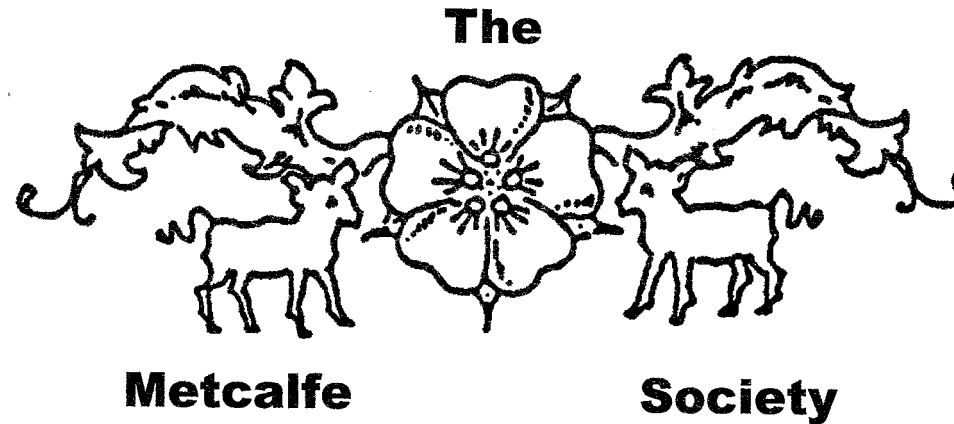




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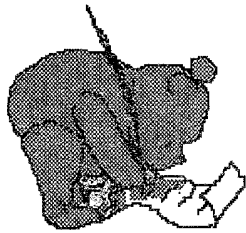
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I don't know about you but I find January a long month. Up to work in the dark and back home when the light has gone; no idea what the garden looks like. So when the end of January comes and the sunrises around eight I feel the winter is starting to retreat.

And so it was this year with an especially mild early February; but winter was not finished as I found when going up to Wensleydale at the end of February for a long weekend. Snow fell overnight and I did wonder what it would be like in the Dales. Up to Sedbergh it was dry but through Garsdale it was blizzarding! However coming down the hill to Appersett the clouds rolled back to show a snowy but sunny Hawes. There was more snow that day but the weekend was enjoyable trudging through the snow on High Clint overlooking Hawes and Gayle. Most refreshing!

Hopefully some of the freshness from the break has been reflected in this issue. We have a fight (the Metcalfes always seemed to be involved in Dales disputes), a mystery (have our calves been hijacked?), a doctor, a quiz and genes (who has yours?) to interest you. Enjoy the Spring and Summer.

Note for New Zealand members
Agent on holiday
See Dear Editor page.

Newspaper cuttings on Metcalf(e)s

are always welcome.

Send to Patrick Malham (see address on inside front cover)
or hand over at the Muster.

Births, Marriages, Deaths, Obituaries, Prize Winners, Features
- the list is endless!

Remember to add the name
of the paper and date of publication.

LEAD MINING IN THE DALES

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

by George Buxton M3

The Beldy Hill Dispute

In 1715 Phillip Duke Wharton took the side of James the Old Pretender, and was alleged have ordered all the local's to drink the health of the ex-King in the Farmers Arms in Muker. He must have been much more disloyal than that as he was attained for treason and all his estate was confiscated and sold to pay his debts. What remained of his property was put into a trust for his sisters, a daughter of one sister became the sole beneficiary. She married George Denny 2nd Earl of Pomfret who then thought he owned the mining rights for the estate, unfortunately for the Lord, Mr Smith, the Lord of Muker Manor did.

Right on the edge of the Manor was a farm called Crackpot Hall, one field was called Crackpot Hall Out Pasture in which there were the entrances to Beldy Hill Mine and Swinergill Mine. Since 1742 they had been operated under licence by Thomas, Ralph & John Parks, plus a Mr Hartley (Parks & Co). Parks & Co sublet 300 yards of Crackpot Hall Out Pasture to **Richard Metcalfe of Calvert Houses** where he struck a very rich vein of lead. This caused what was to be known as the Beldy Hills Dispute. One of the Parks brothers wrote a diary and what follows is an extract of the dispute.

Monday June 5 1769. Richard Metcalfe and his partners leased 10 meers of ground from Messrs Hartley and Parkes near the old hush in Crackpot Out Pasture. At about 11 o'clock Chris Whytal, servant to John Whytal informed me that Lord Pomfret's attorney Mr. I' Anson and men had begun to work at Beldy Hill mine, near to the hush

that when they broke the ground they drank a bottle of Brandy. Mr. I' Anson said to the men that when they sunk this shaft they will get another.



It is not long before the dispute flares up over the mining boundaries.

Tuesday June 6 1769. Mr. Stodart brother Ralph and myself went to Beldy Hill with a number of Whitaside miners, and found l'Anson, **John Metcalfe** and others in and about the shafts they had sunk the day before. I discharges they with the following words "Take notice that I discharge you all from working here".

Monday 12 June 1769. About 4 o'clock in the morning Mr. James Stodart, brother Ralph and I went to Beldy Hill where Thomas Butson, agent for Parke brothers and Mr. Hartley, with others on the instruction of Lawyer Hartley and in the presence of Simon Alderson of Keld we began work at Beldy Hill Mine about 2 yards from that begun by **John Metcalfe** and Mr. l' Anson on the 5 instant and filled in on the 6. That same morning **Anthony Metcalfe** came with about 4 miners and begun to work in or near the shafts which had been filled in on the 6. He said he had come to work on the instructions of his brother John, who was agent to Lord Pomfret, accordingly he begun to work also **Samuel Metcalfe**. I discharged the said Anthony Metcalfe and his miners from working anywhere in the Pasture.

Wednesday 14 June 1769. Several men appeared before Mr. Chayter at Mr. Foresters at Richmond. I had William Butson, Edward Alderson and **James Metcalfe** there to swear to the length of time of time we had possession of the mine at Crackpot Out Pasture, they also produced several leases from Mr. Smith to us.

June 26 1769. **Thomas Metcalfe** informed me that Spout Gill Mill was entered and taken possession by **James Metcalfe**. Also Mr. l' Anson set out 3 more shafts to be dug at Beldy Hills.

21 July 1769 At 9 o'clock four of Daykins sons also **James son of Christopher Metcalfe** broke into our works at Beldy Hill Mine. Joseph Brunskill, John Clarkson Thomas & Peter Butson and Thomas Pratt were working there. Thomas Butson ordered James Metcalfe out or he will break his shins as he had some dirt to remove. A similar confrontation occurred two days later.

29 July 1769. An injunction was served on **John Metcalfe**

Saturday 2 September 1769. This morning Mr. Stodart, George Raw and I went to Beldy Hill and had Mr. March of Fremminton, James Pratt, Christopher Simpson come to us in case there was an attack upon our ore. Lord Pomfret came there and went and viewed the fence, and came afterwards to Low Gate and gave me discharge by word of mouth from working the mines and said I had invaded his property.

Monday 9 October 1769. Some persons assembled together and destroyed the watercourse to Mr. Smiths mill. About 3 o'clock one of James Close's sons came to my house and informed me that some people had turned the water into the shafts. Went to Beldy Hill and informed by David Brunskill, that when he tried to prevent them from doing so Thomas Walker threw him into the hush gutter. This day Joseph Close of Crackpot Hall (Tenant) informed me that **John Metcalfe** of Dyke Head had received a letter from Lord Pomfret telling him to do all the mischief and his lordship would protect him.



The disruption and violence continues.

Wednesday 22 November 1769. They drove our men by violence from where they were then working and abused John Liddle to such a degree that he was obliged to call out several other partners to aid him. John Hilary of Fremminton another partner of Johnson went down with John Croft, when some of the workmen, particularly **Christopher Metcalfe** came took them by the legs and pulled them out, and dragged Croft into some water.

Wednesday 6 December 1769. Ralph Parke served with injunction **John and Anthony Metcalfe**.

The situation is not resolved and starts to involve the wider populace.

Thursday 4 January 1770. Jams Alton came to our house and informed brother Ralph and I that old **Sarah Metcalfe** to see us, was uneasy in her mind, and could not sleep, having something to say much in our favour, concerning Beldy Hill. That old Sarah could tell of something that would do for us in the dispute but was afraid of trusting her son **Christopher**, who had made an affidavit.

There were large sums of money involved in the dispute as shown by the following.

Richard Metcalfe; Scott and partners were under agreement to pay as royalty to Hartley and Parkes £2-0-0 per fother (a fother is 22 cwt) over and above the royalty due to Mr. Smith, who had the mine leased to Parkes and Hartley. After the claim of Lord Pomfret to the Beldy Hill mine, Metcalfe and Scott withheld

the money owing in regard to the £2-0-0 per fother. Parkes and Hartley had great difficulty in persuading them to pay their debts.

Things quieten down during 1770 but in Spring 1771 they start up again as legal matters are pursued by the Parkes Brothers and Hartley..

Wednesday 3 April 1771. I' Anson, **John Metcalfe**, with several miners destroyed the water race at Mr. Smith's Mill.

Throughout April and May 1771 depositions and Affidavits are drawn up by both sides with pressure seemingly applied to slant the information in each parties favour.

Friday April 12 1771. J Parke this day up dale to examine witnesses at Gunnerside. J Parke called at Calvert Houses and met with **James Metcalfe** (Holliday Jamie).

Saturday 13 April 1771. William Buxton came here and brought me a list of persons examined by Mr. Chayter, for Lord Pomfret. James Bell of Barfside; Thomas Turner of Gunnerside; George Bell of Gunnerside, Ruth Peacock, Ann White; George Reynoldson, Joseph Bell of Lodge Green, John Alderson (Buck) **James Metcalfe (King)**. William Buxton saith the Buck John was overheard to say if they told him what to say he would say it. Solid Clays widow and **Jonathon Metcalfe's widow** are said to have both been examined.

Thursday July 11 1771. John Park & Thomas Butson called at Mr. **Richard Metcalfe's**, J Parke asked the said Metcalfe if he had heard what had passed lately in this court of chancery, concerning Lord Pomfret 's application to the Court to have lease invoked. Told him he believed that the Lord Chancellor had refused to grant Lord Pomfret an order for the purpose. Having seen a letter which came last Tuesday signifying something to the effect, on which Metcalfe pretended not to have heard of any such thing, but he said Mr. Bleigh had wrote about the former hearing and that Lord Pomfret wanted to have tried by commission and that Mr. Wetherburn asked his Lordship when he intended to bring on trial at the Bar, but his Lordship left the Court and gave no answer.

Saturday November 16 1771. The gravest flood that ever was known in the memory of man - great damage was done several bridges carried away. Hearing in Chancery about Beldy Hill expected to come this day.

As the case in Chancery goes against Lord Pomfrey, the resulting proceedings against James Metcalfe and his associates for their destructive and violent acts also draws to a conclusion.

Friday January 17, 1772. Some of **John Metcalfe** 's men that destroyed Mr. Smiths Mill race in Raygill acknowledged themselves guilty at the Sessions this day at Richmond and were told to pay one shilling each damage.

Sunday March 15 1772. Isaac Alderson and other witnesses concerning the indictments against I'Anson, **John Metcalfe** and others set out for York Assizes this morning

Sunday 7 May 1772. This day Thomas Chapman told me that **John Metcalfe** was gone from home to avoid being taken up and that his men were much discontented with their usage, and what he had caused them to bring themselves.

Sunday 17 May 1772. This day I'Anson and **John Metcalfe** set forward to London on account of the riot, for which they were tried at the Assizes at York.

Saturday 23 May 1772. Captain Moore appealed to the Lead Commissioners at Richmond on behalf of Mr. Smith, against **Richard Metcalfe** of Calvert Houses. The commissioner adjudged that the lead ore brought from Beldy Hill liable to assessment, for which ore the said Richard Metcalfe agreed to give him £3-5-0 per bing, in the presence of the commissioner and others.

Wednesday 17 June 1772. Thomas Butson served **widow Metcalfe, Richard Metcalfe** and James Garth all of Muker and **Richard Metcalfe** of Calvert Houses with our demand of the money due on account of the 40shillings per fother duty.

Thus ended the Beldy Hill dispute which saw Lord Pomfrey end up bankrupt; the rioters fined and the Parke's and Metcalfe's both making money from the rich lead vein!

In Fear of Imprisonment

While researching various family lines in the Connecticut State Library and Archives, I found a small book on Metcalf lines published in the early twentieth century. The book included a copy of a story copied from of an 1850s genealogical magazine. The story is complete with letters and commentary written by **Michael Metcalf** (I guess from about 1650).

In the writings Mr. Metcalf recalls his confrontation with a Bishop Wren of Norwich and others. Along with other insights he also tells his escape to New England in fear of imprisonment or the fire.

It is an interesting insight in to why some of our ancestors left England.

Terrance Eddy Backer M1175



Commercial, Trades and Gentry

Ann, draper, tea dealer, & ironmonger, Hawes
Christopher & Co., wine and spirit merchant, Hawes
Elizabeth, dress maker, Hawes

George, grocer, draper & turner, Askrigg
Isabella, dress maker, Askrigg
James, stone mason, Askrigg
James, licensee, Hare & Hounds, Askrigg
James, butcher, Bainbridge
James, turner, Woodhall
John, baker, Askrigg
John, blacksmith, Bainbridge
John, butcher, Bainbridge
John, joiner & wheelwright, Hawes
John, stone mason, Askrigg
John Wilson, druggist, glass & earthenware dealer, Hawes



Matthew, stone mason, Askrigg
Nathan, carrier
Richard, agent to the York Fire Office, Hawes
Richard, shoemaker, Askrigg
Sarah, shopkeeper, Askrigg
Thomas, retailer of beer, Hawes
Thomas, stone mason, Hawes
Thomas, turner, Worton
Warren, joiner & wheelwright, Hawes

Gentry & Clergy

Metcalfes

in Upper

Wensleydale

Mrs. Alice, Askrigg
Mrs. Jane, Askrigg
Wood, esq., Askrigg
Rev. James, Hawes
Rev. James Wood, Ashes
Rev. John, Hawes

Extracted from Pigot's Directory 1834

Chairman's Report

It was with deep regret in the December issue that we had to tell you of the death of our immediate past President John Holden. John was a delightful, unassuming man, who did an enormous amount for the Society in its early days, despite the calls upon him professionally as a barrister and latterly as a Judge. His knowledge of the Metcalfe family was encyclopaedic. I know he took the time and trouble to correspond with several members to whom he was related, suggesting lines of further enquiry and commenting upon their research. They and the Society have lost a very dear friend following his untimely death. Tribute is made elsewhere in this issue to him.

At the AGM last year, Members agreed that we should explore the possibility of DNA profiling. Some other one name societies have embarked on such a project with interesting results. I have taken the first steps by approaching a London University to see if they would like to collaborate in such a project and asking what it will cost and entail. When something tangible is known I will report to the Committee and in the next available Mecca News. I am sure that it would

be a most interesting Project, especially if the results could be available in 2005, the year of our 25th anniversary.

Finally congratulations to Peter Dobson our editor who has been appointed the Chairman of the North West Group of Family History Societies, of which our Society is a member.

David Lambert Chairman M11

MECCA NEWS DEADLINES

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

August	6 June
December	20 October
April	6 February

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

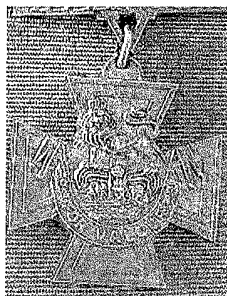
Mecca Actor

Mark Metcalf appeared in John Landis's 1991 comedy Oscar starring Sylvester Stallone.

METCALF VC

The Victoria Cross was introduced in 1856 as a result of heroic events in the Crimean War when it was decided to recognise actions "for valour".

Originally made out of captured bronze artillery ordnance the medal is shaped in the form of a Maltese Cross with a lion standing on a crown in the centre of the award.



In the Victoria Cross Index of over 1000 entries there is one Metcalf. This was noticed some years ago but little was known about the recipient. This remains the position today. Perhaps there is a descendant of this brave soldier who can provide more details. What we know from the official citation and brief information obtained from Canadian War records is as follows:

Lance Corporal **William Henry Metcalf** of the 16th Battalion, Manitoba Regiment, (Canadian Scottish), Canadian Expeditionary Force was awarded the Victoria Cross for a deed carried out on 2 September 1918 at Arras France.

"The right flank of the battalion was held up, Lance Corporal Metcalf rushed forward under intense machine gun fire to a passing tank and with his signal flag walked in front of the tank directing it along the trench in a perfect hail of bullets and bombs.

The machine gun strong point was overcome, very heavy casualties were inflicted and a critical situation was relieved. Later although wounded Corporal Metcalf continued to advance until ordered to get into a shell hole and have his wounds dressed."

From records available via the Canadian Archives (archives.ca [Soldiers of the First World War - Canadian Expeditionary Force]) there is a reference to William Henry Metcalf (and 65 other Metcalf(e)s from that War). He was born in 1885 and died in 1968 number 22614. He was also awarded the Military Medal (MM) and his record is held in the archives. The VC reference states he was an American but also considered Canadian! The only William Henry Metcalf found in WWI Draft Registrations lists a William Henry Metcalf born 28 March 1887 in Iona ID, White Pine, NV. Is he our VC?

If you know more about our one and only Metcalf VC let the Editor know.

John Holden

How do you put into a few words a true appreciation of such a likeable man? I particularly remember John for his kindness to me when I went to the second Mecca Muster in 1981, at that time held in Claremount House in Leeds. John introduced himself to me and said that we were distant cousins through our mutual ancestors, Anthony and Alice Metcalfe of Gayle, Wensleydale.

Over the following years he helped me enormously with research into my Gt.x 4 Grandfather, Rev. Lister Metcalfe. John never failed to give help when I asked for more information from the Ecclesiastical Records at York and Kendal. Later, when other members, also descended from Anthony and Alice, became members, he was just as helpful to them.

We all have reason to be grateful to John. The cliché 'one of nature's gentlemen', certainly applied to him. He will be greatly missed by all his friends in the Society, and I, along with my family, send our love and deepest sympathy to Diane and their children.
Dorothy Pope. M55

Many of our current Members will not know the invaluable part played by John in the important early years of our Society. As his membership number was 6 it is easily understood that he joined within the first weeks of our foundation in 1980 by Mary Metcalfe and Vera Adams, what isn't apparent is that he became our first President and the work he undertook on our behalf.

We needed a lot of guidance in setting up our Constitution, especially when we had to conform to standards set by the Charity Commissioners when we decided that becoming a Registered Charity would help our endeavours. John was patience personified in replying to what seemed to be an endless stream of queries each time we submitted our application. Eventually it worked and the evidence has been the firm foundation that over the years has proved to be solid enough to guide our Society to the top of the tree in the One Name Society world.

We owe John an immense debt of gratitude for the hours of work he gave so willingly, that he died so early is tragic and he was denied his long held hope of being able to return to a more active part in our Society in his retirement. We all have lost a friend and true supporter. God bless you John.

Nina Benson M29

Mecca Miscellany A Filmmaker. **Charlotte Metcalfe** talking about her film concerning Ethiopian families on the Andrew Marr - Start the Week programme on Radio 4 on Monday 2 February 2004.

A Remembrance. **Elizabeth Metcalfe** of Winterskill, departed this life Wednesday May 19, 1886 aged 3 years. **William Metcalfe** of Weathercote born October 25, 1814, died April 27, 1888. Gravestones in St Leonards Churchyard, Chapel le Dale.

A lucky man. **Leonard Metcalfe** of Bear Park near Aysgarth was one of 8 men from Askrigg arrested in the aftermath of the 1569 Rising of the North against Queen Elizabeth I. Due to be hung, drawn and quartered he was relieved.

A Failed Forger. **George Metcalfe** tried at the Quarter Sessions 1620. Both from The Yorkshire Village by Marie Hartley and Joan Ingilby.

A New Chairman? Chairman of the Marlowe Society **George Metcalfe**. From TV show on Shakespeare.

A Writer. **GE Metcalfe**. Documents of Ghana History 1807-1957. Practical Family History p22 July 2002.

A Hawker. **Frederick James Metcalf**, single, 58 years. Died Union Hospital (now Withington Hospital Didsbury Manchester). Buried May 1924 (Section M, Grave no 92605). From Southern Cemetery Grave Book (Manchester).

A Strange vegetable. "In this year (1795) a female who was a cook to **Mrs Metcalf**, a widow lady residing opposite the Church at Northallerton, in cutting a turnip, found in the heart of it a gold ring which turned out to be the wedding ring of Mrs Wood the gardeners wife, who had lost it when weeding in the garden ten or twelve years before." Extract from Annals of Yorkshire Volume 1 by John Maxhall; seen in the Wharfedale FH Group Magazine 2002. All four supplied by **David Lambert M11**.

A Mayor. **Francis George Metcalfe** educated at the Cathedral Schools and apprenticed in the family's tailoring business in Fishergate Ripon became mayor of Ripon 1909/10. During his tenure he proclaimed the ascension of the new King, George V from the west door of Ripon Cathedral and in the Market Place. Born 1854 he died 1933. From A Ripon Record 1887-1986.

An Objector. **Ann Metcalfe** objecting to the Scout Moor Wind Farm project. BBC1 North West Evening News 17 February 2004.

A Committee. **GB Metcalfe** (Vice chairman and Safety Officer, Entertainments & Social Committees); **A Metcalfe** (Assistant Director & Assistant Field Director); **T Metcalfe** (Showground Committee); **AG Metcalfe** (past President 1993); of the Lunesdale Agricultural Society 2002.

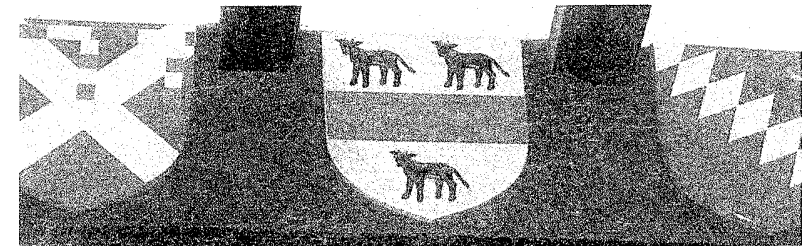
A Horse Rider. **Beverley Metcalfe** (Lunesdale Honey); **Richard Metcalf** (Class Act and Tynefield Fair Deal). From Lunesdale Annual Show Kirkby Lonsdale August 2002.



SO WHOSE CALVES ARE THEY?

In September 1998 I received a letter from M880 Mrs SMD Billot enclosing a photograph of, what appeared to be, a Metcalfe shield, one of many, displayed on a roof beam in Mont Orgeuil Castle (also known as Garey Castle) in Jersey. Mrs Billot said "The history behind them is somewhat hazy in that it was first suggested they represented the Warden of the Castle who would have been in full charge of the Castle (and possibly the Island) for a period of time. There seem to be too many of them for that to be so." She then went on to ask if the Society could find out more.

Within six weeks of her first letter a second one was received saying that the mystery was solved. In a guide to Garey Castle written by Major NVL Rybot (published in 1933; revised 1963; reprinted 1978) an article concerning Sir Hugh Calverley answered the question. Sir Hugh was Warden of the garrison in the Channel Islands between 1376 and 1393. The article went on to say that he was buried at Bunbury Church in Cheshire and an adaptation of the effigy on his tomb, shown in the article, showed him wearing a white seamless shirt over the body armour, which had on it three black calves and a red horizontal line - the shield on the beam. That was where the matter rested for some time.



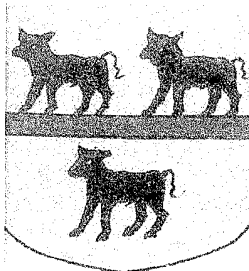
The Shield at Mont Orgeuil (Garey) Castle

Recently I revisited the paperwork still intrigued by the situation. How can two families (seemingly unrelated) have almost the same coat of arms? In the Society's Book **Metcalfe History of the Clan** (2nd Edition), *Metcalfe Coats of Arms*, page 241 it says "In England and Wales the only Arms that have a currency (are held legitimately) are those granted by the 'Kings of Arms'. All

others are termed pretended or false and their use is fraudulent. Originally knights and nobles assumed their 'charge' (device or symbol used as a means of identification on a shield) as they wished but from the late 15th century Arms have only been granted by the Sovereign personally or through officials they appointed Kings of Arms, subject to confirmation by the Earl Marshall. Arms could be inherited by descent in unbroken male line from the original bearer. The only other routes lay through marriage or Act of Parliament."

It goes on to say that the common source for a coat of arms is a pun on the family name (termed Canting) such as the Metcalfe use of a calf. There is the mythical supposition that the surname derived from a dwelling at or near a meadow where calves were kept. However it is much simpler than that with a simulation of the sound of Metcalfe by showing more than one calf - a visual pun on Met-calf or Met-calves.

The first recorded instance of a description of a Metcalfe Coat of Arms was in a Heralds Visitation of Yorkshire in 1530 for "John Metcalfe esquier, beside Richemont" in which the arms were described as "Argent, three calves passant sable, in the fess point crescent gules for difference" (three upright black calves on a silver background with a small red crescent). Also on page 249 of the Metcalfe Book there is an illustration (no 11) of three black calves on a silver background with a green stripe (Argent a fess vert between three calves passant sable) the arms of Medecalf of Yorescote in the pedigree of the Thornton family (Thomas Thornton married a daughter of Medecalf). See right.



This appears to imply that anyone with three calves on their arms (whatever the variation) is related to the Metcalfe clan. So where does Sir Hugh Calverley fit in? Had he married into the Metcalfe's? Was Calverley an early derivative of the name? Time to seek a solution.

To the Internet. On one of the first sites giving armorial information was an explanation of the bull of which the ox, the cow and the calf (French veau) are derivatives. Calverley was mentioned as Argent, a fess gules between those calves passant sable. Sounds familiar. Further delving brought forward a long article (some 16 A4 pages) on The Effigy and Tomb of Sir Hugh Calverley by C Blair, BA (The Armouries, HM Tower of London). This article which goes into a detailed review of Sir Hugh's alabaster effigy and tomb mentions that he was the eldest son of David Calveley of Lea, Cheshire (and his wife Joanna), born around 1315 and one of the most distinguished soldiers produced by the Hun-

dred Years War. Although in *Agincourt 1415 edited by Anne Curry* he is also mentioned as a leader of the notorious Free Companies of roving mercenaries who devastated large areas of the Midi and southern France during peace with France. Blair's article goes on to say that he campaigned in Spain, France, Brittany, Gascony and Flanders becoming Seneschall of Calais, one of the two admirals of the English Fleet, Captain of Brest and Governor of the Channel Islands. He died in April 1394.

Sir Hugh's tomb at Bunbury Church (almost mid way between Crewe and Chester) is said to be the finest surviving mediæval tomb in Cheshire. Prior to his death he had provided large sums of money for the rebuilding of the church. Blair confirms in his article the make up of the coat of arms and adds that: "There was a local tradition that Sir Hugh ate a calf and sheep daily." An observation Calverley could be made up of Calf (English), veau (the French for calf) and ley - a clearing/meadow/field in the forest. The latter has resonances with the mythical Metcalfe explanation!

John Metcalfe of Bainbrigg the father of James Metcalfe of Worton-in-Bainbridge, who founded Nappa Hall fought in France for Edward III (the same period as Sir Hugh Calverley was fighting). Did they know each other? It is not until the time of Thomas Metcalfe (1424 - 1504) the son of James, the grandson of John, who became Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, that the Metcalfe coat of arms is first recorded. However it is thought they were much older.

A happening which might help with the age of the Metcalfe Coat of Arms occurred in 1417. A royal order was sent out on the eve of Henry V's campaign to Normandy in that year, in which the king forbade the wearing of Arms unless the wearers had a right to them by ancestry or by grant except those who bore arms at Agincourt. Apparently the king specifically wanted to reward those at the battle, record their names but did not allow them to create or adopt arms as a result of their involvement (Agincourt 1415, Anne Curry(Ed)). Therefore any Arms borne in 1415 must have been legal prior to that date. James Metcalfe of Worton was at Agincourt.

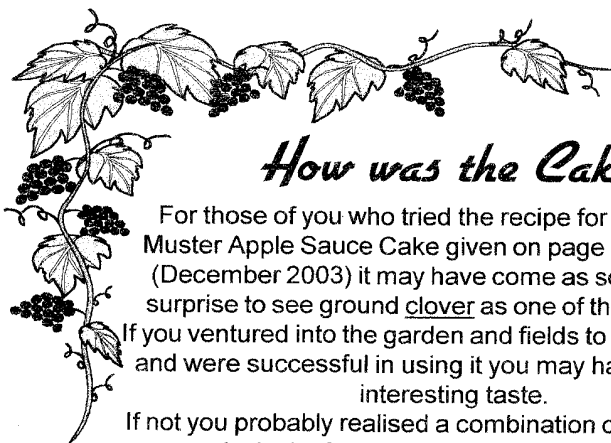
An indication that the Metcalfe arms might be older are contained in the Reverend Medecalf's Book in which he states "*William de Medecalf, his sons and grandsons suffered from Scotch cattle raiding, especially on both sides of the Rey Cross to Romaldkirk road, and on his Lonsdale lands about Dent, Gawthorpe, and Calf Fell. He protected his properties by encouraging his descendants to live on lands near the Brough, Bowes, and Barnard Castle road, and near the Tebay-Kirkby Lonsdale road, not far from the heads of the rivers Swale and Ure, and near the banks of the Lune. But for the greater protection of cattle, sheep, and horses and their increase, lands were cleared to a greater*

extent in the Manor of Bainbridge, which included Hawes; and lands in Widdale and Raydaleside; and in Bishopdale; and from the success of the work, **three calves were given places on the Medecalf armorial shield.**" William de Medecalf and his sons and grandsons lived between 1150 and 1278, well before the shield in Garey Castle.

Where does this leave us? Unfortunately not with a clear solution. It seems that, irrespective of the statement " ...only Arms that have a currency (are held legitimately) are those granted by the 'Kings of Arms'. All others are termed pretended or false and their use is fraudulent." - two families can use similar designs on their shields to represent their surnames. This seems to be at odds with the need for separate identification. The answer may be in the statement that only from the late 15th century were coats of arms regulated. Perhaps prior to that families could use the same representations. Confusing in battle! Or is there another explanation? Is it a coincidence that Sir Hugh Calverley and John Metcalfe fought in France during the reign of Edward III? Is it a coincidence the families use similar calf representation or is there a family relationship? At this stage there isn't an answer but it still begs the question

So Whose Calves Are They?

An intriguing but minor aside.
The iron work around Sir Hugh Calverley's tomb has only one other example from that time period
- in Tanfield near Ripon - Metcalfe Country!



How was the Cake?

For those of you who tried the recipe for the Metcalfe Muster Apple Sauce Cake given on page 16 of Issue 71 (December 2003) it may have come as somewhat of a surprise to see ground clover as one of the ingredients. If you ventured into the garden and fields to gather the plant and were successful in using it you may have created an interesting taste.

If not you probably realised a combination of poor eyesight and a lack of culinary understanding lead to the misreporting of the correct ingredient which should have been a teaspoon of ground cloves.
Well spotted Doug Cutting M855!



Secretary's Report

This winter has been a relatively quiet time compared to previous years - with only a few enquiries about the society. This has allowed me to complete the manual export of over 1460 records of the Master Membership File into a spreadsheet format, thereby bringing our membership records into the 21st century. By the time you are reading this, the project will have been handed over totally to our new Master Membership File Keeper, Tony. So searches and updates can now be done in a matter of a couple of minutes eg identifying which members have not renewed this year, and print out the labels to send subscription reminders. In due course, the society is aiming to send all members their total set of contact details held by the society to seek clarification that the data is up to date and complete. For example, we would like to have a more complete set of telephone and e-mail addresses.

Diane Howarth M409

Got an interest in wills

.... we need a volunteer!

Over the past 4 years, Stephen Newman has coordinated the work of a few volunteers to develop the Wills project to what we have today - over 300 wills transcribed, and available to the society.

We can now discuss how best to make them accessible to you the members.

However, Stephen has now had to step down due to work commitments and we are actively seeking a volunteer to continue managing the project.

So if you do have an interest in wills, and probably reasonable eye-sight to read old hand-written documents, then do please contact the secretary Diane Howarth (contact details on inside front cover of this journal).

She will arrange for you to have a chat with Stephen to get a better understanding of what is involved.



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NORFOLK ISLAND DOCTOR

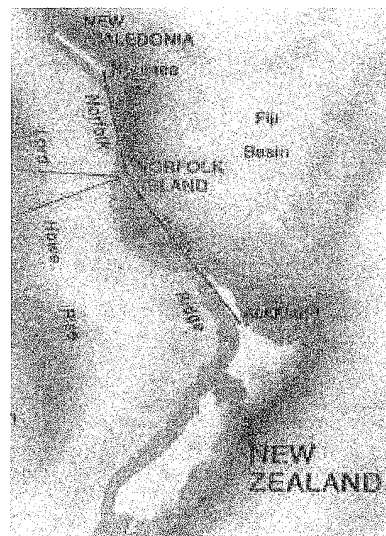
The island is little known to most outside of the Antipodes and then probably only because of the romantic association with those "Mutiny on the Bounty" descendants who left Pitcairn Island's remoteness for Norfolk Island in 1856.

However as is often the case a member of our adventurous clan arrived on Norfolk Island in 1879. Dr Peter Metcalfe, son of Wallace Metcalfe (b1810), stayed over 30 years as Government Medical Officer. The first qualified physician, and still longest serving one, he was also the Island's Surgeon and Dentist. Later his activities encompassed the positions of Acting Chief Magistrate, Auditor of Public Accounts and Honorary Treasurer for the Norfolk Island Agricultural & Horticultural Society as well as the unofficial positions of father confessor and islanders spokesman.

Coincidentally from Norfolk (but Norfolk England) originally, the doctor raised a family of five (three sons and two daughters). They lived from 1886 in Waveney their house up country from Kingston where the first surgery was located. This location was more central and generally more convenient for the whole island.

From his records there appeared to be a regular clientele beating a path to the doctor's door even though there were not many more than 300 islanders including those at the Melanesian Mission. In the thirty years he practiced there were few days free of patients. Many of the ailments treated would not be uncommon in a surgery anywhere in the world and included measles, 'flu, colds, sunburn, rheumatism, upset stomach's, backache, sciatica, boils, asthma and interestingly fidgets of the leg. As befitting an island location there were breaks and sprains due to falls from horses, trees and cliffs, together with more serious conditions including tuberculosis, cancer, heart conditions and meningitis. All were expected to be handled by the island's one and only physician.

Apart from Sundays which were meant to be free of patients, when he



attempted to attend church, not always successfully, the doctor still found time to indulge interests in Meteorology and was a noted naturalist in the local flora and fauna contributing articles to scientific journals.

Due to failing health the doctor eventually resigned in 1912 and took up residence on nearby Fanning Island but his condition did not improve and he died on 18 April 1913. His body was returned to Norfolk Island encased in a lead coffin and interred in Kingston's cemetery among the Pitcairn Island descendants and his Norfolk Island patients. He is also remembered by a plaque in Kingston's Church - All Saints together with two of his sons (James Beverley and Francis Bramall) both killed in WWI in 1918.

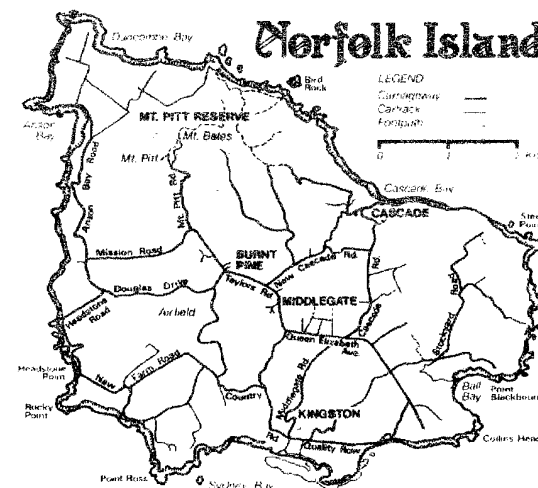
The Doctor's youngest daughter Kathleen lived on the island until her death in 1993 whilst the third son Wallace (b1884) moved to New Zealand where his son Richard Herbert Metcalfe (M718), and grandson Wallace Metcalfe (b1949) live.

Doctor Peter Herbert Metcalfe is descended from a long line of clergymen and doctors and he ties into Branch 9 of the clan as shown in **Metcalfe - History of the Clan**.

The information for the article was provided by **Richard Metcalfe M718** - the doctor's grandson and **JC Metcalfe M182** who whilst on holiday with his wife on Norfolk Island in 2003

came across Metcalfe's Restaurant in the South Pacific Resort Hotel, which now occupies the site of the Doctor's house, and went on to obtain some of the more detailed information used in the article.

My thanks to them both for providing information from the Norfolk Islander (8 June 2002), Norfolk Island Historical Society booklet, Metcalfe's Restaurant literature and their own observations / sources. Editor

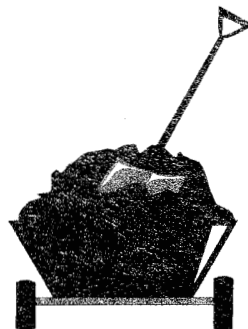


Working in a Rock Quarry

Extracts from wages and Purchases books held at Craven Museum, Skipton
Skipton Rock Quarry

Wages

15 August 1895	Wm Metcalfe , Cocker/ Breaker/ Wheeler of stone £1-3-3 John Metcalfe Baring Stone £4-8-5 Chris Mertcalfe , Stone Breaking Machine, 12-3
22 August 1895	John Metcalfe , £3-1-1
16 January 1896	Wm Metcalfe , 16/3 John Metcalfe , Stone Breaker, Cleaning Refuse stone £1-2-0
28 February 1896	James Metcalfe , 17-10
1 October 1896	John Metcalfe , Stone breaker 7/-
3 February 1898	Chris Metcalfe , 97ton 6cwt breaking machine 8s1d James Metcalfe , 15s 4d
17 February 1898	W Metcalfe or Metcalfe Brothers £1-0-0
9 June 1898	Metcalfe Bros 15/- James Metcalfe £1-12-3 Chris Metcalfe 19s 5d
14 July 1898	Chris Metcalfe , 6d on stone breaking machine 7ton 8cwt James Metcalfe £1-10-3 Metcalfe Brothers/ John Metcalfe/ W Metcalfe
9 July 1903	Clarke Metcalfe Wagoners £1-0-7
29 October 1903	James Metcalfe , £1-0-5
May 30, 1921	W Metcalfe , left co 20 March 1924 J Metcalfe , left co 7 April 1927
April 1922	AJH Metcalfe earned 35/-
14 April 1927	AJH Metcalfe earned £2-9-4 after stoppages
Daily Account Book	
28 April 1932	J Metcalfe , Breaker's 24ton 21cwt £1-3-1
18 August 1937	J Metcalfe £1-12-3
Purchases Book	
November 1931	W Metcalfe Ltd , Tar, £136-5-9 W Metcalfe Ltd , Tar, £528-17-3 W Metcalfe Ltd , Tar, £219-14-6



Extracted by **EW Dodding M331**.

For further details apply to List Co-ordinator whose details are provided on the inside of front cover.

SIGHTINGS (and a Hearing!)

Sightings - **Dave Metcalfe**, contestant 15 to One. 3 November 2003.

Ronald Metcalfe of Tunbridge Wells Died 5 November 2003.

Both from **Gina MacKenzie M310**.

Principal of the Writers Bureau - **Ernest Metcalfe**. Advert in The Independent, 16 October 2003.

Des-res. Owners of a 'rare find' - **Jo and Dominic Metcalfe** purchasers of a Georgian townhouse with a large garden in Bath. Article in The Independent 2 July 2003. Both supplied by **Joan Metcalfe M63**.

Benefactions to the Poor of the Parish of Finningley (ESE of Doncaster).

1672 Mr **Richard Metcalfe** bequeathed two acres of land in Blaxton Field now in lieu of which was awarded to the overseers of Finningley for the time being one acre, 3 roods and eighteen perches now in the occupation of William Crosland. Page 22, **Doncaster Ancestor** - Winter 2003.

Extraordinarily Intense and Traumatized Oliver. So said The Independent's reporter Paul Taylor of **Jordan Metcalfe's** first night performance of Oliver Twist at London's Lyric Hammersmith. 26 Feb 2004 Provided by **Joan Metcalfe M63** Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes holding an exhibition 'Part of the Landscape' until April 18 2004 which features potter **Cyrus Metcalfe** from Malham area. **The Upper Wensleydale Newsletter** March 2004.

Newspaper Cuttings supplied by **Liz Brammall M1070**

Queens Moat Houses hotels chain chairman **Sydney Metcalfe**.

Assistant Director of Education, Isle of Wight Council **John Metcalfe**.

Ringling in the Millenium at Brightstone was **Emily Metcalfe**.

New Pattern Toothbrush and Penetrating Hair Brushes from **A Metcalfe and Co** Oxford Street Bingley. The toothbrush performs the highly important office of searching thoroughly into the divisions and cleaning in a most extraordinary manner; hairs never come loose 1s; penetrating hair brushes with the durable unblemished Russia bristles which will not soften like common hair; improved clothes brush that cleans harmlessly in one third the usual time; the new velvet brush and immense stock of genuine unbleached Symrna sponge. Metcalfe's alkaline tooth powder 2s per box. The Observer 24 August 1851

Hearing! November 2003. Overhead in Leyburn Market "Willie Metcalfe is the richest farmer in the Dale".

Competition 2004 - win a year's membership subscription

Checkout this year's competition which is enclosed with this journal.

Send your entry to the secretary by 31 August 2004.

The winner will be announced in the December Mecca News

and will receive a year's subscription to the society.

We Don't Know Who We Are

by
E N Cox M386

I read with fascination "A New Way For Family History?" April 2003 (Issue 69). It was also alarming because it reads as though the lady Metcalfes have no proof that they are Metcalfes. Therefore am submitting this article on behalf of the numerous lady members of the Metcalfe Society.

Dna printing sounds an excellent tool for family historians but when the male line is traced through Y chromosome analysis this gives only half the story. I found myself asking "What has this to do with descent from the "Seven Daughters of Eve?" and "How am I going to explain the resemblance of my nephew Martin to his gt gt gt grandfather William (died 1891) through a descent which reads: William-Elizabeth-Polly-Arthur-Thelma-Martin, a direct line which is 50% female?"

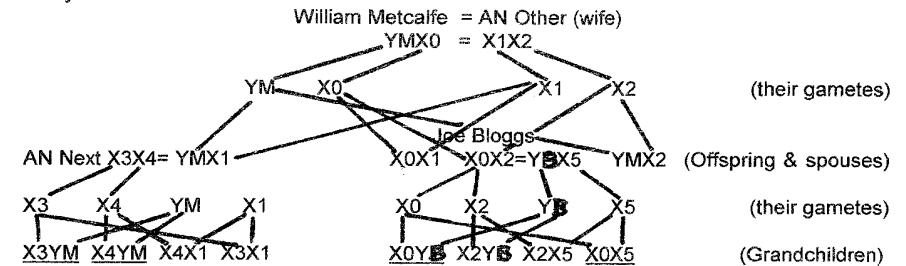
We should remind ourselves that within each bodily cell there is nuclear DNA (nDNA) and mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA); then distinguish between them and follow their independent transmission through each generation.

Nuclear DNA (nDNA)

is specialised protein material that is tucked into the nucleus of all our living cells. When a cell divides into two identical cells the nDNA first forms itself into 46 linear chromosomes with what we call 'genes' being specific sections of DNA lined up along the chromosomes. nDNA is self-replicating and during normal cell-division each chromosome duplicates itself lengthways, making material for two identical nuclei, one for each daughter cell. The 46 human chromosomes are actually 23 homologous (but not identical) pairs; each member 'a' and 'b' of a pair resembles its partner and carries the same gene information at the same locations along the length of 'a' and 'b'. So for instance, we can say that we have two genes for eye colour, lying opposite each other on a special pair of chromosomes. One pair of chromosomes differs from this generalisation; the x chromosome is homologous with another X or with a Y. All our bodily cells contain 2 Xs if we are female, or an X and Y if male and the Y chromosome is significantly shorter. The consequence of the shortness is that the X carries a sequence of single unpaired genes against the emptiness of the non-existent portion of the Y.

Now that we have established that we have XX or XY and 22 other pairs of chromosomes in all our cells, we can look at the other type of cell division specific to the formation of gametes ie eggs and sperm. Within one's ovaries or

testes nDNA becomes visible as paired chromosomes which then separate, each pair member moving away from its opposite number, so that the two daughter nuclei which form have only 23 single chromosomes, 1 to 22 and one X (or a Y). The ova (egg cells) all contain one X, while the spermata of the XY male have either an X chromosome or a Y. This determines whether his future offspring are sons (who inherit his Y and an X from their mother), or daughters (they have an X from each parent). We can trace XY inheritance diagrammatically as follows:



Only the grandsons have the Metcalfe Y, the gdaughters carry nothing from grandfather Metcalfe.

Only half have any Metcalfe X0's which grandfather inherited from his mother, a non-Metcalfe.

However depressing this scenario may appear to the ladies all is not lost: the above is only discussing the X/Y chromosome analysis. We have the other 22 pairs of chromosomes for full DNA finger printing to consider.

Let us assume that the 99.9% DNA identity between father and son refers only to Y chromosome testing, as the son must have 50% of his total nDNA from mother. But how do we inherit the half of our father's 1-22 paired chromosomes? Is the pattern:

1a 2a 3a 4a.... from dad's father or 1b 2b 3b 4b....from dad's mother or
1a 2a 3b 4a 5b..... at random from both paternal grandparents?

I surmise that family photographs point to the last arrangement as probable.

Our actual gene inheritance can perhaps be determined only by several tools including DNA printing, XY analysis, blood grouping, skeletal characteristics, the records and photography. William (Martin's gt gt gt grandfather) probably looked like his mother.

Mitochondrial DNA (mt DNA)

Our bodily cells contain a number of sausage shaped structures independent of the nucleus. These mitochondria (the name means *thread-granules*) are concerned with energy release within the cell, contain mtDNA (less than 1%

of total cell DNA) and are self-replicating. The mothers eggs, her ova, contain them whole and they are passed intact to her sons and daughters. The male sperm however consists almost entirely of nucleus for DNA genetic blue-printing and a tail for mobility. There are no mitochondria.

Human mtDNA analysis therefore discloses family history exclusively through the female lines and is useful for investigating recent genetic history.

There is a level of uniformity, however, within different geographical samples of mtDNA that indicates modern human beings evolved relatively recently from a single region in Africa 'Mitochondrial Eve' is the hypothetical female ancestral to humankind some 100,000 / 200,000 years ago and also to her European daughters Velda, Tara, Helena, Ursula, Katric, Jasmine and Xenia whom we met in the April 2003 article. Ladies we are exonerated and vindicated!

Books

Bishopdale Booklets.

- No 84 1901 Census. Arkngarthdale (High & Low) and Grinton
- No 85 1901 Census. Rerth, Healaugh, Marrick and Hurst
- Surname Index for the Swaledale Census Returns 1841 to 1901
- No 86 Aaron to Inman
- No 87 Ireland to Young
- Each £2 + postage 30p from
- Jean Kingston, 65 Elder Close, Winchester SO22 4LH
- The Family Historian's Pocket Dictionary compiled by Stuart A Raymond.
- An A to Z (welly) of what you should know. £6.95 plus P&P from the
- Federation of Family History Societies (Publications) Ltd. Chesham Industrial Centre Oram Street, Bury, Lancs BL9 6EN.

The New Library List a good read in itself!

It's amazing what a difference a few months of retirement makes time being the main bonus.

The society would like to thank Carol Arkwright for stock-taking our library and delivering the new Library List, the first update in six years.
So do take the time to peruse the library list, and even if there is not a book you wish to borrow immediately, please ensure you keep the list for future reference.

Unseemly Scrimmage

I received the document below some years ago when researching my family history. My gt grandfather Michael Metcalfe was the catalyst for building the church (Christ Church St Laurence) in Sydney in colonial times. I thought that the item from the Church Archivist may interest you.

Robyn Metcalfe M669

"Thank you for your telephone call today. Further to that conversation, I provide the text from page 41 of Laura Mary Allen's book:

In those days, also Christ Church was the scene of many fashionable weddings and Mr Vidal tells of the occasion when Miss Metcalfe married Mr Purvis. The couple being well known in Sydney society the wedding had been much talked about, the dresses described and the wonderful cake, so much so that at 7.30 on the wedding night the church was packed beyond capacity and unmanageable crowds sat on the pulpit steps and the altar rails - anywhere! In the unseemly scrimmage that followed the gas was turned out, the gas standards broken off, the bride's dress was torn to ribbons and Miss Vidal one of the bridesmaids carried off her feet in the crowd as far as the Haymarket! (Today one may see the base of these gas standards at intervals on the pews of the centre aisle.)

The wedding would appear to be that between John Mitchell Purves, bachelor of Grafton (son of William Purves, Clergyman of the Church of Scotland and Allinson Myles Adams) and Anne Georgina Metcalfe, spinster of Sydney (daughter of Michael Metcalfe, gentleman and Agnes Georgina Robinson). The wedding was conducted by Charles Baber and witnessed by M Metcalfe and Florence Metcalfe. Unfortunately the person who filled out the register way back in 1873 failed to include dates, so all I can tell you is that the wedding took place between August 1873 and December 1873. I would really appreciate knowing the precise date, if you have it, so I can copy some of the newspaper accounts for our own records."

An article penned by Robyn on Michael Metcalfe (opposite) appeared in the Mecca News issue 65 (December 2001). Ed.



Rejoined Member

M1271 John Edwin Booth & Oliver William Booth, 52 Rigby Road Kirkham Lancs PR4 2BA

Updated Birth Briefs

M1339 Iain Metcalfe, 30 Hillsdon Close, Marston Moreteyne, Bedford MK43 0QN. Born 1950 s/o Joseph Edgar & Gladys (nee Pickett) Mte m. 1949 Cockermouth, Keswick. Joseph Edgar s/o Margaret Mte b. 1891 Edinburgh. Margaret d/o Joseph b. 1860.

M1371 Georgina Teasedale, 8 Hope St. Newton, Auburndale, MA 02466 USA. Related to 5 separate lines of Metcalfes:-

Line 1, Gt Grand daughter of Joseph Raymond & Ella (nee Metcalfe) Richardson m. 15/10/1942 Wensleydale Yks. Ella b. 8/10/1920 Mallerstang area d/o Thomas & Alice (nee Metcalfe see line 2) Metcalfe m. 1906 East Ward. Thomas bpt. 26.9.1871 Mallerstang s/o William & Jane (nee Morphet) Mte m. (?). William bpt 22/6/1848 Mallerstang s/o Thomas & Alice (Dent) Mte m. 28/3/1848 Mallerstang. Thomas bpt. 21/8/1822 Mallerstang s/o William & Catherine (Middleton) Mte m. 22/5/1822 Kirkby Steven, Wes. William born circa 1790 Appersett bpt aged 53 with his brother Joseph aged 40 at Lunds on 19/3/1843 s/o Thomas & Ann (?Blades) Mte m. 16/6/1788 Hawes. **Connects to M1081**

Line2. Alice Metcalfe b ca 1885 Muker parish d/o James & Hannah (Alderson see Line 3) Mte m. 12/3/1881 Muker. James b ca 1859 Muker s/o Thomas & (his 2nd wife) Jane (Peacock) Mte m 13/5/1854 Muker. Thomas bpt 24/12/1826 Hardraw natural s/o Ann Mte and Thomas Fawcett.

Line 3. Hannah nee Alderson d/o James & Elizabeth (nee Metcalfe) Alderson m. 22/1/1853 Grinton. Elizabeth bpt. 29/5/1829 Muker d/o Henry & Mary (Calvert) Mte m. 28/2/1816 Muker. Henry b. 20/4/1785 s/o Leonard & Nancy (Bushby/Busby) Mte m. 3/6/1784 Muker. Leonard b. 30/6/1759 Gunnerside s/o Richard & Monica (Sunter) Mte m. 15/1/1749 Grinton. Richard b circa 1727-30 s/o Anthony & Ann (Wharton) Mte m. 13/1/1718 Grinton. **Connects to M119 M217 M255 M701& M782.**

Line 4. Joseph Raymond Richardson (see Line 1) b. 19/8/1921 s/o Michael S. & Ada Rachel a. (nee Metcalfe) Richardson m. 1912 East Ward. Ada b. 1892 East Ward d/o Edgar & Rachel (Cannon) Mte m. 15/11/1886. Edgar b. 1864 Mallerstang s/o Matthew Metcalfe & Mary Close. Matthew b. 6/4/1821 Mallerstang s/o Joseph & Mary (Buck) Mte m 22/12/1818 Lunds. Joseph bpt. 4/12/1782 Asby, Wes. s/o Matthew & Agnes (Wynne) Mte m 22/11/1774 Kirkby Steven, Wes. Matthew bpt. 12/2/

1741 Warcop, Wes s/o Joseph & Elizabeth (Mattison) Mte m. 3/9/1732 Warcop, Wes. Joseph bpt. 15/4/1701 Asby s/o Thomas & Magdalen (Holm) Mte m. 18/7/1689 Asby. Thomas bpt. 11/7/1660 Asby s/o Christopher & Anne(?) Mte b. circa 1630. **Connects to M326 M472 M700 & M1229.**

Line5. James Alderson who m Elizabeth Mte 1835 Muker (see Line3) was b. 1820 Hill Top, Muker s/o Christopher & Jemima (nee Metcalfe) Alderson m. 2/1/1810 Muker. Jemima b. ca 1787.

M1396 Claire & Helen Turner, 3 Moorlands Place, Camberley, Surrey GU15 3EE. Grand-daughters of Edward Stanley and Jessie Alice (nee Metcalfe) Turner m. 01/06/1925 East Ham, London. Jessie Alice b. 29/12/1904 Harwich, Essex 4/7 of Francis Albert & Edith Maria (Boulter) Mte m. 1Q1899 Yarmouth. Francis Albert b/1Q1876 Mutford 2/4 of Nathaniel & Hannah (formerly Hurst nee Reed) Mte m. 04/10/1871 St Nicholas, Gt Yarmouth. Nathaniel b. 19/12/1848, 2 King's Head Court, Broadway, Westminster, Middlesex, London s/o Francis & Mary (Bloomfield) Mte.

M1414 Mr John Geoffrey Metcalfe 122 Tennyson Ave, Harrogate, HG1 3LF. S/o John & Noreen (Parkin) Mte. John b. 29/4/1928 Harrogate s/o Percy & Gertrude (Shepherd) Mte m. 12/11/1923 Harrogate. Percy b 26/4/1884 Harrogate s/o Thomas & Annie (Tebb) Mte m. 25/3/1876 Knaresborough. Thomas b ca 1846 Burneston s/o Wilkes & Elizabeth (Gill) Mte m. 27/12/1827 Burneston. Wilkes bpt 26/8/1804 Burneston s/o Wilkes & Jane (Burn) Mte m. 22/11/1797 Burneston. Wilkes bapt. 11/9/1775 Burneston s/o Thomas & Catherine (Trenholme) Mte m 5/5/1772 Burneston. Thomas bpt 29/11/1740 Burneston s/o Wilkes & Margaret Mte. Wilkes bpt 17/4/1701 Burneston Yks.s/o William. **Connects to M558.**

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WANTED Volunteer(s) for our Despatch Department

Due to Doug's variable health, June & Doug Cutting have regrettably had to step down as our 'Despatch Department' with immediate effect, and become ordinary members. I am sure you will all join the committee and wish Doug a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them both enjoying many future Mecca Musters rather than as workers.

This means we are now looking for a volunteer to do the following 3 roles. Ideally this would suit a retired couple who are willing to do all 3 roles together, or the jobs can be handled separately.

* Distribution of Mecca News: Receive the finished printed copies of the finished Mecca News along with the various inserts. This is usually about 600 of each. Merge the inserts into each Mecca News. Pack them into envelopes. Affix pre-printed address labels to the envelopes. Take the envelopes to your local post office and post them. Given the volumes of finished packages, the post office will usually frank the envelopes rather than having to stick individual stamps on the envelopes. This process occurs three times a year - late March, July, November. Full instructions and materials to perform this role are provided, along with funds for postage.

* Copying of Low-Volume Society Material: Receive the society's colour desktop photocopier and copy specific forms according to society requirements eg 600 x colour copies of the Book order form and Christmas Card order form for the August Mecca News. Receipt of master documents either electronically or via post. Despatch the finished bulk copies either to the Despatch Department and/or other society officers for use across the society.

* Coordinating of Bulk Volumes of Society Material: Receipt of master documents either electronically or via post. Coordinate with a local photocopy agency (once costs have been agreed) to bulk copy black & white documents. These are usually the inserts for the Mecca News, eg Subscription Renewal Form, AGM Executive Reports etc. Shipment of completed bulk copies to the Distributor of Mecca News.

If you are interested in discussing any of these roles please contact the secretary, Diane Howarth, contact details on the inside front cover of this journal.

Newspaper Gleanings

I came across the following when looking through the Craven Herald, on a recent visit to the British Library National Newspaper Library at Colindale in North London, for some non-Metcalf obituaries, and thought that it might be interesting material for the magazine.

Craven Herald - Friday October 19, 1906

Correspondence The Metcalfe Clan To the Editor of the Craven Herald

Sir, - In my history of "Richmondshire" a good deal is related of the wide-spread family of Metcalfe, and I think with a little effort it would be possible to connect some branches of that family with the historic house of Nappa.

Nappa Hall still stands, not far from Askrigg, an object of considerable interest and curiosity to tourists and others visiting that charming neighbourhood in the summer season. It was the home in the 15th Century of the famous Thomas Metcalfe, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster etc., as well as of other illustrious scions of that house.

Among the many branches of this old stock was one which settled in America about the time of the Stuart rebellion in 1715. John Metcalfe turns up in Virginia and married a Miss Watkins from Wales, in 1723. He was a scholar and probably a tutor, interested in the education and civilisation of the colony at that time. He had a family of 3 sons and 5 daughters. The sons names were John, James and Christopher, which are old Metcalfe family names in Wensleydale and Swaledale.

Should this letter, or my advertisement, catch the eye of any of the clan of Metcalfe or its allied families who can furnish me with documentary evidence of a connection of this American branch with any of the Yorkshire stock, I should be greatly obliged, as it would, at any rate, enable me to join a missing link between a flourishing branch in the States and its ancestral homeland.

The above John Metcalfe, I may add, is reputed to be the son, or more likely a grandson of the famous master of shorthand, Theophilus Metcalfe who book on the art of shorthand first published in 1660, passed through upwards of 50 editions. His baptism is recorded in the Richmond Parish Registers for 1610, but neither the time or place of his marriage, nor of the baptism of his children has yet been discovered.

I shall be very glad to hear from anyone who can throw light on these matters.

*Yours faithfully,
H Speight Priesthorpe,
Bingley Oct 16 1906*

For those who aren't aware Harry Speight was a renowned Local

Historian who wrote many books on the Dales. Harry also wrote a letter to the paper the following week making a couple of corrections to his letter, in particular noting that the book on shorthand was first published in 1635.

Unfortunately, I didn't have the time to transcribe that letter as it was getting close to closing time. It is worth noting that the Library holds copies of the Craven Herald from 1875 to the current date, with most of these being available on microfilm. A list of their holdings is available at <http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/newspapers.html>. It is an excellent source of information, a number of the obituaries that I discovered provide names of the chief (or most prominent) mourners at the deceased's funeral. There could be an interesting (if time consuming) research project to find the Metcalfe entries held in some of the Dales newspapers.

Frank Shiers M1135

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Scottish Association of Family History Societies hold their Annual Conference at the Albert Halls, Dumbarton Road, Stirling on **24 April 2004** from 10am - 4.30pm. Further details on www.csfhs.org.uk

Yorkshire FHS Fair at York Racecourse **Saturday 26 June 2004**, 10-16.30. Admission £3. Come along and see over 100 exhibitors including your own Metcalfe Society.

Yorkshire Archives Council is holding a regional Archives Users Conference on **Saturday 22 May 2004** at the National Centre for Early Music, York. The event is to highlight the views and needs of archive users. There will be speakers from The National Archives and other archive groups / users. Event is free but places are limited. For information contact Claire Dyson, Yorkshire Museums, Leeds www.ymlac.org.uk. ☎ 0113 263 8909.

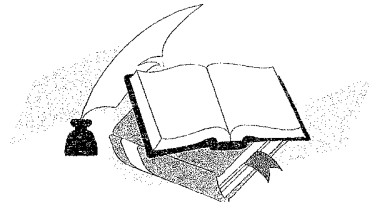
26-30 August 2004. FFHS will host 'A Family History Festival' to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Federation at Loughborough University, Leicestershire. For details contact FFHS Administrator, PO Box 2425, Coventry CV5 6YX. ☎ 07041 492032 or e-mail admin@ffhs.org.uk

Saturday 2 October 2004 at the National Cycling Centre (The Velodrome) Sport City Manchester 10.00 -16.00.
North West Group of FHS Fair. Over 100 stalls and lectures Entrance £2.

Saturday 9 October 2004
Mecca Muster and AGM
at Askham Bryan, York.
Book now!



Dear Editor.....Dear Editor



I thought our members might be able to make use of this. I have used it in the past whilst trying to keep the Master Membership File up to date.

"If you have access to the internet you may find the Royal Mail web site <www.royalmail.com> to be a very useful facility. When you register as a private

user you can find or verify up to eight postcodes or addresses per day for free!! The most useful bit is the mapping function which will show the location of the address you are interested in at various scales from 2 inches:500 metres to 2 inches:50 miles". Doug Cutting M855.

As I will be overseas for over 3 months this year I would appreciate if you would put a notice in the Mecca News to this effect in April.

We are away from mid April to the end of July, so I will not be available as the NZ agent.

Naturally I hope to meet some of the Metcalfe Society members while we are in the UK for 8 weeks in May and June.

Regards Alison Hutton M81

Only yesterday (23 December), for some reason, a "sporty" one, I had to look up the results of the Berlin 1936 Olympics, and, blow me down, the following details came to light:

100m sprint men: 2nd-behind Jesse Owens, Ralph Metcalfe 10.4 -Afro american also Men's Triple jump: 3. John Patrick Metcalfe -15.50m (Australia)

The first result I did know at the time, as the third placing was a Dutchman, by the name of Osendarp, who in fact joined the SS during the war, and was killed just at the end of the war, I believe by the "Underground" people.

The Australian above, might

have some Irish decendancy and possibly, this might give someone some pleasure either in Ireland or England?! Merry Xmas, to all, Yours,

Frans Beerling M488

Recently (November 2003) Major 'Fruity' Metcalfe was mentioned several times in a programme about the previous Duke of Kent. He was a sort of cousin of my father and disapproved of by his mother who was Maria Mte of Ripon. The Major was from Ireland and mixed with the racing fraternity. I understand that he and my father (George Lindsay) looked much alike when they were boys.

Gina MacKenzie M310

KNOW YOUR BIRDS

At the last Mecca Muster there was a competition to test the ornithological knowledge of those members present. The winner won a years free membership of the Society.

As reported in the December 2003 issue the outright winner with all twenty correct was **Mr P Metcalfe M1314.**



Now see if you can emulate his success.

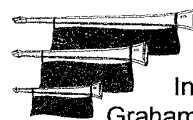
No prizes just the satisfaction of getting the questions right.
(Even with the answers I didn't get them all right! Good luck! Ed)

Answers on the back page.

(An A next to the question shows it to be an anagram, a number indicates how many letters in the answer.)

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Boot polish (4) | 11. Sounds like a funeral vase (4) |
| 2. Here, summer lingers on (6) | 12. Best erica (8) |
| 3. Knew cry (A) | 13. Giant ramp (A) |
| 4. Like a steam train (6) | 14. He saw her on the beach (5) |
| 5. He had a pea green boat (3) | 15. What a happy dog does (7) |
| 6. A dying air from this bird (4) | 16. Snap pride (A) |
| 7. Does it cringe (5) | 17. A nun in dock (7) |
| 8. Found on some mud (3) | 18. Gossip on the shingle (9) |
| 9. Worn in Elizabethan days (4) | 19. Out for nowt (4) |
| 10. Rots a slab (A) | 20. Ware heat (A) |

TWO TIMER



In "Walks in the Mysterious Yorkshire Dales" by Graham Dugdale (Publisher Sigma Leisure) one of the walks is in and around Bainbridge and of course it mentions the famous Metcalfe hornblowers.

A story is also recounted about these Mecca trumpeters.

"One on occasion Jamie Metcalfe was carousing in Askrigg when the church bell made him realise that he was late for his appointed sound off. Quickly returning to Bainbridge he finally piped out the regulation three blasts at 9.30pm. When his wife was informed she immediately came back with the caustic retort "They've had a double dose tonight then. Our George blew it at 9 o'clock.""

Gayle Mill

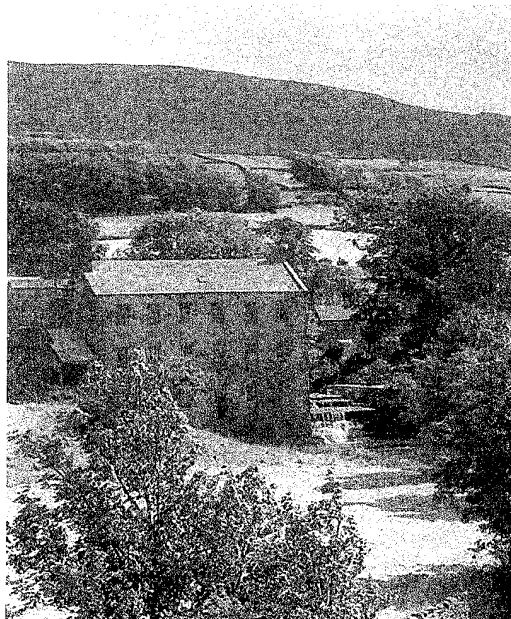
The Mill on the outskirts of Gayle has stood forlorn for some years but as a result of the efforts of interested parties and a committee there is an opportunity for the mill to receive funding.

The water driven woolen mill has Metcalfe connections (as you would expect) and if you have a Mecca involvement perhaps you would consider joining the Friends of Gayle Mill.

Application forms are available with membership costing a mere £10.

If you join in 2004 you could be designated as a 'Founder Member'.

To learn more contact the Chairman Mr Peter Burrage, Swiss Cottage, The Newkin, Bainbridge, North Yorkshire
☎ 01969 650726



In the Right Place!

Sarah and Daniel Metcalfe live in the fastest growing house price area in the UK. The place to be - Brighouse West Yorkshire.
Real Story 7.30pm BBC1 TV - 8 March 2004.

Answers

1. Kiwi
2. Merlin
3. Wryneck
4. Chough
5. Owl
6. Swan
7. Quail
8. Emu

KNOW YOUR BIRDS

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| 9. Ruff | 16. Sandpiper |
| 10. Albatross | 17. Dunnock |
| 11. Tern | 18. Stonechat |
| 12. Starling | 19. Duck |
| 13. Ptarmigan | 20. Wheatear |
| 14. Heron | |
| 15. Wagtail | |

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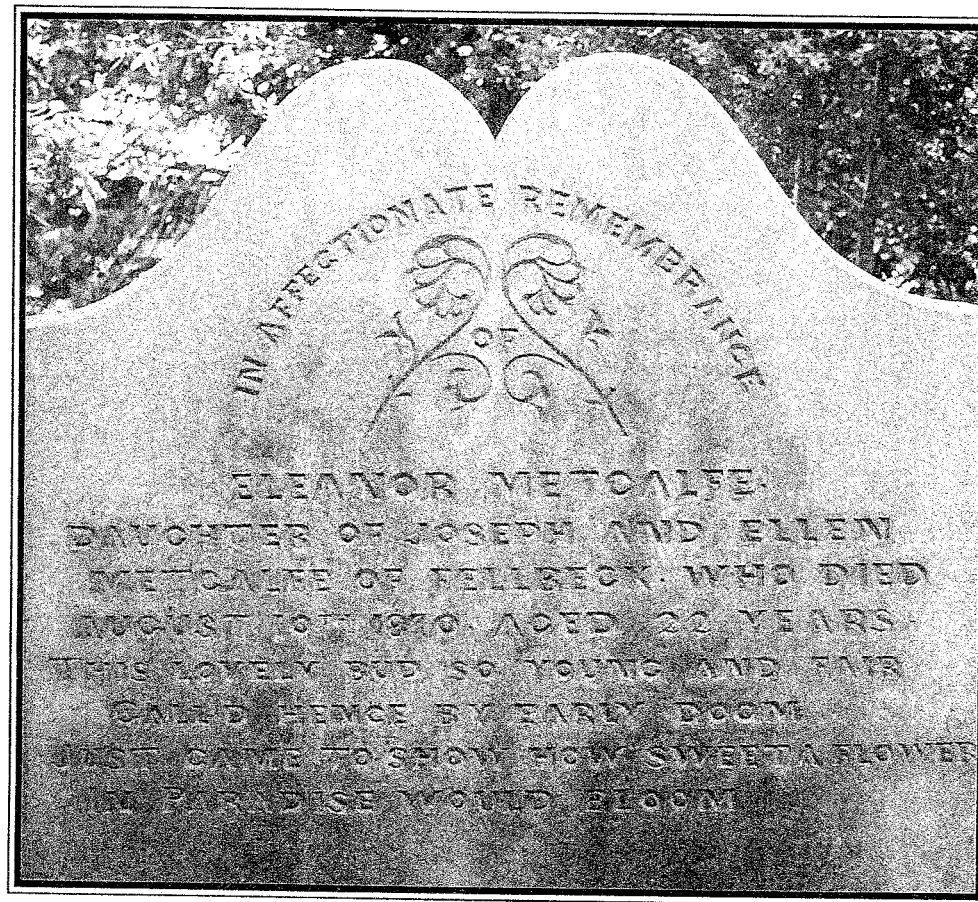
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ELEANOR METCALFE
 daughter of
Joseph and Ellen Metcalfe of Fellbeck
 who died August 10th 1879 Aged 22 years

*This lovely bud so young and fair
 Call'd hence by early doom
 Just came to show how sweet a flower
 In paradise would bloom*

Pateley Bridge Church Yard