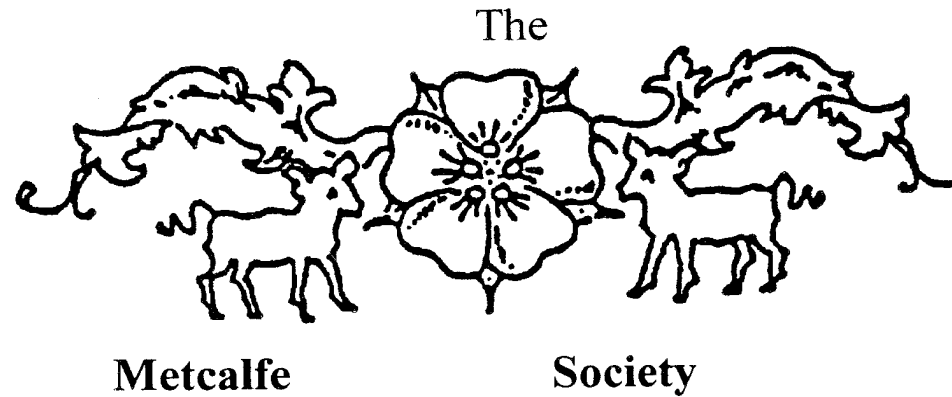




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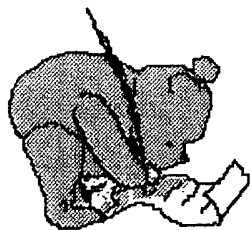
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I write this as the first signs of Spring - the delicate snowdrops and crocuses - have appeared. We have had a difficult Winter and the signs are that it will not be an easier Spring or even Summer. However out of the gloom comes the first issue of the Mecca News for 2001. Whilst not guaranteed to chase away those blues and concerns it - like the signs of Spring - promises the possibility of better things to come.

This year is a major milestone in the Society's development with the twenty first birthday celebrations planned for October. In the past a 21st birthday used to be the time to receive the key of the door to mark the step into adulthood. (Rather fanciful in today's environment!) However in the context of the Metcalfe Society it could be the opportunity for a major step in our greater development. We are currently the largest (probably) one-name society and can claim (if we wish!) to be at the forefront of a number of innovative developments. Let's make this anniversary year a platform for our further growth.

With this issue are details of the birthday celebrations and we are looking to make this a real lively party. So dust off your party frocks and suits and book now for the event of the year!



The Jenner Society are keen to receive details of smallpox. Based in Dr Jenner's House in Berkeley, Gloucester where the first vaccination against the disease was carried out, the society are looking to provide a base for future visitors to learn about how smallpox was eradicated. If you have any relevant information please send it to Professor R A Shooter, Eastlea, Back Edge Lane, The Edge nr Stroud, Glos GL 6 6PE.

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!

Letters from a seafaring man.

Extracts from letters written by Joseph Brown Metcalf of Ingleton to Miss Anna Haydon ex-Devon in 1881 and 1882. They met whilst she was taking passage in 1881 to the USA with her siblings and widowed father. The letters were provide by their grandson William M D Roe M871.

S.S.Hibernian, Baltimore, December 18th, 1881.

My Dear Anna,

I hope you will allow me to call you so, Miss Haydon seems so cold and formal. I was indeed very glad to hear from you. After reading it my mind was at once made up so I went in search of the Captain.....and asked for two days leave. He said the ship was so late this time that it needed our best endeavours to get the ship ready..but that next voyage there might be more time.

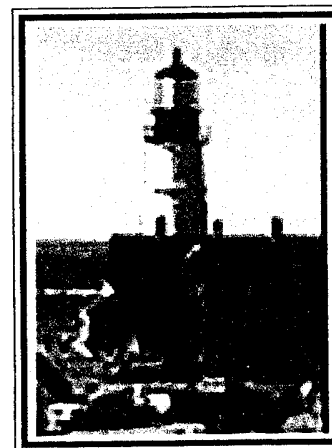
I got a letter yesterday from your father. I expected one. What he required was nothing more than any sensible good father would require to know from the man who wants to win his daughter. I have answered the letter to the best of my present ability.

I am sorry you can't have a photograph by Xmas.....you shall have one as soon after...as it can be prepared. Of your face, Anna, I need no photograph - a lively recollection of it is always before my mind's eye - but I believe ladies ..have rather a weakness for such things. At the same time I should like you to send me one of your own.

I hope and trust most sincerely that there may be no insurmountable bar to our engagement in your father's eyes, for although necessarily we couldn't marry for some time to come...

Yours as ever,

Joseph B. Metcalf



*Portland Maine,
a sight Joe may have seen as he
came to the port.*

S.S.Hibernian, Portland, February 6th, 1882.

My Darling,

Your letter dear gives me infinite pleasure for now I know we are all in all to one another. You mention money matters. Sweetheart when I asked you to be my wife, I asked you for yourself only and never gave the other a thought.....

The ship is advertised to sail from Liverpool on the 5th April. That possibly may be alteredbecause the news has come here that the "Peruvian" is in quarantine in Halifax, having that scourge on board "the small pox". .. When we do get down there again 'twill require something stronger than the captain's consent to keep me from coming. ... Anna you must not go west.

Should your papa think of going do let me know for we are separated far enough now already.

.... Nearly every night the thermometer is at zero. On Saturday night a severe snow storm came on which lasted until Sunday evening. Consequently the streets of the town are covered with snow from 2 to 5 feet thick. This is a pretty little city - in summer it must be beautiful. ..this is the teetotaler state, no spirituous liquor is allowed to be sold. Of course it is done but it has to be subtle..

You said once that you wished you had all gone to Canada to settle... In that case dear what a loser I should have been for probably we should never have met. What church have you at Warrenton and do people get married there. If so is it by license or are the banns published or do they go before a magistrate.

You say Rebecca and Ada are curious to see me. Quite natural on their part. I hope some day this spring to be able to come and be inspected. Don't you think I had better get some new teeth for the occasion?

Your own very sincere,
Joe

Halifax, February 11th, 1882.
My Darling,

We left Portland on Thursday evening and arrived here at noon today. When we were coming up the coast this morning we saw a large steam ship going the other way. Well about half after four this evening the "Catalonia", one of the Cunard ships came in short of coal. It turns out that she was the vessel we saw this morning. They were looking for Halifax. This is rather a difficult place to make when unacquainted.

Have felt quite miserable for two or three days. Have got a bad cold right through the system. ... Well dear, you can hardly fancy how disappointed and grieved I was not to hear from you here - more especially as I felt certain you would write. The "Sardinian" left here 14 days ago and has not since been heard of. It is supposed she had broken her shaft. If such is the case we shall be let in for a quick dispatch when we get back....this is only a miserable attempt at a letter. Don't feel like writing a lot.. I live in expectation of a letter from you at Liverpool.

Most sincerely, Joe

S.S.Hibernian, Portland, Maine, March 19th, 1882.
My Darling Anna,

...At home in England we have lots of nice old lanes with high old hedges and any amount of flowers. Many hours of my younger days have I spent gathering wild strawberries in those same lanes. In our part of Yorkshire I think the country will be wilder than Devon. Some parts are as mountainous and rocky ... Was pleased to hear that my photo gave you all pleasure and I trust ere six or seven weeks passes to be with you...

Next trip we shall probably encounter lots of ice on the banks of Newfoundland which might cause great delay... You might try to find out can I reach Baltimore the same night I leave Warrenton. Suppose I get away from the ship on Friday, well I should have to be back by Monday. I shan't have much grace shall I dear. Well if only

for a couple of hours of each other's company - far better than half a dozen letters... I will tell you what I have been thinking all the passage.... Our engagement doesn't seem natural unless I hear it from your own lips....

your devoted,
Joe

Halifax, Wednesday October 25th, 1882.

.... When at the wharf had some divers to see what was the matter with the propellor. They as they thought remedied the matter. Well, we got down the bay a considerable distance and found the propellor was worse than ever... This morning we had the divers again and found the real wrong. I fully expect we shan't get away from here before Friday night. To crown it the weather is so nasty and wet. ... I shall be anxious to get your letter at Baltimore.

I thought you would like some St. John's fish so I got some when there. Hope they will keep all right. I have them sewed in some canvas. ...

Devoted
Joe.

In spite of the trials and tribulations of a seafaring courtship Joe and Anna married at St Pauls Church, Haymarket, Prince William County, Virginia on April 16, 1883. They had six children. Joe died in 1916 and Anna in 1929.



Anna and her children in 1925

From: Vivienne Metcalf
Just a quick correction to December 2000's Mecca News.
The 'Afterthought' on p34 - I'm M1147, not M1146

Secretary's Report

As you read this, spring is in the air for our Northern Hemisphere members, and winter looming for our Southern Hemisphere members. As I write this the UK still is in the grips of a very wet winter in mid February. But at least last week I was able to remember & get a feeling for what a beautiful English summer weather used to be like the only thing is that I had to go to Dubai to enjoy such clear blue skies and temperatures. It is amazing how a few days of warm sun can really lighten your spirits. Quite a few queries from non-members have continued to flow in both by post and e-mail over the winter, along with invitations from other organisations to various seminars and events to be held in the Spring - to the point where I could spend virtually every weekend in March, and into April attending such events. But jobs around our new house and probably the threat of divorce if I did (!!!!) mean I have had to decline most of them. Oh to be retired! Only 13 years to go (you get less for murder you know!). Spring is such a busy time in family history circles. Perhaps we are like animals - winter is the time for personal research and planning inside, and then come out of hibernation to interact in the Spring!!

Two 'out of the ordinary' snippets of news for you a producer from the BBC Natural History Unit is planning a TV programme latest this year based on the origin and meaning of names. They contacted the society based on a recommendation from Dr George Redmonds, a speaker at last year's Muster, with whom they are working closely. A loaned copy of 'Metcalf-History of the Clan', along with other material, and a couple of long telephone conversations suggests that we may be included in some way. I am hoping to hear further in April, and will keep you advised. The tenants of Nappa Hall, Mr & Mrs Thompson, are retiring and so will be moving out of Nappa Hall in the Spring, and so no further Bed & Breakfast reservations are being taken. We will keep you advised when we know what is happening with the Hall.

Finally - have you got your weekend in York booked for October? You cannot miss the society's 21st birthday celebrations at this year's Mecca Muster. Please do try to attend - especially all UK based members - we would like to make it the biggest and best Mecca Muster to date. After last year's very successful maiden event in York, it really is a super day. Coupled with a stay in York - if you have never been, you really are missing one of the country's treasures. Remember, also in York is the Family History Fair at York Racecourse, Saturday 23 June - the society will be there too.

Diane Howarth (M409)

Public Record Office

First World War Soldiers's documents (WO 363) -

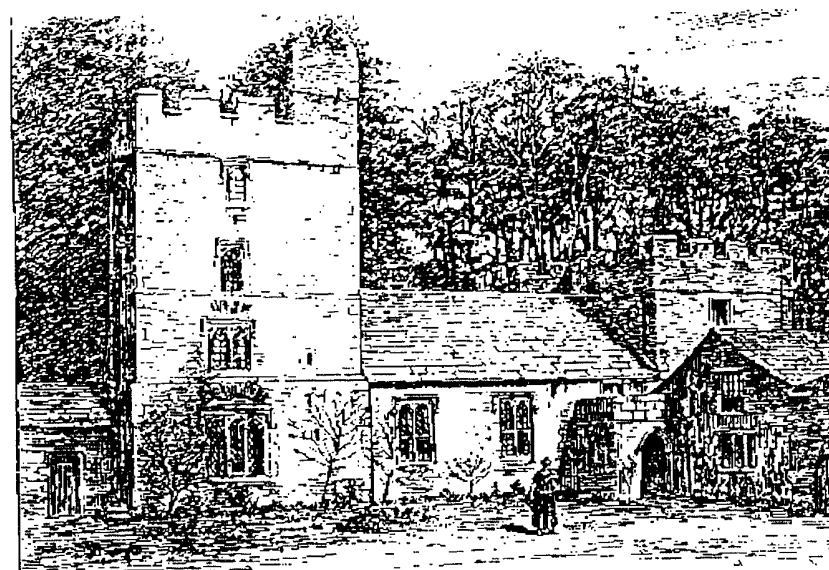
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Nappa Hall N54°, 18' W 002°, 03'

This was a joint effort between Libby and Bill Roe (M871) and Richard and me - Page Barroll (M905). November 2000.

After attending the Metcalfe Muster in York on Saturday, October 21, 2000, four of us motored to Askrigg to spend Sunday night at Nappa Hall. Mrs. Patricia Thompson graciously greeted us and showed us to our rooms, which were on the 2nd floor of the 15th c. building. Our rooms, which overlooked the meadows with flocks of sheep, were filled with fresh flowers picked from her garden. The Thompsons live in the 18th c. wing.

We relaxed before dinner in a cozy sitting room off the great hall where Mrs. Thompson had lit a fire. Mrs. Thompson could not have been nicer to us and answered a thousand questions we had. We supped at a pub in Askrigg. The next morning we enjoyed a full English breakfast in front of the fire. To each of us, it was a pleasure to have spent the night in a Metcalfe ancestral home.



January 2001. The tenant at Nappa Hall, Mr Thompson has decided to retire 'quite out of the blue' according to his wife, and are moving out in the Spring. She says that 'the family and her are deeply saddened at the thought of leaving the wonderful place'. Anyone fancy being a tenant farmer????

Diane Howarth M409

Chairman's Report

When you read this we will already be one quarter of the way through this "new year". More importantly, we will be celebrating our Society's 21st "birthday", at Askham Bryan, York, where we held our Muster the first time in 2000.

For most of us, despite the fact that the age of majority was reduced to 18 over 30 years ago, a 21st birthday is still regarded as a cause for celebration. The Committee and I want our 21st anniversary, which we celebrate this year, to be special and in March the Committee will be finalising our plans. It is a little premature to say what these will be but our President, Charles, is, as I write this, working on the 21st Anniversary Birth Brief booklet. All this despite being on holiday, hanging upside down, (i.e. in the Southern hemisphere). I await his efforts with interest.

I was impressed, as I trust were you, with the December 2000 issue of the Mecca News, "in colour". Peter Dobson and all those who made it possible are to be congratulated. Another first for the Society. I know that Peter has some ideas for our 21st Anniversary edition later in the year and I feel sure we will not be disappointed.

We have entered the Elizabeth Simpson Award for the best family history journal and are planning to compete in the



new award for websites which The Federation of Family History Societies has just announced. It would be a tremendous achievement if we were to be shortlisted (or won!) either of these competitions.

I commend this edition of Mecca News to you. Having read it you will see how much is being done on our behalf by a committed few. Can I end though with a plea that one of you will come forward to take on the role of Treasurer since Margaret Metcalfe would like to step down from the post. She has announced this before but so far you are all being shy! Please consider the issue seriously and allow Margaret a well earned break! She deserves it.

David Lambert M11

Do people forget to include their post code when they write to you? Don't despair, you can help yourself now. Visit www.royalmail.co.uk/paf/home.html and all will be revealed. Better still add it to your favourites and re-name it Royal Mail Post Codes, then you can always be correctly addressed.' Douglas Cutting

NEWS from the ARCHIVES

Nina E Benson (M29)

9th February 2001

Thank you very much indeed from myself and all the committee for the lovely Christmas cards and messages received, there were too many to thank you personally but they are sincerely very welcome.

Next I will give you the bad news! Your new Archivist Eileen Measures is presently unable to take over as her computer won't accept all of our programs. Hopefully a way around these problems will be found before the August Mecca News but until then please continue to send all your family details and queries to me by whatever method you wish to use. To those of you with email, could you please send any attachments via TXT as my computer (and I) are getting on in years and quite unable to deal with other methods.

Now for the good news - following his usual dedicated work during the winter David Metcalfe (M46) has now presented the Society with all the Metcalfe's (and variants) in the 1861 Census Returns covering the whole of Yorkshire and Tees-side, a truly magnificent asset for our archives and one which has already helped members far and wide. Enquires to me please, they will be especially welcome if accompanied by an stamped addressed envelope and give full names and approximate ages and occupations if known. I'm confident that you will all wish to join me in saying a sincere thank you to David.

It is now just 10 days before I set off for Cape Town and a good long holiday. My "outstanding" tray has been completely cleared but no doubt when I return at the end of March the situation will have changed! Please be patient until I catch up once again. Enjoy the spring (when it finally arrives)!

A new record by the Despatch Department

A new Metcalfe Society record came to be on a dark and dismal day in deepest Bristol in December 2000. On receipt of the inserts for the Mecca News at 11.30am, Doug & June Cutting folded the 4 different papers, packed them in the envelopes with the journal, labelled them and posted over 550 packages of the December 2000 Mecca News by 2.30pm the very next day. This is indeed a new record can they beat this amazing record? do they want to??

From the Internet

1851 Census strays in Norfolk : **METCALF, James**, Head, Aysgarth/YKS 1803
METCALF, John, Head, Wakefield/YKS 1809;
METCALF, Thomas, Lodg, Clayton/YKS 1795
METCALFE, Cecilia, Daur, Bradford/YKS 1838
METCALFE, John, Head, London Derry YKS 1801
METCALFE, John, Son, London Derry YKS 1835
METCALFE, Margaret, Daur, London Derry YKS 1831
METCALFE, Miles, Head, Bentham/YKS 1794
 No other details supplied.

A small selection from the **Durham County Record Office** site www.durham.gov.uk (there are many more!):

Ref No. D/X 373/30-31 Martha Metcalf: letter asking for rent of half field at Crosgate Moor, 1883; abstract of title to property near Witton Gilbert, 1903. 1883, 1903

Ref No. D/X 323/4 The Lord's Prayer in verse, written by **John Robson Metcalf** at Mr. Donnison's Academy, Flag Lane, Sunderland, n.d. (1825 watermark)
 Records relating to Old Acres, Sedgfield and Lee Close House, Great Stainton deposited on long term loan, 1 February 1982:

Ref No. D/X 688/3 8 August 1787 (1) Anne Spearman of Durham and Old Acres, widow (2) Dorothy Spearman of Durham, spinster (3) Thomas Wilkinson of Coxhoe, esq., and his wife Hannah Elizabeth nee Spearman (4) Thomas Swinburn of Pontop, esq. and his wife Elizabeth nee Spearman (5) Calverly Bewicke of Close House, Northumberland, esq., and his wife Margaret nee Spearman (6) John Tempest of Brancepeth Castle, esq., and Christopher Fawcett of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, esq. (7) Joseph Brown of Durham, yeo. (8) **John Metcalf of Durham, gent.** Martin Darnton of Hallowell, gent., and John Taylor of Ash, gent. (9) John Eden of Windlestone, bart, and Rowland Burdon of Castle Eden. Extracts of partition of estates under the will of Robert Spearman of Durham and Old Acres, esq. dated 19 November 1756 (1 file).

Mining records at www.cmhrc.pwp.blue.yonder.co.uk mentions in the pre 1840 list **Joseph Metcalfe**. In all 90,000 records of deaths and injuries in mining accidents between 1850 and 1914.

From Genuki.org.uk

Commissions in North Yorks Militia and 4th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment 1759-1907.
Chas. Metcalf, Surgeon, 1798; **Geo. Metcalf**, Lieutenant, 1759; **Rich. Metcalf**, Lieutenant, 1765.

Boot and Shoe Makers.

Thomas Metcalf, Litton, 1822; **John Metcalfe**, Bainbridge, Shoemaker, 1897; **Mrs Mary Metcalfe**, Bainbridge, Clog and Pattern maker, 1897; **Richard Metcalfe**, Bainbridge, 1897; **Albert Metcalfe**, Chop Gate, Bilsdale, Shoemaker, 1897; **William Metcalfe**, Bilsdale, Bootmaker 1897; **William Metcalfe**, Ellerburne, Shoemaker, 1897.

Modern Meccas or what some of you get up to!

*the first of a possible series (providing I receive information)
of the life and times of modern day Mecca's.*

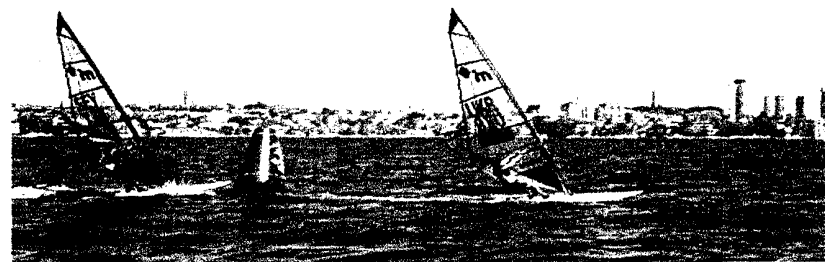


Arnold Metcalf (M891) reports that he "was a pioneer Sydney Olympic volunteer for five years preparing computers and taking part in two Pre-Olympic sailing regattas on beautiful Sydney Harbour.

September 2000 was superb - magnificent weather and 49,000 volunteers making everything work smoothly. There was great bonhomie amongst locals, visitors and athletes. To spend twelve days out on the water getting as close as possible to the racing with photographers, journalists and volunteers was a remarkable experience. Not to mention hosting Brazilian and Russian athletes and families.

The Paralympics which followed were outstandingly friendly and the hordes of school children took to the Paralympians enthusiastically; 'are you a basketballer?' they wanted to know. I helped at the wheelchair basketball and my wife Sheila at the wheelchair tennis. It was amazing what those athletes achieved with skill and determination.

Now it is back to the more sedate genealogy and other pursuits."





Canadian War Dead of WWI & II

In the Canadian Veteran Affairs website (www.vac-acc.gc.ca/general/) is to be found a listing of those Canadian soldiers who paid the ultimate price in World Wars I and II. Some twenty five Metcalf(e)s are listed (see below). In addition to the general information there is a separate page for each soldier giving brief details which might be of interest to family historians. Examples of the details for two of those listed - Alva Elmer Metcalfe and John Middlehurst Metcalfe - are after the main listing.

Linkages from the site to the Canadian Government Archives site (www.archives.ca) lists all those soldiers of the First World War Canadian Expeditionary Force including some 65 Metcalf(e)s. They indicate the soldiers place of birth and copies of the actual service records can be obtained.

Surname	Initial(s)	Given Name	Date of Death
METCALFE	A E	ALVA ELMER	Nov 8, 1917
METCALFE	A F	ARTHUR FREDERIC	Jun 15, 1915
METCALFE	A R	ANDREW RUSSELL	Dec 27, 1943
METCALFE	C N	CHARLES NORMAN	Sep 15, 1918
METCALFE	D I	DONALD IRVING	Apr 29, 1944
METCALFE	E W	EDWARD WILLIAM	Nov 21, 1944
METCALFE	G A	GEORGE ANDREW	Jun 15, 1915
METCALFE	H	HENRY	Sep 29, 1918
METCALFE	H M	HUGH MORLAND	May 5, 1943
METCALFE	J	JOHN	Jun 7, 1944
METCALFE	J A	JOSEPH ANTHONY	Aug 20, 1917
METCALFE	J E	JAMES EDWARD	Apr 24, 1915
METCALFE	J E	JOHN EDWARD	May 24, 1915
METCALFE	J G	JAMES GROVER	Oct 7, 1918
METCALFE	J M	JOHN MIDDLEHURST	Dec 14, 1918
METCALFE	J R	JOHN REGINALD	Aug 19, 1942
METCALFE	J W	JOHN WESLEY	Nov 8, 1917
METCALFE	J W	JOHN WILLIAM	Oct 31, 1917
METCALFE	J W	JOHN WILLIAM	Sep 29, 1918

METCALFE	M R E	MALCOLM ROY EDGAR	May 5, 1943
METCALFE	P D	PERCY DUKE	Sep 17, 1918
METCALFE	R P	RICHARD PERCIVAL	Sep 17, 1916
METCALFE	R S	REGINALD STANLEY	Feb 17, 1918
METCALFE	T	THOMAS	Feb 19, 1945
METCALFE	W R	WILLIAM RAY	Sep 14, 1916

ALVA ELMER METCALFE

Lieutenant

who died on November 8, 1917. Age: 25

Regiment: Canadian Infantry (Alberta Regiment)

Honours and Awards: Military Cross

Commemorated on Page 293 of the First World War Book of Remembrance

Burial Information:

Cemetery: MENIN ROAD SOUTH MILITARY CEMETERY Belgium

JOHN MIDDLEHURST METCALFE

Sapper

who died on December 14, 1918. Age: 28

Regiment: Canadian Engineers

Commemorated on Page 470 of the First World War Book of Remembrance

Additional Information: Son of Mary Metcalfe of 8 Moon Place, London Rd., Liverpool, England and the late John Middlehurst Metcalfe

Burial Information:

Cemetery: Toronto (Mount Hope) Ontario Canada.

Somersham, Huntingdonshire Burials

(1) Jane wife of William Metcalf who died June 12, 1908 aged 63 years
Also of William Metcalf the beloved husband of the above who died
March 24, 1919 aged 76 years.

(2) Rosetia the beloved wife of Harry Metcalf who departed
this life Jan 12, 1914 aged 31 years

Also Harry Metcalf who passed away Jan 21, 1949 aged 71 years.

(3) Emily Huggins the beloved sister of Jane Metcalf who passed
peacefully away July 19, 1938 aged 91 years.

Supplied by **Brian Medcalf M937**

METCALFE MISCELLANY

Going, Going.... Metcalfe's, Auctioneers, valuers and Estate Agents Blackpool, Owner **John Metcalfe**. October 2000. Supplied by Mrs P Russell M21.

Mother beater. North Riding Records volume 3 - Northallerton Quarter Session Records 19 April 1626. "**Margery wife of Miles Medcalfe** of Cracall to be sett in the stocks at Bedall in full markett time, with a paper on her head written with great letters "I sit here in the stocks for beating my owne Mother" and there to remane until such time as she shall sitt down upon her knees and submit (to kneel there to take and retane the kneeling position) herself to her Mother, and crave her blessinge." (Robert Storr and Christopher Smith, Constables of Bedall are to see this order performed.) Thirske April 1624 before Richard Darley and others. From Mrs J Metcalfe M63.

Top School. Yeadon Westfield Junior School Leeds topped the primary school league. Headmaster **Kevin Metcalfe**. December 2000. The News 7/12/2000.

Radio Four Fame. Mark Metcalfe, manager of the Bolsamic restaurant pizza delivery service of Fulham West London interviewed on 19 September 2000.

No lightweight. Interested in collecting paperweights then read "Paperweights of the 19th & 20th centuries" by **Ann Metcalfe** an international paperweight dealer. From the Saga Magazine January 2001.

No men allowed! Horley Marrieds Club is only open to once only married women. Member since 1956 and current club president **Connie Metcalfe**. From Yours magazine January 2001.

Working on the Railway. **William Metcalfe**, platelayer with the Middlesbrough & Redcar Railway. From wage lists of the railway January / May 1847. Cleveland FHS April 2000.

Mystery Ginger. A new but secret invention from Dean Kamen an American scientist has the scientific world in a spin. Codenamed Ginger, the project had computing guru **Bob Metcalfe** (who has seen it) comparing the prototype to cold fusion (which was subsequently discredited!) which might mean it is some kind of energy source. Watch the press for details next year. The Economist 20 January 2001.

Big Break Winner. Two barristers were convicted of improper behaviour in a court dispute over whose idea it was that lead to the Big Break TV game show. The result was that **Roger Medcalf** of East London won a share amounting to £100,000 for his contribution to the idea. Daily Express 25 November 2000.

Anyone for Tennis! **Jenny Metcalfe** walked into the All England Tennis club with an early 1900's Premier tennis racquet; not for a game on the hallowed Wimbledon turf but to see what it was worth. The racquet belonging to an acquaintance was valued at around £90. Jenny has written to Tim Henman, Andre Agassi and others to see if they are interested. Daily Telegraph 4 July 2000, supplied by Mrs G MacKenzie M310. (Ed - just on a note of interest the newspaper spelt racquet as racket!)

Call me CEng. The Engineering Council, Institution of Electrical Engineers awarded the Chartered Engineers (CEng) professional qualification to **A P Metcalfe**. The Times 8 February 2001.

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

I was interested to see on page 39 of Issue 59 (December 1999) reference to my great grandfather William Henry Metcalfe who retired from the parish of Ottery St Mary in 1890. John William also mentioned was my great uncle. Not mentioned but 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!) We have the grandfather clock presented to William Henry on his retirement complete with brass plate recording the date - it has an 8-bell chime and still keeps perfect time.

John Russell Metcalfe M923

The item *A Metcalfe Clockmaker* (Issue 60 - April 2000) was very interesting as I have recently discovered a watch and clockmaker in my branch of Metcalfe's. When my father died there was amongst his possessions a very old and tattered business card for H Metcalf, FBHI, Certificated Watch and Clockmaker and Optician with an address in Bayswater, London. I now know that this was my father's

uncle who was born in Newcastle upon Tyne son of my great grandfather Ralph who was also a watchmaker in Newcastle. On the reverse of the card was a small newspaper cutting which read William Metcalfe Watchmaker and Jeweller of Middlesbrough. This is Henry's brother born in 1876 in Whickham, Co. Durham. but I have been unable to find out anything about his business. In my search I contacted a Mr Osborne who has compiled an index of watch and clockmakers. The list of Metcalfe's has been sent to our archivist. (If you are interested contact the Society's archivist - Ed.)

Mrs Pam Jarman M123

In Issue 58 (August 1999) the article on Metcalfe Schoolmasters referred to Lockton. A friend and local historian Mrs Ruth Strong has published a booklet "Methodism in a Moorland Village - Lockton" so my eyes lit up. I have spotted on page 11 in a reference to the Wesleyans a William Henry Metcalfe who had been a local preacher from the 1850's.

Jacqueline G Depelle M957

Books

Yorkshire Pupils: Volume 4 £2 - UK; £3 - Airmail. **Yorkshire Snippets: Volume 4** £3.20 - UK; £4 - Airmail. From Brian Jones, 32 Myers Avenue, Bradford, West Yorks BD2 4ET. Prices include p&p. Sterling cheques only to Brian Jones.

Swaledale Wills and Inventories 1522 - 1600 edited by Elizabeth Berry published by the Yorkshire Archaeological Society Sheepscar Leeds. Cost £40.

Yorkshire Library Guides - Stuart Raymond. Volume 1 - Information Sources for Yorkshire Genealogists. A5, 63 pages. **Volume 3. Yorkshire lists of Names.** Names from poll books, return of land owners, directories and tax records. A5, 62pages. Both £7.05 UKp&p, £7.95 airmail. Available from FFHS Publications Ltd, Killer Street, Ramsbottom, Bury, Lancs. BL0 9BZ.

Bishopdale Booklets are available by post (at £2.30 each) from Jean Kington, 65 Elder Close, Badger Farm, Winchester SO22 4LH or for £2 from the monthly meetings in Hawes and Reeth of the Cleveland FHS.



Why not join the happy throng at this year's 21st Anniversary celebrations?
For details see the enclosed leaflet.

Happy Birthday to you!

The Society's 21st anniversary is to be celebrated at this year's Mecca Muster at Askham Bryan College on the southern outskirts of York, on Saturday 6th October 2001

For those of you who attended last year's event and thoroughly enjoyed by all accounts! There will be an even better Muster this year. 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 but a lot more besides.

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!

Centenarians (plus) have we any more?

Can you fill in any more details? Do you know of any other centenarians? Send any updates or new information to Patrick Malham, contact details of whom are on the inside front cover of this journal.

Name	Age	Born	Died
Margaret C Metcalfe	104	?	Q3 1962 Newcastle upon Tyne
Rebecca Metcalfe	103	?	Q1 1931 Wisbech
Mary A. Metcalfe	100	?	Q2 1950 Wensleydale
Mary J. Metcalf	100	?	Q3 1962 Lancaster
Margaret Metcalfe	100	?	Q4 1967 Cleveland
Janet Louise Metcalf	100	20 Jun 1877	Q1 1978 Beverley
Kate Metcalfe	100	27 Aug 1877	Q2 1978 Lancaster
Peter Thomas Metcalf	100	28 Feb 1881	Q2 1981 Pwllheli
Ellen May Metcalf	100	4 Jul 1881	Q4 1981 Great Yarmouth
John Christian Prideaux Eamonson Metcalfe, MC	100	1896	24 Jan 1997 Parkstone

CHANGES OF NAMES /ADDRESSES

M210 J A Metcalf to 44, Mulberry Court, Golcar, Huddersfield, HD7 4DL.

M1047 Mr Raymond J Metcalfe to 14, Stockwell Road, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 4AU.

M297 Mrs Shian Waugh (from 1 June 2001) Kaiwera, RD2, Gore, South Island, NZ.

M882 Mrs Lynn Spendlove to 80 Yokecliffe Drive, Wirksworth, Derbyshire DE4 4EX.

M1041 Mrs Geraldine Huppe to 370 Meaderboro Rosd, Farmington, New Hampshire 03835 USA.

M1047 Mrs Doreen Longbottom to Hambleton House, Manor Garth, Skelton-on-Ure, Ripon HG4 5ND.

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.

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

M891 Arnold Metcalf, 59/64A Clark Road, North Sydney, New South Wales 2060 Australia. email <smetcalf@acay.com.au> See MN 53 p 26...Robert b 6 Aug 1854 5th child of Henry & Margaret (Wright) Metcalf m 8 July 1843 South Shields DUR Eng. Henry when widowed remarried Isabella (Raine) Mt. Henry bpt 5 Oct 1823 Barton YKS nr Darlington DUR 2/8 of Henry & Jane (Pattinson) Mt m 19 Apr 1821 Barton Yks. Henry bpt 17 Jun 1798 Wensley Yks 3rd s/o Henry & (? Nancy Chapman m 7 May 1787 Grinton). Henry bpt 29 Aug 1763 Wensley 2/4 of William & Jane (Rudd) Mt m 9 Oct 1759 Wensley. William b 1729 Forlands, Aysgarth s/o William & Alice (Dinsdale) Mte m 1723 Aysgarth. Connects to **M537, XM578, M893, M1024, M1180 and M1208.**

M1041 Mrs Geraldine Huppe, 370 Meaderboro Road, Rochester, New Hampshire, 03867, USA. email <Ghupbbfarm@aol.com> Has confirmed that her grandparents marriage took place on 24 Aug 1908 at Farmington, New Hampshire USA. Also that her great x 5 grandparents were Thomas & Margaret (nee Metcalfe) Calvert m 14 Apr 1751 Muker in Swaledale Yks. Margaret bpt 24 Apr 1729 Muker d/o Alexander & Hannah (Raw) Mte m 18 Apr 1727 Muker. Connects to **M16, M55, M86 & XM384.**

RE-JOINED MEMBERS

M398 William R. Metcalfe, 1 West Auckland Terrace, Cockerton, Darlington, Co. Durham. S/o Charles Herbert & Martha (Preston) Mte m 1927 Richmond, Yks. Charles H. b 1899 Scorton Yks s/o William & Mary (Blackburn) Mte m 22 May 1884 Sandhutton Yks. William b 1859 Thornton le Moor Yks s/o Robert & Hannah (Parvin) Mte m 24 Nov 1849 North Otterington Yks. Robert bpt Apr 1823 Langton Yks s/o George & Susannah (Gibson) Mte m 6 Mar 1819 Ripon Cathedral Yks. George bpt 20 Aug 1795 Great Langton Yks 6/7 of Christopher & Hannah (Brown) Mte m 17 July 1781 Great Langton. Christopher b c 1751 bpt 16 Mar 1756 South Cowton Yks s/o Christopher & Mackstone/Martha (Nilly) Mte m 27 July 1751 at South Cowton. Connects to **XM108, XM142, XM180, M305, XM397, XM428, XM554, XM594, XM601 and XM670.**

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.

M615 Ms Caroline Wetton, 2 Castle View, Hadlow, Kent, TN11 0BY. Born Balham London 3/3 of Harold & Olive (nee Medcalf) Whitaker m 8 Sep 1932 East Hull Yks. Olive b 21 May 1903 E. Hull 4/4 of James & Agnes Maria (Douthwaite) MD m 26 Dec 1896 Sculcoates, Hull. James b 13 Nov 1873 Sutton, Hull 8/11 of John & Elizabeth (Moat) MT m 15 Sep 1861 Beverley Register Office. John bpt 8 Feb 1835 Hutton Cranswick 2/5 of John & Harriet (Moody) MT m 30 Nov 1830 Beswick Yks. John bpt 9 Dec 1805 Brandesburton Yks 10/11 of Christopher & Milcah (Fallowdown) MTE m 6 Mar 1787 Leven Yks. Christopher bpt 24 Dec 1758 Brandesburton 3/3 of Isaac & Elizabeth (Hunter) MTE m 9 Jun 1753 Holy Trinity, Hull. Isaac bpt 11 Sep 1718 Brandesburton 5/11 of Janson & Elizabeth (Hardy) MTE m 23 Nov 1710 Brandesburton whose 2nd wife was Ellen. Janson b c 1690 ? died 1752. Connects to **M59 Frank Bradley's late wife Jean and XM552.** Anyone tracing the birth/baptism of Janson may be interested to know that a reward from Frank is outstanding !

M1024 Ms Trixie Walker, Rock Cottage, 4 Railway Street, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 5AY. email <bcmw@tradewindsprinting.co.uk> Born Doncaster Yks d/o Stephen Archibald & Marjorie McCombie (nee Metcalfe) Walker. Marjorie M. b 4 Jan 1912 Leyburn 2/2 of Ernest & Beatrix Mary (Boggis) Mte. Ernest b 25 Apr 1877 Leyburn 12/12 of John & Jane (nee Sproates*) Mte m 1 Dec 1855 Wensley Yks. John bpt 20 Mar 1831 Coverham Yks 7/11 of Thomas Slinger & Elizabeth McCombie (Walker) Mte m 7 Apr 1829 Coverham Yks. Thomas S. bpt 7 Jun 1805 Coverham 6/11 of Thomas & Mary (Slinger) Mte m 20 Sep 1786 Coverham. Thomas bpt 24 Feb 1760 Wensley 1/9 of William & Jane (Rudd) Mte m 9 Oct 1759 Wensley. William b 23 Dec 1727 Coverhead s/o George Mte. *Jane Sproates b 1833 d/o William & Anne (nee Metcalfe) Sproates m 14 May 1833 Wensley. Anne bpt 29 Jun 1808 Wensley 1/4 of Michael &

Jane (Ratcliffe) Mte m 24 Nov 1806 Wensley. Michael bpt 12 Aug 1770 Spennithorne Yks 1/4 of Thomas & Mary (Hutchinson) Mte m 21 Sep 1769 Spennithorne. Thomas bpt 2 Apr 1749 Wensley 2/5 of Francis & Elizabeth (Bulmour) Mte m 21 Oct 1746 Spennithorne. Francis bpt 6 Apr 1725 Askrigg 2/2 of Thomas Mte of Nappa Scar. Connects to **M79, M87, XM96, XM99, XM179, M393, XM442, M537, M578, XM688, M891 & M1208.**

M1175 Terrance E. Backer, 125 Jefferson St. Stratford, Connecticut 00615, USA. Descendant of John & Mary (nee Metcalf) Ware m 10 Dec 1668 Dedham MA, USA. Mary b 15 Aug 1646 Dedham d/o Michael & Mary (Fairbanks) MT m 2 Apr 1644 Dedham. Michael b 29 Aug 1620 Tatterford England 3/11 of Michael & Sarah (Ellwyn) MT m 13 Oct 1616 Heigham Nfk, Eng. Michael b 1587 Tatterford s/o Leonard & Amy (?) MT. Connects to **XM283, XM455, XM456, XM571, M585, M1009, M1010, XM1039, M1104 and M1152.**

M1180 Stephen Metcalf, Orchard House, High Road, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, Wallingford, Oxon, OX10 0QR. email <smmetcalf@talk21.com> S/o Malcolm & Charis (Thomas) MT m 1945. Malcolm b Dec 1917 Manchester Lancs s/o Charles Almond & Annie (Hinman) MT m 1914 South Shields Co Durham. Charles Almond b 1887 South Shields 6/8 of Robert & Margaret (Almond) MT m 10 Oct 1876 North Shields, NBL. Robert b 6 Aug 1854 5th child of Henry & Margaret (Wright) Metcalf m 8 July 1843 South Shields DUR Eng. Henry when widowed remarried Isabella (Raine) Mt. Henry bpt 5 Oct 1823 Barton YKS nr Darlington DUR 2/8 of Henry & Jane (Pattinson) Mt m 19 Apr 1821 Barton Yks. Henry bpt 17 Jun 1798 Wensley Yks 3rd s/o Henry & (?) Nancy Chapman m 7 May 1787 Grinton. Henry bpt 29 Aug 1763 Wensley 2/4 of William & Jane (Rudd) Mt m 9 Oct 1759 Wensley. William b 1729 Forlands, Aysgarth s/o William & Alice (Dinsdale) Mte m 1723 Aysgarth. Connects to **M537, XM578, M891, M893, M1024 and M1208.**

BIRTH BRIEFS - NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME!

M1181 Mrs Kathleen Metcalfe, 2 The Old Coach House, Bramley Meade, Whalley Clitheroe, Lancs, BB7 9AF. Details awaited.

M1182 Mr Norman L. Noble, 2 Woodvale Way, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD7 2SJ. Descendant of Samuel & Ann (nee Metcalfe) Noble m 5 Nov 1855 at Shelf, Bradford.

M1183 Mr Lawrence Edgar, 16 Links Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 6HQ. email <ledgar@landp16.freeserve.co.uk> Great great grandson of John & Mary (nee Metcalf) Edgar m 6 Dec 1845 Brignall Yks, near Barnard Castle. Mary bpt 5.3.1819 Bowes born Lowfield 7/7 of Robert & Ann (Alderson) Mte m 14 July 1803 Romaldkirk. Robert bpt

26 Apr 1772 Arkengarthdale 2/9 of Thomas & Annas (Binks) Mte m 16 Oct 1769 Grinton, Yks. Thomas b c1745 ?s/o Richard & Monica (Sunter) Mte m 15 Jan 1749/50. Connects to **M52, M119, M217, M255, XM300, M303, M701, M782 and M1195.**

M1184 Mr O. Blake Hansen, 183 N100W, Alpine, Utah 84004, USA. Great great grandson of John & Eliza Roxie (nee Metcalf) Bartholomew m 11 Oct 1868 Salt Lake City, Utah USA. Eliza R. b 17 Aug 1850 Hull, Yks, UK d/o John Edward & Mary (Waslin) MT m 23 Dec 1832 Sculcoates Yks. John E. b 13 July 1812 Hull s/o Thomas & Jane (Gill) Mt m 14 Oct 1810 Sculcoates. Thomas bpt 16 Oct 1788 Hull s/o Elizabeth Betty Mt. Elizabeth bpt 16 Jan 1766 Hull d/o Thomas & Elizabeth (Pearson) Mt m 21 Aug 1758 Sculcoates. Connects to **XM666.**

M1185 Mrs Priscilla Malcolm, 24 Pebble Beach Drive, Bedford, New Hampshire 03110, USA. Grand-dau of Arthur Benton & Ida Lillian (nee Metcalfe) Russ m 5 Oct 1912 Brooklyn, NY, USA. Ida L. b 7 Oct 1887 4/4 of Alfred Tristram & Annie Elizabeth (Angevine) Mte m c1876. Alfred T. b Dec 1852 New York s/o Tristram Walker & Elizabeth May (?) Mte m 1844 London. Tristram W. bpt 17 Oct 1821 the Cathedral, Manchester s/o George and Alice Mte.

M1186 Mrs Margaret Medcalf, #8-6800 Lynas Lane, Richmond, British Columbia, Canada V7C 5E2. Details awaited.

M1187 Mr Peter Johnson, 6 Whitcliffe Grove, Ripon, North Yorkshire, HG4 2JW email <peterjohnson48@lineone.net>. Great grandson of Walter & Frances Jane (nee Metcalfe) Coupe m 1890. Frances J. b c1869 Colne Lancs 1/11 of Edward (blacksmith) & Sarah (?) Mte. Edward b c1847 Colne Lancs ? s/o Matthew & Frances (Parish) Mte m 22 Feb 1829 Colne.

M1188 Ms Elaine Zair, 69 Downs Park East, Westbury Park, Bristol, BS6 7QG. email <EDZair@aol.com> Great grand-dau of Samuel & Eliza Ann (nee Metcalf) Blackburn m 4 Aug 1890 St Pauls, Leeds Yks. Eliza Ann b 28 Dec 1869 Leeds d/o John & (his 2nd wife) Mary Ann (Brayshaw) MT m 25 May 1868 Leeds. John bpt 29 Feb 1832 Barrow upon Humber, Lincs 4/6 of Joseph & Ann (?) MT, Joseph was a mariner born c 1792 Lincs and may be the one bpt 1792 at Horkstow Lincs s/o Joseph & Mary MT.

M1189 Mrs Elizabeth Waller, Chesney Villa, Thornton-le-Street, Thirsk, North Yorkshire, YO7 4DS. Dau of Arthur born Dec 1903 Blaydon NBL. s/o John Cuthbert & Elizabeth (Elsdon) Mte m 1898 Tynemouth. John C. b 30 Jan 1871 Newton le Willows, North Yorkshire, 2/3 of William & Margaret (Cuthbert) Mte m 8 Jun 1867 Patrick Brompton Yks. William bpt 2 Mar 1842 Patrick Brompton 9/10 of Thomas & Mary (Bradley) Mte m 9 Apr 1825 Thornton Watlass Yks. Thomas b Rookwith bpt 26

Sep 1794 Patrick Brompton 5/6 of Thomas & Elizabeth (Dobbyn/Dobby) Mte m 26 Jun 1786 Middleton Tyas Yks. Thomas bpt 3 Oct 1760 1/9 of George & Margaret (Moor) Mte m 1759 Ingleton Yks. George bpt 25 Feb 1736 Ingleton 7/25 of George and his 1st wife Margaret Thompson (2nd wf Elizabeth Battley) Mte m 13 Aug 1726 Ingleton Fell. George bpt 27 Mar 1700 Ingleton 3/3 of Christopher & Catherine (Leake) Mte m 22 Jan 1697/8 Ingleton. Connects to **XM58, M97, XM319, XM637, M529, XM553, M777, XM821, M824, M860, M871 and M905.**

M1190 Mrs Joan P. Pope, 7 Kipling Grove, Fairfield, Stockton on Tees, TS19 7QT. email <lapope@onyxnet.co.uk> Great x 8 grand-dau of George & Elizabeth (nee Metcalf) Alderson m c 1680. George was of Storthwaite Hall, Arkengarthdale Yks and their first child was Giles.

M1191 Mr Frank Metcalf, 95 Keld Regate, Bradley, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, HD2 1TD. Details awaited.

M1192 Mr Richard Leslie & Ms Anne Jane Metcalfe, Hill Brow, Great Barugh, Malton, North Yorkshire, YO17 6UZ. Details awaited.

M1193 Mrs Jan Winer, 57 Warren Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, L9A 3C7. Details awaited.

M1194 Mrs Andrea J. Lloyd, 77 York Street, Garston, Liverpool, L19 8ER. Dau of Harry Mte of Askham Richard Yks. Harry b c1903 s/o Charles Marshall & Lavinia (?) Mte. Charles M. bpt 29 Mar 1869 Hutton Cranswick Yks s/o Alice Mte bpt 16 Mar 1850 Hutton Cranswick d/o John & Hannah (Teal) Mte m 1848 Hutton Cranswick. John bpt 17 Sep 1820 Hutton Cranswick s/o George & Margaret (Newlove) Mte m 6 March 1815 Hutton Cranswick. George b c1880 Huggate Yks.

M1195 Mrs Judith Smith, 27 Port Jackson Road, Terrigal, New South Wales 2260, Australia. Grand-dau of William Daniel & Annie (nee Metcalfe) Pfeiffer m 25 Oct 1892 Australia. Annie b 8 Dec 1867 Bradford Yks Eng. d/o Josiah & Emma (Spink) Mte m c1867. Josiah b 1844 Bradford 7/7 of John & Jane (Robinson) Mte m 23 June 1828 Bradford. John a stonemason b c 1803 considered to be b 24 Dec 1802 bpt 23 Jan 1803 Muker 3/5 of Leonard & Margaret (nee Metcalfe) Mte m 31 Oct 1797 Muker. Leonard bpt 5 Mar 1777 Arkengarthdale Yks 3/9 of Thomas & Annas (Binks) Mte m 16 Oct 1769 Grinton, Yks. Thomas b c1745 ?s/o Richard & Monica (Sunter) Mte m 15 Jan 1749/50. Connects to **M52, M119, M217, M255, XM300, M303, M701 and M782.**

M1196 Mr Rex Metcalfe, 17 Jupiter Street, Gladstone, Queensland 4680, Australia. email <r.metcalf@cqu.edu.au> Great grandson of Joseph Cameron & Ann (Deeks) Mte m 29 Nov 1852 Croydon LDN. Joseph C. b 18th Aug 1826 London 4/4 of

Joseph & Elizabeth Mary (Smith) Mte m 1816 LDN. Joseph b 22 July 1785 LDN 8/8 of Joseph & Ann (Blicke) Mte m 11 Nov 1775 St Botolph, Bishopgate LDN. he a magistrate of Lambeth. Joseph b c1750 s/o John & (?) Mte. John bpt 14 Jan 1694 St Andrews, Holborn, LDN s/o John & Philodelphia (?) Mte. John bpt 11 July 1638 St Katherine by the Tower LDN s/o Theophilus (The Scribe) Mte. Connects to **XM221 & XM650.**

M1197 Mrs Faith E.S. Chester, 27 Gilbert Street, Buderim, Queensland 4556, Australia. email <linfai@hotmail.net.au> Grand-dau of William & Jane (Severs) Harrison m 2 Jan 1899. Jane b 13 June 1861 11/11 of Joseph & Margaret (nee Metcalfe) Severs m 24 Nov 1838 Hipswell Yks. Margaret bpt 31 Oct 1819 Hipswell 1/4 of Robert (miller @ Hipswell Mill) and Elizabeth (King) Mte m 3 Mar 1818 Hipswell. Robert bpt 3 June 1787 Hipswell 7/9 of George & Elizabeth (Robinson) Mte m 17 Nov 1768 High Coniscliffe nr Darlington Co Dur. George b c1733. Connects to **M13, M29, M39, M66, M70, XM92, XM132, XM133, XM211, XM212, XM246, XM248, XM257, M292, XM458, M517, XM546, M54, M791, XM847, XM849, M855, XM856, XM887 and M1139.**

M1198 Mr Christopher J. Smith, 20 Vicarage Walk, North Cave, Brough, Hull, HU15 2PM. Details awaited.

M1199 Mrs Barbara Julian, RD1 Kohukohu, North Land, New Zealand. Details awaited.

M1200 Mrs Leslie Todd, #13-1750 Lenz Road, Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada V1Z 3N1. Great gt-grand-dau of William John & Mary Jane (nee Metcalfe) Whiting m c 1840 ? Beeford are Yks. William and Mary had 4 children Richard, John, William and Mary before emigrating from Beeford to Canada in 1849.

M1201 Mrs Kathleen Broderick, 18 Milnshaw Gardens, Lupin Road, Accrington, Lancs, BB5 4SE. Dau of Henry & Ellen (nee Metcalf) Omerod m 8 July 1922 Rishton, Lancs. Ellen b 4 Dec 1895 Sheffield Yks d/o Richard & Mary Hannah (Sandiford) Mt m 13 Oct 1890 Accrington Lancs. Richard b 29 Apr 1868 Accrington s/o Edward & his 2nd wf Ellen (Walsh) Mt m 5 Dec 1859 Accrington. Edward b c1827 Altham Lancs s/o Edmund & Hannah (Riley) Mt m 26 Apr 1819 Altham. Edmund bpt 25 Dec 1796 11/11 of James & Mary (Roberts) Mt m 8 Apr 1777 Great Harwood, Lancs. James bpt 30 Nov 1754 Great Mitton s/o Elizabeth Mt. Elizabeth bpt 19 Mar 1731/2 Mitton then in Yorkshire now in Lancs d/o John & Grace (Geldard) Mt m 5 Jan 1718/9 Mitton Yks. Connects to **M21 and XM657.**

M1202 Mrs O.G. Brewer, 8 Rosedale Abbey, Pickering, North Yorkshire, YO18 8RA. Great great grand-dau of Thomas & Margaret (Nee Metcalfe) Hartley m 1866 Woodlesford/Wakefield Yks. Margaret b 1841 Woodlesford d/o Christopher & Charlotte (?) Mte. Christopher b c 1808 Abbotside, Hawes.

M1203 Mr David E. Metcalfe MBE, The Flat, T.A. Centre, Sobraon Barracks, Burton Road, Lincoln, LN1 3PY. Born Ripley, Derbyshire s/o Constance Agnes Mte b 8 Feb 1912 Pinxton DBY. d/o John William & Florence Elizabeth (Smith) Mte. John W. a master ironmonger, b 16 July 1881 East Retford NTT. 4/6 of John Limb & Sarah Jane (Denham) Mte m 1873. John L. b 24 Feb 1844 Gringley on the Hill NTT. 5/7 of George & Eliza (Limb) Mte m 14 Nov 1831 Gringley. George bpt 29 Jan 1804 Gringley s/o George & Elizabeth (Cave) Mte m 27 Dec 1798 Gringley. George b c1768 bpt 9 Dec 1770 Everton, NTT. s/o John & Elizabeth (Rhodes) Mte m 11 Dec 1769 Everton. John bpt 27 Dec 1737 Everton s/o George & Mary (Crampton/ Crompton) Mte m 9 July 1731 East Retford NTT. George considered bpt 27 May 1703 Everton s/o George & Anna (Drew) Mte m 12 Apr 1697 Everton. George bpt 10 Jun 1669 Everton s/o Robert & Bridget (Longwith) Mte m 28 May 1665 Everton. Connects to **XM388, M605 and M1143**.

M1204 Mr & Mrs David A. & Patricia Johnston, 63 Kendal Way, Cambridge, CB4 1LP. Born Ealing LDN s/o Peter Bernard & Lilian May (nee Metcalfe) Johnston m 21 Sep 1949 Wisbech CAM. Lilian May b 9 Jun 1924 Wisbech 2/4 of Paul & Hilda Lydia (Washbrook) Mte m 1914 Woodstock. Paul b 1889 Risbridge s/o Thomas & ? (?) Mte.

M1205 Miss Marjorie I. Metcalfe, Herdwick Raise, 25 Station Road, Dalton in Furness, Lancs, LA15 8PL. Dau of John & Amy (Simpson) Mte. John b 1899 Great Asby WES 1/8 of Joseph Clemmet & Mary Ann (Horn) Mt m 1898. Joseph C. bpt 25 Apr 1856 Great Asby s/o John & Elizabeth (?Gowling) Mte m 10 Nov 1853 Asby.

M1206 Mrs Debonnaire Perceval, Temple House, Ballymote, Co. Sligo, Ireland. Great grand-dau of Sir Edward & Emily Anne (Metcalfe) Clive-Bayley. Emily Anne b 31 Aug 1830 Delhi, India d/o Sir Thomas Theophilus & his 2nd wife Felicit, Anne (Browne) Mte. Sir Thomas T. b 2 Jan 1795 bpt 27 Mar 1795 St Mary Marylebone LDN. s/o Sir Thomas Theophilus & Susanna Selina Sophia (Smith) Mte m 1782 Calcutta, India. Sir Thomas T. b 8 Jan 1745 s/o Thomas & Margaret (Williams) Mte. Connects to **XM357**.

M1207 Mr & Mrs Robert A. & Joyce M. Metcalfe, 76 Walnut Grove, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. AL7 4EU. Son of Fred & Elizabeth May (Andrews) Mte. Fred b 1885 Barnet LDN. s/o Thomas & Lydia (?) Mte. Thomas bpt 13 Nov 1859 Easington Cleveland/YKS. s/o Thomas & Jane (Waller) Mte m 19 Apr 1856 Lythe YKS. Thomas bpt 3 May 1836 Easington 1/4 of George & Elizabeth (Wood) Mte m 3 Feb 1835 Great Ayton Yks. May prove to be connected to **M430 & M462** but confirmation is being sought.

M1208 Mr Tony Hayden, 12 Gorley Court, The Warren, Havant, Hants, PO9 4JN. Grandson of Arthur & Arabella (nee Metcalfe) Hayden m 2 Qtr 1896 Leyburn Yks. Arabella b 1875 Leyburn d/o John & Jane Metcalfe. Tony, whose records came to him from America, has been informed that John married Jane Atkinson but our records and

those of M1024, shown above q.v., have John as marrying Jane Sproates. Confirmation is being sought and should be available in our August issue.

M1209 Mrs Nora Clyde, 11 McDowall Place, Kambal, ACT 2902, Australia. Grand dau of Samuel & Annie (nee Metcalfe) Broadbent m 30 Aug 1902 Bradford. Annie b 1884 Bradford, Yks Eng. 6/7 of Christopher & Martha/Mary (?) Mte. Christopher b 1853 Bradford 6/6 of Ralph & Martha (nee Mosley) Mte m 6 Feb 1837 Shipley Yks. Ralph bpt 26 Jan 1815 Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Gunnerside Yks s/o Christopher & Ann/ Nanny (Miller/Milner) Mte m 26 Mar 1811 Grinton Yks. Christopher poses a problem so far. Nora claims he is b 1785 Gunnerside s/o Christopher however the Society has this man as marrying Mary Allen in 1807 NOT Ann Miller in 1811 so further contact and exchange of confirmation is required.

M1210 Mr Stanley W. Wilson, 7 Milford Close, Bedhampton, Havant, Hants, PO9 3DG. Great great grandson of Richard & Jane (nee Metcalfe) Nightingale m 17 Oct 1848 Sculcoates YKS. Jane ? bpt 12 Feb 1823 Grimsby Lincs d/o David & Elizabeth (?) Mte.

M1211 Mr Richard Fagge, 361 Baddow Road, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 7QF. email <Richard.annette@ukgateway.net> Grandson of Charles & Beatrice Dora (nee Metcalfe) Fagge ?m 1899 Paddington LDN. Beatrice D. b c1865 New South Wales, Australia 9th child of Michael & Agnes Georgiana (Robinson) Metcalfe m 1845 Christ Church, Sydney Aus. Michael b 1813 Tranby nr Hull YKS s/o Michael & Ann (bell) Mte m 13 Sep 1809 Leconfield YKS. Michael bpt 10 Feb 1779 Holy Trinity, Hull 4/12 of Michael & Ann (Young) Mte m 28 May 1776 Sculcoates. Michael b 21 Jan 1730 Sculcoates s/o Michael & Jane (?) Mte. Michael 1706-1776 of Crowle Lincs s/o Michael & Mary (?) Mte. Michael 1674-1724 s/o Michael & Mary (Bussey) Mte. Michael b 29 Jun 1644 of Revesby, Lincs s/o Richard & Elizabeth (Conyers) Mte. Richard of York s/o Michael & Anne (Weldon) Mte of Otterington, YKS. Michael s/o John & (?) (Ayscough) Mte. John s/o Richard & ? (Mackeridge) Mte. Connects to **M669, M718 XM1013 & ?M1105**.

M1212 Mrs Anne M. Holmes, 10 Friars Walk, Prestwood, Great Missenden, Bucks, HP16 0ST. Details awaited.

M1213 Mrs Anne Hill, 8 Thornsett Road, London, SE20 7XE. Born Don Valley, YKS d/o Harry & Florence (Hesketh) Medcalf. Harry b 1913 Barnsley YKS 2/4 of James Arthur & Emily (Sinfield) Md m 1911 Barnsley. James A. b 1884 Barnsley 4/4 of Broughton & ?Martha (Sheldon) Md m 1871 Barnsley. Broughton b 1845 Mirfield Yks 3/9 of James & Rebecca/Rebekah (?) MD. James b c1818 Kirkheaton/Grange Lane, Yks.

M1214 Mrs Celia Humphrey, 26 Rosehill Park, Emmer Green, Reading, Berkshire, RG4 8XE. email <c.humphrey@btinternet.com> Celia's husband Ian is s/o Cyril

& Joyce Aileen (nee Medcalf) Humphrey m 1937 Beckenham, Kent. Joyce A. b 20 Dec 1912 Beckenham 9/11 of George & Isabella F. (Freeman) MD m 8 Mar 1896 Newington LDN. George b 17 Sep 1875 6/7 of Charles & Lucia (Morris) MD m 18 May 1861 MDX. Charles b c1839 Kedington SFK 4/4 of William & Ann (?Ruse) MD m 18 May 1826 Kedington. William b c1797 Stansfield SFK.

M1215 Mr John J. Rowley, 68 Braddon Road, Loughborough, Leics, LE11 5YZ. email <rowleyjohnuk@yahoo.co.uk> Great x 5 grandson of John & Frances (nee Metcalfe) Husthwaite m 2 Jan 1788 Thirsk YKS. John had Frances as bpt 16 Sep 1764 Sand Hutton, Thirsk d/o John & Frances (Scaife) Mte m 29 Nov 1757 BUT we show Frances as buried on the same date as baptised. Could connect to **M146, M153, M723 & M763** and perhaps they could help to sort out the mystery!

M1216 Mrs Alfreda Conner, 04790 Dier Way, Florence, Oregon 97439, USA. Born Windsor, Ontario grand-dau/o Harold Alexander & Doris May (nee Metcalfe) Perrin. Doris M. b 30 Jan 1902 Hull, Eng. d/o Alfred & Edith Ann (Bell) Mte. Alfred b 1876 Hull 2/7 of Robert & Mary (Appleton) Mte. Robert bpt 8 Feb 1846 Middleton on the Wolds, Yks 3/4 of George & Ann (?) Mte. George b 3 Feb 1822 Langton by Malton Yks 8/9 of William & Jane (Moorey) Mte m 26 Nov 1806 Newton on Ouse Yks. William bpt 25 Mar 1781 Farlington Yks 10/10 Percival & Ann (Swales) Mte m 29 Dec 1761 Farlington. Percival bpt 30 Apr 1735 Middlesmoor in Nidderdale, Yks 3/3 John of Sikes in Nidderdale. Connects to **M8, M64, M312, XM661, XM803, M974, M1074, M1101 and M1142**.

M1217 Mrs Deborah M. Simister, 1 Pennine Court, Daventry, Northants, NN11 5TE. Details awaited.

M1218 Mr & Mrs Archer Rimmer & Louie Metcalfe, 17 Cecil Street, Lytham, Lancs, FY8 5NN. email <Rimmer68@bun.com> Archer b Skipton s/o Archer Rimmer & Elizabeth (Hepworth) MTE m 1924 Skipton Yks. Archer R. b 22 Nov 1891 Skipton 8/8 of John William & Mary Elizabeth (Rimmer) Mte m 29 Dec 1877 Skipton. John Wm b 1856 Liverpool Lancs 2/2 of John Ellis & Eden (Wiseman) Mte m 29 July 1849 Kettlewell Yks. John E. bpt 24 Apr 1823 Hubberholme Yks 1/9 of John & Mary Ann (Ellis) Mte m 23 July 1821 Hubberholme. John bpt 5 Jan 1793 Halton Gill, Yks 3/4 of John & Hannah (Storey) Mte m 10 Mar 1788 Arncliffe Yks. John bpt 18 Jun 1760 Arncliffe 2/5 of Robert & Isabel (Simpson) Mte m 13 May 1751 Arncliffe. Connects to **M46, M608, M678, M839 and M859**.

M1219 Mr Montgomery S. Metcalfe, 7335 6th Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada S4T 0P3. email <montymet@sk.sympatico.ca> Son of Charles Alexander Mte b 1 July 1896 thought to be in Wales s/o Robert Charles (although the first names could be wrong) & Elizabeth (Robertson) Mte. Elizabeth died shortly after the birth of Charles Alexander and he was placed in an orphanage and eventually went to North America in the early 1920s. His sister Elizabeth married a Canadian soldier, William

Duke and they lived in Ontario and then moved to USA in the 1920s. Robert Charles (if the names are correct) Mte may have been born in Ireland, he died in London after injuries sustained in France and was a shoe maker by trade. Difficult one to say the least!

M1220 Mr & Mrs Robert W. & Helen M. Metcalfe, 265 Poulin, #1808, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K2B 7Y8. Details awaited.

A DYING CONFESSION

Edward Metcalfe, a retired Yorkshire sheepfarmer, aged ninety-two, recognised that his time had at last come, turned his face to the wall, and prepared to depart in peace. The vicar of the parish in which Metcalfe, or Mecca, as he was called, lived, was one of the kindest, most earnest and exemplary parsons I have ever met in a long experience. Unfortunately he suffered from a chronic minor ailment of the nose, dry catarrh, which caused him no little inconvenience.

As soon as the vicar heard that Mecca was numbered among the sick, he hurried to his bedside. It happened to be a very healthy time, and as there was no one else ill he concentrated all his zeal on the dying man. He visited him two or three times a day, reading to him, exhorting him, and praying for him.

At first the old man was very much pleased with these attentions but, as death lingered, he began to weary of them, and to wish to be left alone to die in peace.

Late one evening the vicar, who had been if possible more earnest than usual in his ministration, leaned over the dying man and said, "Goodnight, my dear brother, I shall come and see you first thing in the morning."

Suddenly, by a great effort Mecca sat up "on end" and said, "I'll tell ye what it is, Vicar."

"Yes," replied the vicar, earnestly listening.

"I tell ye what it is, Vicar," gasped Mecca.

"Yes! Yes!" said the vicar, thinking it was a dying confession and trying not to miss a word. "Speak up!"

"Y're breeth's noan so varra sweet I can tell ye!"

An Extract from "My Moorland Patients" By a Yorkshire Doctor, 1922.
Supplied by **CS Metcalfe M305**.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Federation of Family History Societies Spring Conference 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. **12 May 2001.** Caligraphy Workshop at the Public Record Office, Kew. Also 9 June, 14 July, 11 August, 8 September and 13 October. Admission free. See how old documents were created.

19 May 2001. Hearth Tax Day. One day conference on recent research into the Hearth tax. Cost £35 (inc buffet lunch). Details from Public Record Office, Kew Surrey TW9 4DU. ☎ 020 8392 5202.

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

7 July 2001 SW Group of Family History Societies Family History Fair at the Winter Gardens Weston Super Mare. Admission £1.50. Details from K N James 55 Osborne Road Weston Super Mare BS23 3EJ.

16-20 July. PRO Family History Summer School. Combined teach and show sessions. Preview of the 1901 census online project and opportunities for individual research. Cost £150. Details from PRO (see above).

Saturday 6 October 2001 at Askham Bryan, York the 21st Anniversary Mecca Muster. Not just a Family History day out but a Family History Party. Book now! See this issue for details.

MECCA SIGHTINGS

In 'Derbyshire of 100 years ago' David Buxton, Allen Sutton Publishing, 1992 there are three extracts from 'Colliers and I' by **FJ Metcalfe**, Rector of Killamarsh. No date is given but 1881 is quoted.

George Wigglesworth M501

Burial St Mary's Islington London. **George Metcalf** age 50, late master of the workhouse 17 October 1799.

London and Southwark Coroners Inquests 1788 - 1837, Corporation of London Records Office. **Henry Metcalfe**, London, natural causes, 16 October 1830.

William Metcalfe, Southwark, accident - run over, 8 July 182(?).

City of London 1840 Register of voters, Corporation of London Records Office.

John Metcalfe, house, 41 Basinghall Street. **William Metcalf**, stationer, 8 Minories.

Burials, Chorlton on Oxmoor, Oxford, Oxford Local Studies Library. **Richd. Medcalf** of Charlton, 4 July 1795; **Elizabeth Medcalf** of Charlton, age 72, 12 January 1834; **Theophilus Metcalf** of Oddington, age 73, 1863; **Henrietta Metcalf** of Charlton, infant, 1866; **Elizabeth Metcalf** of Charlton age 66, 19 December 1869.

All supplied by **Mrs J West XM736**.

From **DRH Major M324** information from a non-member George Metcalf that in the past there "was another notorious Metcalfe in Earby as the Minister of Mount Zion Baptist Church which seated 800. The church was full simply because no one knew what this fiery Metcalfe was going to say next." Also around Llanrwst in Caernarvonshire there is a tiny colony of Metcalfes who are Welsh speaking. Apparently there is nothing these Welsh Metcalfes enjoy more than a good family row over their inheritance!

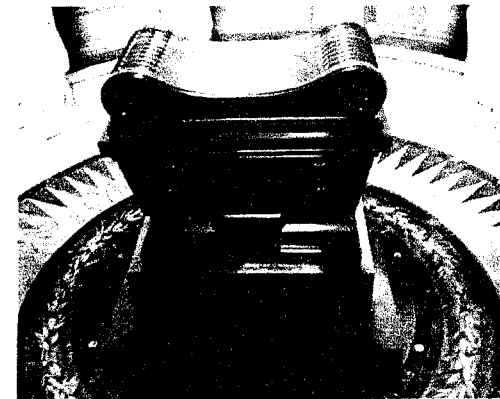
NAPOLEON'S COFFIN

They came in the night but it was not until well after daylight they managed to open the mahogany coffin. Even then "*....there are still three caskets to unseal: one lead, one wood and the third tin. The lid of the last one is lifted off carefully. The doctor parts the padded satin wrapped around Napoleon's body.*".

So reads an extract from **The Dark Room at Longwood by Jean-Paul Kauffmann**. The author was a kidnap victim in Beirut between 1985 and 1988; around the time John Mc Carthy, Brian Keenan and Terry Waite were also captive. A Frenchman, who claims to have no great liking for Napoleon, he is fascinated by him especially his latter years. He goes to St Helena; Napoleon's exile home for some six years till his death in May 1821, to experience the Emperor's emotion at his incarceration on an island so far from civilisation.

I found the book somewhat dark and brooding; St Helena and Longwood seem to be permanently damp, humid and cloudy, with the buildings under constant attack from termites. The author finds little to enjoy and the thought does cross your mind that he is trying to exorcise his own period of captivity. However the book is interesting as we have our own family connection to Napoleon through James Metcalfe

a carpenter on the island in the early 1800's, who carried out repairs to the fabric of Longwood watched by the Emperor (see Mecca News Issue 50). James also made the mahogany coffin enclosing the mortal remains of Bonaparte which is dug up for return to France in October 1840. The coffin is housed in the Porphyry tomb in Les Invalides, Paris. Another instance where the Metcalfe family are involved in major episodes of history.



Napoleon's Coffin, Les Invalides, Paris

One disappointment of the book is there is no specific mention of James Metcalfe, who was in and out of Longwood and often around Napoleon, but don't let that or my comments put you off reading it for yourself. It gives a flavour of what life must have been like until very recently for all inhabitants based on an island nearly 1000 miles away from the next piece of land. Published by the Harvill Press in 1999 it is available from all major bookshops (I got mine from Waterstones!) for £6.99.

1914/18 War Leeds Absent Voters. (Continued from Issue 62)

Ref No.	Surname	F/name	No.	Rank	Unit
4906SE	Metcalfe	George W			DLI
6630LS	Metcalfe	George W	125672	Pte	326 Field Amb
3009C	Metcalfe	George W	045657		ASC
6868LS	Metcalfe	Harold	156468	Spr	RE
5088LV	Metcalfe	Harry	189473	Pte	ASC (MT)
5900SE	Metcalfe	Harry	132097	Spr	RE
4322NE	Metcalfe	Harry	14/252587	Ss/Sgt	ASC
6296LN	Metcalfe	Harry	376670	Pte	ASC MT
2133C	Metcalfe	Horace	36790	Sgt	16th (T W) Bn Y & L
6086SE	Metcalfe	James	265065	Pte	West Riding
3022LS	Metcalfe	James	41517	Pte	15 Btn W Yorks
1494NE	Metcalfe	James E	34264	Pte	6 KOR Lancs
2533C	Metcalfe	Jesse	31392	Pte	KOYLI
158NE	Metcalfe	John	107587		RFA
2480LN	Metcalfe	John	265231	Cpl	W Yorks
4108LN	Metcalfe	John A	51893	Pte	MGC
1938C	Metcalfe	John A	2516	Rfn	2nd KRR
2813NE	Metcalfe	John C	640	L/Cpl	15 W Yorks
1675LV	Metcalfe	John H M	10650	Ea4	HMS "King George V"
2845C	Metcalfe	John H			
4907SE	Metcalfe	John L	407131	Pte	
6180LS	Metcalfe	John L			RAMC
1520C	Metcalfe	John W	44393		MGC
6921C	Metcalfe	John W	45507		RFA
1889C	Metcalfe	John W			RFA
8327C	Metcalfe	Joseph H	R/369501	Pte	ASC
5774LS	Metcalfe	Leonard	31425	Pte	NF
9009C	Metcalfe	Leonard C	28959	Pte	KOYLI
8246C	Metcalfe	Marmaduke R			
1685C	Metcalfe	Mathew P	127917	Pte	RAMC
6652LN	Metcalfe	Nathan	134019	Gnr	RGA
1590LN	Metcalfe	Norris	309879	Spr	RE
500LV	Metcalfe	Ralph	269031	3/A M	RAF
5414LV	Metcalfe	Reginald W	M/397451	Pte	ASC (MT)
329LV	Metcalfe	Richard H Dm	2/206619	Pte 776	(MT) ASC
1269LN	Metcalfe	Robert	300066	Pte	8 W Yorks
8964C	Metcalfe	Rowland G		Lt	RE
3909LN	Metcalfe	Samual	366865	Pte	Lab Corps
4662LN	Metcalfe	Sidney	73075	Pte	RDC
3897SE	Metcalfe	Thomas	22552	Pte	KOYLI
3208LN	Metcalfe	Thomas H	17824	Pte	1 W Yorks

Ref No	Surname	F/name	No.	Rank	Unit
855C	Metcalfe	Thomas W	280901	Pte	RAF
9010C	Metcalfe	Thomas W	266442	Sig	West Yorks
122LW	Metcalfe	Walter	306613	Pte	3/7th W Yorks
6297LN	Metcalfe	Walter	203472	Gnr	RFA
3398C	Metcalfe	Wilfred			Herts Regt
6048LW	Metcalfe	William	32047	Pte	54th Lab Coy
1495NE	Metcalfe	William	239364	Spr	RE
2568C	Metcalfe	William	11364	Pte	7th Sea Hdrs
2539C	Metcalfe	William	31466	Pte	Cameronians (S I)
1238LS	Metcalfe	William C	352195		9 Royal Scots
2967LS	Metcalfe	William E	283487	Gnr	RGA
6749SE	Metcalfe	William H	403529	Pte	RAMC
9011C	Metcalfe	William H	135170	Pte	RAMC
1676LW	Metcalfe	Willie O	53584	Pte	2 Mob Rep Unit ASC
4099LS	Metcalfe	Willie	M/2/053584	Pte	Mec Trans A G C

My Great Uncles

Edgar George Metcalf was born in 1901 and his brother Laurence Bernard Metcalf in 1904. Great grandsons of James Metcalf and Maria Cranney (married in Chelsea, London in 1819), who arrived in Tasmania in 1821, they both joined an engineering firm in Perth Western Australia by 1930. Edgar returned to Tasmania after a time but when in 1933 Laurence decided to start his business he invited his brother to join him. E & L Metcalf Pty Ltd was established and was a very successful venture.

In World War II they were both man-powered between 1939 and 1942 and worked for Government contract submarine servicing and making bomber parts and aviation parts.

E & L Metcalf continued successfully until 1970 when Edgar sold his shares to Laurence and his family. Now Laurence's son Geoffrey manages the business in the manufacture of water pumps which they developed in the 1950's. These are supplied under Government contract to major water schemes of the towns and industry of North Western, Western and South Western Australia.

Lisa Bartlett M804

Our Old Friend Metcalfe

Judith Noel married Ralph Milbanke on 9 January 1777. Their daughter Anne Isabella Milbanke married Lord Byron in 1815 and separated from him the following year.

The Noels and the Milbankes exchanged letters for some 25 years in the late 18th century and a book *The Noels and the Milbankes "Their Letters for 25 Years" 1767 - 1792* by Malcolm Elwin was published by Macdonald, London in 1967.

In a letter dated Friday 26 June 1789, Judith, writing from Richmond to her aunt Mary Noel, who had brought up her and her two sisters after their mother died in 1761, says "... I should suppose if our old friend Metcalfe had not been so devilishly ugly, he might serve her Ladyship of Craven in more ways than ONE, tho' perhaps as she ceases to be young and blooming, she must not be nice...."

Nina Benson M29 who supplied the item then asks "Do you think that "nice" in this context, may well mean particular?" Nina goes on to report that in the index to the book their old friend is listed as Thomas Metcalfe.



and finally.....

Is it Spring or is it Christmas?

It may be only April, but for those of you who do plan ahead, don't buy your Christmas cards until you see the August Mecca News. Full details (pictures and order forms) of the Metcalfe Christmas Card 2001 will be available to ensure you can take delivery of them in plenty of time to write and despatch them to family and friends all over the world before Christmas.

Diane Howarth, Secretary

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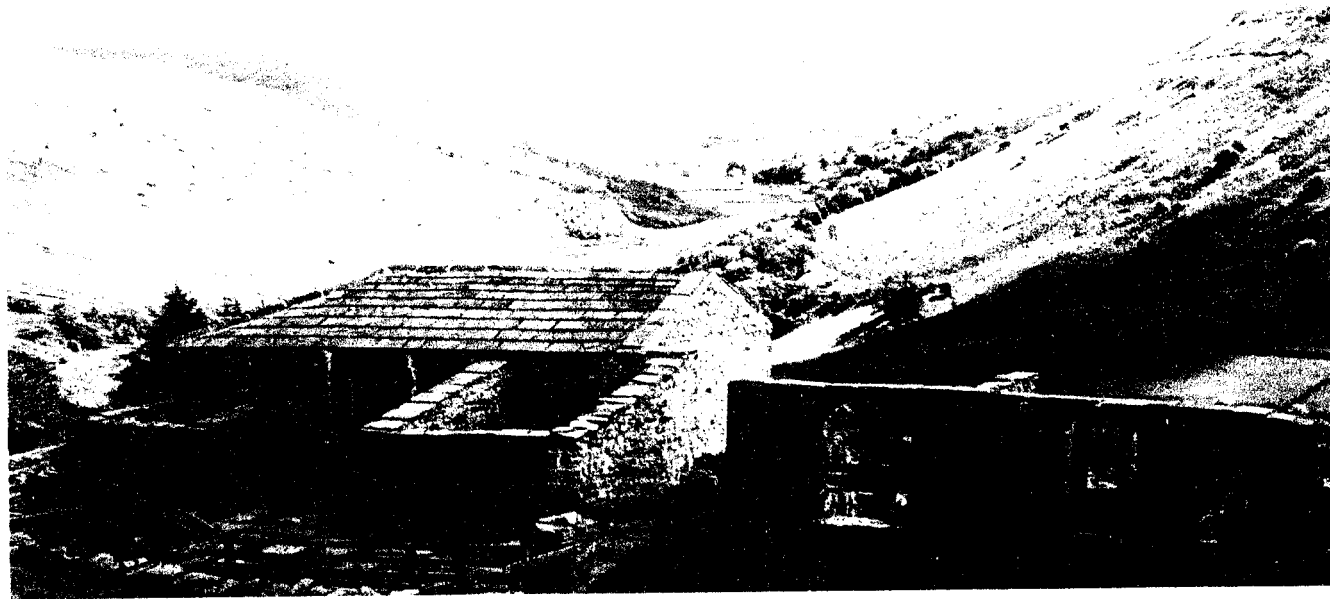
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