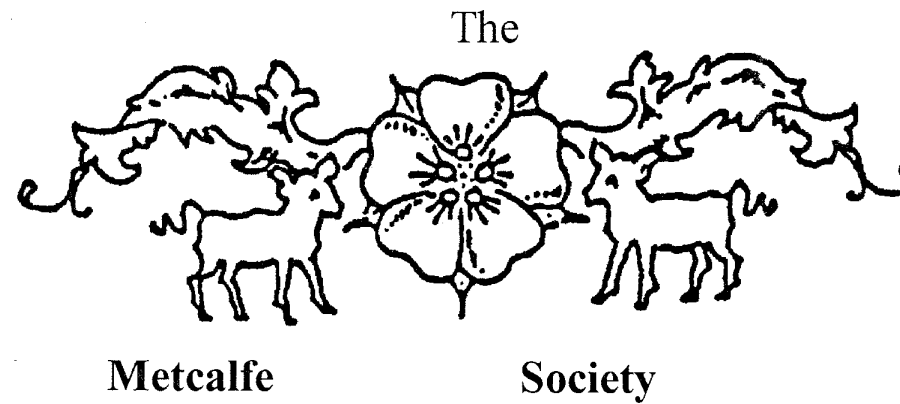




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It was thoroughly enjoyable. From start to finish the time just sped by. Yes, the Muster this year was, as far as I was concerned a raging success.

At Askham Bryan for the first time, it was a new experience for committee members and members alike. The new format with the speakers on either side of the AGM resulted in the day being split up into manageable

pieces. The speakers themselves were interesting and informative and before we knew it the time was up. In this issue there is a report of the Muster and photographs which give a flavour of the event together with articles on sources which might prove of use - namely the Public Record Office and the Family Records Centre.

I am always on the lookout for 400/500 word articles for the magazine, so if you have an interesting tale to tell about a family history experience or an unusual family story don't hesitate write it now and send it to the Editor post haste!

Enjoy the 62nd Mecca News and the Compliments of the Season to you all.



ENTREPRENEUR

Steve Metcalfe aged 22 of Bedminster Bristol, a former paperboy became foodstore Spar's youngest franchisee in the South West in early 1999.

The Financial Mail on Sunday 14 February 1999.

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!

The nation's best kept secret

A land dispute. How many times do we read of battles between neighbours over small areas of garden and this in an age when land registration is deemed to be more accurate. What about the past? Disputes with adjoining property holders were common. Farmers cutting into areas not their own; fences / walls being moved to cover some better ground. There were any number of complaints. Beating the bounds was one way to try and ensure boundaries were recognised but not always successfully. After all memories can be fickle, especially if it's to your advantage!

However land disputes are well known for throwing up legal cases and whilst traumatic for those involved can be of significance to family researchers. After going back as far as possible through conventional records I discovered a reference to "*Robert Dobson, cleric v Ninian Metcalf, Anthony Metcalf. Right and title to farms in "The Gayle" and to a close of ground called "Moshaw" parcel of the lordship of Middleham (York). Whether assigned by John Metcalf to Ninian Metcalf. [Richard Metcalf. " in the records of the Exchequer at the Public Record Office (stated to be The Nation's Best Kept Secret.). How did I get there?*

The trail starts in the early months of 1999 when, as the Society's representative of the North West Group of the Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS) the Group was approached by John Wood of the Public Record Office (PRO) to host a presentation. Part of the Group's remit is to expand individual family history researchers knowledge and it was considered that this proposal meet the Group's aims. So it took little discussion for the NW Group to agree to host the event, which would be a major coup. This would be the first time the PRO had held the presentation outside of London but also the first time the Group had undertaken such a venture. Whilst gaining a lot of experience in arranging the NW Family History Fair at Stockport for four years this would be the first conference we had undertaken.

The arrangements were put in place. Venue: the University of Manchester (UMIST). After much deliberation on matters such as: How many people will attend? 50 / 100 / 150?. Facilities: food for up to 150. What? Hot/cold? Computer equipment, internet links, overheads etc provided by UMIST? Now to attract the family researcher. Initially the interest was slow but then panic! Numbers looked as if they would be more than the initial 150 but how many more? Financial considerations played a part, get it wrong and the Group had to cover the cost. The next size of theatre conference facilities was double the 150. To take the risk or not? If 200 attended costs would be covered. Go for it!

After the New Year time up to 4 March passed quickly. The numbers nudged 200. Vindication. But then with weeks to go John Wood could not make it for family

reasons; however a ready replacement was provided in Richard Kershaw also of the PRO. Relief. Further complications with equipment, speakers and the venue but all were quickly resolved. Soon Saturday 4 March arrived. A sunny day in Manchester (we do have some) and the attendees flooded in. Some 220 booked. A few more hiccoughs but nothing that could not be solved.

The programme consisted of three talks / demonstrations in the morning followed by an afternoon talk and a Q & A session. The event went well. Richard Kershaw led us through the background to the PRO and what you should do before you go to Kew and what you do once you arrive there. Also what kind of holdings they had - you'll be surprised at what they do have.

For me the most informative session was that by Stella Colwell on "How to find the records you want". This was the meat of the event. I have seen the list of leaflets the PRO have produced - some 300 - but nothing beats seeing what there is for yourself. The online facilities - the Catalogue - on www.pro.gov.uk/ lets you see if there are any specific names in documents. It doesn't cover the individual names in the main records, such as WWI soldiers or merchant seamen but it does help to discover other non-general areas such as Exchequer records. This is a must and saves you time before you go off to London - you already have the document reference. You cannot research from home but if you are back beyond 1837 it helps you to see if there is anything of interest from the comfort of your home. The conference ended and was deemed both by speakers and attendees as a success. The event broke even and new experiences were gained by the committee.

Off to try out the online Catalogue. Well that Saturday evening and following Sunday everyone at the conference must have tried the PRO web page as it was almost impossible to access the site! Eventually I got in and found the site a little over elaborate but once into the main Catalogue it was like being in Aladdin's cave. Put in Metcalf (not forgetting Metcalfe and the other derivatives) and up came 49 pages of references (nearly 1400 entries). Put in Metcalf and Anthony and up came another 6 entries amongst them the reference to "The Gayle" in Charles the First's reign. Let's see what else we can get!

The PRO at Kew is known to many but as new records are catalogued there are still opportunities to seek out that missing piece of information; that step further back into the past. Now the PRO is becoming more widely known and its records more accessible it is becoming less "The Nation's Best Kept Secret". See for yourself!



Examples of PRO RECORDS

AB 7/1 1840 Marine HTS design study: silicon carbide technology in Great Britain. G R A Metcalfe and D J Higson 1961 Mar

AB 15/636 Title: Polar diagram measurement for synchrotron gamma-ray beam
 Author(s): L.H. Metcalfe D.J. Lees 1949, May
 ADM 75/240/9 Settlement of property in Selside between Williamson Metcalfe and Henry Hemingway 1845 June 23
 AIR 30/220 Flight Lieutenant R. F. C. Metcalfe, R.A.F. (retired) 1932 May
 AO 2/57 SHERIFFS' ACCOUNTS.: County: Bedford Sheriff: C. J. Metcalfe 1835, Feb. 16 - 1836, Feb. 10
 ASSI 45/3/1/237 Yates alias Metcalfe, Thomas
 ASSI 45/6/1/103 Metcalfe, William 1661
 ASSI 45/12/3/112 The information of Margaret Metcalfe and Robert Bolron against named Papists in Yorkshire 1679
 ASSI 45/16/2/ Agarr, Edward; Clarkson, Brian; Close, William; Garbutt, George; Heslopp, Joseph; Ingleton, Edward; Metcalfe, Thomas; Tillam, Joshua; Toppin, James. Cf. Applegarth, John; Atkinson, John; Bell, William; Birkett, Thomas; Brocke, Edward 1692
 ASSI 45/33/1/90 Metcalfe, John - deposition taken in Middlesex 1777
 ASSI 52/11 MURDER: John Duckworth PICKAVANCE and Mary Jane PICKAVANCE; William SQUIRREL; Hannah WOODS; John METCALFE; Thomas COSGROVE; Edward John MCCONVILLE; Leah CHARLTON; Robert LYNCH; Robert JONES; Elizabeth HULME; John REECE; Mathew HAYES; Thomas MERCER; 1890
 ASSI 72/52/18 Unlawful Assembly and Riot: Cullis, William also Davies, Oswald; Davies Richard; Griffiths, Alfred; Jones, James; Metcalfe, Henry 1926
 BT 31/7054/49691 No. of Company: 49691; John Metcalfe & Son Ltd. 1896

C12/588/17 Hill v. Mitcalfe 1783

C 202/174/6 Cardigan - Arthur Jones; Dorset - Peter Batson; Durham - James Downey; Glamorgan - Rhys Davies; Hertford - William Wilshire; Kent - William Knocker; Northumberland - Henry Mitcalfe; Somerset - Edmund Batten; Stafford - William Challinor; Sussex - Thomas C 1785

WARD 7/20/265 Metcalf, Nicholas: York 24 Eliz I.

WARD 7/22/7 Metcalf, William (lunatic): York 30 Eliz I.

WARD 7/24/4 Metcalf, Mark: York 35 Eliz I.

WARD 7/26/166 Metcalf, John: York 44 Eliz I.

WARD 7/30/39 Metcalf, Dorothy: Essex 2 Jas I.

WARD 7/35/82 Metcalf, Henry: Lincoln 10 Jas I.

WARD 7/51/37 Metcalf, William: Durham 21 Jas I.

WO 78/1221 Sketch of part of Estremadura, shewing fortified ground in front of Lisbon. In colour: copied from a plan of S. Dickinson by Edward Metcalf, RMS&D. Lisbon, 26 Aug 1811. ORDER THIS DOCUMENT AS MPH 1/253 1811

WO 78/1768 ORDER THIS DOCUMENT AS MR 1/938 Survey of the ground fortified on the south side of the R. Tagus, Estremadura province. Drawn by Edward Bar Metcalf, R.M.S. Received with Mr. Metcalf's letter to Lt. Gen. Mann, dated Lisbon 10 Oct. 1813.
and many more.

To print, or not to print, that is the question

As outlined in the last Mecca News the potential reprint of our acclaimed, limited edition, "Metcalf-History of the Clan" was considered at the Muster in October 2000.

There was overwhelming support for the view that we should produce a second edition. There was general consensus that it should be in a hardback format and style similar to that of the first edition. A new edition would cost more than the first edition, and it was agreed that the cost should be met by the subscribers for the second edition, as it was with the first edition. Most speakers felt that Society funds should be used for other projects such as the purchase of new equipment etc, and not to fund the entire cost of the book, thereby eventually aiming to recover the large outlay.

It would be proper to include an index, which the first edition lacks, and to make, where possible, corrections to spelling errors or grammar. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to supply the new index to those people who purchased the First Edition, either at cost or free of charge. We have received an offer to create the index at no charge over a period of time at the convenience of the volunteer, which we are more than happy to accept of course.

We do have approximately 100 people who have registered their interest in purchasing a copy of the book, almost all of whom are non-members. We also have a further 130+ new members who have joined the society since the first edition sold out. Hence, given the lessons learned in the sale of the first edition, and with the same careful planning that we previously used, the second edition could become a reality in 2002. A print run of between 500 to 1,000 was mooted but the final number will need careful judgement.

What do you think?? PLEASE let us know your opinion. Should we proceed and if so in what format and quantities? Please notify Diane Howarth before the next Committee Meeting in March 2001. We will keep you advised in future editions of the Mecca News.

INCARCERATED METCALFES

George Metcalf, unmarried, 21 of Whitford, Flint, Wales and Christopher Metcalf, married, 50 of Askrigg, Yorks in Her Majesty's Prison, Old Elvet, Durham and William Metcalf, married, 48 of Richmond, Yorks in the Northumberland Co Lunatic Asylum, Cotingwood, Morpeth, Northumberland.
From 1881 Census

Secretary's Report

The first year of the new millennium is almost over in what seems to be a blink of an eye. Moving house and technology problems now seem a distant memory. Besides responding to the usual queries, my focus over the last few months have been the preparations for the all new Muster, as well as attending the Preston Fair - both of which resulted in excellent events. See the relevant articles on each event in this journal. Specifically I would like to thank our new Conference Secretary, Lesley Longworth who handled the Muster reservations so brilliantly.

The membership of the society continues to increase. At the Mecca Muster, it was reported that in the year between AGMs (Oct 99 - Oct 00), we had 106 new members with a total active membership of 551 of which 151 live overseas. 49 members failed to renew their subscriptions in 2000. The major source of new members continues to be the Internet (50) and attendance at Family History Fairs (15). Both at, and since the Muster, we have had a further 20 new members, most of which have joined for 2001. With this level of membership and growth rate, the probability odds of being the world's largest one-name society are certainly looking favourable.

Please find enclosed the Subscription Renewal Form for you to renew your society membership. If you cannot remember whether or not you have paid in advance (I certainly cannot!), checkout the reverse of the renewal form. Details of those members who have paid in advance are outlined there for your guidance. If you cannot find your membership number, it means you have not paid in advance. Although subscription rates have not increased this year (in £ sterling terms) please note that the overseas rates have changed, purely due to currency fluctuations. Also, please refer to the article in this journal advising of a new joining and re-joining fee for the society, as approved at the October AGM.

You should all be aware now of my new contact details. To all our members in Australia, please do note that our agent Dianne Fox now has a new address, to which you should send your subscription. Both contact details are on the inside front/back covers of this journal.

For those of us in the Northern hemisphere, as winter draws in, I hope you find time for your genealogical searches despite such external hassles as bad weather, floods, fuel disputes etc etc as the UK have been languishing in these last few months! It would be a real novelty if I get a chance to do some of my own Metcalfe tree for the first time in over 6 years (yes, my daughter is 6 years old!) - nuf said!

D Howarth M409



COMMITTEE NEWS

These meetings are getting longer! A brief summary of a six hour meeting!

Chairman: David Lambert chaired the meeting and welcomed Lesley Longworth and Mary Metcalfe as guests.

Secretary: There was a long discussion regarding arrangements for the Muster, spear-headed by a great deal of prior hard work by Lesley and Diane. Mary Metcalfe was thanked for the range of skilful designs for Christmas cards which she had produced. It was agreed these would be placed on display at the Muster and members would be asked to vote on which design they preferred. Saturday, 6th October, 2001 has already been booked for next year's Muster as this was the only remaining Saturday that Askham Bryan had available.

Treasurer: Society funds remain at a healthy level. Following some difficulties in specific cases, it was decided that payment by standing order would no longer be available to new members in their first year of membership.

Archivist: Eileen Measures was now able to begin taking over as archivist. Nina will continue initially to receive everything and liaise with Eileen as to which queries she will deal with. List management had all now been passed to Alan Vickers.

Master membership status: There are now approximately 540 paid up members. June and Doug Cutting are due to take over responsibility for the Master Membership File at the Muster.

New Members' Secretary: The membership number has now reached 1182. Diane had recently received the PC that will go to Carol at the AGM. The Committee confirmed it will pay for some training for Carol in the setting up and use of the machine, which will be particularly useful for her communication with the overseas agents.

Overseas agents: Agents continue to be the main source of support for the Society's growing number of overseas members. Diane, with help from Nina, had agreed some standard reporting arrangements with the four agents in order to improve the information flow between the agents and the UK. Mary Morris had suggested setting up a small library service for New Zealand members, initially using her own stock of family history books. It would be run on the same principles as the Society's UK library. The Committee agreed to accept this kind offer. Mary will be sent any second copies of books in the UK library.

Editor: There was discussion of the pros and cons of an A4 layout for the "Mecca News". The greatest advantage would be increased flexibility of layout. The membership will be consulted on this issue at the AGM and via the December "Mecca News". The implications of whether to continue with the photocopying of the magazine as at

present or make a change to having it printed (higher quality definition, particularly of the photographs) will also be raised.

Computer Index: David reported on his further progress on the census returns, having now spent 320 hours on microfilm readers. The Committee gave its grateful thanks for this work.

Publications: Charles was willing to take on the updating needed in order to produce a new Birth Brief Booklet by October 2001. He had already received some information from members as a result of the update forms he had sent out.

Exhibitions / Fairs: David Metcalfe, Margaret Hodgson, Nina Benson and Peter Dobson had represented the Society at the Northern Fair in June. Eight new members were enrolled. Diane Howarth and Margaret Hodgson will be representing the Society at the NW Fair on 28th October in Preston.

Subscriptions: Charles's proposal for the introduction of a life membership category was discussed. It was agreed that this should be put to the AGM, with the suggestion that the cost for such a membership be £150. There was discussion about the possibility of a rejoining fee for a member who had allowed membership to lapse. There were concerns about the extra administration this would generate. After discussion it was agreed that it should be put to the AGM that the Society have a joining fee of 50% of the annual subscription, to apply to all subsequent new members. If, after a year of lapsed membership, a past member wished to rejoin then he / she would have to pay the joining fee, along with the annual subscription. A past member on rejoining the Society would keep his / her old membership number, otherwise this would lead to confusion in the records.

Election of officers: John Metcalfe, Warwick Metcalfe and David Galloway were all retiring from the Committee at the Muster. The rest of the Committee was willing to stand again. Charles was willing to stand for another term as President.

Internet: The Committee agreed that Susan Harper should be known as 'Website Administrator' and be a member of the extended team.

Book report: There was further discussion of the feasibility of producing a second edition of "Metcalfe: History of the Clan". Warwick had secured an offer to complete an index for the book free of charge. The Committee was unanimous in eventually wanting a second edition, with revisions / corrections and an index. There were different views expressed as to its timing and format. After discussion, the Committee view was for an edition of similar quality to the first, produced probably for 2002. These ideas would be put to the AGM.

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, 31st March, 2000 at Earby Community Centre.

Margaret Hodgson M515

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 • 1st Regiment Royal Tower Hamlets Militia.....
 • Adjutant **Jas. Metcalf** on 16 February 1797. (WO 68 / 417/ 1)
 • seen by **David Lambert M11** at Salt Lake City Library October 2000
 •

Chairman's Report

It had dawned on me this week that I was very late with my report for our Editor. He very politely and quite reasonably reminded me of this fact before I could take the moral high ground by sneaking my report to him without being chased!! I do not know where the time goes; it honestly does not seem a year ago that I was referring to our last Muster in Ripon and looking forward to the Millennium. Have you noticed, incidentally, how that word is rarely uttered now (save in relation to the ill-fated Dome)?

Our year 2000, as a Society, unlike the Dome, has been one of our most successful in terms of recruitment of new members and on-going project work. We have grown from strength to strength. The use of the Internet has seen the greatest influx of new members that I am aware of in one year. A very big "thank you" must go to Susan Harper for the phenomenal success of our website. Our presence at the York Family History Fair was rewarded by a host of interested visitors and a record number of new members.

Will we be able to keep them? What is it that they want from us?

We need to reflect carefully on the implications for the Society. This is exactly what we are doing at Committee level with the setting up of three sub-committees to examine the way in which the Society should be run, what projects we should undertake and what resources we should use, to name three of several areas of concern.

Volunteers and members who are willing to serve either on our Committee or, in an equally important, support role are constantly in demand. We lost three Committee members at the York Muster, including a very long-standing one in Warwick Metcalfe. I was delighted that we were able, without undue arm twisting, to fill the vacancies. A thank you to each of them for serving us so well and in the case of the replacements for agreeing to help.

The AGM, in our new surroundings, at York, did not take as long as in the past due to the use of written reports. We did have enough time to debate the question of a new edition of the Metcalfe book. You will find other references to this in later pages of this Mecca News. Please reply and let us know your views on this and other subjects such as the future size of the Mecca news. I was also pleased that the members present at the York Muster, supported the Committee's proposals including a joining fee.

The whole day passed off very quickly and all to whom I spoke seemed to have enjoyed their day, whether it was searching our records, chatting to cousins, buying raffle tickets from our President (very difficult to avoid not doing so such was his persistence, with the result that we collected the highest amount ever), answering the Quiz and Christmas Card competitions (for which we have to thank Patrick Malham and Mary Metcalfe respectively) or listening to one or both of our excellent speakers (Michael Gandy and George Redmonds).

I will close by thanking everyone who helps in whatever way to make the Society function, whether on the Committee or sub-committees, in a support role (such as despatch or an overseas agent) or as an ordinary member. Thank you for everything that you do. We are undoubtedly the finest one name society as well as being the biggest. Long may it remain so.

I wish you a Happy Christmas and Peaceful and successful New Year.

David Lambert M11

Medical Metcalfes

Entries from the Medical Register 1869

Date Of Registration	Details
7 May 1861	Edmund Metcalfe. Maida Vale London, Mem 1841, Fell 1859 RCS.
21 Oct 1864	Fenwick Metcalfe. Bishop's Lydiard, Taunton, Mem 1864, RCS, 1864 LSA
1 Jan 1859	James Bell Metcalfe. 9 Clapton Sq, Hackney. LSA 1835, Mem RCS 1864, MD Univ K Coll. Aberd. 1860
9 Feb 1864	John Metcalfe, St James' Rd Halifax, Lic Fac. Phys Surg. Glasg. 1860.
1 Jan 1859	John Augustus Metcalfe, Hawes, Yorks. MD Univ Edin 1857. Memb RCS 1859.
12 Nov 1863	John William Metcalfe, 3, Quai du Mont Blanc, Geneva. Memb RCS 1841, LCA 1842.
23 Oct 1860	Richard Metcalfe, Leyburn, Yorks. Mem, Lic Midwif. 1860, RCS 1860, MD Univ. St. And. 1860, LSA 1861.
1 Jan 1859	Robert Metcalfe, Isleham, Cambs. 1857 LSA, Mem RCS 1858.
1 Jan 1859	Robert Ives Metcalfe, Beccles, Suffolk. Mem RCS 1857, MD. Univ. Edin. 1858.
1 Jan 1859	Robert Ives Metcalfe, Tydd St Mary, Lincs. Mem RCS 1817, LSA 1817.

RCS - Royal College of Surgeons, England.

LSA - Lic. Soc of Apoth. London.

Provided by Brenda Thompson M660.

Subscriptions 2001

At the October 2000 AGM, it was voted to maintain the subscriptions at the current £ sterling levels for 2001. However, to our overseas members please note that due to the fluctuation in currencies, there are some variations in the exchange rates. From 2001, all new members will be required to pay a joining fee of 50% of the chosen subscription, eg £4 for an individual UK member.

Metcalf Sightings

William J Metcalfe married Ann Griffin Dean whose mother was Mary Dean (a widow) who married Edmund Alderson. William and Ann's children were Anne Catherine Jane, Alice and Edmund James. Alice (bc1812) married (c1833) John Smith they had a son George Alderson-Smith (bc 1834). *Alderson Family History Society Newsletter Issue 48, page 19, February 2000.*

Robert Thompson Metcalf bpt 10/11/1862 s of Robert Thompson, sailor Whitburn & Mary Metcalf; **Anthony James Metcalf** bpt 2/10/1870 s of Matthew Metcalf, gardener, Whitburn & Hannah; **John W Metcalf** mar Ann Williamson 9/2/1881; **Elizabeth Jane Ann** bpt 22/2/1882 d of John Wm Metcalfe, lab, Cleadon & Ann; **Jane** bpt 7/4/1882 d of Mary Jane Metcalfe of Cleadon Quarries; **John George** bpt 18/12/1887 s of Charles Metcalf, lab, Cleadon & Jessie; **George Metcalfe** mar Mary A Miller 31/3/1902.

From Whitburn Co Durham Parish Records. At South Shields Library May 2000 by **Charles S Metcalfe M305.**

Private Arthur METCALFE 823, 55th Battalion Australian I P. Killed 12.3.1918 age 24 s/o Merion MORIARTY of Yass and Selina MORIARTY of Sydney NSW. Native of Goulburn NSW. Buried at Somer Farm Cemetery, Belgium. **Joan Hamilton M839.**

John Metcalfe, a butcher of Northallerton was revealed in an approver's confession, Kings Bench, made in 1473, to have robbed in Dec 1470 a man called Stokysley of £55 on Northallerton Moor with two other men, William Robinson and John Tomson. p xv, (see also appendix) 'The North of England in the age of Richard'. ed AJ Pollard, Allan Sutton Publishing 1996.

On Shrove Tuesday 1477, **Leonard Metcalfe** was playing football at Pontefract when he accidentally hit Robert Pilkington with the ball. Pilkington drew his dagger (worth 20d) and Leonard apologised profusely. Thinking they had made their peace, he turned back to his game only to be knifed to the heart and killed. The game and Metcalfe's part in it may not have been as completely innocent as the indictment makes it appear. cf John Bossey's statement in discussing Shrove Tuesday and carnival: 'Somewhere between symbolic and genuine violence one must put the carnival games, which included early forms of football, then as now a satisfying outlet for collective hostility.' Christianity and the West 1400-1700 (1985) p 44, 'The North of England in the age of Richard III'. ed AJ Pollard.

John and Adrian Metcalfe ran together in the English 4x440yds relay team, both Oxford blues in the late 1950s early 60s and both members of this society at one time. They represented Britain in the Olympics at Rome and Tokyo, the latter winning an Olympic medal and at 19 being the fastest 400yds runner in the world in 1961. **All three from George Wigglesworth M501.**

"Let it be known that on this first day of January 2000, the undersigned made a 'Hole In One' at Diablo Country Club on the 164 yard, par 3, 16th. hole. This first time occurrence for Jerry took place at approximately 12:45p.m. at the advanced age of 62 years, using a five iron (XPC) with a Titleist Tour Balata 100 compression with a number One (1) stamp." **Gerald L.Metcalf M798.**

Rev. Arthur Metcalf - A Biography (Supplied by John L Metcalfe)

Born: February 28, 1864 Keelby, Lincolnshire, England
Died: October 31, 1933 El Paso, El Paso County, Texas

Soundex index of St. Albans Border Crossings shows he crossed the border on Sep. 11, 1908, after arriving in Quebec, Canada, as a 2nd class passenger on the Empress of Ireland. He was 44 years old. Arthur had visited England for a church conference in the summer of 1908, and also visited home. He wrote a series of articles for his hometown newspaper about his trip.

He wrote a fiction book, "The Green Devil, A Romance of Thorton Abbey" Copyright Rumford Press, published in England Nov. 1912. It was published in the United States by Pilgrim Press. His nephew, John S. Metcalf, has a copy and stated that the preface said that this book was written about the Abbey with which he was familiar and was dedicated to the large family from which he came.

Arthur Metcalf wrote a letter dated June 19, 1933, from El Paso, TX, to his brother, Walter. Following are some excerpts:

"I have just read your recent Conference address as published, in part, in the Boston Congregationalist. Mary and I so enjoyed the article that I want at once to offer hearty congratulations. It is a notable achievement. I wish that Mother and Father could have had the experience of having the Baby of the family preach the Conference sermon, as it were. The Keelby crowd would like to see you in such very respectable print. ... Mary figures that I do not owe you a letter — but I am not so sure ... But, unfortunately, Mary cannot write these days. She has just about lost the vision in one eye. ... My health has never been better. I had a bit rough going six months or so ago. A careful doctor found that I had altogether too much sugar in my system! ..."

Obituary

"Rev. Arthur Metcalf passed away at his Lower Valley home in El Paso, Texas, at ten o'clock on the morning of October 31st, 1933, after an illness lasting one week. Rev. Mr. Metcalf was a native of Keelby, Lincolnshire, England, but has lived in this country since his first arrival here as a young man in his early twenties. He was ordained to the Christian ministry in the Congregational Church soon after his arrival in 1887, and began his long and fruitful ministry as pastor of a circuit in Genesee County, Michigan. Later he held pastorates in Lake Linden in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan; Garnet and Independence, Kansas; the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Des Moines, Iowa; First Congregational Church, Webster City, Iowa; Logan Heights Congregational Church, San Diego, California, and in 1926 assumed the pastorate of the Lower Valley Community Church in El Paso, Texas. Since 1930 Rev. Mr. Metcalf has been retired from the active pastorate, and has devoted himself to writing.

As a pastor, both in his last pastorate in the Valley Church and in previous

pastorates, Rev. Mr. Metcalf greatly endeared himself not only to members of his congregations, but to people of the community in general. He was a man of independence and clarity of thought, deep sympathy, a fine sense of humor, rare tact, and many other qualities of mind and heart that endeared people to him on long or short acquaintance. His years of ministry and his later years of residence here made a deep impression on people of the Lower Valley.

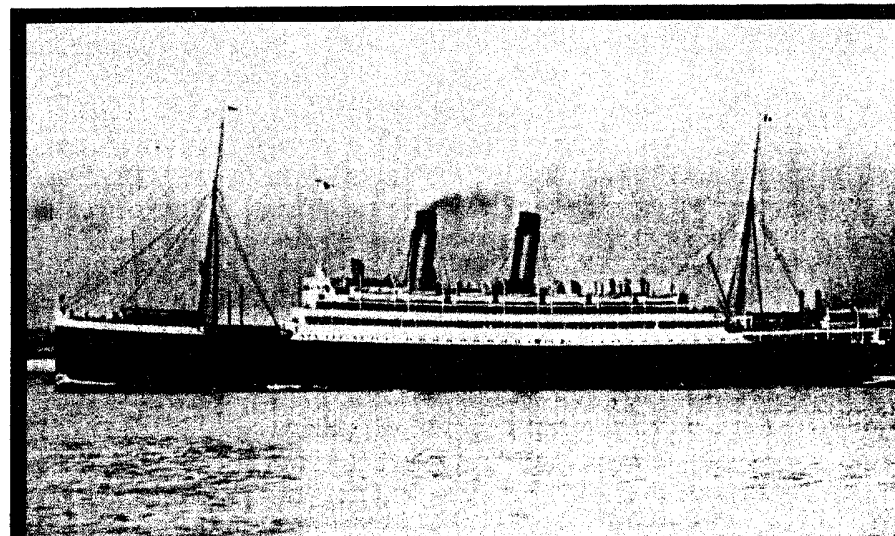
As a writer, Rev. Mr. Metcalf produced noteworthy works in the field of short stories, full-length novels, and in the field of Biblical Drama. "The Green Devil," a Romance of Thornton Abbey, the ruins of which he knew as a boy in Lincolnshire, England, was one of the earliest of his novels, published in 1912. Among his later writings, some of which are still in manuscript form, are "The Adventures Of A Dead Man," "The Knighting Of Sir Edwin," "Arcurus, The Ray That Opened The Exposition," "Fifteenth Century Vignettes," and a series of short stories of the Butterworth Trail in the great Southwest. Four of his Biblical Dramas are "Jezebel's Daughter," "Onesimus," "Potiphar's Wife," and "The Beasts Of Ephesus." The last three of these were produced under the personal direction of the Author during his residence in El Paso.

Rev. Mr. Metcalf was married to Ida Irene Miller of Schwartz Creek, Michigan, and she was his companion and help-meet until her decease in El Paso in 1929. Later he married Miss Mary Hakie of San Diego, California, who survives him. Two children, Captain Fred A. Metcalf in active army service in Springfield, Ill., and Mrs. Wayne K. Green of Seattle, Washington, also survive. A brother, Rev. Walter Metcalf, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Tampa, Florida, is the only other member of the family in this country, but other brothers and sisters survive him, living in England. Captain Fred A. Metcalf started from Springfield by army plane upon receipt of word of his father's critical illness, but did not reach El Paso until the night after his father's death.

Funeral services were conducted in El Paso on Wednesday, November 1st at three o'clock at the Peak-Hagedon funeral Home. Rev. Alfred D. Heininger, pastor of the Lower Valley church conducted the services, assisted by Superintendent Richard R. Shoemaker of Albuquerque, and Dr. Frank Lincoln Moore of Chicago, Secretary of the Western Division of the Congregational Home Boards. Tennyson's "Crossing of the Bar" and "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" were sung. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, where the former Mrs. Metcalf was buried.

On that evening, at the Valley Church, a Fellowship Supper and meeting which had been planned for another purpose were changed into an impressive memorial service for our beloved former pastor and friend. Supt. Shoemaker and Dr. Moore spoke, and men and women from the community and from the two city churches spoke with deep appreciation of what this remarkable life had meant to them. "The Lost Chord," one of Mr. Metcalf's favorite songs, was beautifully sung by Mrs. Percy Seddon. Even in the midst of our mourning, the dominant note is one of profound thanksgiving,—that we have known and loved him and have been blessed by his life.

(Arthur Metcalf (1864-1933), eldest son of Samuel & Sarah Metcalf)



S.S. EMPRESS OF IRELAND, 1906

Courtesy The Peabody Museum of Salem

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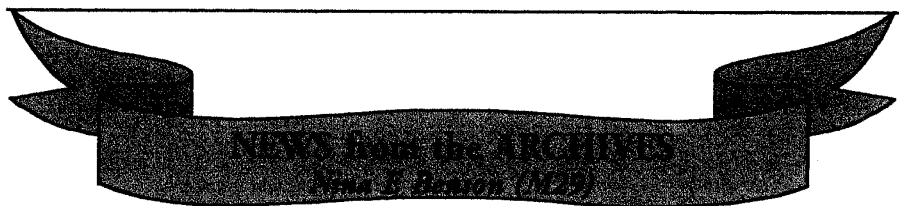
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Walter Metcalf emigrated from England aboard this vessel, landing in Quebec September 1907(?). He remained in Canada for several years for training. He came to the USA in May 1911 and returned to Canada, where he married Linda Norris in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on January 10, 1912, and they emigrated to the USA that afternoon, headed for Blaisburg, Iowa, where he was the pastor of the Congregational Church. They later moved to Hampton, Iowa, and then Florida.

Walter's oldest brother, Rev. Arthur Metcalf, also came from England aboard this ship landing in Quebec on September 11, 1908, and proceeding on to his home in the USA. He had apparently been back to England for a visit.

Arthur was the eldest brother of Walter Metcalf, and they were sons of Samuel and Sarah (Stamp) Metcalf of Lincolnshire, England. Walter Metcalf stayed in Canada for training in the ministry (Congregational Church), before he married Linda Norris

John L. Metcalf



I am writing this on 30th October with gales lashing Britain and large fluffy flakes of snow whizzing past the window. Thank goodness this is not 1800 when it would take our ancestors so much longer, each morning, to get warm.

The "News" is VERY good ! Mrs Eileen Measures (M1086) is to be your new archivist. Thank you Eileen for offering to join our team and we wish you joy with the work.

For the next few months Eileen will be sharing the work with me and this will continue until a further announcement is made in the Mecca News. Hence there will be no change in procedures BEFORE APRIL AT THE EARLIEST. Please continue to send in your queries to me and be extra tolerant if replies take that little bit longer. There may well be further delays early next year when I shall be in Cape Town for 5 weeks, so if you are planning to send in queries or your first time family details do so NOW. Eileen and I look forward to helping whenever and wherever we can.

Census Bicentenary - Help celebrate 200 years of the Census!

March 10th, 2001 is the 200th anniversary of the census of population in Britain. To mark this occasion and herald the next census on April 29th 2001, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) is running a project to celebrate the census bicentenary on BBC Local Radio and in local newspapers. BBC Local Radio is in partnership with the ONS to promote the census next year.

The ONS would like to hear from people who have used census data to trace their family histories who would like to tell their story to the local media. ONS will be promoting the census bicentenary to local media through 100 Census Area Managers who are in a position to manage the 2001 census. They will have census records from the 1800s of famous people or properties of local interest and information about social and economic changes at county level over the past 200 years. They will also promote local family historians who volunteer to take part.

Family historians who have a story to tell and who would be happy for it to be reported locally should send brief details to ONS before January 14th 2001. Correspondence should be marked 'Census Bicentenary' and either : posted to Daniel Walsh, Office for National Statistics, Room 4300N, Segensworth Road, Titchfield, Hampshire PO15 5RR or e-mailed to daniel.walsh@ons.gov.uk

World Wide Mecca

As indicated previously, Metcalfe.Org.UK continues to evolve. We now have our own Members-Only area where one day useful information will appear that will help researchers in pursuit of Metcalfes. For now, it can be used to contact members by email. Normally, there would not be much reason to do so but I have added a column in the table so that members can briefly display the dates and places of their research. On-line researchers can share information collected in the course of their work that might not be pertinent to their own work but useful to others searching in the same area.

If you haven't done so already, would Member-Area users please have a look at this page and send along a brief description to add beside your name. (It is at <http://www.metcalfe.org.uk/members/members.html>). If you do not want your email address put on this page, please contact me straight away and it will be removed. Remember that this area is only accessible to current Society members.

New links and miscellany have been added. If you have some favourites not listed, please send them along. There is also a bulletin board where members can post strays or titbits that they come across, i.e. Extractions from the city directories of Kingston, Ontario, Canada, 1883-1918 or the Klondike Goldrush Participants, from Yukon-Alaska Directory of 1901. I look forward to your contributions.

Coming up, by the next newsletter, I hope, our own email discussion list or forum for members only. It could be used by the society to send things by email rather than "snail mail" (saving money) and for general discussion about Metcalfe (var) genealogy. As a forum, I hope that the seasoned researchers can assist others who may have questions about sources, methods, place names, etc. Details on signing up will follow.

Susan Harper, Web Administrator, M266.

Great work! Excellent site.

I am a lapsed Met Soc. member (Member 572) & have been 'away' for awhile. The website has encouraged me to re-join.

I'm just sorry I missed out on the book!

Frank Carr, New Zealand.

The All New Improved Muster is a winner

Almost 100 people found it a very easy venue to reach and were rewarded with 'a super day out' as outlined in a feedback form received at the end of the day. This was the largest attendance at a Mecca Muster to date. The highlights were two superb presentations by Michael Gandy and George Redmonds who each had an audience of over 65 people. For those of you who attended Michael's presentation, please find enclosed a copy of the handout, which will also be of interest to those who couldn't attend.

As attendees had received the AGM reports in writing prior to the day, the business section of the day was able to complete in less than an hour - certainly a record for the society. This left the rest of the day to enjoy the usual facilities and take advantage of the many new ones. Ann Fell stepped in at the last moment to provide an excellent 'Ask the Expert' on all genealogical questions. She was certainly kept busy all day, and had already offered her support for next year's event.

The varied displays were of great interest including pictures of 'Musters past' and 'Where in the world to see the Metcalfe name'. Of specific interest was the display of 5 Christmas card designs, all designed and hand-painted by Mary Metcalfe (M1). The winner of the Christmas Card competition was our archivist, Nina Benson (M29). It was so hard to choose between such beautiful designs. But you will have to wait until the April and August editions of the journal to order your cards for Christmas 2001. So don't go and buy them in the forthcoming January sales!

The first prize in the raffle of one night's bed and breakfast at Nappa Hall went to a member who had joined the society only an hour before. They had travelled from Cumbria after seeing the advertisement we had placed in the Cumbria magazine. Let's hope they are just as lucky with their family tree when our archivist receives their Metcalfe family line.

The sales table gets bigger each year - with both Metcalfe merchandise and general genealogical items. This year, the certificate folders and polypockets to store valuable certificates, along with the record sheets to document findings, proved to be the new best sellers - all available via mail order. Research done on the computers and via the hardcopy books continue to be so popular we provided even more tables to make them more accessible this year.

Many thanks to all those members who attended the Muster this year - especially those travelling from afar - Bill & Elizabeth Roe (M871), Page Roe & Richard Barroll (M905) from the USA and Eddy & Frank Metcalf (M213) from South Africa, who made their travel arrangements to ensure they did not miss the Muster.

We tried lots of new things this year, almost all of which worked beautifully. We have highlighted areas where we can improve the event further, now that we know what is feasible at York. So what about next year put the date in your diary NOW! - Saturday 6th October, Askham Bryan College, York, will be the venue for our 21st birthday celebrations. We want to get past the magic 100 attendees at the very least. So do try and come along to what will certainly be not just a family history day outbut a family history PARTY! Don't miss it. Full details will be in the April and August 2001 Mecca News.

D Howarth M409

A super family history day ... despite the weather!

With no disrespect intended whatsoever - travelling 250 miles to Preston on a cold, windy and extremely wet October day is not the most sensible idea for most people of spending their precious weekend. But I can assure you that your secretary, Diane Howarth (M409) certainly did enjoy such a splendid day at the Guildhall manning the Metcalfe Society stand at the North West Family History Fair.

The team of Diane, Margaret Hodgson (M515), Joan Metcalfe (M63) and Peter Dobson (M69) promoted the society and our wares to approximately 1,400 attendees who braved the weather. Although this number was down on last year (probably due to the weather), we had a very successful day. Although we did not get any new members on the day itself, by the time you read this article, we hope to have some new members as a result as quite a few people did take our leaflets either for themselves or for Metcalfes they knew. It was a pleasure to chat to members Frank Metcalf (M1170), Frank Shiers (M1135), Linda Husband (M694), Lesley Melling and John Metcalfe (M1083), who took the time to drop by to say hello. As an added bonus, we sold the largest amount of our merchandise to date at a fair - over £260. There was even a spare bit of space in Diane's boot on the way home (definitely a first!).

Both the NW fair at Preston, and the NE fair at York (note the date - Saturday 23 June 2001, York racecourse) are always the best family history fairs for anyone to visit in the North of England. There is so much to see and resources to help you in your research, to record all your findings and to store those precious documents we hold so dear. Joan Metcalfe was absolutely delighted in finding an old map of North Yorkshire which included details of railway lines. As Diane's Metcalfe line has 6 generations in the railways, she was green with envy. If you do get the chance to visit either fair, you can be certain of a great day out, whatever the weather.

MECCA MUSTER 2000



US Members William Medcalfe Roe, Elizabeth Roe, Page Roe Barroll and Richard Barroll.



A new dance? No the President Charles Metcalfe organising the raffle!



**A happy raffle winner.
Jacqueline
Pickering M973.**



Attentive AGM audience.



**Discussions with
Professor Redmond
after his lecture.**



The Group picture!



**All good things must come
to an end. The President
closes the Muster.**



IT'S ALL IN THE GENES

Part II - A Prodigious Great Man

by George Buxton M003

Sir Thomas Theophilus Metcalfe
Baronet
MP for Abingdon
Director of the East India Company

In the first part of this series (which appeared in Mecca News 59 -

December 1999) the life of the first Theophilus known as the Scribe was given. His third son also called Theophilus took a grant of land in Ulster in 1688 and was a lawyer in Dublin in the year 1690. Theophilus the lawyer married Peggy (Margaret) Ormsby they had several children but the only son to marry was Thomas Metcalfe who was born around 1695 in Ireland; became an officer in the British Army and married Margaret Williams. Thomas died in Dublin in 1778 aged about 83 years. Little is known about the these descendants of Theophilus the Scribe but this was to change with the next generations who were to leave their mark on India.

Thomas Theophilus Metcalfe (Tom Theo) the only surviving son from Thomas and Margaret's union was born on 8th January 1745. He went to Bengal as a cadet in the East India Company's (EIC) military service in 1767; within a year he became a lieutenant, and by 1779 he was a captain. However he was in back in London in 1780 lobbying for the position of Military Storekeeper General of India. The position of Storekeeper General was eagerly sought after as it was possible to make an absolute fortune, but the job was promised to another. Nonetheless Tom Theo became the new post holder. He apparently courted the directors of the East India Company especially a man called Dundas and through his efforts he was granted the post. The position earned no remuneration what so ever from the EIC but Tom Theo lived well and prospered. Once back in India he married Selina Sophia Susanna (SSS) Smith in 1782.

She was the widow of a Major Smith and the daughter of John Debonnair, who was

thought to be a descendant of King Louis 14th of France by one of his illegitimate children. When Major Smith died he left her absolutely destitute, she was unable to pay his funeral costs. A friend of her father took her in and treated her as his own daughter. He paid for a new wardrobe, a holiday and cleared all her debts. She in turn promised to repay him if she was ever in a position to do so. Shortly after her marriage to Tom Theo



a request was received for the promise to be honoured as her benefactor had fallen on hard times. The request was refused, so her benefactor took them to court, using the services of a William Hickey, who was a lawyer in Calcutta. Tom Theo and SSS lost.

During his time as Storekeeper General Tom Theo also operated a Bank with several other men, which became so successful that their notes were accepted throughout the EIC area of influence. However not sufficient attention was paid to the running of the bank and it went into liquidation after a few years. Even that set back did not stop Thomas Theophilus and his family from prospering.

Due to the way the Board of Directors was running the EIC (that is to say they were looking after their own) the English Government of the day installed a Board of Control over them. A copy of every document went to the Board of Control. When news arrived in India of this stricture Thomas Theophilus promptly resigned, presumably due to a guilt complex and concern at being found out in some of his deals.

On his return to England in 1789 Tom Theo purchased 49 Portland Place London, (now the Embassy of the Peoples Republic of China) and for a country estate he purchased Fern Hill Park, Winkfield near Windsor.

Not content with resting on his money and using the adage "attack is the best form of

defence" he became a director of the EIC in the same year. He made an attempt to return to India in 1793 as civil governor but was passed over. Still he had powerful friends in the Company and he was a friend of Lord Wellesley (later to be the Duke of Wellington). This friendship was reflected in the placing of his son Charles Theophilus at the first EIC school in Calcutta run by Wellesley. This support for Wellesley was to be costly in the short term. He was the only director of the EIC to support Lord Wellesley and this coupled with his attending a dinner for Wellesley probably cost him the deputy chairmanship. He raised a number of motions in support of his friend and felt that the directors were lacking in their support.

This set back appears to have been short lived as in 1796 Tom Theo appeared in the ministerial list of people who were looking for seats in parliament. He stood for Abingdon and as he was unopposed he was elected Member of Parliament for the seat for eleven years until 1807. He became spokesman in parliament for the EIC, rarely speaking on any other matter other than India. He supported Pitt and Addington, and with their support bought his baronetcy in 1802.

In the election of 1804 even with the help of his fortune Tom Theo only just survived sustained opposition from a local candidate. He lost his seat in the general election of 1807 to the same candidate who unfortunately died in 1809. However Thomas Theophilus was then the Sheriff of Berkshire so could not stand again for Abingdon.

Evidently because of his success or more likely because of the way he had achieved it, Thomas Theophilus had his enemies. In 1810 William Hickey (the lawyer from India) writing his memoirs in a book called *Tell All Friend* described Thomas Theophilus as A Prodigious Great Man - Especially in his own opinion!

In 1811 Tom Theo was made a member of the governors at Haileybury the staff college for the EIC. This was fortunate for his son, also called Thomas Theophilus, who led a riot at the College in November 1811 for which he was expelled. However his father's influence must have had some effect for in early 1812 he was reinstated (see *East India Connections Mecca News* number 54 - April 1998). This was probably one of his last acts where he used his influence as he died the following year.

Irrespective of how he achieved his success Thomas Theophilus laid the base for his sons to rise to even greater heights and Theophilus John his eldest son born 19th September 1783 will be the subject of the third part of the series.

Sources.

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Books

Ships Deserters - HM and Merchant ships 1852-1900 by **Jim Melton**. Some 10,000 gazetted desertions and other absences by seamen. Gives full name, classification, name of ship and reward. 544p. £12.50 p&p £3.25. From Mrs Elizabeth Simpson, 2 Stella Grove, Tollerton, Notts, NG12 4EY.

NUTS & BOLTS: Family History Problem Solving through Family Reconstitution Techniques: **Andrew Todd** (2nd edn 2000) A5pbk 64 pages ISBN 0-948781-15-7 The process of using records to identify all children born to a couple with their birth dates, marriage and death or burial, thus rebuilding family units, can solve major research problems and produce interesting social history background. The 'how to' is clearly and carefully explained in the author's well known user-friendly style with informative diagrams, document examples & sound advice. Retail price £3.50, with UK post £4.10, overseas surface £4.30, airmail £4.80.

GENUKI - U.K & Ireland Genealogy on Internet by **David Hawgood** is a 48 page A5 paperback, ISBN 1-86006-111-7. Published in March 2000 jointly by FFHS and David Hawgood. Available at £3.45 with UK post, £3.65 surface mail elsewhere, £4.35 (currently US\$7) by air mail.

Finding Genealogy on the Internet by **Peter Christian**, published by David Hawgood, 20 pp A5, ISBN 0 948151 21 8. Price £1.80.

Family Record Centre Introduction to Family History (ISBN 1-873162-80-4) is £4.60 (GBP4.60) by post in the U.K., £4.75 overseas surface post, £5.50 airmail.

Order the books with credit card or cheque from FFHS Publications Ltd, 2-4 Killer Street, Ramsbottom, Bury, Lancs BL0 9BZ; ☎ 01706 824254, fax 01706 826560. The FFHS Publications Company now has an on-line bookshop fully operational at www.familyhistorybooks.co.uk.

A fictional book but none the less an interesting read. **The Metcalfe Family Album - Six Generations of Traditions and Memories** by **Sallyann J. Murphey**. A hardback book of 256 pages by Chronicle Books ISBN 0811820971 and costs \$20.97 (about £14-15) + shipping. Available through Amazon.com.

Davies and Metcalfe 1886-1940 Engineers to the World's Railways by **Richard Metcalfe**. Published 31 July 1999. £29.99 (ISBN 0863172024).

Developing a Profession of Librarianship in Australia Travel Diaries and Papers of John Wallace Metcalfe. £45.15.

The Viceroy's Daughters: The lives of the Curzon Sisters by **Anne de Courcy**. Wedenfeld £20 or by ☎ (0870 165 0870) £17. Life in the 1920's and 30's. Includes details of Alexandra Curzon who married Fruity Metcalfe, the Prince of Wales's best friend.

Metcalfe - History of the Clan by the **Metcalfe Society**. Currently out of print after a successful launch in 1998. See this issue for details of proposals to reprint.

The Family Records Centre

For those of you who are new to family history the following may be of interest. The Family Records Centre (FRC), which is situated at: 1 Myddelton Street, London EC1R 1UW is usually the first port of call when researching your family; it provides the link back to earlier records (but don't forget the Society holds extracts of the indexes on all Metcalf(e)s and derivatives from 1837 up to at least 1930 and in some cases beyond. Contact the Archivist Nina Benson for details. Also we have our own FRC visitor Julian Metcalfe who can obtain Metcalfe certificates. See front cover for contact details.).

Before 1st July 1837 the main means of establishing where births, marriages and deaths took place is by reference to baptisms, marriages and burials in parish registers of the local church. These records are not held by the General Register Office. Generally, they are kept in the local county record office for the area concerned.

The FRC houses the search facilities of the General Register Office's Public Search Room and the Census Reading Rooms of the Public Record Office. The Public Search Room has been known as St Catherine's House and Somerset House in the past. You can get more information about the Public Record Office at www.pro.gov.uk.

The Public Search Room holds indexes to the records of all births, deaths and marriages registered in England and Wales since July 1837; adoptions since 1927; and some births, deaths and marriages of British citizens overseas since 1761 including those of the armed forces. The First Floor Search rooms holds census returns from 1841 to 1891 and other records.

The original registration records are not open to the public but you can get copies of the entries in the form of birth, marriage and death certificates.

The Family Records Centre holds the following records:

- Indexes of births, marriages and deaths in England and Wales since 1837 up to 12 months ago.
- Indexes of legal adoptions in England and Wales since 1927.
- Indexes of births, marriages and deaths of some British citizens abroad since the late 18th century. These include: Consular and High Commission returns since 1849-1965, Marine births and deaths 1837-1965, air craft births, deaths and missing persons 1947-1980, army returns 1881-1965, Regimental registers 1761-1924, Chaplins returns 1796-1880, World Wars I and II deaths, Boer War, Ionian Islands and Indian state deaths all events registered abroad from 1966 up to 12 months ago.

(Certificates can be purchased from the Office for National Statistics of any entry in the above indexes.)

- Microfilm copies of Census of Production returns (1841-1891)
- Microfilms of Estate Duty Office death duty registers from 1796-1858, with indexes from 1796-1903.
- Microfilms of registered copies of wills and administrations up to 1858 from the Perogative Court of Canterbury
- Non-parochial registers from 1576-1858.
- Miscellaneous foreign returns of births, deaths and marriages from 1627-1960. Wills

The Family Records Centre only holds microfilm copies of the registered wills and administrations proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1384-1858. These are held in the Census reading room which is run by the PRO. The PCC was the High Court for the southern half of the country. Photocopies can be taken. Other pre-1858 wills and administrations can be found in various local county record offices depending upon which court the will was proved in. On 12 January 1858 the Central Probate Registry (now known as the Principal Registry for the Family Division) commenced. You can obtain a copy of any will proved in England and Wales since 1858 from this registry. You can get more information from www.court-service.gov.uk. The FRC does hold microfiche copies of the indexes to wills for 1858-1943.

Opening hours are:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	9.00am to 5.00pm
Tuesday	10.00am to 7.00pm
Thursday	9.00am to 7.00pm
Saturday	9.30am to 5.00pm

The Centre is open on the Saturdays of Bank Holiday weekends except for those falling during Easter and Christmas.

Christmas opening hours are:

Monday 25th December	CLOSED	Tuesday 26th December	CLOSED
Wednesday 27th December	CLOSED	Thursday 28th December	9.00am to 7.00pm
Friday 29th December	9.00am - 5.00pm	Saturday 30th December	9.30am to 5.00pm
Monday 1st January 2001	CLOSED		

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M0268 Gary R. Medcalf - The Manager's Unit, Roseville Retirement Village, 110 King Street, Doncaster East, Victoria 3109 Australia.

M0451 Ms Joan E. Metcalfe - 508 N.E. Fourth Avenue #1, Gainesville, Florida 32601 USA.

M0461 John R. Metcalf - 523 Quail Rd, Lynchburg, Virginia 24504 USA.

M0491 The British Library - Legal Deposit Office, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire, LS23 7BY.

M0583 David Metcalfe - 799 Mackie Rd, Ladysmith, British Columbia, Canada, V9G 1N1.

M0710 Mr & Mrs Phil & Jackie Metcalfe, same address.

M0767 Warwick D. Metcalfe - 34 Daniell Street, Masterton, New Zealand.

M0839 Mrs Joan Hamilton - 9c Churchill Ave, Palmerston North 5301, New Zealand.

M0941 Fed. FHS, - PO Box 8684, Shirley, Solihull, B90 4JU.

M0946 Mrs Yvonne A. Metcalfe - PO Box 50, Keri Keri 0470, New Zealand.

M1032 D. Seyward Smith - Suite 249, 3000 Shelbourne St, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada V8R 4M8.

M1086 Mrs Eileen Measures - 62 North Ave, Bedworth, Warwickshire CV12 9EQ <connelora@madasafish.com>.

M1133 Bill Buxton - HC69 Box 170A, Riggins, Idaho 83549-9702, USA.

M1137 Mr P.A. Rowe to :- 9 Dikler Close, Bourton-on-the-Water, Cheltenham, Gloucs. GL54 2PS.

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

M1112 James W. Metcalf - please note NO "e".

M1146 Martin J. Carter/Keith Barratt (not Barrett) see MN61 p34. Martin s/o Arthur Varley & Lavinia (Metcalf) Carter m 19 Dec 1940 Bedale Yks. Keith is s/o Eric Desmond & Delma (Metcalf) Barrett m 9 Mar 1946. Lavinia b 1916 Bedale is 1/3; and Delma b 1921 Bedale is 3/3 of [NOT Edward & Eva E. (Parnaby) Mte] but Alfred & Alice (Jones) Mte m 1914 Middlesbrough.

Alfred bpt 2 Feb 1890 Bedale 6/6 of William & Elizabeth (Elsworth) Mte - rest as per original entry.

M1168 Connects to M252, M1127 & M1145.

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

M1140 Mr Clive P Hitchen. 147A Nine Mile Ride, Finchampstead, Wokingham, Berks RG40 4HY. email hrocks.hitchen@virgin.net. Family from Bradford, W. Yorkshire. Grandson of 1/3 Lily Metcalfe b 20 May 1892 & Arthur Wray b 24 July 1891, m 20 May 1918. Lily Metcalfe d/o William MTE b 27 Dec 1869 & Annie (Firth) MTE b 8 May 1870, m 9 Sept 1891. William MTE (Weaving Overlooker) s/o John MTE bc 1845 & Mary Ann Gill bc 1844, m 12 June 1864. John MTE (Wood Sawyer) s/o James MTE (Engine Tester). Annie (Firth) MTE (Worstead Weaver) d/o Albert Firth (Mechanic). Mary Ann (Gill) MTE (Weaver) d/o Jonathan Gill (Labourer).

M084 Mr Derek Metcalfe. 56, Brentwood Road, Nelson, Lancs BB9 8AU. Derek s/o Arthur & Norah (Watson) MTE m 1935 Nelson; Arthur b 3.3.1914 Barrowford, 2nd s/o Owen Dinsdale & Alice Ann (Farum) MTE. Owen Dinsdale b 9.2.1879 Kirkby Malham 1st s/o Thomas & Mary (Dinsdale) MTE. Thomas b 22.12.1856 Bainbridge s/o Francis & Rachel (MTE) MTE. Francis b 1828 Bainbridge s/o Martin & Elizabeth (Tennant) MTE. Martin b 5.1.1794 Marsett illeg s/o Miriam MTE. Miriam bc 1775.

RE-JOINED MEMBERS

M39 Mrs Sharon A. Milton, 5907 109A St NW, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6H 3C4. Sister to XM856 dau of Robert William & Helen Marguerita (Porter) Mte m 28 Oct 1944 Yesi, nr Rome, Italy. Robert Wm b 25 Jan 1915 Yks s/o John Pickard & Harriet (Peart) Mte m 23 Dec 1907 Easby, Richmond, Yks. John P. bpt 12 May 1880 Richmond s/o Robert & Elizabeth (Pickard) Mte m 20 Mar 1876. Robert bpt 28 Nov 1852 Hipswell s/o Robert & Elizabeth (Frankland) Mte m 28 Dec 1841 Hipswell. Robert b c 1821 s/o Robert & Elizabeth (King) Mte m 3 Mar 1818 Hipswell. Robert bpt 3 Jan 1787 Hipswell s/o George & Elizabeth (Robinson) Mte m 17 Nov 1768 High Coniscliffe nr Darlington Co Durham. George b c 1733. Connects to **M3, M29, M66, M70, XM92, XM132, M133, XM211, XM212, XM246, XM248, XM257, M292, XM458, M517, XM546, M547, M791, XM847, XM849, M855, XM856, M887 & M1139**.

M250 Mrs Lorraine B. Taylor, 27 Sweeney Drive, Narre Warren, Victoria 3805, Australia. Grand-dau of Albert & Lizzie Jane (Metcalf) Potter m Australia. Lizzie Jane b 1881 Carlisle Cumbria Eng 1/14 of William & Kate Edith (Nichols) Mte. William b 6 Aug 1852 Carlisle s/o Robert & his 2nd wf Mary (Nixon) Mte m 1841. His 1st wf was Hannah Bragg m 1824. Robert b 19 Jul 1801 Westward Cumb. s/o James & Ann/Nancy (Sawyer) Mte m 1783 Bolton Cumb. James s/o Simon. **Connects to XM26, M89, M1006 & M1038**.

M699 Mrs Christine Astell, 52 Raftus Square, Nepean, Ontario, Canada K2J 1J3. Grand-dau of George Walter & Violet Kathleen (Metcalf) Hook m 21 Dec 1929 Norwich, Eng. Violet K. b 18 Mar 1911 3/3 of Percy Augustus & Mary Ann Caroline (Thurston) Mt m 11 Jul 1903 New Catton, Norwich. Percy A. b 2 Mar 1881 Norwich 13 child of Thomas George & Matilda Sarah (Grand) Mt m 6 Dec 1857 Heigham, Norwich. Thomas G. b 1834 Marylebone, LDN s/o Simon Watling & Jane (Kittle) Mt m 11 Nov 1821 Norwich. Simon b 1799 s/o William & Elizabeth (Watling) Mt m 19 Oct 1780 Norwich. **Connects to XM724.**

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.

M1087 Mrs Maureen Ann Shakeshaft, 21 Skipton Road, St Annes On Sea, Lancs, FY8 3PA. Great x 5 grandparents were George & Eleanor (Metcalf) Dinsdale m 10 May 1735 Hawes, Yks.

M1138 Brian Metcalfe, 20 Inglewood Drive, Toronto, Canada, M4T 1G8. <bmca@on.aihn.com> Son of Robert Vincent Mte b 26 Jul 1909 1/5 of Herbert Osborne & Lucy Elizabeth (Rice) Mte m 21 Oct 1907 Ottawa Valley, Canada. Herbert O. b 8 Dec 1880 (Birth Reg Amptill Beds) 2/7 of Robert & Isabella (?Mte) Mte m 28 Nov 1878 St Peters, Hinchington, Bedfordshire, Eng. Robert b 5 Mar 1853 and his wife Isabella is identified in the family Bible as "Isabella Metcalfe". In the 1881 Census the family lived at Poulter's Lane, Shillington, Bedford.

M1140 Clive P. Hitchen, 147A Nine Mile Ride, Finchampstead, Wokingham, Berks, RG40 4HY. <hrocks.hitchen@virgin.net>. Grandson of Arthur & Lily (Metcalf) Wray m 20 May 1918 Bradford Yks. Lily b 20 May 1892 d/o William & Annie (Firth) Mte m 9 Sep 1891 Bradford. William b 27 Dec 1869 Bowling, Bradford 2/4 of John & Mary Ann (Gill) Mte m 12 Jun 1864. John b c 1845 Bowling s/o James & ? Christiana (?) Mt. James b c 1820 Dolphinholme Lancs.

M1149 Mr Clifford Marshall, 37 Caton Green Rd, Brookhouse, Lancaster, LA2 9JJ. Clifford's mother in law is Edith Metcalfe b 16 Jan 1900 3/4 of John Henry & Annie (Driver) Mte m 20 Jul 1895 Prim. Meth. Chapel, Queens Rd, Halifax. John H. a pork butcher b 1868 Halifax s/o John Henry Mte who d pre 1895, a steel skewer maker b c 1831 Bradford. **Connects to M1111.**

BIRTH BRIEFS - NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME!

M1151 Mrs Brenda Metcalf, 2185 Base Line Road West, Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada, L1C 3K3. <brenda.metcalf@sympatico.ca>. Details awaited.

M1152 Charles F. Eaton, 310 East 55th Street, Apt #1E, New York, NY 10022-8304. USA. <cfree310@cs.com>. B 17 Nov 1934 Cambridge MA 4/4 Charles F. & Clarissa Newton (Metcalf) Eaton m 12 Jul 1923 Swampscot MA. Clarissa b 27 Oct 1904 Providence RI d/o Guy Mt. Guy b 19 Nov 1873 Providence RI s/o Alfred Mt. Alfred b 1 Dec 1828 Providence RI s/o Joseph Gay Mt. Joseph G. b 9 Dec 1796 Providence RI s/o Joel Mt. Joel b 4 Nov 1755 Attleboro MA s/o Nathaniel Mt. Nathaniel b 29 Aug 1714 Dedham MA. s/o Nathaniel Mt. Nathaniel b 2 Apr 1689 Dedham MA s/o Deacon Jonathan Mt. Deacon J. b 21 Sep 1650 Dedham MA s/o Michael Mt. Michael b 29 Aug 1620 Norwich, England 3/11 of Michael & Sarah (Ellwyn) Mt m 13 Oct 1616 Heigham, Norwich Eng. Michael ? b 17 Jun 1587 Tatterford, Norfolk s/o Leonard Mte b c 1565. Clifford says the rest is as for M585 but as this has never been supported by documentary proof the Committee has ruled that it cannot be accepted as fact. **Connects to XM283, XM455, XM456, XM571, M585, M1009, M1010, M1039 & M1104.**

M1153 Jonathan Metcalf, 46 Moss Bank, Meesons Lane, Grays, Essex, RM17 5EF. <Jahmet@meesons46.fsnet.co.uk>. B 1960 Whitley Bay, NBL s/o Robert Mt. Robert b 1920 Newcastle NBL 3/7 of Robert & Helen Jean (Smith) MT m 1912 Newcastle. Robert b c 1884 Amble NBL, a miner in Elswick, Newcastle d c 1935 and had a younger brother Tom.

M1154 Richard Scott, Cerin House, Back Lane, Dishforth, Thirsk, Nth Yks, YO7 3LH. Richard's wife is a gt gt grand-dau of William & Mary (Metcalf) Matson m 13 May 1858 Wath, Ripon, Yks. Mary bpt 20 Feb 1832 Aldfield, Ripon, 1/9 of Thomas & his 2nd wf Dorothy (Snowdon) Mte m 15 Nov 1830 Ripon (Thomas' 1st wf Mary Clarkson m 1821 had 4 children). Thomas bpt 23 Jul 1797 Aldfield 6/9 of Andrew & his 2nd wf Dorothy (Lofthouse) Mte m 29 Mar 1786 Ripon. (Andrew's 1st wf Elizabeth Fryer m 1779 Ripon had 1 child). Andrew bpt 31.12.1743 Ripon 5/6 of Robert & Mary (Rymer) Mte m 16 Apr 1735 Topcliffe Yks. Robert bpt 13 Feb 1704 Cundall Yks. 6/7 of James & Ann (?) Mte yeoman of Cundall d 1706. **Connects to XM443, M519, XM573 & M1021.**

M1155 Mrs Sylvia Grantham, 71 Eppleworth Rd, Cottingham, Yks, HU16 5YF. <s-g@ggrantham.freemove.co.uk>. Sylvia nee Wiley is Gt, gt grand-dau of John & Adah (Metcalf) Wiley m 16 Sep 1850 Rillington Yks. Adah 4/9 of John & Ellen/ Eleanor (Jowett) Mte m 26 May 1818 Ripley, Yks. John b c 1795 Ripley. **Connects to XM385.**

M1156 Mrs Rosemary Netzel, 31 Mill St, Norton, Malton, Nth Yks, YO17 9JH. Gt. Gt. grand-dau of John & Rose Anne (Metcalf) Hurlley m 23 Jan 1850 Linton in Craven Yks. Rose Anne bpt 2 Mar 1828 Hubberholme Yks. d/o John & Hannah (Slinger) Mte m 3 Jul 1824 Aysgarth Yks. John bpt 2 Dec 1796 Halton Gill Yks 3/9 of Thomas & Rose (*Preston) Mte m 20 Mar 1793 Arncliffe. Thomas bpt 19 Oct 1774 Arncliffe 5/5 of Robert & Isabel (Simpson) Mte m 13 May 1751 Arncliffe. **Connects to M46, M608,**

M678,M839,M859,M958,M1082 & M1129. *Rose Preston* some doubts have been raised and enquiries continue.

M1157 Kenneth F.Hughes, 29 Somerford Road,Broughton,Chester,CH4 0SY.
<ken@khughes32.freemove.co.uk>.S/o Frank & Annie Gray (Metcalf) Hughes. Annie G. b Easingwold Yks bpt 24 Dec 1899 Knaresborough d/o Henry Derwentwater & Martha Alice (Whitehead) Mte m 20 Jun 1898 Otley Yks. Henry D. a drug store proprietor in Easingwold, b 24 Nov 1872 Leeds 2/8 of John Abdell & Julia Gray (Radcliffe) Mte m 27 Jan 1866 Headingley,Leeds. John A. a tobacco manufacturer, b 1842 Knaresborough s/o William & Eleanor Mercy (Haley) Mte m 1831. William a printer b 1805 Hull s/o Edward Mte.

M1158 Mrs Fiona A.Jones & Dr Viola MacKay, 52 Ryecroft Ave,York YO24 2SD. Details awaited.

M1159 Mr M.A.Errington, 29 Hilbra Ave,Haxby,York.POST CODE NEEDED. Details awaited.

M1160 Malcolm Wright, 50 Chapel Lane,Armley,Leeds,LS12 1UP. Details awaited.

M1161 Mr F.V.Wilson, 11 Lanshaw Cres.Leeds,LS10 3NN. Details awaited.

M1162 Mr Adrian P.Metcalf & Mrs Christine A.Metcalf, 22 Greenfield Rd.Scarborough Yks. YO11 2LP. Details awaited.

M1163 Mrs Estelle Batchelor,34 Kingfisher Dr,Pickering,Yks.YO18 8TA.
<hazelwood@lineone.net>. Details Awaited.

M1164 Mrs Jean E.Bomford, 128 Fore St,Newlyn,Penzance,Cornwall,TR18 5LD. Details awaited. (Mother of M1165).

M1165 Nicholas J.Bomford, Merton,77 Elphin St,Newport,Victoria 3015, Australia. Details awaited (Son of M1164).

M1166 Mrs Jill Kaiwahia & Mrs Gwendolen A.Skellern, 79 Pulsford Rd, Prospect,South Australia 5082,Australia. Details awaited.

M1167 Mrs Eva Shuttleworth, 2 Orchard Court,Romanby,Northallerton, Yks. DL7 8DG. Details awaited.

M1168 Philip D.Metcalf, 17 Albert Rd,Eaglescliffe,Stockton on Tees, TS16 0DA. S/o Norman George & Olive (Herbert) Mte. Norman G s/o George William & Sarah

Ann (?) Mte. George W. b 1894 Stokesley,Yks 6/9 of James & Ann (?) Mte. James bpt 28 Oct 1861 Kirby in Cleveland 4/5 of John & Elizabeth (Ross) Mte m 16 May 1853 Kirby in Cleveland. John b c1821/3 Loftus 3/6 of John & Hannah (?) Mte. John ? bpt 1 Aug 1784 Newton by Guisborough s/o John. **Could connect to M252,M1127,& M1145 but a discrepancy has still to be resolved.**

M1169 Mrs Audrey Haslock, Lyng Easthaugh,Sessay,Thirsk,Yks,YO7 3BE.
Gt x 4 grand-dau of James & Ann (Metcalf) Dinsdale m 27 Sep 1753 Hawes Yks. Ann bpt 30 Nov 1730 Hawes d/o Thomas & Frances (nee Metcalf) Mte m 1 May 1729 Hawes. Thomas died 1770 of Widdal & in his will mentions d Ann Dinsdale,d Mary Mte,sons John & Thomas Mte.**Connects to M6 & M275.**

M1170 Frank Metcalf, 143 Chinnor Road,Thame,Oxon,OX9 3LS.
<fmetcalf@netcomuk.co.uk>. B Haslingden Lancs s/o James & Blanche Lily (Standley) Mt. James b 18 Jul 1911 s/o Walter & Margaret Ellen (Barnes) Mt. Walter b 24 Mar 1886 Haslingden 3/5 of John & Emma (Gwilliam/Gillam) Mt John b c1854 Witton,Blackburn Lancs.

M1171 Mrs Sheila Turner, 32 Leith St,Oamaru,New Zealand.<Robert_Turner@extra.co.nz>. Dau of James Mathew Mte. James M. b 1906 Hackney London Eng. 1/10 of Elijah John & Elizabeth Mary (Bloxham) Mte m 10 Jun 1893 St Peters,Bethnal Green LDN. Elijah J. a cabinet maker b 20 Oct 1855 Haggerstone West,Shoreditch,LDN. s/o Elijah & Penelope (Ardrew) Mde. Elijah b c 1824 a bootmaker.

M1172 Mrs Angela Young, 18 Shakespear Street,Te Aroha 2971,New Zealand.<gonz.ang@extra.co.nz>. Dau of Elizabeth Anne Lister nee Metcalf 5/5 of James Thurnston & Isabella (Harding) Mte m 26 Dec 1932 Palmerston North,New Zealand. James T. a bootmaker b 5 May 1907 Bramley,Leeds Yks 2nd s/o James & Emma (Marsden) Mte. James b c1866 Armley,Leeds 1/7 of Thomas & Mary (Wood) Mte. Thomas bpt 9 Nov 1838 Knaresborough Yks 6/6 of George Thompson & his 1st wf Hannah (Hopwood) Mte m 10 Nov 1823 Knaresborough. George T. a shoemaker b 27 Mar 1803 Northallerton Yks 1/5 of Thomas & Elizabeth (Thompson) Mte. Thomas a clock & watch maker, died 1810 at Thirsk Yks.

M1173 Mrs Janice McAfee, R.R.#1,Box 188,Medora,Illinois 62063,USA.
<janicemcafee@hotmail.com>. Grand-dau of Norton Harold & Vera Marie (Metcalf) Sanders m 12 Jan 1932 USA. Vera M. b 21 Feb 1912 Chesterfield Macoupin Co.Illinois d/o Joseph Francis & Neva Fern (Middlekauff) m 10 Nov 1910. Joseph F. b 20 Sep 1889 Chesterfield,IL. s/o Thomas Francis & Nellie (Carling) Mte m 16 Nov 1887.Thomas F. b 5 Oct 1863 s/o Francis & Jane Ann (Hoog) Mte. Francis b 5 Nov 1833 Londonderry YKS.ENG. bpt 28 Nov 1833 Burneston Yks 5/6 of Richard & Anne (Herring) Mte m 16 Feb 1824 Catterick Yks. Richard bpt 18 Feb 1794 Burneston Yks 7/7 of Francis & Margaret (?) Mte. Francis bpt 12 Sep 1761 Burneston 1/4 of Richard & Mary (Cham-

bers) Mte m 22 Feb 1759 Burneston. Richard buried 1772 s/o Richard Mte. **Connects to XM268.**

M1174 Peter Metcalfe, 175 S.Franklin, Juneau, Alaska 99801, USA. Details awaited.

M1175 Terrance E. Backer, 125 Jefferson St. Stratford, Connecticut 00615, USA. Details awaited.

M1176 Mrs Jane Atkinson & Mrs Kimberlee Sterman, 12147 Sage View Road, Poway, California 92064, USA. Details awaited.

M1177 Mrs Sue Wright, 32 Houston Ave, Tenambit, New South Wales 2323, Australia. <fuellup@hotmail.com>. Details awaited.

M1178 Mrs Sheila Armstrong, 128 Faulds Gate, Kincorth, Aberdeen AB12 5RD. Gt Grand-dau of David & Jane Thornton (Metcalf) Watson m 7 Dec 1867 Portsay, Banffshire, Scotland. Jane T b Woolwich believed to be (but not proven) Jane Thornton bpt 11 Jul 1830 Woolwich, Kent d/o William & Sarah Bunten/Ba(u)nting (Whitehouse) Mt m 24 Sep 1828 Woolwich. William b 28 Mar 1800 Gamrie, Banffshire s/o Thomas & Jean/Jane (Riddel) Mte m 12 Jun 1787 Aberdour, Aberdeenshire. **Connects to XM479 & M735.**

M1179 Mr & Mrs Brian & Hazel Metcalfe, Acorns, Church Rd, Pamper Heath, Tadley, Hants. RG26 3DZ. Details awaited.

M1180 Stephen Metcalfe, Orchard House, High Road, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, Wallingford, Oxon, OX10 0QR. Details awaited.

An Afterthought

I gave a lecture to the Yorkshire Archaeological Society's Harrogate branch a couple of years ago. I should explain that I'm rather a large person and a firm believer in the 'meat calf' explanation of the name - it's all in the genes! Anyway, I finished my Wood Hall lecture and asked for questions. The last one came from a typical Dales farmer, definitely in his comfortable clothes, sitting at the back of the meeting.

"You said your name's Metcalf?" he asked.

When I confirmed this, he continued:

"Aye, lass, you look like one!"

Almost the nicest thing anyone has ever said to me!

Vivienne Metcalf M1146

R.I.P.



On these pages in December 1989 the arrival in our midst of a second hand IBM PC XT was announced. Its state of the art 5 inch floppy and an enormous 20 Mb hard disc were a joy to behold. (The facts that 5 inch discs can no longer be found and hard discs are currently one thousand times the capacity has nothing to do with anything.) We, as a society can no longer find a use for this old servant and I 'undertook' (undertaker - geddit) the task of parts reclamation and disposal. I belong to two other societies associated with computing and in my farsighted, all-knowing, Yorkshire way I thought 'No problem'. In answer to 'a free gift of a computer offer', hands in front of mouths with giggles leaking from behind was the best response I got. Heavy chunks of equipment on the dining room table is not guaranteed to gain approval from she who must be obeyed. So, to the Civil Amenities Centre for Reclamation and Recycling (rubbish tip) in the hope that PC's could be recycled. 'Dump it there' was the instruction, there being a ten foot drop to a concrete base. I leaned over as far as I could and let old faithful slide to rest with the minimum of disturbance.

CS Metcalfe M305.



Due to technical problems in the April Issue this picture from Elizabeth Morey (M255) which was to accompany the article **It's a small world** on page 9 was not printed. We are now pleased to produce the photograph which shows James Metcalfe and his children John William (Jack) and Elizabeth

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

3 February 2001. Family History Fair at Pudsey Civic Hall, Leeds from 10 till 4.30.

Saturday 24 March 2001 at the Crewe & Alsager Faculty, Alsager Campus of Manchester Metropolitan University the North West Regional Conference of the NW Group of Family History Societies hosted by the Family History Society of Cheshire. The day entitled 'We Seek Them Here, We Seek Them There, We Seek Our Ancestors Everywhere'. Details from Mrs. V. Noble 27 Abbots Way, Hartford, Northwich, Cheshire CW8 1NN.

25 March 2001 Family History Fair at Bedale Hall, Bedale from 10 till 4.30.

Following the withdrawal of Folkestone & District FHS offer to host the Federation Spring Conference in 2001, the Federation itself has stepped in and has organised an alternative conference. This will be held at Leicester University, Oadby from **20-22 April 2001** and is entitled 'From the Cup of Love'. Booking forms available from Mrs Jeanne Bunting, Federation Conference, Firgrove, Horseshoe Lane, Ash Vale, Aldershot, Hampshire GU12 5LL. Enclose an A5 SAE. Full residential fee £149. Day rates are £18 for Friday/Sunday, £25 for Saturday. The Federation AGM will take place Saturday afternoon. The presentations cover a range of subjects not often discussed, but nevertheless important in discovering the history of many of our ancestors' lives. These include: 'The Oldest Profession', 'A History of Contraception', 'The Wrong Side of the Blanket: Bastards in the Family' and many more!

Saturday 23 June 2001, Yorkshire Family History Fair, 10 till 4.30 at York Racecourse.

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Olympic Games

1932 - Los Angeles.

Ralph Metcalfe, USA, Silver 100m - 10.3 sec; Bronze 200m - 21.5sec.

1936 - Berlin.

Ralph Metcalfe, USA. Silver 100m - 10.4s; Gold 4x100m relay - 39.8s with Jessie Owen, Frank Wykoff and Foy Draper.

John Patrick Metcalfe, Australia, Bronze - Triple jump.

Supplied by **Audrey Howarth**, mother in law to M409 Diane Howarth.

Fell Racing

Winner of three fell races in one day - **Arthur (Artie or Ant) Metcalfe** in the 1920's at Thoraby, Horton-in-Ribblesdale and Kirkby Malham.

Controversy! **Tom Metcalfe** of Hawes winner of the Burnsall Fell Race at the 1908 Feast Sports. (*Anyone know what the controversy was? - Ed*)

Both from Yorkshire Whys... Wherefore... Whats and Whens from the Dalesman Publishing Co Ltd, Clapham.

Tennis Champion.

After retiring from competition tennis for three years **Peter Metcalfe** stormed back to beat the top seed over three sets in the Oman Open Tennis Championship. April 2000. Supplied by **Jean Metcalfe M316**.

Rugby League

In Rugby League circles the Metcalfe's were a remarkable family. The first was **Jimmy Metcalfe** born in Askam-in-Furness, Cumberland who played for Barnsley and Featherstone in the 1890's. joining Wakefield Trinity in 1897 then playing until 1911. His son also **Jimmy** played for Trinity in the 20's and 30's whilst a grandson **Donald** followed them into the team in the 1950's and 60's. Supplied by **Kathleen Ruddy M517**.

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

The latest issue (no 59) of Mecca News arrived today, and I was interested to see on p.39 (Devon Ministers) reference to my great grandfather William Henry Metcalfe who retired from the parish of Ottery St Mary in 1890. John William, also mentioned on p.39, was my great uncle. Not mentioned, but listed on the same tablet in the church is my grandfather Charles Frederic who was also vicar or curate there. (Sounds like an interesting example of nepotism!) Interestingly, we have the grandfather clock presented to William Henry on his retirement, complete with the brass plate recording the date (May 1890) - it has an 8-bell chime and still keeps perfect time. Both John William and Charles Frederic were interested in the ancestors and traced the line back to George Metcalfe of Spalding (b. 1736, d. 1813). One of George's sons Charles (solicitor) had 2 sons Charles of Spalding and William of Torquay who married their Metcalfe cousins, grandchildren of George. This Charles had 17 children, one of whom, Herbert, became Chief Constable of Somerset;

another, Harold, was a mining engineer (tin) in Malaya, while others were in the army or medical services, etc. William of Torquay was a barrister, with a modest family of 3 children, one of whom was the William Henry of Ottery. We have photographs of many of these in the late 1800s, and also a miniature portrait of George or one of his other sons. My brother has a copy of the "Metcalfe Records". **John Russell Metcalfe M923**

We, Foster and I, enjoyed the Muster very much, especially the two speakers who were very good. Morning and afternoon were just right. It filled the day very quickly. The food was good and it was nice to be able to have either a hot or a cold meal. There seemed many new faces there and it was nice to meet old friends again. Diane seemed sad sat alone on the platform and we would have preferred the society's officers to say a few words (about their reports) themselves. Nonetheless we enjoyed it. **Lillah Chapman M218**.

Life Membership.A Proposal.

Please - if you have an interest for yourself or grandchildren - Write to the Editor.

This is an attempt to both help the Society by providing a steady income base, or some capital, while making provision for future membership. A potential proposal is to make life membership available to any individual, of any age, for a capital, non-refundable, payment of £150 to the Society. Such a sum if deposited at a reasonable rate would both pay for a yearly subscription and be available to fund future projects, such as a book on Metcalfes in India for instance, until cash from purchases begins to flow.

Any comments, scathing or otherwise, to the Editor please. **C S Metcalfe.**

1914/18 War Leeds Absent Voters. (Partly Supplied by David Lambert M11)

Ref No.	Surname	F/name	No.	Rank	Unit
2807C	Metcalfe	Arthur	99204	Dvr	RFA
2399LS	Metcalfe	Bernard	22342	SgtsMess No 2	Camp Ripon
2476LS	Metcalfe	George	59386	Gnr	RGA
485NE	Metcalfe	George	59386	Gnr	RGA
1905LN	Metcalfe	George	30657	L/Sgt	Carmn Hdrs
2806C	Metcalfe	George T	27777	Pte	1st West Yorks
2400LS	Metcalfe	Harold	3/7253775	Dr	RAMC
770LV	Metcalfe	Hugh	1210	Pte	3rd Manchester
320C	Metcalfe	James	265018	Sgt Bugler	West Yorks
715LV	Metcalfe	James	A 84078	Spr	(E & M Co 354)RE
102NE	Metcalfe	William	3237		LN
	Metcalfe	William	M2/052173	Pte	MT ASC
2514C	Metcalfe	William			Scots Camerons
2183SE	Metcalfe	Albert	56506	Pte	W Yorks
8360NE	Metcalfe	Albert	194319	2nd/Pte	RAF
6807C	Metcalfe	Alfred T	23710	Pte	40th Lab Co
103LN	Metcalfe	Arthur E	79925		DLI
501LV	Metcalfe	Arthur W	62711	Pte	1/7th Welch Regt
5280LS	Metcalfe	Carlyle R	1780	Cpl	1/7 W Yorks
1270LN	Metcalfe	Charles	401006	Pte	RAMC
7071LN	Metcalfe	Charles	D 41633	2 A/M	RAF
6136LS	Metcalfe	Charles H	262615	Pte	Lab Corps
2456LN	Metcalfe	Charles H			RN HMS "Tiger"
500NE	Metcalfe	Charles T	230019	Spr	RE
2457LN	Metcalfe	Christopher	Pj 24826	Ab	RN
4089LV	Metcalfe	Clifford	401288	Pte	RAMC
6428LV	Metcalfe	Edward	35463		4th Hussars
3616SE	Metcalfe	Ernest	1031	Wagoner	ASC
4211SE	Metcalfe	Ernest	3031		RE
8202C	Metcalfe	Ernest			RAF
3581NE	Metcalfe	Frank	785850	Gnr	RFA
8460LN	Metcalfe	Frank	53459	Pte	21 W Yorks
5117LV	Metcalfe	Frank D		Pte	2/8th W Yorks
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Federation of Family History Societies**Chairman's Report - Cliff Debney**

On 2nd September, at the FFHS General Meeting at Lincoln, I announced that I would be retiring as Chairman at the AGM Spring 2001. When I accepted nomination and election to this office I said I would serve a minimum of two years in order to take the Federation into the new century. For personal reasons I now feel, for both the Federation and myself, it is best that a new Chairman is found.

It was also announced at September's General Meeting that Anthony Camp has resigned as President and it was an equally sad duty to report that our Administrator, Pauline Saul, has offered her resignation, effective from 3rd November 2000.

Under the terms of the FFHS's Articles of Association, committee members have to stand down for a year before they are available for re-election, should they so wish. The best way for societies and individuals to influence the direction the FFHS is taking is to ensure they nominate a candidate for the Executive Committee (with the candidate's agreement). Nominations, with a Seconder, have to be with the Administrator before 24th February 2001.

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Anon Y Muss.

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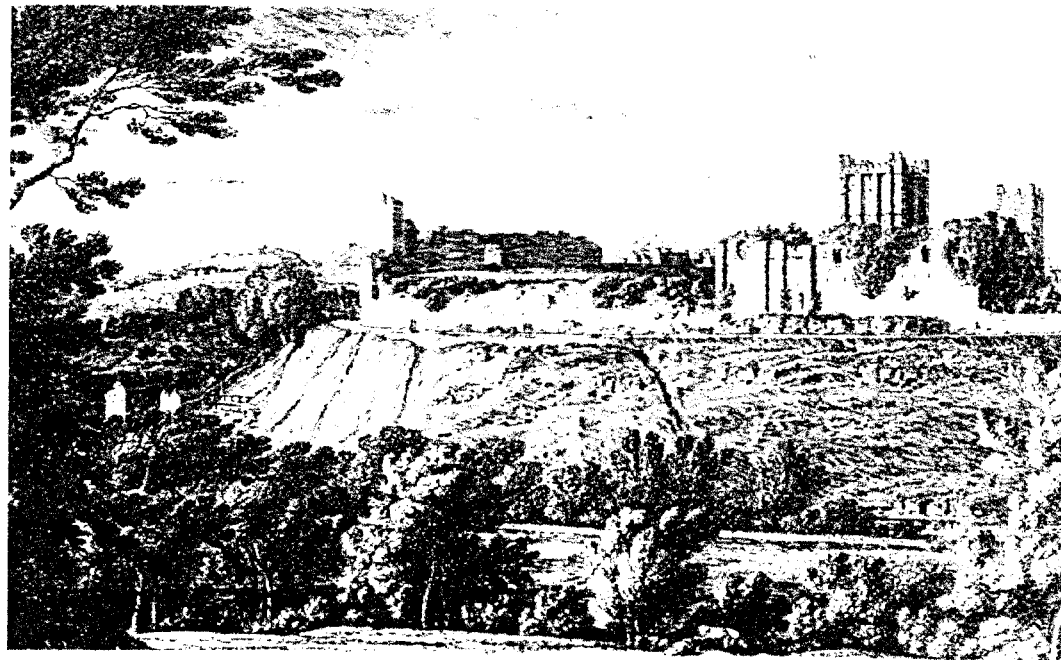
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