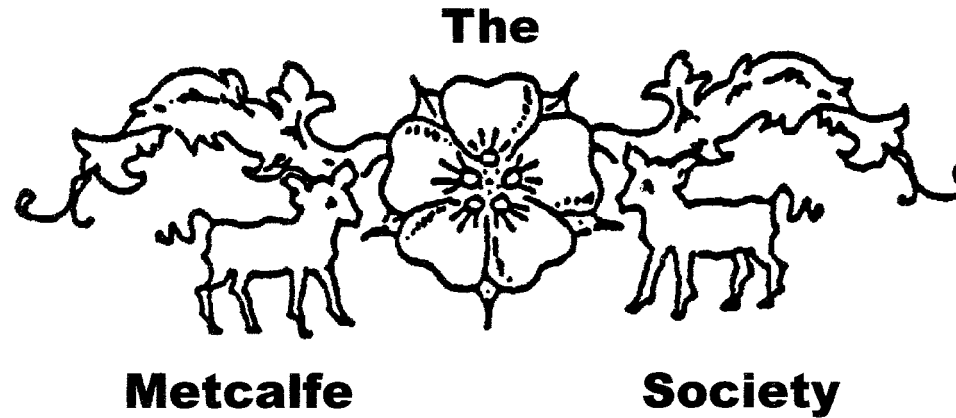




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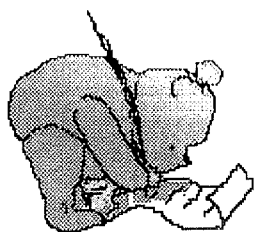
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I was in Wensleydale over the extended Queen's Jubilee weekend taking my 'Back to roots' rest I try to enjoy at least once a year. The place was packed - probably the most I have ever seen it for a concerted period in the forty years I have been going and welcome after last year's FMD.

There was bunting all over the place and people seemed to be making an effort.

One real eye catcher was in the tradi-

tional home of the Metcalfe's - Askrigg in Wensleydale. Everywhere you looked there were scarecrows. Well dressed ones - the queen (it must have been her as it had a crown on), traditional ones (a farmer with a suitably satirical political comment) and unusual ones poking out from the alleys and ginnells. As the weekend wore on some looked the worse for wear suffering from the blustery heavy showers, especially the queen who by the Tuesday was barely hanging on to her position over the window of Sykes's shop!

I took some photographs and was hoping to include them in this issue but unfortunately with the change in circumstances regarding our copying arrangements I have had to reduce the non-text items to a minimum but hope to include them in the December News. The change does mean that we have to review the printing situation and there is an item on page 11 setting out the background with an opportunity for you to provide your comments.



I am extremely fortunate that I receive a steady supply of articles from members but I am always on the lookout for more! For the first time in the eight years I have been doing this job I am running out of those odd items regarding the sighting's of Metcalfe's in books papers, magazines etc. If you have anything that you have come across don't hesitate - send them in!

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 providing those articles comments or snippets!

THE RAYDALE SEIGE or the ruin and overthrow of the Nappa Metcalfes

If you travel up the south side of Wensleydale to Bainbridge then head south along the banks of the River Bain (which at two miles long is the shortest river in England) you arrive at the peaceful lake of Semerwater. The lake, claimed to be the site of an Iron Age village, nestles at the base of the hills and at the end of a summer's day the picture is of peace and tranquility - but it was not always so. In the fourteenth year of the reign of King James the First of England, around mid-summer's day it resounded to the sounds of battle in what was called 'the last private war in England'.

The seeds of conflict were sown some sixty years before and involved the Black Knight of Nappa - Sir Thomas Metcalfe. Sir Thomas was short of funds; he had entered litigation with his tenants over the demand for the payment of a hay tithe which they disputed. Whilst he won the legal battle he alienated his leaseholders and incurred costs of £2000, a massive sum for those days, which "was the ruin and overthrow of his estate".

The latest of a number of legal disputes in 1609 coincided with a further elevation of the thirty year old to the rank of Commissioner by the Lord High Treasurer, Robert Cecil. However the elevation, the court case, the ongoing dispute over the tithe collection with his tenants were costing him dearly and he was forced to mortgage part of his estate in Raydale. A small local landowner William Robinson of Warton loaned Sir Thomas £1000 for a six year lease of the land. They agreed that the Black Knight could retain Raydale Hall paying an annual rental of £100 over the lifetime of the lease.

The legal disputes with his tenants "the greatest number of them being his own name and kindred" continued and this may have been part of the reason why at the end of the lease no repayments had been made. As a result Robinson foreclosed and placed his son John Robinson in Raydale Hall. Sir Thomas reacted angrily by expelling the younger Robinson and installed his own steward. A flurry of legal proceedings followed with charge and counter charge being laid before the courts throughout the spring and summer with Judgement finally given in the autumn of 1616 against Sir Thomas.

On 20 May 1617 John Robinson finally took occupancy of the Hall but that was not to be the end of the matter. Even more incensed at the result and in an attempt to recover what he considered to be his property the Black Knight gathered together sixty of his family and retainers including his wife, brother - Ottiwell Metcalfe of Swinithwaite and his nephew and on the evening of June 17 arrived at Raydale Hall.

The Metcalfe party was met by John Robinson's barefoot wife who had been in the progress of retiring for the night, who asked them why they were on the

property. For her pains she was beaten senseless and left in a ditch whilst Sir Thomas, not one to stand on ceremony, demanded that the other occupants leave the house. At the negative response from the house the group armed with muskets, pikes, javelins and long bows attacked the Hall.

John Robinson together with some of his brothers and retainers piled featherbeds, pillows and furniture against the doors and windows and proceeded to return fire. Their accuracy was greater than the attackers with Thomas Hodson (some reports say James Hodgson) being fatally wounded. This incensed the band of attackers and they threatened to hang all those within the house. Lady Metcalfe (Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Henry Slingsby of Scriven) offered money to a local woman to burn down the Hall! Mrs Robinson, who recovering consciousness after her beating, fled the scene and made her way to York to put her case before the Council of the North. She also informed her Assheton and Grenacres relatives (well known Lancashire families) of their predicament and it was they who next encountered the raiders.

The defenders continued to thwart the attackers with a stand-off resulting. The Metcalfe party leaving some at Raydale were found over the next few days in a local village "drunk and insolent" when Nicholas Assheton and an elderly Richard Greenacres, with only a servant each sought to resolve the matter "by a peaceful and quiet proceeding". Their request to speak with Sir Thomas resulted in a George Scarr and others being despatched from the Metcalfe camp. However this group's demeanour was so threatening that the small party worrying for their safety withdrew.

After four days and some seventeen fruitless sorties against the Hall the siege was lifted by the arrival of a sergeant at arms and his men sent by the Court at York who took Sir Thomas and six of his men into custody. So ended the Siege of Raydale. However the ramifications rumbled on for some time with Sir Thomas encouraging the local coroners court to bring a charge of wilful murder, rather than manslaughter against the defenders. Even this action failed. Whilst the jury endorsed the murder verdict it was overturned by the Star Chamber with the coroner being fined £1000 (a poor return for his £10 bribe from Sir Thomas) and the Black Knight receiving a further £2000 fine added to the £1000 he had been fined for undertaking the siege!

The financial situation of the Metcalfes of Nappa never recovered from these setbacks; although monetary support from Lady Metcalfe's relatives helped to maintain their social position "the Metcalfe power was lost". So next time you are in peaceful Raydale remember that midsummer Siege.

Sources:

Metcalfe - History of the Clan Volume 1 (pages 110-118)

Wensleydale by Ella Pontefract & Marie Hartley

A Yorkshire Village by Marie Hartley & Joan Ingilby

English Folk by Wallace Notestein provided by Mrs V Silvester



'Metcalfe-History of the Clan' is almost here!

I am delighted to confirm to you that the reprinted version of our best-seller 'Metcalfe-History of the Clan' will be launched and available at the forthcoming 'Mecca Muster' on Saturday 5th October at York. As you read this article, 1,000 copies of the book will be in full production.

As you know we offered an early bird discount to those who ordered and paid for their books before 30 June 2002. The society would like to thank all those members and non-members who took advantage of this offer, which also helped the project financially. Indeed by the deadline we received payment for over 150 of the 1,000 books - so that is 15% sold before it is even printed. Please note that no more Advance Order Forms can be accepted.

If you ordered an advance copy of the book, you should have received notification of acceptance of your order. Please now accept this as notification that the book orders will be despatched in late September. If this despatch is delayed for any reason, we will advise you directly.

Enclosed with this Mecca News is the standard order form for the book. As many of our members realised with the first edition, this book is an excellent Christmas present for friends and family. So start your Christmas shopping now and order your books, especially if they are to be despatched outside of the UK. They will then be despatched in plenty of time for Christmas don't leave it until the last minute! If you are planning to attend the Muster, you will also see the book in its full splendour when it is launched, where it can also be purchased and taken home that day, without the additional cost of postage. In addition, the editorial team will be available to sign your copies.

Diane Howarth M409

The Metcalfe Society is a registered charity run by a few dedicated volunteers in their spare time. The officers of the society endeavour to provide a quality service to members and non-members to the best of their ability. Current technology allows us all to communicate very easily on a global level via e-mail when it works! Reasons for failure can be human error or technology failure. Therefore, if you do not receive an acknowledgement of receipt or a response to your e-mail within 1 week of sending, please assume that it has not reached its destination. Either check the e-mail address and resend, or contact the society's secretary, Mrs Diane Howarth at secretary@metcalfe.org.uk and she will endeavour to help you.

Report on the March meeting

COMMITTEE NEWS

Chairman:

The Committee had all been saddened by the untimely death of Nina Benson's husband, Michael and condolences had been sent to Nina.

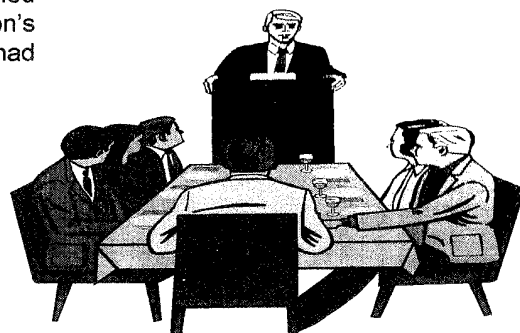
Secretary: Diane noted that there had been a promising number of enquiries about joining the Society and from those wishing to register an interest in the proposed new edition of "Metcalf - History of the Clan".

Treasurer: The new Treasurer, Carol had spent time computerising the records. She outlined how the paypal system worked for making payments via the internet. This would be tried out with overseas new member applications who wished to use this method and then be reviewed at the next Committee meeting.

Archivist: Eileen reported some traumas with the computer but was now settling more comfortably into her new role.

List Coordinator: The Committee gratefully accepted Anita O'Donohue's offer to take on this role, as Alan Vickers had stepped down.

New Members' Secretary: Carol reported that 51 new members had joined since the last meeting.



Master Membership File: There were 435 current members: 326 from the UK, 32 in the USA, 28 in Australia, 24 in Canada, 18 in New Zealand, 4 in France, 2 in South Africa and 1 in Germany.

Agents: Alison Hutton had kindly volunteered to take over as agent in New Zealand.

Editor: Peter reported that the new scanner and printer had led to improved quality of picture reproduction in the "Mecca News". While grateful to regular contributors, he would welcome more articles from members who have not yet seen their work in print.

Computer Index: David has merged over 3000 burial entries with the Main Index. There are now nearly 82,000 entries on the Main Index. The Committee accepted his kind offer to collect Metcalfe entries from the 1901

census, using the resources at Leeds Central Library.

Web Administrator: Carol was congratulated on winning a web award for the site. This also reflected the hard work of Susan Harper in building the site initially. Those with roles in the Society all now have e-mail aliases.

Publications: Diane had completed the updating of the various forms used.

Affiliations: The Society plans to be represented at the Genealogical Fair on

York racecourse on 29th June and at the North West Fair in Manchester on 27th October.

Conference Secretary: There was discussion of the plans for the Muster due to be held at Askham Bryan College on 5th October.

Projects: Plans are now well advanced for the publication of the second edition of "Metcalf - History of the Clan", which should be available by the Muster in the early autumn. Although Stephen Newman had stepped down from the Committee, he was happy to continue with the Wills project, which was making good progress.

The next meeting to take place on Saturday 14th September 2002 at Earby.

Margaret Hodgson M515

Attention to (almost) all non-UK members!

We are extremely lucky to have agents in Canada, USA, Australia and New Zealand who help the society enormously providing a local point of contact to members and prospective members in these countries. Over 25% of our membership comes from these four countries. I am sure our members in these countries have used and found their services invaluable. May we take this opportunity to remind our members in these four countries that when you are sending a personal cheque in your local currency to the agents, you must make the cheque payable to the name of the agent and not the society. We do state this on all the forms (subscription renewal form, new member application form etc etc). We can understand that it would be logical to send a cheque payable to the society, but the agents would have to jump through even more loops for the society to setup separate accounts with additional bureaucracy. Thank you on behalf of the agents - Susan Harper (Canada), Kevin Metcalf (USA), Dianne Fox (Australia) and Alison Hutton (our new New Zealand agent).

Take a look at our website

www.metcalf.org.uk

Breaking news is posted as it happens without having to wait for the Mecca News.

Secretary's Report

In the hope that you are reading this journal on a warm, sunny summer's day in August, I write it for you in the first coolish autumnal days of July!

Time I have had available to the society this last few months has been predominantly spent on the book 'Metcalf - History of the Clan' setting up the Advance Orders process, receiving, processing and acknowledging the 150+ book orders, liaising with your distributor regarding the proposed packaging and shipment of the books to enable the correct postage to be quoted on the forms, developing and printing of both the Advance Order Form and the Final Order Form as enclosed, maintaining a full audit trail of book orders etc etc. We learnt a lot from the whole project of delivering the first edition without any major disasters so (....touching wood!), this second edition should proceed as planned!

A big congratulation goes to Carol Herbert who has brought the society into the 21st century even more so with the new capability of paying subscriptions and ordering the book and other merchandise online via our website. We have seen that a number of

these purchases have been from non-members who have both bought the book and joined the society at the same time - especially overseas members. A warm welcome to you all.

As you will also read in this edition, I have endeavoured to ensure a smooth transition between New Zealand agents. I would like to extend my personal thanks to Mary Morris and also to Alison Hutton for taking up the baton. Best wishes to you both.

Looks like I missed yet another super Family History Fair at York in June - even though it is a 600 mile round trip for me, I do so enjoy that event that I make a weekend of it - but alas it was not to be this year - I was treble booked! But well done to Margaret Hodgson and David Metcalfe who had a bumper day - read all about it for yourself and don't forget to visit our stand at the North West Family History Fair in Manchester - Sunday (not Saturday this year) 27 October. I will definitely be there at the society stand - so do come along and say hello.

This year's Mecca Muster again has something new - find out for yourself in this journal. It only seems like 5 minutes when we were thoroughly enjoying our bumper 21st Birthday Mecca Muster last year. Now we have our 22nd very shortly. I guess we really should be starting to think about what we want to do for our Silver Jubilee Mecca Muster in just 3 years time. All ideas are very welcome.

Enjoy your summer, whatever the weather! I look forward to seeing as many members as possible at the Muster, in Manchester or via letter/e-mail. It is always good to hear from you.

D Haworth M409

METCALFE BITS and PIECES

Sightings... **Georgina Metcalfe**, promoting Sanderson Fabrics; **Alys Metcalfe**, a child on St Martins, Isles of Scilly; **Nick Metcalfe**, director of Time Team. From **Gina Mackenzie M310**.

National Trust farming adviser **John Metcalfe** in the Lake District NT Magazine, Spring 2002.

1862 Oxford Poll Book - **John Medcalf**, Headington Oxford; Will and Inventory Oxford Prob June 1630 : **Thomas Metcalfe**, New Woodstock, 24 April 1629, Woolen draper. Son **Thomas Meatcalfe**, dau **Joane, Christian, Anne, Magdalen** all under 21, bro **William**. Oxford Archives, ref 44/2/10 (1629). Supplied by **xM736 Mrs J West**.

From Alexander Fothergill's diary (friend of **Thomas Metcalfe of Nappa**) 1756 - **John Metcalfe** dish turner of Woodhall sold eleven small plain trees for £4 10s by AF.

Mark Metcalfe clock maker made (for 5s) the Askrigg town seal of brass. Inscription - Sigillum Commune Inhabitantium de Askrigg.

Both from **Yorkshire Village by Marie Hartley and Joan Ingilby**.

Metcalf Drive, Altham Industrial Estate, near Accrington, East Lancashire. Chan. PRO 1758-1800, Bundle 482. Attorney General v Wood. The Widows' Land at Byrill in Low Bishopside. 1792. The George and Dragon, Pateley Bridge - Innholder **George Metcalfe**. From **Michael Gandy M671**.

Sentenced to be transported for 7 years at Lent Session 1735 - **John Metcalfe**. From Bonded Passengers to America by Coldham (Northern & Midland Circuits etc) (973.W2c 5-9).

From **David Lambert M11**.

22 December 1883. Attempted murder by John Lowther and a Mr Lobb of **Mr Metcalfe** a Gamekeeper at Loftus on Lord Zetland's estate.

15 February 1884. **Thomas Metcalfe** of Loftus killed by James Lowther a miner. Both from The Middlesbrough News and Cleveland Advertiser.

Arthur Metcalfe Horse Dealer of Carlin How. The youth aged 18 got his head between two waggons in Lofthouse mines. North Eastern Daily Gazette 28 October 1895.

All three supplied by **Dorothy Pope M55**.

DID YOU SEE that one of the homes featured on BBC TVs "Through the Keyhole" on Thursday 17 January 2002 was that of **Charles Metcalfe** the sometime opera singer turned wine writer? **Lesley Longworth M68**

WHO'S THE BREEDER? "A well known Bedlington dog breeder during the 1930's and 40's was a Mr Metcalfe, who was landlord of the Gardeners Arms in Bedlington, Northumberland." From the Northumbrian, Issue 68 June / July 2002. Does anyone know to whom this refers?

Chairman's Report

I write this during the Golden Jubilee weekend, a time for thanksgiving, reflection and fun. It coincides with the Soccer World Cup. So far as England's team is concerned not one for celebration, rather a lot of reflection and only a bit of fun, if the first game played by them is anything to go by. Thank goodness for Family History many of you probably say.

Our Society has not been established for 50 years, although we are well on the way to our Silver Jubilee. I would like to thank again everyone, on your behalf, who has been associated with the running of the Society since its foundation. It is appropriate here to thank Mary Morris in New Zealand for doing so much for us in New Zealand as our first "agent" there. Mary has had to give up this role and will be greatly missed.

I was looking at our Magazines in 1992 before writing this report. This has caused me to reflect how much the Society has developed in a relatively short period. No Metcalfe Clan Book contemplated ten years ago. The second edition is now at the printers and orders have already, after a matter of weeks, exceeded 100. We were worried in 1992 that we had lost more members during the year than had newly joined. Membership now is very healthy with those joining vastly exceeding those who leave.

The Internet has greatly enhanced our membership and promoted the Society in ways not dreamt of ten years ago. We then boasted 27,000 records of Metcalfes, on computer; earlier this year it stood at 87,000. We were proud to announce, ten years ago, the purchase of a second computer to add to the existing "second hand" model we already owned; by my reckoning we now have 8 computers. We had no overseas agents, who make the Committee's work so much easier. We now have 4 including our new USA agent. The Society had become a member of the Federation of Family History Societies. Last year we were privileged to welcome Lady Teviot, the President of the Federation, to open the 21st Anniversary Muster.

The purpose of our Society is, to me, more than to help fellow researchers to find that elusive piece of information, or ancestor; it is also to educate and to help our colleagues to enjoy doing so, in the company of other like minded persons, whether through the pages of the Mecca News or personally at the annual Muster.

Everyone certainly seemed to have enjoyed themselves over the Bank holiday and I trust you will continue to enjoy being a member of our Society. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the October Muster.

David Lambert

A CONUNDRUM

To copy or to print that is the question!

For the last 12 years the Mecca News has been published in A5 format, the society has been extremely fortunate to be the benefactor of a free copying service of the three Mecca News journals each year. That is a total of 36 editions of the journal, somewhere between 500 - 700 copies of each 32/40 page edition an awful lot of copying and an awful lot of trees!! This service has saved the society a great deal of money over the years which has been channelled into other projects (eg Metcalfe-History of the Clan) and enabled the society to maintain a low subscription level.

Due to the current economic climate this service has had to be temporarily, and possibly permanently, withdrawn by the provider. You will see a variation on the presentation and the look and feel of this edition of the Mecca News. The society is keeping everything crossed that we will be the bearer of good news in the December edition that this excellent service will be available again. However, if not, then your committee is looking at the longer term cost/benefit implications of paying for either a low quality photocopied Mecca News (as we have been getting) or paying a higher amount for a printed Mecca News of better presentation quality. Please send any views you may have to the Editor. Also if you have experience of a good quality printer or photocopying service please do contact the editor with your comments.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 7 September 2002 Pudsey Civic Hall 10am - 4.30pm, £1 admission, refreshments available

Saturday 7 September 2002 North Wales FH Fair, The Conference Centre, Llandudno, North Wales.

Saturday 14 September 2002. West Middlesex FHS Open Day, St Peter's Church, Laleham Road, Staines, Middlesex.

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.

Sunday 27 October 2002 from 10.30am to 4.30pm at Manchester Town Hall. The North West Family History Fair has moved its date and its location for this year's event. Admission is £2, free street parking as it is a Sunday, refreshments, licensed bar. Come and visit the Society's stand.

"A TORTUOUS AND UNGODLY JUMBLE"

-- PART TWO --

by David Lambert M11

(The second article about title deeds and the legal system which created them. Part I appeared in Issue 66 - April 2002.)

INCIDENTS

On the News today a reference was made to the fact that several "incidents" had occurred which the police were investigating. A word which we are used to hearing but one which 600 years ago had a different meaning.

In this article I hope to explain the reason for the difference between freehold and copyhold tenure. In so doing I will refer to feudal incidents, manorial courts and the important distinction between free and unfree tenants.

In the previous Article I explained that land holding was originally dependent on rendering a service to one's lord in return for the right to hold, under him, the land granted. What I mentioned there was ownership by free tenants. I concluded with a reference to the tenant's obligations to comply with certain incidents.

Manorial incidents were the source of great wealth to the lord, including it should not be forgotten the Crown. They included: "heriot", "homage and fealty", "wardship and marriage" and "escheat". The most crucial incident was that of "homage and fealty". The swearing of loyalty to the lord and agreement by the tenant that he would attend the lord's court. In return for this the lord contracted to uphold the rights of occupation ("seizin") of the tenant. Having sworn his loyalty to his lord, the tenant was required to attend the lord's court. It will be seen that this became part of the conveyancing procedures.

- **"Heriot"** was the right of the lord to the best beast or a sum of money (usually 5 shillings (25 new pence)) payable when the tenant died.

- **"Wardship"** gave the lord the right to manage the holding for his own profit where the tenant had died and was survived by a male heir who was a minor, that is a boy under the age of 21, or was survived by a daughter who was unmarried, under the age of 14. At the end of "wardship", the former ward would have to pay the lord a "relief" (a monetary payment) to take up his landholding. During wardship the Lord could choose a spouse for the ward.

- **"Escheat"** was in effect the forfeiture of the tenure. It occurred: (1) on the death of a tenant without an heir; (2) if the tenant was convicted and sentenced to death for a felony; or (3) if the tenant was in breach of his obligations to render services to his lord. On escheat, the holding went back to the lord and the tenant was dispossessed.

In the case of the free tenure in common socage, the tenant was primarily only subject to the incident of escheat. The services were commuted to nominal sums of money. In 1290 the statute of Quia Emptores prohibited the creation of new tenures and allowed all free tenants to transfer or convey their land holdings to third parties without the consent of the lord being obtained. Tenure in socage accordingly became more valuable to the tenant. The holding was subject to the performance of the few onerous existing services and only one incident. It became what we call Freehold tenure.

UNFREE TENURE

Free tenants enjoyed, as we have seen, a fair amount of autonomy, paying eventually a small rent with only a few obligations to their lord. Unlike them, the "unfree" tenants (often called a villein or bondsman) were more restricted. Originally they, in effect, were the agricultural labourforce of the manor. They were granted land holdings in return for services, often including rent but also manual labour too. Unlike their free tenant neighbours, they were required to carry out the work, at a given time and at a given place. The free tenants could undertake their services when they wanted to do, the unfree tenants could not; they had no choice as to when to do the work. Some of their duties (services) included providing butter and other foodstuffs to the lord. They had to repair the manorial mill etc.

They were not free to leave the manor without the lord's consent. These tenants were of the villein class a status higher than slaves but lesser than free tenants. The villeins were treated as property of the lord and would be sold whenever as manor was sold. By the end of the 14th Century the old servile villein class was in decline and it has been said that there were none by 1600. It became usual for a lord to grant a new type of tenure, similar to the villein tenure referred to above. In place of services of an agricultural nature a fixed rent would be charged. The tenant was now earning wages and could afford to pay rent.

Unlike the free tenant, who had "seizin" of his land (see above), an unfree tenant did not have seizin in the land granted to him, since this was retained by the lord. The unfree tenant held his land by the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor where the land was situated. Each manor had its

own customary laws and, whilst there were common rules, there were variations from manor to manor.

They, too, were subject to manorial incidents, similar to those referred to above in connection with free tenants. The unfree tenant had to swear homage and fealty to his lord. A heriot would have to be paid and if an unmarried daughter wanted to marry a merchant had to be paid to the lord.

The unfree tenants only held their land with the consent of the lord and any transfer had to be with the lord's approval. The procedures were carried out before the Court Baron.

MANORIAL COURTS

In the previous article I referred to the obligation contained in the title deeds of Ashton Old Hall Farm that its owner must give "suit and service" to "every Court Baron of ...Viscount Allen ...to be holden and kept for the Manor of Ashton-upon-Mersey upon summons and warning used and accustomed in such cases within the Manor".

This was the lord's Court Baron, a manorial court comprising the other tenants of the lord. It dealt with the escheat (see above) of tenures, transfers back to the lord by way of surrender or minor disputes between the tenants. Confusingly another local court, called the Court Leet was often held at the same time and comprised, in certain cases, the same individuals.

The original Court Leet was devolved from the Crown and it became involved with the free tenants, as well as carrying out certain administrative functions such as the election of constables. The Tudor reform of local government, with its empowering of the Justices of the Peace and the Quarter Sessions, meant that the powers of the Court Leet were very restricted by the 17th century.

With the passage of time the functions of the two courts became confused and the name of the courts became interchangeable. The Court Baron, however, was the manorial Court which continued to deal at local level with the manor and its unfree tenants. In practice the obligation to attend such courts mostly fell into disuse by the 19th Century. We are fortunate that court records have survived. These usually comprise the court "Call Book", which lists the "jurors" who attended the sessions of the court and "Verdict Books" which give a brief description of the cases heard before the jurors with their verdict.

The Historical Manuscript Commission (HMC) of Quality Court, Quality Court,

Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HP will answer limited, simple, queries about the survival of the Manorial records for a manor or a parish in a manor. It does not hold any records itself. They have a useful Website for those with computer access. The address is www.hmc.gov.uk. For further information also see the Public Record Office Reader's Guide No.6 ("Using Manorial Records" by Mary Ellis). Queries should be made in writing, by post, fax or e-mail about the whereabouts of Manorial records. It can be rewarding to consult them. Many records are lodged with local or County record offices, but in some cases they are still in private hands, held by solicitors or the family, who are or were lords of the manor.

The Manorial Document Register is maintained by them but is not fully not fully computerised. By extreme good fortune though, Yorkshire (together with Hampshire and the Isle of Wight) have been indexed and are available for searches over the Internet.

When preparing this article I searched against Nappa but unfortunately no surviving manorial documents are recorded. A search against Horton-in-Ribblesdale, which is where my Metcalfes originated, was more successful revealing 4 entries: A court roll for 1517-18, two in 1551-61 and a court roll for 1766. Anyone with ancestors in the Manor of Wakefield, which covered a huge area of the West Riding of Yorkshire, is extremely fortunate since their Rolls and records survive going back to the 1300s. The Yorkshire Archaeological Society is publishing these and already a large number have been published.

As a digression the HMC, also maintain the National Register of Archives, which can be accessed via the Web, post or a personal visit. This contains over 40,000, often unpublished, catalogues. The Register permits simple and detailed searches against personal names, family names and place names. It is not terribly productive so far as the Metcalfes are concerned.

A search against the surname METCALFE reveals only the family of our name of Inglethorpe Hall Emneth Norfolk. Their 19th century family and estate papers await you at Cambridgeshire County Record Office [ref:Acc R84/62][NRA 36648 Metcalfe]. Any of you interested?

CONVEYANCING

In the next article I will explain how the ability to transfer the free and unfree tenures developed until the 20th Century and where some of the documents are to be found.

.....and pay by credit card too!

Your Treasurer and Web Designer/Administrator, Carol Herbert (M1072), has brought the society even further into the 21st century. By the miracles of technology, the society is absolutely delighted to be able to offer the facility whereby members can pay for subscriptions, publications and merchandise via credit cardonline.

In the past we have not been able to offer payment by credit card because the service has been very costly. This situation has not changed. To enable us to accept payment via credit card over the phone or by post is still not a viable proposition for the society. However, the equivalent service is available from a number of online service providers at both a minimal cost and in a secure environment. We now have an agreement with PAYPAL, and so can offer the credit card payment facility online via our own website. Hence, this is the one and only service that we are able to offer members (and non-members) online, but are not able to provide it via phone or by post.

So what can you order and pay for via credit card at www.metcalf.org.uk absolutely everything that is available for purchase within the society - the new reprint of 'Metcalf - History of the Clan', society Christmas Cards, all merchandise listed on the Sales Order Form, and most importantly - your subscription. What you will notice is that all prices are given in US dollars (\$) rather £ sterling - each \$ price roughly equivalent to our published £ price. All members can use this online service on a world-wide basis, paying in US dollars. UK members will probably find that it is still slightly cheaper (by just a few pennies) to continue paying by personal £ sterling cheque and sending it by post. But for convenience, do feel free to order/pay online.

The service is totally secure, reliable and convenient. We tested the service with the advance orders of the 'Metcalf-History of the Clan' book with total success. We even signed up a few new members at the same time! We only experienced a few problems - all of WHICH were of the human 'user error' variety!

So do try it if you wish especially when it is time to renew your subscriptions - the society (treasurer and agents especially) will certainly reap the benefit at that time, and you also receive automatic confirmation that your subscription has been paid. **Diane Howarth M409**

CORRECTION. To the bank account number given in the last issue (MN66 page 13) It should read 00028673.

The Mecca Muster goes from strength to strength!

"Just a line to say how much I enjoyed Saturday and meeting so many Metcalfes".

Special guest Lady Mary Teviot on last year's Muster

Don't miss this year's Muster - not only do we have a super presentation by an external speaker, but as you will read in this journal, the society is delighted to be launching the reprint of the book 'Metcalf-History of the Clan'.

Along with these major features, the AGM and all the usual favourites will be there, plus free refreshments throughout the day - it really is a super day out. Bring along your own packed lunch if you wish or enjoy a super hot buffet two-course lunch for just £10!

So don't miss out - all details about the Muster are on the enclosed leaflet. Book your place now by completing and returning the enclosed Muster Reservation Form.

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 • **The Northern Genealogical Fair**, held again at York racecourse
 • on Saturday 29th June, was an enjoyable and well attended day. David
 • Metcalf and Margaret Hodgson ran the stall on behalf of the Society,
 • very usefully helped by Nina Benson and Jose Hopper. We were all very
 • pleased to see Nina again and to hear she is planning her new office,
 • researching her own family tree, in the flat into which she has moved
 • recently.
 • Many members visited the Metcalf stand during the course of the day:
 • Sheila Wade M1247, Pat Rushworth M850, Graham Metcalf M1073,
 • Geraldine Tew M1049, Frank Shiers M1135, John Metcalf M1344,
 • Margaret Williamson M721, Rosemary Netzel M1156, Jo Heron M1042,
 • Peter Cowles, Chris Smith M1198. Two new members Fran Hayden and
 • David Dixon joined and were welcomed during the course of the day.
 • Interest was shown in the second edition of the "Metcalf: History of the
 • Clan" and some advance orders were placed to add to the healthy total
 • already recorded by Diane. Altogether nearly £420 of business was done
 • on this day. Looking around the bustling exhibition area also afforded
 • many opportunities to see something of the developments in other or-
 • ganisations and societies connected with genealogy.
 • **Margaret Hodgson M515**
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Books

Bishopdale Booklet No 56 - **1901 Census Returns for Melbecks and Muker in Swaledale**. £2 + UK postage 30p.

Bishopdale Booklet No 57 - **1901 Census Returns for Bishopdale, Newbiggin, Thoraby and Burton-cum-Walden**. £2 + UK postage 30p.

Both from Jean Kington, 65 Elder Close, Winchester, Hants SO22 4LH.

District Register Offices in England & Wales. 14th Edition. Available from East Yorkshire Family History Society, Mrs JP Morris, 11 Eppleworth Road, Cottingham, East Yorks HU16 5YE. UK 75p, Overseas Airmail £1.60. Cheques in Sterling and made payable to EYFHS. British postage stamps accepted for orders under £1.

Images of England : Maryport (Cumbria) compiled by Keith Thompson ISBN0 7524/2158/1 £9.99.

Bishops Broth by Bishop Ronald Brown £5.99. Publishers John Hart Publishing Ltd.

Your Guide to the Family History Library : How to Access the World's Largest Geology Resource by Paula Stuart Warren & James W Warren. About the FH Library in Salt Lake City. Available from David & Charles Newton Abbot. £12.99

REVIEW My daughter, who visits friends at Dent, got a present of a book given, a few months ago. It is a lovely edition of "**Dentdale 2000**" - a family album of Dentdale at the start of the Millennium. Editor Ingram Cleasby, assistant Shirley Tebay.

The book has every house or cottage in Dent and the surrounding area, with a few lines about each property and a photo of the owners. I turned the page and there was a photo of Frank and Agnes Capstick - M809, who we met on a lovely day out up there about two years ago. Incidentally there are only two properties with a Metcalfe living in it.

Mrs Lilah Chapman M218

A St Columb Wedding Riddle

from Mrs Carol Arkwright M86

At a wedding last week, at St Columb, the persons present stood in the following relations to each other - two fathers, two brothers, two uncles, two fathers-in-law, two cousins, a husband and wife, and a son and daughter, yet the company consisted of only four persons.

Source: West Briton, 22 March 1822

How did 4 people fulfill all these conditions?

See Page 23 for the Answer!

Metcalfe Sightings

East Rounton - The day of June 1604 **Willim Metcalfe** of Tylehouse of ye prsh of ould Byland & consystrie of York Gentleman hath received the filia portion of Jane Buttrie which cometh to the sum of xxx ys wh he promisetht faithfully to repay to ye s d Jane or assignes, when she shall come to lawful state & make him a sufficient acquittance & discharge. 35s Recieved also xxx vs to ye s d Jane's yearly education by me Willm Metcalfe in ye presence of us witnesses. David Jaine, Minister of East Rounton. Willm Thornabie, James Hemsley, Geo Trew hitt. **Strays from M398 WR Metcalfe**

From Ripon Gazette January 1900. "The discussion showed that, whatever the illuminating quality of Ripon Gas, its explosive character is undeniable." A comment after the gas explosion which damaged **Metcalfe the Furnishers** in Kirkgate and injured Mr Metcalfe the owner.

Ripon Gazette June 1901. **Mr John Metcalfe**, Tailor and draper of Kirkgate died aged 81. Both supplied by **Charles S Metcalfe M305**.

12 August 1805. **Richard Metcalf** for the murder of his infant son-in-law (stepson?). Source Executions in County Durham 1732/1860 page 118 Northumberland and Durham FHS Journal Winter 2000.

Captain William Bergen of Blyth commanded the 457 ton barque **Sarah Metcalf** which was engaged in the transatlantic trade and summer routes to the Baltic States. Page 19 Northumberland and Durham FHS Journal Spring 2000.

Marriage Index Tydd St Mary Lincolnshire. 1789 **Thomas Metcalfe** m Ann Hutton (widow); 1795 **Ann Metcalfe** (widow) m William Hides; 1804 **Jonathon Metcalfe** m Elizabeth Callow (widow); 1832/33 **Robert Ives Metcalfe** m Ann Snushall. Supplied by **Elizabeth Potts M424**.

A Gentleman and a Scholar

5 June 1812. All Saints Sedgley Staffs.
Burial of **Metcalfe, Thomas** MD of Woodsutton.

"The above mentioned Gentleman came into this parish a few months ago in an obscure situation. It has been reported of him that he was educated in one of our universities, that he had lived in affluence, had served as Consul General at Leghorn and held correspondence with many reputable persons of rank. Most certainly he appeared to be in his deportment and conversation a gentleman and a scholar." Supplied by **Anne Stanford** a non-member.

From:- The Old Yards of Darlington
by Irene Smith 1980

Durham County Library Publications

The 1851 census has been used as it was the first census to name a person's place of origin. It has been frustrating trying to work out the number of people, houses, place of origin, etc., of the occupants of tile yards because if a yard was not adopted (ie. did not come under the Board of Health's control for repairs) its name was never mentioned and the list of households dwelling in the yards, was detailed as if they all lived on the main street. Tubwell Row is a good case in point, as not one yard is mentioned by name, for it must be borne in mind that all these yards were cul-de-sacs, not one was a right-of-way.

There seemed to have been about three hundred and fifty households in the yards out of a total of two thousand six hundred and eighty eight in Darlington but this included Blackwellgate making about seven and a half per cent of the total. Out of a total of one hundred and thirty nine empty houses in the town, twenty nine (nearly twenty per cent) were in the yards. It would appear therefore that as there were more families than houses and people packed into the yards for economic reasons, these twenty nine empty houses must have been ones beyond repair.

Nearly half of the heads of households (one hundred and forty eight out of three hundred and twenty) were Darlington born, but one hundred and twenty heads of households came from the surrounding countryside of County Durham and Yorkshire. Six heads of households came from Scotland, whilst Ireland supplied thirty eight, who congregated in the yards off Clay How like Princess Square and Feetham's Yard off Priestgate. The remaining eight heads of households came from London, Carlisle or elsewhere in Britain.

There were twenty paupers receiving Parish Relief but only four persons had Darlington as their place of origin so the other sixteen must have qualified for Parish Relief through marriage, apprenticeship or have lived here for a great number of years. The Irish did not qualify for Relief, so about twelve families were described as "beggars", like poor John McGallon of Palace Yard, his wife Elizabeth, their sons Patrick and Sandy who were all described as "beggars no relief", for their place of origin was Ireland.

Darlington's yards were not only inhabited by poor folk, for John Bell aged sixty six years, who lived in Johnson's Yard (later it was better known as

Russell's Yard) was described as a "Proprietor of Houses." He originated from Stockton and as there were two in the household, the other person must have been a servant. Altogether there were three "Proprietors of Houses" living in the yards and three "Annuitants."

Michael Pigg, the innkeeper of the Black Bull Inn in the Market place, had an unusual visitor staying with him on the day of the census - a John Welsh bachelor from the U.S.A., noted as a "Proprietor of Land and a magistrate." John Welsh was born at Fishburn, Co. Durham, so here was a local man who had made good.

A fifty six year old widow, Mrs. Susan Steward of Johnson's Yard, was noted as a "Labourer in the fields," this shows the close relationship then between town and country. She hailed from Scotland and there were four others in her household to care for.

George W. Simpson aged twenty six, is noted as a newspaper editor, who lived in Garbutt's Square and Henry Spencer aged thirty nine, described as a sub-editor, lived in the purpose built and higher class area, Potter's Yard. In Peaceful Valley, John Beswick aged fifty years, who originated from Blackly in Lancashire, was the "Bleacher of Flax". John Butterfield was a cowkeeper in Stubb's Yard, the yard south of Russell Yard on High Row and James Hunter was the cowkeeper in Clark's Yard who originated from Chigwell, Essex. The positioning of this trade in a densely populated area just off High Row must have been very convenient for their customers but objectionable to nearby households.

John Smith aged fifty three was a dyer of woollens and lived in Catterick's Yard. Woolcombing, a former elite craft was now very much on the decline, the census only mentioned twenty two wool combers and they relied on their wives to go out to work. The hand-loom weavers were still around, but steam-loom weavers were coming to the fore, showing the transition in technology from hand-working to mechanisation.

Short Summary of the People living in The Yards in 1899.

There were two hundred and forty families living in forty seven yards and of these forty six were Irish. Seven houses were vacant (unfit for habitation?) and there were seventy widows and spinsters living in the yards - mostly living on their own in probably the cheapest and smallest accommodation that could be afforded.

The occupations of the men are ranked as follows allowing for the fact

that fourteen were unemployed.

Occupations

Labourers	86
Joiners	8
Painters	7
Butchers	}
Cab Drivers	}
Grooms	}
Rulley Men (carters)	}
Bellhanger	}
Tallowchandler	}
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This shows that the occupants were mostly unskilled and that their wages would barely keep them above the bread-line even if they were lucky enough to have regular employment.

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Seeböhm Rowntree, the son of Joseph Rowntree, the Quaker cocoa manufacturer, made a survey of conditions in York in 1899 "Poverty: A Study of town life." He stated that a family with three children needed 21s. 8d. a week to provide food, fuel, clothing and rent to keep them out of "primary poverty" and about twenty five per cent of York's population fell into this group. The average wage in Darlington at this time for a man was from £1 to £1. 2s. 6d.

Statistics.

- 1767 Only one Yard mentioned in local census.
 1801 Population 4,670, with 900 houses, there were over 200 Yards.
 1841 Population 11,877 with 2,100 houses and with 18 lodging houses mostly in the Yards.
 1846 200 people died of typhus in the Yards of Blackwellgate and Houndgate.
 1851 Population 12,439 and there were 108 Yards but only 42 were drained and they contained 151 privies - or one for every 17 persons. There were also 350 pig sties in these yards. There were 7 public pumps at Blackwellgate, Bondgate, Northgate, Priestgate, Skinnergate and 2 in Tubwell Row.
 1861 Population 16,762.
 1863 300 houses built at Albert Hill by Henry Pease (Quaker), son of Edward Pease, on the Nestfield Estate which belonged to the Allan family. This was the first purpose built housing estate for workers in this town.
 1865 15,000 people lived in the Yards, Bondgate with the greatest density,

having 15 Yards.

- 1871 Population 30,298, people drifting into the town due to the agricultural depression.
 1899 All Yards still lived in had to be paved with Comondale or Scoria bricks, in order to make them easier to sweep, wash and disinfect.
 1901 Population 45,958.
 1902 40 Yards contained a population of 661 who lived in the 171 houses.
 1915 59 Yards were lived in due to the housing shortage of World War I. The average rent was 4s.6d. per 2 rooms.
 1926 64 Yards were lived in, the increase was due to the depression.
 1936 48 Yards were lived in.
 1966 All yards free of habitation.

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Birth and Death Rates.

1840	Average age at death of persons living in yards.	33 years	
	Average age at death of Quakers.	54 years	
1842-3.	The death rate of children;-	Quakers	Others
	Under 1 year of age	27%	73%
	10 to 15 years	22%	78%

A St Columb Wedding Riddle from Mrs Carol Arkwright M86

Answer to the question on page 18:

Francis SYMONS (the younger) married Agnes SYMONS, 10 Mar 1822 St Columb Major, Cornwall. They were first cousins. The other two present were their respective fathers, who were brothers. Agnes's father was Francis (the elder). His brother, father of the groom, was William SYMONS.

**It is with regret that we report the death in 2001 of
M35 Mr Derek Metcalfe,
of BRIDLINGTON, East Riding of Yorkshire.
We extend our sympathy to all relatives and friends.**

Archivist Report from Eileen Measures M1086

This is just a short report to thank all who have been so patient waiting for their letters and emails to be answered. Not everyone will have received a reply yet but hopefully by the time you read this most should have received some form of answer.

With my two main computers playing 'dead' it has been almost impossible to cope with many of your queries, but thankfully apart from a very few, most searches have now been done, not all will be successful but then that is what genealogy is all about.

I find that due to the success of the Metcalfe web site, I am getting emails from non-members who think they can access information through me without joining, unfortunately, this does take up time as all need to be answered, even though I cannot help them unless they join the society.

My other 'Bugbear' is receiving letters from members either by land mail or email without their membership numbers in easy view, again this all costs me time looking them up. Also if any of you do email PLEASE PUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER ON THE SUBJECT LINE! Not only will this make it easier to process, but it also alerts me if any email arrives from strangers which may contain virus in some form, KEEP YOUR VIRUS CHECKER UP TO DATE!!

Thank you again for your patience and keep your fingers crossed that no more Gremlins decide to visit me.

Christmas Cards now available in smaller packs!

The Metcalfe Society Christmas cards were a great success when they were launched this time last year in time for our 21st birthday celebrations. One comment that was made was that a few people did not want to buy 20 cards at once. The main reason being that they didn't have or know 20 Metcalfe relations! You don't have to send these cards just to Metcalfe relations - send them to all your friends! Don't you receive Christmas cards from many charities that are close to the hearts of your friends. Why don't you do the same? Having said that, as we are always looking to improve the services to our members, the society is delighted to announce that the cards are now available in packs of 10 and/or 20. Full details are on the enclosed new Christmas Cards order form. You can also order the Christmas Cards via our website using your credit card (see the separate new announcement about the online credit card payment facility in this journal).

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Corrections

M0398 Mr W R Metcalfe should read: 1 West Auckland Road, Darlington, DL3 9EJ.

M1209 Mrs Nora Clyde should read: 11, McDowall Pl, Kambah, ACT 2902, Australia.

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BIRTH BRIEF SECTION - compiled by Eileen Measures Archivist.

ABBREVIATIONS :- MT = METCALF. MTE = METCALFE. MD = MEDCALF. MDE = MEDCALF. B = born. bpt = baptised. d = died. da = daughter. d/o = daughter of. s = son. s/o = son of. m = married. The new system notes where the child fits into their parent's family hence 6/10 means 6th child of 10.

UP-DATED BIRTH BRIEFS

M338 Mrs Diane Green 1 Albert Court, Halifax, West Yorkshire, HX2 0DT. Grand d.o. Frederick Wilson & Lottie (Hill) Mte, m 1 Dec 1917 Halifax, Frederick Wilson b 4 Oct 1877 Bradford, s.o. John William & Sophia (Wilson) Mte m 1 Oct 1876 Calverley Yks, John William b 16 Feb 1853, s.o. John & Mary (Brade) Mte m 6 Mar 1839, John b 6 Jul 1819, bpt 25 Dec 1819 Leeds, s.o. Michael & Ellen (Slading) Mte m 1 Jun 1818 Leeds.

M1289 Ms Cheryl Metcalfe 32 Sidney Road Blackley Manchester M9 8AT. Cheryl d.o. Barry & Marie (Cooper) Mte. Barry b 30 Aug 1947, s.o. Ben & Emily (Moran) Mte, Ben b 15 Oct 1913 s.o. John (Jack) & Beatrice (?) Mte m Failsworth s.o. Thomas and Sarah Jane (Healey) Mte m 25 May 1884 Saddleworth, Thomas so William Mte Farrier Saddleworth Lancs **Conn M150**

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.

M1112 Mr James W. Metcalf 44 Rosburn Drive Etobicoke Ontario Canada M902PS James s.o. William C & Janet Deanna (Rogers) Mt m 7 Jul 1962 Cleveland Ohio USA William C b 15 Sept 1940 Petrolia Ontario s.o. Carl Cornelius & Helen Maria (Armstrong) Mt m 25 May 1938 Pet/Ont Carl Cornelius b 24 Feb 1915 Pet/Ont s.o. Cornelius E. & Annie Laura (Hedges) Mt Cornelius E. b 4 Oct 1881 s.o. Cornelius & Jane Sarah (Steadman) Mt m 28 Nov 1867 Pet/Ont Cornelius b 15 Jan 1845 s.o. John & Frances A. (Barton) Mt m 12 Apr 1832, Immigrated to Canada 1834. John b 31 Jul 1777 Farlington Yks, s.o. Percival & Ann (Swales) Mt m 29 Dec 1761 Farlington, Percival b 30 Apr 1735 s.o. John & Mary (?) Mt m c1727, John b 14 Oct 1705 Middlesmoor s.o. John & Isabel (Atkinson) Mt m 6 Aug 1704 Middlesmoor John b c 1684. Conn to be confirmed

M1120 Mr J.E. Metcalfe Larkfield, Cowdown Lane, Goodworth Clatford, Andover SP11 7HG John s.o. Allen Mte b 1896 so William & Elizabeth

(Cross) Mte m 11 Aug 1883, William b 13 Sept 1864 Pickering Yks s.o. Matthew & Mary Anna (Tyson) Mte m 12 Feb 1861 Matthew bpt 18 Jul 1857 Pickering s.o. James & Ann (Piercy) m 19 Mar 1832 James c 17 Mar 1809 Pickering s.o. Thomas and Jane (Hodgson) m 16 Dec 1801 Thomas b 1771 **Conn XM136**

M1280 Mrs Evelyn Minney 64 Halls Road Myrtle Ford Vic 3737 Australia G.d. o. Elijah & Mary (Mte) Watson m 10 Dec 1915 Stalling Busk Mary b 1885 Bainbridge d.o. Henry & Phillis Ann (Mte) Mte, Henry b 1851 s.o. Christopher & Jane (Mte) Mte, Christopher b 1823 Borwins s.o. George & Elizabeth (Chapman) Mte Phillis Ann d.o. Ralph Tiplady (Query which Ralph Tiplady?) Jane b 1823 d.o. John & Margaret (?) Mte, John s.o. William & Ann (Tomlin) Mte. Ann d.o. Leonard & Ann (Hodgson) Ann d.o. William & Ann (Mte) Hodgson. **Conn M178 XM415 XM419 XM875**

M1294 Mrs Johanna Jenkins 49 Warren Close Hay on Wye Hereford HR3 5EL Email peter@jenkins35.fsnet.co.uk D.o. Clifford & Kathleen (Barrington) Mte, m 4 Sept 1940 Clifford b 6 Jun 1910 s.o. Jacob & Agnes (Billingham) Mte m 1897 Jacob b 1880 Peterchurch/Madley s.o. Jacob Mte b 1848 Llandylo Monmouth.

M1295 Mr Howard Craig Metcalf P.O. Box Pleasantville, I A 50220 USA. 4 Gt Grandson o. Isaac & Mary (Spencer) Mte, Isaac b 13 Feb 1784 bpt 14 Mar 1784 Sedburgh, s.o. Isaac & Mary (Wilson) Mte m 4 Aug 1783 Asby Wes Isaac bpt 6 Jan 1748 Stalling Busk, s.o. John & Isabel (Mte) m 26 Sept 1747 Stalling Busk. Isabel Mte ? **Conn M118 M404**

M1303 Mr George Metcalfe White, 1541 Mt Dufferin Drive, Kamloops ,B.C. VZE 1A3 Canada. S.o. Frederick Metcalfe & Ida (Bottomley) White, Frederick Metcalfe b 24 Apr 1896, s.o. John Metcalfe & Mary Ellen (McCabe) White, John Metcalfe b 1861 s.o. Elizabeth (Mte) & William White m 2 Jul 1856, Elizabeth b 3 Jun 1835 Skipton d.o. Edmund & Elizabeth (Jameson) Mte, Edmund bpt 7 Jun 1880 s.o. John & Margaret (Wilson) Mte m 27 Dec 1786 Hawes. **Conn M112 M147 M191**

M1306 Mrs Sharon Davidson 3 Kent Close, Darlington, Co Durham DL3 0AU. D.o. Thomas & Avril Rita (Mt) Fletcher m 1 Oct 1966 Stockton on Tees, Avril Rita b 19 Apr 1940 Thornaby d.o. William Myers & Florence (Wise) Mt, William Myers b 16 Feb 1903, s.o. John & Maria (Myers) Mt, John b 1868 North Stainley, s.o. John & Elizabeth (Dickinson) Mt, John bpt 10 Nov 1839 Masham, s.o. Thomas & Margaret (Hauxwell) Mt. **Conn M395**

M1308 Mrs Stephanie Santaana 27 Baroda Street, Khanallah, Wellington, N Zealand Gt gt granddaughter of Edward & Mary Ann (Golding) Mt (Later

Metcalf Smith) m 24 Dec 1861, Edward bpt 16 Jan 1893, s.o. Charles & Maria (Joiner) Mt m 11 Jun 1835, Charles bpt 10 Jan 1839, s.o. Joseph & Ann (Harris) Mt m 25 Dec 1810 Joseph bpt 28 Feb 1790, s.o. Edward & Ursula (?ELL)Mt m 12 Oct 1772, Edward b c1790, s.o. William & Mary (?)Mt, William s.o. Edward & Mary (Robbins) Mt M14 Jun 1716. **Conn XM80 M88**

M1309 Mrs Linda Anne Dalley 2 Tiwha Street, Rotorua, NZ 320. 1Gt Granddaughter o. Robert Walter & Mary Jane (Mte) Chapman m 14 Apr 1875 Mary Jane b 7 Nov 1854, d.o. Joseph & Harriett (Dawson) Mte, Joseph b c1823 Joseph & Harriett sailed to New Zealand on 'Canterbury' left London 18 June 1851. Arrived New Zealand 18 Oct 1851. Details to be confirmed.

M1311 Mr Ray Chapman 37 Raleigh Drive, Victoria Dock, Hull, HU9 1UN. Nephew of M471 Tim J. Mte Tim s.o. Albert Edward & Irene Ellen (Nicholls) Mte, Family line the same.

M1319 Mr Paul Burgess 36 Bankton Brae, Murieston, Livingston, Lothian, EH54 9LA. Gt Grandson o. Isabella Annie (Mte) & George Copsey m 27 Dec 1904 Hawes, Isabella Annie b 1883 Baildon, d.o. Anthony & Elizabeth (?) Mte, Anthony b 21 May 1854 Bingley, s.o. John & Isabella Mte, John b 1822 Sedburgh s.o. Anthony & Elizabeth (Canby) Mte m 20 Feb 1817. Details to be confirmed.

M1321 Mrs Bette Jean van Gortel, Windermere, B.C. Canada V0B 2LO. D.o. Thomas & Fanny Maud (Keynes) Mte m 23 Nov 1918 New Westminster B.C. Canada, Thomas b 7 July 1892 poss Sydenham London England. Details to be confirmed.

M1324 Mrs Maureen Allen 19 Croftsway, Corbridge, Northumberland, NE45 5NB. D.o. George Gordon & Margaret Hannah (Petty) Mte m 3 Aug 1921 Gilling West. George Gordon bpt 22 Aug 1894 Richmond, s.o. Robert & Elizabeth (Frankland) Mte Robert bpt 28 Nov 1852 Hipswell s.o. Robert & Elizabeth (King) Mte m 3 Mar 1818 s.o. George & Elizabeth (Robinson) Mte m 17 Nov 1768 Coniscliffe. **Conn M13 M29 M70 M132DEC M133 M211DEC XM212 M246DEC XM248 M292 XM546 M547 M791 XM847 XM849 M855 M856 XM887 M1139 M1197**

M1325 Mrs Majorie Sharrock 7 Bowland Court, Clitheroe, Lancs BB7 1AS. D.o. John Edward & Sadie (Wilkinson) Mte, John b 13 Jun 1901 s.o. Anthony & Ellen (Austin) Mte m 4 Aug 1900, Anthony Bc1874, s.o. John & Mary Ann (?) Mte, John b c1842. Details to be confirmed.

M1336 Mrs Vera E. Proctor 95 Jenkins Road Carlingford, NSW 2718 Australia. D.o. Sidney & Jane Agnes (Mte) Rockliffe, Jane Agnes b 14 Sept 1886

Rash Mill, Sedburgh, d.o. Thomas & Agnes (Frear) Mte m 3 Jun 1873 Dent, Thomas b 13 Apr 1853 Ingleton, s.o. Richard 7 Ann (Shaw) Mte m 20 Dec 1845 Ingleton, Richard bpt 29 Dec 1822 Low Bentham, s.o. William Mte. **Conn M58DEC XM1088**

M1345 Mr Rod Henderson 35 Koorana Road, Picton, NSW Aus 2571. Gt Gt Grandson o. Benjamin & Alice (Mte) Broadbent m 24 Aug 1857 Bingley Alice b 17 Aug 1835 Keighley Yks, d.o. Anthony & Martha (Wignall) Mte m 15 Nov 1827 Keighley, Anthony bpt 25 Mar 1759 Stalling Busk Yks, s.o. John & Barbara (Mte) m 12 May 1756 Hawes, John bpt 25 Mar 1739 or 1727 s.o. William & Margaret (-1727/8) Mte. Barbara bpt 31 Jul 1729 Hawes d.o. Anthony & Alice (Mte) m 18 Aug 1724 Ingleton Fells, Anthony s.o. Cuthbert & Barbara (Simondston) Mte m 1694 Kettlewell. Cuthbert s.o. Anthony & Elizabeth (Wynn) Mte, Anthony b c1640 s.o. Margaret Mte d.o. Anthony & Ann (Hudson) Mte. #Alice b c1704 Hawes d.o. Philip & Alice (Jackson) Mte m 31 Jul 1698 Hawes, Philip bpt 13 Feb 1676/7 s.o. Thomas Mte. **Conn M55 M63 M178 XM512 XM528 M550 M859 M987**

M1351 Mr Derek & Mrs Mary Barr Berry The Hollies, 32 Fairfield Road, Stockton on Tees TS19 7AW S.o. Henry & Annie Helen (Mte) Berry, Annie Helen b 15 Apr 1893 Straggleton, North Cowton, d.o. Thomas & Sarah (Spedding) Mte m 14 Jun 1875 Darlington, Thomas b 15 May 1856 Bellerby Yks, s.o. James & Dorothy Jane (Walter) Mte m 3 Dec 1855 Bellerby, James b c1843 Preston under Scar, s.o. Thomas & Margaret (Broadley) Mte m 16 Sept 1828 Coverham, s.o. Thomas c1805. **Conn M1123**

M1379 Mrs Christine Edmondson Conifers, 31 Wimborne Road, Colehill, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 2RR Gt Gt Granddaughter of William & Elizabeth (Mte) Haythornthwaite m c1854 Elizabeth b 11 May 1822 Ingleton Fells, d.o. John & Sarah (Richardson) Mte m 22 Apr 1813 Ingleton, John b 30 Jul 1780, s.o. William & Elizabeth (Moor) Mte m 30 May 1778 Horton in Ribblesdale, William b c1748 Weathercote bpt 31 Jul 1748 Ingleton Fell, s.o. John & Agnes (Moore) Mte m 13 Jun 1747 Ingleton Fell, John b c 1772, s.o. William c1680-1750. **Conn XM58DEC M97 XM267 M957 M1066**

Useful web sites

Upper Dales branch of the Cleveland FHS. Details of FHS talks, exhibitions etc in the Wensleydale / Swaledale area. www.bishopdale.demon.co.uk
Ideas for trips locally see www.places-to-visit.co.uk

An interesting hour can be spent at the **Quaker Tapestry Exhibition Centre** in Kendal, Cumbria. Phone 01539-722975 or www.quaker-tapestry.co.uk.

Information on the Dales. www.thisisryedale.co.uk

Dear Editor.....Dear Editor

Do we have competition?

I was browsing the internet doing a search for 'Meccano' and came across a website <http://freenet.edmonton.ab.ca/meccano/mecnews.html> where there is a page 'Meccano Newsletters & Associations'. The first paragraph reads:

Canadian Mecca News (formerly Canadian Meccano News), ISSN 1207-2249, is published by the Canadian Modelling Association for Meccano & Allied Systems (CMAMAS) 130 Neptune Drive, Suite 1109, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M6A 1X% <http://www.memeshadow.net/cmamas/> Rather interesting!. **Alan Vickers M843**



New Zealand Agent

There is the old saying that you do not really realise what you have, and what you rely on, until it disappears. Time and time again, we are all reminded of this. For many years Mary Morris (M147) has been our New Zealand agent, supporting about 20 local members in terms of queries, managing subscription payments, taking merchandise orders etc. The never ending support from Mary over such a long time has enabled us to develop the role of the agents and then in turn, provide Mary and the other agents with improved support, for example, using the latest communication technologies such as e-mail. Therefore, the society is very sad to be losing Mary who has retired this summer as New Zealand Agent. She is hoping to be able to do some travelling and we wish her health and happiness as she enjoys her retirement. There will be a presentation to Mary ... in her absence ... at this year's Mecca Muster.

Given Mary's impending retirement earlier this year, we advised the majority of our New Zealand members via e-mail, and were extremely fortunate that a long-standing member, Alison Hutton (M81) has graciously accepted to take over from Mary. Indeed by now she has already enrolled a few new members and accepted some book orders on behalf of the society. So Alison is now up and running, and supporting our growing band of New Zealand members. Her full contact details are on the inside back cover of this Mecca News, along with the other agents, and Alison has taken over the e-mail address : agentnz@metcalfe.org.uk. The society would like to thank Alison for coming forward and give her our very best wishes in her new role.

We can never thank all of our agents enough for the support they give to the society and to all the members in New Zealand, Australia, Canada and USA.

1841 Poll Book West Riding of Yorkshire

Place of Residence	Person	Situ of land entitling to vote	Vote cast			
			Wortley	Denison	Mitton	Morpeth
Buckden	Wood Metcalfe	Askrigg	X	X		
Embsay	Wm Medcalf	Higher Broughton Manchester		(No vote cast)		
Hetton & Baudley	Wm Medcalf	Fremington Lodge nr Reeth			X	X
Skipton	Wm Medcalf	Higher Broughton Manchester			X	X

Supplied by David Lambert M11

The Character of Elizabeth Barcroft

from The High Court of Delegates
Delegates Exams vol 2 page 160
London Essex 1640
Barcroft v Medcalfe

Christopher Medcalfe, a broken merchant of Old Ford, Stratford Bow in the diocese of London, came into the High Commission Office in Carter Lane, St Mary Magdalen's in a very angry manner and uttered uncivil speeches concerning Elizabeth Barcroft, her character "she would run a tilt at a man, or any man". A handsome woman. John Donaldson of St Mary Magdalen, notary public aged 20 said that Medcalfe did swear and say "God's wounds; now a-days a man may not call a spade a spade".

Supplied by **Michael Gandy M671**

Note to M1025 Mr R D Metcalf - George m Sarah Alderson Woodward of Healaugh in the late 1850's in S Wisconsin/N Illinois see MN48 p9.

The one that got away!an original 'Metcalf Records'

For those of you who have the first edition of 'Metcalf-History of the Clan' you will read in the preface that the book is based on two primary sources about the Metcalfes - one being Walter & Gilbert Metcalf's 'Metcalf Records'. This is an exceedingly rare publication about the Nappa branch of which 50 copies were printed and distributed privately in 1891. The society is aware of the existence of fourteen copies and indeed J.P. Warwick Metcalfe (M256), the lead editor of 'Metcalf-History of the Clan', is a fortunate inheritor of such a copy.

Hence, you could understand that if ever another copy came to light, there are certainly a few members of the society who would probably go a long way to own one of these limited editions your President probably being at the front of the queue closely followed by yours truly - your Secretary!

So there I was, reading the newspaper in my conservatory after a hard day at work when I received a phone call out of the blue from a lady non-member offering the society one of these rare books that she had inherited alongside many others in a bookcase from her father. She was not aware of any personal connection with the Metcalfe family, but as her interest in family history had made her aware of the society, she thought we may be interested in purchasing the book for 'a fair price'.

After picking myself up from the floor, and receiving her full details, I suggested that we get our President, and the above mentioned Warwick Metcalfe, to get in touch with a book expert to understand what might be a fair price for the book and offer this amount. This was duly done and the President, having been told that the book in question was damaged, offered £150 on our behalf after the book expert suggested £100. However, the seller's husband's response was a laugh, and a remark that it was 'worth thousands', and we were trying to get it somewhat cheaply!!

He has been left with contact details and if the seller wishes to get it valued officially and contact us again, we would be delighted to purchase the book for a fair price! So close, yet so far!! The society would have been delighted to own one of these copies but not at any price!

Diane Howarth M409

A snippet from 'The Floating Brothel' by Sian Rees. The book is a true story of an 18th century ship and its cargo of female convicts.

'Among the women released back on the streets were two names later transcribed on the Transportation Register of the *Lady Julian* : maidservant **Elizabeth Metcalfe**, who had stolen shoes from her shoemaker master and had been in prison for six months, and Jane Williams, who had deceived her landlord into letting her a room with a sob story about an injured husband and had then stolen his furniture.'

Paul C. Robertson M1259

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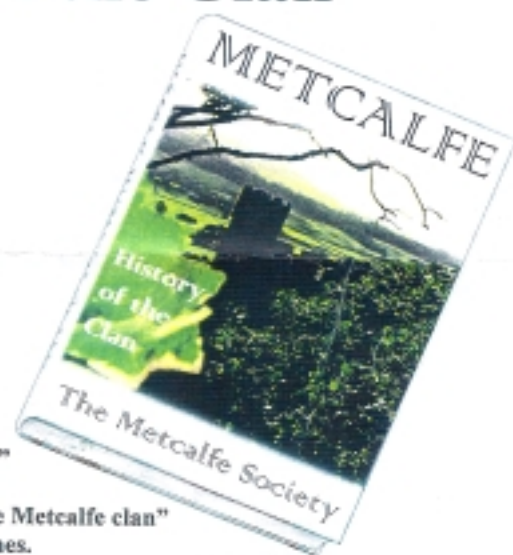
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