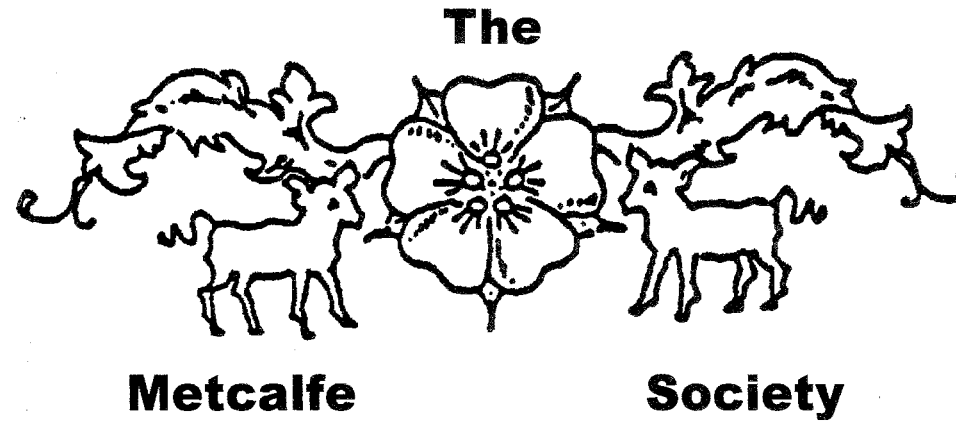




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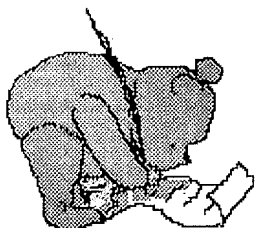
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It is always pleasant to meet old friends especially when you least expect it. Sitting relaxing with a welcome cuppa in a small cafe in Gunnerside after an invigorating walk along the Swale (from Gunnerside) to Muker and back again I was shaken out of my lethargy by a shout of "Look this way for the camera!" Needless to say to my great surprise I was

confronted by our president Charles Metcalfe, who with his wife Greta, had found the same watering hole and was doing his own version of Candid Camera!

We enjoyed a chat before we went our separate ways but it cheered up the day even more. Mind I have yet to see the photograph.

Later in the week strolling around Hawes I came across our family history book in the local newsagents (I see our secretary has also seen it - page 7) and went in and asked how sales were going. I was told there was a steady line of buyers which is good news. If you haven't bought yours yet why not order now

I heard with sadness that Foster Chapman husband of Lillah Chapman M218 had died recently. Both of them have encouraged me in the editor's role and provided articles and items for the magazine over the years. Thank you.

Finally don't forget the 100 years competition and send in those reservations for the Mecca Muster. I look forward to seeing you in York.



QUARTER SESSION RECORDS

1682 Bastardy Order against **George Metcalfe** of Thornton Rust.

The mother Mary Wilker to be whipped through the village until "her body be bloody".

The order signed by local justice Thomas Metcalfe (son of Sir Thomas of Nappa) required George to pay 7d (3p) a week until the child was 8 then pay £8 to the overseers towards an apprenticeship.

MECCA NEWS DEADLINES

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

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

As members will appreciate receipt of the items by the due date will not necessarily guarantee inclusion in that issue but don't let that put you off sending in those articles comments or snippets!

MECCA MUSTER

As seen on TV!

Ensure you complete your registration form for this year's Mecca Muster so as not to miss our guest speaker - Anne Batchelor, writer and genealogist. Her presentation is called 'As seen on TV' - an account of her experience when her family research was filmed by the BBC for their 'Timewatch' series. This talk includes a video of the resulting programme.

Saturday 4th October 2003 starting 9.30am
at Askham Bryan College York.

Don't delay send in your forms and
experience something for everyone.

I AM MY OWN GRANDPA

Many years ago when I was twenty three

I got married to a widow who was as pretty as could be
This widow had a grown-up daughter who had hair of red
My father fell in love with her and soon the pair were wed
This made my dad my son-in-law and changed my very life
My daughter was my mother, for she was my father's wife
To complicate the matters worse, although it brought me joy

I soon became the father of a bouncing baby boy
My little baby then became a brother-in-law to dad
And so became my uncle, then that also made him brother
To the widow's grown-up daughter who of course was my stepmother
Father's wife then had a son who kept them on the run
And he became my grandson for he was my daughter's son
My wife is now my mother's mother and it makes me very blue
Because although she is my wife, she's my grandma too
If my wife is my grandmother then I am her grandchild
And every time I think of it, it simply drives me wild.
For now I have become the strangest case you ever saw
As the husband of my grandmother I am my own GRANDPA.

This has been around a while but it might give a chuckle. Also no matter how complicated your family tree, there is always some one else worse off.
Unless of course you are your own grandpa!

LEAD MINING IN THE DALES

(The first in a series of articles about lead mining and the Metcalfe Clan)

by George Buxton M3

Many millions of years ago the area we now know as Arkengarthdale, Swaledale and Wensleydale in the North Yorkshire Dales was covered by water which eventually formed the Carboniferous rock and the Yoredale Strata. The latter consists of limestone and sandstone. It is the limestone, which contains the Galena veins from which the lead ore is extracted. The veins are not large many are only a few feet thick but on occasions the lead was deposited in a large flat area, this made extracting it easier for the miner.

Early human occupation of the area, took place, but not to any great extent. In the area round Richmond there is the remains of a Brigantine camp, covering some 850 acres. These tribesmen would have visited the dale, but probably not lived there all the year round. These early people were skilled metal workers so they would have known that lead was in the area. They probably initially just picked lead up out of the streams.

The Romans occupied Britain from 43 AD for approximately 400 years and had a large military camp at Catterick as well as an outpost at Bainbridge, in Wensleydale. It seems that Hurst in Swaledale was a Roman penal settlement where the mining of lead took place. It is rumoured that several pigs of lead were found with Roman Imperial Eagle marked on them however none has survived to the present day. That the Romans used lead extensively there is no doubt, every thing from lead lined coffins to the lining of stone water storage tanks.

Most of the mines since the 1500's were on the North side of Swaledale between Keld and Marsk and in to Arkengarthdale, with only a few in Wensleydale. There was also a large area centred on Middleton in Teesdale. This was latterly owned and operated by the Quaker London Lead Company from about 1700 to 1905. There was a copper mine at Downholm near Richmond. A coal mine was also in use at Tan Hill which supplied coal for the smelting mills. Most were fired by local supplies of peat.

In Brigante times the lead ore would have been closer to the topsoil and easily extracted. However as time went on it would have become more difficult to obtain and these tribesmen may have developed the system later known as "Hushing", if they did not the Romans almost certainly did.

Hushing is a very simple method of collecting lead. A vein of lead prefer-



Surrender Mill Swaledale

ably on the side of a hill was found near the surface of the ground. As much of the earth surrounding the lead was loosened. A large pit or dam was constructed at the bottom of the "working". Water was then diverted onto the top of the slope, so as much of the loose earth as possible was washed down into the dam or pit. Naturally more than one source of water would have been required. Therefore watercourses were constructed, some covering several miles, all following the contours of the land. In order to gain the maximum effect these people must have had a complex signalling system to get the water to arrive at the top of the hill at the same time. Over the passage of time these sites became large, several tens of feet deep, many feet wide and anything up to a mile in length.

After the lead ore was recovered from the collecting point at the bottom of the hill it was taken to be cleaned and smelted. The recovery of the lead ore was an extremely hard, difficult task carried out in almost impossible conditions. The basic principals did not change from the earliest time to the introduction of crushing mills in the 19th century. A ready supply of running water was a prime requirement; a "Hotching Tub" was built on a hill. This was basically a witch's ducking chair the purpose was to wash off the soil, then the material was passed over a series of sieves with the free ore being picked out at each stage. The ore still contained in the rock was left to be broken by a Bucker. In later times, this was an oblong piece of iron 4" or 6" wide and 8" or 9" long and about 1" thick with a handle on top. The principal was to separate by smashing the rock off the lead. Widows, young boys or girls, carried out all this work towards the end of the process.

After the lead had been separated it was taken to be smelted. For this a hillside was used with a good prevailing wind, a small stone circle was constructed, peat, wood and lead layers were built up inside the circle. A small opening was left in the bottom so the lead could run off into a mould. Naturally the lead was not of a high quality, and the work involved hard difficult and dangerous. As time went by and the easier pickings from hushing were less common "Bell Pits" would have been dug. These were as can be imagined a shaft dug the depth of the vein, or as deep as technology allowed, and then the vein followed sideways to the extent that fresh air could travel without mechanical assistance.

To be continued

CROIX DE GUERRE

War cross, First Class, with Palm Leaf, awarded to Sergeant Jacob Metcalfe in 1917. 6th Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry, 6th Brigade, 20th Division, 15th Corps. Has given proof of an admirable bravery in remaining in contact with the enemy and effecting on his own initiative numerous reconnaissances and in reporting important information on 29th August 1916. In front of Guillemont he displayed the greatest gallantry in continuing to discharge his rifle under fire, filling the places on the line of fire of several men who had just been buried by the bombardment and remaining in position until the arrival of help.

So reads the citation of Jacob Metcalfe's Croix De Guerre. Accompanying the copy citation is an article from the Brecon and Radnor Express of 7 November 2002. It goes on to tell that a new gravestone had been erected by Jacob's great grandchildren which was to be laid in time for Armistice Day 11 November 2002. The family gathered at Builth Wells cemetery for a blessing of the new stone. Grandson Frank Metcalf said "The previous stone didn't mention his honours and the great grandchildren thought it would be nice to have something to commemorate him by". Jacob passed away in 1954 at the age of 74.

Late Membership items

Update

M1017 Mr HJ Hamilton Metcalfe James Metcalfe bc 1780 and his second wife Elizabeth Hooper are known to have had 3 children - Elizabeth Hooper Mte b21.1.1813 (c29.4.1815) Newington Surrey, d1891 Brighton unm; William Hooper Mte b1.3.1809 (c25.6.1809) Tarrant Keynston; James Metcalfe b4.4.1810 (c4.5.1810) Newington Surrey.

New Member

M1451 Mr David J. Metcalfe, 39 Ramleaze Drive, Salisbury, Wilts. SP2 9PA. Son of John & Shirley Helen (Kennett) Mte. John b 1926 Knaresborough Yks s/o Robert b c1886 Myton on Swale Yks s/o John & Ann (?) Mte. John bpt 03.12.1852 Newton on Ouse Yks natural s/o Mary Mte of Newton on Ouse. Mary bpt 21.04.1835 Newton On Ouse d/o Thomas & Hannah (Swaine) Mte mge 21.12.1829 Newton on Ouse. Thomas b 24.02.1804 Stillington Yks s/o Thomas & Jane (Eden) Mte m 20.03.1799 Newton on Ouse. Thomas bpt 25.11.1764 Farlington Yks s/o Percival & Ann/c (Swales) Mte m 29.12.1761 Farlington. Percival considered to be the Percival bpt 30.04.1735 Middlesmoor in Nidderdale, Yks. s/o John & Mary (?) Mte. John bpt 14.09.1705 Middlesmoor s/o John & Isabel (Atkinson) Mte. **Connects to M8, M64, M312, M661, M80, M974, M1074, M1101, M1142 and M1216.**

Secretary's Report

I've just returned from a lovely day wondering up and down Wensleydale. There I was minding my own business dodging the day trippers in downtown Hawes when I saw our 'Metcalfe-History of the Clan' book on sale in a prime position of the window in Mason's in the Market Place. It was the icing on the cake after a super day - oh for retirement!..... but some of us have to keep working.

We are all interested in our own Metcalfe family tree - and other one names that we focus on. Don't miss out on this year's Mecca Muster when Anne Batchelor will be our guest speaker on how tracing her own family tree turned into a BBC TV programme - you will even see the programme itself at the Muster. Unfortunately, this will be the first Muster in many years that I will miss - for four Saturdays out of five this September/October, I have to visit secondary schools for my daughter. Again it frightens me how time goes by so fast when I see how tall she is getting. Do enjoy the day.

It may be August and Christmas may not be in your mind - but do find enclosed in this issue the order forms for both Christmas cards and the Metcalfe book - it is not too early to order them, so don't leave it too late or forget about it altogether.

Finally, my personal thanks for all the help I have received from Doug Cutting who has had to step down from his role - both the committee and I wish him well on his road to recovery - it is just not in his make-up to take it easy!

Diane Haworth M409

Almost a winner!

At this spring's AGM for the Guild of One Name Studies (GOONS), it was announced that The Metcalfe Society's website was runner-up in their Web Site of the Year award - just being pipped at the post. We now have an additional award logo to display on our website as a result.

Our thanks go to Susan Harper who started and built the original website, and to Carol Herbert, the society's treasurer and website administrator, who redesigned the website using her professional skills to make it what it is today - recognised by our family history colleagues as an outstanding website.

Can we go one better?

Report on the March 2003 meeting

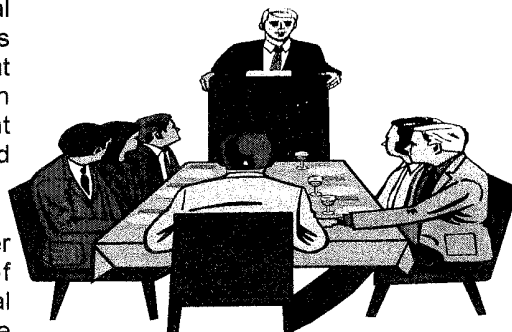
Chairman: There was general agreement to try to place more in the written reports submitted and to deal with more of the day to day business via e-mail between meetings so that the Committee meetings can concentrate on the more important decisions and strategy issues and avoid becoming over long.

Secretary: There was some further detailed discussion of ways of reducing Diane's workload. Several Committee members offered to take on various tasks internal to the running of the Committee and regarding the production of Society documentation. **Treasurer:** Carol was unable to be present. Congratulations were sent to her on the birth of Aiden in November. **Archivist:** Fortunately, since the Muster, there had been several offers to help with this role. The aim is to have a single first point of contact with others taking on the role of researchers, feeding back their results through the named contact. More details will follow when further discussions have taken place with those kindly offering their help.

New Members' Secretary: There had been 42 new members since the last report in September.

Master Membership File: There are 483 current members: 365 from the UK, 41 in the USA, 30 in Australia, 23 in Canada, 18 in New Zealand, 2 in South Africa, 2 in France, 1 in Norway

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and 1 in Cyprus.

Editor: It was felt that the new arrangements brought in for the December issue seemed to have worked well, with better quality reproduction of photographs. Peter would welcome more short articles or 'snippets' on Metcalfe sightings, both ancient and modern.

Computer Index: The main index currently stands at 85247 entries. David was congratulated on his collecting of all of the 1901 Metcalfe census returns for Yorkshire and he is now engaged in merging these records into the Society's database.

Web Administrator: It is aimed to set up a 'Committee only' section on the website to aid the speedy sharing of the most up to date Society administrative detail between the various roles.

Affiliations: David Metcalfe and Margaret Hodgson will be representing the Society at the Northern Fair in York on Saturday 28th June. The Committee would welcome more volunteers from the membership to help with the running of the stands at the various genealogical events.

Projects: Sales of the second edition of "Metcalfe: History of the Clan" are going well. It is aimed to update the Wills booklets with brief detail of which wills the Society holds transcripts. It is hoped to place the index to the

transcripts on the 'members only' section of the website.

Research: The India book sub-committee had met and had agreed to look in detail through the very extensive research done by George. A proposal as to the form of presentation of this resource will be made by March next year.

The next meeting will take place on Saturday 13th September 2003 at Earby.

Margaret Hodgson M515

Centurian Update from Pat Malham -GRI Coordinator

Pat writes "Just a quick e-mail before I go on holiday to say that note about possible centenarians in the last issue of Mecca News has produced a couple of replies, both to do with the same person. The principal correspondent has been **Kathleen Broderick, M1201**, of Accrington has sent me many details about **Annie Cecilia METCALF** who was her great-aunt and did reach her century. She was born on 10 November 1872 and died on 16 November 1972, having spent all her life in and around Altham. She never married.

Nothing so far on the other possible centenarian, **Alice Ann K METCALFE**, 1882-1982. I should be interested to know if we have any centenarians who might have died between 1984 and 2003. I have only one, **John C P E METCALFE** who died in 1997." Can you help? If so contact Pat whose address is on the front cover.

Metcalfe's in the News

Mon. 21st July 2003 BBC1 - Jeffrey Archer's Millions. **Adrian Metcalfe** was a friend and fellow athlete at Cambridge university. He beat Jeffrey in trials and went on to win a silver medal at the Tokyo Olympics. **Lesley Longworth M 68**

Western Australia Newspaper 26 January 2003. Perth International Arts Festival - The Fleadh. To celebrate the opening of the Mundaring to Kalgoorlie pipeline 100years ago. Directing an exclusive extract from Tony Evans' play the Trial of C Y O'Connor (which deals with public hostility to the pipeline) was the Perth actor and director **Edgar Metcalfe**. Provided by **Frans Beerling M488**

The Independent 23 May 2003 Burberry's fall into negative trading was said by **Mike Metcalf** the chief financial officer to be "disappointing but we're assuming ...improvement over the next three or four months". From **Joan Metcalfe M63**

Charles Theophilus Baron Metcalfe of Fernhill

In the County of Berkshire

Charles Theophilus (Chas Theo) was the second son of Thomas Theophilus & Susanna Selina Sophia Metcalfe. He was born 30th January 1785 at the Lecture House Calcutta. He returned to England with his parents and was sent with his brother to be educated Bromley and to Eton in January 1796 where his powers of application and his dislike of all sport was noticed by his masters.

Entering into the service of the East India Company (E I C) in January 1801 he became the first student of the College of Fort William Calcutta founded by Lord Wellesley (Brother of the Duke of Wellington). The first posting he was offered, to the Arab States he refused. Instead he was sent to be the assistant resident at Daulat Rao Sindia's Court; he soon found he could not work with Col Collins, the resident so on the 4th October 1802 he became an Assistant to the Chief Secretary office at Calcutta transferring on the 4th April 1803 to a similar post in the Governor Generals office.

In 1804 he was attached to the headquarters as Political Officer with General Sir John Lake, in the Mahratta War 1804; at the storming of a fortress called Deeg on the December 24th. he impressed the General so much that afterwards he called Chas Theo "My little charger". On the 10th January 1806 was received in full Durbar by Holkar with whom Chas Theo had concluded a treaty. He was appointed first assistant to the Resident at Delhi 1806.

In August 1808 he was sent on a special mission to the court of Runjeet Singh at Lahore when it was thought that Russia was going to try and invade India from the North. His considerable reputation was established in 1809 at the age of 24 when he succeeded in obtaining a treaty with Runjeet Singh, King of the Sikh Nation at Vmritsur on 25th April 1809. It was at this time he probably went through a Sikh marriage service with a lady of Runjeet Singh's Court, possibly a family member. Chas Theo certainly remained on very close personal terms with Runjeet Singh thereafter.

From August 1809 to May 1810 Chas Theo was deputy secretary to Lord Minto the Governor-General on his visit to Madras. On the 15 May 1810 he was appointed as acting resident to the court of Dowlut Rao Scindiah, where some nine years earlier he had been unable to work with Col Collins. He was promoted on 25th February 1811 to the post of resident at Delhi. By his clear thought and application contributed to the industrial of the territorial develop-

ment of Delhi. His scheme for the settlement of Central India influenced the policy of the Governor General Lord Moira (latterly the Marquise of Hastings).

Chas Theo was used to being his own man and acting as secretary to the secret and political department of the E I C and private secretary to the Governor General quickly became unbearable and lasted less than two years. On the 26th December 1820 was appointed resident at Hyderabad. It was here that he planned to remove the influence of the money-lending firm of William Palmer & Co. This company had negotiated a loan with the Nazim of Hyderabad. The interest was crippling the people of Hyderabad. As the matter unfolded it appeared that the Marquise of Hastings if not a participant knew of the circumstances of the loan. The plan Chas Theo developed brought him the displeasure of the Governor General. However he had his way and within a year of Chas Theo arriving in Hyderabad the company of William Palmer & Co was bankrupt.

On the death of his elder brother Theo John in August 1822 he succeeded to the baronetcy. In the following year he was taken ill and went to Calcutta, but returned to Hyderabad in 1824. On 26th August 1825 he was appointed Resident and Civil Commissioner in Delhi Territories, as well as agent to the Governor General for the affairs of Rajpootana. On 24th August 1827 he became a member of the Supreme Council, which at that time consisted of the Governor General the Commander in Chief and two members of the civil servants. By a resolution of the Court of Directors 14th December 1831 the term of his service was extended from five to seven years. He was appointed to the Government of Agra on 20th November 1833, but owing to the absence from Bengal of the Governor General (Lord William Bentinck) he had to stay at Calcutta for some time as Vice – President of the council and Deputy – Governor of Bengal.

In December 1834 he set out for the seat of his government at Allahabad, but no sooner had he got there that he had to return to Calcutta as a consequence of Lord William Bentinck's resignation. The Court of Directors appointed him as provisional Governor General during the interval between the departure of Lord William Bentinck and the arrival of Lord Auckland (20th March 1835 to 4 March 1836.) The directors very much wanted Chas Theo to remain in office, but the government of the day refused the appointment on the grounds it was not advisable to appoint a company man to the highest office in the Indian government. Even in such a short term of office he managed to achieve considerable success including the unification of the currency. In the past there had been several values for the Rupee, depending on the amount of silver; he standardised the currency.

However he was not without enemies. On 15th September 1835 he

removed restrictions applied to the press in India but this caused the Directors of the company concern, so much so that he was passed over for the vacant Governorship of Madras. In consequence he resigned and returned to England in 1838, retiring from the company.

On the 11 July 1839 he was appointed Governor of Jamaica being admitted a member of the privy council on 31st July; arriving in Spanish Town on the 26th September, where he was sworn in as governor. By his customary application of intelligence and common sense he soon completed his task reconciling Jamaica, the emancipated slaves and England. He resigned returning to England on 2nd July 1842. In January 1843 he accepted the Government of Canada, taking up his position on the 30th March. This was to prove an extremely difficult and arduous task. For a time he was without a full council, but after the general election in November 1844, he was able to fill up the vacant places with men of moderate views.

Chas Theo had for some time been suffering from a growth on his cheek, which blinded him in one eye but struggled on at his post. As a result of his service in three countries he was created Baron Metcalfe of Fern Hill on 25th January 1845. However before the end of the year he became unfit for work, resigned his post and returned to England in December 1845. As the family home Fernhill was let he took Malsanger House near Basingstoke, Hampshire where he died on 5th September 1846. He was buried in the family vault in the parish of Winkfield where there is a tablet to his memory; Lord Macaulay wrote the inscription.

Chas Theo was an able, untiring administrator of integrity and industry. In all his service he only had three disputes with the Court of Directors of the EIC. The first in 1813 concerned his expenses on his move to Hyderabad; the Governor General admitted he did not pass the correct information to the Court of Directors. The second was the action he took against W Palmer & Co. The third was the action he took on the press. He did not take his seat in the House of Lords. As he never married, according to the rights of the Church of England the barony became extinct upon his death, while the baronetcy devolved to his younger brother Thomas Theophilus Metcalfe. He did however, while he was in India father three sons. All three were sent England to be educated by his sister and largely ignored by him until just before his death when he acknowledged James the only survivor. Even so he did facilitate the entry of two of his sons into the Army at a time when it was almost impossible for any Euro Asians to be accepted for a commission.

Studholm Henry was baptised 18 December 1813; he died in 1839 when he was a captain in the 9th East Norfolk Regiment of Foot. The second son Francis Ralph born 3rd August 1814 became a doctor and joined the EIC 5th

Light Cavalry in 1839 as an assistant surgeon, taking part in the 1st Afghanistan war of 1841 – 1842. This was the first time the EIC was defeated in India, life was never the same again for them, of the 17 500 people who set out on the campaign, only one man was allowed to live to tell the tale France Ralph died on the 10th or 13th January 1842.

The third and last son was James born 1st December 1817 He Joined Addiscombe the EIC Military Seminary on the 18th April 1834, passing out on the 11th December 1835 and arrived at Fort William July 1836. He was posted to the 3rd Native Infantry on the 12 September 1836. In October 1839 Her Majesties troops were proceeding to Upper Provinces and James was interpreter until 17th December 1839 when he was appointed adjutant at the recruitment depot at Jnanipoor. He was aide – de – camp to the Marquis of Dalhousie Governor General from 1848 – 1853. On the outbreak of the mutiny he was appointed interpreter to the commander in chief Sir Colin Campbell. In that capacity, as well as in that of aide – de – camp and commandant at headquarters, he went through the mutiny with Sir Colin Campbell then later with Lord Clyde. He was present in the battle of Caunfure under Lord Clyde on the 6th December 1857 receiving three personal commendations.

Later he became a Lt. Col and retired in 1868. Married in 1852 to Jose Eliza Gordon they had 7 children. The eldest son Charles Theophilus Evelyn became a Brigadier General in the British Army. Another son Evelyn James went to Queensland where he farmed and played cricket for Australia. He also married in Australia and had a son Theophilus James Metcalfe. His son was mentioned in the will of his grandmother Jose in 1916. but no trace of him after that date has been found. Throughout his life he kept a copy of every letter and communication he wrote as well as a diary, unfortunately after his death his wife, Jose Eliza Gordon Metcalfe, burnt all the items.

This article has been written from the records of the Oriental & Indian Records Collection. **George Buxton M3**

100 years in history competition - deadline looming

In the April Mecca News, we launched the 100 years in history competition. We have received a good number of entries to date but note that the deadline is looming - 31 August 2003.

You can find the entry form within your April Mecca News and on the society website. The winner will be notified directly and announced in the December Mecca News.

Return your entry TODAY!

Chairman's Report

Three weeks ago (mid-April) I attended a North West Group of Family History Societies day Conference, in Manchester. Our Society is a member of this Group of Societies in the North West of England. We also belong to a similar group in the North East. It was an excellent day, hosted by the Manchester and Lancashire FHS with three very interesting speakers, including one on genetics and Family History. Yesterday, having returned home from two weeks "summer holiday", I read the Article in the April Mecca News about the same subject.

I am aware that certain other One Name Societies have embarked on having DNA samples taken for the reasons outlined in our article. The lecture in Manchester was by an eminent South African Professor of Genetics and certainly made me think that this was something which we, as a Society, might consider undertaking. The article in Mecca News has emphasised the point. It could yield some very interesting results. You were invited in the April issue to comment. I hope that many of you do so, whether "pro" or "anti" and I would like to think that we could discuss the subject at our forthcoming Muster in October?

You will have seen in the April issue that our Archivist has been struggling for the reasons outlined there. Hopefully her difficulties are behind her now. I thank her for her fortitude and dedication, coupled with my thanks to her family, David Metcalfe and Nina Benson who ensured that "the Show must go on".

Unfortunately, more recently, Doug Cutting has been taken ill and had to curtail most of the work that he was undertaking on our behalf. I wish to thank him and his wife June, for all they have done for us and indeed to thank them for agreeing to continue to distribute this Magazine. I hope that he will quickly recover his full health and that we will see him at the Muster, if not at the next Committee meeting.

These two instances demonstrate the necessity for a large team of volunteers, who can help to run the Society both on a regular basis and also to step in and help when the unexpected occurs. Please will you consider if there is some way in which you can help and let us know? We might not have an immediate need for your talents but could well take you up on your offer in the future. We always welcome new members on the Committee too and with the Annual General Meeting not too far away now is the time to think about it. How about it?

The March Committee Meeting, in my opinion, went well and finished in almost record time due to changes in the format of the Meeting. Certain tasks were delegated to one or two members of the Committee rather than entrusting the it

to the full Committee. We will see in September how well it is working. With a Society of our size and moderate complexity it was felt by me, after discussion with the Committee, that we needed to streamline the Meetings and the way in which we conduct the business of the Society.

I hope you have a good summer and look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in York in October at our annual Muster.

Don't forget to book, which will be my next job!

David Lambert M11

Books

I have bought genealogy books in the past from RFG Hollett & Son, Cumbria - hence I am on their mailing list for their catalogues. There are a few Metcalfe-authored books in the latest one, including:

METCALFE, R.W. (Rev.) THE RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH REGISTERS [1571-1812]. at a pricey £750!

You can browse through their catalogue at <http://www.holletts-rarebooks.co.uk/> If you are researching other families in the Cumbria area it's worth a look, as I managed to get copies of "Early Friends in Dent", and "Adam Sedgewick's Dent" from them very cheaply.

Carol Herbert M1072, Web Admin

Bishopdale Booklets.

No 62 Surname Index and strays in 1901 Census. Wensleydale Nth Yorkshire.

No 68 1871 Census. Reeth, Fremington and Healaugh (Swaledale)

No 69 1871 Census. Arkengarthdale (High & Low Divisions)

No 70 1871 Census. Grinton, Marrick and Hurst. Each £2 + p&p 30p. Available from Jean Kington, 65 Elder Close, Winchester SO22 4LH or £2 for personal shoppers from meetings of the Upper Dales branch of the Cleveland FHS.

Tithe Surveys for Historians by Roger J P Kain & Hugh C Prince. Published by Phillimore & Co £14.99. Want to know about surveys and how they could be useful in family history this book could help.

The Record Interpreter by Charles Trice Martin Phillimore & Co £20. Helps with understanding older manuscript documents.

■ "At the hostel (Aysgarth) the night before I had a long conversation with a waiker who knew lots about the indmitable Lady Ann Clifford.. It was 1663 at the age of seventy three.. that she began a journey from the place of her birth, Skipton Castle in 1590, staying en route at Kilnsey and arriving at Nappa Hall... to stay with her cousin the owner **Thomas Metcalfe** before journeying on to Pendragon Castle." Extracted by **Mrs M Birch M51** from article in Cycling World by Eddie Grainger November 1998.

A LOVE STORY.....?

At 9 o'clock on August 18th 1821 a hired chaise waited unobtrusively in the neighbourhood of Duncan Street, St. James's, in Liverpool. Within waited a young man, apprehensive lest his carefully prepared plan should come to nothing. However, on the stroke of nine two young men could be seen hurrying towards him. From a different direction, there came a young woman, discreetly dressed, with her face averted. Quickly they mounted the steps of the chaise and were soon away, travelling south towards Toxteth.¹

Who then was this group of young people, and what was the plan? The young man was Edward Metcalfe, aged 26, a printer and stationer who ran his business from chambers in Lord Street. His plan was to elope with Martha Kaye Gorst, aged 16, the sole heir of her late grandfather, Robert Weston, who was a man of property. The two young men were to be the witnesses, one, Charles Critchley, had been Edward's childhood friend, the other, a friend of Critchley's was named Thomas Whittingham. Edward had laid his plans carefully. He knew that Martha's parents suspected something and would strenuously oppose the match. He chose a church, St. Michael's, which was obscure in location and in exactly the opposite direction to where he calculated Martha's parents would look for her. He obtained professional advice as to the legality of the marriage from a lawyer friend in his chambers called P. Gandy, and arranged to have the banns called in the normal way, hoping that no one who knew Martha's family, was in the congregation.

Everything went according to Edward's plan, they were married at half past nine and gave the driver orders to drive north to the North Shore Coffee House. There was just one alarming moment. On their way they were stopped by a stranger, they expected a scuffle but Charles Critchley placed Martha in a position where she could not be seen and the stranger allowed them to proceed. After coffee they made their way to St. George's Dock Pier to catch the midday steam packet to Runcorn, 30 miles away. Once again they saw the stranger, who was still in pursuit, but fortunately he did not recognise them. Charles and his friend accompanied them as far as Runcorn, Edward and Martha went on to Manchester, where they stayed for a fortnight to allow the heat to die down.

For the next part of the story I am lucky to have a most descriptive and colourful letter, written to Edward by his friend Charles Critchley.² Martha's parents Ann and Thomas Gorst were only ten minutes behind. At ten minutes past nine they erupted into the home of Edward's parents, James and Anne Metcalfe at number 1, Pall Mall enquiring as to the whereabouts of their son. When told that he was out and would not be in until evening Thomas Gorst rushed down to the office and breathlessly asked The Boy where Edward had gone. Upon being

told that he was out of town Thomas shouted, "The bugger I'll out of town him!" They then returned to the house, "using the most gross and insulting language" to Edward's mother. Ann Gorst forced her way upstairs to look for Martha's clothes – "accusing Edward of being a scoundrel, a villain and fifty other such epithets – and had robbed the house – that a coach was seen in the neighbourhood at two o'clock that morning by which means you (sic) had eloped with her daughter." Finally they went to Walton, the home of Edward's sister Mary. This was what Edward had predicted they would do, the church in Walton being 6 or 7 miles in the opposite direction from the church in Toxteth. Here, to quote once again from the letter to Edward from Charles Critchley, "They have also been at Walton and abused your sister in the same extreme of Black Gaurdism Mr. G. even daring to challenge your Brother – in – law to a combat which William would have accepted but for the persuasions of Mrs Shaw and other neighbours." It must have kept those same neighbours in scandalised gossip for many days to come!

In fact, that evening the Metcalfe family and Charles Critchley celebrated, each telling with relish, their side of the story. At some point during that day there must have been another encounter with the Gorsts or their friends, as Charles Critchley was sporting a black eye. In his letter to Edward he advised both of them to stay where they were, as vengeance and revenge "were solemnly avowed."

Did they live happily ever afterwards? It would seem so. There were 10 children, 7 of whom survived. They wanted to return to Ravenstonedale in Westmorland eventually, where James Metcalfe, Edward's father had been born and brought up. Edward wrote to his uncle Anthony Metcalfe in Ravenstonedale asking his advice in "procuring a small house with a garden, or rather a bit of land for agricultural purposes, say about 2 or 3 acres; I don't mind how small a house it is, or how far from another house, as you must understand that I am not houseproud in the country but here you must live in a respectable looking house, or you lose your respectability – I should not like it to be so small as a pig – sty, but something neat – I intend to keep a cow, a pig, poultry etc., to grow potatoes and other vegetables."³ Eventually they rented "Ashfield", a farm belonging to the Rev. Arthur Gibson.⁴ Today it is still in the possession of the descendants of Edward's uncle, Anthony Metcalfe. Edward and Martha eventually retired to Birks Mill in Sedbergh. ⁵The mill, which had been converted into several houses, is beautifully situated in a secluded valley overlooking the River Rawthey. Edward Metcalfe was buried on January 15th 1867. Martha barely survived him for a fortnight, she was buried on February 1st 1867.⁶ They lie together in the churchyard of St Oswald's, Ravenstonedale. Their epitaph reads, "They were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their deaths they were not divided."



St Oswald's Ravenstonedale

I trust that he was not too aptly named! The youngest daughter Anne married twice, firstly to Thomas Buck Shaw and secondly to the Rev. Henry George Day the headmaster of Sedbergh School.

I should really finish the idyll on this happy note, although perhaps you noticed that there was a question mark in the title? There are aspects of this story that make me feel uneasy, aspects that make me feel that some of the intentions of my ancestors were not entirely honourable.

Let us start with my 4 x great grandfather Robert Weston, the man of property. All my information concerning him comes from his will, which runs to 7 handwritten A3 pages.¹¹ Edward described him as "a man of a most unforgiving disposition," although, understandably in the circumstances, he later changed his mind. I think the will was monstrously unfair.

His bequests began thus – *I give and bequeath unto my wife Ann Weston the sum of one shilling*. I suppose he could have made previous provision for her, but she is mentioned nowhere else in the will, although there is a reference to a "late wife" which suggests that he may have been married twice.



Edward Metcalfe

All of their children did well. James the eldest continued farming Ashfield in Ravenstonedale.⁷ Edward Parr Metcalfe had a distinguished career in India, where for 25 years he was principal of the college in Rajahmundry.⁸ Rev. Robert Weston Metcalfe, his younger brother also spent some time in India before he became vicar of St. Oswald's, Ravenstonedale.⁹ Of the daughters, Mary remained unmarried, Martha, my great grandmother, married a clergyman, Rev. Thomas Holme. They returned to Lancashire where Thomas Holme became vicar of St. Thomas's church, Oldham.¹⁰ Elizabeth married a schoolmaster, William Bowker Birch,

He left his only daughter Nancy Ann Gorst, in trust for her natural life, his house and furniture in Duncan Street, St. James's, Liverpool. He also left her £10 a year, which was not over generous, especially as it had been willed to her from the estate of one, James Hamilton. Robert left her a further £10 a year should her husband Thomas Gorst leave her or "happen to depart this life." His antipathy towards his son – in – law may hold the key towards his treatment of his daughter.

Everything else was left in trust to his 12 year old granddaughter, Martha Kaye Gorst. He left under £4000, a tidy sum in those days. According to Edward, Martha had been brought up by her grandfather. Nancy Ann Gorst may have been feckless and "a bit of a drama queen," other letters in the collection indicate that she was both. She may have married against her father's wishes, but she was left to bring up her family of 1 son and 4 other daughters in difficult circumstances. Robert Weston left absolutely nothing in his will to his other grandchildren. In a letter to her daughter dated May 31st 1839 ¹²Ann Gorst wrote, "Our income is very small and often very uncertain which causes very many privations. I have been six years past not been able to attend any place of worship. My family have eaten potatoes and (?) three and four times a day for many weeks together. We have not tasted butter for three months at once. We have been nine months and not once tasted butcher's meat. I was brought nearly to the grave but God has raised me up and strengthened me for the sake of my family." This, and more of the same, was clearly designed to stir Martha's conscience, but I find it genuinely pitiful.

The bulk of Robert Weston's long will was a very detailed distribution of his property should Martha die before she herself had married and had children of her own. This must have raised expectations amongst his friends and more distant family, which were not to be realised. Martha recalled, in a letter to her sister Anne, written a long time afterwards.¹³

"At my grandfather's death I was not likely for living - ¹⁴had I died his property would have gone out of the family – indeed I well remember when the window blinds were not drawn up as early as usual there was rejoicing by the party who was to succeed me in the will, who conceived, no doubt that I had made a place for them."



**Martha Kaye Metcalfe
nee Gorst**

What can I tell you about Edward Metcalfe? As mentioned earlier I am

fortunate to have a copy of a letter that he wrote to his Uncle Anthony concerning his "late run – away job." It is detailed and revealing, but not romantic. There are no loving references to Martha, his warmest praise concerned his friend Charles Critchley. He gave his uncle a cold analysis of Martha's expectations including his assessment of her chances of survival.

"I believe my father told you of her expectancy – if she pleases she can sell her interest in her property when she's 21 for 3000 & have her income which she has now till she's 30 – but its better to wait the time and have 300 a year – she's likely for life – if she was delicate it might perhaps be advisable – the property's made to her and children....."

Edward's attitude to Thomas and Ann Gorst remained implacable. In the same letter to his Uncle Anthony he recorded grimly, and with evident satisfaction, "...they thought, she being a minor, it could not be done without their assistance, but they were taught differently." In a further letter written in October 1825¹⁵ he wrote about his "wife's friends," which obviously included her parents. "My wife's friends are doing all they can to make friends with me, they find they cannot do me any injury by being an avowed enemy, & they now want to see what they can do by a pretended friendship but I am determined never to be upon terms of intimacy with them as their conduct has been most outrageous and wicked - you may perhaps think that Martha may wish to be upon a good understanding with them, she does not appear at all inclined to see them, this may readily be accounted for, as she was brought up by her grandfather who, till lately I thought was a man of a most unforgiving disposition, in consequence of him making the whole of his property over by will, to Martha, but I believe he was perfectly justifiable, for if he had not left the property to her I believe 'ere this a good portion of it would have disappeared."

Eighteen years later the rift had not healed. In a letter to her daughter, Martha, Ann Gorst accused Edward of reopening the wound, "by ingratitude and insult and every specie of degradation. And that before a stranger"

That is very nearly the end of the story, I know little more. I am greatly indebted to my cousin Joan Gribbon, who has kindly given me copies of the letters in her possession. I am also indebted to another cousin, Sandra Allen who allowed me to copy Aunt Waddingham's Recollections.¹⁶ Aunt Waddingham was born Margaret Gorst, she was Ann Gorst's granddaughter. Her recollections contain many nuggets of family history, which I hope one day to piece together. Unfortunately she knew very little about the Weston family except a name – Robert Weston, a date and a place – 1807 Liverpool, and what sounds like a rather stern memorial inscription – "Seek ye out of the book and read Isaiah." There was one other tantalisingly small piece of information, this time just a name and a date – Weston Point 1767. If any member knows anything

more, I should be very pleased to hear about it.

Aunt Waddingham knew more about her Gorst ancestors and one of her stories contained that essential ingredient for a good family mystery – a lot of money left in Chancery! Perhaps if Edward had heard the story he might have been kinder to his in-laws. So, although it does not have too much to do with Edward and Martha, I shall recount the tale as Aunt Waddingham told it to her nephew.

"Kathleen Gorst married a Mr. Pate, a farmer in Cheshire, whose brother was a lawyer. There is a little romance comes in here. There are two tales, which is true Aunt does not know, but her mother thought the first¹⁷. A Margaret Gorst of London left a large sum of money, and at Aunt's mother's time it was valued at £1.000,000 and it was said that he (the lawyer) got hold of this, it being in Chancery. Anyway from living in a very quiet way he became suddenly rich and had a carriage and pair etc. The other version is that the church was burnt down and the register destroyed (presumably the register might have proved a relationship). This I should say is the true tale, anyway it is now too late in the day to trouble about that. Many have tried and failed." Aunt then added in her somewhat disjointed style, "She was sister or aunt to Samuel Gorst and aunt or sister to Mrs Evans." I have no idea to whom she was referring.

Rosemary Brown M756

¹ Letter from Edward Metcalfe to Anthony Metcalfe dated October 12 1825

² Letter from Charles Critchley to Edward Metcalfe dated August 20 1825

³ Letter from Edward Metcalfe to Anthony Metcalfe dated Oct. 12 1831

⁴ The 1851 Census for Ravenstonedale Westmorland.

⁵ Sedbergh & District History Society Article in Newsletter No 5 on Birks Mill by C.G. Hollett.

⁶ Parish Records of St. Oswald's Church Ravenstonedale edited by Rev. Robert Weston Metcalfe

⁷ The 1881 Census for Ravenstonedale

⁸ Venn's Alumni of Cambridge University

⁹ Ibid

¹⁰ The 1881 Census for Oldham

¹¹ Will Robert Weston 1822 Lancashire Record office Ref. ?

¹² Letter from Anne Gorst to her daughter Martha Metcalfe dated May 31 1839.

¹³ Undated draft of a letter from Martha Metcalfe to her sister Anne

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¹⁵ Letter from Edward Metcalfe to Anthony Metcalfe dated October 17th 1825

¹⁶ Oral recollections of Aunt Margaret Waddingham recounted to her nephew E.E. Buckley dated November 8th 1908

¹⁷ Elizabeth McIver, wife of Thomas Gorst, brother of Martha Metcalfe.

On a map engraving by Thomas Jefferys from 1771 In Wensleydale,
at Bellerby is the caption "Metcalfe esq".

THE FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES ANNUAL GENERAL AND GENERAL MEETINGS

In April, The Federation held its Annual General Meeting, followed by its half yearly General Meeting, at Exeter University at the invitation of the South West Group of Family History Societies, who are members of The Federation.

Lady Teviot, President of the The Federation presided, at the Annual General Meeting. The Federation accounts were considered and explanations given by the Treasurer in answer to questions raised from the floor. The Federation had received a Gift Aid payment from the Publications Company. This was for a lower amount than the previous year, which had been for a substantial amount due to the initial sales of the first edition of the National Burials Index. Both Companies were operating in line with their budgets and targets.

Three new members were elected to the Committee: Tony Fulford, Jane Starkie and Roy Stockdill. The Chairman, Treasurer and two other members of the Committee were re-elected for a second term of three years.

The Elizabeth Simpson Award for 2002 was won by Essex FHS, with Manchester and Lancashire FHS and Leicester and Rutland FHS coming second and third respectively. There were 35 entries to the Competition: including 19 from English societies, 1 from New Zealand, 3 from Canada, 5 from Australia and 4 from One name Societies. 12 Societies were commended for their entries.

During the General Meeting which followed the Annual General Meeting, delegates were told that sponsorship had been secured for the Second Genealogy Award for Young Persons. The Publications Company had a few days earlier agreed to purchase the business of Genfair, which had been closed following its proprietor's death. The Federation's Online Pay For View Website www.familyhistoryonline.org, which commenced at Christmas 2002, had proved to be very popular and additionally was receiving growing support from Member Societies, with the consequent increase in available information. It was anticipated that by the end of April it would have 10 Million data sets available to view. Credit cards or vouchers can be used to secure orders.

A discussion took place on the future value and use of the National Strays Index which the Federation has operated for many years. A Seminar on the topic hopefully will be organised to further the debate.

Richard Ratcliffe updated Members upon the discussions that had taken place and the contributions made by The Federation to the various recent Government White Papers and Discussion Papers on a variety of subjects of concern

to family historians. These included the Civil Registration Whitepaper. A second Consultation Paper is expected this summer with a cut off date of 31st October 2003 for replies. The Government plan is that the changes to Birth Marriage and Death Registration will be published around Easter 2004 and implemented in 2005. The Federation is the sole archival party with a seat on a new Consultative Working Party which will consider the plans at length.

A special Archive Awareness Week is to be held Nationally in September. The outcome of the Probate Court Service Consultation is awaited later in the year. The Federation participated in the consultation. Over 400 replies were received by the Government to their proposals to destroy the Overseas Registration documents. This compares with the usual 10 replies received. As a result of the outcry possibly the decision has now been made to preserve the original records and their duplicates. The Federation and the Society of Genealogists have agreed to house the 1,500 volumes in due course.

Richard Ratcliffe has been appointed Archivist at the Methodist's Westminster Central Hall, where he has arranged for over 1 million records to be microfilmed and be made available on 1,646 Microfiche.

A busy and useful couple of meetings. The next Meeting takes place in August at Essex University.

David Lambert M11

WANTED

New Master Membership File Keeper

Due to the recent ill health of Doug Cutting, our long-standing Master Membership File Keeper, he has reluctantly had to stand down from the job and stay away from his computer! Therefore the society is looking for a volunteer to take over this role. The duties are the:-

- * Receipt of membership details and subscriptions information for both new and existing members and update the computer program that holds the data. Guidance will be given on the use of the program.
- * Printing out of labels for distribution of Mecca News three times a year
- * Sending of membership status 2-3 times a year to overseas agents
- * Each March, sending out reminder letters to members who have not renewed their membership

Hence the volunteer we are hoping will come forward needs to be organised, have a little knowledge of working with either simple databases and/or spreadsheets, have their own PC and an e-mail address. If you are interested please contact the secretary, Diane Howarth

(secretary@metcalfe.org.uk).

A TORTUOUS AND UNGODLY JUMBLE (PART 5) by David Lambert M11

I explained before how *tenures* or land-holdings could be inherited as "*estates*" in *fee simple* or *fee tail*. I mentioned that there were also two other estates namely *estates for life* and *leases*. As is suggested by its title, an *estate for life* was just that: a holding which continued as long as the tenant was alive. A grant could also be made to a tenant during the life of another individual ("*pur autre vie*"). A life estate was not a "*fee*", which as I mentioned before, was indicative of the right of inheritance and duration.

Another common way to hold land from the 16th Century was by way of *Lease*. Here the land-holder (*lessor*) gave the recipient (*the lessee*) the right to occupy the land for period of time, say a year or maybe several years, in return for the payment of a rent, which could be a peppercorn or monetary sum. It was a good financial arrangement for the land-holder and, unless sold for a capital sum, he would eventually get his land back after the end of the term created by the lease. The *lessee* would covenant to look after, repair and protect the premises during his use of them. The *Lease* gave an actual right of possession of the land to the *lessee*. By the 16th century *Leases* were recognised to be legal estates of land but below the rank of inheritable estates: *fee simples* and *fee tails*. *Leases* have thus developed outside the feudal system yet ironically developed to become similar to the feudal system. Landlord and Tenant are the terms used to describe the land-holder and the recipient, just as lord and tenant were used in the feudal system.

In the 18th and 19th Centuries, *Leases* were granted not for a definite term of years but rather for three lives (usually), often a grandfather, a son and a grandchild. The *Lease* would come to an end on the death of the last of the named individuals to die. By this means, if one was fortunate, land could be held by up to three generations of the same family. In cases where Wills have not survived or do not exist, *Leases* for lives might assist by naming three generations of a family.

Lawyers in the 16th century appreciated that the form of a *Lease* gave them a way of conveying (selling) freehold land to a purchaser privately (with no *livery of seizin*) and without the necessity of registering a *bargain and sale* with the Court. The Conveyance known as a *Lease and Release* became a very popular means of achieving this. Two documents were completed usually dated with succeeding dates. A *use* was utilised to convey the freehold to the purchaser and to avoid the Statute of Uses with its registration requirements. A *Release* of the *Lease* created by the first document effected the sale.

In the previous Article I said that I would refer to the location of Deeds and where you might find Indexes to title deeds. The deeds should be with the

landowner, or his lender [Mortgagee] if a Bank or Building Society is still owed money. The mortgagee will keep the deeds until the loan is repaid, primarily to ensure that the deeds are not produced to another mortgagee and money raised again on the same property. So, if you can identify the property that is the starting point. However, if the present day owner is not a relative, interested in family history, it is unlikely that they will want to incur the cost or go to the trouble of recovering their deeds from their mortgagee. The deeds sufficient to prove title now need only go back for 15 years. A large number of earlier deeds are no longer required. They might survive, separated from the deeds needed today by the current owner. Where might you find them?

The Public Record Office (PRO), or as we now need to call it The National Archives, at Kew has thousands of registered deeds. Bargain and Sale deeds are to be located in Chancery Close Rolls. Buyers are indexed in C275/ 12-85 broadly for the period 1509 to 1837 and Sellers in C275/ 89-169. (1573 to 1902). In addition the PRO has the records of the Court of Common Pleas. This was used greatly for the registration of deeds, in the series known as Plea rolls CP40 (covering the years 1273 to 1874) and Recovery Rolls CP43 (from 1583 to 1838). The same Court stored the feet of fines referred to in a previous article and they are in CP25 /1 and CP25 /2. The availability of the PRO Indexes on line for those with computers (<http://www.pro.gov.uk>) makes it an easy task to check the Indexes to see if there are any references to deeds involving your ancestors or the village where they lived. The helpful Guides produced by the PRO should be consulted for greater detail of the types of records and their classification.

You could check whether the County Record Office has any old deeds relating to the subject property, not forgetting that most present day properties are constructed on part of a larger area of land; e.g. a house is now built on part of a field which used to comprise a farm. The deeds to the original farm might have been deposited at the Record Office; a large number of old deeds have been deposited by local historians and by a few firms of solicitors. If the premises are erected on former Church land e.g. glebe land, then try the Diocesan Record Office. This might be the County Record Office but is not necessarily so. Whilst referring to the Church, try to see if there are any records relating to your ancestors' locality held by the Archbishop of Canterbury in Lambeth Palace. The British Library, in Euston Road London and the National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth have collections of deeds.

Do not ignore the three Deeds Registries in Yorkshire to which I referred in the previous article. They contain for ancestors in Yorkshire [like their counterpart in Middlesex] an unrivalled collection of Memorials of deeds registered over a 200 year period. There are thousands of Metcalf(e)s there!

The Historical Manuscripts Commission, now merged with the PRO and forming part of the The National Archives, maintains a list of the whereabouts of Manorial records countrywide. Again for ancestors in Manors in Yorkshire you are fortunate. If you have access to the Internet you can search against Manors and villages in the County, all Ridings, and locate the whereabouts of the relevant Manorial documents. You can do a surname search too although there are only a handful of Metcalfe entries revealed by this search. (see <http://www.hmc.gov.uk/nra>)

Not all records are of course held by national or local record offices. A huge number are held, in the case of the larger landowners, in their own private libraries or muniments offices. Think of the number of stately homes that exist. Many of your ancestors were tenants or relied upon them for work as servants or tradesmen. The Duke of Devonshire, at Chatsworth, has amongst his archives deeds relating to Bolton Abbey and its environs as well as the Grassington Mining area. By going there about 25 years ago, I was able to find a deed which granted my 5 times Great Grandfather the right to mine for coal on Threshfield Moor. Most importantly it gave his previously unknown dwellingplace. Without that information I would have struggled for many years to ascertain where the family originated. It took me back from 1750 to 1625.

The Yorkshire Archaeological Society (YAS) has a Wakefield Court Rolls Section, which is publishing the Manorial records of this huge Manor. Volume 13 was published in 2002, covering the years 1687-88. The Manor extended over a large proportion of the West Riding and was by no means, as its name suggests, located only at Wakefield. The YAS printed volumes are reasonably easy to find.

Do not neglect Reference Libraries and local Public Libraries with Local Studies or History departments, as well as local Museums. They are very likely to contain deeds and archives. Specialist Libraries in addition to those referred to above, might merit a visit or contact. Try the Guildhall Library in London, The Society of Genealogists, which will conduct research for a fee, for non-members and libraries of various Family History Societies, such as our own Society Library. Keep an eye out for deeds at Family history or other Fairs, car boot sales, bookshops or antique shops etc.

Breweries can be helpful if an ancestor was a publican or lived in a former or on what is now the site of a Public House. Most of the Breweries will have information on the buildings in their ownership. Why not write or contact them. I wrote to Tetley's about a Pub run by an ancestor in Liverpool and their reply was very helpful. All Pubs, if not free houses, indicate the Brewery or Chain to which they are connected. Contact them.

Did your ancestor live near a Canal or Railway? Was he living there before or after the Canal or Railway was built? The PRO holds Railway archive material (British Transport) and also that relating to Canals. Try also local repositories.

So far as Books are concerned, the Jeremy Gibson Guides which the Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS) publishes include several titles which can help to establish if your ancestor lived in a certain area. Books on Hearth Tax records, Lists of Londoners, Land and Window Tax Assessments, Victuallers Licences (for Public Houses) and Local Census Listings are some of the titles which are available. The British Genealogical library Guides published by FFHS for Stuart Raymond should also be referred to. Consult a number of specialist books on the topic. I would recommend Title Deeds by A.A. Dibben (1971) published by The Historical Association. For a very good description of the types of deeds which were used, including photographs and explanations of the various kinds of deeds, you cannot go wrong if you refer to Old Title Deeds by N. W. Alcock (1986) published by Phillimore. The same publishers also have published an excellent book entitled Enjoying Archives by David Iredale (1985).

If you can identify a house or property belonging to your ancestors then a number of books have been published, concerning the history of houses, which are very useful in explaining how to research the ownership and history of a house. Many of the steps we follow to trace our ancestors can equally be used to locate documents and evidence of house ownership. A book entitled Sources for the History of Houses by John H Harvey (1974) published by the British Records Association, in its: Archives and the User: Series No. 3, ought to be consulted as could This Old House, also by David Iredale, a Shire Publication. A more recent book is one published by the Public Record Office (PRO) (newly styled The National Archives) entitled Tracing the History of your House by Nick Barratt (2002).

This concludes a long series of articles, which has I hope thrown some light upon the intricacies of English Land Law and introduced you to the possibility of locating your ancestors in title deeds. I am sure you will be rewarded if you seek them out.

A website that may be of interest to members:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hughwallis/>

This website, created by Hugh Wallis, contains a searchable index of people listed in the IGI (international genealogical index) with surnames as middle names by county. A search of Lincolnshire and Yorkshire revealed numerous people with the middle name Metcalfe, Metcalf, or Medcalf.

Carol Metcalf M262

THOUGHTS ON THE ORIGIN OF THE METCALFE SURNAME

The first Metcalfe is claimed to be William de Medecalfe de Dent or William of the middle hill of Dent; the middle hill referring to Calf Top (height 1999 feet) on Middleton Fell. However, there is another hill just over three miles north of Sedburgh called The Calf (height 2220feet), the highest point in the Howgill Fells.

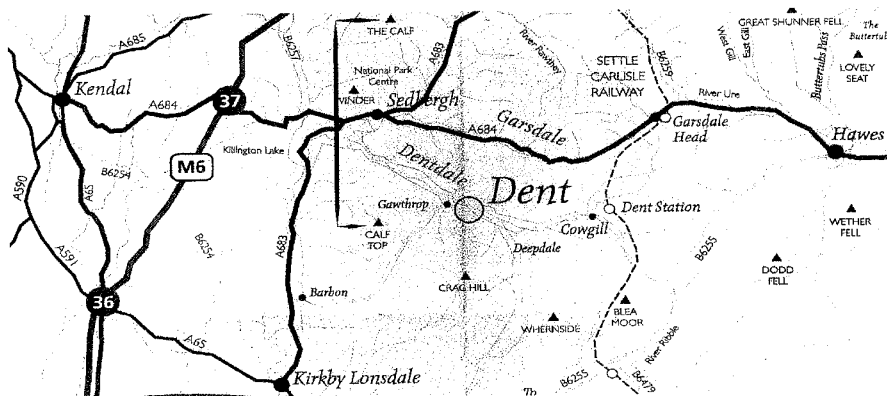
Is it just possible that the name Medecalfe could have been either "middle of the calfs" of a local pronunciation of "Midcalfe", both instances meaning someone from the Sedburgh / Dentdale area, a place located midway between the Calf Top and The Calf?

Ted Metcalfe M158

HOW MUCH OF A COINCIDENCE IS THIS?

Three weeks after I received the above from Ted I was sent the item below from Charles Metcalfe our President to publicise the Metcalfe Family History Book. Great minds? Editor

Should we change our name to Sedbergh?



As the above map section shows if we are really Mid - calves then our true origin is Sedbergh. Read all about it in that fine book with colour (or colored) illustrations, **"Metcalfe- History of the Clan"**, which is available now in time for Christmas.

Membership Details

Rejoined Members

M71 Ms Valerie Shafto New no M1440

M229 Tom Hutchinson. He now lives at 4713 27 Ave, Edmonton, AB T6L 3X3 Canada, email: tom.hutchinson@shaw.ca. Tom rejoined as M1435

M242 Mrs Sara Bacon, she has moved to 3 Fairford Gardens,
Worcester Park KT4 7BQ.

Amendments

M1068Nicholas Metcalfe mothers name should read Olwen not Olivia.

M1419 Kevin Holt email change to:-kevin.holt@ndvsa.co.uk

BIRTH BRIEF SECTION - compiled by Eileen Measures Archivist.

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

DELAYED BIRTH BRIEFS

M1381 Mr Peter Alan Metcalfe 50 Balmoral Road, Enfield, MIDD
EN3 6RQ S/o Charles & Maureen (Scates) Mte m 28 Apr 1956 Edmon-
 ton, London, Charles b 20 Nov 1935 Edmonton s/o Harold Arthur J &
 Olive (Farthing) Mte m 1932 Edmonton, Harold A.J. b 8 Jul 1907 Edmon-
 ton s/o William Charles & Elizabeth (Beesley) Mte m 2 Feb 1896 St
 Marks Clerkenwell Ldn, William Charles s/o William Mte, Printer. **Con-**
nects to M647.

M1389 Mr Harold A Metcalfe The Saltings, Llangain, Carmarthen
SA33 5AJ S/o William & Marion (Taylor) Mte m 1923 William b c1893
 Saltaire Shipley d 1929 Croyden Surrey, s/o Arthur & Mary (?) Mte, Arthur
 b c1871 Saltaire Shipley, s/o Robert & Rachel (?) Mte, Robert b c1842
 Bradford Yks s/o Jonathan & Mary (Watson) Mte, Johnathan b c1821
 Keighley-Bingley, s/o Robert & Martha (?) Mte, Stonemason of Bingley.
Connects to M667

M1406 Mr G. Edlington 11 Blatherwick Road, Beacon Heights, Newark, Notts. NG24 2JY Descendant of Edward & Elizabeth (Mte) Edlington, Elizabeth b c1833 Hattersby, Lin d/o Christopher & Elizabeth (Cooper) Mte, Christopher b c1815 Leconfield, s/o Mary Mte b c1784 Lockington – Cherry Burton (Widow)

BIRTH BRIEFS – NEW MEMBERS – WELCOME

M1058 Dr Robert B Field The Old Barn, 22Northampton Road, Lavendon, Bucks MK46 4EY email rbfield@hemscott.net Grand s/o William & Elizabeth (Mte) Hicks m 13 Nov 1879 Parish of Burley Nr Leeds, Elizabeth b 15 Aug 1859 Sheriff Hutton d/o Robert & Mary (Ellis) Mte m 21 Oct 1850 Sheriff Hutton, Robert b 16 Jul 1826 Sheriff Hutton, s/o John & Elizabeth (Barker) Mte m 8 Jul 1818 Sutton on the Forest Yks, John bpt 14 Jun 1795 Sheriff Hutton, s/o John & Ann (Smiston) Mte m 26 Nov 1782 Sheriff Hutton, John b 1752 Sheriff Hutton. **Connects to M320 M1071**

M1401 Mrs Valerie Gentile 7 Penrose Avenue, Redland Bay 4165, Queensland, Australia. D/o John Francis Geoghegan & Violet Rose (Beedell) Mte m 12 Oct 1930 Lambeth Ldn John Francis G b 22 Feb 1908 Southwark Ldn Search Ongoing.

M1419 Mr Kevin Holt 22 Coverdale Road, Fairfield, Stockton on Tees, TS19 7EA email kholt@ndvsa.demon.co.uk Grandson of William Ernest & Margaret E (Mte) Holt m 1923 Oldham Lancs, Margaret b 9 Oct 1896 Oldham, d/o Robert Blenkiron & Mary Elizabeth (Bell) Mte m 4 Apr 1895 Hardraw, Robert b 11 Aug 1878 Reeth d 19 Aug 1903 South Africa, s/o John & Alice (Blenkiron) Mte m 22 Mar 1864 Wensley, John b c1839 s/o William & Margaret (Sill) Mte m 15 Oct 1836 Askrigg, William b 18 Nov 1816 Bainbridge, s/o John & Margaret-Peggy (Blades) Mte m 31 Jan 1803 Askrigg, s/o James. **Connects to M54 XM296 M297 XM400 XM403 M410 M597 M639 M720**

M1431 Ms Suzy Harrison 15A Bromley Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 5NT email libsuze@yahoo.co.uk Gt Gd/o Herbert & Ethel Maud (Nicholson-nee Mt) Woods m 4 Aug 1917 Middlesbrough, Ethel Maud b c1897 Middlesbrough d/o Robert & Isabel (Fry) Mte, Robert b c1874 South Shields, s/o Richard & Eleanor (Ward) Mt m 23 Jun 1874 South Shields, Richard bc1854 Scotland s/o Robert & Mary (Ecclesfield) Mt m 11 May 1850 Peebles, Robert bc1824 Newcastle Nbl, s/o William & Ann (Doughty) Mt m 28 Aug 1821 Newcastle, William bc1796 Great Ayton s/o John & Jane (Ward) Mt m 16 May 1795 Great Ayton, John b c1766. **Connects to M164 M463 M575 M1160**

M1432 Mr Keith Welch Mellommyri, Yven, Ostfold, N-175 Norway. Details awaited

M1433 Mr William Metcalf 30 Rosemary Road, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB5 9NB email billmetcalf@geo-strategies.com Details awaited

M1434 Mr Eric Medcalf 58 Pembroke Road, Northland, Wellington 6005 New Zealand email eric.medcalf@paradise.net.nz Details awaited

M1435 Mr Clive Metcalf Oakdene House, 16-22 Oakdene Close Leeds, LS28 9LW email clive@jampeople.com S/o Anthony David & Dorothy Patricia (Hall) Mt m June 1966 Anthony David b 4 Sep 1943 s/o Walter & Vera (Roberts) Mt m 21 Mar 1942, Walter b 16 Jul 1919, s/o Walter & Doris (Needham) Mt, Walter B 24 Nov 1901 s/o Walter & Mary Ann (Hudson) Mt mc1896 Leeds, Walter b c1873 Leeds s/o John Henry & Sarah Ann (Wass) Mt m c1870 Leeds, John Henry bc1852 Leeds s/o George & Hannah – Ann (Lambert/Limbert) Mt m 16 Mar 1844 George b c1821 Leeds.

M1436 Mr Dale Metcalfe PO Box 124, 9205 Corheils Road, Bristol, Illinois 60512 USA. Details awaited

M1437 Mr John Metcalfe PO Box 5806, Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada, T9H 4V9 email jpmetcalfe@hotmail.com Details awaited

M1438 Mr Thomas Clough 240 Chapter Road, Cricklewood, London, NW2 5NB Search ongoing

M1439 Mr Pete Metcalfe 17 Wildmoor Walk, West Leigh, Havant, Hants PO9 5QZ email PISTOLPETE@NTLWORLD.COM S/o James Henry & Margaret Olivia (Cox) Mte m 19 Jan 1952, James H b 21 Oct 1924 Stokesley, s/o William & Mary Anna (Pennock) Mte m c1921 Stokesley, search continuing.

M1440 Mr John Dawson 39 Upper Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B72 1SU email stickwagger@aol.com Details awaited

M1446 Mr George Edgar Graham 23 Greenwood Avenue, Pateley Bridge, Harrogate, HG3 5LS email jean@challis500.fsnet.co.uk Details awaited

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M1449 Mrs Janet Rogers 148 Lundale Road, Darenth, Dartford, Kent, DA2 6HT email janetrogers@btopenworld.com Gd/d /o William & Margaret (Sullivan) Mte m 1912 Marylebone Ldn William b c1883 s/o James. Search continuing.

M1450 Mr Peter A Metcalfe 45 Willow Crescent, Bradford, BD2 1LR email PETERMETCALFE45@AOL.COM S/o Robert & Alice (Wilman) Mte m 23 June 1927 Bradford, Robert b 23 June 1903 s/o Michael Dinsdale & Elizabeth

Ann (Petty) Mte, Michael b 19 Mar 1880 Hawes s/o James & Nanny (Dinsdale) Mte m 2 Dec 1865 Hawes, James bpt 22 Jan 1835 Hawes, natural s/o Elizabeth Mte bpt 14 Apr 1816 Hawes d/o James & Alice (Mte) Mte m 20 Aug 1814 Hawes, James b c1777. #Alice b c1773 Yks. **Connects to XM446 M999**

M1451 Mr David John Metcalfe 39 Ramleaze Drive, Salisbury, Wilts, SP2 9PA Search ongoing.

M1452 Mrs Shirley Oldfield 261 Colne Road, Sough, Barnoldswick, Lancs, BB18 6SY email tubberhall@aol.com Details awaited.

M1453 Mrs K.M. Pipe & Mrs M. Pipe 4 Neville Grove, Guisborough, Cleveland, TS14 8BZ Muriel D/o Walter & Mary (Richardson) Mte m c1920, Walter b c1895 Airton s/o Parker & Annie (Maplebeck nee Beaumont) Mte m c1894, Parker b c1864 Ingleton, s/o William & Alice (Parker) Mte, m c1854, William b 12 Aug 1830 Ivescar, s/o George & Elizabeth (?) Mte m c1825, George bpt 13 Feb 1791 Ingleton Fell, s/o George & Annis (?) Mte, George bpt 2 Jul 1755 Ingleton Fell. **Connects to M259**

It is with regret we report the deaths of members

M1077 - Jean Wood (notified April 2003)

**Foster Chapman, husband of
M218 Lillah Chapman on 18 June 2003**

**and
Rowan Metcalfe**

We extend our condolences to families and friends

It is with deep regret that I inform the Society of the death of **Rowan Metcalfe** of NZ who died from meningitis contacted whilst reseaching the various religions of India. She was found in her room in a village in India and despite being transferred to Delhi and later by air to Auckland, NZ., she died without regaining consciousness.

Rowan was the first Metcalfe relative to contact me after I joined the Metcalfe Society in 1994 and through her I contacted her father, Richard "Dick" Metcalfe of Thames, N.Z.

Dick and I began to correspond, exchanging Metcalfe history, documents and family news. I have been made to feel a part of their family.

Dick is in his eighty ninth year and this has been a tramatic blow to him.

Rowan was a talented lady who loved India and its people. She leaves behind two children, Tristan and Waveney. **Robyn Metcalfe(M669)**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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.

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 4 October 2003 Mecca Muster and AGM at Askham Bryan, York. For full details see the applicaion form with this issue and BOOK NOW!

Saturday 4 October 2003 Oxfordshire FHS Open Day 10am - 4pm Exeter Hall Oxford Road, Kidlington Oxford.

Saturday 8 November 2003 North West Group of Family History Societies Fair, at the Manchester Velodrome. Open 10am. Admission £2. 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!

Late notification

Change of address

M862 Miss M A Potter First Floor Flat Alston Wines Front Street Alston Cumbria CA9 3SE

Metcalfe Bits and Pieces

Kittens and Cats in colour introduced by **Christine Metcalf** printed by Hamlyn.

Harrogate Herald Wednesday 2 March 1921. Grantley Wedding. Miss Jane Annie Maude and Mr **Robert Metcalfe** at Winksley Church on Tuesday last week. Mr Mte is the eldest son of Mr & Mrs Metcalfe of Low Grantley and Miss Maude the eldest Dau of Mr & Mrs H Maude of Grantley.

1874 Harrogate Advertiser. Sworn to the Grand Jury Ripon Session **George Metcalfe** of Pateley Bridge.

Harrogate Advertiser 25 Nov 1897. Accident to joiner. **Joseph Metcalfe jnr.** employee of Charles Walker, house furniture, Parliament Street, Harrogate. Liquid spirits fell on his hat and ran into his eye inflaming it. Policemen of Hull by Tony Clarke. **Sam Harry Medcalf** no47. Date joined 16-4-1923.

Harrogate Advertiser 16 Novemebr 1877. Nov 15 at the Parish Church by Rev J Beresford, rector, Mr Robert Cummins, printer and **Mary dau Mr Anthony Metcalfe** - Aiskew.

All supplied by **Mrs H Stothard M163**

Davies & **Metcalfe** of Manchester manufacturers of steam injectors and then vacuum brake equipment opened in 1878 and still going strong. Now part of the Swedish conglomerate SAB WABCO.

Metcalfe Sightings

1. Nottingham Directory 1832

1.1 Finningley Parish Charities. In 1672 **RICHARD METCALF** gave to the poor of Finningley Parish 2 acres, which at the enclosure in 1774[was] exchanged for 1 acre 3 roods and 18 perches in Mill field and let for £2 per annum.

1.2 Worksof Parish - in the hamlet of Shireoaks resided Mr **JOSEPH METCALFE**

2. Indexes of Ex Parte Cases in Masters in Chancery Reports and Certificates (compiled by GEO. F T SHERWOOD [942 P 2 sh]) 1750 to 1800

a **METCALF** was a witness to a case [page 23 of the Index]

a **MEDCALFE** was involved in a case [page 160 of the Index]

a **METCALFE** was involved in a case [page 128 of the Index]

3. Supreme Court Central Office List of Documents exhibited in Court as part of Cases page 20 of the List [The Lists and Index Society Volume 197] (Published in 1983)

3.1 The case of THOMSON - V - SEARS: the Books of **THOMSON & METCALFE**, Cork Manufacturers of Blackfriars Road Surrey were deposited with the Court together with Articles of Agreement for the assigning of patent rights in machines for cutting corks and bungs. The Case took place in 1833 to 1835. Court Ref J90- LC 121.

3.2 The Case of METCALFE -V- DUNN : the Deed relating to the lease [by Metcalfe] of the Rectory of Wrawby Lincs. and an Award between Henry Bentley and Mrs Ann Dunn concerning the family there deposited by the defendant [Dunn] . The case took place between 1788 and 1805. The Award was deposited later though in 1813.

4. Liverpool Churches : Epitaths and Monumental Inscriptions

4.1 Ellen **WIGLEY** who departed this life 14 th April 1811 aged 39 years. ALSO of **TOWNLEY METCALFE** who died on 5 th January 1821 aged 49 years ALSO **MARGARET MEDCALF** [sic] WIFE OF **TOWNLEY MEDCALF** [sic] who departed this life on 2 nd May 1828 in her 60th year of age GRAVE No . 206[Taken from a book printed with the above title]

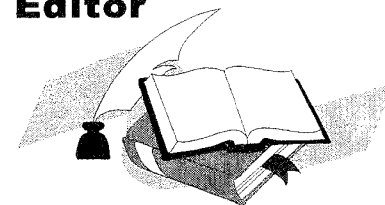
5. York Archbishopric : Probate Act Book

5.1 Book 4C Craven and Ripon. 10th January 1752 Administraton of the goods of **CHRISTOPHER METCALFE** of Bucton [sic] in the Parish of Arncliffe..... granted to William Finch. June 1755 Probate of the Will of **GEORGE METCALFE** of Inman Lodge. 6th May 1774 administration of the goods of **WILLIAM TENNANT** of Newhouse Buckden Arncliffe intestate granted to Christopher Tennant and **WILLIAM METCALF** "his brothers" [Elizabeth Tennant his widow renouncing]. 5th December 1774 **THOMAS METCALFE** late of Halton Gill. Grant of Probate of Will granted to **CHRISTOPHER METCALFE** sole executor.

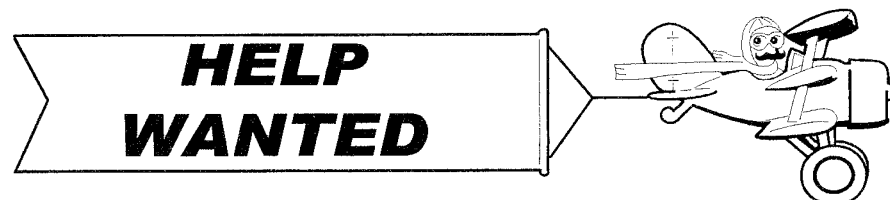
Supplied by **David Lambert M11**

Dear Editor.....Dear Editor

I recently came across www.lakelandcam.co.uk where the local postman loads his digital camera images each night and adds the weather. There is also Scottie who sends out a weekly email of titbits including news items, weather, recipes, jokes, history and football - scottie@rampantscotland.com. Is there a similar site for Wensleydale or the Yorkshire Dales. If there is I would love to know as no doubt would other members throughout the Mecca Society. **Arnold Metcalf M891** Do any of our members know of such a website? There is www.bishopdale.demon.co.uk the Wensleydale fhs site are there others? Ed.



I have come across your article on Grandfather clocks (Mecca News No 60 April 2000) which really caught my attention. My Grandfather's clock has recently come into my keeping. It was willed to his daughter (my mother) and then passed to a grandson who has no space in his present house. It bears a strong resemblance to, though not identical with, the photos taken by David Arkwright M86. It is very plain and made of oak and has a pendulum wound up by a chain. It has not kept going for a long time, and has endured a trip to Kenya and back; a journey to Wensleydale and back to Cotgrave. During the journey to Kenya the door was cracked and has been glued together again but the crack still shows a little. It also requires a good clean and overhaul. I have always loved this old clock and would not let it out of the family no matter what it's worth. Recently a neighbour who makes something of a hobby of old clocks waxed enthusiastically when he saw it and said its beauty and attraction was in the fact that it was "honest and untouched" since its making (apart from the crack in the door). As far as I know it belonged to my grandfather Joseph Naisbitt of Low Coniscliffe near Darlington and I would be interested if anyone knows more of its long history. **Mrs Miriam Hopper M131**



Jose Gay M816 is looking for the parents of James Metcalfe b1780; parish records show he m Elizabeth Hooper at Tarrant Keynston Dorset on 5 May 1808; Vital Records Index shows: "Also recorded in Garsdale, Yorks". Jose Gay, 2 Natalie Mews, Teickenhams TW2 5PG e-mail-josegay@waitrose.com

Metcalfe's Law.

A theory argued by **Robert Metcalfe**, inventor of Ethernet, which states that the power of a network increases by the square of the number of nodes connected to it. For example, where X is the number of nodes, the power of the network is X squared. Metcalfe observed that new technologies are valuable only when large numbers of people use them — consider how less valuable the telephone would be if only two people in the world used them. The network becomes more valuable the more nodes that are connected to it.

Source: http://webopedia.internet.com/TERM/M/Metcalfes_Law.html

Dr. Metcalfe is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and received his Ph.D. in computer science from Harvard in 1973. He taught part-time at Stanford for eight years, ending in 1983 as consulting associate professor of electrical engineering. He is a member of MIT's Board of Trustees. Other Internet sources: http://www.webopedia.com/quick_ref/bios/m.asp; <http://americanhistory.si.edu/csr/comphist/montic/metcalfe.htm>.

Supplied by **Carol Metcalf M262**

AWAY WITH THE PIXIES

How many times have you been told that? Well in this case it does apply to our own **Lesley Longworth M68**. A while ago Lesley wrote "Our Council are removing our street trees and we (the Residents' Association) have an agreement that they leave some of the stumps so that they can be carved. We believe this is the only scheme of its kind in the country. We now have 8 with more to come next summer. My neighbour (across from me) and I have spent most of the fine days of October carving the stump outside her house. All the others are the work of art teachers and as we had absolutely no experience we decided to be anonymous and say it was done by the Pixies. It is about 3m tall and we have 9 Pixie faces and a variety of fungi, flora and fauna with planted pockets around the top metre. You can find pics on our Residents' site and an artists' site. <http://greengates.karoo.net/avenues>; <http://fly.to/hullsangel>"

TOMBSTONE. Found leaning somewhat and damaged by the weather a headstone in Wensley churchyard. "Erected in memory of **Jane wife of Michael Metcalfe** of Leyburn who died Jan 11th, 1853 aged 76 years. Likewise of **Michael Metcalfe** husband of the above who departed this life 27 November 1855 aged 85 years." Spotted and photographed by **Frank Wilson M1161**.

Check out this website. It tells you how many Metcalfes there are in the UK.

<http://www.taliesin-arlein.net/names/search.php>

Want to be a twig! Seems they are trying to build a massive nationwide family tree!

<http://www.genesconnected.co.uk/>

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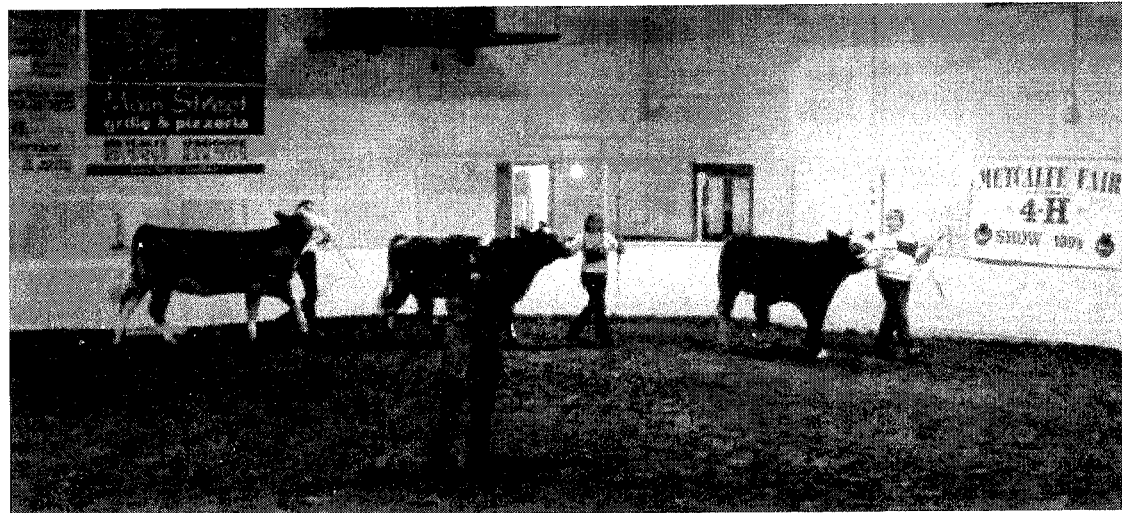
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