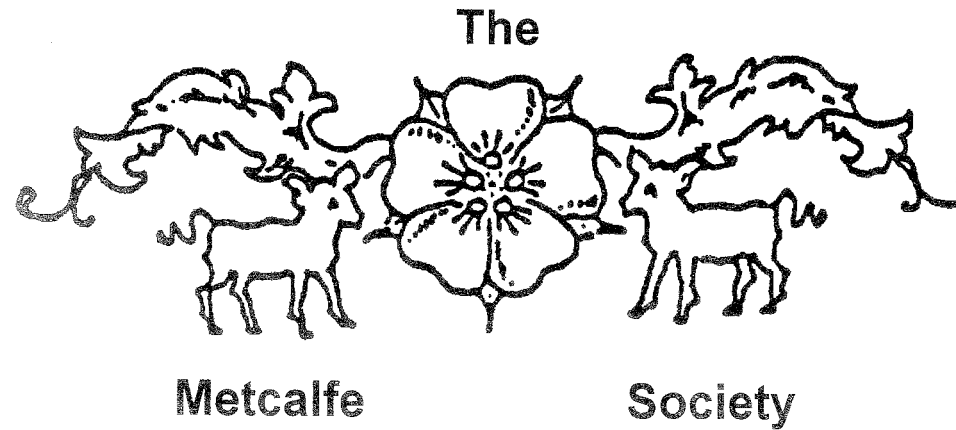




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In line with government health policy this issue will embrace, in part, the healthy life style approach. So read about the Metcalfe Clan's pioneering vegetarian, prepare a healthy Yorkshire sweet and get out into the open air, see history and take that all important exercise!

If that is too much to contemplate I am sure there is something to engage the remainder of the readership.

The Mecca News is dependant upon the efforts of you the membership providing ideas, articles, and snippets to fill the pages. After this issue there is a distinct dearth of articles of varying length for future magazines.

There will be many of you with interesting Metcalfe stories to tell, family history experiences to pass on or ideas for future items. So as we approach late summer get writing and send in those articles.

Don't forget the AGM and Mecca Muster on Saturday 9 October 2004 at Askham Bryan. Fill in the application form enclosed with this issue and return quickly!



METCALFES IN THE BOER WAR

On the night of 10/11 December 1900 the British Infantry made a costly raid on Surprise Hill. **Col. Metcalfe** led a force from the Rifle Brigade and Lt. Digby-Jones accompanied them with a party of Royal Engineers. Once again the Boer sentries were taken by surprise and fled after a short fight, but at this point the British plans went awry. Digby-Jones had difficulty with the explosives and by the time the gun was destroyed the Boers had rallied. A gallant party from the Pretoria Commando blocked the British line of withdrawal. The Rifle Brigade had to fight its way through to Ladysmith under heavy fire and lost fifteen men killed and fifty wounded.

[Surprise Hill is just outside Ladysmith and was the site of a Long Tom gun; one of three large guns used by the Boers used to bombard Ladysmith daily (except Sundays).]

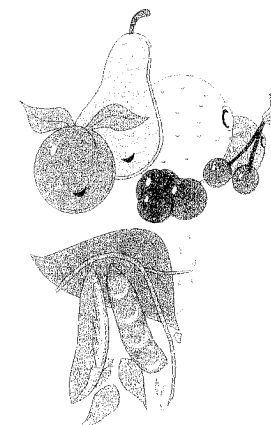
Seen by **Tom Metcalf (M1270)** during a visit to the Siege Museum in Ladysmith, South Africa



VEGETARIANISM THE MECCA CONNECTION

Many consider the opposition to meat eating to be a 20th century phenomenon brought about by our improved understanding and education leading to an enlightened consideration of animal welfare. Much of the modern development in vegetarianism has occurred over the last fifty years which has given strength to this belief. Modern magazines such as The Vegetarian have roots in the 1950's when interest started to grow after the austere post WWII years until now there are a number of publications covering the subject

The interest in non-meat diets has grown steadily over the last twenty years with a pan-European organisation as well as one in the UK and other in the US in particular. This has led to more radical approaches such as demonstrated by Vegans who look to take vegetarianism one step further by excluding all animal products from their diets.



So vegetarianism is a modern concept? Not so. Like many other ideas this is an approach which has seen a number of re-incarnations over at least the last three millennia. The early Greeks and Romans had views on the consumption of animals - as they had on many other subjects. Stoics such as Seneca wrote "I resolved to abstain from flesh meat and at the end of a year the habit of abstinence was not only easy but delightful." Pythagoras - he of the Theorem fame, which taxed many of us when younger - also was interested in the theory. The flirtation with vegetarianism continued down the centuries with Romans, early Christians and medieval proponents looking to convince their fellows to take up the approach but usually with limited success.

Despite the involvement of well known individuals many considered the exclusion of meat from the diet as unnatural and against a balanced approach to eating. Different viewpoints have been discussed in various modern publications including The Vegetarian (September 1988) making the arguments for and against the life style pointing out the approach of our hunter gatherer ancestors. As with most early claims there are few hard verifiable facts and both sides look to use the scant information to their own advantage. As usual it is down to the individual to make up their own minds.



This article is not about the pros and cons of vegetarianism but about Metcalfe involvement. As with many modern developments the Clan seems to have a knack for being at the forefront of these ideas. Again there is an early connection with modern vegetarianism where we find one of the family members from the Fells around Shap, now in modern Cumbria, taking a major role.

In the early 19th century not far from the small Westmorland village of Orton lived Jonathan and Elizabeth Metcalfe with their son William. The latter was born on 11 March 1788 and was apparently educated in the area around Kendal. Little is known of his early life but the schooling allowed him to write poetry which he used to pen a farewell note to friends and family when about eighteen he moved to Airedale in West Yorkshire to take up employment. The move to work as a clerk in Keighley was to have a profound effect on his future role in vegetarianism.

Shortly after arriving in Keighley William attended the local Swedenborgian Church (Swedenborgians are adherents to the teachings of Emanuel Swedenborg (1688-1772) who extolled phases (or new churches) of human relations with God. Hence New Jerusalem.) which was run by the Reverend Joseph Wright. Young William must have impressed the minister as he was taken under his wing and persuaded to study theology. Part of his religious training involved him attending an Academy of Art and Science in Salford (the twin city with Manchester on the River Irwell) where he rose to become head student of the classical department. After two years he was ordained on 11 August 1811 by Doctor Cowherd principal of the Academy.

Not only did William impress the Rev Wright he must of also impressed the ministers daughter for whilst he was studying to be ordained he married Susanna Wright on 14 January 1810. She and Doctor (also Reverend) Cowherd, the principal at Salford, were to have a life long influence on William. Susanna seems to have been interested and practised vegetarianism for some time before her marriage. Whether this was through her own volition or that of the Church or Dr Cowherd's influence it is not known. What is known is that William became a strong proponent of the approach with Susanna educating both her husband and friends on a meat free diet. An excellent cook her skills overcame any apparent deficiency in meals put before the household.

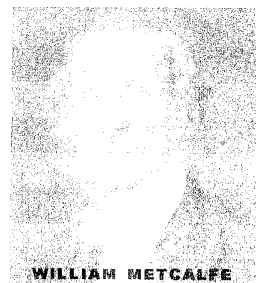
Whatever the influence that drove William to take this stance it was affected by his religious training. Dr Cowherd was somewhat of a Radical at the time of Thomas Paine (The Rights of Man) and other liberal thinkers. Originally part of the established Anglian Church his disagreements drove him to join the Swedenborgian New Jerusalem Church in Manchester. However his radical ideas soon led to further disputes and he broke away in 1800 to



form his own church in nearby Salford. Eventually he set up the Bible Christian Church in 1809. This church was strong on Bible teaching and had as its main pillars abolition of slavery, teetotalism, pacifism and vegetarianism. It was to this church's academy in 1809 William Metcalfe came.

Once ordained William returned to Airedale and took up preaching at the small Bible Christian Church at Addingham near Ilkley not far from Keighley. During his schooling he had preached to the small congregation and they were pleased to have him back. He was seemingly successful as the church built a school to complement his teaching. However this move caused a disagreement with Dr Cowherd who apparently had other ideas for his ex-student.

The early 1800's were a time of social upheaval brought about in part by the American War of Independence, the Napoleonic Wars and the continuation of the Industrial Revolution. Radical thoughts and ideas were not necessarily well favoured in a period of upheaval. No doubt Dr Cowherd's radical views won him few friends in the Establishment and would probably have brought some adverse reaction down on those liberal free thinkers. Whilst the continuing Napoleonic Wars and the War of 1812 with the United States did not allow an escape from their immediate environment it appears that Dr Cowherd was looking to move his flock to a more liberal regime in America. William evidently was won over by the approach as his dispute with the doctor was eventually resolved and he became one of the two ordained ministers of the Bible Christian Church under Cowherd, the other was the Rev James Clarke.



By the end of the Napoleonic Wars, in 1815, the small church in Salford had well developed plans to emigrate. However before they could be put into action Dr Cowherd died on 29 March 1816. This seems to have been traumatic for the emigrants and it was not until 29 March 1817 (a year to the day after Dr Cowherd's death) that Clarke and Metcalfe took the small group to Liverpool to embark. The party was some 41 strong (including the two ministers) and was composed of 20 adults and 19 children. The journey to Philadelphia, their ultimate goal, was somewhat tedious taking nearly three months to complete. Even then their troubles were not over as 9 adults and 12 children left the group shortly after arrival and Metcalfe and Clarke seemingly had differing ideas on how the Bible Christians should proceed.

None the less after this difficult start the church slowly grew extolling its Christian virtues allied to its adherence to vegetarianism. The Reverend Clarke died in 1826 and the full mantle of leadership of the Bible Christian Church fell



upon William Metcalfe. He continued to preach the values of vegetarianism, writing books and pamphlets in support of his cause. The church also showed in a practical way the benefits by giving vegetarian dinners. William's ideas found resonance with other liberally minded people in the States and by the 1840's a vegetarian movement with William as one of the leading lights was gathering momentum. These included William Alcott (the uncle of Louisa M Alcott) and Sylvester Graham who considered vegetarianism as a duty.

However it was a group of like minded individuals in England in September 1847 who inaugurated the first modern Vegetarian Society with its own publication. This was the spur to the American group who founded their own society with William as Secretary. They issued their first magazine in November 1850. The annual meeting of the UK Vegetarian Society, a World Peace Conference and the opening of the Crystal Palace Exhibition in 1851 saw the 63 year old Bible Christian minister make the first trip back to his home country for thirty four years. In July 1851 William arrived back in England and whilst the conferences and exhibition would have been enjoyable his welcome at Salford before a packed congregation including the local MP would, no doubt, have given him the greatest satisfaction. He returned to Philadelphia in September 1851.

The Metcalfes continued to give their vegetarian message but on 3 November 1853, Susanna, William's wife of nearly forty four years died. William lived on another nine years before expiring on 16 October 1862 aged 74. The leadership of the church was then assumed by William's son Joseph who had been ordained in 1859. Joseph who was born on 16 October 1810 (possibly had two sisters Mary and Elizabeth) died in 1867.

The Bible Christian Church never making a huge impact closed in the 1920's just over a hundred years after its beginning. The vegetarian banner was however picked up by other organisations, both Christian and secular which have taken the idea and its implementation through to the present day. So whilst vegetarianism appears a new phenomenon its modern roots stretch back some two centuries to two of its primary advocates

William and Susanna Metcalfe.

My thanks to Barbara Smith of the Cumbria FHS (via Nina Benson M29) who alerted the Society to an article on vegetarianism in the in-flight magazine "Going Places" (April 1998) of Singapore Airlines which briefly mentioned William Metcalfe. This provided the spur for this piece.

Follow up research included details of the Bible Study Church and William Metcalfe written by his son Joseph from www.swedenborg.org with other sources including:

Christian roots of vegetarianism. Karen & Michael Iacobbo

Salford Local History. A Migrants Story. Derek Antrobus

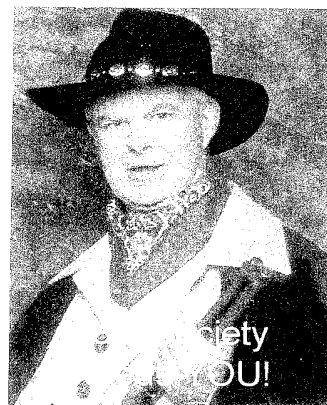
Vegetarian Society www.vegsoc.org

Vegetarian Society Canada. A brief history of vegetarianism. www.veg.ca



Chairman's Remarks

All good things come to an end, they say, and as you will read later in this edition of Mecca News, Diane has regrettably decided to resign as Secretary. I will say more about her contribution on another occasion.



This decision was on the "cards" earlier in the year, when Diane promised to carefully evaluate her new job at work as well as the demands of family and the Society. We have been so fortunate in the Society to have had such efficient, longstaying and dedicated Secretaries, that the problem of their replacement has been a rare event for the Committee. I suspect it has been one of the reasons for our undoubted success. Stability has allowed the Society to develop. However as the number of society members has grown so have the logistical demands of running the society, which has fallen on the same number of committee members.

Diane has broken down the job of secretary into several self-sufficient parts, following Nina Benson's lead. That means that the Secretary's role is not as all-embracing as it used to be. There is however an urgent need for us to find a replacement for Diane, to carry on the vital work and tasks that she has done over several years. Can I please ask each of you to very seriously think about volunteering to help us? The committee does need new blood. I have said this before. The fact of the matter is that new members will enable us to delegate and lighten the burden on certain members of the committee, who have frankly too much to do.

The first draft of this report referred to another committee "stalwart", namely Doug Cutting. On doctors orders he has had to take life easier and we certainly do not want to cause him to defy such medical opinion. This copy of the News is being distributed to you therefore with the assistance of Diane, who feels that she can continue to help the Society in that way. So a big thanks to Doug, for all he has done for the Society coupled with best wishes for an improvement in his health as well as thanks to his assistant June!

Finally, please do book for our Muster in a few weeks time. I look forward to seeing as many as possible. We normally get about one quarter of the membership to come. Why not help to make it twice that?

David Lambert M11





Committee (and visitor!) Earby March 2004

Report on the Committee Meeting, March 2004

Present were: David Lambert (Chairman), Charles Metcalfe (President), Diane Howarth Secretary), Carol Herbert (Treasurer), Maureen Thwaite (Archivist Coordinator), Carol Arkwright (New Members Secretary), Peter Dobson (Editor), David Metcalfe (Computer Index), Josie Hopper (Committee Member), Patrick Malham (General Registration), Margaret Hodgson (Committee Secretary).

Chairman:

It was with deep regret that the Committee had learnt of the death of our past President, John Holden. Tribute was paid to his work on behalf of the Society.

Maureen Thwaite was welcomed to her first Committee meeting. At various points during the day there was discussion of possible special projects which might be undertaken for the 25th year of the Society, a 'silver jubilee' due to be celebrated in 2005.

Treasurer:

Following a query by a member about whether accounts could be circulated in the August "Mecca News", it was confirmed that, as at present, it was only necessary to circulate the

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Margaret Hodgson M515

accounts to those attending the AGM and once a year to the whole membership via the December "Mecca News".

Archivist Secretary:

Maureen reported that she was settling fairly smoothly into the job and was being well supported by the team of researchers working on the queries raised by members.

New Members' Secretary:

The latest issued membership number was 1469.

Master Membership File:

Diane was thanked for turning all the records into a modern spreadsheet format which will be easier to use and maintain.

Gift Aid Secretary:

It was encouraging to note how many new members were contributing to Gift Aid.

Editor:

Peter would appreciate longer articles which could be run over two or three issues of the magazine. It was also agreed that excess copies of past "Mecca News" will be sold at 10p a copy in order to reduce the stock accumulating at Carol's!

Despatch:

As Doug and June Cutting were having to relinquish the Despatch role because of Doug's ill health, a new Despatch dept. was needed plus someone to carry out the photocopying of the single page inserts and any other bulk photocopying needed. Diane offered to write an article for the April "Mecca News" requesting volunteers for these roles.

Computer Index:

It was agreed that David would concentrate on the birth briefs with the possibility of a new version of the Birth Brief Booklet for the 25th anniversary Muster in 2005.

Publications:

Carol Arkwright had updated the Library List and this was to be published in the April "Mecca News".

Affiliations:

Peter was congratulated on be-

coming chairman of the NW Group of Family History Societies.

Exhibitions / Fairs:

David Metcalfe, Margaret, Jose, Nina Benson and possibly Diane would be available to man the stand at the York fair at the end of June. The new storage facility in York was proving useful. Following discussion, it was agreed that it was not feasible to have a stand at the NW Fair because of the logistics of moving the equipment needed from York and back again in time for the Muster.

Conference Secretary:

It was agreed to charge £12-50 for lunch at the next Muster. This was a subsidised price. As the charges for the hall had risen substantially, consideration would be given to finding an alternative venue for future years. Mary Gibson had been booked as the guest speaker for the forthcoming Muster with the topic "Grandmother's Treasure Chest".

Projects:

Stephen Newman had had to resign as co-ordinator of the Wills Project due to work priorities. Charles volunteered to work on trying to turn Filing Assistant files into comma delimited files which then may be able to be exported into a more up to date program. Charles will bring to the next Committee meeting a draft copy of the work so far done on the India project.

Date of next meeting:

Saturday 11th September 2004 at Earby



Mecca Influence or today the News, tomorrow....?



Gayle Mill, Wensleydale

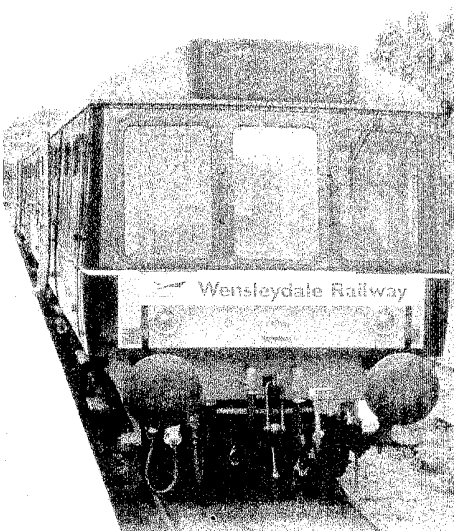
After the Mecca News article on Gayle Mill in the April 2004 issue, the Mill has gone national. It is now to be one of the buildings in the BBC TV's new "Restoration" Programme due to be screened around the time of this issue. The Mill, which was operated by the Metcalfes at one stage has been short-listed as one of the competitors for Lottery and other funding. Will it be successful?

The Metcalfe Family were joiners in Hawes for some two centuries and Thomas and Albert George Metcalfe operated the Mill in 1921 (from Under Wether Fell (p119) by James Alderson).

More detailed information concerning the family's involvement with the Mill is being gathered and when available will be reported in the News. Whilst preparing this issue I received a copy of the Aldersons FHS magazine for June 2004 and they have an item on the Mill and the Restoration programme - Ed.

Now whilst it might be more than a touch contentious and arrogant to claim that it was because of our article the Mill is in the TV programme - but it did gain recognition after our mention! - what will be the effect of our consideration of another restoration programme being undertaken in Wensleydale - the old railway?

The line originally set up by various Acts of Parliament between 1848 and 1870 was part of the Bedale and Leyburn Railway which stretched from Northallerton (on the east coast London to Edinburgh line) to Garsdale Head (on the Settle Carlisle Railway) a distance of some forty miles.



Eventually it was absorbed into the LNER Railway Company which ran passenger and goods services for many years before closing to passenger traffic in 1954. The tracks were torn up between Garsdale Head and Redmire but some 22 miles of track remained open to Northallerton for the limestone quarry business at Redmire but even this eventually closed in 1992. The line was re-opened in 1996 to allow military traffic from Catterick Camp.

As a result of local efforts the line was restarted in 2003 between Leeming Barr (near the A1) and Leyburn in Wensleydale; with plans to open the remaining 18 miles over the next few years.

There must be some Metcalfe connection with the line, so if any of your ancestors worked on the Wensleydale railway let the Editor know.

For further details of the railway and future plans for the line log on to www.wensleydalerrailway.com.



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!



"Not of my making"

from George Buxton M3

I am unable to say where or when Charles James Metcalfe was born, married (if indeed he ever did) or died. I assume he was born in the British Isles and was about 25 years old in 1844, the date of the first entry in the records of the East India Company. That first entry was in the Bombay Marine Department dated 9th February 1844 and recorded his promotion from Senior Acting Clerk to Captains Clerk. On September 1847 Charles James was promoted to Purser and it is after he took over his new post that events take an interesting turn.

The Military Pay Master wrote to his Company masters in a letter dated 29th February 1848 reporting that "*a security bond for the sum of 1721 Rupees had been made ready "Last Week" as Charles James Metcalfe "Most Faithfully Promised to submit a receipt for 1243 Rupees from Mr Connolly, who had taken charge of the accounts as clerk in charge of the Victoria; along with a Government Treasury Note for 438 Rupees. Instead Charles James Metcalfe had left for China on the Semiraris the day before."*

When the Semiraris called at Madras the missing Purser was arrested and removed to prison. By the 6th of September 1848 he was back in Bombay giving his explanation as to why he was unable to produce the required receipt. His efforts were described as "*Most unsatisfactory and evasive.*" Essentially his position was "**Not of my making.**"

What caused this situation? It appears that Charles James served under a Lieutenant Christopher who had died so "*It was out of my power to render a statement.*" He further claimed it was the Lieutenant's responsibility to provide the statement and with his death any explanation was gone. He questioned why he was therefore being held responsible. As can be imagined he was investigated thoroughly and soon other irregularities came to light. It was discovered that he had not submitted 2 referees on being promoted to Purser, nor had he deposited the required surety bonds to the value of 4000 Rupees. The amount under question also increased to 3000 Rupees. Not surprisingly all his pay and allowances were stopped.

On the 23rd October 1848 he asked for 3 years furlough due to ill health and furnished one surety writing "*Regret to state I find great difficulty in obtaining a second surety.*" His request was rejected. However he continued to press his case and in March 1849 he again asked for furlough which was again rejected. In June 1849 he applied to be made bankrupt under the insolvency act. In the list of debtors he did not mention the money he owed to the East India Company! At the same time he managed to persuade a doctor to declare if he did not return to the UK he would not survive long in India. He was



allowed a one-year furlough, without pay and allowances.

Charles James Metcalfe was to have collected his official travel documents on the day of his departure from the Military Pay Master. However he did not turn up as he must have heard that his furlough had been cancelled on the representation of the Commander in Chief of the East India Company Indian Navy, who wanted him to be Court Marshalled. Instead he left on the ship Futtul Wahat. But again his plans did not go smoothly being "*Compelled in consequence of bad weather*" to call in at Cochin where he was detained and the commander and chief officer of the ship dismissed. He somehow managed to make alternative arrangements on the Royal Shepherdess and by February 1850 he was in England asking the Court of Directors for his furlough pay to be issued to him. Which it was, despite the charges against him.

Throughout 1850 he continued to claim ill health whilst collecting his pay. However in early 1851 he was pronounced fit to return to India. An effort to return to India was made, all be it only half hearted. An entry dated 16 April 1851 reports that he had reached Suez where he was detained due to ill health. Never the less whilst there he made arrangements for the company's ships to be supplied with fresh provisions at greatly reduced prices, and requested his return to London to discuss the situation with the court of directors. He also managed to claim £20 pay from the agent in Suez.

Applying on the 7th May 1851 for permission to retire from the employment of the East India Company. His request was refused on the 28th May 1851; remarkably quickly for the East India Company perhaps indicating their exasperation with the situation. On the 23rd June 1851 the Company issued an instruction that no more pay or allowances were to be paid to him and the Commander in Chief on the Indian navy wrote three weeks later that "*Charles James Metcalfe being a defaulter from his duties will never return to India.*"

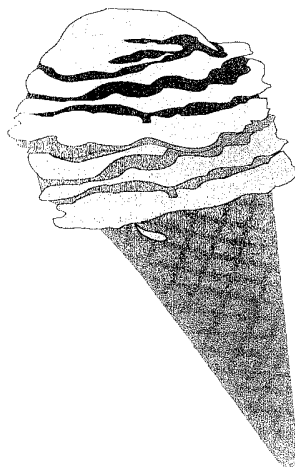
During all this time Charles James continued to write to the Court of Directors about his special deal on the provisions. He also continued to petition the directors to pay his return passage to India. It was pointed out to him he had been under orders since December 1850 to return to India! In October 1852 the Court of Directors were still receiving letters from him about the provisions payments. He again applied on 31 December 1852 for an advance to return to Bombay but instead he was advised that his name was to be removed from the list of the Indian navy, effectively he was sacked. In reply he expressed deep regret at his name being removed, however "*could he have some "pecuniary assistance" due to his "destitute situation"*"! I suspect out of utter desperation the Court of Directors paid a "*sum not exceeding £80 to aid his emigration to Australia.*"

There the trail goes cold. Whatever happened to Charles James Metcalfe?



Mine's a Mr Softee!

Those of you who had your youth in the '60's in England would remember Mr Whippy and Mr Softee, those rather gooey ice cream's dispensed from musical ice cream vans that travelled the highways and byways of our towns and villages. They were nothing like the traditional ice cream (which for a start wasn't mushy and tasted like real ice cream was expected to taste against the soft and generally insipid taste of the soft ice cream - or at least that's how I remember it!) but their ready availability rather having to go to the Italian Ice Cream parlour in the town meant over time they had a hold on a large part of the ice cream market. However like most fads they fell away and whilst the soft ice cream is still around I can't say I have seen a Mr Whippy or Mr Softee van for a long time; they were apparently victims of competition in the early 1980's.



However one recent weekend whilst reading through the Daily Express (29 May 2004) I came across an article about these erstwhile roving ice cream dispensers but the central aspects of the article were about a father and son who had cornered the market in old Mr Softee vans. There are reportedly only five vans left and this family team have two of them.

The vans, run down and unroadworthy have been done up by this intrepid pair and are now back on the road. The most recent van was purchased for £6000 off the internet but cost a further £17,000 and many months of loving work before it was back to pristine condition.

The pair have been so smitten with the Mr Softee bug that they have even had ice cream uniforms specially made for them. Initially it was the son who was captivated, having ridden on the vans with his father, who was an original Mr Softee seller, but both are now hooked into the renovation project. They have already produced 99 ice creams from the original machinery and may do more in the future. However before they can do that they are embroiled in repairing another Mr Softee van recently purchased in Doncaster for £1700 and expect to spend a further £25000 to make it full operational.

The father and son from Tamworth Staffordshire are **Keith and Fred Metcalfe**.



Secretary's Report

It is with regret that I have to announce that I am standing down as Secretary of the society, effective at the forthcoming AGM in October. Having returned to work full time in January, my professional workload is impacting my personal life in a big way. I have had to respond to every enquiry from members and non-members alike with apologies for my tardiness and I find this unacceptable both for me personally and also for the society.

I will be continuing as a committee member (assuming you will have me!), and will continue my responsibilities for the Metcalfe book and publications as these can be regarded as 'back office' that I can perform in my own time, rather than being the 'front office' in my current role as secretary. In addition, as no-one has come forward since our plea in the April Mecca News, I have offered my services as the despatch department for the Mecca News (as I already do the inserts) and can arrange for printing of the Mecca News as the resources are easily available to me and are a small follow-on from the creation of the publications. This should not be a problem in any way for me.

Therefore, may I thank you for your support over the last few years in my roles of Chair and Secretary. Rest assured that as and when (rather than if!) my working life subsides as I near early retirement, in the words of one US ex-actor turned Governor 'I'll be back'.

Given my need to step down and no-one coming forward to do even part of the Despatch Department job, the problem of volunteers to help run the society worsens. May I make a personal plea to all members - the society cannot continue to rely on those very few individuals to provide the current level of service to over 600 members. New blood is needed to step forward and do even the smallest of jobs. If you have a few hours spare and any skills from packing envelopes, liaising with a local printer, using e-mail - anything we need to hear from you. Even if it means having the flexibility to move jobs around to allow an existing committee member to do the secretary role, so be it.

Diane Howarth (M409)

Life Saver

Proficiency Medal awarded by The Royal Life Saving Society to
W S Metcalfe

of the Nottingham Swimming Club in 1891

from Birmingham & Midlands SGH Magazine March 2004

via David Lambert M11



BOLTON METCALFES

Pigot & Sons Directory for Bolton 1836

James Metcalfe, cabinet maker etc, Crown Street

Slaters Directory for Bolton 1843

Frances & Elizabeth Metcalfe, straw hat makers, Market Street

James Metcalfe, cabinet maker, Crown Street

John Metcalfe, beer retailer, 13 Charles Street, Little Bolton

John Metcalfe, machine maker, 20 Chorley New Road



Bolton Town Hall

Whelan & Co's Directory for Bolton 1853

Mrs Anne Metcalfe, miscellany, Victoria Terrace, Manchester Road

Miss Frances Metcalfe, miscellany, 9 Bath Street, Little Bolton

James Metcalfe, cabinet maker, 22 Crown St, Ho 44 Clarence St, Little Bolton

John Metcalfe, beer houses, 39, Charles Street, Little Bolton,

Excerpts from the Bolton Free Press:

*Mrs Hayhurst begs to offer her best thanks to the Ladies of Bolton and its vicinity, for their favour during the time she has been in Market Street and to inform them that she has declined the Straw Bonnet Business in favour of the Misses **Metcalfe** who will in future carry it on and whom she respectfully commends their patronage.*

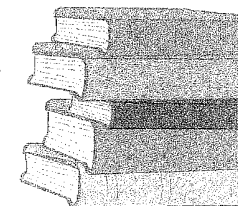
***F & E Metcalfe** (late assistants of Mrs Hayhurst) respectfully announce that they have opened the shop no? Market Street where they carry on the trade of Straw Hat Manufacturers in all its branches and assure the Ladies of Bolton and its vicinity in general and those who have patronised Mrs Hayhurst especially that nothing shall be wanting on their part to give the uniform satisfaction to those who favour them with their support which it has long been Mrs H's good fortune to enjoy. Market Street August 5th 1841.*

New Business. Engraver and Copper Plate Printer, **J Metcalfe** 151 Thomas Street Manchester. 5 May 1838.

Partnership of **Henry Metcalfe** of Edgeworth, county of Lancaster and John & William Marshall, Cotton Spinners dissolved. 7 January 1843.

Partnership of **Henry Metcalfe** and William Rothwell, Siziers of Johnson Street, Great Bolton dissolved. 6 July 1844.

All supplied by **Alan Boardman M1430**

FAMILY HISTORY SOURCES
LIBRARIES

Most of us will have gone through the early stages of family history research having obtained the obligatory birth, marriage and death certificates and onto the census returns to take us back to the mid-1800's. Later the parish records will hopefully find more branches of our particular family tree. However, unless you are one of the lucky ones your progress will slow leading you to look at other ways to find that elusive ancestor. You may wish to put more "meat on the bones" of the bare information available from the census and registration documents. One way is through the library.

How many of us look to the library as a useful search aid? Record Offices and regional registries are the usual focus for archived material but often there are collections in libraries not readily available elsewhere. Many of the modern family history research books acknowledge the usefulness of these places. At one time the library for family historians was a hit and miss affair with few indexes available to let you know what collections they held never mind providing access to their archives. Matters have improved markedly especially over the last decade with libraries of all kinds recognising who their customers are, realising they had a large number of people wanted to access them and in some instances that they could charge us for the privilege!

Not only is information available through the shelves but increasingly through electronic access in the library and also on-line. Today you can access the internet through the local library. Your library is now a better organised and more focused operation aware of the needs of family historians, looking to provide a quick and reliable service. It is up to us as users to make use of the newly available archived material.



52,000 UK newspapers since 1801 and a variety of earlier popular newsheets.

The largest of our libraries is the British Library. A new home was opened in Euston Road London in 1998 to house the main collection of printed books, maps and manuscripts. The library has all the modern equipment and aids to help your research and is fronted by a sophisticated website (www.bl.uk) which leads you through the various collections and helps to identify areas of interest. The Library's possibly most useful aspect for family historians is its complete collection of

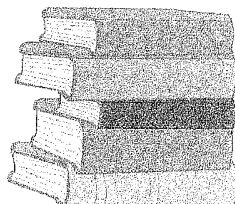


This collection is housed separately in Colindale North West London.

Newspapers are a rich source of family and local facts but you don't have to go to the British Library as there are many useful libraries closer to home (or the internet). Many libraries have local studies sections and these are often an under estimated source of family history information.

Yorkshire has a well developed library service. North Yorkshire County Council has a local studies facility (www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries/local-studies) which holds census returns, electoral rolls, poll books, trade directories, local newspapers, maps and photographs at its Northallerton site. In addition it has another twelve branches across the County which have a variety of services some with local study or lending and information facilities. See the web site for further information. The East Riding of Yorkshire Archive Service at Beverley has over two miles of archived documents dating from the 12th century. See www.eastriding.gov.uk/libraries/. Not to be out done the West Riding of Yorkshire Archive Service based at Wakefield has documents for the West Riding Quarter Sessions, Nonconformist and Wakefield Diocese records, family and estate papers and maps. Web site www.archives.wyjs.org.uk.

A consortium of seventeen university libraries including York, Durham, Bradford, Leeds, Durham and York St John College operate under a RIDING banner which gives web access to a multiplicity of library collections. For more information see <http://riding.hostedbyfdi.net/riding/services.htm>.



There are many other non-public libraries holding collections of interest to family historians. Among them are The Yorkshire Archaeological Society at Claremont Leeds (www.archives.wyjs.org.uk/yas.htm) which has a substantial archive of estate and family papers, manorial records and Wakefield manor court rolls. Yorkshire Ancestors (www.yorkshireancestore.com/librarycontents.htm), the Society of Genealogists and the family centres of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints amongst others also have substantial holdings.

As indicated earlier you can use the internet to see what collections each library holds and you can check with them availability of the books and records before you venture out. So why not give the Library Service a go you may be surprised at what lurks in their archives which if not adding directly to your ancestor's details may provide information on their environment, workplace, neighbours and conditions in which they lived. All useful to help in gaining a greater understanding of that all elusive ancestor.



Mecca Muster 2004

Saturday 9 October 2004

Mecca Muster and AGM

at Askham Bryan, York

This year's guest speaker is Mary Gibson
from Hutton Buscel, Scarborough
talking about
'Grandmother's Treasure Chest'.
Her talk looks at discovering a family's history
through its artefacts
rather than / in addition to official records.

Also stalls, raffle, records to browse and much more
So see the booking form
with this issue
of the Mecca News and
BOOK NOW!



Planning for the

25th anniversary Mecca Muster

is already under way. Details will be announced at this year's October Mecca Muster, loaded onto our website thereafter and repeated in the December Mecca News. But make a note now keep the

weekend of 24-25 September 2005 free!

New date, new location, new format you won't want to miss it - we can guarantee it!



FFHS Reportback

The Federation of Family History Societies [FFHS], of which our Society is a member, held its Annual General Meeting and later a general meeting of its members in Coventry in April. I represented our Society as our delegate. Lady Teviot, President of the FFHS, presided at the AGM.



Gordon Adshead, the acting Director of Finance / Treasurer was confirmed in this post and made a well received, clear and comprehensive report on the financial situation. He produced a 5 year summary of the finances and a forward projection of how the FFHS will fare in the next two complete financial years. All is not doom and despondency at all.

The members approved a new set of Articles of Association for the FFHS.

Outgoing Archives Liaison director Richard Ratcliffe reported that the Government consultation paper published last year, on the future of the Registration Service resulted in a large number of replies, no less than 3,440 were received, compared to the 982 in 1999 when the consultation was first started. A sign of the raised awareness and concern by individuals at the proposals? The changes will be implemented in 2006, following the publication of Part 1 of the Regulatory Order in July this year, dealing with Births and Deaths registration. The issuing of written certificates will cease in 2006. The proposed changes to Marriage registration, contained in Part 2, should follow in December 2004, although it is dependent upon the passing into law of the Civil Partnership Bill, which was published in March 2004. At present no funds seem to have been allocated to set up the National Database that these changes will require.

In the last 12 months Richard represented all of us, by virtue of his role with the FFHS, on 8 different national committees and attended 40 meetings. We all owe a huge debt to the invaluable work he has carried out for Family Historians everywhere whilst serving on the national committees as the FFHS representative and I would like to pay tribute to him for this. His successor is Maureen Bullows, who worked in a similar role with Richard some years ago, is a worthy successor.

At the general meeting Alec Coutts gave an excellent explanation of the progress of the FFHS Pay for View Site. 60 Family History Societies have joined and 12 more have indicated a desire to join. The site has 47 million



records following the inclusion in April of the 1881 Census Index, which accounts for 26 million alone. The FFHS will launch the second enlarged edition of the National burial index at its 30th anniversary Conference in August.

The 2003/4 Best Website for Family History Societies will be judged later this year and the winners announced, like the Elizabeth Simpson Award for the Best Magazine, at the Loughborough Conference in August.

A discussion on the future of collecting Strays and how to make the information collected in the last few years available was lively but a final decision was deferred to allow more consultation.

An interesting and busy afternoon. The morning had proved to be informative too as two talks were given by representatives from the Parliamentary archives and the House of Lords Record Office.

David Lambert M11

National Burial Index for England and Wales

Second edition is available from 1 September 2004 at a cost of £45 from
FFHS (Publications) Ltd,
Units 15/16, Chesham Industrial Centre, Bury BL9 6EN.

The first edition contained some 5.4m burial records
this edition will have over 13m entries.

The records date from 1538 to the 19/20th century
and covers many counties not in the first edition.

Information covers:

Forename and surname
date of burial, age

Where recorded and who recorded the information.
No Monumental details are provided.

Order and make full payment before 26 August 2004
and receive a 10% discount off the full price.

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However you must return Disc 1 (containing the installation program)
together with the instruction leaflet.

For full details contact FFHS Publications on ☎ 0161 797 3843
or email nbi@ffhs.co.uk



BELDY HILL You've read the article (in April's Mecca News) now visit the scene of the Beldy Hill dispute!

The remains of the quarrying of the 1700's are still in evidence behind the ruins of Crackpot Hall in Upper Swaledale, North Yorkshire and can be easily accessed. Imagine the fracas and see what was being fought over in the upper reaches of the lovely River Swale over two centuries ago.

To make the trip you need to travel to Muker (about 12 miles from Reeth the market town of Swaledale). Park either in the pay and display car park as you enter the village from the Gunnerside direction (east) or go through the village and stop on the left just beyond Swaledale Woollens (which is on the right). Go into the village centre past the parish church with many Metcalfe graves and connections towards the Post Office on the northern edge of Muker. There you see the signs for Gunnerside and Keld which take you through the seven meadows, a delightful riot of colour in June/July, to the River Swale.



By far and away the best route (well I think it is!) is along the west (left hand) side of the Swale which takes you almost to Keld before bringing you back to Beldy Hill. A little farther than the east side walk, by about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile, this route takes you along the river, through, a small wood across fields with Crackpot Hall and Swinner Gill always beckoning. After around $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles the path starts to rise and climbs steadily but not steeply by the side of Kison Hill. After half a mile it levels out till you approach Keld. Just before the village as you reach the rise and before the Coast to Coast route joins the path there is a gap in the wall which takes you down a fairly steep path to Kison Waterfalls.

Worth a visit if you can manage the path.

You can walk into Keld and visit the small church which again has Metcalfe graves in the small



Crackpot Hall



graveyard. It wasn't always so. In a tithe collection of 1573 all but one of the families were Aldersons! If you don't wish to go to Keld you turn off right down to the river following the Coast to Coast route which brings you to East Gill Force. Linger awhile - the Force has a mesmerising effect - then turn right (don't follow the Coast to Coasters otherwise you will end up in Whitby!) through the gate and within half a mile you are at Beldy Hill.

The Hill is on the left of the path and is not imposing from this viewpoint. Just after a swing to the left and before the path starts to go right adjacent to a barn in a field on the right. There is a green path off to the left which runs uphill between the scarp at the back and Beldy Hill. Some 200 yards or so up a rising walk there is a wall which you follow for another 100 yards and there on your right you will see the old lead mine workings. Here there are signs of heavy activity which continued for many years signifying how rich the veins were and hence the reasons for the dispute.



Beldy Hill

Stay awhile. The whole walk should not be done in a hurry. A little further up this path there are views towards Stonesdale and Birk Dale. Once you have seen the scene of the Metcalfe fracas walk back to the path, past the remains of an old tractor, then take the green path inclining left, up to Crackpot Hall. Once a magnificent building with stunning views it is now a mere shadow of its former self having being ruined by mining subsidence - the lead that made it, destroyed it.

Once you have taken in the views walk back down to the path and follow it to Swinner Gill. Another viewpoint is in prospect looking towards Muker, your final destination. For those of you adventurous (or fit enough) a look up the Gill is well worthwhile but is not part of this walk. Now it is slightly down hill and on the uninteresting (in variety



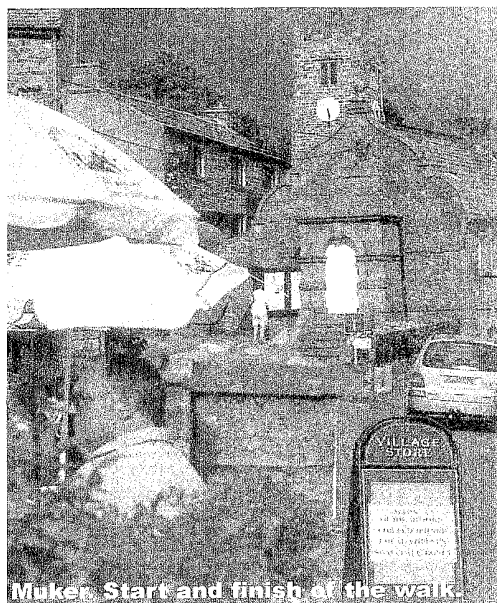
Crackpot Hall looking towards Muker



terms) path back to the bridge opposite Muker's meadows which take you back to your starting point in the village. On the way call at the Post Office for a Brymor ice cream - a fitting way to end the walk!

Around 5 to 6 miles in total (probably four if you go directly to Crackpot Hall from the meadows along the east bank of the Swale and return the same way). In time terms - if you stop and look at the views and gently amble - a good three to four hours!

On a fine dry and preferably sunny day there is little to touch this walk. As you follow the path imagine how it must have been over 200 years ago when Metcalfe's were involved in the Beldy Hill Dispute. Enjoy.



Muker. Start and finish of the walk.



Chuckle Break!

Some journal space fillers, with no apologies from **Doug Cutting M855**.

1. Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.
2. A backward poet writes inverse.
3. A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
4. Practice safe eating - always use condiments.
5. Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.
6. A man needs a mistress... just to break the monogamy.
7. A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
8. Every calendar's days are numbered.
9. Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
10. Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
11. When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
12. A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.
13. The definition of a will?... (It's a dead giveaway.)
14. In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.
15. With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.



Metcalfe Miscellany

West Witton 1711.

Oswald Metcalfe for 94 Sheaves of Ling 18s 10d

Rob. Metcalfe 17 days @ 8d per day. 11s 4d.

(Ling sheaves were used for thatching cottage roofs.)

P166. Life & Traditions in the Yorkshire Dales - Marie Hartley & Joan Ingilby

Excerpt from "The Skilled Labourer 1760-1832" concerning a strike of cotton spinners in Manchester in 1818.

*"The committee were crippled also by the absconding of their treasurer, **John Metcalfe** with £150 and it was thought advisable to recall Jones his brother-in-law, the delegate in London least he too should prove untrustworthy."*

From **A Boardman M1430**

Respect the Unity Coalition. North West Region candidate **Steve Metcalfe**, chair of the Rail Worker's RMT branch Lancaster and chair of the Lancaster Trades Council. 2004 European Elections literature.

Trust Oldham the Oldham Athletic Football Club supporters organisation has been given a position of influence and can attend the club's board meetings. The Trust was formed when the Latics went into financial difficulties in 2003 and have helped the new owners in their efforts to save the club. One of the Trust's founder members was **Alex Metcalfe**. *Oldham Evening Chronicle Tuesday March 2, 2004.*

Solution to remove limescale - vinegar. Provided by **Peter Metcalfe**, Settle. *Which? Magazine March 2003.*

Defending the accused **Mr Ian Metcalfe** at Manchester Crown Court, *Oldham Evening Chronicle Monday 16 June 2003.*

The finest railway driver at Hillhouse was **Billy "Waggy" Metcalf**, born 5 March, 1881. From 'Hillhouse Immortals - The story of a LNER railway shed and its men' by Neil Fraser, published by The Oakwood Press.

Shalom my friend,
Shalom my friend,
Shalom, Shalom,
Till we meet again,
Till we meet again,
Shalom, Shalom.

Michael Metcalfe

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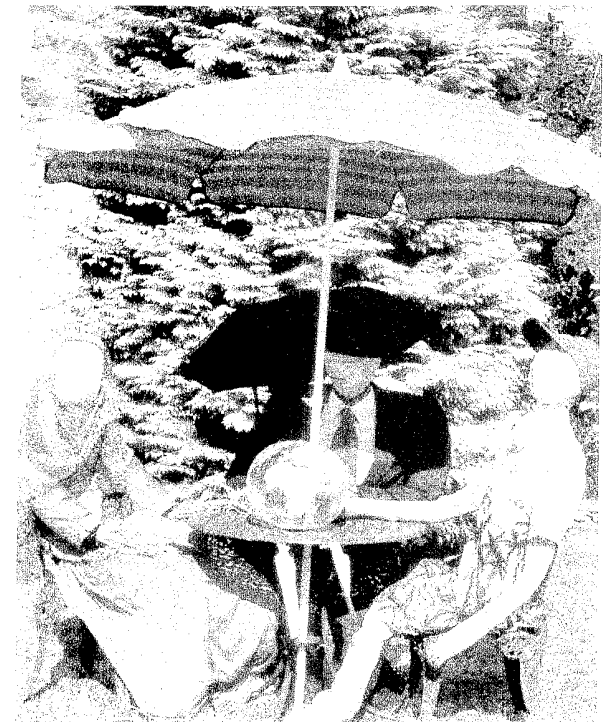
Behind you!
St George waiting for the dragon.

ASKRIGG SCARECROWS REVISITED

In MN Issue 68 (December 2002) pictures of the 2002 Jubilee celebration Scarecrows were shown. This May Bank Holiday weekend more scarecrows were to be seen in the village.

In addition to the ones pictured here there was an Australian resplendent in his cork hat and complete with a tinny of Fosters and a Venetian who was rowing his gondola along one of Askriggs alleys!

Eskimo Sam.
The Ure must be in
spate to
make a catch in
the High Street!



The Global Family.
Strangely dressed for country life.



A wobbly cyclist in the
Tour de Askrigg!
Not quite the Alpe d'huez but a good
view of Askrigg Church.

YORKSHIRE VEGETABLE PLUM PUDDING

After hearing about healthy eating, and taking part in the Beldy Hill walk why not relax with an original Yorkshire dish. We make no claims on the taste but from an original recipe here are the ingredients

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| · 8 oz mashed potatoes | · 8 oz grated carrots |
| · 8 oz sugar | · 8 oz flour |
| · 8 oz currants | · 8oz raisins |
| · 8 oz suet | · 1 oz candied peel |
| · half a nutmeg | · pinch of salt |
| · 2 eggs | |

Clean currants and raisins, chop suet finely, cut candied peel fine, beat eggs well. Mix all ingredients together, add in the salt, pour the mixture into a greased pudding basin, tie closely down and steam for 4 hours (or take a third of the time with your pressure cooker).

From the Yorkshire Gen web page on
<http://www.blunham.demon.co.uk/Yorksgen/Recipes/index.html>

Medcalf's Restaurant in Exmouth Market in London EC1 was reviewed in the Daily Mail Magazine dated 3 July 2004. Once a butcher's shop opened by Albert Sydney Medcalf in 1912 it is now a reasonably priced eating establishment serving a wide range of food. *If any of you have eaten there let the Editor have your comments.*

A Metcalf Bible

Thirty one year old **John Metcalfe** and twenty one year old Ann Alderson married at Muker church in Swaledale on 11 March 1860. Both had Bibles presented to them John's - a Wharton Bible presented to him as a child - is now in the hand's of a great-great-granddaughter.

Alderson FHS Newsletter no 61 June 2004 (page 6)



Military Medcalf's

I picked up the following newspaper article when I was in the UK in 1984 and thought it might be of interest as a snippet in the magazine (I don't know what newspaper it came from, nor the publication date, but I assume it was somewhere in the Burslem/Stoke-on-Trent area).

PRIVATE W. TITTENSOR, BURSLEM

Mr & Mrs MEDCALF, of 114 Newport-Lane, Burslem, have received news that their adopted son Pte W Tittensor, of the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, was wounded on Nov 28th. Including this adopted son Mr & Mrs MEDCALF have five sons serving with the colours - the others being Pte William John MEDCALF, Army Service Corps; Pte Alfred MEDCALF, Army Service Corps; Pte Christopher MEDCALF, Royal Engineers; and Pte Reginald MEDCALF, RFA. The second son Pte William John MEDCALF tried 5 times to enlist, but his employment on munitions stood in his way. The eldest Pte Alfred MEDCALF, is 27 years of age, and is engaged as a shoeing smith with the A.S.C. in France. The Father, who is proud of the fact that all his boys are doing their bit, is a coachman in the Surveyor's department of the Stoke-on-Trent Corporation.



Joseph Bodman Medcalf and his wife Lydia (nee Breeze) with their son Christopher Bodman Medcalf. Christopher was a driver in the Royal Engineers and died in France in WW1 on 21 April 1918. He is buried in Wimereux Communal Cemetery. (Grave/Memorial Reference XI.E.2.).

The year William Tittensor was wounded was probably 1916 based on Alfred's age and date of birth of 9 March 1889. William John Medcalf was my grandfather, The Mr & Mrs Medcalf in the article (my great grandparents) were Joseph Bodman Medcalf and Lydia Margaret Medcalf (nee Breeze).

I have learned recently after talking to my aunt that William Tittensor was adopted by Joseph Bodman because he was the son of Lydia through some relationship which we are unaware. It's still rather a tangled web but we're slowly unravelling things.

Gary Medcalf M278



Archivist Report

August 2004

I took on the job of front office Archivist in November 2003 and I have had many queries which have all been dealt with by our researchers who have worked very hard to produce Birth Briefs and also help members widen their own searches, for this I say a very big thank you.

Sometimes it is difficult to research Members as there is so little information available and I would like to request that when asking for details of ancestors Members quote their membership number and send me as much information as possible, likewise if any Member traces further information that the Society does not hold copies will be very useful to update the Database. Also if there are any certificates available, the Society would be grateful for photocopies, we are then able to update our Database with positive proof of that person.

I am looking forward to any queries that are sent to me and we will endeavour to reach a successful conclusion for all.

Maureen Thwaite M897
Archive Co-ordinator

METCALFE History of the Clan

A new member?
or
Just looking for a Christmas Present?

Why not buy a copy of your own Society's definitive book on the roots of the family from early times down to the 19th century? At £26 per copy (plus post and packing) this A4 hardback of 256 pages, is complete with illustrations, maps, family stories and trees and a separate index. A great present or just a good reference book.

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Bramley, Hants RG26 5AX, UK
Tel /Fax +44(0) 1256 883633 www.metcalfe.org.uk

M e m b e r s h i p D e t a i l s

Change of Address

M141 Myles Metcalfe. New address is The Coach House, West End, Kingham, Chipping Norton, Oxon OX7 6YL.

Birth Brief Correction

M844 Mrs. Catherine Sowdem, 8 Avon Close, Neston, Cheshire, CH64 0TH.

Entry in Birth Brief Booklet omitted a generation. Dau of Leonard Richard Metcalfe b 1/0/1910 Gillingham, Kent s/o Richard Daniel & Catherine (Furlong) Mte m 24/8/1908 Toxteth Liverpool. Richard Daniel b 22/7/1910 Liverpool s/o Robert & Mary Ann (Rogion/Rogon) Mte m 12/11/1873 Kendal, Wes Robert b 11/11/1849 Skelsmergh, Wes. S/o Richard & Betsy (Kellet) Mte m 22/1/1849 Kendal, Wes. Richard bpt. 20/3/1827 Sedbergh s/o Richard & Jane (Canby) Mte m 28/6/1812 Sedbergh. Richard b 18/1/1789 garsdale s/o George & Isabel (Low) Mte m 13/5/1786 Hawes Yks. **Connects to M270 & M378.**

Birth Briefs

M1352 John S Metcalfe john.metcalfe@virgin.net Son of Edward & Elizabeth Ingham (Watson) Metcalfe m. 1935 Skipton Yorks. Edward b. 16/1/1905 Keighley s/o John & Mary Ellen (Coward) Mte m 24/12/1902 Lawkholme, Yorks. John b 2/3/1878 Hawes s/o Margaret Elizabeth Mte. Margaret E bpt 11/11/1856 Hawes d/o Richard & Margaret (Bainbridge) Mte m 24/12/1851 Hawes. Richard bpt. 17/11/1827 Mallerstang s/o Joshua & Isabella (Blades) Mte m 20/9/1823 Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland. Joshua (aka Joseph) b ca 1803 Appersett, Yorks. Bpt 19/3/1843 Lunds (as 'Joseph' aged 40) s/o Thomas & ? Ann (Blades). **Connects to M155, M908, M998, M1036, M1081 & M1371.**

M1356 Mrs Brenda Baxendale, Daughter of Jack Metcalfe Heald & Gwendoline Dorothy (Thomas) Prince m1947 Leeds. Jack b 16/8/1925 Eston, Cleveland s/o John Thomas Mte & Ethel Heald. John Thomas bpt 14/12/1883 South Crowton Yorks s/o Thomas & Sarah (Spedding) Mte m 14/6/1875 Darlington, Co Durham. Thomas b 15/5/1856 Bellerby, Yorks. s/o James & Dorothy Jane (Walker) Mte m 3/12/1855 Bellerby. James bc1834 Preston Under Scar, Wensleydale s/o Thomas & his 1st Margaret (Broadley) Mte m16/9/1828 Coverham. Thomas bc1805 Redmire area, Wensleydale s/o James Mte. **Connects to M1123.**



M1375 Catherine McDermott Grd d.o Alice Mte b. 21/5/1909 d.o Simon & Mary Elma (Landless) Mte. Simon b 9/8/1869 Stalling Busk s.o Agnes Mte spinster b 6/1/1837 Hawes d.o Simon & Agnes (Parker) Mte m 26/6/1829 Hubberholme. Simon bc1799 Strand near Hardraw s.o. Ralph & Mary (Thwaite) Mte m 27/11/1789 Hardraw. Ralph bpt 26/2/1769 Hardraw of Strands s.o. Richard & Elizabeth (Dinsdale) Mte m 4/7/1767. **Connects to M617 & M1368.**

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M1402 Mrs.C.Ingram.congram1@bigpond.com.au. Granddaughter of Ernest & Elsie Lillian (Tooth) Mte b 1910s.o.Thomas Dobson & Alice M. (Andrews) Mte m. 1909 Burwood, NSW Aus. Thomas D. bpt 24/8/1884 Ingleton, Yorkshire,Eng. s/o Thomas & Alice Ann (Dobson) Mte m 28/3/1880 Ingleton. Thomas b c 1855 Lancaster s/o Moses & Ellen (Sandham) Mte m 13/2/1854 Lancaster. Moses b c 1833 at his marriage he was a mariner of Penny Street, Lancaster s/o Thomas Mte cotton spinner.

M1434 Eric Medcalf, PO Box 12 556, Wellington, New Zealand. Grandson of Frank Henry & Amy Elizabeth (Hathaway) MD. Frank H b 3/10/1894 Deptford Kent s/o Noah Fenner Wade Frank & Emily (Mutton) MD m 30/3/1891 Greenwich. Noah F.W.F b 26/2/1864 Kedington Sfk/Ess s/o Henry & Eleanor (Pettitt) MD m 23/4/1861 St Margaret Westminster. Henry bc1835 Denston Sfk s/o Henry & Mary Ann (Gypys) MD m 8/12/1832 Hundon Sfk. Henry b 31/3/1808 Stradishall Sfk s/o John & Joannah Bridget (Rowling) MD m pre 1808. John b 1/12/1782 Denston Sfk s/o Henry & Susanna (Fitch) MD m 11/9/1781 Denston. Henry bc1756 Hundon Sfk s/o Isaac & Elizabeth (Webb) MD m 11/10/1744 Great Wrattling Sfk. Isaac bc1720.

M1468 Arthur Kennedy, 11 Park View Buxted, Uckfield. TN22 4LS. Gt gt gd.s.o of Matthew & Mary (Mte) Meaburn m 14/2/1856 Stockton-on-Tees. Mary d.o William & Margaret (Robinson) Mte m 22/2/1819 Bishopton, Dur. William bc1794 Yks. **Connects M9, M509, M530 & M630.**

Also Gt gt gt gd.s.o Richard & Phebe (Mt) Bilton m 9/5/1802 Leeds, Yks. Phebe b 30/8/1784 London d.o James & Elizabeth (Keen) Mt m 27/7/1783 St. Lukes, Old St Finsbury, London.

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M1486 Mr Christopher William Metcalfe & Mrs Eileen Metcalfe, 17 West Mount, Tadcaster LS24 9LB. No details.

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FFHS 26-30 August. 'A Family History Festival' hosted by the Federation to celebrate its 30th Anniversary. At Loughborough University, Leicestershire. Details from FFHS Administrator, PO Box 2425, Coventry CV5 6YX. ☎ 07041 492032 or e-mail admin@ffhs.org.uk

Saturday 11 September 2004. Great North Fair. Second British Family and Local History Fair at Gateshead International Stadium. 10am-4.30pm.

Saturday 2 October 2004 at the National Cycling Centre (The Velodrome) Sport City, East Manchester 10am-4pm. **North West Group of FHS Fair.** Lectures and over 100 stalls. £2.

WHERE ARE YOU?

Looking for
William (Bill) Metcalfe

I am looking for William (Bill) Metcalfe, born 1934/5/6, lived Fulham / Hammersmith area of London 1946-1950 and attended West Kensington Central School 1946 to 1950 form 4b, Mr. Williams class. He liked football. Class mates were Rodney Grimshaw, Bruce Preston, John Dodsworth, Arthur Smith, Trevor Pether and myself.

Trying to contact Bill re a school reunion. If you know Bill, would love to hear from you.

Many thanks, Ron Curant.
(jeanandron.curant@tesco.net)

Saturday 9 October 2004.
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See leaflet with this issue
and book now!

Mr Chips

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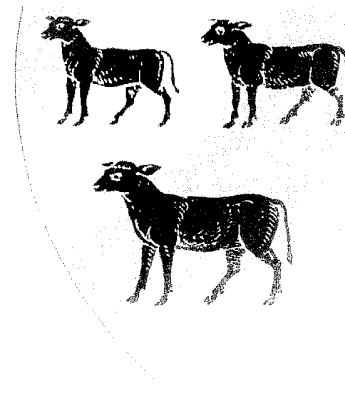
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From the Daily Express Magazine 1 May 2004,
Maguire Metcalfe of Cumbria
Quirky furniture & photoframes etc

Calves comments



After seeing the article "So whose Calves are they?" in April's Mecca News, **Sheila Billot M880** - who was responsible for pointing out the shields in Gorey Castle in the first place - wrote

"I was very "tickled" to see that you had done some research on the Metcalfe shield. It would seem that both shields may have been designed before the time of registration from what has been discovered. Looking in our history books that we have at home on a very sodden Bank holiday Monday recently I found that Sir Hugh Calverley had indeed been Warden here in 1376/77

and one of his first deeds was to arrest Bailiff de Martin for treason. His wife tried unsuccessfully to clear him but he was finally cleared of treason in 1387 but not restored to his former position.

In 1382 religious complications had occurred with France supporting Pope Clement and England supporting a man called Urban. This placed Jersey in an awkward position. Calverley as Warden had to support Urban and was instructed to show little mercy to the "Clementines" in Jersey. He then proceeded to banish the Dean and closed the Ecclesiastical Court. Our leopard did not change his spots but no doubt like some today would protest he was acting under orders! At a later date he led an unsuccessful armed Crusade to slay all Clementines in Europe. He died in 1394, presumably in office as a new Warden was appointed in the same year. Later the appointment of Warden of all the Islands was abolished in favour of a Governor to each Island (ie. Jersey and Guernsey) and later still to the appointments of Lieut. Governor instead and that position remains today.

Should any members visit Jersey just now the shields are not on display as Gorey Castle is undergoing extensive repairs and maintenance although the Castle can still be visited. We are also celebrating 800 years of allegiance to the Crown with many activities going on as you can guess. I would like also to mention that there was a spelling error as Gorey is spelt with an o not a after the G.

Here endeth the history lesson!! And thanks for an interesting article.

Lynda J M Husband M694 also pointed out the incorrect spelling of Gorey Castle. Time for a new pair of glasses? - Ed

..in which I served.

Extract from Green-Eyed Boys - 3 Para and the Battle for Mount Longdon by Christian Jennings & Adrian Weale published by Harper Collins.

"...42 Commando's attack on Mount Harriet - would now take place on the night of 11-12 June.

Although the no-man's land between the opposing forces was comparatively narrow,.....the British gun out-ranged the Argentine version (*both sides had 155mm howitzers*)...Even so, the Argentine fire was still dangerous, and there were some casualties. Lee Fisher was resting before beginning a new task:

Bill had his brew kit on and we sat around and we could see Longdon off in the distance and then these mortar rounds hit the hill and we thought 'There's nobody up there, is there?' and then they hit the other hill and then they went halfway between us and the first hit and then came half that distance and I said 'It looks like bracketing' and Bill said 'Yeah,' and I said 'If they fire again I reckon they found us you know' and then boom-boom-boom-boom WHOOOOSH!..... once they found us they kept on putting rounds down on us and that was when I got wounded.

I turned around 'cause I thought **Bill Metcalfe** had something like a sledgehammer and he'd hit me with it. I said 'Bill what the **** did you do that for?' and he was just laying there and there was a smoking hole and in between me and this hole was Bill, who was just laying there drinking the brew he'd made. He was like, been there, seen it, done it not impressed. I was thinking 'How did it get me and miss him, the bastard? It must have been a curved one or something!'

Fisher was wounded and evacuated during the afternoon of 12 June. He and his patrol had just been tasked to lead one of the rifle companies up to the start line for the most dangerous operation any of them had undertaken: the assault on Longdon."

Sent in via Nina Benson M29

by **W Metcalfe M1458** "A book about the Falklands War in which I served".

Who Are You?

In the middle of the 17th century in Banbury, Oxfordshire there lived a man who called himself Richard Abrahams alias **Thomas Metcalfe**. Who was he?

There were a number of people living & dying in and around Banbury up to the 19th century who left wills under the name of Abrahams – Metcalfe but who was Thomas Metcalfe / Richard Abrahams and why the alias? Any information to the Editor. Supplied by **George Buxton M3**.

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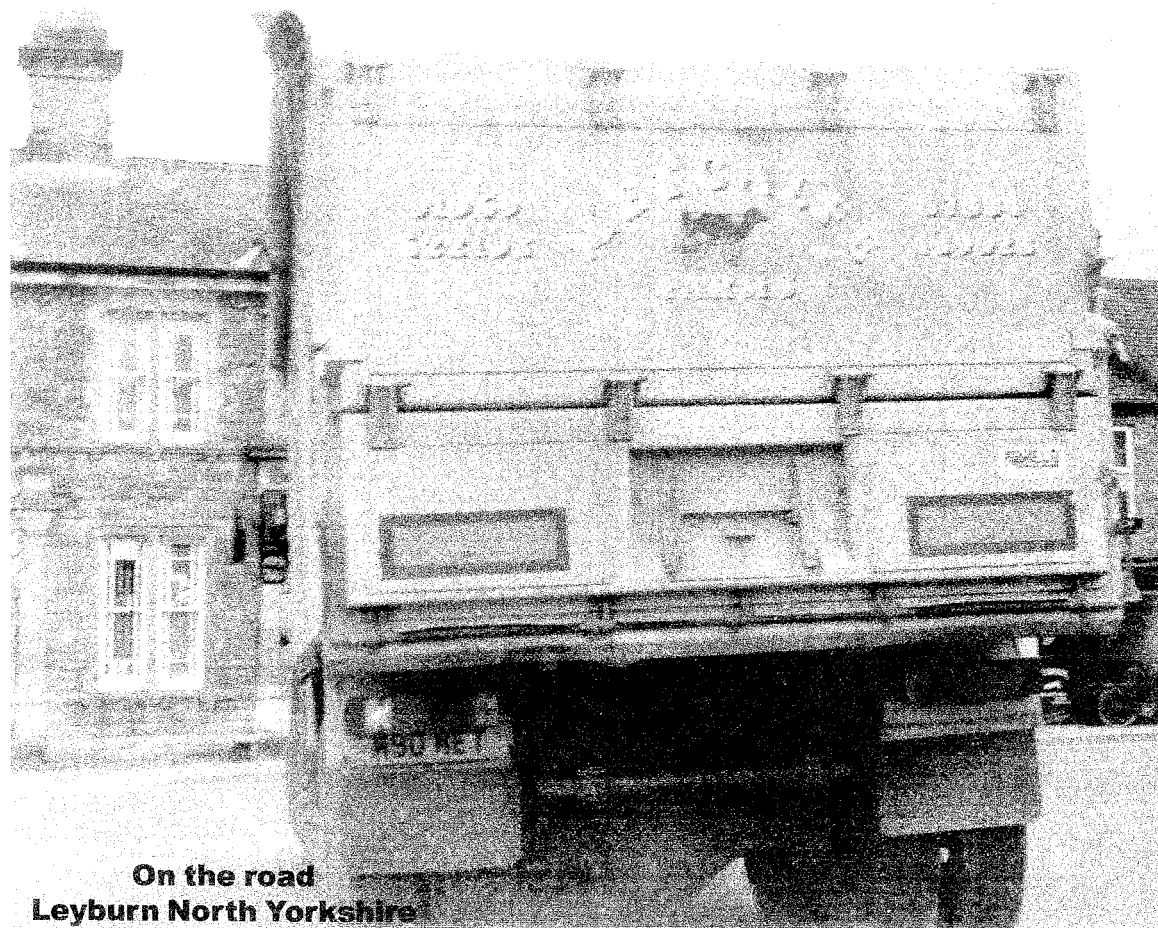
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