advance of the meeting is proving beneficial.

Secretary: Diane represented the Society at the Federation meeting in January in Birmingham. She has been busy dealing with many queries by post and email in between plans to move house.

Treasurer: As the Earby branch of Barclays is due to close the Society is going to take the opportunity of investigating other banking arrangements for its account. Owing to personal circumstances David Galloway does not wish to continue as Assistant Treasurer after October so a vacancy will arise for a new volunteer in this post, preferably someone with some background in accountancy.

Archivist: Nina is now receiving more queries by email than via the post. Alan Vickers has volunteered to take over the work on list management. Owing to personal circumstances Nina will be retiring from the Committee and her work as Archivist in October 2001. It was recognised that more than one volunteer would need to be sought to undertake the work involved.

New Members' Secretary: The membership number has now reached 1128.

Master membership status: The active membership is 406.

Overseas agents: All four agents are now on email so it is much easier for Committee members to liaise directly with each of them on a regular, quick and economic basis.

Covenant Secretary: It was pleasing to report that 73 members have made covenants.

Editor: The August edition of the 'Mecca News' will have forty pages. Peter has introduced the use of Pagemaker 6.5. The magazine can now be transferred soft copy by E-mail to the printers. The relevant policy review sub-committee will be looking into the feasibility of an A4 format. The 'Mecca News' has again been entered for the Elizabeth Simpson Award.

Computer Index: David reported that the Index currently stands at 79,029 entries. The vast majority of the 1881 census returns are now entered onto the main database. Charles is willing to go through the Index and send each member an updated copy of information on his/her main line. He will start with member 1. This will be seen as a special millennium offer. He estimates it will take about six months. Each member will then be asked to send in an updated Birth Brief.

Publications: Diane is updating various Society forms.

Sales / Library: Carol had had feedback from some of those who use the library and this was very positive.

Despatch: The Committee thank Doug and June Cutting for the very capable beginning they have made in this role.

North West Group of FHS: Peter reported that the conference with the PRO had been very successful.

North East Group of FHS: Nina had attended the AGM and had stood down as chairman. She is willing to continue to attend the Group meetings on behalf of the Society.

Exhibitions / Fairs: David Metcalfe and Margaret Hodgson will represent the Society at the Northern Fair on 24th June.

Internet: It was agreed that a members only area, protected by the use of individual member passwords, would be set up on the web site. The list of members with passwords would be vetted each year to ensure it was kept up to date and accurate to the paid membership list. It was reiterated that it was Society policy that in no circumstances would any of the Society's actual records be placed on the Internet. The members only area would consist of useful indexes to records available.

Book report: There was some discussion of the feasibility of producing a second edition of "Metcalfe: History of the Clan". It was too early to make any final decision.

Wills: Stephen reported on progress made. He has kept the benefactor well informed.

GRO collection: Patrick hopes to reach the finish date of 1983 for these records by the October Muster, thus only leaving the work on variation names to be completed the following year, together with the checking process. 123,000 names have been logged so far.

Muster: The Committee look forward to the launch of the Muster 2000 at its new location at Askham Bryan College, York. Lesley Longworth has volunteered to act as Conference Secretary.

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, 23rd September, 2000 at Askham Bryan College.

Report so far on the Wills 2000 Project.

(June 1, 2000)

The wills project is moving along at a good pace. The Leeds Archive are turning round copies fairly quickly and we have accumulated many more documents.

So far to date we have processed 90 wills completely and have a total of 253 documents accumulated, which are mainly wills. There are quite a few documents that have been extracted but as yet not keyed onto disc. Many thanks to those members who have helped to move this project on.

S.G.Newman M824

FREEMEN OF THE CITY OF YORK

Metcalfe	Benjamin of Knightsbridge, London, Cork Cutter son of James MTE, mariner, deceased, free 1820.
Metcalfe	Chambers, stonemason, app to Christopher Dalton, stonemason, free 1794.
Metcalfe	Christopher of Queen Street, Tanner Row, Whitesmith, app to William Thomlinson Walker, ironfounder, free 5 September 1887.
Metcalfe	Conyers, merchant taylor, app to Valentine Stephenson, merchant taylor, free 1740/41.
Metcalfe	Douglas, of Silver Street, brushmaker, son of Douglas MTE, brushmaker, deceased, free 14 July 1869.
Metcalfe	Douglas, brushmaker app to Richard Wellfoot of Acomb, brushmaker free 4 July 1839.
Metcalfe	Edmund, of Lowther Street, confectioner, son of Douglas MTE, brushmaker, free 11 March 1866.
Metcalfe	George son of Thomas MTE, Butcher 1713/14.
Metcalfe	George, ivory combmaker, son of Thomas MTE, butcher free 1754.
Metcalfe	George, linen draper, per ord, free 1788.
Metcalfe	George, tinner & brazier, son of Thomas MTE, cork cutter, free 1824.
Metcalfe	George Smith, glover, son of George MTE, glover, deceased, free 1812.
Metcalfe	German, son of Thomas MTE, butcher, free 1706/7.
Metcalfe	Gilbert, merchant, free 1687.
Metcalfe	Gilbert, weaver, app to Richard Snow, weaver, free 1740.
Metcalfe	James, app to Thomas Marfitt, mariner, free 1774.
Metcalfe	James, combmaker, app to Isaac Mortimer, combmaker, free 1826.
Metcalfe	James of Skeldergate, waterman, son of James MTE, mariner, deceased, free 1803.
Metcalfe	James, printer, app to John Pollard. printer, deceased and after with his widow, free 1820.
Metcalfe	James, combmaker, app to Isaac Morton, combmaker, free 1826.
Metcalfe	James of Lowther Street, groom son of Douglas MTE, brushmaker, free 11 March 1886.
Metcalfe	Jasper, of Newman Street, Oxford Street, London, cabinet maker son of George MTE, linen draper, deceased free 1820.
Metcalfe	John, aldraper, per ord, free 1789.
Metcalfe	John, cabinetmaker, son of George MTE, haberdasher, free 1810.
Metcalfe	John, plumber & glazier, per ord, free 1832.
Metcalfe	John of 19 Charles Street, Margaret Street, wood carver & turner, app to Charles Helstrip, turner & carver, free 1 June 1874.
Metcalfe	Major of Hallifield Road, joiner son of James MTE, painter, deceased, free 21 July 1859.
Metcalfe	Richard app to Richard Jackson, merchant Taylor, free 1758.

Metcalfe	Richard carpenter & joiner, son of Thomas MTE, butcher, free 1734/5.
Metcalfe	Robert, apothecary, son of Thomas MTE, haberdasher, free 1739.
Metcalfe	Thomas, butcher, free 1680/1.
Metcalfe	Thomas, haberdasher, free 1701/2.
Metcalfe	Thomas son of Thomas MTE, butcher, free 1706/7.
Metcalfe	Thomas, cordwainer, son of George MTE, ivory combmaker, free 1778.
Metcalfe	Thomas of Leeds, cork cutter, son of James MTE, mariner, deceased, free 1801.

Supplied by Patrick Malham M444.

Charles Halliday Metcalfe

In 1965 Charles Metcalfe was awarded "The Life Saving Medal in Silver" for his actions in the mining accident at Byermoor Colliery, County Durham. The medal given by the Order of St John was first introduced over a hundred years ago for gallantry carried out in mines and collieries.

Charles was Superintendent of the Division at Burnopfield, County Durham when the incident occurred. Three men lay trapped at the bottom of a mine shaft after the engine-winding house had collapsed. The men were buried under a fall of soil and rocks but the rescue team was quickly on the scene and two of the trapped men were dug out rapidly. However the third man, a friend of Charles, was difficult to extract and further falls made the situation even more difficult.

With his friend in some pain and in an effort to provide some relief Charles went into the unstable environment and managed to administer an injection. However just as he was about to return he was buried in another fall and had to be dragged out by his feet. Shortly afterwards through the combined efforts of the rescue team the third man was released.

As a result of his heroic act in the accident Charles was given the life saving medal, the first in County Durham to be presented in the over one hundred years history of the award.

*Supplied by his son Walter H Metcalfe M655.
For more details see A Good Uniform - The St John Story by Joan Clifford (pages 113-116).*



Chairman's Report

For once I have been efficient and remembered to pay for my attendance at the forthcoming Mecca Muster in York. Have you applied to come yet? I do hope so since this year's Muster promises to be a little different and we hope even more enjoyable than those of the past.

The decision was taken at the end of last year to move the Muster to a new venue, at Askham Bryan, just outside York. We had heard that there could be difficulties in continuing to hold our Muster at Ripon, due to proposed redevelopment and other changes there. Consequently the Committee decided to locate the Millennium Muster away from Ripon and for the reasons given elsewhere York was chosen.

The opportunity was also taken to adopt a different format on the Day. The programme details appear elsewhere in this edition and they were included as well as in the April edition. We hope to reduce the length of the Annual General Meeting, thereby allowing us more time for other activities. I attended the Conference organised by the Federation of Family History Societies at Askham Bryan a couple of years ago and can confirm that the Lecture Hall and facilities, including the food, were first class. If you have not been to a Muster before or for a few years do try to come this year, it will be well worth it. There will be a lot to do and see and I hope a large number of "cousins" to speak to.

LIBRARY - The Society is grateful to receive from Julian Metcalfe five books published by the Ripon Historical Society and the Ripon and District Family History Group.

They are the Hearth Tax Lists :-

1672 for Claro Wapentake, West Riding of Yorkshire.

1673 for North Riding of Yorkshire :-

Part One - Gilling West and Hang West Wapentakes.

Part Two - Allerton, Gilling East, Halikeld and Hang East Wapentakes.

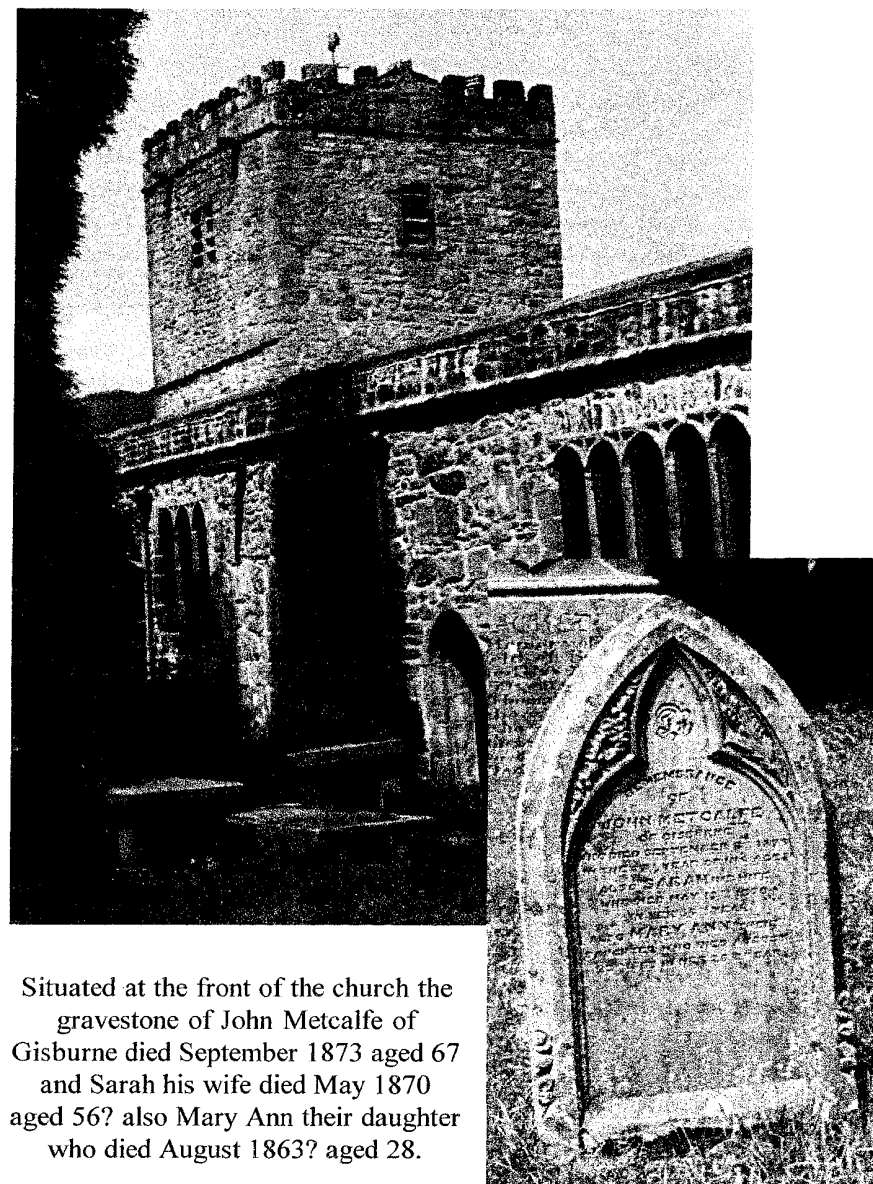
Part Three - Birdforth and Bulmer Wapentakes.

Part Four - Ryedale, Pickering Lith & Scarborough Wapentakes.

Part Five - Langbarugh West, Langbarugh East and Whitby Strand Wapentakes.

Don't all rush at once!

Hubberholme Church Wharfedale



Situated at the front of the church the gravestone of John Metcalfe of Gisburne died September 1873 aged 67 and Sarah his wife died May 1870 aged 56? also Mary Ann their daughter who died August 1863? aged 28.

NEWS from the ARCHIVES

Nina E Benson (M28)

28th June 2000

I hope you are all making the most of our variable "summer" with excursions to the birth places of your ancestors. Well, I had hopes that this issue would be full of the news of my replacement but it was not to be. There is some good news - Alan Vickers has kindly further reduced the workload by taking over responsibility for the List system, thank you Alan - see elsewhere for details - but many sincere thanks for all the Lists and miscellaneous Metcalfe material which have arrived over the years, nearly 2500 to date. Well Done !

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ENJOY THE HUNT!

RESIDENT IN UK AND BE ABLE TO ATTEND COMMITTEE MEETINGS;
HAVE THE ABILITY TO PREPARE BIRTH BRIEFS FOR EACH MECCA NEWS;
FOR THE SAKE OF CONTINUITY - THE YOUNGER THE BETTER !

The Society would supply all the necessary equipment and support.

Please consider whether you can help our thriving Society by taking over this fascinating and essential work. I can truthfully say that if it wasn't for increasing age and slight health worries you wouldn't be getting this chance of a lifetime !!!

Please contact either Diane Howarth or myself if you are at all interested.

David Metcalfe (M46) Margaret Hodgson (M515) Peter Dobson (M69) and myself represented our Society at the Northern Family History Fair at the Racecourse, York on Saturday 24th June when it was wonderful to meet so many of you and to recruit 8 new members. The next big fair when our stand will be present is at the NW Fair at Preston on Saturday 28 October do call in and say hello.

Please could you all, when sending in any correspondence/query remember that first and foremost we need your MEMBERSHIP NUMBER. On emails it would be ideal if you could put it into the "Subject" section.

Metcalfe Book - to reprint or not to reprint?

To all members who joined in the last century, you will be aware of the highly successful millennium project - 'Metcalfe - History of the Clan' book where we sold 750 copies of this highly-acclaimed limited edition. Since October 1999 we have received almost 100 enquiries, (mainly via the internet), from non-members who have registered their interest in purchasing the book, if we decide to reprint. We also have many new members who have joined the society since that time who therefore missed the opportunity.

As you will see by the annual accounts, the society is now in the financial position whereby we could consider doing a reprint of between 500 and 1,000 books. The committee will be reviewing the feasibility of doing a reprint at the September committee meeting with a view to present a full proposal to the AGM in October.

If you are not planning to attend the AGM and would like to express your views on this idea, please send any comments to the secretary prior to the AGM. Full details of the proposal will be outlined in the December Mecca News. A decision as to whether or not to proceed with a reprint will not be made until Spring 2001 at the earliest, based on the details of the proposal presented to, and voted at the AGM, which once again must be based on receiving advanced orders.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Saturday 9 September 2000. North Wales Family History Fair at The Conference Centre, Llandudno from 10am - 4.30pm. Further details from Bryn Ellis, 1 Old Hall Cottages, Halkyn, Holywell, Flintshire CH8 8BT. ☎ 01352 780386.

The Institute of Heraldic & Genealogical Studies Courses. **9 September** - Day School - Palaeography. **14 October** - Day School - The Parish Chest. **17 - 19 November** - Residential Course - The History of Your House. Details from the Registrar at the Institute, Northgate, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1BA.

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.**

WHAT'S IN A NAME

My late father was Thomas Wintersgill Metcalfe. I knew he was named after his grandmother, Isabella Wintersgill but often wondered about the origins of the name, after all my father was a dour Yorkshireman and had called me Lillah and my brother Ralph. Both of those names are of course crosses on the Yorkshire Moors.

As I was glancing through "The Crosses Walk" by Malcolm Boyes - a book I have read a few times - there it was on one of the pages a sketch of moorland between Leaholm / Egton Bridge/ Rosedale Abbey (6 miles SW of Whitby - Ed) a triangular strip of land - 'Wintersgill Plantation'.

I rang Malcolm up to see if it was a farm, village or just moorland. He kindly told me a bit about it and suggested a phone call to Helmsley where I might be able to find out why the land had been called Wintersgill Plantation. Failing that I could probably find something about it at York reference library.

The information received said that the plantation is off the old Whitby road in Glaisdale and not fit for cars. There are several farms around the perimeter and a few miners cottages which have been renovated. It is a deep valley with Glaisdale Beck running through. It is very overgrown with many bogs - certainly unwise to try and make any short cuts across it. It was thought iron ore could have been mined there.

Enquires at York Reference Library found nothing on the origins of the name. I did however find "Classic Walks on the North Yorkshire Moors" by Martin Collins which describes over 31 walks of the moors including one around Wintersgill. Incidentally I did find out about the crosses on the moors. The Lilla Cross is a monument and of some significance. The others appear to be land marks to show the weary travellers their way across the terrain - long before there were any roads or signposts.

"Lilla" was a famous officer of the court who gave his life saving King Edwin of Northumbria in AD626. The king was so grateful that the "Lilla" cross was erected in memory of his devotion to the king. It is believed to be the oldest Christian memorial in the North of England and was originally erected on the moors between Pickering and Robin Hoods Bay.

Funny but I don't feel any different having a male name- perhaps putting "h" at the end makes it female? If anyone can enlighten me further on these subjects I would be very pleased to hear from them.

Mrs Lillah M. Chapman M218

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Focus on improving support for existing members

Since the launch of the society website on the Internet almost two years ago, we have already confirmed to you that it has been a success by increasing the membership to past 500 and keeping it above that level. Given the volunteers we have in place today, we are able to sustain the support to this membership level. However, we are keen to ensure that we do not become a victim of our own success. Hence, we do not plan any further promotional activities other than those that are already in place.

The committee were unanimous at the Spring 2000 committee meeting that the focus should turn towards enhancing the support that we give to existing members - both new and long-standing. We want to ensure that your interest in remaining a society member does not diminish. To this end, we are pleased to announce that over the next few months, every single member will receive a package of information from the society which outlines ALL the information that the society currently holds in the various databases and records about their own Metcalfe line.

For relatively new members, it is expected that there will be very little new information as they will have received the information recently. However, for those members who joined at least 2-3 years ago, and have not requested any data from the society, they may find we are able to provide some new data which has been added to the society's databases over this timeframe. So once again, by just being a member, you will automatically receive all the data we currently hold, without having to do any work yourself - would you not agree that is value for money for your subscription. The project is being coordinated by our President, Charles S. Metcalfe (M305) and will commence with M1 and proceed through the membership right up to the most newly-joined member. We aim to announce other initiatives in the future to enhance membership benefits. If you have any ideas yourself, please send them to our secretary, Diane Howarth.

Suggestions for the Muster

From CS Metcalfe M305

In view of all the requests for interest grabbing events for our next meeting and the weak response, I believe we should re-instate the ancient Yorkshire sport of Nurdling - if we can find a suitable venue.

This traditional pastime, steeped in ancient folk-lore was last known to have been enacted at the very first Mecca Muster in Long Copse Lane, Earby which runs alongside the house of our current Treasurer. As we know from old records now held on computer, originally the old time Metcalf (note no E) nurdler turned up to the Muster complete with his dratting pole. This dratting pole was richly decorated with alarming colours and designs to help drive off the pixies and the village maidens.

Later in history large teams of nurdlers became more popular and were called together with the aid of a ceremonial bell by the Urpin Caller who blessed and started them. Those of unsteady gait or extreme old age were directed by the Lurcher, an official elected for his strong right arm and long dratting pole.

Perhaps we could begin at the next Muster by taking nominations for these important posts ?

WILLARD LEROY METCALF 1858-1925

Willard Leroy Metcalf, known to all his friends as "Metty" (he refused to answer to Willard), is recognised as the "poet laureate of the New England hills" for his quiet Impressionist landscapes of the farms and villages of that region. A founding member of The Ten, Metcalf brought an Impressionist's understanding of colour and light to the seasonal cycles and shifts of weather that characterise New England. At the same time, his observations of nature were built upon particularity; what some have called his "Yankee reticence" was in fact a naturalist's love of specifics combined with a deep understanding of the underlying pattern of the whole.

For the first twenty years of his career Metcalf had been in turn a Hudson River School painter, a prolific illustrator, and a Barbizon landscapist. His early artistic gifts were noted and embraced by his parents; at age sixteen he was apprenticed to the painter George Loring Brown and two years later was admitted to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts School, where he studied under William Rimmer. In 1881, in order to earn passage to France, Metcalf worked as an illustrator of magazine articles on the Zuni Native Americans. His fascination with Zuni cosmology and ritual led him to post-

pone study abroad for another year to join the pioneer anthropologist, Frank Hamilton Cushing, on a Smithsonian expedition.

In the autumn of 1883, Metcalf enrolled in the Academie Julian in Paris, where he was joined by other young Americans, among them Frank Weston Benson, Edward Simmons and Arthur Hoeber. For the next five years, Metcalf remained in France, not only acquiring professional polish at the academy but, far more importantly, joining his artist companions on extended explorations of the countryside. There were trips to Pont-Aven in Brittany, where he met the American painter Alexander Harrison and the French artist Jules Bastien-Lepage, and to Grez-sur-Loing, centre of the international community of Barbizon painters. But perhaps the most formative experiences in Metcalf's artistic development were his visits to Giverny, home of the most famous Impressionist, Claude Monet.

Metcalf possibly visited Giverny in 1886, where he sought out Monet and was invited to lunch. He hiked and sketched in the countryside around Giverny in the company of Monet's step-daughters, discovering a wealth of subjects - the river and the red-roofed houses, the grain stacks and the gardens that Monet was transforming into brilliant chromatic essays. Theodore Robinson also spent considerable time in Giverny and together, Metcalf's and Robinson's discoveries attracted other Americans, to the point that Giverny soon became a veritable colony of American Impressionists.

At the same time, Metcalf moved cautiously toward the more radical aspects of Monet's style: the high keyed colour, the division of light into its component hues, and the broken brushwork that became the movement's signature traits. However, it is evident in "Spring Landscape, Giverny" Metcalf also continued to work through his near simultaneous discoveries of the merits of the Barbizon painters and James Abbott McNeill Whistler, whose works he had encountered in Paris.

Although painted in Giverny, the emphasis of "Spring Landscape, Giverny" is on closely-related harmonies of russets, greens and greys. Though the landscape extends to buildings and hills in the far distance, its composition reads more as a series of shallow planes; its larger forms are broadly painted, its details mere swift flicks of contrasting hue. There is nothing here yet to suggest Metcalf's later style save that the scene is flooded with the peaceful warmth of a summer day that could only have observed en plein air.

Bruce W Chambers

The above was provided by Vera Adams M002 from the Internet(www.askjeeves.com) The information came with the picture described above and also gave web pages where other paintings were displayed. Many were in bright fresh colours but unfortunately they could not be copied to give even a small idea of their vibrancy, All I can suggest is go and look for yourselves! - Editor.



William Metcalfe
born 13 November 1839
died 13 December 1895



Mary Oliver
Born 14 March 1848
married William Metcalfe
1 June 1867 at
Barnard Castle

Supplied by Mrs Miriam
Hopper M131

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 fill in the enclosed application form and return by 31 August!

From 1859.....

Scientific writers had calculated that the number of people that had been born since the beginning of time was 36,627,843,275,075,845! After considering the amount of land available they estimated that each square rood of land contained 1,283 bodies. On that basis each grave space had been dug over 128 times to bury the dead. **From Family Tree Magazine November 1999.**

From 1664....

Askrigg. **John Metcalfe** was excommunicated from attending services, for not bringing his wife to be decently buried at the Parish Church.

RELATIONS CAN BE CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

from Gary Medcalf M278.

Last year while in Christchurch New Zealand I obtained the baptism dates for my G(x3)Grandfather William Medcalf's nine children from LDS records. The records showed that they were all baptised in Market Deeping in Lincolnshire. After searching the internet I e-mailed the LincolnshireArchives (lynda@lincsdoc.demon.co.uk) to confirm this information. I eventually received a reply from Lynda Hotchkiss (a genealogist at the archives) who confirmed the baptisms but added that there was also a tenth child born earlier (1813) in Swarby named Samuel Joslin Medcalf. (So large families seemed to be the order of the day back in the early 1800's - no television to distract). This was good news and another entry was made in my Family Treemaker programme.

Not long after this I was browsing through the Birth Brief Booklets for 1995 & 1997. Noting that a good number of the members came from Australia and New Zealand I decided to make a database of them (92 in total). When I came to M555 (Alison Hill) some familiar names appeared in her family details namely Samuel Joslin(g), William and Market Deeping. This was rather too much of a coincidence and using the address given in the 1995 booklet and the white pages on the internet I was able to find Alison's phone number in Christchurch. When I called she was obviously taken by surprise. We established that our kinship was that of 4th cousins with a common ancestor of G(x3) Grandfather William. We have now been in touch and hope to meet her soon when I am in Christchurch. A rewarding find!



Books

Memories of Upper Wharfedale by Thomas Hebden Metcalfe. Published by Wharfedale Family History Society 1999. Further further information contact Wyn Chalker on ☎ 01943 609287. wynchalker@cs.com.

Public Record Office publications. Pocket Guides to family history. **Getting Started in Family History. Using Army Records. Using Birth, Marriage & Death Records. Using Wills. Using Navy Records. Using Census Returns.** All at £3.99 each or £19.90 for the six. Also **Immigrants and Aliens: A Guide to Sources on UK immigration and citizenship** by Roger Kershaw & Mark Pearsall - £9.99 and **New to Kew?** by Jane Cox - £6.99. P&P £2 for orders under £24.95; above free. Available from Public Record Office, Kew Retail Park, Kew, Surrey. TW9 4DU.

All in a Lifetime: A story of a Dalesman as told to June Fisher by June Fisher. Price £8.50 plus UK £1.50 p&p. From Mrs A Bonney, Helm Press, 10 Abbey Gardens Natland Kendal Cumbria LA9 7SP.

One of our pleas has been answered

As many of you know, our dedicated and long-serving Archivist, Nina Benson is totally retiring from both the archivist role and the committee in October 2001. The role of the archivist is key and is the foundation of the research service that we offer to you, the members. Without this service, which certainly does amount to a free professional genealogical service, the Metcalfe Society would not be what it is today. Hence, if anyone is interested in researching the society records on behalf of other members we want to hear from you. The importance of this job cannot be stressed enough, and believe we will need at least one archivist to take over the role. So if you have the interest and a few spare hours please contact Nina directly.

Further to the recent pleas for volunteers to take over specific responsibilities in the archivist area, the society is delighted to announce and welcome M843, Alan Vickers, who has graciously volunteered his time and enthusiasm to join the Extended Team as the new List Coordinator. So what does this job entail, I hear you ask. What has Alan let himself in for.....?

If you have done any Metcalfe research or can provide the society with any Metcalfe information from any source, then please send the results of this research directly to Alan Vickers. He logs this information and forwards it to David Metcalfe for inclusion into our vast society records and databases. So any information to be provided to the society should go to Alan Vickers from now onwards. As a result, this information is then available to the Archivist. If you have any queries or requests for Metcalfe information from the society, please continue to direct ALL research enquiries to Nina Benson.

Contact details for Alan can be found on the inside front cover of this edition of the Mecca News, alongside those of all other society contacts.

.....but we have a plea for three further volunteers

The committee would like to thank David Galloway (M8), Warwick Metcalfe (M256) and John Metcalfe (M567) for their valued contributions to the society as a whole, and especially to the committee over the past few years. They have decided that it is time for them to step down from the committee at the forthcoming Muster in October but will continue to provide their support via the back-benches, so to speak. Hence, we now have three committee vacancies to be filled at the forthcoming AGM at the Muster in October :

* Assistant Treasurer to act as backup to the current Treasurer with the intention of gradually taking over the role in the next year or two as Margaret has also outlined

her intention to retire. The role of Assistant Treasurer includes the role of Covenant Secretary - handling all members subscriptions who request to be covenanted. The workload usually peaks at subscription renewal and is intermittent throughout the rest of the year as new covenants tend to come from new members only. Once a member has raised a covenant there is no renewal requirement at any time. Hence the workload is low. Anyone who has an interest in volunteering for this role, and especially if you have a financial and/or accounting background, would be welcomed with delight.

* Two general committee members with enthusiasm and an interest to contribute to ideas and work on projects of interest is also required. Warwick had previously led the 'Metcalf-History of the Clan' project but also contributed his ideas and enthusiasm on many projects.

All three members would need to be prepared to attend the March and September committee meetings held in Earby, near Skipton each year. Travel expenses can be reimbursed if required by arrangement. If anyone is interested in either of these roles, please contact the secretary, Diane Howarth, who will also be happy to discuss the roles in further detail. Dip your toe in the water and join the committee for a year to see what it is like - no obligation. You will be most welcome.

WORKING ON THE RAILWAYS

Migration from Garsdale

(The article was provided by Eleanor Metcalfe (M351) in January 1998 for inclusion in the Metcalfe Family History Book but unfortunately missed the deadline.)

The development of the railways spread rapidly and piecemeal throughout Britain providing new employment opportunities, especially in agricultural areas where many families existed at bare subsistence levels with employment erratic. This would certainly have been true of young George Metcalfe. Poor and illiterate, the middle child of a family of seven children, the coming of the railways after 1841, to the west of his home in Garsdale, must have beckoned with possibilities. In 1851, on his marriage we find him a railway labourer living at Lambrigg near Kendal but later that same year he obtained a more secure position with the then Lancaster & Carlisle Railway (the Lancaster & Carlisle Railway was worked by the London & North West Railway from 1859, later becoming part of that company) at Penrith as a porter. A commencing salary of 18/- (90p) per week was raised to 20/- on 15 September 1860. George was later found working as a railway guard, a promotion from porter and living in Cockermouth, where he died in 1875, aged 48 years.

Many companies either established company schools or made donations or subscriptions to other schools attended by children of their employees. It seems fairly safe to assume that George availed himself of this investment in education for the 'company children' as in the 1871 Census for Penrith, George's two youngest children were scholars, whilst the eldest James aged 15, was already employed as a railway clerk. The youngest John Ewan Metcalfe was found as a railway clerk aged 18, in the 1881 census in Cockermouth.

James the eldest, worked his way up the ladder and by the time he married in 1878 at the age of 23 he was station master at Morecambe. In 1881 he moved to Ulverston (then in the Furness district of Lancashire, now Cumbria) where he entered the employ of the Furness Railway as a clerk at 27/6d (£1.38p) per week. This was not necessarily a downgrading as might at first be supposed as there were many different grades and divisions of clerks, some being on a par with the station master or in charge themselves at some of the minor stations in the early decades of the railway.

In 1890 James lost his wife and was left a widower with two young sons aged 5 and 3 years to support. Although later that year James received a wage rise to 30/- by the following year he was definitely on a downward path as in July 1891 his pay was reduced to 27/6d for drunkenness, finally being discharged from the service on 7 November 1891 for the same reason. The railway companies were very strict about such offences and discipline of the workforce in general was very strong. His sons were brought up by his wife's brother in Morecambe and although James married again in 1897 he was a known whiskey drinker and died of drink related diseases in 1903 aged 48 years.

Sources: Census material; Known family history.

Was your Grandfather a Railwayman? - Tom Richards.

Staff Records of the Furness Railway at the PRO (piece refs RAIL 214/100,101 & 102.

London & North West Railway files at the PRO (Rail 410/1862)

Victorian Railwaymen. The emergence and Growth of Railway Labour 1830 - 1870 - PW Kingsford.

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE

Open Evening on Wednesday 15 November which will allow staff to keep users of the Family Research Centre up to date with the latest developments.

FRC Newsletter online at www.pro.gov.uk/about/frc/newsletters/default.

Office for National Statistics is to open a new web site from June at www.statistics.gov.uk.

At the Preston Family History Fair on 28 October the PRO will give talk on the 1901 Census. More details on the 1901 project can be obtained from www.pro.gov.uk/ or contact Margaret Brennard ☎ 0208 392 5304.

NEW NAMES/ADDRESSES

M409 Mrs Diane Howarth from Mortimer to :- 29 Farriers Close, Bramley, Hampshire, RG26 5AX.

M655 Mr Walter H. Metcalf from Tanglewood to :- 29 Grand Court, King Edwards Parade, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 4BX.

M953 Mrs Janice Medcalf Butz :- Rt20, Box 372A. Willow Road, Hendersonville, North Carolina 28739, USA.

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

M990 Mr John Metcalfe, 161 London Rd, Newmarket, Ontario, Canada L3Y 7A7. email <John.Metcalfe@ec.gc.ca> 1/4 Ronald Francis & Dolina Cameron (Harlow) Mte m 30 Jun 1945 London, Can. Ronald F. b 30 Nov 1923 London, Can. 1/6 Francis Thomas & Gertrude (Kilvington) Mte m 9 Jul 1919 Yks. Eng. Francis T. b 15 Dec 1892 Leyburn Yks. 1/6 Walter & Catherine (Finn) Mte m 1891 ? in Wensleydale. Walter b 19 Jun 1867 Leyburn 6/8 Joseph & Elizabeth (Skelton) Mte m 23 Dec 1856 Leyburn. Joseph b c1830 Leyburn 8/8 James & Ann (Leyburn) Mte m 23 Jul 1810. James b c1787 Wensley s/o William & Mary (Blades) Mte m 31 Dec 1786. William b 1760.

M1082 Mrs Lesley Melling, see MN60 p32. Should show that she is connected to M958 & M1129.

M1088 K Robinson, 12 Priory Fields, Horsley, nr Stroud, Glos. First wife of James should read Annie Dudman. James was born 23.9.1879, 3rd of 10. Ann Frear should read Agnes Frear.

M1103 Mr & Mrs DJ Metcalfe, 9 Wren Drive, Peacock Green, Morley, Leeds, West Yorkshire. See Mecca News 60 p36. There is a generation gap! After the mge of William & Louisa (Petch) Mte on 7 Mar 1896, All Souls, Leeds should come... William brn 20 Feb 1871 Leeds 1/2 William & Hannah (Dawson) Mte, mge sought. William b c1849 Leeds 4/5 William & Mary (Harker) Mte....as entered.

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

M084 Mr Derek Metcalfe, 56 Brentwood Road, Nelson, Lancs BB9 8AY b28/8/1937 Nelson so Arthur & Norah (Watson) MTE m1935 Nelson, Arthur b 3/3/1914 Barrowford 2nd son of Owen Dinsdale & Alice Ann (Farum) MTE. Owen Dinsdale 9/2/1879 Kirkby Malham 1st so Thomas & Mary (Dinsdale) MTE. Thomas b1857 Bainbridge so John & Mary (Hutchinson, 2nd wife) MTE m1844 Stalling Busk. John b1815 Stalling Busk so John & Agnes (Mte) MTE m1812 Stalling Busk. John b1786 d1857 so John & Elizabeth (Prest) MTE m1785 Stalling Busk. John bc1763 so John & Barbara* (Mte) MTE. John so William MTE of Marsett. *Barbara b1729 do Anthony & Alice (Mte) MTE. Anthony bc1679 so Cuthbert. Cuthbert bc1662 so Anthony & Elizabeth (Winn) MTE. Anthony bc1640 so Margaret MTE. Margaret do Anthony (of Hardrow) & Anne (Hudson) MTE.

M953 Mrs Janice Medcalf Butz :- Rt20, Box 372-A. Willow Road, Hendersonville, North Carolina 28739, USA. Born Sea Isle City, New Jersey d/o James Beard Medcalf b 11 Oct 1913 Dale, Indiana s/o William Sankey & Cora (Lane) MD m 14 Mar 1897 Cottonwood, Tennessee. William S. b 19 Mar 1877 Dale s/o James Andrew & Elizabeth (Beardsley) MD m 24 Dec 1871 Warrick Co. Indiana. James A. b 25 Jan 1851 Daviess Co. Kentucky s/o Andrew & Mary Melvina (Scifres) MD m 27 Jan 1848. Andrew b 23 Oct 1819 Kentucky [was NOT son of Amos] 1/10 of William & Elizabeth H. (Brown) MD m 21 Jan 1819. William b 5 Jan 1776 Maryland, parents unknown, as he was 43 on his mge to Elizabeth, was he a widower?

M974 Mrs Marilyn Palmer, 1198 Newell St, Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, N7V 3H8. email <mpalmer@ebtech.net> Great great grand-dau of John & Adassa Frances (Benton) Mt m 12 Apl 1832 Huttons Ambo, Yks. Eng. John b 28 Dec 1808 bpt 29 Jan 1809 Kirby Misperton, Yks. 4/11 John & Jane (Coultas) Mte m 27 July 1801 Kirby Misperton. John b 31 July 1777 bpt 3 Aug 1777 Farlington, Yks. 6/10 Percival & Anne (Swales) Mte m 29 Dec 1761 Farlington. Percival bpt 30 Apl 1735 Middlesmoor Yks s/o John & Mary (?) Mte. John bpt 14 Sep 1705 Middlesmoor 1/2 John & Isabel (Atkinson) Mte m 6 Aug 1704 Middlesmoor. Connects to M8; M64; M312; XM661; XM690; XM803 and M1142.

RE-JOINED MEMBERS -

M0037 Ms E. Margaret Metcalfe, "Foxhaven", 19 Rochefort Drive, Rochford, Essex, SS4 1HT. email <margaretm@connectfree.co.uk> Dau of Ada Mary Metcalfe b 3 Dec 1911 Little Ouseburn, Yks. 4/4 Daniel & Hannah (Hauxwell) Mte. Daniel b 9 Feb 1872 Little Ouseburn 1/8 George & Ann (Daniel) Mte m 28 Oct 1871 Little Ouseburn. George b 18 May 1845 Kirk Hammerton, Yks. 4/5 Richard & Susannah (Parker) Mte m 22 Oct 1827 Bilton in Ainsty, Yks. Richard b c 1796-1801 Tockwith. ? bpt 15 June 1801

Bilton in Ainsty 12/12 John & Jane (Young) Mte m 17 Nov 1778 Acomb, Yks. John bpt 20 Sep 1755 Thornton by Pocklington, Yks s/o Matthew Mte of Welburn and Thornton. **Connects to XM354.**

M643 Mr G.Nigel Metcalfe, 16 Hiplands Rd, Halesowen, West Midlands, B62 0BH. Son of George Derek & Gladys (Marshall) Mte m 1942. George D.b 1913 East Twickenham, Middx. s/o George Herbert & Mabel Florence (Wates) Mte m 1908. George H. b 1884 Leytonstone, Essex s/o George & Anne (Clarke) Mte m 1855 Stoke Newington. George b 1823 Elton Co Durham s/o Francis & Elizabeth (Dilchett) Mte m 1804 Calcutta, India. Francis b c1780 Stockton, Co Durham s/o Thomas & Ann (Thompson) Mte m 1765 Stockton. Thomas bpt 1739 Stockton s/o William & Sarah (Wright) Mte m 1737 Stockton. William bpt 1714 Stockton s/o William & Alice (Smallpage) Mte m 1712 Stockton. William bpt 1691 Stockton s/o John & Elizabeth (Lightfoot) Mte 1687 Richmond, Yks. John bpt 1662 Richmond s/o William Mde of Richmond. **Connects to M562.**

M721 Mrs M. Williamson, 17 Arthur St, Withernsea, North Humberside, HU19 2AB. Details awaited.

M767 Mr Warwick D. Metcalfe, 80 Standen St. Karori, Wellington, New Zealand. s/o Cedric David Bassett Mte s/o Charles Septimus Mte b c1893 Australia Charles S. 7th child of John Lucas & Marianne (Bassett) Mte m c1880 London, Eng. John L. bpt 10 Oct 1842 Wakefield Yks. s/o Anthony & Sarah (?his 1st wf?Lucas) Mte. Anthony bpt 21 Jun 1813 Hawnby Yks. s/o John & Mary (?) Mte. John bpt 3 Nov 1772 Coxwold Yks s/o John & Isabella (Prince) Mte m 19 Apr 1767 Topcliffe Yks. John jr bpt 26 Jul 1741 Carlton Husthwaite 5th child of William & 2nd wf Jane (?) Mte. William bpt 2 Dec 1690 Carlton Husthwaite s/o Francis & Arabella (?) Mte. Francis s/o Francis & Ann (Hudson) Mte m 2 Dec 1651 Husthwaite. Francis bpt c1630 ? s/o Francis bur Coxwold 14 Dec 1647 ? s/o Francis bur Coxwold 28 Nov 1584. **Connects to XM174; M497 & XM588.**

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.

M957 Mrs Jacqueline Depelle, Hunter's Folly, 15 Bankhouse, Pudsey, Leeds, LS28 8EA. email <DepelleJG@aol.com> Great great grandniece of James & Ellen (Chapman) Mte m 22 Feb 1854 Giggleswick, Yks. James brn 20 Mar 1827 Weathercote, bpt 26 Aug 1827 Ingleton Fells, Yks. 5/6 John & Sarah (Richardson) Mte m 22 Apr 1813 Ingleton. John b 30 Jul 1780 Weathercote bpt 14 Sep 1780 Ingleton Fells 2/6 William & Elizabeth (Moore) Mte m 30 May 1778 Horton in Ribblesdale, Yks. William bpt 31 July 1748 Ingleton Fells 1/5 John & Agnes (Moore) Mte m 13 June 1747 Ingleton Fells. John b c1722 1/5 William & ? of Weathercote. William b c1680 s/o William. **Connects to**

XM58 & M1066.

M1096 Mrs Dawn Raimondo, 26 Bishopscourt Drive, Bishopscourt 7708, Cape Town, South Africa. Great great grand-dau of John Lacy & Christiana (nee Metcalf) Dinsdale m 21 Jan 1863 Bigby, Lincs. Eng. Christiana bpt 24 Sep 1832 Gilling West, Yks. 3/9 John & Christiana (Lax) Mt m 11 May 1829 Stanwick St John, Yks. John bpt 3 Apr 1801 Finghall, Yks. s/o John & Margaret (?) Mt farmer of Theakston Grange, Burneston, Yks. Did John m 12 Nov 1794 Stallingbusk to Margaret Lambert? **Connects to M412.**

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

M1111 Mr & Mrs J. Michael Metcalfe, 17 Mt Clay Road, Heywood, Victoria 3304 Aus. J. Michael b Halifax Eng. s/o Paul Crabtree & Audrey (Naismith) Mte. Paul C. b 13 Jan 1924 Halifax 3/3 Leslie & Gladys (Charnock) Mte m 1917 Halifax. Leslie b 1888 Halifax s/o Thomas & Ellen A. (?) Mte. Thomas b c1863 2/4 John & (?) Mte b c1831 Bradford, Eng.

M1112 Mr James W. Metcalfe, 44 Rosburn Drive, Etobicoke, Ontario, Canada, M9C 2P8. Details awaited.

M1113 Mrs Mary Hogan, 108 Kylie Ave, Ferny Hills, Queensland 4055, Aus. Born in Gympie, Queensland grand-dau of Denis Joseph & Louisa Minnie (Metcalf) Butler m 1st Feb 1913 Brisbane. Louisa M. b 12 June 1885 Gympie 8/8 Cornelius Robert & Elizabeth Catherine (Parker) Mte m 26 Aug 1869 Gympie. Cornelius R. bpt 24 Mar 1844 Gainford, Co. Durham Eng. 1/6 Joseph & Elizabeth (Eales) Mte m 28 Oct 1843 Gainford. Joseph b 2 Aug 1822 Gainford 4/? of Cornelius & Martha (Railton) Mte m 31 July 1813 Barnard Castle, Co. Durham. Cornelius b 19th bpt 21st Apr 1789 Danby Wiske, Yorkshire 3/7 Enos & Elizabeth (Nelson) Mte m 11 Jan 1771-3 ? at Pickhill with Roxby near Thirsk, Yks. Enos bpt 3 July 1745 Swallow, Co Durham s/o Enos & Hannah (?) Mte. Enos bpt 10 Jan 1699 Kirby on the Moor (now called Kirby Hill) Yks. 1/2 Leonard & Margaret (Weatherill) Mte m 9 Feb 1697 Kirby Hill. Leonard born c1666. **Connects to XM152; XM543; XM695; & XM740.**

M1114 Mrs Carolene Davis-Payne & Mrs Barbara E. Lance, 25 Bradley St, Asheville, North Carolina 28806, USA. Carolene 6x great grand-dau of James & Mary Ann (Madeoff) Mt m 1797 Buncombe, North Carolina. James b 10 May 1777 NC. 2/4 James & Sarah (Hezekiah) Mt. James born circa 1750 in Virginia, thought to be son of another James. Please can anyone help with earlier Virginian records ?

M1115 Mr Keith E. Metcalf, 1422 Rummel Road, Lucas, Ohio, USA. Born in Ohio s/o Raymond & Margaret (Kimes) Mt. Raymond b 1913 Ohio s/o Lee & Emma (Williams) Mt. Lee b 1882 Ohio s/o James Yancey & Clementine (Hunter) Mt. James Y. b 1859 Ohio

s/o John Henry & Lovina (VanZile) Mt. John H. b 1836 Ohio s/o Jonathon & Hannah (Nee Metcalf*) Metcalf. Jonathon b 1786 ? Pennsylvania. *Hannah b 1815 Pennsylvania d/o John H. & Nancy (?) Mt. John H. b 1790 Pa s/o Edward & Hannah (?) Mt. Edward b 1768 Va or Pa s/o Vachel Mt b 1730 Virginia.

M1116 Ms Connie O'Brien, 868 Elmdale, Shreveport, Louisiana 71118, USA. email <Connie620_71118@yahoo.com> Great grand-dau of Lafayette & Alice Estella (Waud) Mt. Lafayette b 16 Oct 1845 USA s/o James & Alimira (Blackman) Mt. James b 20 Mar 1820 Hundon, Suffolk, Eng. s/o James & Jane (Jolly) Mt. James 3/4 Abraham & Lucy (Melford) Mt m 1781.

M1117 Elizabeth Johnson, 35 Asquith Ave, Roseberry, New South Wales 2146, Aus. Details awaited.

M1118 Karen Hardy, 124 Rausch St, Toongabbie, New South Wales 2720, Aus. Great x 5 grand-dau of John & Sarah (Metcalf) Harmston m 4 July 1769 Kyme, Lincs, Eng. Sarah bpt 11 Dec 1745 Heckington Lincs 5/710 of Anthony & Sarah (Sharpe) Mte m 27 Mar 1740 Ewerby, Lincs. Anthony b 1712 Kyme 1/4 William & Mary (Phillips) Mte m 4th or 24th June 1711 Kyme. William bpt 23 Mar 1689 Kyme 1/3 Anthony & Mary (Warriner) Mte m 17 May 1688 Kyme, Lincs.

M1119 Marcia & David Commins, PO Box 285, Tumut, New South Wales 2720, Aus. Details awaited.

M1120 Mr John E. Metcalfe, Larkfield, Cowdown Lane, Goodworth Clatford, Andover, SP11 7HG. Details awaited.

M1121 Miss Kym Morris, PO Box 343 Kingwood, New South Wales 2747, Aus. Great grand-dau of William & Ruth (Metcalf) Draper m 1882. Ruth b 7 May 1861 Balmain, New South Wales 3/9 John Townley & Hannah (Howitt) Md m 30 Dec 1857 Redfern, NSW. John T. b c1836 Liverpool, Eng. 1/7 Joseph Beddy & Ruth (Unthank) Md m 25 Jan 1835 Workington, Cumberland. Joseph B. bpt 24 July 1810 Ireland s/o John & (Catherine) Mary (nee Beddy) Md. **Connects to M198 & XM238.**

M1122 Ms Debbie Alderson, 10 Paignton Rd, Blackburn, Lancs. BB1 8DG. Debbie has two lines of Metcalfes :- 1st is - Grand-dau of Thomas & Jane Elizabeth (Metcalf) Pratt. Jane E. b 27 Sep 1891 2/3 Thomas & Mary (?) Mte. Thomas b 1 Feb 1855 Hazels Farm, Widdale Yks. 2/7 William & Elizabeth [his 2nd wf] (Capstick) Mte m 2 Feb 1850 Garsdale. William bpt 8 Sep 1783 Garsdale 6/11 John & Emma (Sedgewick) Mte m 11 May 1773 Garsdale. John bpt 3 Apr 1748 Garsdale 1/2 Thomas & Mary (Archer) Mte m 25 May 1746 Garsdale. **Connects to M321 & XM883.**
2nd line is - Grand-dau of Edmund/Edward Alderson b 13 Dec 1900 Askrigg s/o Sarah

Alderson and Thomas Metcalfe who m 5 Mar 1904 Askrigg. Thomas bpt 6 July 1851 Hawes 3/13 Thomas & Alice (Lambert) Mte m 15 Apr 1848 Hawes. Thomas bpt 27 Apr 1823 Hawes 1/5 James & Elizabeth (Iveson) Mte m 3 June 1822 Hawes. James a farmer & grocer of Garrys, Gayle born circa 1798 Hawes. **Connects to M1150.**

M1123 Mr & Mrs Ernest & Jean Edwards, 8 Town Green Drive, Great Broughton, Middlesbrough, TS9 7EE. Jean dau of Charles Leonard & Doris Irene (Metcalf) Gibson. Doris I. b 13 Oct 1905 Stockton Co Durham d/o James & Francis Elizabeth (Cooper) Mte m 29 Apr 1902 Stockton. James b 24 Feb 1882 North Cowton, Yorkshire 4/10 Thomas & Sarah (Spedding) Mte m 14 June 1875 Darlington Co Durham. Thomas b 15 May 1856 Bellerby, Yks. 1/8 James & Dorothy Jane (Walker) Mte. m 3 Dec 1855 Bellerby. James b c1834 Preston Under Scar, Wensleydale s/o Thomas & Margaret (?) Mte... James may be the one bpt 20 May 1833 Leyburn Independent s/o Thomas & Margaret Md. Thomas b c1805 Redmire.

M1124 Mr & Mrs John David & Pamela Mary Medcalf, Thimble Hall, Isle Abbots, Nr Taunton, Somerset. TA3 6RH. Details awaited.

M1125 Mrs Irene Selmon, 92 Prince Edward Park Road, Woronora, New South Wales 2232, Aus. Dau of William & Ann (Metcalf) Joyce m 29 Mar 1922 Newbottle/Penshaw, Houghton le Spring, Co Durham, Eng. Ann b 23 Feb 1903 Sacriston area, Co Durham. 1st child of Robert & Esther (Furnival) Mte (mge sought). Robert b c1882 Castle Eden, Co Durham 6/6 Christopher & Ann (Barrass) Mt (mge sought). Christopher b c1843 Easington Lane/Hetton, Co Durham. **Connects to XM206.**

M1126 Ms Miranda Coates, 15 Durham Rd, East Finchley, London N2 9DP. Details awaited.

M1127 Miss Rachel J. Turner-Peard & Mrs G.K. Turner-Peard, 93c Marchmont Rd, Wallington, Surrey, SM6 9NT. email <mitzithemedic@turner-peard.freemove.co.uk> Descendants of Henry & Annie (Metcalf) Yendall. Annie bpt 27 Nov 1856 Upleatham, Yks/Cleveland 2/9 George & Martha (Hurd) Mte m 24 July 1854 Guisborough. George bpt 9 Apr 1830 Upleatham 4/9 John & Jane (Hutchinson) Mte m 23 July 1825 Kirby in Cleveland. John bpt 24 May 1789 Eston 5/6 Thomas & Elizabeth (?) Mte. Thomas bpt 13 July 1752 Kirby in Cleveland 3/6 Thomas & Jane (?) Mte. **Connects to M252.**

M1128 Mr Walter R. Cox, 300 Walton St, Monroe, Georgia 30655-1853, USA. Details awaited.

M1129 Mr Dennis A. Foster, 82 Prince Rupert Drive, Tockwith, York, YO26 7QS. email <dfoster82@hotmail.com> Great grandson of Josiah & Isabella (Metcalf)

Armstrong m 11 Aug 1866 St Marks, Woodhouse, Leeds. Isabella b 6 Apl 1841 Aysgarth, Yks. 9/10 John & Hannah (Slinger) Mte m 3 July 1824 Aysgarth. John ? bpt 2 Dec 1796 s/o Thomas & Rose (Preston) Mte. **Connects to M958 & M1082.**

M1130 Mrs Gladys Smith, 207 Twillingate Road, Campbell River, British Columbia, Canada, V9W 1V1. Husband is descended from the mge on 2 Aug 1654 at Dedham, USA of Christopher Smith to Mrs Mary Metcalfe, widow nee Fairbanks. Mary was the widow of Michael Metcalfe died 24 Dec 1653 & whom she had married 2 Apl 1644 Dedham, USA. When Michael died Mary was left with 5 young children. Michael was the son of Michael & Sarah (Ewlyn) Mte the Dornix Weaver who left Norfolk Eng. Do any of our Members who are connected to this family know anything further about Christopher Smith who raised all the Metcalfe children ? Any help would be appreciated.

M1131 Mr Kenneth Griffiths, 2 Victoria Rd, Fairfield, Stockton on Tees, TS19 7EJ. Details awaited.

M1132 Mr Anthony R. Buxton, 32 Cornerside, Littleton Rd, Ashford Common, TW15 1VY. Son of George Buxton M0003 who is the great grand-son of Mary Ann Mte b 22 Feb 1822 Ivelet Heads Farm, Swaledale, Yks. d/o George & Ann (Harker) Mte m 1805 Muker. George bpt 16 Apl 1780 Satron s/o George & Jennett (Harker) Mte. George bpt 4 Feb 1748 s/o Thomas & Margaret (Cottingham) Mte. Thomas bur 1778 Muker. **Connects to M3; M220; XM506; XM622; M679; XM704; XM818 & M848.**

M1133 Mr William Buxton, PO Box 752, Rigging, Idaho 83549, USA. Great grand-son of Richard & Isabella (formerly Cottingham nee Metcalfe) Buxton. Isabella born 20 June 1812 Askrigg d/o Matthew & Mary (Scarr) Mte m 4 June 1795 Askrigg.

M1134 Ms Christine M. Coates, 34 Glendale Gardens, Wembley, Middlesex, HA9 8PS. email <c.coates@unl.ac.uk>. Descendant of James & Ann (Metcalfe) Coates m May 1779 Hudswell, Yks. Ann bpt 17 Mar 1754 Hudswell 3/8 James & Elizabeth (Watson) Mte m 15 May 1749 Hudswell. James b c 1723/4 1/8 Joseph & Ann (Atkinson) Mte m 5 Nov 1722 Hudswell. Joseph b 2 Sep 1694 Hudswell s/o James & Margrett (Kilbourn) Mte m 1 May 1681 Hudswell, Yks.

M1135 Mr F.C. Shiers, "Kerimere" Main St, Granby, Notts. NG13 9PQ. Descendant of two lines. 1st - great x 2 grandson of John & Elizabeth (Metcalfe) Shiers m 28 Aug 1835 Preston, Lanes. 2nd - Great x 4 grandson of Anne Metcalfe who m 14 Jan 1761 Burnsall to Nicholas Kitching/Hitching?, Yks and probably the dau bpt 12 Mar 1730 Burnsall of Anthonie Mte a yeoman of Thorpe. Anthonie bpt 15 Sep 1695 Burnsall s/o John of Thorpe. Yks.

M1136 Mrs Elaine Cherry, 236 Newport Rd, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 8PE.

Great gt grand-dau of Edward & Mary (Metcalfe) Mudd m circa 1860. Mary bpt 3 Nov 1822 Linton on Ouse, Yks. 6/9 William & Jane/Joanna (Moorey) Mte m 26 Nov 1806 Linton on Ouse Roman Catholic Ch. William bpt 17 Oct 1784 Kirby Hill (formerly Kirby on the Moor) Yks 2/5 Thomas & Elizabeth (?Edson) Mte ?m 7 Aug 1781 Myton on Swale, Yks. Thomas b c 1757.

M1137 Mr Peter A. Rowe, 12 Windfields Close, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire. SK8 5RH. Great x 4 grand-son of George & Mary (Metcalfe) Mansfield m 27 Dec 1787 Hundon, Suffolk. Mary bpt 20 Mar 1763 Stoke by Clare, Sfk. 3/4 William & Ann (Parmenter) Mt m 26 Jan 1756/7 Stoke by Clare. William born circa 1733, buried 12 Apl 1801 Hundon "son of unknown".

M1138 Mr Brian R. Metcalfe, 20 Inglewood Drive, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4T 1G8. Details awaited.

M1139 Mr Andrew L. Goodinson, Whitehouse Farm, Maund Bryan, Bodenham, Herefordshire HR1 3JB. Great grand-son of John & Laura (Metcalfe) Goodinson m 16 Dec 1899 Darlington, Co Durham. Laura b 3rd Qtr 1878 Darlington 5/8 Benjamin & Elizabeth (Fenwick) Mte m Dec Qtr 1867 Darlington. Benjamin bpt 16 May 1844 Hipswell, Yks. 7/8 James & Mary Barbara (Binks) Mte m 28 Mar 1825 Raskelf, Yks. James bpt 13 Jan 1793 9/9 George & Elizabeth (Robinson) Mte 17 Nov 1768 High Coniscliffe, Co Durham. George b circa 1733. **Connects to M13; M29; XM39; M66; M70; XM92; XM132; M133; XM211; XM212; XM246; XM248; XM257; M292; XM458; M517; XM546; M547; M791; XM847; XM849; M855 & XM856.**

M1140 Mr Clive P. Hitchen, 147A Nine Mile Ride, Finchampstead, Wokingham, Berks. RG40 4HY. Details awaited.

M1141 Mrs Dayle Metcalfe, 15214-83 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5R 3T4. email <dayle@powersurfr.com> Dayle's late husband was grandson of Thomas Pearson & Mary Emily (Benson) Mte m 1905 Beckermert, Cumberland, Eng. Thomas P. b 1885 Arlecdon, Cumb. s/o Joseph & Sarah (Pearson) Mte m 12 Nov 1881 Whitehaven, Cumb. Joseph b 8 Mar 1854 Wythburn, Cumb. s/o Thomas & Mary (Wilson) Mte m 22 Aug 1840 Hawes, Yks. Thomas bpt 22 June 1817 Hawes 3rd child Anthony & Jane (Whitfield) Mte m 16 Mar 1812 Hawes. This may well be Anthony's second mge the 1st being to Esther Whitfield at Hawes on 20 Feb 1796, when he was a husbandman of Gayle and Bands. During the bpts of the children from his 2nd mge 1812-1817 he was a yeoman of Crake Close, Gayle, his birth/bpt is sought.

M1142 Mrs Anita O'Donoghue, 30 Dugdale Rd, Radford, Coventry, CV6 1PB. email <anitaLOD@aol.com> Anita born Durham d/o John & Joan (Edge) Metcalfe. John b 17 June 1934 Durham s/o Walter & Edith (Carr) Mte. Walter b 2 Feb 1898

Northallerton Yks s/o John & 2nd wife Eliza/Elvira (Walster) Mte m 19 Feb 1895 Northallerton. John bpt 31 May 1841 Newton On Ouse, Yks. 4/5 Edward & Mary (Hutchinson) Mt m 17 Jan 1832 Newton on Ouse. Edward b 3 Dec 1801 Stillington, Yks. 4/4 Thomas & Jane (Eden) Mte m 20 Mar 1799 Newton on Ouse. Thomas bpt 25 Nov 1764 Farlington, Sheriff Hutton, Yks. 2/10 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 John & Isabel (Atkinson) Mt m 6 Aug 1704 Middlesmoor. **Connects to M8; M64; M312; XM661; XM690; XM803; M974; M1074 & M1101.**

M1143 Mr Mervyn Metcalfe, 77 Fox Covert Lane, Misterton, Doncaster, South Yorkshire. DN10 4ER. email <MMetcalfe@MMetcalfe72fsnet.co.uk> Born Misterton, 1/2 Clifford & Stella (Shaw) Mte m 21 June 1932 Misterton. Clifford b 28 Aug 1900 Misterton 3/3 William & Adah Theresa (Fillingham) Mte. William b Oct 1858 Gringley, Notts. 7/7 Aaron & Ann Eliza (Foulston) Mte. Aaron bpt 26 Nov 1815 Gringley 8/9 George & Elizabeth (Cave) Mte m 27 Dec 1798 Gringley. George bpt 9 Dec 1770 Everton, Notts 1/4 John & Elizabeth (Rhodes) Mte m 11 Dec 1769 Everton. John bpt 27 Dec 1735 Everton 4/6 George & Mary (Croampton) Mte m 9 July 1731 East Retford. George bpt 27 May 1703 Everton 2/3 George & Anna (Drew) Mte m 12 Apr 1697 Everton. George bpt 10 June 1697 Everton 1/3 Robert & Bridgett (Longwith) Mte m 28 May 1668 Everton. **Connects to XM388 & M605.**

M1144 Ms Annette Hood, Flat 15, 4 Highfield Close, Hithergreen, London, SE13 6UJ. Details awaited.

M1145 Mr Barry Gordon & Mrs Aino Irmeli Metcalfe, 84 Rue Du Mont-Blanc, 01220 Divonne-Les-Bains, France. Barry is s/o Ernest & Ivy (Chambers) Mte m 1931 Yks. Eng. Ernest b 21 Oct 1901 Eston nr Middlesbrough. Yks. 1/9 Frederick William & Eleanor Elizabeth (Cockcroft) Mte m 23 Oct 1900 Eston. Frederick Wm b c1869 Middlesbrough 1/4 Thomas & Hannah (?) Mte. Thomas bpt 9 June 1844 Upleatham Yks 9/9 John & Jane (Hutchinson) Mte m 23 July 1825 Kirby in Cleveland. John b 17 May 1789 Normanton bpt 24 May 1789 Eston 5/6 Thomas & Elizabeth (?) Mte. Thomas bpt 13 July 1752 Kirby in Cleveland 3/6 Thomas & Jane (?) Mte. **Connects to M252**

M1146 Mr Martin James Carter and Mr Keith Barrett, 164 Greenlee Garth, Newton Aycliffe, Co Durham, DL5 7EX. Martin s/o Arthur Varley & Lavinia (Metcalfe) Carter m 19 Dec 1940 Bedale, Yks. Lavinia b 1916 Bedale 1/3 Edward & Eva Elizabeth (Parnaby) Mte m 29 Oct 1910 Bedale. Edward/Ted b c1878 Bedale/Aiskew 1/26 William & Elizabeth (Elsworth) Mte mge sought. William bpt 10 Mar 1858 Bedale 1/9 Thomas & Ann/Hannah (Burry) Mte m 28 Nov 1857 Bedale. Thomas bpt 9 Nov 1834 Bedale 3/10 Thomas & Ann (Simpson) Mte m 10 July 1830 Bedale. Thomas bpt 19 Feb 1804 Bedale 2/4 William & Mary (Hird) Mte m 23 Sep 1799 Bedale. William bpt 5 May 1769 Bedale 1/3 Thomas & Catherine (Wetherall) Mte m 3 Apr 1768 Hornby nr Catterick. Thomas

bpt 27 Feb 1744/5 Hornby 6/6 William & Margaret (Walton) Mte m 16 Nov 1732 Hornby. William born c1706. **Connects to M35; M236; M516 & M1018.**

M1147 Ms Vivienne M. Metcalf, 1 Windy Ridge, Little Smeaton, Pontefract, W. Yorkshire, WF8 3LQ. email <vivmetcalf@netscapeonline.co.uk>. Dau of Leonard & Edith Mary (Hart) Mt m 23 Feb 1946 Armley, Leeds. Leonard b 14 Dec 1913 4/4 James Alfred & Susan (Henderson) Mt m 16 June 1900 New Wortley, Leeds. James A. b 5 Oct 1877 Hunslet, Leeds only child of John & Elizabeth (Lee) Mt m 17 Jan 1875 Hunslet. John b c1852 Hunslet s/o William Mt a sawyer.

M1148 Mr Kenneth Charles & Mrs Ailsa Florence Brown, 5 Keamy Ave, Cheltenham, Victoria 3192, Australia. email <browka@vicnet.net.au>. Ailsa is great grand-dau of Mark & Mary Harriett (Strowger) Lay m 11 June 1831 Redenhall, Norfolk, Eng. Alice LAY* their dau b 1832 Boxted, Essex m c1852 Robert Mte bpt 30 Oct 1826 Canterbury Cathedral 8/12 Rev'd John & Elizabeth (Eamonsen) Mte m 31 Oct 1816 Bramham, Yks. John b c1788 ? s/o William (canon at Canterbury Cathedral) & Anna (Chad) Mte mge sought. *Alice Lay's sister Mary Strowger Lay b 1833 Boxted m 4 Nov 1857 Boxted Benjamin Eamonsen Mte bpt 3 Sep 1819 Bramham Yks, brother to Robert above. **Connects to XM812.** Kenneth's maternal great grandfather George Tame b 13 Jan 1810 UK married for the third time 27 March 1869 at Bendigo, Victoria, Aus. to Dorothy Metcalfe bpt 11 July 1830 Kirkbampton, Cumberland, Eng. 6/8 Thomas & Mary (Hetherington) Mte m 28 Mar 1822 Wigton Cumb. Thomas b 28 Dec 1796 Kirkbride, Cumb. 5/10 Rev'd Francis & Harriet (Clough) Mte m 12 Nov 1785 Kirkbride or St Michael le Belfrey, York. Francis b 20 Apr 1752 Leicester 8/10 Rev'd Thomas & Anne (Smelt) Mte m Ascension Day 1742 Walton on Thames. Thomas bpt 28 Mar 1706 Bossall Yks. 5/8 Thomas & his 2nd wife Anne (Green) Mte. Thomas b c1661 Northallerton Yks 3/13 William & Anne (Marwood) Mte m 21 May 1657 Stokesley, Yks. William b c 1635 Northallerton 1/5 of George & Elizabeth (Talbot) Mte m 29 July 1624 St Helen's York. George b c1600 Northallerton 2/3 Richard & Margaret (Wilson) Mte. Richard b c1543 3/7 of George & Elizabeth (Banks) Mte. George b c1516 ? s/o James of Swinithwaite OR Oswald / Oswell Mte. **Connects to XM267; M324; XM549; M566; M659; M758 & XM783.**

M1149 Mr Clifford Marshall, 37 Caton Green Rd, Brook House, Lancaster, LA2 9JJ. Details awaited.

M1150 Mr David Charles Sanderson, 62 Cornwall Rd, Bishopton, Bristol, BS7 8LH. Grandson of Charles & Jane Iveson (nee Metcalfe) Sanderson m 10 Nov 1917 Aysgarth, Yks. Jane I. b 20 June 1893 Gayle nr Hawes 4th child of James & Betty (Iveson) Mte m 6 Sep 1884 Hawes. James b c 1865 Hawes s/o James & Margery (Thompson) Mte m 19 Jan 1863 Hawes, in 1871 of Garrys, Gayle. James bpt 6 Apr 1834 Hawes 5/5 James & Elizabeth (Iveson) Mte m 3 June 1822 Hawes. James b c1798 Hawes. **Connects to M1122**

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Bits & Bobs

Ravenstonedale. The Book House in the village (Proprietor Mr Irwin) is on every Thursday during the summer opening the High Chapel as a centre for local and family history. For details ☎015396 23634. They also have copies of the reprinted "The History and Traditions of Ravenstonedale" by Rev W Nicholls based on a series of lectures given in 1877. Price £8.50. From **Rosemary Brown M756**.

John Metcalfe, Farmer, South View, Thornton Rust, Leyburn b1878, Aysgarth so Wm Mte m1905 Margaret Percival. Educated Thoraby and West Burton CE Schools. William Christopher Metcalfe, Ivy House Gayle b1858, Countersett so Christopher Mte. Educated Raydale. Member Rural District Council from 1913 vice-chairman. Trustee Hawes Market Hall & Grammar School Trust. From Who's Who in Yorkshire (North & East Ridings) Limited Edition. Hereford. Printed by Jakeman & Co (Printers) Ltd 1935; extracted by **Lesley M Longworth M68**.

A plaque in St. Aidans Church, Norfolk Island, Pacific Ocean records: Robert Henry Metcalfe, MRCS.Eng. died April 18, 1913 aged 59 years. For 33 years physician to the island. Major James Beverley Metcalfe DSO, MC, RAMC. Died of wounds April 25, 1918 aged 30 years. Buried in Vignacourt Cemetery, France. Captain Francis Bramall Metcalfe RAMC. Died of wounds Oct 6, 1917 aged 26 years. Buried in Brookwood Cemetery, England. Supplied by **Dorothy Pope M55**.

Christmas in March.

On a recent trip to the States I had a plan to purchase some vital and absolutely necessary computer software, unbeknown to She Who Must Be Obeyed because of possible reciprocal spending on such useless items as handbags and shoes. The purchase was to be an upgrade to a very useful piece of family history programming - Reunion. I have used this program for some time now and have found it to be ideal for keeping a record of my own family and its current 411 members; however the original company was fairly recently taken over by Sierra Home and an updated program was produced by the name of Generations Grand Suite 6.0. Having read all about it, this I now had to have, if my quality of life was not to be diminished.

On arrival in the States my experience of 47 years of marital deception were put to good use as I disappeared secretly into computer shop after computer shop. After some difficulty I found the program in an office supplies shop called Staples, it was priced at \$79.99 as against some £60 in the UK. I decided to let my Yorkshire carefulness get the better of me and I continued to search.

With two days to go before the end of our five week holiday (purgatory at 75° in Palm Springs) I visited a shop called Best Buy. There was Generations V6.0 at \$75 plus or minus the odd cent. As my hand reached out to grab I became aware of another box alongside - Generations Family Tree Millennium Collection. It was priced at \$70 reduced to \$50, ie about £33. How could a Yorkshireman refuse! I took it.

The version six box at \$80 contained the program V6 and 14 CD's of data, an enormous amount even though primarily American; the millennium box at \$50 had, of course, the program V7 and 20 CD's of data.

Can one of our US cousins explain American pricing policy to me ??

I've spent the last four days in front of my computer at home with version seven - I must go downstairs for some food soon - and am absolutely content with my purchase. The box holds :- Generations V7 (with the ability to enter same sex marriages) & manual; Snapshot Express (photo & document handler); an Ellis Island video; a book 'Guide to American Naturalization Records 1790-1990'; a blank paper tree chart; a free month's access to Ancestry.com; one free name search in Salt Lake City; and, on CD, - Civil War (the one over there) Muster Rolls; Social Security Death Index primarily 1966-88 (approx. 20,000 Metcalfes, copy with David); Generations World Name Index; Archives for Charleston, NY City and Philadelphia in 1800; Historic, Marriage and Land records; Catalog (sic) of Immigrant Ships; Ellis Island Data and some family tree art (all still to be investigated).

CS Metcalfe M305

Dear Editor.....Dear Editor.....Dear Editor.....

I had a little giggle when I read Mecca News 58, page 40 - "Just a Thought" from Lillah Chapman. (*on the cleanliness of our ancestors-Ed*). Maybe she and other members would be interested to read a book called "Natural Housekeeping" by Beverley Pagram (Printed by Gaia Books Ltd High Street Stroud, Glos GL5 1AS ☎ 01453 752985) and costs £9.95. This book has a further bibliography so I am sure many old fashioned methods of cleaning could be explored further.

Other books that contain interesting facts of social life for women are "Medieval Women, A Social History of Women in England 450-1500" by Henrietta Leyser also "Women in England 1500-1760" by Anne Laurence.

When we read about the Ancient Egyptians there are often comments about their knowledge of drugs and medicines. We still have herbal medicines and homeopathic medicines and oils and extracts. In *Natural Housekeeping* by Beverly Pagram under *Soap* it says Roman Woman discovered it 3000 years ago by accident when they were washing some sacred stones after an animal sacrifice. The combination of fat, water and ashes from the sacrificial fire created a crude soapy substance!

Mrs KE Watson M1067

I was incredulous at the number of references to the year 2000 being the "new millennium" in the December 1999 issue. I would have thought that a historical society like ours would at least have men-

tioned somewhere that there was never a year zero, the calendar went straight from 1BC to 1AD and 2 millennia on from the first day of AD1 brings you to the first of January 2001, it's quite simple! I don't know who started all this nonsense about it starting this year but the media certainly rammed it down our throats until most people thought it must be true!

Gary Smith M581

On a recent trip to Kent I visited Smallhythe Place the home of the actress Ellen Terry between 1899 and 1928.

Ellen owned a necklace made up of beads given to her by friends, fragments of which were on display at the house. Next to each bead was the name of the person who gave it to Ellen. One of the donors to the necklace was a Mamie Metcalf. Unfortunately I was unable to find out anymore about who she was.

Also on BBC South News on 7 September 1999, there was a small report on the sale, at auction in Lewes of Clothes from the time of George III. The clothes had been owned by a Metcalfe family one of whom died on 30 October 1866.

F Haslam M472

I have had a very nice letter from Sandra Compton M558 with a family tree. She and three friends M882, M515 and M962 are all related to me as far back as Thomas Metcalfe and Jane Thorpe m 1690/1. This is lovely - "it never rains but what it pours" - four new cousins at one go!

Lillah Chapman M218

Richard METCALFE scored the first try against the NZ ALL BLACKS in this millenium (24 June - Scotland v NZ at Dunedin). **Richard Jack M996**

Tomorrow's lost world From IBM Computer Today. Supplied by C S Metcalfe M305.

There must be many readers who have tried to fill the unforgiving minute with a spot of research into the old family tree. And what joy it is when such research throws up some rascalion from the past which shows that once, in the bloodline, there was some diamond geezer with a bit of character. Most of this research is done via paper records, which is just as well, as magnetic storage media are not proving themselves to have the longevity associated with dead trees. Not only does storage technology update itself every five nanoseconds, but older stuff just vanishes, rendering useless old disks which can no longer be read. This has proved a bit of a bummer for the diggers at the University of York's Archeology Data Service, which has found that about five per cent of data relating to Bronze Age digs in East London, which is stored on magnetic media has been lost through natural decay. Ironically the physical objects from the dig, which had lasted thousands of years, proved rather more robust than disk-held data, which barely survived the plastic age. One of the main problems for the York team was finding machines which could read 5¼ inch floppies on which data was stored. So, next time you write your family tree to disk, don't forget regular archiving backups, otherwise Great Aunt Mabel could be lost to posterity.

From Pannet Gallery Whitby. Oak Desk inscribed Solomon Metcalf 1656. Snuff box made from mussel shell donated by Rev. E. Metcalfe of Whitby. Collected by **Carol Arkwright M86**.

1771 Census - Westminster, Cumberland Co., New York. On 16 January 1771 the Governor of New York ordered a complete census to be taken. The list of the heads of households included the following: **Burgess Metcalf, Michael Metcalf and Oliver Metcalf.**

Fred Martin married **Sarah E Metcalf** on 10 March 1889 in Woodbury County, Iowa. Sarah had been born in Holly Springs, Iowa in 1871. She died in Minnesota in 1926. Both from the Internet.

and finally.....

Genealogy Humour

Genealogy is like playing hide and seek . They hide...I seek!
My family tree is a few branches short! All help appreciated.
How can one ancestor cause so much TROUBLE??
Am I the only person up my tree? It sure feels like it.
I'm always late. My ancestors arrived on the JUNEflower.
Only a genealogist regards a step backwards as progress.

Supplied by **Ruth Carr.**

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NAPPA HALL GARDENS

How to get to York & Askham Bryan College

By car - York is approximately half-way between London and Edinburgh, only a few miles off the main A1 & 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 & there are regular direct train services from Manchester to York taking less than two hours. Telephone 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:
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:

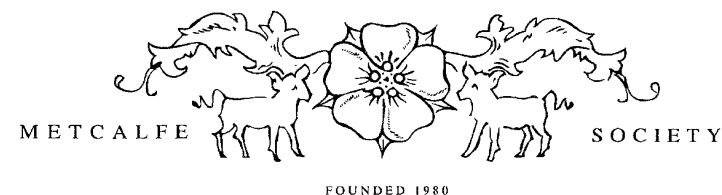
'England's Best Historic City - Guide to York'

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 Reservation Form.. Do not contact the college directly. **A contact number at the college to leave with your relatives (for emergency purposes only) is 01904-772277.** This is valid if you are staying at the college for the weekend or just attending the Muster on the Saturday.

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 discover York's many attractions and facilities.



Mecca Muster & Annual General Meeting 2000

Saturday 21st October 2000

9.30am - 5pm

Askham Bryan College

York

North Yorkshire

Information & Reservation Form

The Mecca Muster & AGM 2000 Reservation Form

Please return this form by 30th September 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 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 would like to register to attend the following sessions (please tick the relevant boxes) :

☐ Annual General Meeting

☐ 'Seeing it through their eyes'

☐ 'Yorkshire surnames'
Please outline below other Yorkshire surnames that are of interest to you :

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 : _____

Confirmation of your Mecca Muster reservation will be despatched to you in late September, along with the Executive Committee reports.

The Mecca Muster & AGM 2000 Saturday 21st October 2000, 9.30am - 5pm Askham Bryan College, York, North Yorkshire

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

*** Dr George Redmonds - 'Yorkshire surnames'**

Besides Metcalfe, find out what other surnames originate from Yorkshire.
Provide details on your Muster Reservation Form of other Yorkshire surnames that are of interest to you and George will endeavour to enlighten you.

*** 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**

*** Choose the society Christmas card design for 2001** and win a free pack of the winning design for your own use next year.

*** 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

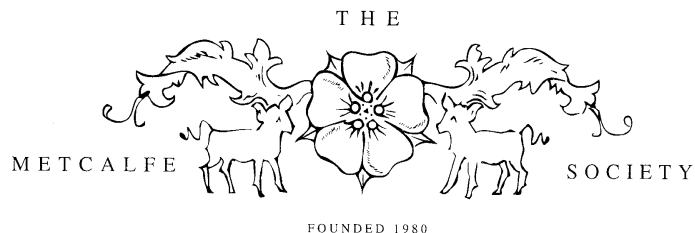
*** Laminating service to protect your valuable documents**

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

..... and so much more!

A reminder - Confirmation of your Mecca Muster reservation, along with the Executive Committee Reports, will be despatched to you in late September from the Conference Secretary :

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



Agenda

Annual General Meeting of The Metcalfe Society

to be held at Askham Bryan College, York, North Yorkshire on Saturday 21st October 2000 at 10am

1. Chairman's opening remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 1999 AGM, a copy of which is enclosed
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
5. Reports
6. Projects
 - GRO Index
 - Wills 2000
 - Metcalfe Book - Reprint discussion
 - Publications
7. Elections
 - Resignation of three committee members
 - Nominations for additional committee members
8. Subscription rates for 2001
9. Approval of accounts
10. Appointment of Auditor
11. Any other business
12. Date of next AGM - Saturday 6th October 2001, Askham Bryan College, York.
13. Close

Programme Overview

09.30 Registration & Coffee

10.00 Annual General Meeting

Followed by a choice of using all facilities and/or attending a presentation

13.00 Lunch

14.00 A choice of using all facilities and/or attending a presentation

15.30 Afternoon tea

17.00 Close

A detailed agenda will be sent to all delegates in late September, along with their reservation confirmation.

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

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

Minutes of the AGM of the Metcalfe Society
9th October, 1999

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

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:

- David Lambert welcomed all members and guests. Two overseas members had booked to attend, Sandra Walton from Canada and Kristina Metcalfe from the USA, though only Sandra had arrived.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

M1 Mary Metcalfe	M13 Gwen Metcalfe	M55 Dorothy Pope	M444 Patrick Malham
M4 Helen Offer	M18 Robert Metcalfe	M843 Alan Vickers	M292 Lilian Lawrence
M24 Joe Metcalfe	M710 Bill Metcalfe	M41 Ruth Kay	M517 Kathleen Ruddy
M258 Irene Baker	M590 Christopher Metcalfe		

3. The Minutes of the AGM 1998, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN:

- David felt privileged to be the Chairman. He thanked Diane and the team of members who ensured the smooth running of the Society. He believed the Society was pre-eminent in the field of one name societies. "Metcalfe: History of the Clan" had received much praise in genealogical circles. The "Mecca News" had been highly commended by the judges of the Elizabeth Simpson Award.
- The focus within the Society was now to concentrate on other projects, some of which had had to be put on hold until after the publication of the book. A Policy subcommittee had been formed to make recommendations on future strategy. David asked the audience whether there were any others who would like to join this subcommittee, provided the final number did not exceed ten.
- He drew attention to the Committee's decision that overseas members should make payments to the local Agents rather than directly to the Treasurer. This would be easier for those overseas members and avoid financial loss to the Society on foreign currency exchanges.
- He explained that the Committee was needing to consider a change of venue for the Muster in the future.

SECRETARY:

- Diane thanked Nina for all her support during the course of the year. She felt proud that the Metcalfe Society was so well respected in family history circles.
- Her main work had focused on processing and fulfilling hundreds of orders for the book, responding to queries from prospective members with the Internet being an increasing source of such enquiries, communication with other Committee members, liaison with other organisations and working on publications.
- The membership to date has reached the number of 1074, with an active membership of 500. This is likely to make the Society the largest one name society in the world. 59 members failed to renew their subscriptions last year but since the last AGM there have been 100 new members. Of the active membership 368 are from the UK, 37 in the USA, 29 in Australia, 23 in Canada, 20 in New Zealand, 2 in France, 1 in Jersey, 1 in Isle of Man, 1 in Italy, 1 in South

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Africa and 1 in Panama. The Internet and the book had been the most significant sources of new members.

TREASURER:

- As at 8th October, the Society held £2376-52 in Barclays Bank and £10,252-99 in National Savings, making a total of £12,629-51.
- Margaret explained the arrangements for refunding the excess to those who had overpaid for the Muster.

EDITOR:

- The "Mecca News" had increased in size over the last year. This was partly because of the increase in birth briefs of new members. Peter was pleased with the inflow of articles. It was important to keep a balance of content and this explained why some of the articles submitted were not immediately printed.
- He asked that short snippets should be sent in by members as these could be most useful to fill the ends of pages.
- Peter paid tribute to the work of the late Ron Metcalfe on behalf of the Society. June and Doug Cutting have taken over the despatch department.

COMPUTER INDEX:

- There were now about 75,000 records on the computer. The 1881 census had been bought on CD ROM. In the next two years, and prior to the publication of the 1901 census, David explained that he hoped to collect all the Metcalfes on the census returns for Yorkshire 1841-1871.
- Nina Benson and David Lambert both drew the attention of the meeting to the Society's debt of gratitude to David Metcalfe regarding the building up of the computer database.

PROJECTS:

GRO INDEXES:

- On behalf of the meeting Diane sent good wishes to Patrick, unable to attend the Muster because of health problems.
- Patrick has now logged births, marriages and deaths up to 1960.
- On behalf of Patrick, Diane requested volunteers to sign up for extracting details of births, marriages and deaths regarding various derivatives of the Metcalfe name.
- Gary Metcalfe of New Zealand was thanked for his collection of all the Metcalfes from the New Zealand records.

WILLS:

- Stephen reported on the early stages of this project in which he is being helped by three other members, Denny Minnitt, Rosemary Brown and Robert Metcalf.
- Copyright issues are being investigated by Stephen and David Lambert.

BOOK:

- Diane announced that all copies of the book had now been sold. There had been much praise for the book.
- A full audit trail of all transactions was available.
- The book had been submitted for the millennium competition of the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies.
- It was not intended to do a reprint for at least two years.

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INTERNET:

- The site had now been live for one year. It would be demonstrated during the afternoon session. Diane acknowledged the valuable work of Susan Harper in setting up the site.
- Over 3500 people had visited the site. The Policy subcommittee would be reviewing how to give the website adequate support.

HIPSWELL MILL:

- Lynda Simpson reported that she had been able to make little progress regarding the mill during the last year owing to personal matters.
- The mill, currently owned by the MOD, was still for sale. The site had become very overgrown, but this might discourage any vandalism to the empty premises.
- Various possibilities of ways forward were suggested from the floor by members.

PUBLICATIONS:

- Diane reminded members that they had all received the updated Member Reference Booklet with the August 'Mecca News'.
- It is intended that the Birth Brief Booklet will be updated during the next year.
- Diane pointed various publications available for sale - the Medecalf Book, the Metcalfe Records and Generation Relationship and Age Reference cards.

ARCHIVIST:

- Nina reported that she had received 378 queries by mail since January and 418 queries by E-mail since April.
- Nina asked for volunteers who might consider gradually taking over her role.

DEEDS OF COVENANT:

- David reported that up to the end of the financial year 69 members had covenanted their subscription.
- Members were encouraged to pay their subscriptions in this way if they were eligible for covenanting.

FAMILY RECORDS CENTRE VISITOR:

- Julian introduced himself to the meeting and explained his role.

6. ELECTIONS:

- Robert Metcalf had expressed a willingness to stand down from the Committee to make way for new membership. Otherwise all current officers and Committee members were willing to re-stand and they were re-elected following the appropriate procedures.
- Following the appropriate procedures John Metcalfe M567 and Stephen Newman M824 were elected to the Committee.

7. SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

- Following discussion, the meeting accepted the Committee's recommendation that there should be no change in 2000.

8. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS:

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