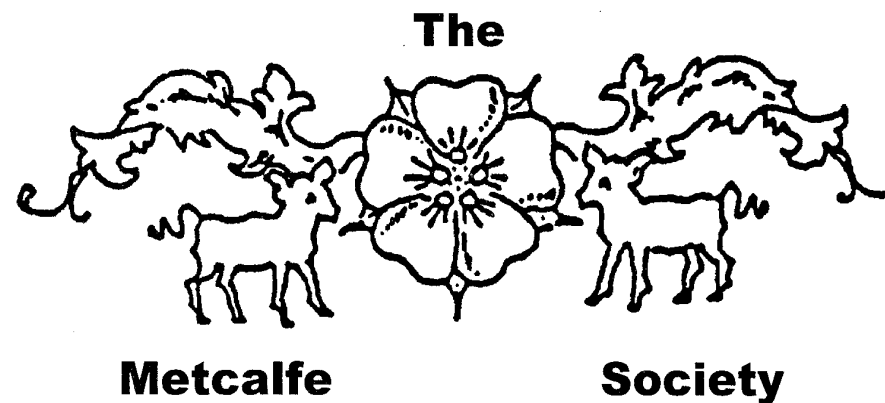




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*The best laid schemes o'mico an' men
Gang aft a-gley (astray).* So wrote
Robbie Burns (1759-1796). Perhaps the
proposers of the 1901 Census project
should have taken heed of these words
before they set out on their ambitious
proposal. It is well known in computer
circles the difficulty of implementing big
computer projects - just look at the de-
lays to the new air traffic control centre

and the abandonment, at the cost of many tens of millions of pounds,
of the (then) DHSS records system.

The PRO were victims of their own publicity hype. The expecta-
tions of family historians was raised over many months, and longer,
and as a consequence on 2 January they were swamped by over 2
million hits on the system in the first few hours - a number expected
over a number of days. Even now at the beginning of March they
have not been able to resume the service.

Lessons to be learnt must include a recognition that there is a great
deal of interest in family history - possibly one of the fastest growing
leisure pursuits, so access should be allowed for the maximum num-
bers (think of a number and double it!) and the old computer adage
that the bigger the project the bigger the risk of failure!

**It is with deep regret we report the death of
Michael Benson the husband of Nina Benson our
Secretary and Archivist for many years . We extend
our sympathy to Nina, her family and friends.**

MECCA NEWS DEADLINES

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

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

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!



**Can you help with further information concerning the Skipton Mission
Prize Band? Do you know when this picture was taken and any infor-
mation on the Bandmaster Mr F Metcalfe? Contact the Editor.**
Supplied by Ernest Dodding M331.

"A TORTUOUS AND UNGODLY JUMBLE"

by David Lambert M11

The title to this Article might suggest your family history research into the Metcalfe family. It is certainly an apt description of mine prior to 1800! However, that is not what this series of articles will be about.

On the 17th June 1880 my Great Grandmother MARY METCALFE married my Great Grandfather THOMAS LAMBERT at Linton-in-Craven Parish Church, in the West Riding of Yorkshire. After various adventures which need not concern us here, including emigration to Texas where my Grandfather CECIL WILLIAM LAMBERT was born, they settled in Cheshire. In May 1903, Thomas bought Ashton Old Hall Farm at Ashton-upon-Mersey for £7,700.

Ashton Old Hall Farm 1999



Seventy years later, in 1972 a colleague, at the firm of solicitors where I was articled, was acting for a client who was buying a house on Lambert Drive in Ashton-upon-Mersey. He showed me an Abstract of Title which was amongst the deeds.

An Abstract, as its name suggests, is a document which the seller's solicitor would prepare in the form of a precis of the relevant title deeds required to "deduce" (that is prove or establish) ownership of the premises to be sold. The purchaser's solicitor would eventually check it with the original deeds. The Abstract which I saw included references to one Thomas Lambert. It extracted the description of the Farm and referred to a plan, which was traced onto the Abstract. It contained in addition references to Thomas buying the fee simple estate and being subject to the payment of a yearly rent of £1. 16s.6d. created by a deed of 1749 and subject also to "suit and service at the Court Baron of Ashton -upon -Mersey" and attendance at the Manor of Ashton -upon-Mersey.

My colleague wondered if there was any connection with my family. I was intrigued as a boy to be told that there was a road named after the Lambert family in Ashton and after looking at the abstracted Will and codicils of Thomas Lambert and the references in it to his children, I realised it was indeed my Great Grandfather and his widow Mary, who died in 1921 and 1926 respectively. I discovered shortly after that Mary Lambert's maiden name was Metcalfe. Thus started my "gravedigging" (as my younger brother calls our hobby !) and my interest in the Metcalfe family.

As I started to do my family history I soon realised that the majority of documents which we use, when researching our family's antecedents, were prepared by lawyers or civil servants for legal purposes, not with family historians in mind. None more so than title deeds to land, as you will gather above from the brief extracts of the 1903 Abstract of Title. What is a fee simple? What was "suit and service" and what sort of Court was the Court Baron?

Very few articles seem to have been written about title deeds or the legal system which created them. It was the latter that Oliver Cromwell allegedly called "a tortuous and ungodly jumble", hence the title of the article. I intend to try to unravel some of the "jumble" below.

In this first article, I will concentrate on how land ownership in England (and Wales) developed. I should say at the outset that I will not deal with Scottish law, which has its own different system.

LAND OWNERSHIP

Most of us will I am sure remember from our school history lessons something called "the feudal system". It was something that the Normans brought when they invaded us in 1066 was it not? Something to do with the King and his Barons, Lords of the Manor, Common Land, Serfs and Villeins. It rings a bell does it? If it does it will stand you in good stead when

reading this article.

The basis of land ownership in England and Wales is what might seem, at first, an odd concept namely that there is only one person who can own land and that is the Sovereign. He or She does not of course physically occupy that land. The rest of it is held by tenants who hold directly from the Crown or, more likely, indirectly from the Crown.

This is the first, fundamental, principle of English Land Law. It is crucial to an understanding of the subject. None of us "owns" our house but instead we hold what is called a tenure. The ability to grant rights over the land lay, at the top, i.e. with the Crown. After the Norman Conquest, William the Conqueror granted large areas of the country to his supporters. They did not "own" the land given to them but held it. The word "tenant" is derived from the Latin word "teneo", which those of you who learnt that subject at school might recollect means "to hold". All subjects of the Sovereign who were "landowners" were in fact "holding" their land and did not own it.

The feudal system was a very ordered structure. It has been likened to a pyramid, with the Crown at the top. On the next level below the King were his Tenants, who held directly from him. They were called "Tenants in Chief". They were granted their tenure in return for them giving their Sovereign some service (as to which see below). The Tenants in Chief were in turn able to grant tenures to their tenants, who were called "mesne tenants" (that is intermediate tenants). So, beneath the Crown were the Tenants in Chief and below them, in effect on the third level of our pyramid, were the mesne tenants, who could in turn grant tenures below them and so on, in theory, ad infinitum. The person who granted the tenure was called the lord.

Each granting of a tenure was made in return for a service to the lord who granted the tenure. A Tenant in Chief could therefore be a tenant of the King and at the same time a lord of a mesne tenant. (See fig. 1)



This method of creating new tenures by a lord to another, below him, was the method by which land was transferred or in modern terms "sold" or "conveyed". It was called subinfeudation, a good word for those who delight

in Scrabble! The ability to subinfeudate was stopped in 1290 and thereafter it was impossible to create new tenures (unless the Crown did so).

TENURES AND SERVICES

A tenure would be granted as stated above until 1290 in return for services. There was no monetary payment made. The types of services which had to be rendered to one's Sovereign or lord were many and varied. There were two kinds of tenure: either "Free" or "Unfree".

I propose to deal with "Free" tenures first, which were so called because the tenant only had to carry out the obligation or service to his lord prescribed when the grant of land was made. If he rendered the service, he was free from all other services, although he did need to comply with a number of other obligations called "incidents", as to which see below. He was given protection by his lord and the King's Courts would uphold his right to possess the land.

Broadly the services of a free tenant can be divided into three types: Grand Serjeanty, Petty Serjeanty and Socage. Grand Serjeanty was a type of service given directly and personally to the Sovereign. The honour of bearing the Royal standard in front of the army, whenever the King was in Montgomeryshire, was the service required of the tenant of the Manor of More in Shropshire. Not too onerous unless there was a war in that part of the Kingdom!

The obligation of purchasing and carrying at the Coronation Ceremony certain vestments of the King was the service required from occupier of the office of Lord Great Chamberlain, which entitled the office holder to enjoy the "ownership" of several manors. Less pleasant might have been the service required from one hapless tenant who was required to hold the Sovereign's head "as often as he shall pass over the seas between Dover and Whitsand". Presumably he prayed for calm seas or a Sovereign who was not sea sick!

There were certain "rude" or downright crude services but I am going to disappoint you and refer only to one! This was the service of keeping and taking care of the King's "whores, launderesses and women" which was the obligation of Robert Testard of Guildford.

Petty Serjeanty was another type of personal service. It was rendered to the lord, not just the Crown. One example of the type of service was the obligation of the tenant to provide a number of armed horsemen and horses, for forty days to the lord. The feudal army of the King depended upon this service to raise his army. A lord could pass this obligation on to his tenant,

who in turn could do so to his tenant. It became known as Knight service but by 1200 because of the difficulty in raising an army in this way it had been replaced by a monetary payment called "scutage". This was fixed at 20 shillings (i.e.£1) per Knights fee.

Socage was the more common type of service, particularly in Manors, and it is from this that what we call freehold land is derived. The tenant who held land in "common socage" would perform non-military obligations. He would plough a certain number of fields for the lord of the Manor or cultivate the lord's land on a specified number of days in the year, those to be chosen by him and not as ordered by his lord. By the 15th century this manual labour was, like knights service commuted to a monetary payment or rent called a "quit rent". The lord would use the rent collected to pay for the land to be cultivated.

INCIDENTS

As stated above, the free tenant was free from carrying out other services, if he complied with those imposed upon him but he was subject to certain "incidents". It was one of these to which I refer at the beginning of this Article, namely the "suit and service" of Thomas Lambert at the Court Baron of the Manor of Ashton.

The most important incident so far as the feudal system was concerned was the incident of "fealty and homage". A breach of this was a "felony" which, as an aside, eventually was the word used to describe serious criminal offences. The act of fealty and homage was a public ceremony at which the tenant swore faithfulness to his lord and acknowledged that he held the land from the lord. In return for this, the lord would uphold the tenant's right to occupy the land. As will be seen it formed part of the land transfer procedures too.

The next most important incident was attendance at the Manor Court for free tenants which was originally called the Court Baron. This was perpetuated until the 20th Century although in virtually all cases fell into disuse, by the 19th century if not earlier. There does not appear to have been any Court at Ashton-upon-Mersey for several years prior to 1903 in my Great Grandfather's case.

I propose to write about the Court records that might exist and their whereabouts in a later Article. Also to refer to the incidents of "wardship", "marriage" and "death". I will also explain about the "unfree" tenures and how land was conveyed until the present day. I intend to give a book list and references to Websites which you might find useful too.

Request for a volunteer in New Zealand

Regrettably our long-standing New Zealand agent, Mary Morris is retiring from the post. Her lifestyle has changed considerably over the past year and is no longer able to ensure that emails, etc are actioned within a reasonable time frame as she is often away from home, sometimes for weeks at a time. The situation will probably get worse over the next year so she feels that it is in the best interests of the society that someone else be appointed. The society is indebted to Mary so much for the support and enthusiasm she has given to the society for a great number of years. We wish her well on her forthcoming travels.

Hence, do any of our current 18 members in New Zealand have some spare time to be our 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 a 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 New Zealand members to help track receipt of subscriptions and who is renewing membership.
- * Receive subscriptions from existing New Zealand 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 NZ dollars to £sterling twice a year and send monies to the UK.

If you are interested in this job, would you please contact the secretary, Diane Howarth at secretary@metcalfe.org.uk or telephone +44 [0]1256 883633. Please do help us to help you.

Mecca Miscellany

Dalesman November 2001. page 24. Sonia Lawson, the daughter of Fred Lawson who was "a stalwart of the magazine for many years.....She is hoping to write an illustrated book about her father and mother, another talented artist, **MURIEL METCALFE**....."

Chelsea Old Pensioners 1806 - 1836

Year	Name	Born	Age	Regiment
1818	Metcalf Alex	Wigston Leics	38	2FG
1814	Metcalf Geo	Loftus Yks	29	2LG
1818	Metcalf Jn	Newcastle Nbl	26	42
1836	Metcalf Jn			48
1817	Metcalf Jn	York	27	1LG
1821	Metcalf Thos	Manchester	27	15D
1813	Metcalfe Bart	Aughanvaley Der	52	51
1821	Metcalfe Jas	Askrigg Yks	36	3FG
1816	Metcalfe Mich	Killan Wern	26	54
1834	Metcalfe Sam	Newark Ntt	36	1FG
1821	Metcalfe Wm	Nottingham	35	3FG

Both supplied by **David Lambert M11**

From the Whitby Gazette 17 March 1866. An accident happened at Port Mulgrave Ironstone Mines of Messrs Palmer and Company a few days ago. **Christopher Metcalf**, a miner, had fired a shot as he was returning to his work a quantity of roof fell upon him. Assistance was obtained and when extricated it was found that his thigh was broken and that he was severely bruised about his body. The bone was set by Dr Williams under whose care we are glad to hear he is going on favourably.

From the Daily Exchange 16 March 1881. Four deputies George Winter, George Johnson, **Christopher Metcalf** and a Cumberland man were engaged "drawing a place in the brokens" in the Loftus Mines. They had almost got their work completed, the workings being perfectly "quiet" and apparently safe, when about to remove the last piece of timber the place "came in". Winter was buried with timber and fallen stone and when extricated was dead. Johnson was knocked down but escaped with bruises. Both from **Dorothy Pope M55**

From "Official Guide to Silloth on Solway" reprinted by Silloth Tourism Action Group (original probably 1934):

Miss Metcalfe of West View Station Road listed under Hotels Boarding Houses and Apartments.

"**John Metcalfe** 2 Fort Street, Douglas Isle of Man will provide particulars of sailings from Silloth to Douglas and Dublin by the SS Assaroe on Tuesdays and Thursdays returning every Monday and Thursday. Dublin and Silloth Steamship Co Ltd. ". Supplied by **Ray Metcalf M43**

MECCA WEB SITE NEWS

Anyone who has visited the society's site at <http://www.metcalf.org.uk> will quickly see the advantages of having someone proficient at the helm. When I spotted that Carol Herbert was a web designer (Sleepy Frog Designs), I broached the idea of her redesigning the site and taking over responsibility for its management. It has been a pleasure to have been a part of getting the society onto the World Wide Web and I am very happy that it has been so successful: in soliciting new members and as a focal point for existing members. In real life, I manage a graduate research (chemical) laboratory and taking the design past its primitive beginnings was not something I could do. Carol responded positively and generously with her time and the results are impressive.

I wish to thank all members who have taken the time to visit the site and have sent suggestions, corrections, information to include and even words of regret that I was giving up the job (those that don't do change well). Trust me, it is for the best! (I particularly like the way Carol has put an index of most recent changes to the site with links that can take you instantly there.) I continue to be involved in password distribution for access to the "Members-Only Area" and of course, answering the many queries as Canadian Agent and, for the time being, U.S. agent - so I have not quite sailed into the sunset. Hopefully, Carol will take over this journal spot in future editions. In the meantime, below is a message from Carol (taken with her permission from the web site). Cheers, **Susan Harper, M266**.

A message from Carol: I am pleased to offer my services to The Society. Susan - unlike myself - has a life away from a computer and had done a wonderful job with the original web site, despite her protests at just being an 'amateur'. As I have to be dragged kicking and screaming away from my keyboard, Susan was more than happy to pass on the baton, and I hope her faith in me will not be misplaced! I hope you like the look of the new site and can find your way around easily. Comments and suggestions would be most welcome, as well as your ideas for inclusions to the site - simply drop me an email.
Carol Herbert M1072

Web site stats : 16/21 Oct - 133 visitors

22/28 Oct - 140 visitors

29/04 Nov - 102 visitors These are unique (new) visitors. Returning visitors are not counted. These are good considering they will be mainly obtained through people finding the site on search engines. The web site was resubmitted to all the search engines when it was 'lived', and bearing in mind that the new pages can take up to 6 months to be listed, hopefully these figures will increase.
Carol Herbert

Chairman's Report

Last year we celebrated the 21st. Anniversary of the foundation of the Society. This year the nation will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Accession of the Queen to the Throne.

I find it remarkable to think that 25 years ago, when we celebrated the Queen's Silver Jubilee, the Metcalfe Society had not been founded. Indeed, how many of you were interested in family history or tracing your Metcalfe family ancestors? Many of you will be using computers at home, for your family history research and probably regularly "surf the net" on the Internet. The explosion in pamphlets and booklets on the subject of family history and the establishment of and growth in the number of Family History Fairs have all contributed to the unprecedented popularity of the hobby.

It demonstrates how, within a generation, the world we know can change beyond our wildest dreams. What may lie ahead for the Metcalfe Society I am not going to foretell, save to predict that the family history world will continue to make use of computers and that "pay for view" services are likely to become the norm for researchers of Public and Family History Society records. You only need to look at the Society of Genealogists arrangements with Origins and those of the Public Record Office with Qinetiq to see the way in which matters are moving. The Government has produced a White Paper on: Birth Marriage and Death Registration in the 21st Century, with some far reaching proposals, which deserves to be considered urgently by you all. I intend to ask the Committee to consider it so we can comment.

Whether our Society moves down the "pay for view" route and how, is something that will be discussed in the coming months. A great financial threat to Societies generally lies in the ability of commercial businesses to replicate their project work onto CD ROM's, for financial gain. Societies such as our own might be safe for the time being because we are only interested in one family but the warning signs are there and we will ignore them at our peril.

David Lambert M11

It all depends on the interpretation!

Some people confuse genealogists with geologists. The difference is that one digs in the dirt and sometimes finds artefacts, whilst the other digs in facts and sometimes finds dirt. From **Lesley Longworth M68**

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Page 3 - Mr Awmack's membership number should have read 370 and the picture on page 7 was of Fernhill Park not Cranbourne Court.

Thanks to those pointing out the mistakes.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL UK STANDING ORDER MEMBERS

Last year, the society had to move our main bank account to Skipton because the Barclays Branch in Earby closed. Separately, a small number of members have incorrectly completed their standing order mandate forms when they submitted the forms to their banks. As a result, the bank in Skipton has recently received a number of standing order payments to cover subscription renewals that have either old or incorrect account details. Whilst the bank agreed to process these manually this year, in future they will be refused. (These include member nos. 82, 84, 169, 199, 210, 305, 320, 450, 493, 501, 513, 519, 522, 547, 615, 631, 647, 746, 756, 777, 854, 858, 862, 902, 923, 992, 1040, 1049, 1162, 1187, 1252). During this process some membership reference numbers were also lost. It is therefore vital that if you currently pay your subscriptions to The Metcalfe Society via Standing Order you check with your bank that the mandate has been completed with the following details, and that your name and membership number is shown as the reference :

Beneficiary Bank:

**Barclays Business Centre, PO Box 1,
49, High Street , SKIPTON BD23 1DH Sort Code : 20-78-42
Account Number : 0002867302 - Account Name : The Metcalfe Society**

If you have access to the internet, you can print out a new Standing Order Mandate form from the Society's web site at

<http://www.metcalfe.org.uk/content/sorder.htm>

If you have identified that your details are out of date. Please complete a revised Mandate form and send it to your bank as soon as possible.

Carol Herbert Treasurer

1901 CENSUS

For those of you interested in digging up ancestors, you will already know that the 1901 Census Returns will be released for public scrutiny on 2nd January. However, not all of you may be aware that for the first time, the information will be available on the internet, the Link being : www.pro.gov.uk/census. At present this will be for 1901 only, but it is hoped to have 1891 digitally scanned and available online by spring 2003, with the 1881 census following the next year.

Eventually all the censuses back to 1841 will be available online.

Julian John Metcalfe M902

METCALFES AT THE MARAE

Angela Young (M1172)

I recently had the privilege and the pleasure of being invited to attend the wedding of my cousin. Barbara Burt is d.o. Phillip & Ilene (Mte) Burt; g.d.o. James Thurnston Mte (b 1907); g.g.d.o. James Mte (b 1866); g.g.g.d.o. Thomas Mte (b 1838); g.g.g.g.d.o. George Thompson Mte (b 1803); g.g.g.g.g.d.o. Thomas Mte (b circa 1780). The groom was Martin (or Marty) Bercic, a Maori and member of the Nga Puhi tribe. The wedding took place on the Marae at Omapere which is situated near Kaikohe in the upper North Island of New Zealand.

Before the ceremony we were each given a hand-out explaining the Marae Protocols. In addition we had a gentleman with us who enlarged upon them, giving a good outline of what was being said and we found this most helpful. Most of us were quite moved and I personally felt a sense of great awe. As we entered the Meeting House we removed our shoes and found a seat. You are not allowed to eat or drink in the House. The women are normally seated apart from the men and have no communication with them during this part of the ceremony.

To explain the ceremony I cannot do better than quote from the official hand-out:-

The "Powhiri" is the Welcoming ceremony when visiting the Marae. It is a "Sacred Encounter" for visitors, who are considered "Sacred Life Forms" bringing spiritual and physical attributes. Both need to be addressed and it is the Powhiri ceremony that recognises this status. On its completion, visitors then become members of the extended "Whanau" (family) of the Marae.

There are six major components of the Powhiri. These are:

1. Huihuinga – The gathering of the party at the gateway to the Marae;
2. Wero – The Challenge;
3. Karanga – The call onto the Marae;
4. Whaikorero – The speeches;
5. Hongi – Traditional speeches;
6. Kai/Hakari – Food/feast

There are two groups required for a Powhiri; "Tangata Whenua" (hosts) and "Manuhiri" (visitors)

When Marae visits occur, Manuhiri Huihuinga (gather) at the gateway and greet one another prior to being welcomed onto the Marae. It is also at the gateway that speakers for the visiting party are selected. Here too. The "Koha"

(Gift), to honour the hosts and their hospitality is arranged. A Koha is usually gathered here by the Manuhiri and given to the last speaker. Koha is given by the Manuhiri to the Tangata Whenua. Traditionally Koha were in the form of precious materials: "Pounamu" (greenstone); "Tohora Kaiwi" (whale bone); "Korowai" (cloaks) and numerous other "Taonga" (gifts). Delicacies were also gifted. In today's society, money is the normal form of Koha. The purpose of the Koha is to help with the upkeep of the Marae and to cover the general running costs associated with the powhiri. We suggest that a Gold coin donation would be appropriate. (In fact we were advised that the Koha for our own party had already been dealt with).



Adam (her brother), Graeme, (her older brother; he gave her away), Barbara, Marty and Barbara's mother Ilene Burt (nee Metcalfe)

"Wero" (Challenge) is normally made to gauge whether the Manuhiri intentions are peaceful or not. (On this occasion there was no Wero as the peaceful intentions of the bride and groom had already been established.)

When the local people are organised, the visiting party will be notified to enter the Marae by a "Karanga". The purpose of a Karanga is to weave a spiritual rope allowing safe passage for the Manuhiri to enter onto "Te Marae Nui Area o Tumatauenga" (Domain of the God of War), which is the courtyard in front of the "Whare Tupuna" (Ancestral House – the domain of the God of Peace). The Karanga is the first voice to be heard in the Powhiri. Traditionally it is the women who do the Karanga; however, in "Taitokerau" (Northland) it is also common for men to participate.

The party should proceed on to the Marae with their women in front and the men behind. At the half-way point between the gateway and the Whare Tupuna (Ancestral House) it is appropriate to stand briefly in silence. This is a mark of deep respect and honour to the Ancestors, the local people and the Marae. Everyone is then led into the Whare Tupuna (Meeting House)

Shoes should be removed before entering the Whare Tupuna (although the bridal party has been granted dispensation). The Manhuri stand for a moment's silence at the end of the Whare Tupuna to honour those who have passed away and then they are seated on the right hand side of the Whare Tupuna. Men are usually seated at the front with the women behind. The speakers will be seated nearest the door in front.

Traditionally, only the experts in the art of "**Whaikorero**" (Oratory) stand to speak to the opposite group. The purpose of the "**Mihi**" (Historical speech) is to acknowledge and weave together the past, present and future by acknowledging the creator, guardians, the "**Hunga Mate**" (the Dead), the "**Hunga Ora**" (the Living those present at the Powhiri) and laying down the "**Take**" or "**Kaupapa**" (the Reason) for the Powhiri or event that will take place. At this Marae and in Taitokerau (Northland), the custom is "**Paeke**", where the Tangata Whenua speak first and then the Manuhiri speak. Speakers will have "**Oriori/Waiata**" (Chant/Song). The purpose of the Oriori/Waiata is to show that the people support the speaker and what he has said. Oriori often complement what has been said, the occasion surrounding the Powhiri, acknowledge the speaker's "**Whakapapa**" (genealogy) or the group itself. The "**Koha**" (Gift) is laid by the last speaker of the Manhuri to indicate they have no more speakers and have finished.

On completion of the Whaikorero, the Tangata Whenua will indicate to the Manuhiri to come in a certain direction, in line, to shake hands and to "**Hongi**" (Traditional form of Greeting). The "**Hongi**" is the first physical contact between the two groups. It is not the widely popularised "Rubbing of Noses" but the gentle pressing of nose and forehead. Variations include a peck on the cheek of women as well. This practice originates from Maori history and is a symbolic reference to the first breath of life that was issued to "**Hineahuone**" (First Maori Women) and shows the "coming together" of the two groups to be united as one under the umbrella of the Powhiri. It is the mixing of the "**mauri**" (Life Force) of both the Tangata Whenua and the Manhuri; it is the first physical contact.

After the Hongi, the seating will be hastily rearranged for the wedding ceremony. The bridal party, who have already had the Powhiri ritual the previous day, will then be called on to the Marae by a Karanga. The wedding cer-

emony will be conducted by Father Brian Prendeville after a mihi by the Kaumatua to "**Whakatau**" (acknowledge) the bridal party. A hand-out will be given to all at the ceremony.

On completion of the ceremony a light Kai of sandwiches and tea will be held in the "**Whare Kai**" (Dining hall), the final stage of the Powhiri, the "**Tapu**" (Sacredness) of the Powhiri ritual is balanced by the sharing of "**Kai**" (Food). The Tangata Whenua and the Manuhiri are now one. The sharing and partaking of food lifts the final Tapu of the ritual. During this time there will be a brief period for group family photographs with the bride and groom before they depart for more formal photographs.

At 5.30pm a "**Hakari**" (Feast) will be held at Omapere Tourist Lodge in the reception hall. As usual, speeches will take place during the Hakari.

KIA ORA

"*Speeches will take place during the hakari.*" This is an understatement. Today's proud and peaceful Maori descendants of early fearsome native warriors prefer to believe, in the words of the late Sir Winston Churchill, that "Jaw, Jaw is better than War, War" and all seemingly are Past Masters in the noble art of Rhetoric. Speaking with equal ease in either the Maori tongue or in English with apparent impartiality and equanimity, the sympathy of the crowd is quickly captured by their garrulous and sonorous oratory, the force of which is matched only by the vociferous enthusiasm given to the melodious and harmonious song of approval traditionally sung after any speech that pleases the assembled company. The success of the speechmaking can be measured by the fact that it continued for two hours, during which time the champagne continued to flow.

Metcalfe Clan members worldwide, on reading this account, will wish the marriage every success.

Darlington & Stockton Times Sat 26 Oct 1929 from **W R Metcalfe M398**
Railway Trespass

For having trespassed on the LNER **John Metcalfe (60)** South Cleatham was fined 5/-. PC Macrae who proved the case, said defendant saved only 5 minutes by going over the railway bridge, and it was dangerous to cross the bridge.

Yarm

While Mrs Rae, Darlington, who was staying with her sister, **Mrs Metcalfe**, at the Ketton Ox Hotel, Yarm, was coming downstairs on Monday, she slipped and fell, being removed to Darlington General Hospital with a fractured leg.

Secretary's Report

Spring is here and many of our members are coming out of hibernation society correspondence before Christmas was extremely quiet, which was quite fortunate for me as I was focused on revising for an exam a few weeks after the extremely successful 21st birthday Mecca Muster. As an increasing number of flowers venture out into the spring weather, so do more of our members and many prospective members enquiring about the society via our website. The greatest interest is from non-members about the proposed reprint of the Metcalfe book. I am currently receiving on average at least 5 registrations per week. Do read on to find out the latest progress on this important project.

Through the winter, my main focus has been to find a new USA agent, a new List Coordinator, update our major publications ready for 2002 and help update the website with our new Web Administrator. All of these have been successfully completed as you will read about in this issue. I am sure you will

join me in thanking our new volunteers - Kevin Metcalf (M1085) and Anita O'Donoghue (M1142) as the new USA agent and List Coordinator respectively.

I have also noticed that the number of 'snail mail' letters I receive from either members or non-members is declining and almost all communication is via e-mail...just as long as the technology works! There has been a vast shift this last year.

I sign off now with both a spring in my step and also an extra eight letters after my name as I have just heard that I passed the last of four exams and am now a full member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing with a postgraduate Diploma in Marketing sounds good, feels good even if it doesn't put any extra money in my pocket!

Diane Howarth BA (Hons) MCIM DipM M409

New society e-mail addresses

Technology is a wonderful thing when it works! More and more of our members, and prospective members are using e-mail as a method of communication. The main benefits are speed and low cost on a global basis and convenience. It is being used more widely in both business and even more so for leisure pursuits. Alongside there are many known problems, for example :

* We all have our own e-mail addresses, which are personal to ourselves - some being longer and more complicated than others!

* We have all experienced errors in transcribing material and especially e-mail addresses.

* For various reasons we have to change our e-mail address (our secretary is on her 3rd e-mail address in 2 years!)

* No matter how often you advise people, they don't update their online e-mail address books.

* There are changes in personnel each year for the various officers in the society.

To help resolve all of these problems, the society is indebted (yet again!) to **Susan Harper (M266)**, who has worked with our Internet Service Provider to provide us with a set of e-mail aliases. For those of you who don't know what they are - they are essentially an easy, understandable and meaningful e-mail address (eg editor@metcalfe.org.uk) that is published internally and externally wherever we need it. When someone sends an e-mail to editor@metcalfe.org.uk it automatically routes through to Peter Dobson's personal e-mail id. So Peter doesn't see anything different, but it does make it easier for the sender. If Peter were to step down (this is not an invitation or offer Peter!) and someone else took over, then we maintain the same externally published e-mail address (editor@metcalfe.org.uk) and it only needs to be changed once by Susan with our Internet Service Provider ... then all e-mails automatically go to the new person. This has helped the society enormously lately with the changeover in USA agent, and being able to put in place a temporary replacement diverting all e-mails to Susan who is also our Canadian agent.

So if you use e-mail to communicate with the society, please look on both the inside front cover and inside back cover of this journal, and all future editions, for all the new e-mail aliases. Please use these, and not the previous personal e-mail addresses, in all society correspondence (both written and also online).....and don't forget please also ensure that you update your online e-mail address books.

FRIENDS

Mere words cannot fully express my sincere thanks to you all for the kind hearted letters and cards I have received since Michael's sudden death. They were appreciated and a big support when most needed. Thank you.

Now I am attempting to plan this new phase of my life and will keep you informed of my whereabouts whenever I can. It is very likely that I shall move away from Langthorpe and Boroughbridge but the final decision and destination is proving difficult to make. Northallerton has certain assets which are a huge attraction - not least of which is a superb County Record Office!

I'm no longer on email but will return when I get settled and any land mail will get re-addressed for 12 months if and when I move home.

Sincerely **Nina Benson**

7 February 2002

Dear Editor.....Dear Editor



Very interested in the article about Colonial Metcalfe's (Issue 65). Just surprised that there was no mention of the Metcalfe Bond store in "The Rocks", which looks over Circular Quay near the Customs House. This is one of the earliest Sydney buildings. The name is emblazoned across the top of the building, so you can't miss it, particularly coming into the Quay by ferry. Inside, it is now the Metcalfe Arcade with top class tourist shops. Also, there is a Metcalfe Auditorium in the State Library, part and parcel of the Mitchell Library, named after the first librarian. **Arnold Metcalf M891**

When I was in Australia earlier this year. I met Robyn Metcalfe M669 (article in Issue no 65) and was able to introduce her to a number of other members of her 'family'.

Richard Fagge M1211

One of the men who delivered the Christmas cards to my house was a grandson of Lillah Chapman (M218). He said that he was looking forward to telling her about the job. As I had already received an order from her, I suggested he could improve on the

surprise by taking her cards back with him and I quickly made up her order while they had a cup of tea!

Lesley Longworth M68

My mother has a book : *Dick Trawle, second mate* by W. Chas. Metcalfe author of "Grit and Pluck", "Ice-Gripped", "Frank and Fearless" etc. Illus. by Harold Piffard Published under the direction of the general literature committee Society for promoting Christian knowledge. Printed by William Clowes and sons Limited, London and Beccles This book was presented to her twin brother (their sister is Margaret our ex-treasurer). The inscription reads: Kettlewell Sunday School Presented to George Appleton Class 1 Teachers Miss Raw, Rev. A.P.Turnbull Christmas 1938 (signed) A.P.Turnbull vicar. **Lesley Longworth M68**

We have recently had a general election here in Australia and in the list of results I found the following:- In the seat of Leichhardt the Green Party candidate was **Jonathan Metcalfe** who polled 3,307 votes of 74,232. Liberals retained the seat. We now have a Liberal government for a third term. Normally the democrats would have been the highest of the minor parties but a Metcalfe beat them in this seat reflecting the rest of the country too. **Del McDonnell M497**

Medcalf-Simmonds. "John and Lisa were married at St John's Parish Church on Saturday 26 May 2001 in the presence of delighted family and friends." Sighted in the Jersey Evening Post 6 June 2001 by **Mrs SMD Bilot M880**

In response to the letter opposite from Arnold Metcalfe we have some photographs of The Metcalfe Arcade and the Metcalfe Bond Buildings, Sydney, Australia taken and donated by Elizabeth Morey M255.



A WARNING!

Alan Vickers M843 writes "I have been running anti virus software for some considerable time now. Three weeks ago I was infected for the second time from a source who I trusted with quite disastrous results. I was using software which was not quite up to date and failed to stop the virus and, when updated, also completely failed to locate infected files or to remove files which were reported to be causing the problem. The software also failed to stop the computer sending out infected files. I then realised that the software had been crippled by the virus.

My computer actually tried to send the infections to two universities and two government departments. One of these was MAFF where I had attempted to access their website during the first two weeks of the foot & mouth epidemic but had failed to do so because the website was so busy. These experiences are at variance with what was reported to be the practice with the virus. As a result of the above I have bought Norton AntiVirus (£49.99) which gives me much more comfort. It has updated itself (automatically) three times in the last two weeks. It located files which the previous software did not find and also removed all the problem files without any trouble at all. Recently I accessed my emails and a message came on the screen to say 'software updated'. I downloaded 11 emails, the software was updated and the files re-configured, all within a 5 minute telephone call. All incoming and outgoing emails to and from me are checked as virus free. Ironically, emails from the source of my infections now carry a message that they are 'virus free' so the sender has learned his lesson also."

Diane Howarth our Secretary comments - "As you can see, Alan is one of the unlucky ones who has experienced virus problems. I think his experience highlights :

- the kind of problems you can find with your system
- what to watch out for in your incoming e-mails especially attachments (these are where the damage occurs)
- the products that are on the market
- the importance of regularly getting updates to your virus software and running it automatically

For those of you who are used to working with computers everyday and having to deal with anti-virus, I know you know all about it, but won't mind me banging on about the subject. But for those who use their computers for enjoyment and light use, I can't stress enough the importance of buying one of the market leaders such as Norton Anti-Virus and then getting regular updates from Norton (as new viruses are known) and then running the software every time the computer is switched on. As Alan says, it is the attachments

which do the damage, so if you ever send an attachment do refer to it in the text of your note so that the recipient knows it is valid. If you receive any file which has an attachment and the text does not refer to it, do not open it - delete it immediately no matter how valid it looks. Given how the society uses e-mail more and more to communicate between members and the committee, it is a general subject which can affect all computer user members."

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

A WELL TRAVELLED BRIDGE!

BBC TV Look North 8 February 2002

During this evenings rush hour, **Garry Metcalfe** was the 100 millionth person to cross the Humber Bridge. He was stopped and presented with a crystal bowl and a bridge pass.

Supplied by **Lesley Longworth M68**

More Mecca Humour from Julian Metcalfe M902

A priest, a Rabbi and a vicar walk into the Mecca bar. The barman says "Is this some kind of a joke?"

A woman walks into the Mecca bar and asks for a double entendre. The barman gave her one.

I walk into the Mecca bar and see the barman chatting up a cheetah. I think, "He's trying to pull a fast one!"

A three-legged dog walks into a Mecca Wild West saloon, slides up to the bar and says, "I'm looking for the man who shot my paw!"

A man walks into the Mecca bar with a roll of tarmac under his arm and says, "Pint please, and one for the road".

A dyslexic man walks into a Mecca bra.

I walk into the Mecca bar and note they are running a pun contest. I submit ten different puns, hoping that at least one will win a prize.

Unfortunately, no pun in ten did!

Books

Identifying Your World War I Soldier from Badges and Photographs by Iain Swinnerton with Illustrations by Roland Symons £6.50.

The Merchant Taylors Hall York by A. Michael Mennim from Croft Press Croft Cottage Sutton-on-the-Forest, York YO61 1DP (£16.00 +£3 p&p).

Tracing the History of Villages by Trevor Yorke. Published by Countryside Books, Highfield House, 2 Highbury Avenue, Newbury, Berks RG14 5DS ☎ 01635 43816 (£9.95 excluding post and packing).

Protestant Nonconformity & Roman Catholicism: A Guide to Sources in the Public Record Office by David Shorney. PRO Readers Guide No13 £9.99 plus p&p from The Bookshop, PRO, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU.

Book Review

Memories of Upper Wharfedale by Thomas Hebden Metcalfe, first published 1999. Available from (cheques payable to) the Wharfedale Family History Group, Mr S Merridew, 206 Moseley Wood Gardens, Leeds LS16 7JE. Cost £3.75 plus p&p (UK) 50p, (Airmail) £1.35.

The author, born at Buckden in 1917, lived for several years from the age of six at Beckermunds in Upper Wharfedale and the first section of the book recalls that period. It opens with a map of Langstrothdale and Upper Wharfedale, marking villages, hamlets and farms from Cam Houses and High Greenfield at the farthest end of the dale down to Kettlewell. This is followed by a systematic brief account of those who were the Metcalfes' "Friends and Neighbours"; every farm is listed with details of successive occupants and their families together with many snippets of additional information, such as "Jimmy Beresford died in that bad 'flu epidemic in 1928 or 1929". Anyone with ancestors or just a general interest in this part of the Dales will find Mr Metcalfe's memories fascinating, particularly as the period he covers falls into that currently awkward gap between available census returns and personal recollection.

Part 2 depicts "Life on Buckden Estate" up to World War II - the deer, the grouse, the entertainment, the trades people and the part played by Hubberholme Church. Mr Metcalfe also describes the work he himself did in farming on land drainage during the war and as a council employee on road widening and other projects - an impressive account as is that of his many spare time interests. Three short appendix sections include "The Dales' Song" and a 1938 extract from The Craven Herald reporting on the £84,000 estate left by the lady of the manor of Buckden, Miss Compton-Stansfield.

This gem of a booklet paints a vivid picture of life in the early 20th century as seen through the eyes and mind of a remarkable man and is thoroughly recommended.

Joan Metcalfe M63

ARCHIVIST REPORT from Eileen Measures M1086

This I have to say has been a baptism of fire for me. Until you actually find your feet, it is an extremely daunting experience. To find you are responsible to so many people to give them the best information you have at your disposal, and as accurately as possible, when your not even sure where you should be looking, can be frustrating to say the least.

My knowledge of the Yorkshire villages, the States of the USA, and the history of our Society have been found wanting on many occasions, also my being a complete amateur in Genealogy has not helped either. As they say goes "I know a man who can". But which one!! I owe a great deal of thanks to those who have been so helpful to me over the past few months, and without whom, many members would still be waiting for their answers.

Yes I know some are still waiting but I am getting there, if more slowly than I would like, but the improvement is coming. Your patience is very much appreciated even if it is wearing thin, and hopefully it will be a bit easier from now on. My Grandfather always said, "It is a bad workman who always blames his tools" but as with anything new (or old, in this case) finding your way round it is the worst part, perseverance, should be my middle name. Anyone visiting me when I am doing searches, will quite often find me going from one computer to the others where it is easier to access quickly something I need, to connect with something else.

There is just a couple of points I would like to make, those of you who have email and prefer to contact me via it, I am more than happy to receive letters this way, but please make sure your membership number is on the subject bar. Though it may be quicker for you, at this end it will be put in my file in date and time order with any others that I receive from whatever source.

The other is that whenever provide possible dates and places they are a great help when searching for elusive people, sending information without either of these could well be a dead end. If you have information on siblings this can also help even if you are not looking for them yourself, they can provide a stepping stone to your search, obviously correct birth, death, and marriage dates are a bonus, but even a close guess going on age etc; or information you may have can help.

My final point is about the dreaded computer virus, Please, Please, keep updating your virus protection, just think how bad it would be if you lost all your personal information, then imagine what it would be like for me to lose so many other peoples.

CHANGES TO NAMES/ADDRESSES

M55 Mrs Dorothy Pope to 3, Hollytree Mews, Guisborough, North Yorks. TS14 6DT.

XM521 Mrs E G A Dussel to Churchers, Upper Farringdon, Alton, Hants GU34 3EG.

M529 Mrs Eileen Howells to 4 St Mary's Grove, Tudhoe Village, Spennymoor, Co. Durham DL16 6LR.

M990 John R Metcalfe, moved 26 Nicole Marie Avenue, Barrie, ON, L4M 7A7, Canada

M1081 Mrs Alison Stott to 17 Sterne Avenue, Tang Hall, York YO31 0TF Email <ajs21@york.ac.uk>

M1264 Mrs Rose James to 11 Millennium Way, Westward Ho!, Bideford EX39 1XN

Correction:

M1251 Mrs N R Harbaugh, address should read, 1761, Ponce de Leon Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30307 USA

M1271 Mrs Debbie Booth, 4 Holme Street, Lydgate, Todmorden, Lancs OL14 8EY. Debbie b 25 May 1971 North Cave d/o Geoffery Graham & Barbara Ann (Mte) Waudby. Barbara b 8 Dec 1937 d 11 Nov 1988. d/o Thomas William & Gladys (Caley) Mte m 18 AUG 1926 Sandwich, Ontario, Canada. Thomas William b c 1899 Hull, England and returned to the area before his death and burial in North Cave 19 Jul 1969.

BIRTH BRIEF SECTION-compiled by Eileen Measures Archivist.

ABBREVIATIONS :- MT=METCALF. MTE = METCALFE. MD = MEDCALF. MDE = MEDCALF. 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.

RE-JOINED MEMBERS

M90 Miss J E Metcalfe Kia-Ora, Belle Bank, Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7AH. Grand d o Charles Mte.

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.

M1176 Mrs Kimberley Sterman 12147 Sageview Road, Poway, C.A. 92064 USA. Kimberley d/o Goeffrey John & Sally Elizabeth Atkinson Mte. Geoffrey b 4 Aug 1950 s/o Anthony & Hetty (Thornton) Mte m 8 Dec 1948 Quernmore, Lancs. Anthony b 28 Jun 1924 s/o John Bibby & Clarence Irene (Burrows) Mte m 9 Oct 1918 Halton, Lancs. John Bibby b 8 Oct 1876 s/o Edmund & Mary (Bibby) Mte m 6 Jun 1882 Over Kellet, Lancs. Edmund bpt 10 Feb 1858 s/o Anthony & Mary (Tomlinson) Mte m 21 Jul 1844 Over Kellet, Lancs. Anthony b 2 Dec 1819 s/o Anthony & Margaret (Rallinshaw) Mte m30 Sep 1805 Tunstall, Lancs. Anthony bpt 5 Jun 1781 s/o Thomas & Mary (Mte) Mte m 4 Nov 1775 Hawes. Thomas bpt 5 Aug 1736 Hawes. s/o Michael & Anne (Plews) Mte m15 Nov 1735 Haws. Michael bpt 18 Nov 1709 Hawes. s/o Matthew & Alice (-1747) Mte. Matthew s/o Richard & Mary (Smith) Mte Richard s/o Matthew. **Connects to M53 XM121 XM390 M969 M970 M971.**

M1119 Mrs Marcia & Mr David Cummings PO Box 285 Tumut NSW 2720 Australia. Marcia d/o Annie Mte b 13 Jul 1906 Ellerton, d/o George Robert & Elizabeth Annie (Newton) Mte m 16 Apr 1903 Downholme. George Robert b 7 May 1873 Marrick s/o Thomas and Mary (Wallis) Mte m 23 Feb 1871 Marrick Thomas b 1 Jul 1832 Healaugh s/o James & Margaret (Routledge) Mte m 4 Dec 1827 Grinton. James bpt 9 Oct 1805 Grinton s/o William b c1718 Whitaside, Low Row. **Connects to XM128 M335 M984 M984.**

M1120 Mr J E Metcalfe, Larkfield, Cowdown Lane, Goodward Clatford, Andover Hants SP11 7HG John E s/o Allen Mte b 1896 s/o William & Elizabeth (Cross) Mte M 11 Aug 1883 William b 13 Sep 1864 s/o Matthew & Mary Anna (Tyson) Mte m 12 Feb 1861 Matthew bpt 12 Jul 1873 s/o James & Ann (Piercy) Mte m 19 Mar 1832 James c 17 Mar 1809 s/o Thomas & Jane (Hodgson) Mte m16 Dec 1801 Thomas b c1771 All from the Pickering area. **Connects to XM136.**

M1193 Mrs Jeanette Winer, 57 Warren Avenue, Hamilton, ON Canada L9A 3C7 Jeanette Arbuckle Winer b1950 Hamilton Canada d/o William & Florence Bernice (Mte). Florence b 1920 Nanitcoke Canada d/o George & Annie Mable (Johnstone) Mte, George b 1874 England s/o William & Margaret (Keith) Mte.

M1270 Mr Thomas Edgar Metcalf, 2 La Pirogue, 70 Topham Road, Pietermaritzburgh 3201, South Africa. Thomas Edgar s/o Edgar Stanley & Ethel Martin (Harris) Mt m 21 Dec 1929 Pietermaritzbergh SA Edgar Stanley b 23 Nov 1900 Nr Queenstown SA s/o Rev Joseph & Ann (Oates) Mt m28 May 1885 Pietermaritzbergh SA Joseph b 12 Oct 1856 Stickney Lincs, s/o Samuel & Damaris (Graves) Mt m 27 Nov 1849 Bratoft, Samuel bpt 28 Nov 1819 Stickney, s/o Thomas & Mary (Clarke) Mt m 13 May 1813 Revesby,

Thomas bpt 12 Jan 1783 East Keal, s/o William & Ann Mt. **Connects to XM247 M262 XM485 XM652 XM852.**

M1261 Mrs Valerie Adams, Orchard Place, Church Road, Gilwern, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire NP7 0EL. Valerie d/o Eileen (MD) & Jim Bell Eileen b 1925 d/o Reuben & Minnie (Diggle) MD, Reuben b 1892 s/o Christopher & Elizabeth (Burns) MD, Christopher b 1862 s/o James & Sarah (Lamb) MD m c1850-1861.

M1265 Mrs Sandra Owen, 15 Pinhaw Road, Skipton, North Yorks, BD23 2SJ email sandie@hotmail.com. Sandra d/o Gladys Mte b 1925 Yorks d/o Archer Rimmer & Elizabeth (Hepworth) Mte m1924 Skipton. Archer Rimmer b 22 Nov 1891 Skipton, s/o John William & Mary Elizabeth (Rimmer) Mte m 29 Dec 1877 Skipton, John William b C1855 Liverpool, s/o John Ellis & Eden (Wiseman) Mte m 29 Jul 1849 Kettlewell, John Ellis bpt 24 Apr 1823 Hubberholme s/o John & Mary Ann (Ellis) Mte m 23 Jul 1821 Hubberholme John bpt 5 Jan 1793 Halton Gill s/o John & Hannah (Stoney) Mte m10 Mar 1788 Arncliffe, John bpt 18 Jun 1760 Arncliffe s/o Robert & Isabel (Simpson) Mte m 13 May 1751 Arncliffe. **Connects to M46 M608 M637 M1218.**

M1273 Mrs Carol Russell Clack Cottage, Clack Lane, Osmotherley, Northallerton, DL6 3PP email billrussell@work6.fsworld.co.uk

M1274 Mr Ian Marshall 71 The Birches, Bramhope, Leeds, email, <iwmarshall@talk21.com> Ian s/o William Metcalfe & Dorothy (Parkinson) Marshall m 9 Nov 1935 Clitheroe Lancs William b 1 Jun 1909 s/o Ralph Thomas & Nelly (Mte) Marshall Nelly b10 Nov 1877 Settle W Yorks d/o Richard & Frances Amelia (Barnett) Mte m 6 Oct 1876 Settle Yorks Richard b c1850 Hodge Hole Ingleton s/o John & Elizabeth (c1823-) Mte John b 1 Sept 1820 Low Hill Ingleton s/o John & Isabella (Moss) Mte m 23 Apr 1817 Ingleton John b c1791 Southerscales s/o Richard & Agnes (Shepherd) Mte m17 Nov 1788 Ingleton Richard bpt 15 Jun 1766 Ingleton s/o John & Eleanor (Whaley) Mte m 8 Jul 1761 Hawes John b c1740 s/o George & Elizabeth (Battley/Batley) Mte m26 Dec 1739 Ingleton Fells George bpt 27 Mar 1700 Ingleton s/o Christopher & Catherine (Leake) Mte m 22 Jan 1697-98 Ingleton. **Connects to M97 M331 XM553 XM637 XM668 M777 M860 M871 M905 XM964.**

M1275 Miss Kate Atkinson 5 Radcliffe Square, Putney, London, SW15 63L email kateatkinson@hotmail.com Kate G d/o Bertha Metcalfe & John Atkinson m 10 Feb 1923 Darlington Bertha b 22 Feb 1904 Jervaulx d/o Leonard & Isobel (Whitton/Witton) Mte M 15 Dec 1866 Bedale, Leonard bpt 7 May 1894 Middlesboro s/o Leonard & Jane Mte M c1859 Darlington Leonard bpt 31 Mar 1861 Darlington, s/o James & Isabella (Hodgson) Mte m 16 Nov 1824 Bolton on Swale James bpt 17 Jul 1804 Spennithorn, s/o Thomas & Eliza-

beth (Raw) Mte m 31 May 1503 East Hauxwell, Thomas bpt 16 DEC 1781 East Hauxwell S/o James & Mary (Croft) Mte m 15 May 1781 East Hauxwell, James b c1781 s/o Thomas & Elizabeth (Plews) Mte East Hauxwell.

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Los Angeles, Co California, s/o Carl Wesley & Esther (Walker) Mte, Carl Wesley b1896 Vanderburgh Co Indiana, s/o Charles Vincent & Anna Marie (Huegel) Mte, Charles Vincent b1859 Kenton Co Kentucky, s/o Abraham & Sorenia (Willis) Mte Abraham b c1834 Campbell Co Kentucky, s/o Vincent & Nancy (Morris?/Cummins) Mte, Vincent b abt 1810 Kentucky, Father born in Maryland USA. Mother born in Kentucky.

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M1305 Mrs Sharon Bunn 1001 Westminster Street, Innisfil, Ontario, Canada L9S 1T8 Email sbunn@sympatico.ca Spouse of Robert Norman Bunn b 2 Jun 1934 Toronto Canada S/o Horace Robert Bunn & Ruby Mary Mte Ruby Mary b 2 Jan 1894 Islington, England. D/o Cuthbert Ina & Ethel Maude (Wilson) Mte m 25 Apr 1889 Stepney, Cuthbert Ina b 8 May 1866 Hoylake, Cheshire, s/o Robert & ALICE (Lay) Mte m c1860 Lexden, Essex. Robert c 30 Oct 1826 Cathedral Canterbury, Kent s/o John & Elizabeth (Eamonson) Mte John b?c? married 31 Oct 1816 Bramham, Yorks.

Extracts from :-

Northern Catholics - The Catholic Recusants of the North Riding of Yorkshire 1558-1790.

by Hugh Aveling, O.S.B.

Pub: Geoffrey Chapman 1966

29 Michael Tirry, a lay schoolmaster of Aysgarth, first [1569] got into trouble through the rebellion. In two autobiographical documents he has left us a very complete picture. He was a native of Ripgarth, Aysgarth and left school at the age of eighteen. His account of the courses which were then open to him should dispel any prejudices that Wensleydale was then a totally remote backwater. On the one hand he was offered a job in London with a haberdasher - clearly a connection; Sir Christopher Metcalfe of Nappa offered him a benefice if he would get ordained. Back in Aysgarth-apparently very shortly before the Rising (though here his rough dates are hard to follow) he acted as a private, unlicensed tutor in the house of Leonard Metcalfe of Bear Park-who was attainted for his part in the rising, but pardoned.

41 The two other notabilities amongst the nonconformist 'old priests' were 'Mr Copley' and Dr Thomas Marshall. Marshall was deprived in 1560 of the deanery of Christchurch, Oxford, and the following year thought to be a dangerous papist, lurking in the houses of the Earl of Cumberland and his brother-in-law, Metcalfe of Nappa, Aysgarth.

54 Then in 1569 a small contingent of North Riding Catholic rebels fled abroad to Flanders- the Nortons, John and Ingram Thwing of Over Helmsley, Robert Heighington and John Gower of Richmond, Leonard Metcalfe of Aysgarth and an unidentified 'Mr Rokeby'.

77 In 1563 a new Statute imposed the penalties of *Praemunire* on attorneys or administrators of the law who refused the Oath of Supremacy..... The Archbishop [Young] proposed six to replace the suspects. One of these was Sir Christopher Metcalfe of Nappa, who had just been reported as harbouring Dr Marshall, a runagate popish priest.

82 .. the great majority of the gentry ... sympathised with the rebels and only held aloof out of prudence ... There seems to be no doubt about the independent standing of men like, Leonard, John and William Metcalfe of Bear Park, Aysgarth, Oswald Metcalfe of Wildon Grange,, William Metcalfe of Hemming.

84 the rebel lists contain no Metcalfes of Nappa, and probably Leonard Metcalfe of Bear Park Aysgarth made good their escape to Flanders.

85 We certainly hear of a few rebels who refused pardons proffered (John Gower of Richmond, Leonard Metcalfe of Bear Park, Oswald Metcalfe of Wildon Grange, Anthony King of Masham)....

87 Leonard Metcalfe's undoubted recovery of Bear Park, Aysgarth, is a mystery. He seems to have gone into exile and then returned home. We are uncertain whether to include in this list the ninth case, of Oswald Metcalfe of Wildon Grange. He was a younger brother of Sir Christopher Metcalfe of Nappa, and, as a rebel refusing pardon, was due to lose his property in 1570. That property then consisted only of a Crown lease of Wildon grange (ex-monastic) and the reversion of lands in Skelton, Overton, bought from the Nelson family. He may well have lost these, but by 1577 he was again a landowner in the Riding, prospering and buying a third of the Conyers manor of Hornby Castle.

89 In Aysgarth there were eight offenders; one, Roger Metcalfe, was a determined recusant who defied the High Commission, Leonard Metcalfe (the returned rebel) of Bear Park was a complete recusant but at least told the Commissioners he was willing to swear he would conform (in the event he did not); Henry Metcalfe of Bear Park was a recusant but excused himself as having no certain home; the rest were at least occasional conformists suspect of popery.

Supplied by C S Metcalfe M305

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Metcalfe - History of the Clan - order your copy today!

The planning for the reprint of the book 'Metcalfe - History of the Clan' is well under way. Hot off the press from the recent Spring committee meeting is confirmation of many aspects of this gem - the presentation, the content, the proposed availability and the all-important price and how to order.

The delivery of the reprinted version is very much based on the successful implementation of the first edition. As with the first edition, it is an extremely high priority that this project should not jeopardise the society financially, so caution is prevalent. We are a charity, not a business. If you wish to see the full and detailed plan on how we delivered the first edition, please see pages 6-9 inclusive of the December 1997 issue of the Mecca News. The plan covered the book objectives, content, market & product research, financial liabilities, pricing and ordering process. Photocopies of these 4 pages are available by sending a stamped addressed envelope with your request to the Secretary.

Hence, we are once again introducing advance orders from current members and those who have registered their interest. By ordering and paying for the book by 30 June 2002 you will be eligible for the discounted advance order price.

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A GENEALOGICAL JOURNEY

My story begins in Bedale, Yorkshire, passes through Stockton and Leeds and ends in New Zealand. It is a story which arose from my curiosity about the name Audaer which was the married name of my aunt, Alice.

My Grandfather, Henry Metcalfe, was born in Burneston to George and Elizabeth (Gatenby) in 1863. George was born in Bedale and his family had lived there for many decades. George died at the age of 38 years and it appears that Elizabeth remarried to a Thomas Banks who shifted the family to Stockton-on-Tees in the late 1870s.

Young Henry met and married Patience Barratt in 1886 and they moved to Leeds where he is recorded as a fried fish dealer in the census of 1891. By the time my father was born in 1896 Henry was the owner of the New Inn in Woodhouse Lane. Henry and Patience had 13 children altogether but it is Alice, the eldest, who fascinated me. In 1907, at the age of 21, Alice married Walter Audaer, born in Scarborough in 1887. They had seven children, five of whom lived to adulthood, and it is the search for these five children that was to occupy some of my research time.

Henry and Patience immigrated to New Zealand in 1911/12 bringing twelve children with them. Alice and Walter stayed in Leeds. During World War 1 Walter served in France in the King's Own Scottish Borderers. I have postcards written by Alice at that time and they describe the terrible conditions, with shortages of staple foods and the queues which formed in order to get such items as potatoes. Her health was not good and she worried about the children. She was always grateful for the postal orders which were sent from New Zealand.

In October, 1918, Alice died of lobar pneumonia and heart failure, so Walter was left with 5 children aged from 10 years to two weeks. It appears that the children were put into an orphanage in Bristol and we hear no more of Walter at this stage. When Edith, the eldest, reached the age of 13 or 14 she was sent out to New Zealand to our family, while the others stayed in England and never heard from, or saw their sister again. Edith married here in Christchurch in the late 1920s and then lost contact with her New Zealand family, although she lived in the same city. I grew up knowing about her, but I never met her.

About 6 years ago I read a query in the NZ Genealogical Magazine that included the name Audaer. Promptly I was on the phone as the person lived near my place of work. At last I would find out what had happened to Edith. It turned out that June is the daughter of Edith and that her mother had only died only about 4 years before. We were able to share our family research and we've kept in touch ever since. I've also met her sister who was born in the same year as me. This prompted me to turn to the Internet so in November 3 years ago I posted a query on a genealogical chat page and — within days there was a reply from Alan who lives in Canada. His mother was

Dorothy Audaer, one of the girls left in Bristol. Alan then told me about Val, who still lives in Bristol, and whose mother was Patience Audaer. He also mentioned Harry, the only son, who remained a bachelor, and who died in 1979 in Portsmouth, aged 66 years. Only one child remained a mystery and she was only found because in 2000 I received a letter from Leeds enclosing a copy of a letter to the Editor of the Leeds evening paper which I had written years ago in my pursuit of the Audaers. It appears the Alice, the mystery child, had seen my letter, cut it out and then put it away, and it only came to light when her son, Malcolm, found it after her death.

The result of my contact with him was that Malcolm and his wife came out in January last year to celebrate his 60th birthday and they were able to meet the relatives here in New Zealand. Alice, his mother, had been brought up by a neighbour, in Leeds, and although she was adopted when in her teens, she knew about her natural parents. She obviously never met her siblings.

So now the mystery has been solved and the Audaer cousins are in contact with each other. Walter apparently married again and had one more child, Dennis. A happy ending to my story but we regret the fact that Alice's children were not able to see the completed "jigsaw". **Alison Hutton M81**

Tom Metcalfe of Hawes

In Issue 62 we included a small snippet on the fell runner Tom Metcalfe which involved some kind of controversy which, was not given. Later **Hilda Lunn M769** wrote in and said that Tom was her mothers cousin but unfortunately she had no news of what the controversy was. She did however provide a newspaper cutting from the Telegraph and Argus of 7 September 1956 which read as follows;

"Mr T Metcalfe of Manningham who was among the first to congratulate Keith Clements on his notable victory, knows the route (the Kilnsey Crag race) well, for he won the race on seven successive occasions, his first win being in 1902. Mr Metcalfe also won at Burnsall four years in succession.

A correspondent recalls meeting Mr Metcalfe in the home of a relative at

Appersett, Upper Wensleydale when he declared "We used to live on oat-meal porridge and plenty of black treacle which was 1d a jar. We'd get a bucketful of blue (skimmed) milk for 1d and use it on the porridge."

Mr Metcalfe's early life in the Dales before he moved to Bradford was guaranteed to expand the lungs and strengthen muscles for he worked in Turner Fell Pit, six miles from Hawes, which had been worked by the Metcalfes ever since it was opened and supplied coal to the greater part of Wensleydale. His wages were 15s (75p) a week.

"Coal was 8d (3p) a cwt and the carriage was the same price as the coal," he recalls. "I've sometimes walked to walk over 6ft of frozen snow and very often I'd dig out sheep I came across during my journey. Local farmers paid 2s (10p) for every animal recovered."

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

12-14 April 2002. "Damnation, Co-operation, Education and Salvation". Family History Conference hosted by the Guild of One-Name Studies incorporating the AGM & Council Meeting of the FFHS and the AGM of the GOONS at the University of Warwick, Coventry. Booking form from www.one-name.org or send a SAE to Mrs J Bunting, Firgrove, Horshoe Lane, Ash Vale, Surrey GU12 5LL.

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

Saturday 18 May 2002 9am - 4.30pm. 25th Annual Conference of

the NW Group of Family History Societies hosted by North Cheshire FHS at Woodford Community Centre, Woodford, Cheshire. Admission £15 by prior booking only. Three speakers Alan Rose (Non-conformity and its records in Cheshire); Pauline Litton (People on the Move); Ann Watkins (Costume changes of your ancestors through the years). For an application form send a A5 sae to Mrs Rita Walters, Windy Ridge, Jacksons Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport, Cheshire SK7 5JW.

Saturday 5 October 2002. The Metcalfe Society Mecca Muster and AGM at Askham Bryan, York. For full details and application form see enclosures with this issue.

Forthcoming Northern Family History Fairs - both 10am - 4.30pm, £1 admission, refreshments available :

- **Sunday 21 April** Brighthouse Post House Hotel
- **Saturday 7 September** Pudsey Civic Hall

The Yorkshire Family History Fair will be held on **Saturday 29 June 2002** from 10am to 4.30pm at York Racecourse, Knavesmire Stand. The organisers advise us that it is now the largest family history fair in the UK, so admission at £2.50 with cafeteria facilities and free car parking sounds like a very good day out and don't forget to visit the Metcalfe Society stand too!

The North West Family History Fair has moved its date and its location for this year's event. It will be held on **Sunday 27 October 2002** from 10.30am to 4.30pm at Manchester Town Hall.

For the last three years it has been held on a Saturday at Preston Guildhall. But as it is in a city centre this year it makes sense to move it to a Sunday. Transport by Metro and Bus will also be easily available. Admission is £2, free street parking as it is a Sunday, refreshments, licensed bar.

What are Lists and how can they help you?

You may be looking for a particular birth in a particular parish and so need to do some research? STOP! Before you get started.... someone may have already done the research and sent it to the Society, and therefore completed the work for you!!!

What is a 'List' ? A List comprises of the FULL details of those individuals recorded by our members from any one source. This can be from parish registers, census returns and members' own family pedigrees etc. For example :- "Ripon, North Yorkshire, Cathedral baptisms 1821 to 1900"..... means that details of all Metcalfe baptised at Ripon Cathedral between those years have been recorded.

Sending research results to the society. Whenever a member has completed some research, we request they send a copy of these research results to the List Coordinator (contact details on inside front cover of this issue). On receipt, these research results become a 'List'. A list may cover a short or long time span, there are no fixed rules. It is allotted a unique number, prefixed by a capital L, and the data is added to our records in our own Computer Index. As our Computer Index keeper updates the various records, this List number is then also written on the record so that we can see the sources of all the information on that record. This is extremely important to enable us to validate and authenticate any information from our records that we give to you, our members.

How is it beneficial to you? As you know our Archivist can do research for you by sending her requests. But if you want to do your own research, or you want to search a specific parish to find out if there are any relatives of your Metcalfe individual, or do more of a general search in a census return, then you may request a List. So before you do any of your own research do stop and check with Anita to see if the research has already been done and recorded in one of over 2,500 Lists that we currently hold. An Index of all of these Lists is currently held on the Members Only section of the web site.

How to request a List? When you request a List, please make your detail as specific as possible eg looking for the birth of John Metcalfe in Sedbergh and surrounding area between 1830 and 1835. Please don't ask for all the births in Sedbergh or Darlington and surrounding villages 1820-1850. Send your requests via post or e-mail to Anita O'Donoghue, our new list coordinator. Return postage would be much appreciated. Anita will use her own discretion when dealing with your requests.

Welcome to our new volunteers

The society is very pleased to announce two new appointments, and we would like to wish them both the very best in their new roles.

As I advised you last Autumn our USA agent, Cliff Metcalfe had to resign due to ill health. Our Canadian agent, Susan Harper stepped into the breach to enable new members join the society and existing US members renew their subscriptions. The society would like to thank Susan most heartfully for support during this transition period.

The Metcalfe Society is delighted to announce the new USA agent, **Kevin Metcalf (M1285)** of Illinois. Kevin is now able to receive queries and requests for further information from potential new members and also receive applications to join The Society. Kevin's email is usagent@metcalfe.org.uk, and his full contact address is on the inside back cover of this journal along with the other agents.

The Metcalfe Society is also delighted to announce the appointment of **Mrs Anita O'Donoghue (M1142)** as List Coordinator, based in Coventry. Although we have had various people as List Coordinator, this is an area of the society that has been used very little by members in the past and we would like to increase the awareness of the benefits of these 'Lists' to you in your Metcalfe family research. So as a start, please do make a point of reading the article 'What are Lists and how can they help you' in this issue. Anita's e-mail is lists@metcalfe.org.uk and her full contact details are on the inside front cover of this journal.

Diane Metcalfe M409

Some unusual names occur in the Dales. "In the Muster Rolls of **Captain Metcalfe's** company of the Loyal Dales Volunteers, who were stationed on permanent duty at Richmond in 1804 the following names belong to residents of Swaledale and Arkendale - Glowremout Tom, Assy Will Bill, Bowlaway, Daut, Nettlebed Anty, Roberty Will Peg Sam, Skeb Symy and Spletmeat" (amongst others). Original from North Riding Pictorial Journal 1857-58; John Bell of Richmond.

Appeared in the Cleveland FHS Journal April 2001.

and finally.....

Ever wondered why you cannot find those headstones of your ancestors? Well the answer might be that they have been used by roadmakers. In the re-building of a motorway bridge on the M6 near Preston in 2001 repairers were surprised to find that a lining for the bridge was made up of gravestones from local cemeteries. Once the repairs were completed the headstones were replaced - face inwards. So when you drive along a motorway and pass beneath a bridge you might be closer to your forbearers than you think.

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