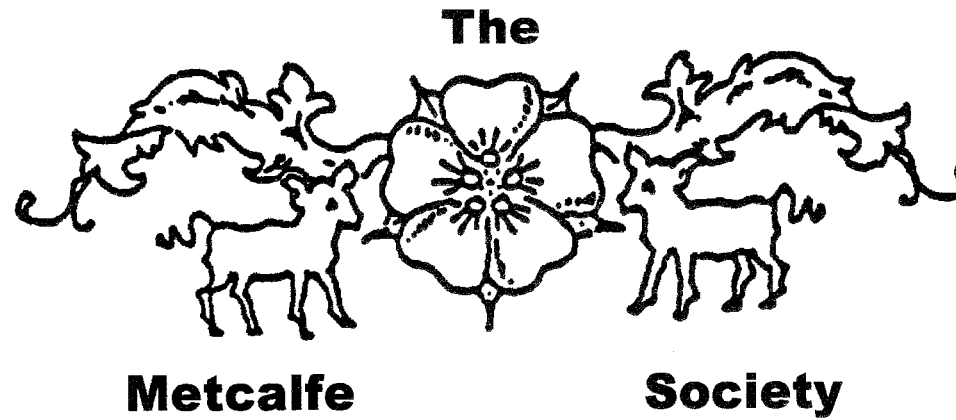




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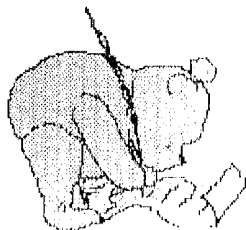
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Like the proverbial London bus, a plethora of articles on DNA and its uses for the family historian have appeared over the last few months in a variety of publications. I had been waiting to see what effect the gene fingerprinting technique might have before penning an article. Now seems the appropriate time to consider whether DNA research is a useful tool for family historians or just a gimmick. See what you think.

The government's white paper "Civil Registration: Vital Change" may set the handling and access to centralized records for the foreseeable future. The paper is currently being discussed and the Federation of Family History Societies has concerns and had provided comments on the possible effects. To influence the decision makers genealogists should make their voices heard or live with the consequences, good or bad.

Don't forget to put Saturday 4 October in your diary for the next Mecca Muster at York. A booking form is enclosed with this issue. Enjoy the Summer.

CAN YOU HELP?

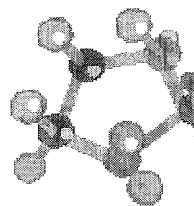
The society is looking for someone who is reasonably close to York who can store the society's exhibition stand all year round - are you able to help?

The society owns an exhibition stand that is used three times a year - twice in York (York Fair in June & Mecca Muster in October) and once in the Manchester area (North West Fair in October/November). At the moment, in between these times the stand is transported up and down the country from Hampshire - both costly & very poor logistically.

Ideally, the society needs to be able to store it all year round close to York so that it can be collected & returned easily by the various people who support these events. The stand is stored in two boxes, each standing on end measuring about 1m high x 1.3m long x 0.2m wide.

If you have a garage, shed or room that could hold these stands please contact the society secretary Diane Howarth (contact details on inside front cover).

A NEW WAY FOR FAMILY HISTORY?



"She looks like your side of the family." "He has your father's nose." "Whose colour hair is that?"

Genes. We have always had them but it is only 50 years ago that the double helix, which shows the code of life and how it copies itself - known as DNA - was identified. It could revolutionise family history research.

Briefly, DNA is your genetic fingerprint. We each have 23 pairs of chromosome containing the DNA blueprint that identifies the materials and the instructions needed to run it to make you. Each of us inherits a chromosome pair from our parents. This allows the identification of the male lineage through the Y chromosome, whilst mitochondrial DNA shows the female descent. If you are keen to obtain more specific information there is some highly technical explanations on the Internet!

You will probably already have heard of or read, over the last two years, articles on the work of Professor Bryan Sykes of the Institute of Molecular Medicine, Oxford who claims that a person's genotype and surname are closely connected. He himself has traced his surname back to the 14th century, when surnames became more generally used. He showed that some 50% of the Sykes men could trace themselves back to that one individual in North Yorkshire over 700 years ago. Professor Sykes has also carried out research claiming that almost all contemporary Europeans are descendants of just seven women - the so called "Seven Daughters of Eve" (Velda, Tara, Helena, Ursula, Katric, Jasmine and Xenia). The oldest one, Ursula, goes back some 45,000 years to Greece - imagine the family tree for that!

The recently repeated BBC TV programme "Blood of the Vikings" used DNA fingerprinting to examine what effect the Norse invaders had had on the population of Britain. Not unsurprisingly they showed the further north you went (towards Scandinavia) the gene pool was more Norse. However there were some surprises such as a significant number of non-Norse lines were still evident. The Northmen had not simply expelled or exterminated the indigenous population; sometimes they had lived closely together. There is strong evidence in the Dales of continuous habitation along the valley terraces for some 4000 years with the more recent incursions of the Vikings kept to the higher hills and valleys.

So what has gene research to do with family history? Is it the replacement of our paper based research by swab taking identification? Do we forget all those journeys to far flung record offices? Like most new techniques any

over enthusiasm has to be tempered by realism. A recent article claimed that a family researcher who had verified links back in time in North Wales to the Norman period was through the tests shown to have one of the few links back to Northern Siberia some 10,000 years ago! But where's the proof and is it just a novelty?

The Y chromosome is handed down the male line. The son's DNA is almost identical (99.9%) to that of his father. Changes are so slow that the linkages as in the Sykes example can go back hundreds of years and still be recognisable. The testing of the Y chromosome can show whether holders of the same surname are in fact related or whether they come from different ancestors. This could be quite a tool for a one name society like ourselves. The first Metcalfe is claimed to be - William de Medecalf de Dent - but do all our lines emanate from this one man or did others adopt the surname or did it arise from other roots? This test might help to place the location of the main family grouping and identify other sources not currently obvious. In addition to the direct testing there is research in the USA by the University of Arizona in Tucson where a database of over 6000 DNA samples from men from all over the world is used to identify regional origins.

The technique might cause offence - as some birth and marriage certificates have in the past. One American woman convinced she was descended from the Mayflower Pilgrims was shocked to learn that her main genes were native American. There are nearly always skeletons in family cupboards. These concerns aside doesn't DNA testing have the potential to be a major new family history tool that could complement traditional methods?

Recent correspondence from members shows that some are already embracing this approach. **Delphine Mc Donnell (M497)** said she had been tested and was a descendant of Xenia from the Caucasus some 25,000 years ago. She had thought having a date back as far as 1585 was an achievement, and says it is the bit between that is the problem! **John L Metcalf (M866)** asked if the Society had considered using the technique. If enough male Metcalfe Society members were to take the test a database could be built up and might prove conclusive linkages where documentary evidence was scant.

John mentions the Mack line organisation in the USA which keeps the records and co-ordinates the results, with the individual paying for their own kit and test. Once connections are established network of related persons is built up and as more and more are tested the usefulness increases. All known relatives are automatically connected to anyone who matches. There are a number of organisations carrying out these tests with costs for a swab testing kit and the test itself costing up to £150.

Any method which can assist with the identification of an ancestor surely must be useful. As written details become fewer the further back you go, verifiable relationships become more difficult. If linkages to other parts of the wider clan can be made this technique could be a way to move the relationships further back. There appears to be the start of a ground swell to use the method and articles are becoming more prevalent indicating a growing interest.

Should the Metcalfe membership use DNA fingerprinting? Some members use paper based methods, others electronic: some place reliance on recognised sources, others are prepared to look for lesser known ones. As with all things this is a matter for the individual but is it appropriate to ignore a possible source? Y chromosome testing appears to have some usefulness in making the linkages between one name family groupings. What do you think of John Metcalf's suggestion?



Civil Registration. Vital Change

The recent Government White Paper **Civil Registration - Vital Change** may make significant changes to the way we carry out our family history research. Whilst new techniques such as DNA fingerprinting described in the previous article might add ways to improve the number of ancestors is this White Paper taking some away? The Federation of Family History Societies circulated the following during the back end of 2002. See what you think.

"It is hard to summarise the Government White Paper. Many genealogists and others have studied it and the consensus is the document is a statement of intent rather than an actual pattern for future practice, so it is no easy task to highlight important details which are not clearly set out in the first place.

The Federation's initial response to the White Paper can be found in the September 2002 issue of *Family History News and Digest* and on our website. The website also includes a much more detailed examination of the main points which are likely to be of relevance for the future of family history research headed 'Points for Discussion'. Both can be found in the Societies section of the site. The formal consultation has been promised 'in the autumn' and we await this with bated breath. In the meantime here are some of the main features, good and bad of the proposals as they stand.

Good news

- Older records will be opened to general inspection and these are described as historic records. It will no longer be necessary to buy an expensive certified copy of an entry when all you want is to see the information on it.

- The government intends to computerise the more recent records to those relating to the 'active population' and will support the efforts of not-for-profit organisations to do the same for the historic records.

- More information will be recorded at the time of registration of births, marriages and deaths which will be helpful to genealogists in the future.

- The government's intention is to create through-life records by a system of record linkage.

Bad News

- There will be restrictions on access to some information contained in records relating to the 'active population' essentially addresses, occupations and causes of death. The 'active population' is defined as anyone born within the last one hundred years whether or not they are still alive. The distinction is not based on the age of the records but of the individuals contained in them which poses enormous practical difficulties for custodians of the records.

- There is no acknowledgement of the important differences between the original registers, held locally and the copies which are held centrally.

This is a greatly simplified version of what appears to be the main thrust of the proposals and we should strongly urge that you should read our response and more detailed Points for Discussion, if you have not already done so. We must emphasise that this is what the main proposals appear to be and there may be significant differences in the final consultation document when it appears.

There is much to be concerned about in the Government's proposals as they stand and it is up to us as genealogists point out to the Registration Review Team the deficiencies of the proposed changes. Even the 'good points' could easily become 'bad' points if they are carried out without proper consideration and without close consultation with the users.

Every response counts and they should be sent to:
Lorraine Cole, Civil Registration Review Programme
General Register Office, Smedley Hydro, Trafalgar Road Southport PR8 2HH"

As the Federation says it is up to us as individual family historians to make sure we influence the decision makers so we have a system that gives us the access to non-controversial records. Get writing!

Found on an illuminated scroll about to be recycled relating to Oxford Road Methodist Church Manchester
Died on Active Service **CW Metcalfe** AGP ALRS RAF.
From The Manchester Genealogist Vol 31 no1 2000.

Secretary's Report

It's Spring again and we are all coming out of hibernation. Winter has been very busy for me personally as I have taken on a new role in my paid variety of work which now takes more of my time. As a result I have had to apologise to a number of people for not being able to respond as quickly as I would like. To help me and you, at the recent Spring Committee Meeting, we reviewed the varied tasks that I am currently responsible for and have been able to pass quite a few of them on to others, therefore reducing my workload to a more manageable size. This is obviously a big relief to me. I would specifically like to thank Doug & June Cutting & Margaret Hodgson for taking on their new responsibilities which I am sure will be explained in the committee news in this edition.

In one of my weaker moments last year, I accepted the invitation to present to the Computer Group of Hampshire Family History Society about how the Metcalfe Society has developed over the last 23 years using our card index, various databases, the Internet & how we are trying to move forward. Obviously I thought it was no problem at the time as I had six months over the winter to create the material but isn't it amazing how you suddenly regret these weaknesses when that long timeframe has suddenly disappeared! However, once I had set my mind to it, the presentation materialised within a couple of evenings, including an overview of the Metcalfe name, origins & the society. I have to say I actually thoroughly enjoyed doing the presentation to about 35 people and received a number of compliments and questions - none of which were technical I am pleased to say! But I don't think I really want to make it into a hobby of being a speaker.

Do have a go at the '100 years in History' competition - it should get you thinking and don't forget to send off your registration form for this year's Mecca Muster. It just gets bigger and better each year. I'm sorry that this will be the first year in many that I will not be able to attend due to having to attend a college regarding my daughter's future education. Enjoy the summer!

Diane Howarth (M409)

MECCA NEWS DEADLINES

August - 6 June
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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!

Is Captain Lawrence E. G. Oates related to the Metcalf Family?

By Carol Metcalf (M262) carol.metcalf@mindspunq.com

In my family, it is rumoured that we are related to Captain Lawrence E. G. Oates. If such a connection exists, it would almost certainly be through my great-grandmother, Annie Oates, who married my great-grandfather, Rev Joseph Metcalf, in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, in 1885.

Lawrence Edward Grace Oates, also known as "Teddy" or "Titus", was a member of Robert Falcon Scott's Antarctic Expedition. Captain Scott and his men died in a blizzard on their return journey from the South Pole. My parents have a set of Scott's published journals from his "last expedition" (1). As a child, I enjoyed reading Scott's journals and imagining that I might be related to the heroic Captain Oates. According to Scott's journal, Oates, suffering from severe frostbite, walked off into the snow on March 17, 1912 (his thirty-second birthday), never to be seen again. His famous parting words were "*I am just going outside and may be some time*"¹.

Recently, I set out to determine whether I could find a link between my great-grandmother, Annie Oates, and Captain Lawrence E. G. Oates. I was unable to find a link, and consider it highly unlikely that the family rumour of a relationship is true. In the course of my cybersleuthing, I was surprised to discover that my family isn't the only family with rumours of a connection to Captain Oates: On the Oates Family Genealogy Forum (4), I found 2 other people, unrelated to me, who have the same rumour in their families, and who were also seeking to find a link. To my even greater surprise, I also came across an intriguing claim of a relationship between Captain Lawrence Oates and another South African branch of the Metcalf family, unrelated to my branch. The website, "The Metcalfs of Caledon in South Africa" (5), states: "*Of these, the second daughter, Mary [Metcalf of Leeds, born in 1786], married Oates, and in time became the grandmother of Captain Lawrence Oates, who...in the end perished so nobly with Captain Scott at the South Pole.*" This website didn't provide any further details on Mary Metcalf's husband, ____ Oates, nor any information on the intervening generation(s) between her and Captain Lawrence Oates.

Let me first address the rumour that I am related to Captain Lawrence Oates: My ancestor, Annie's father, Edward Oates, was born in Liverpool in about November 1841, the son of William Edward Oates and Ann. He later emigrated to South Africa (6). As Captain Lawrence Oates' father, William Edward Oates, was born in the same year as my ancestor, Edward Oates, (1841-1909), I am able to rule out the possibility that Captain Lawrence Oates

is descended from Edward Oates. This means that any possible link would have to be further back in time. I don't know have any additional information on Edward Oates' origins, and have not been able to ascertain whether he had any brothers. Edward Oates' eldest son, born ca. 1863 in South Africa, was also named William Edward Oates. The occurrence of the name William Edward Oates in Captain Lawrence Oates' family and my family is probably coincidental, as all 3 names are common names. I did not find any evidence linking Captain Lawrence Oates' family to Liverpool.

To try to confirm the second possible Metcalf link, claimed on the "Metcalfs of Caledon" website, I worked backwards to reconstruct Lawrence Oates' ancestry, and forwards to trace Mary Metcalf of Leeds' descendents, using a combination of the online version of the International Genealogical Index (IGI) (7), the 1881 British census (8), as well as other biographical information found on the web. Evidence from IGI records was scanty and came mostly from unspecified sources, rather than abstracts of church records, which are more reliable.

Lawrence Edward Grace Oates was born in Putney, London, on 17 March, 1880 (9). His parents are listed in the IGI as William Edward Oates and Caroline Anne Buckton. At the time of the 1881 British census, the one-year old Lawrence E.G. Oates and his family were living at Weetwood, Headingley cum Burley, Yorkshire. According to the census, his father, William E Oates, was born in Leeds, Yorkshire, in about 1841. He appeared to be a man of means as his occupation was recorded as "income from dividends". Lawrence Oates' mother, Caroline A., was born in Kirkstall, Yorkshire in about 1853. I don't know how long the Oates family remained in Yorkshire because, according to another source (10), Lawrence's childhood was spent partly in London, and partly in the small village of Gestingthorpe in Essex.²

I was unable to confirm either of Lawrence Oates' grandmothers. Given the gaps of approximately 55 and 67 years between the birth of Mary Metcalf of Leeds (1786) and the births of Lawrence Oates' father and mother respectively, I ruled out this Mary Metcalf as one of Lawrence Oates' grandmothers. Possible paternal grandparents include Edward Oates and Susan Grace, who married in Kirkstall, Yorkshire, in October 1836. Possible maternal grandparents include Joshua Buckton and Mary Oates who married in Meanwood, Yorkshire, in September 1847. This raises the possibility that Mary Metcalf of Leeds was one of Lawrence Oates' great-grandmothers on his father's side, his mother's side, or both.

In trying to trace the descendents of Mary Metcalf of Leeds born 1786, and ____ Oates, the only possible marriage match in the IGI was a marriage between Mary Metcalfe (spelt with a terminal "e") and William Oates, which

took place at St. Mary and St. Nicholas, Beverley, Yorkshire, on 12 July 1813. I was only able to find one child born to this couple: William Kennel Oates, baptised on 30 May 1814. Is this the same Mary Metcalf who is related to the Metcalfs of Caledon? Probably. Was she also Captain Lawrence Oates' great-grandmother? This is possible, but I was unable to confirm a link. If Mary Metcalf of Leeds was Lawrence Oates' great-grandmother, then Metcalfe Society member, David Major (M324), who I had the pleasure of meeting at last year's Mecca Muster, can claim a relationship to Captain Lawrence Oates. (David's name is included in the family tree on the Metcalfs of Caledon website.)

I challenge fellow members of the Metcalfe Society to either confirm or refute that there a link between Captain Lawrence Oates and the Metcalf family. If a connection is subsequently confirmed, I propose that he be awarded "post-humous honorary membership" of the Metcalfe Society! He could also form the topic of discussion at some future Muster.

References:

(1) Scott's Last Expedition by Robert Falcon Scott; (2) Captain Oates Walks to His Death: <http://www.goodnews.or.kr/en/t100/24.htm>; (3) Cairn/epitaph by Atkinson: <http://www.xref.com/entry/168329>; (4) Oates Family Genealogy Forum: <http://genforum.genealogy.com/oates/>; (5) Family History of the Metcalfs of Caledon: http://www.videx.co.za/metcalfe/family_history.htm; (6) Death notice in the Kwazulu-Natal Archives; (7) The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, International Genealogical Index (IGI): <http://www.familysearch.org>; (8) The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, 1881 British Census and National Index (set of CDs); (9) Oates in Putney: <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/E04.htm>; (10) Oates in Gestingthorpe: <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/E62.htm>

Further reading: (1) The Worst Journey in the World by Apsley Cherry-Garrard (1922).

(2) A Very Gallant Gentleman by Louis Bernatchez (1933).

(3) I am Just Going Outside by Michael Smith. The Collins Press/Spellmount Publishers. (Due for publication in late September or October 2002.)

(Note: I have not read any of these books, but came across the titles while researching this article.)

¹ It is assumed that he sacrificed his own life because he did not want to hamper the rest of the party, and diminish their chances of a safe return. "He laid down his life for others" was the headline in a London paper, reporting the news of his death (2). A search party that later went to recover his body realised that their quest was futile, and built a cairn to his memory at the place where he was last seen, bearing the epitaph by British Naval Physician E. L. Atkinson, who accompanied Scott on his last expedition (3): "Hereabouts died a very gallant gentleman, Capt. L.E.G. Oates of the Inniskilling Dragoons. In March 1912 returning from the Pole he walked willingly to his death in a blizzard to try and save his comrades beset with hardships."

² The family house, Gestingthorpe Hall, is a large rambling Georgian manor house. St Mary the Virgin Church, across the road from Gestingthorpe Hall, has a bell and a brass memorial plaque commemorating Captain Lawrence Oates. The bell was rung in 1901 to celebrate his safe return from the Anglo-Boer War in South Africa. The plaque commemorates his death: "In Memory of / A Very Gallant Gentleman / Lawrence Edward Oates Oates / Captain in the Inniskilling Dragoons / Born March 17 1880 Died March 17 1912 On the Return Journey from the South / Pole of the Scott Antarctic Expedition / When all were Beset by Hardship he / Being Gravely Injured went out into / the Blizzard to die in the Hope that by so / doing he might enable his Comrades to / Reach Safety This Tablet is Placed / Here in affectionate Remembrance by / His Brother Officers AD 1912". It is reported that Oates' mother polished the plaque once a week until the time of her death. The Inniskilling Dragoons hold a Memorial Service in the church each year on the Sunday nearest to the March 17.

Chairman's Report

May I start by congratulating our Treasurer on the birth of Aiden in November last year.

Secondly, I regret to announce that Alan Vickers has resigned as our Gift Aid Co-ordinator. We will be seeking a replacement as quickly as possible for this important task. We thank Alan for all he has done on our behalf, both last year when we recovered a large cheque back from the Taxman and previously in his Lists Co-ordinator role. It is difficult to recruit volunteers and sad when we lose them. The volunteers are crucial to the running of the Society. It was very gratifying that after the AGM last October we received several offers of help. We will be taking these up where we have not yet done so.

By the time you read this Easter will be upon us and hopefully Spring will have sprung! The Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Family History Societies will also have taken place in Exeter. I will be representing the Society and report in August on which issues were raised and agreed upon by the members. I make no excuse for referring in this report to this organisation.

This Society has been a member of the Federation for 10 years. The Federation itself next year will celebrate its 30th Birthday. Many of you will know of the Federation publications and have bought them from us. It does, however, operate on other levels. It has certainly contributed to the higher appreciation of family history as a pastime undertaken by literally hundreds of thousands of the electorate. The Federation represents you and me on National Committees and the new Regional Archive Councils. There they make our concerns and needs known to sections of the government, which otherwise would be ignorant of the importance of preserving and making more readily available archive material.

Family historians are recognised as persons whose views are worthwhile listening to, not only by the Public Record Office and Family Records Centre but also, for example, this month, by the Court Service. They are reviewing the procedures by which Grants of Probate and Letters of Administration should be dealt with in the future. Specific reference is made to the interests of family historians and the way that copies of Wills should be accessed.

The Federation responded last summer to the government's Consultation Paper on the Review of Civil registration [the Registration of Births Marriages and Deaths]. A second paper was to have been published last autumn but this was postponed by the government until the summer of this year. I suspect because of the vast number of comments made by the Federation and others which pointed out the flaws in many of the suggested changes. Without

a body such as the Federation I feel sure that such a change in Whitehall's attitude would never have occurred. Do access their Website if you have a computer with a connection to the Internet [www.ffhs.org.uk].

I have previously mentioned Online viewing of research information. The Federation has embraced the concept of "Pay for View" and from December has had its own Online website, www.familyhistoryonline.net on which a growing number of County Family History Societies have made their indexes available for research. I predict that this is an area where we will see enormous growth.

We, as a Society, are fortunate that we embraced modern technology at a very early stage and we have used computers for almost all the Society's lifetime. In doing so we have been careful not to forget those of us without access to a computer or the desire to do so. We must ensure that this continues.

David Lambert M11

Books

Surnames and Genealogy - A New Approach. George Redmonds. How surnames developed using Yorkshire names as examples. 292p. A5. £11.95 + p&p £2.85.

Searching for Surnames - A Practical Guide to their Meanings and Origins. John Titford. 256p A5. £11.95 + p&p £2.10; airmail £6.05.

Births, Marriages and Deaths on the Web - Part I : General, Southern England, the Marches and Wales. Stuart Raymond. 74 p A5. £5.95 + p&p £1.05; airmail £1.75.

Births, Marriages and Deaths on the Web - Part II : The Midlands, Northern England and East Anglia. Stuart Raymond. 68 p A5. £5.95 + p&p £1.05; airmail £1.75.

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A HISTORY OF OWNERSHIP OF THE OLD POST OFFICE, SCORTON, YORKSHIRE

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9. WILLIAM METCALFE [1859-1901]. 1897. Hannah eventually died on 6th July 1897 and of course by her will the property then became William's. It is interesting to see the other provisions of her will. She also leaves William "all the carpenters' tools formerly belonging to my late husband". To her other son John she gives "the share which I hold in the North Eastern Railway Company and my Harmonium". To her daughter Elizabeth Emma she gives "the property at Thornton le Moor purchased by me from one John Wake [possibly the brother of William Wake who married Jane Metcalfe in 1835, as Hannah's husband Robert was cousin to Jane], and my Organ". It would seem that she was a musical lady. The Grant of Probate shows that her Estate was valued at the grand total of £179-0s-10p. On 16th November 1897 Susannah confirms having received her £100. She was then living in Hartlepool.

The following year William Metcalfe sat down to do his own will. He gives his address as 27 Grange Avenue, Walker Road, High Harrogate so presumably the property at Scorton was still tenanted, and perhaps he was retired. It would be interesting to know if this property still exists in Harrogate. He gives to his wife Mary "those two messuages or cottages situate at Scorton" and "my policy with the Prudential Assurance Company and all my belongings". He also stipulates that "the said cottages at Scorton to be sold if necessary for maintenance of my wife and family as the Trustees may think proper". The will bears the date 12th March 1898.

There is an often-repeated saying in legal circles to the effect that lawyers make far more money sorting out the chaos caused by home-made wills than they could ever make in doing wills for people. Unfortunately William's attempt at doing his own will confirms the truth of this saying. The main problem is that he has not signed it, despite the fact that he has got two people to sign it as witnesses to his signature !! The rule is that the person making the will and the two witnesses must be in the same room at the same time and they must sign after each other. The non-execution of the will has been noted in pencil at the bottom by the Probate official. There are several other problems with the document, for example he refers to "the Trustees" but he has not appointed any. He describes himself as the Testatrix but this is the female name for a Testator. It is clear to me that he has copied phrases from other

wills. The writing is so very flowery that it was not until my umpteenth reading of the document that I noticed that the Probate official had underlined other problems with his pencil. If you look very carefully you will see this at "*my said wife*" (when he had not previously mentioned her) and there are several other examples. In short this "Will" is not worth the paper it is written on, and has no effect at all. There is a very heavy irony about this document when you recall that it was William who commissioned the earlier Deed which was so very well drafted. Please - never, ever consider doing your own will. It is a potential minefield and you will almost certainly get it wrong with what could be disastrous consequences.

William died three years later (29th March 1901) and Letters of Administration (which is the term used where there was no will) were granted to his widow, Mary. The official form has had to be altered to "His" Majesty following the death of Victoria in January. William's Estate is valued at £288-13s-0p. Ownership of the property now formally passes to William's eldest son -

10. ROBERT SYDNEY METCALFE [1885-1940]. 1901. No paperwork is necessary for this change of ownership. It is enough that he is the eldest son. Seven years later Robert must have needed to raise some money because he takes out a mortgage from two people who I assume must have been friends. The amount borrowed was £100, to be paid back six months later or by half-yearly payments with interest at the rate of 5%. This document is interesting for two reasons. Firstly the point is specifically made that the property should no longer be described as "those two cottages houses or messuage" etc but as "that messuage or dwellinghouse situate at Scorton and now used as a Post Office, Grocers shop and dwellinghouse". This is the first time that the property has been specifically identified and it shows that it was first used as a Post Office and Grocers Shop between 1901 and 1908. Secondly, Mary Metcalfe [nee Blackburn 1864-1933] had to be joined in as a party to the Deed and the reason is interesting. Before 1883 women could not own property and therefore had legally no property to leave - everything belonged to their husbands. However by common law they were entitled to "dower", which is referred to here and in previous documents. This meant that a widow could have a legal interest in part of her deceased husbands Estate, but only for her lifetime or until she remarried. In the case of this property it has meant that the widows had a right to live in it, although they did not own it and could not leave it in a will. This document makes it clear that she is living in it and therefore entitled to a say in what happens to it. It was another condition of this loan that the property be insured and the policy is with these papers. The amount insured was £150 which is an indication of the value of the property

We have to wait another 23 years for the next paperwork connected to the property and, yet again, it is most interesting. It would seem that the mort

gage referred to in the last paragraph was never repaid. We will now never know the reason or why it took 23 years for something to be done about it. Perhaps it was never intended to be formally repaid, being a loan by friends and the mortgage deed in 1908 merely a legal formality. Nevertheless in 1931 there is a Transfer of Mortgage deed from which we learn that the original two lenders have died and their next of kin are now having the benefit of the mortgage transferred to them. The deed also shows that just over a year later the original loan, interest and costs were paid by Robert Sydney Metcalfe, who is described as a joiner.

The next development is the death of Robert Sydney Metcalfe on 7th January 1940, aged 55. See Death Certificate. He is a bachelor and now described as a postman with the G.P.O. He does not leave a will and Letters of Administration are granted to his brother Joseph Henry Metcalfe [1891-1962] who is living in Newcastle. His Estate is valued at £457-14s-2p. He had owned the property for 39 years, and therefore was only 16 years old when he inherited it.

There is then a very strange gap of 17 years until 1957 when we find that by an Assent Joseph Henry Metcalfe, in his capacity as personal representative (executor) of Robert Sydney Metcalfe, gives ownership of the property to Charles Herbert Metcalfe [1899-1970], a clerk, of Scorton. Regrettably it does not say what the relationship is between them [Brothers]. However it does tell us that the property is "*now used as a Post Office shop and dwellinghouse and known as The Post Office Scorton*" so we know that this use has continued in these 17 years. We also learn that the property is "*now in the occupation of Jane Margaret Metcalfe [1895-1958] and intended to be occupied by her and the said Charles Herbert Metcalfe*". Fortunately there is a Supplement to the Assent and from this we learn that Jane Margaret is the sister of Charles Herbert and he promises to provide a home for her at the property for as long as she desires and also "*to look after her and contribute to her maintenance to the best of my ability and resources*". So ownership now passes to -

11. CHARLES HERBERT METCALFE. 1957. He died on 18th November 1970 in Scorton and there is an Abstract (doc. 29) of his Probate which shows that he appointed his wife, Martha nee Preston, to be the Executrix of his will. In March 1971 she completes an Assent transferring the property to herself. It is still described as the Post Office, shop and dwellinghouse.

12. MARTHA METCALFE [1903-1986]. March 1971. Martha does not retain the property for long because we find that in October the same year she sells it for £5,000 to Lawrence George Hall. The Conveyance specifically says that the property was "*formerly used as a Post Office and shop and dwellinghouse but now used and intended to be used as a dwellinghouse only, being formerly*

known as *The Post Office Scorton* but now known as *Southside, Scorton*. It had therefore been used as a Post Office for just short of 60 years. However the property had been in the hands of the Metcalfe family for even longer - just one month short of 100 years.

13. LAWRENCE GEORGE HALL. October 1971. He lived here for 6 years and in July 1977 he sold to Trevor Lawrence Carr and his wife Vivien Mary for £16,750, which by any standard is an exceptional profit. He has moved to The Pipes Inn, Newsham, North Yorkshire (is this the Newsham just north of Thirsk?).

The Carrs come from Auckland, County Durham. The property is now described as *"formerly known as The Post Office, Scorton but now known as 'Southside' Scorton"*. As a matter of interest the Conveyance has not been signed by the Carrs and is therefore strictly speaking not legal. Surprising that no one has picked this up before.

14. TREVOR LAWRENCE CARR and VIVIEN MARY CARR. 1977. The Carrs stayed in the property for some seven years and then sold it to Martin James Foliott for £40,000. It seems that we have them to thank for the present name of the property as the description in the Conveyance reads *"formerly known as the Post Office Scorton, then as South Side, Scorton but now as the Old Post Office, Scorton"*. Mr Foliott has arrived in the village as the new Headmaster of Scorton Grammar School. He came from Banbury in Oxfordshire. The school must have been very keen to obtain his services as they not only paid his deposit on the house of £400 but also formally agreed to pay his repayments on a mortgage he took out with the Yorkshire Building Society and also to pay his Building Society survey fee, legal costs and stamp duty together with his *"general rates, water rates and other charges imposed on the property and general repairs and maintenance to the said property"*. One wonders what sort of salary he might have been paid on top of all this. Finally, Mr Foliott undertakes that should he cease being the Headmaster, or stop occupying the house, he will immediately sell it back to the school for the sum of £1 (One pound). So the next owner becomes -

15. MARTIN JAMES FOLIOTT. 1984. In the event Mr Foliott lives in the property until November 1988 when he sells back to the school for the agreed £1. It is not clear whether this is because he has left his job or gone to live elsewhere.

16. SCORTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL. 1988. Who lived in the house for the next two years is a mystery. The school Governors did take out a mortgage on the property in the sum of £40,000 but the purpose of this is not clear from the document. In October 1990 Mr Foliott makes a Statutory Declaration that he is solvent, but again why he should need to do so is not clear. Then on the 1st December 1990 there is a strange sequence of events. Firstly the school sells

the property to Basil Lloyd Bosomworth for £75,000 and then, secondly, on the same day he sells to George W. Barker Ltd for the same amount. These events must have been arranged in advance but I cannot think of any reason for them. Perhaps the answer lies in the wording of the document transferring ownership to the Limited Company which needs quoting in full to appreciate its significance - *"In consideration of George W. Barker Limited being solely and beneficially entitled to an absolute interest in the above property notwithstanding that by a Rule 72 Transfer of this date the said property was transferred to me in consideration of £75,000 stated to be paid by me but in fact provided by the said company which now requests me to transfer the said property to it....."*

One can only speculate, but it would seem that Bosomworth was a "front man" for the company and, for whatever reason, the company did not want the school to know that it was the true purchaser. Did the Barkers have some connection with the school and was this an arrangement agreed between the school and the company, to hide the fact that one was selling to the other? I do not know and perhaps we will never know. However I think it is very significant that the witness to Bosomworth's signature is the Company Secretary. We also see that the Company has two farms both of which are called "Manor House Farm", one at Whitwell, near Scorton the other at Little Smeaton, near Northallerton. So the next two owners are -

17. BASIL LLOYD BOSOMWORTH. 1990.

18. GEORGE W. BARKER LTD. 1990.



Scorton Post Office 1903

In doorway
Mary Metcalfe
recently
widowed 37
years old.
Small child on
left Charles
Herbert Metcalfe
b Scorton 1899.

Improving the support to the Archivist & our members

One of the most important reasons (if not the most important reason) that many of our members join the society is to gain additional information for their personal family tree. That is why the role of the Archivist is fundamental to the service the society offers. As we have reported over the last year, the workload has increased dramatically on our one and only Archivist due to the greater increase in membership. We have a few volunteers who we are liaising with to setup as Assistant Archivists. This was delayed as our Archivist had to spend many weeks looking after a relative. In addition we are looking at how we can improve the system so there is just one point of contact for you the member to submit all queries and research. This transition process cannot happen overnight but we are hoping that by the time you receive your August Mecca News we will be able to announce the new process and our volunteers are up and running to share the workload. In the meantime, especially to your newer members, may we thank you in advance for your patience as research queries are taking longer than we would like due to the workload and this transition.

Norman Metcalfe MCSP SRCh died 19 March 2003 aged 81
Innovator / Inventor Physiotherapist of the Metcalfe Walking Sledge 1954.
Supplied by **Anne Hill M1213**.
Anyone know anything about the Walking Sledge?

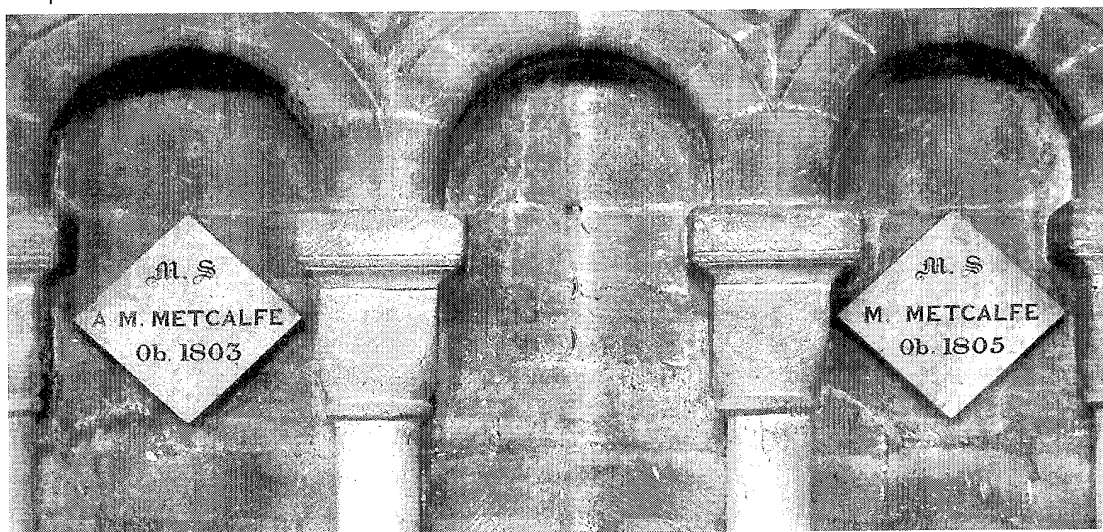
100 Years in History Competition

Win your society subscription for a year

How's your knowledge of historic events over the last 100 years? This competition will probably take quite a bit of time to complete. So as you relax over the coming weeks, have a go at entering our '100 Years in History Competition' that is enclosed with this edition of the Mecca News.

Entries must be received by the closing date on the entry form. The entrant with the most correct entries will obviously be the winner. If there is a tie, the winner will be picked at random from all correct entries. Judges decision is final.

The Winner will be announced in the December Mecca News. The entry form is also available on the society web site for you to complete and submit electronically. So relax and put your thinking hats on!



Provided at last year's Mecca Muster but no details.
It might be Ely. Can you help?

Centenarians

We have two possible Metcalfe centenarians. Do they belong to you?

Annie Cecila Metcalf b 10.11.1872
d Q4 1972 age 99/100 Haslingden Lancs

Alice Ann K Metcalfe b 16.11.1882
d Q4 1982 age 99/100 Northallerton.
Did they make their century?

If you have any details including who they were married to and what their maiden names were, let our General Registration Index Co-ordinator Patrick Malham know (address on the inside cover).

Old Stonehammer

Thomas Metcalfe 1780 -1855
served in the US Army in the 1812 War. Later became member of the Kentucky state house or representatives. Governor of Kentucky 1828 - 1832. Died during a cholera epidemic on 18 August 1855. Has Metcalfe County Kentucky named after him.

Why was he called
Old Stonehammer?

400th Anniversary

This year sees the 400th year since the accession of James I of England (James IV of Scotland).

On his way to be crowned in London James stayed overnight at Northallerton at the local Metcalfe House in the town.

WRITING YOUR OWN METCALFE STORY

In past years the advice was "don't have your family history on bits of paper type it up" and later put it on a computer program with a backup floppy disc. The former still stands. So I was surprised to see a statement from IBM that if you wanted your valuable research and family history story to be read by your descendants in 100 yrs., print it on paper and store everything within archival material as discs have a very short life span. The alternative was every few years to copy on an upto date disc. I decided that it would be much more interesting to write a story and present it to my children and grandchildren for Christmas but making use of the computer for typing and producing charts and scanning photographs etc. (Yes you can still learn computer skills in your mid 60s, the oldest member in our class was 83.) We seniors were very familiar with keyboards from office typing ages past.

My first account, of my paternal line and my own life, was done on word processor three years ago. It does not matter what instrument you use the information is just the same. It may be possible to buy a pen, which will give long lasting results. I gave it a cover and title and had it spiral bound. At the time photocopying was allowed as long as it was not for commercial purposes. Things have changed now and our privacy laws here in Australia mean I have to ask all my living relatives if they mind having their details on a data bank. A minister of religion recently told me that they have been advised not to mention sick parishioners by name if they are praying for them out loud! But I digress.

In 2001 I completed an account of my METCALFE family. As before I started with an introduction giving references and abbreviations and thanks to the Metcalfe Society etc for information. Various theories of the origins of the surname came next. As I was writing this for my children who were born in the South of England and for my Australian grandchildren, to whom England was a foreign country I explained where each place was and drew maps. Next came a computerized descendants chart. I wrote a chapter on each generation, including local & national history, viz the explorations of the near neighbour James Cook, with relevance to Australia. Also how Napoleons war affected the price of grain etc. I was even able to find refs to the weather from the Diary of Joseph Robinson Pease, published by E. Yks. Local Hist Socy. which was relevant my 19thc Beverley ancestors. Photographs of family and locations were included. I did not include certificates except in my own copy but stated the events. I printed details of census returns from a data base and parish registers.

My Coxwold ancestors at Wildon Hill were tenants of the Archbishop of York and land agreements and surveys were found in the Borthwick Institute as were wills (Ref. numbers from the MTE Soc. Wills index) so these were in-

cluded. For those living overseas books & booklets can be purchased from English local history societies or bookshops on visits. The web site Genuki has good local information such as Bulmers directories. There are all sorts of personal mementos one can put into the account. This time I did not bind the account but put it into archival type poly sleeves as I still have to add two more families to the account and the research never ends.

I have not had any formal instruction in writing but have written articles for my local and other family history society magazines. I found the book "Writing and publishing your family history by John Titford pub. by the F.F.H.S. very useful and the Metcalfe Society " History of the Clan" is inspirational. I encourage all members to do the same.

Delphine McDonnell M497

New Gift Aid Secretary

It is with regret that the society announces the resignation of our Gift Aid Secretary, **Alan Vickers (M843)** from the post. Alan has helped the society successfully migrate from the old Covenant scheme to the more straight forward Gift Aid Scheme and we would like to thank him for his research, support and efforts in making this transition happen so smoothly.

We are indeed very fortunate to be able to accept the services of **Mrs Maureen Thwaite (M897)** who has volunteered to take over the role, especially as she used to work for the Inland Revenue. The society would like to thank Maureen for volunteering and wishes her well in her new post.

A reminder to all UK taxpaying members who have not yet signed up for the Gift Aid Scheme to do so when we include the subscription material in the December Mecca News.

Maureen's contact details are on the inside front cover of this journal.

From our own Correspondent

Seen on BBC TV World Service in Sicily, September 22, 2002.

Programme on Israel and the Palestinians

Produced and Directed by **Charlotte Metcalf**.

A TORTUOUS AND UNGODLY JUMBLE (Part 4) by David Lambert M11

Whilst there were several different types of *Deed* devised to convey or transfer land, most of them had a common format in many respects. To the newcomer it may seem strange that there were no clause numbers unlike a modern document. Instead as is explained below, the deed was separated into different parts by the use of standard words or phrases written in capitals or larger writing.

A *Deed* would invariably start with the date. Sometimes it was included at the very end. The year was, until the latter part of the 19th Century written by reference to the regnal year. This was the number of years that the Queen or King had been on the throne.

The word "BETWEEN" would introduce the particulars of the *parties* (that is the seller and buyer, the trustees for the true owner, a mortgagee) who would be described as being "of the first part", "second part", "third part" etc. If there were only two people involved they would be described as being "of the one part" and "of the other part" respectively. The description of each party would give their full name their address (admittedly not a full one in the earlier deeds as there were few streets in villages) the name of the town or village its parish and the County in which it was situated. The occupations of the parties would be given and if a wife or widow was one of them the name of her husband would be included. Only adults could enter into a legal document and if an ancestor is named in a deed they must have been 21 years of age at least.

The word "WHEREAS" introduced what lawyers called the "recitals". These were statements of fact e.g. a recital of a person's marriage or death; the date and place where a grant of Probate had been issued; the reason for the deed, such as a sale or gift or mortgage. Recitals can be particularly helpful to a family historian and some deeds have several pages of recitals.

The "doing" part of the deed would then follow after the words "WITNESSETH". This would repeat the purpose of the deed in greater detail and might refer again to the parties, maybe elaborating why they were joined in as a party to the Deed. For example a wife might join her husband to signify that she agreed to the sale and gave up her rights to enjoy part of the land by virtue of her right of dower. This was the right to one third of her husband's freehold land after his death. Sometimes the eldest son would be a party with his father to establish that he agreed to the sale. The eldest son would be the heir presumptive of his father generally and was expected to inherit the land unless it was transferred in his father's lifetime.

The price would be stated if there was one and then the words "ALL THAT....."

which signified the start of the legal description of the land being transferred. The description would usually name fields by their local field names. Invariably the location of the property was identified by reference to points of the compass and who owned the land adjacent. This can be particularly useful and might mean that there are references to your family in a neighbour's deeds. It is worthwhile seeking out the deeds for a village where an ancestor lived, even if are not parties named in the deeds in question. They might still be referred to in the documents even though not a party. It was quite usual to let (rent) land and cottages on tenancies and the buildings concerned would be stated as being in the occupation of the tenant, who of course might be your ancestor.

Plans were often written on the deed but can be unhelpful as they often merely show a square of land with measurements often though with the names of the neighbours on each of the boundaries. Some plans were of course very detailed and of immense help. The descriptions of the premises would be very long and in parts repetitive, referring, after the words "TOGETHER WITH", to rights of ways, privileges and easements which the premises benefitted from or to which they were subject.

After these words the expression "TO HAVE AND TO HOLD" was inserted. The deed would continue by referring to the property and state that it was held to the purchaser, who would be named, followed by words of limitation, as they were called "...and his heirs" (a fee simple) or "...and the heirs of his body" (an entail) or "...for life" (a life estate). These words did not mean that the heir would inherit the land, although if it was not sold or given away in the lifetime of the owner it would pass to the heir by operation of law. The expressions were very strictly construed and the omission of certain words could convert say a fee simple into life estate only.

In the older deeds the strange words "TO THE USE OR BEHOOF" may be found. This is the clue to the true owner of the property after the transaction had been completed. After these words it was usual to include any covenants which the parties had agreed to give. These were agreements to do something for the benefit of the other party, often restrictive.

The Deed would end with what was called the *attestation clause*, after the words "IN WITNESS WHEREOF...." where the parties would sign or make their mark and affix a seal, not necessarily the seal of the parties, before witnesses whose signatures were required.

The different deeds did of course have special words or phrases to distinguish them from one another. Also they tended to be prepared in a special way. A *Feoffment* looked similar to a Quitclaim but started with the words "*Sciant presentes...*"

A *Quitclaim* would be written on a rectangular piece of parchment but it had no indentation across the top. It commenced with the words: "To all Christian People..."

An *Indenture* was written on a rectangular shaped parchment. It was prepared in two or more copies, one following the other. The two versions were separated by an angular wavy cut across the middle of the page, it being possible to check that the two documents were part of the same deed by fitting the two wavy indented parts into one another rather like a jig-saw puzzle. The Indenture started with the words "THIS INDENTURE". Its use continued into the 20th Century.

A *Lease and Release* comprised two documents. It was prepared as an Indenture in two parts. It was created around 1600 and continued to be a popular form of deed until 1845 when its use was abolished by the Real Property Act of that year. Its popularity was due to its secrecy. It did not need to be enrolled unlike its rival the Bargain and Sale. The commencement words were as for an Indenture for it was prepared in that format. I will write more about this form of conveyance in the final article.

Proving ownership (the right to seizin) required lengthy checking back over a number of years to find a good root of title to ensure that the seller was entitled to sell the land. For this reason it was necessary to keep title deeds going back for a hundred or more years. I was privileged to be able to see the title deeds of a farm in Yorkshire two years ago where they went back in a single run to the mid 1660s! My ancestors (not Metcalfes) were referred to in some of the 18th Century deeds and gave me the answer I had been seeking for over 25 years. Neglect title deeds at your peril!

After 1925, a landmark year for Land Law, the period of ownership was reduced to 30 years; since 1969 it has been reduced to a mere 15 years. One of the difficulties in the English (and Welsh) legal system of conveyancing lay in the lack of registration of title and land ownership. It is only really at the very end of the last century that this was addressed. H.M. Land Registry opened its registers to public gaze and required all land to be registered, completing a process that had been started in the 19th century and which proceeded piecemeal through the 20th century. This is unlike the system of registration in Scotland where registration had been used since the 16th century. One can search the registers if the title number is quoted. Most land will only have been registered particularly in the rural areas since the 1970s but as the years go by this could be a useful source for family historians, especially if the fees for searching remain low.

However, in Yorkshire (as well as in Middlesex and parts of the Fens) a

system of Deeds Registration was introduced in the 18th Century for each Riding, albeit at different times: 1706 for the West Riding, 1708 in the East and 1735 in the North Riding. This is a most useful source of information. Searches can be made in Indexes against the surname of parties to a Deed, as well as against properties themselves, Wills and Court judgements year by year until the Registries closed in 1974. The registration process required a *Memorial* of the deed to be extracted and lodged at the Registry. Armed with the index reference to the memorial book you can see the actual memorial or extract. The most useful of the Indexes without question is the Names Index. The Property or Place index is not as helpful as might be hoped but that containing Wills can be useful to establish if a Will was made by an individual. It only shows Wills with a gift of land however and obviously many Wills did not bequeath land at all. The Judgment index is limited in value but another helpful reference source. For Metcalfe ancestry if you have never tried this source I would thoroughly recommend that you do. **How about another project for the Society, namely to extract all our names from the Deeds registries in the three former Ridings?**

In addition to the purpose built registries in the three Ridings, it was necessary to enrol a large number of different types of deed from the Middle Ages and these are to be found in various classes at the Public Record Office in Kew, as well as in County Record Offices, amongst Quarter Session and Petty Sessions Records. I refer above to the Feet of Fines and Recoveries series. In the final article of this series I will give more details of these deeds, where to locate them and what books and indexes exist to locate them.

• • • • • Odds & Ends • • • • •

- Over a few years M398 and myself have collected many potential 'relations'
- or strays from North Eastern parishes which are from the list of names as
- follows:- Barker; Blackburn; Brown; Bucton; Calvert; Compston; Fryer;
- Garbutt; Gibson; Gill; Home; Hutchinson; Lascelles; Lynas; Mackay;
- Merryweather; Mitchinson; Mohun; Preston; Richmond; Rudd; Sidgwick;
- Vitty; Wynn.

• In return for information on an individual members connection with a
 • name and a stamped addressed envelope I will mail our relevant list or lists
 • to you. Charles S METCALFE M305 - address inside front cover.

Newspaper cuttings on Metcalf(e)s are always welcome, but
 remember to add the name of the paper and date of publication.
 Send to Patrick Malham (see address at inside front cover)
 or hand over at the Muster.
 Births, Marriages, Deaths, Obituaries, Prize Winners, Features
 - the list is endless!

METCALFES IN CUMBRIA 1829

Cumberland

Bootle ~ Boot, shoe, clogmaker - **James Metcalf**
 Cockermouth, Main Street ~ Blacksmith & Ironmonger - **Robert Metcalf**
 Holme Cultram Parish at Longnewton ~ Farmer - **Thomas Metcalf**
 Plumbland ~ Shopkeeper - **Isabella Metcalf**
 Westward Parish at Rosley ~ Farmer - **John Metcalf** of Sandwath
 Penrith ~ Blacksmith - **Anthony Metcalf** of Nether End.

Westmorland

Asby ~ Slater - **Thomas Metcalf**; Farmer - **John Metcalf** of Mill Moor
 Brough ~ Farmer/Yeoman - **James Medcalf** of Monthlick
 Crosby Garrett ~ Schoolmaster - **Robert Medcalf**
 Kirkby Stephen ~ Baker - **Thomas Medcalf** of Townhead; Farmer - **Christopher Medcalf**
 Mallerstang ~ Farmer/Yeoman - **Edward Medcalf** of Intake; Farmer/Yeoman - **James Medcalf** of Castlethwaite; Farmer - **William Medcalf** of Ing
 Waitby ~ Farmer - **James Medcalf**
 Orton ~ Farmer - **John Metcalfe** of Cragg
 Raisbeck ~ Farmer - **Thomas Metcalf**
 Bowderdale ~ Farmer - **James Medcalf** of Moss
 Ravenstonedale ~ Farmer - **? Medcalf** of Wray Green; Gamekeeper/Farmer - **Anthony Medcalf** of Hag House; Farmer - **George Medcalf** of Berkstones;
 Farmer - **John Medcalf** of High Lane
 Maulds Mealburn ~ Farmer - **John Metcalf**
 Hedersham ~ Farmer - **Edward Metcalf** of Whitesandend; Farmer - **William Medcalf** of Beckside
 Kendal - Fellmonger, Tanner, Skinner - **George Metcalfe** of New Road; Grocer & Flourdealer - **Caleb Medcalf** of Brougham Street; Carpet Manufactures, Waistcoating and Fancy Goods - **Caleb Medcalf & Sons** of Highgate; Stonemason & Waller - **James Medcalf** of Brougham Street; Stonemason & Waller - **Richard Medcalf** of Fellside; Schoolmaster - **William Metcalf** of Chapel Houses
 Burton in Kendal ~ Schoolmaster - **Thomas Medcalf** of Preston Patrick
 Kirkby Lonsdale ~ Grocer, Teadealer and Carrier (service to Lancaster) - **Jeffrey Metcalf** of Little Market Place
 Barbon ~ Shoemaker and Grocer - **John Metcalf**
 Low Casterton ~ Victualier - **George Metcalf** of the George and Dragon
 Middleton ~ Shoemaker - **Leonard Metcalf** of Ratten Row
Furness and Cartmell
 Lindal ~ Basketmaker - **Arthur Metcalf**.
Supplied by Ray Metcalf M43:
 extracted from Parson & White's 1829 History, Directory and Gazetteer of Cumberland, Westmorland with Furness and Cartmel.

ARCHIVIST REPORT from Eileen Measures M1086

It just shows how wrong you can be, I really did think that after the Muster with so many volunteers, my workload would be so much easier, Wrong again! As some of you who visit the web site regularly, and others who email me, already know, for me Christmas and New Year were non existent. My Aunt bless her got knocked down by a motorbike the last week of November, as the nearest 'spare' relative I shot up to Yorkshire, as I thought, for maybe a week, in the end I stayed for two months! At 81yrs a brace from ankle to hip is no joke, thankfully now after 12 weeks she is now at home minus brace and is coping.

Meanwhile back in Andover. My son is checking both sorts of mail for Metcalfe letters and when we realised how much longer I was going to be, arranged with David Mte M46 to post them to him. He, although suffering a bad dose of flu, managed to cope with them all. THANK YOU David. My Landlord, had been trying to contact me, to have a final measurement done on the windows in the flat, to have double glazing put in. This meant having to get my husband to let them in and supervise, with all the Society things plus my own I wasn't taking any chances, but of course he had to move things for them to get to the windows. So when I finally go home the end of January, I then had to move all the furniture from in front of the windows and cover all the computers from the dust. Then when it was all over put it all back again and sort out the thing my husband had 'tidied' away for me, still at least now I don't get a draught down my neck while on the computers.

Next it has been a mad dash to get my part of the Birth Briefs done for the MECCA NEWS, and it has been thanks to Nina Benson that they finally got there, she has been helping me by phone, with searches and even more advice. THANK YOU Nina.

And finally those who have not received any reply. I know for sure that one letter was too big for my letterbox. They put a card through for me to collect but unfortunately this came the same day as the local free paper and got caught up with all the advertising rubbish that comes with it. When I found the card on my return (yes my son had kindly saved them all for me!) I rang the PO only to find it had been sent back. So if anyone sent me a large envelope that may not have gone through a letterbox let me know and I will check if I have received yours. I still have some searches outstanding mainly because of the Birth Briefs but also because some are quite difficult in terms of confirming details sent in, but I haven't given up on them, I just keep on looking and asking others for help.

Finally again keep your virus controls up to date, have patience with me or whoever is dealing with your search. I have now got to get a full time job as my rent has to be paid, but will continue as best I can for now.

Changes to Names / Addresses

M84 Derek Metcalfe to 2 Moorland View, Nelson, Lancashire BB9 0UB
M696 Malcolm Metcalfe to Spiral Cottage, 77 Moor End Road, Mellor, Stockport SK6 5PT.

M928 Mrs Heather Medcalf to Block A, Flat 22, Renanda Complex, Amathus Avenue, Limassol, Cyprus.

M973 Ian Metcalf and Jacqueline Pickering to 7 Nettleham Road Sunderland Tyne & Wear SR5 1LQ.

M1056 Doncaster & District Family History Society to Mrs H West 15 Park View, Crowle, Scunthorpe DN17 4JA.

M1058 Jerry Metcalf is a duplicate of M0798 Gerald L (Jerry) Metcalfe 411 Montcrest Place Danville CA 94526-3244 USA.

M1139 Andrew Goodinson to New House Farm, Wenslow, Bromyard HR7 4SF.

M1416 Miss E H Watt to 9 Numa Court, Justin Close, Brentford, Middlesex, TW8 8QG.

Rejoined members:

M438 Brian K Benson, 6 West End Lane, Horsforth, Leeds LS18 5JP

M170 Mrs Valerie Hepworth, 10 Wyche Cottages, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove, Worcs B60 4EH.

BIRTH BRIEF SECTION - compiled by Eileen Measures Archivist and David Metcalfe M46, with help from Nina Benson M29.

Abbreviations: - MT = Metcalf; MTE = Metcalfe; MD = Medcalf; MDE = Medcalfe. b = born; bpt = baptised; d = died; dau = daughter; d.o = daughter of; s = son; s.o. = son of; m = married. The new system notes where the child fits into their parent's family hence 6/10 means 6th child of 10.

BIRTH BRIEF AMENDMENT

M730 Mr Michael J Sparkes The Pantiles, Main St., Thorney, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG23 7BS. Grt grd s.o. Revd. James & Mary Ann (Killingbeck) Mte m 22 Dec 1887 Hunslet, Leeds. James bn c1866 Kirkby Malzeard s.o. William & Mary (Richmond) Mte. marr 1861. William bpt 2 Mar 1835 Kirkby Malzeard s.o. Matthew & Hannah (Peacock) Mte m 26 Nov 1817 Ripon Cathedral. Matthew bpt 15 Jan 1788 Kirkby Malzeard s.o. George Mte. **Connects M163, M431 & M788.**

M912 Mrs A Ruth Carr 144 Beaver Crescent, Thompson, Manitoba, Canada R8N 1C8. D.o William Henry & Alice Rose (Benn) Mte m 1925 Ontario. William Henry b 16 Sep 1887 Kingston, Ontario s.o. John Charles & Mary Agnes (Wagoner) Mte m 15 Sep 1886 Kingston. John Charles b 9 Apr 1858 Kingston s.o. John & Gladwise Bridget (Matthews) Mte m 14 Jul 1846 Kingston. John b 14 Mar 1801 Yorescott, Bainbridge s.o. James Mte of Yorescott.

M994 Mr John S Metcalf 636 Upper Leaf Road, Athens, Ontario, Canada K0E 1B0.S.o. Neil & Carolyn (Palmer) Mt. Neil b 1928 Canada s.o. Bruce & Neva (Allen) Mt. Bruce b 1890 s.o. John Luther & Priscilla (Cox) Mt. John Luther Mt bn 1866 s.o. Isaac Johns(t)on & Ann (Bell) Mt m 31 Jul 1847 Brough under Stainmore. Isaac Johnson Mt bpt 13 May 1806 Stainmore s.o. James & Jane (Johnson) Mt m 13 Jul 1790 Brough under Stainmore. James b c1766. **Connects to M610 & xM687.**

M1294 Mrs Johanna Jenkins 40 Warren Close, Hay-on-Wye, Hereford, HR3 5EL.Grt grd d.o. Jacob & Sarah Ann (Griffiths) Mte m 24 Aug 1871 Clodock, Monmouth. Jacob b c1849-52 s.o. John.

M1309 Mrs Linda A Dalley 2 Tiwha Street, Rotorua, New Zealand, 3201. 2 x grt grd d.o. Joseph & Harriet (Dawson) Mte. Joseph bn c1823 U.K. Society still looking for marriage of the couple in the U.K.

DELAYED BIRTH BRIEFS

M1328 Mr Neal James Haze III 4019 N. Leamington Avenue, CHICAGO, IL 60641 USA. Email pegnealhaze@aol.com. Grandson of Vilasco & Kate "Kitty" Margaret (Mte) De Witt Jones. Kate "Kitty". B 3 Oct 1900 West Witton, d/o Arthur & Margaret (Cleminson) Mte m 1894 West Witton, Arthur b 1 Apr 1863 Hamby, s/o Alexander & Jane (Kettlewell) Mte m 21 Oct 1857 Hardraw, Alexander b c11831 Thwaite Bridge Hawes, s/o John & Elizabeth (Slinger) Mte m 1 May 1830 Hardraw, John b c1800 Cam Houses s/o John & Margaret (?) Mte. John c1770-1812. **Connects to M342 MN25**

M1339 Ms Julie Y Torpy 17 Hoods Road, Northfield, South Australia, 5085. Australia.D.o. George Hamilton & Finola Catherine (McAvanay) Mt m 11 Oct 1941 Adelaide, South Australia. George Hamilton Mt b 16 Jan 1916 Booborowie, South Aust. s.o. Joseph George & Mary Ethel (Haworth) Mt m 12 Mar 1913 Gumbowie, South Aust. Joseph George Mt b 4 Jul 1886 Mount Bryan, South Aust. s.o. Joseph & Sarah Jane (Hutchins) Mt m 7 Apr 1855 Aberdeen, South Aust. Joseph b 11 Mar 1859 Penwortham, South Aust. s.o. Joseph & Mary Ann (Booth) Mt m 14 Mar 1849 Preston, Lan. Joseph b 14 Dec 1828 Preston, Lan. s.o. David & Mary Mte. David bpt 26 Dec 1787 Kendal. s.o. Joseph & Mary

(Potter) Mte m 28 Feb 1779 Kendal. Joseph bpt ? 16 May 1754 Halifax s.o. David & Ann (Rothery) Mte m 19 Sep 1748 Halifax. David bpt 26 Feb 1725 s.o. David & Sarah (Greenwood) Mt/Mecca m 30 Nov 1716 Halifax. **Connects to xM272 & xM587**

M1340 Mr Francis K & Mrs Margaret A Metcalfe 15 Debenham Street, Thornlie, Western Australia, 6108, Australia. S. o. Francis Robert & Laura Beatrice (Hardy) Mte m 8 Sep 1928. Francis Robert b 6 Feb 1896 s.o. John & Annie (Smithson) Mte m 15 Dec 1891 Aine. John b 8 May 1860 Aldwark s.o. Robert & Mary (Anderson) Mte m 26 Oct 1854 Aldwark. Robert b 8 Sep 1820 Aldwark s.o. John & Elizabeth (Watson) Mte m 15 Dec 1803 Aldwark. John b 7 Feb 1773 Raskelf s.o. Rachel. Rachel bpt 26 May 1752 Sowerby nr Thirsk d.o. Thomas & Ellen (Martin) Mte m 18 Oct 1748 Sowerby nr Thirsk. **Connects to xM325, M329, xM407 & M1413**

M1346 Ms Rosa Silviera, 1012 Stonebridge Drive, Napa, CA 94558 USA. Desc from John Stephen & Ann (Mte) Moody m 17 Oct 1833 Masham, Ann bpt 25 Apr 1810 Masham, d/o James & Elizabeth (Hurriton) Mte m 22 Apr 1809 Burneston, James bpt 9 Mar 1783 Masham, s/o James & Jane (Bacon) Mte m 26 Nov 1778 Wensley. **Connects to M1343**

BIRTH BRIEFS - NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME

M1411 Miss Jean A Hargreaves, 9 St Pauls Road, Salford, Manchester M7 3NY. email JanetJean@Bushinternet.com. Details awaited.

M1412 Ms Janet Richardson, 267 Market Street, Whitworth, Rochdale, CL12 8TF. Details awaited.

M1413 Mr Geoffrey R Metcalfe. 1 Ivy Dene, The Green, Green Hammerton, York, YO26 8BQ. S. o. Francis Robert & Laura Beatrice (Hardy) Mte m 8 Sep 1928. Francis Robert b 6 Feb 1896 s.o. John & Annie (Smithson) Mte m 15 Dec 1891 Aine. John b 8 May 1860 Aldwark s.o. Robert & Mary (Anderson) Mte m 26 Oct 1854 Aldwark. Robert b 8 Sep 1820 Aldwark s.o. John & Elizabeth (Watson) Mte m 15 Dec 1803 Aldwark. John b 7 Feb 1773 Raskelf s.o. Rachel. Rachel bpt 26 May 1752 Sowerby nr Thirsk d.o. Thomas & Ellen (Martin) Mte m 18 Oct 1748 Sowerby nr Thirsk. **Connects to xM325, M329, xM407 & M1340**

M1414 John G Metcalfe, 122 Tennyson Avenue, Harrogate HG1 3LF email john@qnet.force9.co.uk. Son of M1344 Dec.

M1415 Mrs Ena Gallagher 17 Laneside Road, Kents Bank, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria LA11 7BU. Email john.gallagher@laneside.ndo.co.uk. Ena Grand d/o Edward Albert & Mercy (Sadler) Mte m Jul 1904, Edward Albert b 26 Jun 1877

Streatlam Durham, s/o Reuben & Elizabeth (Mte) Mte m 26 Mar 1860 Bowes, Reuben bpt 30 Oct 1825 Scargill Barninham, s/o Thomas & Elizabeth (Alderson) Mte m 18 Nov 1805 Barningham, Thomas b 25 Apr 1784 bpt 16 May 1784 Muker, s/o Thomas & Agnes, Annas or Annis (Binks) Mte m 16 Oct 1769 Grinton, Thomas s/o Richard & Monica (Sunter) Mte m 15 Jan 1749 Grinton Yks.

Elizabeth Mte d/o Anthony & Isabella (Turner) Mte m 16 Nov 1833 Ravenstonedale, Anthony bpt 2 Feb 1812 Stalling Busk, s/o James & Elizabeth-Betty (Lambert) Mte m 9 May 1805 Stalling Busk, James bpt 12 Jul 1772 Stalling Busk, s/o John & Barbara (Mte) Mte m 12 May 1756 Gayle, John b c1727 Marsett, s/o William & Margaret Mte Marsett.

Barbara Mte bpt 31 Jul 1729 Hawes, d/o Anthony & Alice (Mte) Mte m 18 Aug 1724, Anthony b c1699 Hawes, s/o Cuthbert & Barbara (Simondston/Symondson) Mte m 1694 Kettlewell, Cuthbert bpt 1724/24 Hawes, s/o Anthony & Elizabeth (Wynn/Winn) Mte, Anthony (c1640-1715) s/o Margaret/ite Mte d/o Anthony & Anne (Hudson) Mte.

Alice Mte b c1704 d/o Philip & Alice (Jackson) Mte m 31 Jul 1698 Hawes, Philip bpt 13 Feb 1676-77 Hawes, s/o Thomas Mte Hawes. **Connects to M6 M28 M50 M52 M55 M63 M69 M119 DecM173 M178 M217 M255 M256 M277 M288 XM300 XM302 M303 XM384 XM406 M4110 XM427 XM510 XM512 XM528 M550 M597 M676 M701 M748 XM782 XM859 M897 XM967 M987 M1183 M1209 MN13 MN28 p29 MN37 p13.**

M1416 Miss Helen Watt 9 Numa Court, Justin Close, Brentford, Middlesex, TW8 8QG. Desc. o. William & Ann (Mte) Hudson marr 22 Jul 1782 Appleby, Lin. Ann bpt 22 Aug 1765 Appleby, Lin d.o. George & Mary (Wharton) Mte marr 26 Jan 1763 Appleby, Lin. George ? bpt 15 Feb 1740 West Halton, Lin s.o. John & Ann Mt. John ? bpt 25 Sep 1715 Alkborough s.o. Peter & Elizabeth (Tomlinson) Mt marr 12 Apr 1702 Appleby, Lin. Peter bpt 26 Feb 1675 Appleby, Lin s.o. Peter & Ann (Williamson) Mt marr 5 Jun 1672 Appleby, Lin. Peter bpt 23 Apr 1648 Appleby, Lin s.o. Peter.

M1417 Mr Jamie Andrew Metcalfe 45 Cliffe Road, Shepley, Huddersfield, West Yorks HD8 8DF. email JAMETCALFE@HOTMAIL.COM. Details awaited.

M11418 Mrs Denise Wilkes 7 Manton Road, Lincoln, LN2 2JL. Dau/of Eric Spencer & Dorothy (Bloor) Mte m 2 Aug 1934 Hammersmith, Eric Spencer bpt 21 Jan 1910, s/o Percy Frederick & Ethel (Braddow) Mte m 3 Jun 1908 Burton on Trent, Percy Frederick b 3 Feb 1881 Horninglow Staffs, s/o Frederick Spencer & Louisa (Hall) Mte m 27 Apr 1872 Burton on Trent, Frederick Spencer b 6 Jun 1848 Harlow Essex, s/o Thomas & Jane (Dodds) Mte m 16 Jun 1873 Otley, Thomas bpt 15 Apr 1810 Coxwold, s/o Prince & Ann (Wood) Mte m 17 Feb 1806 Coxwold, Prince bpt 24 Feb 1780 Coxwold, s/o John & Isabella (Prince) Mte m 19 Apr 1767 Topcliffe, John bpt 26 Jul 1741 Carlton Husthwaite, s/o

William & Jane Mte William bpt 2 Dec 1690 Carlton Husthwaite, s/o Francis & Arabella Mte m 1685. Francis bpt c1630 Husthwaite. **CONN M174 M497 M767**

M1420 Stephen Rutter 2 Arthurs Lane, Hambleton, Poulton le Fylde, Lancashire, FY6 9AT.Grd s.o. William Henry & Ada (Mte) Rutter m 27 Dec 1930 Chester le Street Reg. Dist., Dur. Ada b 26 Oct 1902 Sacriston, Dur d.o. John George & Hannah (Mason) Mte m 22 Jun 1885 Pittington, Dur. John George b 2nd Quarter 1864 Welbury s.o. Edward & Elizabeth (Ferguson) Mte m 12 Jun 1848 Melsonby. Edward bpt 5 Feb 1815 Kirby Knowle s.o. William & Mary (Coverdale) Mte m 12 Jul 1806 Kirby Knowle. William b 14 Aug 1778 Cold Kirby s.o. Thomas & Mary (Clarke) Mt m 13 Sep 1763 Stamfordham, Nbl. Thomas b c1730 s.o. Thomas & Elizabeth (Stillington) Mt. **Connects to xM149 & xM950**

M1421 Michael P Goldsborough "Latrigg" The Glen, Saltford, Bristol, BS31 3JP. S.o. Walter & Elsie Ann (Mt) Goldsborough. Elsie Ann b 24 Mar 1899 Padiham d.o. Robert & Sarah Ellen (Leach) Mt. Robert b 1 Oct 1862 Altham s.o. William & Ann Mt. William bpt 30 Mar 1834 Altham s.o. James & Margaret (Westwell) Mt marr 8 Jul 1833 Altham. James b 28 Mar 1810 Altham s.o. William & Anne (Pilkington) Mt m 1 Mar 1802 Altham. William bpt 27 Aug 1780 Great Harwood s.o. James & Mary (Roberts) Mt m 8 Apr 1777 at Great Harwood. James bpt 30 Nov 1754 Great Mitton s.o. Elizabeth Mt. Elizabeth bpt 19 Mar 1731 Great Mitton d.o. John & Grace (Gelder) Mt m 5 Jan 1718-1719 Great Mitton. **Connects with M21, xM889**

M1422 Des Metcalfe Duck Cottage, 4 Fairfield Cottages, Fairfield Mill, Seberg, Cumbria LA10 5LP. email DUCKCOTTAGE@BTOPENWORLD.COM. Details awaited.

M1423 Ms Nichola Potts 8 Dewberry Close, Tyldesley, Gt Manchester M29 8RD. email nichola@potts7272.fsnet.co.uk. Details awaited.

M1424 Alan Young 26 Briergate, Haxby, York YO32 3YP. email young@acmn.freemove.co.uk. Details being processed.

M1425 Paul Metcalfe 41 Chilfrome Close, Poole, Dorset BH17 9WE. email p-metcalfe@onet.co.uk. Details awaited.

M1426 Les Smith Thaxted Road, Saffron Waldon, Essex CB11 3AG. email levesmith@ntlworld.com. Details awaited.

M1427 John Holmes 17 Robins Avenue, Lenham, Kent ME17 2HW. email johnholmes@baa.co.uk. Details awaited.

M1428 Mrs Julie Craven 13 Peckover Drive, Pudsey, Yks, LS28 8EH. Dau/o Frank and Pauline (Dunnill) Mte m 1958 Frank bpt 6 Dec 1935 Farsley, s/o George & Edith Annie (Rispin) Mte m 1935 George b 25 Oct 1910 s/o James & Lottie (Shepherd) Mte m 1909 Warthermarsk, James b 21 Jan 1883 Warthermarsk, s/o Francis J & Mary Jane (Rayner) Mte m 7 Jul 1879 Coverham, Francis J bpt 28 Aug 1824 Middlesmoor, s/o John & Ann (Wilkinson) Mte m 21 Jan 1799 Middlesmoor, John b c1773 of Ramsgill.

M1429 Charles Leonard Metcalfe 73 Parkfield Drive, Anlaby Road Hull HU3 6TF. Details awaited.

M1430 Mr Alan & Mrs Gillian Boardman 1 Marshbank, Westhoughton, Bolton BL5 3SR. Details awaited.

It is with regret we report the deaths of members

M1344 John Metcalfe in November 2002

and

M244 Gary Metcalf on 26 December 2002

We extend our condolences to families and friends.

Parochial Fees

Church of England Register Search wef 1 January 2003
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NEW CHARGES 2003

Mecca Miscellany

John Allison Metcalfe a brewer's traveller of Guisborough stood for election to Guisborough School Board in 1876. *Middlesbrough News and Cleveland Advertiser* 5 February 1876

John Metcalfe wounded with a knife by his half brother **Joseph Thomas Metcalfe** a miner of Boulby at the Tiger Inn Easington.

Joseph Thomas Metcalfe aged 45 years was formally remanded at Loftus to tomorrow's Petty Sessions at Guisborough on a charge of unlawfully wounding his half brother, **John Metcalfe**, with a knife during a quarrel on Saturday night. Both from *North Eastern Daily Gazette* 4 May 1908.

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

Deaths: **Kathleen Whitehead (Nee MEDCALF)** aged 85, Mother of Peter and Roger, Sister of Mary. Passed away ...in Northampton on 4th March 2002. Supplied by **David Lambert M11**.

Arthur E Metcalfe of Leeds St Christopher's CCC won time trialling's British Best All-Rounder competition in September 1966. In the following year riding for Carlton Cycles he was part of the British National Team in the Tour de France. Seen in *Cycling Weekly* 29 Dec 2001 and supplied by **Joan Metcalfe M63**

Arthur Metcalfe, overall winner of round-Britain Milk Race in 1964 and winner of the Manx International one-day race winner in 1965. A broken pelvis in 1971 cut short his professional career. Returned to amateur time trialling and retired in 1974. Born in Leeds 27 September 1938, died 11 December 2002. Obituary supplied by **Gina MacKenzie M310**.

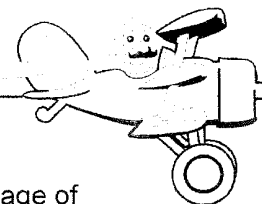
Andy Metcalf, *Trouble with Love* production team BBC2 9.9.02; Prof **David Metcalfe**, LSE, Radio4 19.11.02; **Kim Medcalf**, *Eastenders* 20.11.02; **Paula Metcalfe**, art student on *Rolf Harris Show*, 10.11.02; **Myra Metcalf**, competitor TV Show 15-1, 15.11.02; **Glen Metcalfe**, Glasgow Rugby team player, 15.12.02. All supplied by **Gina MacKenzie M310**.

Top Honours. **Susan Metcalfe** the Catering Manager of the National Trust's Rufford Old Hall, near Southport Lancashire took top honours in the NT's 2002 Cookery competition with her recipe for Moonraker Ale Pie and her overall speciality of pork tenderloin with mustard and tarragon. *National Trust North West News* Spring 2003

"Some might not breed until their third year. On a lowland sheep farm an ewe that failed to breed once would be off to market." **John Metcalfe** National Trust's farm and countryside adviser in the Lake District commenting on the breeding of Herdwick sheep. *National Trust Magazine* Autumn 2001.

Both supplied by **Joan Metcalfe M63**.

Help Wanted



Susan Hildreth M972 is looking for the marriage of

Anthony Metcalf and Margaret Pheason. They had 7 children Hannah b1813 (m John Cummings 1836); William b1815; Sarah b1818; Thomas b1821; Margaret b1825 (m Cooper Comins 1849) and Anthony (her gggrandfather b11 December 1827 in Westwick Lock Yorkshire who went to the USA in 1852 m Mary Ann Reeder 1853). Are there any descendants of Anthony's brothers and sisters out there who can help? (Susan can be contacted at 1115 Upland Way, Green River, Wyoming USA 82935 e-mail-shildreth@vcn.com)

Did any of you attend Park Grove School York in the 1930's and remember the Kay Challenge Shield for School Sports? If so do you know **Violet Metcalf** shown as one of the members of the winning team identified on a picture printed in *The City of York & District FHS Journal* May 2002? If you do let the Editor know.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 19 April 2003 South Yorkshire Family History Fair, Don Valley Stadium, Sheffield. 10am-5pm, £2, children free.

Saturday 26 April 2003 NW Group of Family History Societies Annual Conference 'Creation to Cremation' 9am-4pm, Manchester Town Hall, Albert Square, Manchester. Admission by advanced booking only. Cost £15 per person including buffet lunch, morning tea/coffee and biscuits.

Saturday 28 June 2003 8th Yorkshire Family History Fair. 10am - 4.30pm at York Racecourse. Free parking. Admission £2.50

3 - 6 Sept 2003 A World of Hidden Treasures at the Federation of Genealogical Societies & Florida State Genealogical Society 2003 Conference at Seaworld Orlando Florida, USA. Visit www.fgs.org for further information.

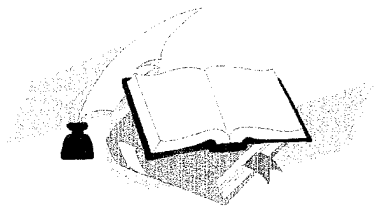
Saturday 13 September 2003 The Great North Fair. 10am - 4.30pm at Gateshead International Stadium. Free parking.

Sunday 14 Sep 2003 Yorkshire Coast Family History Fair. 10am-5pm Spa Complex, Scarborough.

Saturday 20 September 2003 Undercover Archives! Family Open Day at PRO Kew. Free 10am - 4pm. For further info www.pro.gov.uk or ☎ 020 8876 3444.

Saturday 8 November 2003 North West Group of Family History Societies Fair, at the Manchester Velodrome. An exciting new venue of some 1600sq m all on one level at the national cycle track. Over 100 stalls with free parking. Get on your bike and put it in your diary now!

Dear Editor.....Dear Editor



I was interested to read the article "Young Rugby Union Star" (Issue 68 - December 2002). James is our grandson and Ronnie would have been so pleased that he is following in his father, Ian's, footsteps.

Gwen Metcalfe M13

Please terminate my membership of the Society. I have passed my research on to my brother Dr. Charles E. Hinks membership No 1230. I should like to thank the Society, especially Nina Benson, for the help and for the excellent service provided during my membership. I shall continue to take an interest in the Society and wish you well in the future.

Joan L. Schmidt M66

Referring to that complaint by member M655 in the December 2002 issue - "Dear Editor" section. I fully concur with what he is saying, as I have had similar experiences concerning the Beerlings in Kent, to such an extent, that having done the Beerling research for 8-9 years, I have now given up on further research. Living members in Kent, are simply either not interested in genealogy, or if they are only for a small spell in order to get their tree in order, in casu, my giving them all the data, but then suddenly no further communication with them or even a thank you! My experiences with the Dutch or German Beerlings is pointedly different in this regard, and even South African members seem to be a lot more polite! Possibly, it's a matter of attitude. I must also say, that those that are more concerned, are really very good communicators!

On page 8 of the December issue was a first indication for me, the number of current members, and having been a "figure-man" all my life, I immediately took percentages, except for the last three nationalities, and according to me they are: UK = 71.9%, USA = 9.29%, Austr. = 6.89%, Canada = 6.41% and NZ = 4.16%. If you combine the last 4 then the total is 26.75%, thus practically a 1/4 of the membership! However articles or writings from those countries hardly appear in the journal!

Both from **Frans G Beerling M488**

(Frans has identified a major problem for all editors - you can only work with what you get. I am always pleased to put overseas items in the News - don't be bashful send them in. Editor)

And finally.....

The newly introduced Congestion charge in London sees the family in the news yet again. Billed for not paying for entry into the City of London Traffic control area **Peggy Metcalfe** of Norwich's defence was that at 80 she now only drives four miles from her home to her daughter's house and had not been to London by car for years! Daily Telegraph 26 February 2003.

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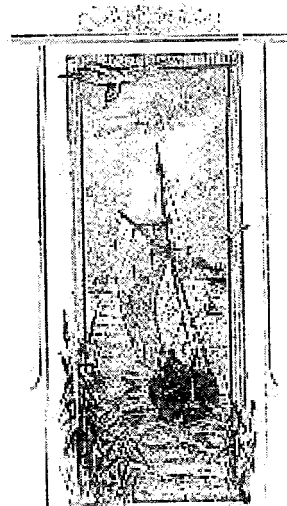
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