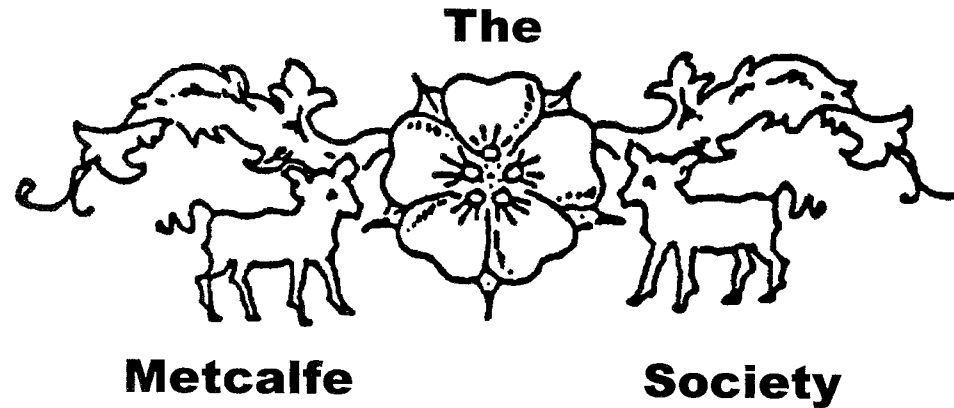




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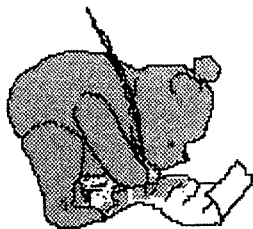
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The Society's 21st anniversary was celebrated on Saturday 6 October on a hot sunny humid day with the temperature around 86°F (30°C). Over one hundred members attended the event which was claimed by those expressing an opinion as one occasion not to have been missed.

"Hold on a moment - a hot sunny humid day with a temperature in the eighties!

The editor has lost it." Not quite yet (although it is being worked upon!). Unfortunately I was unable to attend as I was in the Greek Islands (Symmi to be precise) where the weather was as described. I was disappointed not to have been at the Muster - the first for many years - but for those like me not at York there are pictures and comments on the day. It was such a good event you should put the date for next year's Muster (Saturday 5 October 2002) in your diary now so you won't miss it - I know I have.

This issue records significant changes in the Society committee and our thanks must go to Margaret Metcalfe and Nina Benson who have served the Society very successfully for many years. Our best wishes for a long retirement and to those new members - you don't know what you've let yourselves in for - welcome and a successful future in the Society. May I wish you all the Compliments of the Season.

Welcome to our new Treasurer

For almost two years we have repeatedly requested for a volunteer to replace Margaret Metcalfe as Treasurer as she planned her retirement to commence in October 2001. Even at our September committee we still had no volunteer and were extremely fortunate when George Buxton volunteered as a temporary treasurer if we could not find anyone by the Muster.

At the 21st birthday Muster our new website designer Carol Herbert (M1072) stepped forward and offered her services. To say it was a close call to find a permanent replacement is a total understatement. We are indebted to George for volunteering to step into the breach, and extremely grateful for Carol to take on this additional commitment as well as the website administration. Carol's full contact details are on the inside front cover of the Mecca News and also on the enclosed Subscription Renewal Form. So to all UK members renewing their subscription, please remember to read the form and send the subs to Carol not Margaret!

Family's Twin Record : Likeness that led to Amusing incidents.

(The following is a copy of a newspaper item that my mother preserved for many years from the "Daily Chronicle" Dec. 31, 1926. The people mentioned are her father and uncle and two cousins. Joe Awmack M379.)

Two pairs of "Identical" male twins belonging to one family, and the four men composing them still living and still mystifying relatives and friends by their extraordinary similarity in appearance and habits, must surely be unique in twin history.

Dr. G. P. Crowden of the Institute of Physiology, University College, London, who is investigating the subject of the psychology of twins, may be interested to hear that these two twins are two uncles and two nephews, and that the latter, although now living miles apart, have remained exactly alike in every way.

The uncle twins, aged 73, are: Councillor F. G. Metcalfe, a retired draper, of Ripon, and his brother John James Metcalfe, also of Ripon. The nephew twins, aged 42, are: Walter Henry Metcalfe, of Edlington (Doncaster) and his brother, Francis George Metcalfe, of South Bank, near Middlesbrough.

The identity of the two younger twins puzzles even their mother, who admitted to me to-day that she is not quite sure which of her sons she is

living with at South Bank. She told me that when they were children she differentiated between them by pinning a pink ribbon on one and a blue ribbon on the other. "But," she added, "I never could tell whether I once accidentally changed the ribbons or not." In view of this, the twins themselves are uncertain as to "which is which."

Although these twins have been living for years past in different towns, they are, I'm told, still exactly alike in appearance, feelings, and even hobbies, particularly that of bell-ringing.

Tales of the uncle twins include the following: When Councillor Metcalfe, the draper, was going on his honeymoon, someone presented him with a cheque for £25, which was intended for Mr. Metcalfe, the undertaker. On another occasion, Mr. Metcalfe, the undertaker, was pursued in the street by a man who, mistaking him for his draper brother, who is also a tailor, insisted upon being measured for a suit. When Councillor Metcalfe was mayor in 1910, people frequently hailed his brother with "Good morning, your worship"

Further Tipples!!!

In the **Tesco Christmas 2001 Magazine** **Charles Metcalfe** (on pages 76 & 77) gives his ideas for the very best wines for Christmas. Included are the Australian Banrock Sparkling Shiraz and the Tesco Catarratto Chardonnay. To find out the other choices see the magazine!

Secretary's Report

As I reported in the August Mecca News I essentially did nothing for the society during April, May and June for the various reasons mentioned. Since then I have been firing on full cylinders catching up (yet again!), focusing on the Christmas Card project and preparing for the September Committee Meeting and Muster.

To those of you who have bought and/or received a society Christmas card we hope you like them. As you read this I am sure Christmas is high on your mind, and your Christmas cards already despatched for this year ... so we will be reminding you next April/August as you make your Christmas 2002 preparations (nothing like thinking ahead!!)

As you will read in this special edition of the Mecca News, our 21st Birthday Mecca Muster was a truly outstanding success. The preparations by the few certainly paid off with 113 people attending - a record in itself. As we come of age, I would like to thank some individuals who have taken over some of the workload either from myself or new projects - Alan Vickers on becoming our new Gift Aid Secretary, and agreeing to process the orders for the second edition of the Metcalfe book next year; Doug Cutting for co-ordinating requests for the New Members area of the web site; and Lesley Longworth for filling her hall with 20,000 Christ-

mas cards (and 20,000 envelopes of course!) and fulfilling all orders received.

We should not forget those who continue to do the same job they have done on an ongoing basis - all on a purely voluntary basis. How many other societies do you know who can provide this level of service year in and year out. So even if you are not interested in joining the committee and/or attending meetings, we have many small jobs that can easily be handed over to you. Do contact me if you can spare any time - even if it is an hour every couple of weeks or so. We do not want to be a victim of our own success. Do help us to help you!

You will also read the announcement that we have unfortunately lost the services of our USA agent Clifford Metcalfe (M978). As we advised earlier in the year, Cliff must concentrate on regaining his health. May I give my personal thanks to Cliff for the services he has provided over the last few years.

Finally, may I add my personal thanks to Margaret and Nina on their well-earned retirement....but especially to Nina what has received many, many requests from me over the last 3 years, asking her opinion on a wide variety of subjects. I just hope she now doesn't keep her answering machine switched on!! Thank you Nina.

Diane Howarth M409

Metcalfe Miscellany

Water buffalo imported from Rumania are to be found on the Crook, South Lakeland (Cumbria) farm of **Richard Metcalfe**. The animals managed to escape the foot and mouth epidemic. **BBC North West TV** Monday 24 September 2001 - *50th Anniversary of the Lake District National Park*.

An entry from the Manor Court Rolls for Bishopthorpe in June 1777 reads "**Ffrancis Metcalfe** of Pateley Bridge regarding a 1/2 part of 1 messuage and dwelling house in Pateley Bridge (in the possession of **Ffrancis Metcalfe** now deceased late grandfather of the said **Ffrancis Metcalfe** and since **Thomas Metcalfe** his Ffather and **Ellen Metcalfe** his grandmother now also deceased) excepting a shop surrendered in mortgage by the said **Ellen** and **Ffrancis**." Supplied by **David Lambert M11**.

Interesting advert. Unique number plate for sale J12 MET (J R MET) ready for transfer £10,000. Supplied by **John R Metcalfe M199**.

Hound Judge, Crufts - **Roy Metcalfe**; **Graham Metcalfe** - fire crew leader, Leeds Castle Kent. Supplied by **Gina MacKenzie M310**.

Small Scale Success. Cardboard kits

manufacturer Metcalfe Models and Kits owned by husband and wife **Nick and Judy Metcalfe** of Skipton make scale models of inns, shops, railway buildings and banks. They have just won an order to make racing track features for Scalextric. Yorkshire Business Post 13 August 200. Supplied by **Vera Adams M2**.

Opening of the Blackwell Arts Centre, Bowness, Windermere, 10 August 2001. Previously a school. Article featured an interview with a former pupil **Helen Metcalfe**. **BBC TV North West News**.

This Is Going To Hurt Me More Than It Hurts You (The Bad News Interview). Accompanying booklet by **Annie Medcalf** with the training video produced by Video Arts. Video Arts was set up in 1972 by a small group of television professionals including John Cleese to make training films. Lancashire Fusiliers buried at Taukkyan, Burma - Fusilier **A Metcalf** (446880). Bolton Evening News 2 September 1998.

Opening of the Orkney Livestock Auction Mart after the Foot and Mouth restrictions were lifted in the Islands on 20 August 2001 - **Stephen Metcalfe**, Mart Manager. **BBC Radio News**.

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!

IT'S ALL IN THE GENES

Part III - A not Inconsiderable Fortune

by George Buxton M3

The Third article in an irregular series about the family of Theophilus John the Scribe.

Theophilus John (Theo John) the eldest son of Thomas Theophilus and Susanna Selina Sophia Metcalfe was born 19th September 1783 at Calcutta, then the administrative centre for that part of India controlled by the East India Company (EIC). Returning to England in the late 18th century with his parents and brother Charles Theophilus (Chas Theo) the brothers were sent to school at Clapton East London. After about a year they both went to Eton, where the greater intellect of Chas Theo began to show. This caused some jealousy between the two.

After he left school Theo John joined the Regency Jet Set, a young man, good looking and in line for an absolute fortune, the world lay at his feet. Then came the Bomb Shell. In 1799 his father told him he was to become a writer (an EIC term for junior civil servant) in Canton. In a brotherly moment Chas Theo said he would ask to go in his place, but he in turn was informed that he was to go to Bengal as a writer! (1) China was chosen, due to the legacy left by Lord Clive. The EIC was on its way from a profitable company to a bankrupt independent department of the Government. Lord Clive had agreed to collect the Tax revenue for the Ruler of Bengal, thereby changing, forever the roll of the EIC. They had to create a civil service and their army became a much larger organization. Effectively all their profit went in running these two departments. A private company was trying to run a country (2).

On his voyage to the Far East on the ship Exeter Theo John was allowed £40 for expenses. This was supplemented when the ship was involved in the capture of two French ships called La Concorde & La Medee off St Helena for which he was awarded £3 19 0¼ Batta or prize money.

Once in China Theo John met and married Selina Sophia Russell in 1804. Their only daughter Eliza Debonnair was born in 1809, but his wife died soon after on the 30th October 1809 She was buried in the garden of a house called St Autouris in Canton. Whilst in China Theo John must have found that the post was not as boring as he thought when he expressed reluctance at his appointment. In 1808 whilst living in Macao, he was asked, as the EIC representative, for help by the local officials to stop pirate activity in the area. Again on the 13th July 1810 when Lord Amherst was about to set sail for England after the apparent failure of his attempt to establish an embassy in China, Theo John sent a boat to tell him of the Imperial edict and requested him to proceed to Tientsin.

Theo John may well have fallen out with the EIC as he returned to England shortly afterwards; an action he apparently regretted as on the 12th February 1811 he wrote requesting to be allowed to return and apologized for not having learnt all he should about the company exports to China. This was clearly refused as on the 31st January 1813 he again wrote asking to be allowed to return to China.

The EIC installed a group of men who were charged with the day to day running of the company's activities in China. This was called the Select Committee; appointments were on an annual basis. From April 1812 to 1814 he was superintendent to the companies exports from Canton at a salary of £4036. On 26th November 1815 the third place on the select committee was given to Theo John on the death of one of the other members. However he was absent in Manila and Calcutta on holiday with Chas Theo, his brother and did not return to Canton until the 30th May 1816, when he was appointed president of the committee.

The Tea trade was very, very profitable to the EIC. This was shown when on the 15th March 1818, the Chinese Viceroy demanded that all the tea crates be opened on the dockside. Theo John, back in the Far East, refused saying the company seal could not be broken and the goods should only be inspected in the factory. The crates were not opened. Theo John returned to England on the 20th May 1819 on a medical certificate, never to return.

Back in England, and with overtones of the present, Theo John paid £200 for two lottery tickets, numbers 2495 & 2769 in May and September of 1820. They were lucky for him as he won £440 in total (3). With those winnings and his not inconsiderable fortune he built a large house - Cranbourn Court in the grounds of Fernhill Park.



Cranbourn Court

Theo John died in 1822, and was buried in the family vault at Winkfield. In the inventory taken after his death there are listed 1,400 items of which there were 179 shirts, 127 socks, over 500 books, 394 trousers & draws (underpants) and 1714 items of china (3). In the Public Record Office there are over 50 references to Theo John, unfortunately many of them are in Mandarin Chinese and some relate to correspondence between his daughter, her aunt, and the lawyer about the monies due to his estate by the Hong Merchants in Canton.

His will left a bequest "To my friend Anna Harria de Nozario I do bequeath on condition of her consenting to all children of whom I am the supposed father being sent to England the sum of two thousand dollars for the purchase of a house " There was a further sum of £5000 " to be held for the use and benefit of my reputed child Ann who was baptized by me on the 15th of April 1818 and which my friend Anna Harria de Nozario was delivered " A second sum of £5000 "for the use and benefit such child or children as may be born to me by the safe delivery from Anna Harria de Nozario ". (4)

Eliza Debonnair Metcalfe married, much to the relief of her family, Peter Hesketh in 8 June 1826 and was left a trust fund by her father. However she died on 16th January 1833, soon after the death of her small children.

In 1959 a relation of Theo John one Lt Col John Ricketts allowed the British Library to copy onto micro film all his family papers. One of which was a portrait of Theo John. The Library has lost the film, and I have not yet been able to trace any descendants of Lt Col Ricketts to try and obtain a copy

- 1 The life and correspondence of Lord Charles Theophilus Metcalfe
- 2 The History of the East India Company
- 3 Monson Family papers, Lincolnshire County Record Office
Ref 28/B/23/2/1; 28/B/23/4
- 4 Family History Centre
- 5 All the rest is from the Record of the East India Company

The new Birth Brief Booklet is available NOW!

The society is delighted to announce the availability of the new Birth Brief Booklet which contains the birth briefs provided by those members M1 to M1250 inclusive. Our President, Charles S. Metcalfe (M305) has endeavoured to update this very detailed publication, spending many months going through each and every record. An explanation of changes made to the publication, along with an alphabetical listing of all members, is at the front of the book. New members will continue to receive this publication free of charge as they join. Existing members may order this latest version via the enclosed Sales Order Form. Will overseas members note that due to the weight of this booklet it can only be despatched by surface mail.

Earby, September 2001

A brief summary of another marathon meeting!

David Lambert chaired the meeting welcoming Josie Hopper to her first Committee meeting and thanking Nina Benson and Margaret Metcalfe for their work over the years, this being their last Committee meeting.

Secretary: Diane continued to be busy in this role, with a recent focus on the Christmas Card project. The Committee accepted Alan Vickers' kind offer to answer e-mail queries which come in from non-members.

Treasurer: The accounts were approved by the Committee for submission to the AGM. The Committee gratefully accepted George Buxton's offer to take over as Treasurer on a temporary basis, as there had been no one who had come forward to take on this role, despite appeals in the Mecca News. It was suggested that there might be a Treasurer with the help of one / several assistants, who would carry out specific tasks.

Gift Aid Secretary: Alan Vickers was to take on this role.

Archivist: It was agreed that, at the Muster, Eileen Measures, the new archivist, would be given Nina's complete computer and office set up. In an article for the "Mecca News" regarding the changeover to Eileen as archivist, guidance would be given again to members regarding acceptable / non acceptable requests for amounts of information from the Society records.

List Co-ordinator: David Lambert was to draw up a statement which Alan Vickers would ask members to agree to, regarding acceptable use of any copy lists divulged to them by the Society, before any such lists were sent to them. Guidance would be

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given to Alan regarding how many sheets of lists formed an acceptable request from a member. The Committee felt that this should not be more than ten sheets in any one request.

New Members' Secretary: The Society had recruited 34 new members since March 2001. The membership number had reached 1268. Carol had had some problems with her e-mail address, the correct version of which was carolarkwright@morecambabay.fsworld.co.uk

Master Membership File: The Society had lost 83 members this year, and only recruited 50 new members. This was in spite of having sent out reminders to all those members who had not renewed their subscription.

Editor: Peter requested more and varied articles for the magazine. He was given permission by the Committee to organise the

purchase of a scanner and a new colour printer. For the December edition he was aiming at a centrefold of colour photographs featuring the Muster.

Computer Index: David Metcalfe was congratulated on the completion of the extraction of all Metcalfes from the 1871 census of Yorkshire and Teesdale.

Internet: The Committee agreed that Carol Herbert's kind offer to redesign, maintain and update the website should be accepted.

Publications: On behalf of the Committee David thanked Charles for all his hard work in completing the update of the forthcoming Birth Brief Booklet. It was expected to be available for sale at the Muster, at a similar price to the last one. The new edition covered up to member 1250.

Exhibitions / fairs: As Diane was unable to attend the Preston Fair, other volunteers would be sought at the Muster to help Margaret Hodgson man the stand. David Metcalfe, Nina and Margaret Metcalfe had represented the Society at the Harrogate fair.

Conference Secretary: There was a long and detailed discussion of plans for the Muster 2001, as this was the Society's 21st birthday celebration. It already looked as if it would be the best ever attended Muster.

Book report: Charles was to liaise with Warwick Metcalfe to draw up a list of the errors in the original book, so that the Committee could decide on what should be corrected in the next edition.

Wills project: This was moving along very well, with 288 wills transcribed.

GRO collection: The work had been finished apart from some queries which were being checked by Julian.

Christmas card project: The packs of 20 cards, five each of four designs, were to be available at the Muster at £3-20 per pack. The next meeting was to take place on Saturday, 16th March, 2002 at Earby Community Centre.
Margaret Hodgson M515

Second Edition coming in 2002

Supported wholeheartedly by the membership and committee, the second edition of the book 'Metcalfe - History of the Clan' will proceed and be available during 2002. Currently, Warwick Metcalfe (M256) and President Charles Metcalfe (M305) are working together focusing on what changes must be done for the second edition of the book, and which ones are deemed cosmetic. An index is included in the proposed changes. They will then advise the committee as to these changes, complete the revised second edition draft and do a final price review with the printer. Given this they will be able to advise the committee of a suggested content change, printing schedule and revised printing cost. We will then be able to announce a proposed price and availability during 2002. Purchasers of the first edition will receive the new index. Members will be updated of the progress of the project in the forthcoming editions of the Mecca News.

USA Agent - Calling all USA members!

Due to illness, Mr Clifford Metcalfe [M978] has had to retire as our USA agent. We thank Clifford for all his work for The Society and wish him a speedy recovery. As a temporary measure, Miss Susan Harper [M266] our Canadian agent, has agreed to take over the position until a more permanent arrangement can be made. All new member applications from USA received via the website will be directed to Susan. Would USA members please read the Subscription Renewal Form enclosed in this journal to get direction for renewing their subscriptions. Do any of our current 95 USA members have a small amount of spare time to be our USA agent? You will need a small amount of storage space, able to use a computer, have access to e-mail, and be somewhat organised, especially financially.

The scope of duties are:

- * Receiving a box of material (containing copies of the 'Are you Interested' package and 'New Members' package & other stationery) from the secretary at the beginning of the year
- * Responding to queries either via e-mail or 'snail mail' from prospective members to which you respond by sending out our 'Are you interested?' package
- * Processing applications from new members which involves :
 - Notifying the New Members Secretary via e-mail of new members details and request membership number
 - Deposit the subscription in the bank
 - On receipt of membership number, send out a 'New Members' package
- * Receive in November a list of current USA members to help track receipt of subscriptions and who is renewing membership
- * Receive subscriptions from existing USA members and deposit subscription in bank account
- * Send e-mail to Treasurer in UK notifying member subscription renewals
- * Report all income and expenses (mainly postage) on an Agents Reporting form.
- * Exchange US dollars to £sterling twice a year and send monies to the UK.

If you are interested in the job, please contact the secretary, Diane Howarth at secretary@metcalfe.org.uk or tel +44-1256-883633. Please do help us to help you.

From the Internet

For Sale : 148 Metcalfe Street, Shrewsbury, ON (Canada?) \$94,900. Great starter, retirement or summer retreat. Walking to Rondeau Bay — Home is completely redone including: newer windows, doors, roof, siding, carpeting new throughout, new furnace, over 1/2 acre lot. Municipal water.
Carol Herbert M1072

Blind Jack's Violin

Dr Arnold Kellett writes "In the Midst of my research on John Metcalf (1717 - 1810) better known as Blind Jack of Knaresborough, I have come across a reference to his violin whose whereabouts I would like very much to establish. Most people - especially in the Metcalfe Society - will have heard of Blind Jack as a pioneer of road building. But his other occupation was as a fiddler at the growing spa of Harrogate and in the country houses round about. This is something we managed to bring out in the retelling of Blind Jack's colourful life on Radio 4 (20 August 2001) which some of you may have heard.



What Intrigues me is an entry in the catalogue for an exhibition of The Art and Industry of the Blind held in Church House Westminster London in 1914. Item 251 is described as 'Blind Jack's Violin' loaned by Mr E S Metcalfe but no address is given. This is presumably a relation, but could not have been a direct descendant as Blind Jack left behind no sons - but four daughters, twenty grandchildren and ninety great and great-great grandchildren.

I would be most grateful if anybody could track down the family of E S Metcalf and perhaps help me to locate the famous fiddle. To have it played again would be worthy of another radio programme!"

Dr Kellet can be contacted at 22 Aspin Oval, Knaresborough, North Yorks HG5 8EL. ☎ 01423 863555.

Shortly after receiving the above **David Lambert**, our Chairman, sent me the following piece on Blind Jack. "I saw this in the Yorks. Archeology Journal Vol 73 for 2001, page 129 an article entitled 'Independent Volunteer Forces' by Jonathan Oates regarding the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion. "The men included the remarkable Jack Metcalf, blind musician and roadmaker, who not only assisted in recruiting but later acted as a spy on the rebels after Falkirk."

The men of whom Jack was one, were armed and equipped by William Thornton, a squire from Cattal near Knaresborough, who was a captain in the North Riding Association. He unilaterally detached his men to the army of Wade in October 1745. He selected his men from 140 who came forward (including I conclude Blind Jack). Thornton's men accompanied Wade to Morpeth on 4 November 1745 and served at the battle of Falkirk 17 January 1745/46. (Did Jack do so?)"

Chairman's Report

David Lambert M11

This is the time of year when we reflect on the year which is now passing and look forward to the New Year.

Our Society has enjoyed another successful year. If it was measured in terms of new members alone, it would be staggeringly successful. This year's 21st anniversary celebrations at the Muster were, in my view, the best yet, due to the excellent planning and organising of Lesley Longworth and Diane Howarth, coupled with the host of willing helpers on the Committee, too numerous to name individually and, finally, a record attendance by members. Over 100 of us mustered in York.

We were honoured by the presence of Lady Teviot, the President of the Federation of Family History Societies, who opened the Muster for us and spent the day with us. It was particularly good to see too, Mary Metcalfe, one half of our joint founders and John Holden, a past President and one of our current Vice-Presidents .

Annual General Meetings normally produce changes in officers and this year was no different. Following the Meeting, we have a new Webmaster (should that be Webmistress?) in the person of Carol Herbert; I am delighted to say that at last, after all our pleas, we also have a new Treasurer, who is none other than Carol Herbert !

Margaret Metcalfe during the last 18 years has been our Treasurer and was able to retire in the knowledge that she had a successor, although it was a close run thing as by the end of the AGM there was still no volunteer to do the job on a permanent basis. George Buxton offered to do the job temporarily if we did not find any volunteer but by the end of the afternoon Carol stepped forward. I thank George for the offer. Thanks go too to President Charles for preparing the text for the new Birth Brief booklet which was on sale at the Muster. You will recall that he had sneaked off around the world to do this last winter but ended up having to do it again owing to various mishaps.

We elected two new Committee members namely, Eileen Measures and Lesley Longworth. The other existing Officers agreed to stand again. Eileen has taken on the role of Archivist and is so dedicated that she has acquired a bigger flat to accommodate the job !

Subscriptions were agreed at last year's level. May I remind those of you, who are tax payers, that you can help the Society to recover tax back from the Inland Revenue by making a Gift Aid to the Society. Alan Vickers has volunteered to take on this administrative role for us and I am most grateful to

him for agreeing to do this. His address is given on the inside cover.

Projects which were started several years ago are now, gratifyingly, beginning to come to a conclusion; one such is the work of Patrick Malham and his helpers, who have now extract every "Metcalf" birth marriage and death in the UK since 1837. A glutton for punishment he now intends to widen the scope to the Isle of Man, Channel Islands, Australia, Canada and South Africa.

It was my very great pleasure, albeit tinged with sadness, to thank Margaret and our Archivist and a Vice-President, Nina Benson, for all they have done whilst serving on the Committee, on our behalf, for virtually the whole life of the Society. I was delighted to announce at the AGM that the Committee had decided to award both of them Life Membership of the Society, which the Meeting endorsed, by way of a tangible token of our gratitude for all that they have done. I was surprised and honoured to accept on behalf of the Society, from Nina, a leaving present in the form of a magnificent "chairman's gavel" for use at future meetings.

My part was quickly accomplished in managing to chair a short Annual General Meeting, at least short by our usual standards. The photocall which followed it was almost as long (or at least so it seemed). It does take time to organise over 100 people into serried ranks on a stage we discovered. After a substantial and delicious lunch, we were privileged to hear a lecture by Dr George Redmonds, for the second year running. His talk was most interesting and thought provoking; we are trying to obtain his permission to reproduce the talk in a forthcoming Mecca News.

I would like to thank on your behalf all of the volunteers who have assisted the Society this year. I would like to particularly mention Susan Harper who set up our Website for us. With Carol Herbert's expertise I feel sure that it will develop greatly in the future. If you have never seen the site or have not looked at it for some time I suggest you do so. It looks and is different! There is no doubt that the expansion of research via the Internet is here to stay whether we like it or not.

The next year will see us considering how we are to make available to **all** members, whether they have access to a computer or not, our compendious records, or at least some part of them. The Committee is conscious that we are custodians for **all** of our members of the archives we have been given or the data we have created over the past 21 years.

May I conclude in wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2002, (using I trust your Metcalfe Society Christmas cards to do likewise).

North West Family History Fair at Preston

This well established fair, held on 27th October 2001, again at the Guildhall in Preston, proved an enjoyable and successful day. Though the number of attendees was down on last year, many visitors browsed round the stands at length. Margaret Hodgson (M515), with key support from new members, Archer and Louie Metcalfe (M1218) and Peter Dobson (M69), represented the Society. Thanks also go to Frank Shiers (M1135) who visited the stand and found himself volunteering to be in charge while the others had a break!

Although no new members joined on the day itself, quite a few leaflets about the Society were given out to those expressing interest. Sales of merchandise were healthy - over £210. Several current members were welcomed at the stand - Linda Husband (M694), Joan and Bill Metcalfe (M63), Rosemary Mills (M806), Kathleen Broderick (M1201) and Phil Holland (M83). Phil had just made a breakthrough in his researches, finding an elusive census entry in a printed copy he had bought that day - here Metcalfes had been lurking under the disguise of Matcalfe, no doubt the mistake of an enumerator with dubious spelling!

Margaret Hodgson M515

Can You Help to identify these two people?

Mrs Olive Sherrard M763 writes that the photographs are of her Metcalfe



ancestors passed down by her mother. "Unfortunately I have been unable to identify them and wonder if any of our members have identical photos, which will help to put a name to them." Mrs Sherrard whose ancestors are listed in branch 44 in Metcalfe - The History of the Clan, thinks that the pictures may be the following: - George Mte (b 1834



Kirby Wiske) m his cousin Elizabeth Mte (b1844 South Otterington) or one of their children Annie Elizabeth 1885, William Edward George 1876, Sarah Alice 1880, Harry George Edward 1873 and Arthur George 1870 m Rebecca Bradbury. The back of the photograph of the lady says W & J Stuart, Brompton Road, Knightsbridge, London. On the back of the gentleman's photo it says J R Clarke, Ingramgate Thirsk.

CHANGEVER NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES**FROM THE OLD..... Nina E. Benson M29 1st October 2001**

Well Folks, this should be my very last "News" - although I remember using that phrase in our August Mecca News, which just goes to show, you shouldn't count your chickens before they are hatched !!!

If all goes well Eileen Measures (M1086) your new archivist, will take over as from 6th October 2001 - and I also used that sentence in August. It's alright, don't worry, Eileen WILL take over on that date but in unusual dedication to the job decided that she had to take a larger flat in order to accommodate all the Society data and computer. Having bought herself a new computer, it was found to be impossible to transfer our data to it, as Windows Millennium will not accept our out-dated programs. Therefore the only (short term) solution is for her to take my computer, already loaded with our data.

Eileen moves home on Wednesday 3rd October and her new address and full details are elsewhere in this issue. To avoid a delay with the editing and printing of this December issue I have typed up the Birth Briefs for what I hope will be the last time! Please be gentle with Eileen and patient in awaiting replies, although Eileen is very much more computer literate, the searching of our database and other programs will be new to her.

PS. I can't begin to thank everyone for their very kind expressions of goodwill which I received both at the Muster and since. Your gifts of the beautiful basket of flowers and the distinction of an honorary life membership were wonderful indeed but the messages which continue to arrive have genuinely overwhelmed me. Thank you one and all. May I close by wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

TO THE NEW..... Eileen Measures M1086 5th October 2001

This is a day that we were beginning to think would never arrive, it is nearly two years since I agreed to take over this job from Nina and at last tomorrow will be the day. I hope you will all bear with me for the first month or so, giving me chance to get my bearings and to find homes for the many files which are to be my charges from now on.

As you can imagine moving home on one day and travelling to Yorkshire for the Muster the next was quite an experience, not all has run smoothly, but hopefully ! things will now improve. First of which I hope will be my telephone line connection which due to a fault was not working when I left Hampshire. Looking forward to hearing from you, and that you will find the experience of dealing with me rather than Nina, not too upsetting.

HELPING YOUR ARCHIVIST TO HELP YOU**or****HOW TO GET THE BEST FROM
YOUR ARCHIVIST !**

Some Members will already have had help from Eileen but I would like to take this opportunity of passing on a few guidelines in an effort to ease her introduction to the work involved.

Remember that Eileen has only the same resources for research as Nina had available to her, namely our Computer Index, GRO Index, the 1992 edition of the IGI together with current Members' files with previous correspondence and family details. So please don't repeat requests that are less than 12 months old.

Your Family Details can still be sent in whatever format suits you best but please be neat and clear and send as much as possible. If you can name extra children in each generation it makes it simpler to trace them, occupations also play their part.

Keep your requests concise - give all known facts at the beginning. NAME the specific person for whom you are searching (eg don't ask "where is my great uncle ?"), give his full name and precise or approximate dates and at the very least an area where he was known to be at a given time.

Requests via email are welcome but should postage costs be incurred you are expected to reimburse the Society eventually. In this age of so many computer bugs/virus/worms etc please always place your Membership Number in the "Subject" section.

If you disagree with any aspect of the information sent to you, please do let us know. We are always willing to discuss any conflict of opinion and to amend/adjust where necessary.

Whether you receive reams of information, or a very little, please remember it is common courtesy to acknowledge it's safe arrival and a thank-you works wonders and wins lots of Brownie points !

Happy Hunting !

TWENTY FIRST BIRTHDAY MUSTER ROUNDUP

WELCOME



MY FIRST MUSTER As this was my first visit to the Muster, and I was travelling alone, I was unsure what to expect and a little apprehensive, but was relieved by the warm and friendly welcome I received from the moment I walked through the door.

To say that the committee and members were the least 'stuffy' group of people I have seen at any society gathering would be an understatement. There was a good display of Society and genealogy related publications to browse through and buy, together with some interesting newspaper articles, which I will endeavour to get hold of to post on the web site.

After lunch, the talk on Forenames in Genealogy by George Redmonds was extremely interesting and helped fight off the afternoon-nap inducing buffet - who's quality and quantity had to be experienced to be believed!

A word of warning if you attend next year, be careful of our President, Charles Metcalfe, and Secretary, Diane Howarth - their infectious enthusiasm for The Society can have you agreeing to all sorts of things!

Carol Herbert M1072 - Society Web Designer & new Treasurer!

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THANK YOU What a wonderful surprise on receiving the lovely flowers and gift of life membership at the Muster.

What a happy day we all had. On looking back I attended the first clan meeting at Claremont, Leeds on 4 September 1982 with thirteen members present. I took over from Mary Metcalfe M1 on 1 September 1984 as Treasurer. How the Society has grown from that time.

I wish to say a big thank you for all the help I have received over the years also all the good wishes, Christmas cards etc from many members. I will miss the committee meetings where we have all been such a friendly group. Hopefully I will see all the familiar faces at the next Muster. I have not missed one since joining the Society - not a bad record.

The family tie is still there as my son David M46 and niece Mrs Lesley Longworth M68 serve on the committee. I leave you in the very capable hands of our new Treasurer Carol Herbert M1072 who in my eyes will be so competent.

I wish the Society to go from strength to strength. With all good wishes for the future.

Margaret Metcalfe M52 Retired Treasurer



So long it's been good to know you!

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The Gathering of the Clan

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Happy Birthday to us, Happy Birthday to us!and what a happy birthday it was too, enjoyed by a record 113 people at this year's 21st Birthday Mecca Muster. After last year's successful move to Askham Bryan College, York, the society was able to capitalise on the lessons learnt and stage a bigger and better day.

For those of you who enjoyed the day, here is a brief reminder that will bring a few smiles and for those of you who were not able to attend, it will give you an idea of what you missed and hopefully urge some of you to visit the Muster next year if at all possible.

Yes, we had the favourite regulars - Computers to search our vast

databases, files and files of research for those who still like to look through the books, a raffle with over 20 prizes including 5 years membership as first prize, lending library and an ever-increasing sales table of merchandise, and material to organise and record your family tree.



The Most Beautiful Birthday Cake

The party atmosphere started as soon as the visitors walked through the door - flowers, balloons and lights to welcome one and all - along with the bright smiles from the ladies at reception. The whole hall was decorated with balloons. The audience gave a very warm welcome to Lady Teviot, President of the Federation of Family History Societies who formally opened the Mecca Muster, and indeed enjoyed her day with the society. The business of the day - the AGM - progressed at record pace and was completed in an hour (phew!) - well done, Chairman David Lambert (M11), who was ably supported by all of

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the committee who presented themselves to the audience throughout the AGM. You can now put the faces to the names. The AGM closed by presenting two surprised ladies - retiring Archivist, Nina Benson (M29) and Treasurer, Margaret Metcalfe (M52) - with flowers and honorary life membership.

Checkout the official Muster photograph where almost everyone joined in. A splendid buffet lunch was enjoyed by everyone followed by a birthday champagne toast to the society and the cutting of the most beautiful birthday cake (provided by Malcolm & Norma Metcalfe (M530)) by President Charles S. Metcalfe (M305) and joint founder member Mary Metcalfe (M1). Unfortunately the other founder member, Vera Adams (M2) was unable to attend the Muster.

Following on from last year's presentation, Dr George Redmonds held the audience captive on the subject of Christian Names for the Genealogist. It certainly got many of us thinking! George has kindly agreed to provide an article based on his presentation for one of our 2002 editions of the Mecca News. So watch this space. For those who still had room, the afternoon refreshments included a slice of birthday cake - there was total agreement - decidedly scrummy!

The various displays of 'Society over the years' and 'Where in the world can you see the Metcalfe name' held great interest for many and many a giggle emanated from one particular display of the Committee Members - not necessarily from their current photographs, but from some of the photos of these same people as babies in the 'Guess the baby' competition!! Some were not a pretty sight! The competition asked to match the baby picture to the correct committee member. Our secretary has the member's name who suggested that the baby photo of David Lambert was her!!!! The Yorkshire Word Search competition also kept a few members occupied for some time.

In addition to all of this, there was keen interest in the availability of the society Christmas Cards, the launch of the new Birth Brief Booklet and especially the presentation packs of Wensleydale Cheese direct from the Hawes creamery.

In the words of a long-standing member who was visiting her first Mecca Muster, Pam Jarman (M123) ... 'what an absolute smashing day we have had - I can't believe I have been missing this all these years!' What are YOU waiting for! Join us next year, or the next. The Mecca Muster will be at Askham Bryan College, York until 2005 at least - and that will be our Silver Jubilee celebration. We will have to get our thinking caps on to meet and beat this year's 21st Birthday Mecca Muster.

Diane Howarth M409

Harnessing technology

Have you seen the society website lately? Even if you do not have direct access to a computer, do find a friend to take a look at www.metcalfe.org.uk not only have we come of age as a society, but also with a very professional new website.

As we have said on many occasions we have been extremely fortunate to have had Susan Harper (M266) to develop and manage our web site. Each year we have seen the number of new members increase dramatically as a result of them finding about us via the web, especially overseas members. Our luck has now extended even further. You will read in this journal that Carol Herbert (M1072) volunteered to take on the role of Treasurer at the Muster. This was in addition to the offer she had already made the committee in the summer - to take our web site one step further and redesign the site a great offer as she does this for a living. Please be assured this in no way denigrates the work done by Susan. Indeed Susan was very supportive of Carol's offer as she has less time available. This takes the work Susan has done one step further.

The new-look website contains all the existing information available to prospective and existing members. Carol is taking over the maintenance and updating of the site, including scanning/adding text from previous Mecca newsletters. Obviously, this will have to fit in with the paid variety of her workload. So if you have any feedback or ideas on what to include on the website, do provide feedback either via the website or directly via e-mail to Carol : webadmin@metcalfe.org.uk

.... and there's more!

We are also pleased to announce that the society is now well and truly in the 21st century - it may not mean much to those of you who do not use computers but for those of you who do, and rely on them more and more for ease of communication, we have some good news. All of the committee, country agents and extended team can now communicate via e-mail!!! Carol Arkwright and Margaret Hodgson are now finding their feet with the technology... whilst Eileen Measures, our new archivist, is dashing ahead of us all collecting hardware as if it is going out of fashion!!! Full contact details of all officers are on the inside covers of this journal.....and checkout the e-mail id's - some have changed to be aliases. You will see more of these coming along as they are role-specific. Even if an individual's e-mail address changes we can change the id's internally without affecting all external communications (eg website, leaflets, brochures etc). Logical and professional! The best example of this by a related society is the Guild of One-Name Studies.

Diane Howarth M409

From Covenant to Gift Aid - Calling all members who are UK taxpayers

If that is you, do read on as you can help the society financially so easily and with no cost to yourself.

You may have heard of either or both terms - Covenant or Gift Aid. As a registered charity, the society can reclaim from the Inland Revenue an amount of tax that applies to subscriptions from members who are UK taxpayers. This provides an additional income to the society at no cost to yourself whatsoever. This last year has been a year of transition, both in terms of the government changing the tax programme from being a Covenant to Gift Aid, and also responsibility within the society. David Gallo-way (M8), who retired last year as Covenant Secretary has completed last year's paperwork (to April 2001), and has handed it over to Alan Vickers (M843) who has agreed to take on the

role of Gift Aid Secretary. Alan has spent a lot of time earlier this year investigating the interpretation of reports of this new programme. The society would like to thank Alan for taking on this new role.

Hence may we ask all UK taxpayers to support the society by completing the enclosed simple form and submitting it either with your subscription or sending the Gift Aid form directly to Alan Vickers (full details on the enclosed Gift Aid Form). If you have previously completed a Covenant Form, then you need NOT complete a Gift Aid form as covenants are automatically transferred to the Gift Aid programme. Further notes on the Gift Aid programme are outlined on the back of the enclosed form. If you still have any queries please contact Alan directly.

Situations Vacant List Coordinator - Calling all UK members!

.... does anyone have a very small amount of time available to be our List Coordinator? You will need a small amount of storage space, able to use a computer, have access to e-mail, and be reasonably organised!

The scope of duties are:

- * Receive and store 2-3 boxes of LISTS which are details of the research that members have done and submitted to the society. They are indexed.
- * Receive, store and use a table-top photocopier and stationery (paper/envelopes)
- * Respond to queries from members, and specifically the archivist, for specific lists (guidance to be provided on what can be copied and issued).
- * Copy the required lists and post them to members.
- * Receive new lists from members who have completed research and are submitting the information to the society.
- * Record the description of this list and update the master Index to lists (guidance will be given on how to do this).

If you are interested in the job, please contact the secretary, Diane Howarth at secretary@metcalfe.org.uk or tel +44-1256-883633. Please do help us to help you.

**Extracts from
"MY COLONIAL METCALFES IN AUSTRALIA"**

by Robyn E Metcalfe M669

Michael Metcalfe my great grandfather was born into a shipping family in Hull East Yorkshire in 1813. His early education was centered around the port of Hull and he went to sea at an early age. When he was eighteen he joined the St Catherine's Dock Co where he learned much more about commerce, ships and the shipping trade. This was to fit him well for his future life as a customs agent, commercial ship owner and businessman in early colonial Sydney. This future city owed its very existence to ships and shipping of all kinds. This, arguably the most beautiful harbour in the world, has seen thousands of ships ply its waters from the First fleet in 1788.

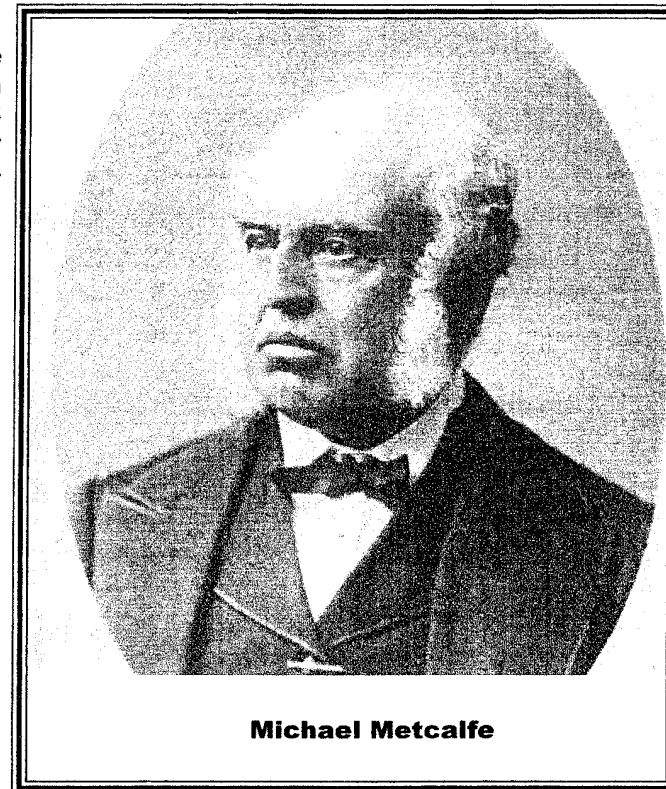
Michael's mother Ann (Bell) Metcalfe's family also had connections to the sea with her brothers buying ships from Michael's father (also Michael). At times both families has shares in the same ship so their lives were very intertwined at the commercial level and also at the social level as demonstrated by the marriage of Michael and Ann.

Both Michael's uncle, John Bell and a relative, John Metcalfe owned and mastered ships which came to New South Wales (NSW) and Van Dieman's Land (Tasmania) during the very early days. John Bell owned and captained the "Minerva", a vessel of 530 tons, which carried 160 male prisoners and a detachment of the 48th Regiment from Cork to Hobart Town and Launceston (both in Tasmania) and Sydney Cove, NSW. John Metcalfe owned both the "Burrell" and the "William Lockerby". The "Burrell" left Plymouth on 27 July 1830 carrying 193 male prisoners and a detachment of the 17th Regiment, including Surgeon Superintendent William West to Tasmania; whilst the "William Lockerby" carried Scottish emigrants to Sydney Cove via the Cape of Good Hope, leaving in May 1836. Another vessel, the "Saint George", also owned and mastered by John Metcalfe, carried passengers from London to the colony at Port Jackson (Sydney) returning via Batavia (Java) and Madras (India). Thus it is not surprising that both my great grandfather, Michael and his brother John (b 1817) had the sea well and truly coursing through their veins!

The first time Michael sailed through Sydney Heads on the London Missionary ship "Camden" in 1836. He had come to visit his uncle Hutchinson Bell who worked in the Customs House, today a magnificent building situated at Circular Quay. The view of the early colony and the harbour dotted with ships at anchor would have been stunning from the sailing ship as it sailed through Sydney Heads. This is still the best way of seeing Sydney in any century! Even then the colony was growing fast as many settlers came out shortly after the

First Fleet in 1788. It is a misconception to believe that only convicts came to NSW during its embryo years. Many of the early settlers were whalers and sealers of the Great Southern Ocean. The young Michael evidently saw an exceptional opportunity to secure a future for himself using his knowledge of shipping and commerce learned in his native Yorkshire.

Hutchinson Bell, Michael's uncle had come from Ireland in 1828 arriving in Sydney Cove on 6 October accompanied by a Jane Metcalfe, (listed as a servant) and in the following years acquired three allotments / farms from the owners. These were at Leckonfield, Thorngumbald and Nafferton which are now near or part of the present Sydney Airport adjacent to Botany Bay. This family connection led to Michael at the



Michael Metcalfe

age of twenty four being offered a position by his uncle in the Civil Service at Custom House, Circular Quay. He was pleased to accept and stayed there for twenty years until he embarked into business life for himself as a customs agent, commercial ship owner and insurance broker at lower George Street, now commonly known as "The Rocks". Michael involved himself in social activities together with church and other philanthropic endeavours. Port Jackson was to be no "fatal shore" for Michael.

Michael's brother John Bell Metcalfe was also lured to Sydney Town and set up a business in commercial shipping and insurance at Macquarie Place. He

married Charlotte Williams Brindley in 1840 but in 1864 he sold his shipping and insurance business to his brother Michael and returned to England, where his wife and family lived at Belsize Park, Middlesex.

We know that Michael involved himself in the social life of Sydney Town and soon after his arrival from England he was mentioned in the "Australian" newspaper as attending various concerts and is noted in a citizens list for Bourke Ward (Sydney was divided into wards at that time). He initially resided at Wentworth Place, Elizabeth Street, Sydney which is the place where his brother John Bell Metcalfe established his shipping and insurance business.

In 1839 Michael, whilst still working at Custom House helped to establish the Australian Steamship Navigation Company being a director and auditor until 1881. He also helped to establish the Sydney Dry Dock Company and became its director in 1853. It would seem that he was ready to branch out on his own becoming involved with John Bell Metcalfe's business. By 1857 he had left the Civil Service to start his own commercial shipping agency alongside his brother and in 1864 he bought John's share of the business.

My great grandfather's business activities were wide spread in their nature. He was a chairman and shareholder, until his death, in the Newcastle Wallsend Coal Company and he helped to establish the Sydney Exchange becoming a director in 1863. In 1862 he became the Chairman and director of the Australian Gaslight Company, a company still operating today. He saw the advent of steam engines and became a director of both the Illawarra Steam Navigation Company and the Clarence & Richmond Steam Navigation Company in 1863 until his death in 1890. His ability to manage funds and his love of education saw him as the treasurer of the Australian Library from 1858 until 1865.

Michael contributed financially to the St Andrew's Cathedral building Fund in 1868, belonging to its first Chapter. He also helped to endow the dioceses of Grafton-Armidale in country NSW in 1867 and the dioceses of Bathurst, NSW in 1869. An active fellow and bursar of St Paul's College, Sydney University from 1860 until 1885 during which time he represented the College on the Synod of the Diocese. His philanthropic activities saw him as a committee member of the Benevolent Society, as well as the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children and a director of the Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary. As a result of his charitable activities the Honourable Henry Parkes asked him to serve on the Public Charities Commission in 1875. Offered a seat on the Legislative Assembly of NSW on several occasions Michael declined on all except the last when he was considering the seat of Moreton Bay (now Queensland) at the next election. However he was thwarted in this endeavour as Queensland attained statehood when Queen Victoria was approached to con-

sider establishing a separate colony based on Moreton Bay giving her approval on 6 June 1859.

In 1845 in the new Christ Church St Lawrence Upper George Street Sydney, a church which he helped to establish and where he was the treasurer, Michael married Agnes Georgianna Robinson, daughter of George and Evelyn Robinson of Woollahra. After their marriage Michael and Agnes moved in to their home named "Llangollan" in Glebe where they raised their family of ten children. Eight lived into adulthood, the eldest son being Edward Milner Metcalfe, my grandfather. As the family was growing Michael's business acumen was making him a wealthy man with connections in all sections of the Sydney community. With this added wealth he was able to buy new homes, including a lovely rural home at St Peters, now a Sydney suburb but then a most beautiful area outside the city limits. The home called "Petersleigh" had extensive stabling for horses suggesting a family love of horses, a trait of a true Yorkshireman. It was here he died in 1890. He left an estate of £25,000.

My grandfather Edward married Marion Annie Underwood, a descendant of a very rich but "infamous" family whose large estate, known as "Ashfield Park", covered many of the now inner city suburbs of Sydney. The Underwoods came to Sydney at the end of the 18th century when the patriarch, James Underwood, a merchant, sealer and whaler who bargained with the British Government and the East India Company settled in the area. His descendants fought with each other over land, money and possessions to a degree that early colonial folk of NSW were in constant state of awe and endless gossip! However my grandmother belonged to one branch of the Underwood tree which kept a low profile and were of sober habits. Also they didn't have the wealth of the others and therefore not the power.

It is perhaps ironic that the very trade in shipping which the Metcalfes made their money and power-base by bringing convicts whose descendants including Marion Annie Underwood would later marry Edward. My grandparents were married in a Wesleyan Church and I can't imagine that endeared them to Michael who was a devout High Church Anglican. Edward and Marion had five children including my father Milner. The family lived in various places, however their last home was "Corinda" at Dundas, located in a then lovely rural area on the north western outskirts of Sydney. My father trained to be an assayer at the School of Mines situated in the vicinity of the "Rocks" Sydney. In his youth he was infected by the gold bug and he visited many of the gold-rush areas of NSW to ascertain whether re-working some of the old mines would be financially viable for large exploration companies. My father married my mother, Margaret McDonald on one of these outback odesseys and they had three children before I came along 15 years after my brother!

CHANGES TO NAMES/ADDRESSES

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M1056 Docaster & District FHS, c/o 25 West Grove, Wheatley Hills, DONCASTER, DN2 5NB. Librarian now Elenora Stones.

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BIRTH BRIEF SECTION - compiled by Eileen Measures, 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

M643 Mr G.Nigel Metcalfe, 16 Hiplants Rd, Halesowen, B62 0BH. See MN61 p28 line omitted....George Herbert b 1884 Leytonstone, Ess s/o George Frank & Victoria (Beharell) Mte m 1883. George Frank. b 1857 Bow s/o George & Anne (Clarke) Mte m 1855 Stoke Newington. George b 1823 Elton, Durham s/o Francis & Elizabeth (Dilchett) Mte m 1804 Calcutta, India. Francis b c1780 Stockton, Dur s/o Thomas & Ann (Thompson) Mte m 1765 Stockton. Thomas bpt 1739 Stockton s/o William & Sarah (Wright) Mte m 1737 Stockton. William bpt 1714 Stockton s/o William & Alice (Smallpage) Mte m 1712 Stockton. William bpt 1691 Stockton s/o John & Elizabeth (Lightfoot) Mte m 1687. John bpt 1662 Richmond, Yorkshire s/o William Mde of Richmond. **Connects to M562.**

M1096 Mrs Dawn Raimondo, 26 Bishopscourt Drive, Bishopscourt 7708, Cape Town, South Africa. See MN61 p29...John Metcalfe did not marry Margaret Lambert, he married 26 July 1800 Bedale Yks to Margaret Chapman. **Connects to M412.**

M1213 Mrs Anne Hill, 8 Thornsett Rd, London, SE20 7XE. See MN63 p25. The family name was spelt Metcalf 1845-1920 when the final "e" was added.

M1221 Mr Barry Metcalfe, 10 Belmont Close, Scale Hall, Lancaster, LA1 2SH. See MN64 p22James b 1880 4/8 of James Beesley & Agnes (was not nee Chisholme, should be nee Wilson) Mte m 1873 Lancaster area.

UP-DATED BIRTH BRIEFS

please send these entries direct to the Editor in the usual format.

M29 Mrs Nina E. Benson, 29 Skelton Rd, Langthorpe, Boroughbridge, York, YO51 9GD... and to all Hipswellians (!)...thanks to Bill Metcalfe M398 who has found, what must be, the first child of George & Elizabeth (Robinson) Mte. Hannah bpt 17 Feb 1771 Bishopton, Co. Durham. We now have a new area to investigate. Can anyone help?

M891 Arnold Metcalf b 12.12.1929 Riddlesden, Keighley 1/1 of Albert a tax inspector and Amy Florence (Fleming) MT m 01.07.1926 North Shields, Northumberland. Albert b 21.08.1894 South Shields, Durham. 8/8 of Robert, a grocer, and Margaret (Almond) MT m 10.10.1876 North Shields, Northumberland. Robert b 06.08.1854 South Shields 5/5 of Henry a horsekeeper and Margaret (Wright) MT(E) m 08.07.1843 South Shields, Durham Henry c 05.10.1823 Barton, Yorkshire d 10.12.1874 Westoe, South Shields 2/8 of Henry a husbandman and Jane (Pattinson) MTE m 19.04.1821 Barton, Yorkshire. Henry c 17.06.1798 Preston, Wensley, Yorkshire 10/10 of Henry and Alice Geldart MTE b abt 1753 Henry b 29.08.1763 Preston under Scar, Wensleydale, Yorkshire 2/8 of William and Jane (Rudd) MTE m 09.10.1759 Preston, Wensley, Yorkshire William b 23.04.1727 Coverhead 2/2 of George and Margaret Geldert MTE m 19.08.1720 Wensley **George** b 16.03.1701 Wensley 2/2 of Christopher and Margaret Rimard **MTE** m 9.11.1697 Wensley. Relates to **M537, M578, M893, M1024, M1180, M1208 and M1250.**

M488 Mr Frans G. Beerling, Unit 3, 12 Cargill St, Victoria Park, Western Australia 6100, Australia. email <Frans_Beerling@bigpond.com> see MN64 p20...William b 12 March 1812 at Stansfield, Sfk 3/12 s/o Thomas & Susan (Ferrant) Md m Dec 1801. **Connects to XM420, XM421, XM477, XM600, XM625 & XM874.**

M1224 Mrs Linda Monkman, 79 Silver MapleCrescent, Barrie, Ontario, Canada, L4N 8S8. email<lmonkman@home.com> see MN64 p22 Ann born 1819 Canada d/o William & Jane (Massey) Mt m 2 June 1817 Basford Notts Eng. William bpt 21 July 1794 Saxton in Elmet, Yks. s/o Joseph & Elizabeth (Brown) Mte m 22 Nov 1785 Sutton on the Forest Yks. Joseph bpt 1 Jan 1759 Hawaby Yks 7/8 James & Mary (Pibus/Pybus) Mte m 24 Jan 1743/4 Hawaby. James bpt 24 Nov 1706 Hawaby 9/10 of Richard (off Eppy Head Farm) & Cecily (?) Mte. Richard d 1729. **Connects to M629.**

RE-JOINEDMEMBERS

M274 Mrs Heather Lambert, (new address) 23A Penguin Drive, Murrays Bay, Auckland, New Zealand. email <lambert@ihug.co.nz> Great gd/d of William & Emma Harriet (nee Metcalfe) Senior m 10 Oct 1888 Launceston, Tasmania. Emma H. b23 Sep 1865 Point Scroll, Tasmania d/o George Robert & Bridget (?) Mte. George R. bpt 3 Apl 1821 St Mary, Marylebone, London, England 5/9 Joseph & Eleanor (?) Mte. Joseph bpt 18 Nov 1781 St Savior, Southwark, London s/o George & Catherine (Hancock) Mte m 14 Aug 1774 St Olave, Southwark.

M629 Mrs Pat Kostelnik, 12 Dieppe Drive, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Y1A 3A8 Canada. email <trish@internorth.com> Dau of Roy H Metcalf s/o Jasper E. & Frances Maud (Rayner) Mt m 11 June 1889 Canada. Jasper E. b 1863 Canada s/o Joseph & his 2nd wife Rachel (McFarlane) Mt m 21 Nov 1860 Canada. Joseph b 24 May 1825 Farmington, Nova Scotia Can. 7/11 James & Alice Elsie (Dickinson) Mte m 14 Feb 1810 Monk Fryston, Yorkshire, Eng. James bpt 15 Aug 1790 Nunnington Yks 2/6 Joseph & Elizabeth (Brown) Mte m 22 Nov 1785 Sutton on the Forest, Yks. Joseph bpt 1 Jan 1759 Hawaby Yks 7/8 James & Mary (Pibus/Pybus) Mte m 24 Jan 1743/4 Hawaby. James bpt 24 Nov 1706 Hawaby 9/10 of Richard (off Eppy Head Farm) & Cecily (?) Mte. Richard d 1729. **Connects to M1224.**

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.

M850 Mrs Pat Rushworth, 35 Talbot Road, Roundhay, Leeds, LS8 1AG. Dau of Alfred Hollings MTE b 1893 Dewsbury Yks. 5/5 d/o John Richardson & Grace Hollings (Booth) Mte m 1678 Dewsbury. John R. bpt 11 Jan 1851 Kendal, Wes. 2/4 George & Mary Anne (Newsome) Mte. George bpt 26 Feb 1826 Kendal 1/6 George & Jane/Jenny (?Richardson) Mte. George bpt 8 Dec 1796 Ingleton Fell 2/3 John & Ann (Balderstone) Mte m 28 June 1794 Ingleton. John bpt 4 May 1774 Horton in Ribblesdale 3/8 George & Elizabeth (Lucas) Mte m 26

Dec 1768 Ingleton Fells. George b c1744 s/o George & Elizabeth (Batley) Mte m 26 Dec 1739 Ingleton Fell. George bpt 27 Mar 1700 Ingleton 3/3 Christopher & Catherine (Leake) Mte m 22 Jan 1697/8 Ingleton. **Connects to M97, M529, M541, XM637, M777, XM821, M824, M860, M871 & M905.**

M1160 Malcolm Wright, 50 Chapel Lane, Armley, Leeds, LS12 1UP. Son of Harry & Constance Evelyn (nee Metcalf) Wright m 1919. Constance E. b 23 Nov 1896 Leeds d/o Thomas & Charlotte (Bond) Mt. Thomas b 3 Dec 1861 Guisborough 2/4 William & Mary (Lax) Mt m 1 Jan 1857 Stockton Dur. William b 1832 Newcastle NBL 6/9 William & Ann (Doughty) Mt m 28 Aug 1821 Newcastle. William b 15 Aug 1796 Great Ayton Yks 1/4 John & Jane (Ward) Mt m 16 May 1795 Gt Ayton. John b c1766. **Connects to M164 & XM463.**

M1162 Mr & Mrs Adrian P. & Christine A. Metcalfe, 22 Greenfield Road, Scarborough, YO12 2LP. email <christine@metcalfe1.worldonline.co.uk>. Son of Vincent & Maureen (Devoy) Mte m 29 May 1948 Selby Yks. Vincent b 29 Dec 1921 Sutton on the Forest s/o Percy William & Beatrice (Alcock) Mte m (awaiting confirmation 1911 Upper Poppleton, York). Percy Wm b 1881 s/o William & Beatrice (Dalton) Mte m 29 Nov 1879 Upper Poppleton. William bpt 24 Oct 1855 Whixley Yks s/o John & Emily (Harbottle) Mte m Feb 1853 Linton on Ouse Yks. John bpt 14 June 1829 Kirk Hammerton Yks s/o Richard & Susannah (Parker) Mte m 22 Oct 1827 Bilton in Ainsty Yks. Richard b 15 June 1801 Tockwith bpt same Bilton in Ainsty s/o John & Jane (Young) Mte m 17 Nov 1778 Acomb York. John bpt 20 Sep 1755 Thornton by Pocklington Yks s/o Matthew. **Connects to M37, XM354 & M1253.**

M1177 Mrs Sue Wright, 32 Houston Ave, Tenambit, NSW 2323, Australia. email <fuellup@hotmail.com>. Born Taree, New South Wales d/o Francis John & Mavis Eileen (nee Metcalf) Pritchard. M. Eileen b 1925 Junee NSW 6/6 Frederick L.G. & Maud (Putland) Mt m 1911 Junee. Frederick LG b 1890 Junee 9/9 Henry & Eliza Ann (Boardman) Mt m c1868 Cambden NSW. Henry b 1845 Cambden 2/9 George & Ann (Peters) Mt m 2 Apl 1841 Presbyterian Meeting House, Battle, Ssx, England. George bpt 4 Jan 1819 Battle 7/7 George & Elizabeth (?) Mt. **Connects to XM682, M725, XM736, M1070, XM1109.**

M1198 Mr Christopher J. Smith, 20 Vicarage Walk, North Cave, Brough, Hull, HU15 2PM. Grands/o Herbert & Agnes Mary (nee Metcalf) Smith m 28 May 1934 Great Ayton Yks. Agnes Mary b 31 Dec 1911 2/5 William George & Ethel Ditchburn (nee Park) Mt m 27 Oct 1908 Marske Yks. William G. b 18 Dec 1878 Stokesley Yks 8/8 Robert & Mary (Calvert) Mte m 24 Dec 1855 Grinton Yks. Robert b 12 Aug 1827 Thornton Rust Yks 7/7 Henry & his 1st wife Ruth Preston m 13 Mar 1816 Aysgarth. Henry bpt 26 Jan 1783 Askrigg s/o James of Woodhall. **Connects to XM304 & XM649.**

M1232 Mr & Mrs Robin & Patricia Metcalfe, 5 Underwood Gr. Kardinya, Western Australia 6163. Australia. Robin s/o George b 12 Aug 1916 Bainbridge Yks. s/o Christopher & ? (Hammell) Mte. Christopher bpt 7 Aug 1881 Hawes s/o James & Jane (Dinsdale) Mte m 21 Mar 1877 Hawes. James bpt 6 July 1851 Hawes s/o Christopher & Elizabeth (Bainbridge) Mte m 7 Apr 1849 Hawes. Christopher bpt 9 Oct 1825 Hawes s/o James & Elizabeth (Iveson) Mte m 3 June 1822 Hawes. James b c1798.

BIRTH BRIEFS - NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME!

M1251 Mrs Sarah P.H. Harbaugh, 1761 Porce De Leon Ave. NE. Atlantic, California 30307 USA. Descendant of Lt. Thomas & Elizabeth (nee Metcalf) Bancroft m 15 Sept 1648 Dedham Mass USA. Elizabeth b 4 Oct 1626 Norwich England 6/11 Michael & Sarah (Ellwyn) Mt m 13 Oct 1616 Heigham Nfk Eng. Michael b 17 June 1557 Tatterford Nfk s/o Leonard, rector of Tatterford and Amy his wife. **Connects to XM283, XM455, XM456, XM571, XM585, M1009, M1010, XM1039, M1104, M1152 & M1175.**

M1252 Keith Spencer, 14 Ascot Road, Baswich, Stafford, ST17 0AG. Keith b Cross Gates, Leeds, Yorks. grandson of William & Lil(l)ian (nee Metcalfe) Spencer m 1898 Armley (Leeds) Methodist Mission. Lilian b 1876 Bramley, Leeds 2/5 Thomas & Harriet (?Beckwith) Mte. Thomas bpt 28 Dec 1845 Topcliffe, Yks. 2/6 John & Jane (Walker) Mte m 17 Jan 1842 Cathedral, Ripon. John b c1811 Galphay Yks s/o Thomas & Elizabeth (Fryer ? a widow) Mte m 2 July 1796 Kirkby Malzeard Yks. Thomas b 1774 4/5 William & Margaret (Kearton) Mte m 9 Nov 1767 Kirkby Malzeard.

M1253 Major General Vincent Metcalfe, 6 Lady Edith's Crescent, Scarborough, YO12 5RD. email <vincent@metcalfe2.worldonline.co.uk>. Son of Percy William & Beatrice (Alcock) Mte m (awaiting confirmation 1911 Upper Poppleton, York). Percy Wm b 1881 s/o William & Beatrice (Dalton) Mte m 29 Nov 1879 Upper Poppleton. William bpt 24 Oct 1855 Whixley Yks s/o John & Emily (Harbottle) Mte m Feb 1853 Linton on Ouse Yks. John bpt 14 June 1829 Kirk Hammerton Yks s/o Richard & Susannah (Parker) Mte m 22 Oct 1827 Bilton in Ainsty Yks. Richard b 15 June 1801 Tockwith bpt same Bilton in Ainsty s/o John & Jane (Young) Mte m 17 Nov 1778 Acomb York. John bpt 20 Sep 1755 Thornton by Pocklington Yks s/o Matthew. **Connects to M37, XM354 & M1162.**

M1254 Mrs Valerie Portass, 2 Hogarth Court, Darlington, DL3 7RR. Awaiting confirmation/clarification.

M1255 Mrs Joan Cazaux, 24 Victoria St, Wetherby, West Yorks, LS22 6RE. Details awaited.

M1256 Mrs Jennifer I. Joyce, 6 Park Ave, New Earswick, York. YO32 4DB. email <brianwjoyce@aol.com> Nee Metcalfe d/o James & Irene (Delara) Mte m 1946 York. James b 1925 York 3/3 Albert & Polly (Bardy) Mte m 31 Jan 1914 St Thomas, Lowther St. York. Albert, a confectioner, b 21 Apr 1894 York 2/3 of James & Mary (Pratt) Mte. James b 1867 York 3/13 of John & Jane (?) Mte. John b c1845 York 1/9 of William & Monica (Walker) Mte m 20 Mar 1842 St Saviours, York. William bpt 22 Feb 1819, St Margaret's, York 3/5 Isaac & Mary (Farrer) Mte. Isaac bpt 3 Aug 1788 Sheriff Hutton, Yks 2/4 John & Ann (Smiston/Smithson) Mte. **Connects to M320 & XM1071.**

M1257 Tom Reed, 2389 Piccadilly Circus, Naples, Florida 34112, USA. email <Tcolburn@aol.com> Great Gt grandson/o Joseph & Martha (nee Metcalf) Fisk. Martha b 1828 Kentucky USA 10/11 Thomas & Margaret Alsop (Hutchinson) Mt m 5 Apr 1809 USA. Thomas b 1783 USA s/o Charles & Elizabeth (Blackerby) Mt m 18 Jan 1781 USA. Charles b 1756 s/o John & his 1st of 3 wives, Sabina (Farrer) Mt m 1749 USA. John b 1724 s/o John & Diane (Watkins/Gwatkins) Mt m 1723. John b c1680 ? USA ?ENGLAND s/o Theophilus Mt. **Connects to XM114, XM863 & M1249.**

M1258 Kathryn Williams and Daniel Nash, 9315 Osuna PL NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87111, USA. email <kwil9315@earthlink.net> Kathryn d/o John E. & Alberta G. (nee Metcalfe) Nash. Albert G. 2/3 Gordon C. & Catherine V. (Good) Mte m 1921 of St John, New Brunswick, Canada. Gordon C. b 1899 only child of Gordon Chesterfield & Alberta (Anderson) Mte m 25 March 1897 St John NB. Gordon C. b c1869 Inverness, Scotland s/o John & Helen (?) Mte.

M1259 Paul C. Robertson, 75 Oakwood Rd, Hollywood, Birmingham B47 5DY. email <pcrob@lineone.net>. Maternal Great x 3 grandparents are Adam & Harriett (nee Metcalfe) Rowley m 1 May 1846 Brook St Chapel, Warwick. Harriett b c 1826 Warwick d/o William, a labourer in 1846.

M1260 Mr & Mrs Tim & Jane Metcalfe, 24A Winslow Rd, Wingrave, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP22 4PS. email <t.m.metcalfe@rothschild.co.uk> Details awaited.

M1261 Mrs Valerie Adams, Orchard Place, Church Rd, Gilwern, Abergavenny, NP7 0EL. email <adams@orchard.softnet.co.uk>. Details awaited.

M1262 Mrs T.M. Hemsworth, 7 Wentworth Court, Beech Grove, Harrogate, HG2 0EL Details awaited.

M1263 Mrs Dian Elvin, 2925 Mayfield Rd, Tarago, NSW 2580, Australia. email <dianelvin@bigpond.com>. Dian has a special search in progress. In the burial records of the Cemetery Office of Rochdale, Lancs is Plot 20682 Plot X which

in January 1909 was purchased by Alfred Teague of 14 East Street. The 1st body interred in this plot was of Annie Metcalf on 14th January 1909 "in her 28th year, spinster". The 2nd body buried on 4th June 1910 is that of Nellie Shargool "said to be the d/o Albert Shergool". The Teague family had adopted Nellie Shargool when her family was split up. There are two missing sisters to Nellie, Isabel and Pollie Shargool. Can anyone help? Was Annie Metcalf in your family? Do you know any connection between them? Any help would be appreciated.

M1264 Mrs Rose James, Cote Green, North Cowton, Northallerton, North Yorks. Grand-dau of Herbert Collinson b 1884 s/o Dobson Collinson whose 2nd wife was Harriet nee Blades and their 3rd dau Eliza George Ann b 1908 Middleham Yorks was married 10 Aug 1933 Middleham to Raymond Victor Metcalfe. Raymond V. b 1909 Leyburn area 9/9 Jeffrey & Mary (Wilkinson) Mte m 10 Nov 1888 Lunds Yks. Jeffrey b 20 Nov 1853 Snaizholme 4/7 of John & Elizabeth (Calvert) Mte m 23 Nov 1844 Hawes. John b c1820 Appersett s/o James & Grace (Gott) Mte m 29 Nov 1810 Hawes. James b c1787 Appersett. **Connects to M321, XM521, M898 & ?M988.**

M1265 Mrs Sandra Owen, 15 Pinhaw Rd, Skipton, North Yorks. BD23 2SJ. email <sandie@hotmail.com>. Details awaited.

M1266 Mrs Susan Sherratt, 38 Grange Gardens, Llantwit Major, Vale of Glamorgan. CF61 2XB. Born Darlington Co Durham d/o Harry & Gladys (Appleton) Mte m 1 Aug 1942 St Andrews Church, Haughton le Skerne, Darlington. Harry b 26 Mar 1919 Lands Bank, Cockfield, Dur 6/8 of James & Polly (Simpson) Mte m 21 Dec 1907 Reg Office Auckland Dur. James b c1885 place not known, s/o Thomas, a coalminer in 1907.

M1267 Mr Andy Medcalf, 43 Arthur St, Withernsea, Hull, East Yorkshire, HU19 2AB. email andymedcalf@hullcity.demon.co.uk>. Details awaited.

M1268 Mrs Pam Nelson, Danesmoor, Green Lane, Hemingby, Lincs, LN9 5QH. email <pamann@nelson28.fsnet.co.uk> Great grand-dau of Thomas & Margaret (nee Metcalfe) Stapleton m 14 Apl 1875 Crakehall, Bedale, Yorks. Margaret bpt 4 Oct 1857 Hornby Yks. 10/11 Joseph & Jane (?) Mte. Joseph bpt 6 Dec 1818 Bedale 2/4 Lawrence & Mary (Grime) Mte m 23 Nov 1815 Hornby.

M1269 Peter Cowles, 22 Ayresome Terrace, Leeds, LS8 1BJ. email <pcowles@btinternet.com> Grandson of Herbert & Elizabeth (nee Metcalfe) Wilson. Elizabeth b 1878/9 Bradford 3/5 Isaac & Mary (Whittam) Mte m 14 June 1869 Bradford PC. Isaac b 1850 Bradford 4/4 Anthony & Frances/Fanny (Thornton)

Mte m 10 August 1836 Bradford. Anthony b c 1815 at either Thornton in Bradford.

M1270 Thomas Edgar Metcalf, 2 Lapirogue, 70 Topham Rd, Pietermaritzburg 3201, South Africa. Details awaited.

M1271 Mrs Debbie Booth, 4 Holme St, Lydgate, Todmorden, Lancs. OL14 8EY. Born North Cave, East Yorks d/o & Barbara (nee Metcalf) Waudby. Barbara b 8 Dec 1937 Hull d/o Thomas William & (?) Mt. Thomas William born 27 Feb 1899 Hull.

M1272 Mr & Mrs James M. & Christine Metcalfe, 12981 Path Valley Rd, Willow Hill, Pennsylvania 17271. USA. James b 6 Aug 1943 s/o V. Myers & Margaret C. (Mellott) Metcalfe m 2 Sep 1941 Mercersburg, PA. V. Myers b 23 Dec 1919 Mercersburg s/o Welty E. & Blanche (Myers) Metcalfe. Welty b 15 Apl 1890 s/o Thomas C. & Elizabeth (Miller) Mte. Thomas b 16 Nov 1829 bpt 16 May 1830 Hubberholme Yorkshire Eng. s/o Christopher & Ann (Slinger) Mte m 19 Aug 1829 Aysgarth Yks. Christopher b 28 June 1809 s/o Thomas & Rosemond Metcalfe *

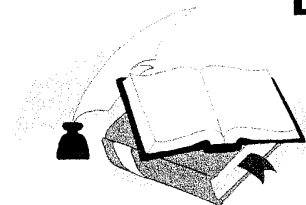
*Christopher bpt 30 July 1809 Halton Gill, Yks. s/o Thomas & Rose/ Rosamond (Preston) m 20 Mar 1793 Arncliffe Yks. Thomas bpt 19 Oct 1774 Arncliffe 5/5 Robert & Isabel (Simpson) Mte m 13 May 1751 Arncliffe. **Connects to M46, M608 & M678.**

Late Notification of Change of Address

M1171 S Turner, 153 Gowan Rd, Sunnybank Hills, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

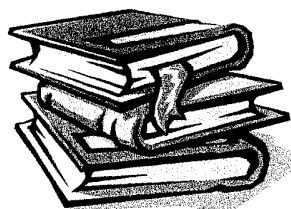
**It is with regret
that we report the death of
M1164 Mrs Jean Bomford
of Newlyn near Penzance
in Cornwall.
Jean died in late 2000.
We extend our sympathy
to all relatives and friends.**

Dear Editor.....Dear Editor



I read an interesting article in this month's publication of "Dalesman". It refers to the restoration work being carried out to the mill, at Fountains Abbey in Yorkshire. The £1.2 million project aims to open the mill to the public as a visitor attraction. The mill, throughout its 850 years, has been subjected to

various uses, but corn was milled there until as late as 1927. The large mill-wheel, which ran four grinding stones was dismantled, and is now in the process of being restored to working order, by craftsman **Neil Medcalf** from Lincolnshire. Neil also repaired the sluice gates which control the flow of water from the River Skell through the leats to the millpond. Is there no end to the versatility of this Metcalfe clan? **Trevor Metcalfe, M219**



For Sale

In 1930 this item sold for 10s/6d - that is - the book 'Medecalf' written by Vicar Thomas Metcalfe. A copy in good condition is for sale today at £40, postage included unless overseas. Requests to the editor. First come first served.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

16 March 2002 Family History Experience, Impington Village College, Impington, Cambs. The Annual East Anglian Group event and Cambridgeshire FHS 25th Anniversary, 9am-4.30pm. Further info from www.cfhs.org.uk/Conference2002.html or SAE to Mrs C. Noble, 22 St Margarets Road, Girton, Cambridge CB3 0LT

12-14 April 2002 'Damnation, Cooperation, Education and Salvation' Family History Conference hosted by the Guild of One-Name

Studies incorporating the AGM & Council Meeting of the FFHS and AGM of the GOONS. - University of Warwick, Coventry. Booking form on the Guild's website www.one-name.org or send a SAE to Mrs J. Bunting, Firgrove, Horseshoe Lane, Ash Vale, Surrey GU12 5LL

4-5 May 2002 10th Society of Genealogists Family History Fair, Royal Horticultural Society New Hall & Conference Centre, Greycoat Street, Westminster, London SW1, 10am-5pm



Mrs Christine Halsall (M877) writes that she has had a lot of help from ex-archivist Nina Benson but has not been successful in finding Charles Medcalf. She asks the following "Can any Member help me identify Charles Medcalf who was born around 1829 - I know not where. His father, James, was described as a butcher in February 1852 when Charles married Susannah Orton at St Mary Woolnoth in the City of London - both gave their address as Lombard Street. They had one daughter, Alice Anne in 1855 when they were living in Stepney. Charles was a grocer and died in January 1864 aged 35 years in Chelmsford Essex where Susannah also died in 1890. I cannot find any other reference or record of where Charles was baptised or anything about his parents." Any 'sightings' in member's records would be welcomed by Mrs Halsall at 4 Cherryfields, Ham Lane, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5XD.

Books

Robert Metcalfe M1220 has written a book "No Time for Dreams: A Soldier's Six-Year Journey through World War II" that covers his experiences from the late 1930's through to the end of the Second World War. Reviews of the book, published in 1997 by General Store Publishing, in the Ottawa Citizen state that "...although he (Bob) takes the listener through his memory banks with an emphasis on humour, the harder edges can be found in the book." There are vivid descriptions of the Dunkirk evacuation with air battles and planes straffing the beach full of soldiers. Although wounded he was taken by stretcher onto a ship and as the vessel started to move there was an awful screeching noise and on enquiring was told to hold his breath as a mine was dragging along the side of the ship.

There is also a description of service in Italy where he met Rommel's Italian interpreter Gallo and his future wife, who was a nurse. After the War he returned to Canada and lives in Ottawa. Try the local library or bookshop for a copy of the book.

Augusta Metcalfe - Honoree honored by the National Cowgirl Museum & Hall Of Fame. (<http://www.cowgirl.net/honoree.htm>)

A labour of love! The winter is with us - what do you do during these long winter months? As you contemplate how much time you have and what you might do, just take a look at what **David Metcalfe (M46)** did this last winter during his spare time, and indeed the last two years, in finalising the society's collection of Census Returns. As the saying goes 'all my own work!' Here are a few statistics regarding the project:

Period 11 Sep 1999 - 1 Sep 2001 Number of records collected and/or checked 33,004. Total cost to the society £143.00. Time spent on Microfilm readers 636 hours. Visits to Darlington Library 4. Visits to Leeds Library 98.

Yorkshire	Year	Total Population	Metcalfe Population
	1841	1,592,059	4,527*
	1851	1,797,995	5,070*
	1861	2,033,610	5,263*
	1871	2,436,330	5,789*
	1881	2,886,536	6,143
	1891	3,208,502	6,212
	1901	3,584,675	6,500(estimate)

*includes some Metcalfes from adjoining parts of Lincolnshire & Co. Durham

The FFHS has now published the National Burial Index for England & Wales on a 2CDRom set at £30 (incl VAT & p/p) within European Union or £27.95 (incl p/p but VAT not chargeable) outside European Union. Order via FFHS (Publications) Ltd., 15/16 Chesham Industrial Centre, Bury, Lancs BL9 6EN or www.familyhistorybooks.co.uk

The Biggest Aspidistra

Member 398 **W R Metcalfe** has been busy chasing paternal and maternal family lines. Those of Metcalfe and Preston together with several interesting sidelines. To date he has collected information on 760 'relatives' with proven connections. Is this a record? Can any one out there beat this?

and finally.....

A sandwich walks into the Mecca bar. The barman says, "Sorry, we don't serve food".

A jump-lead walks into the Mecca bar. The barman says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything".

Four fonts walk into the Mecca bar. The barman says, "Oi, get out! We don't want your type in here!". **From Julian Metcalfe M902.** More next time!!!

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