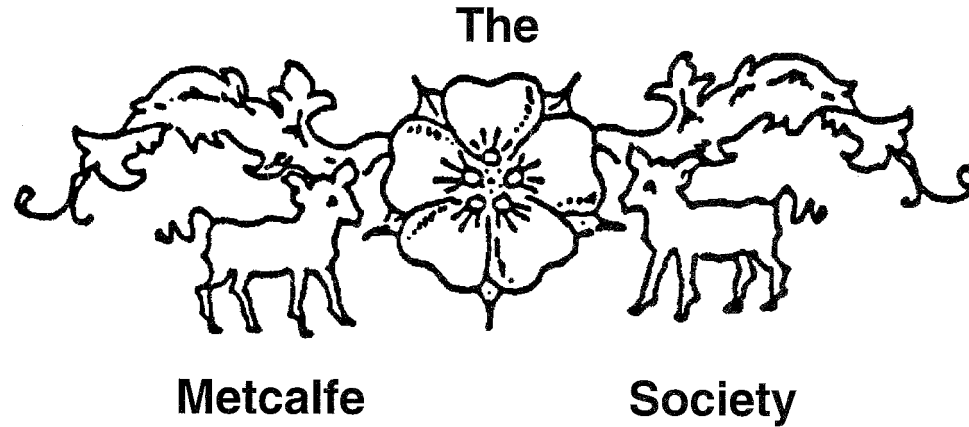




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Send subscription renewals for UK members and sterling payments to the Treasurer.

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Send name and address changes to the Keeper of the Master Membership File.

Send new member application forms to the New Members Secretary.

Send your Gift Aid form to the Gift Aid Secretary.

Requests for merchandise, publications and library to be sent to the Sales & Library Department.

Send any research that you have completed that includes Metcalfes to the List Coordinator.

Send any updates to your Metcalfe Birth Brief to the Archivist.

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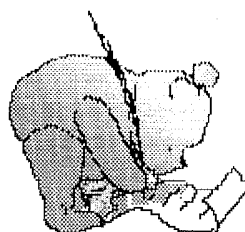
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This edition has a university flavour with articles about Metcalfes and their involvement with Oxford and Cambridge. There is also information covering our 25th anniversary next September in Wensleydale. This is a great opportunity for the Clan to get together in substantial numbers in our heartland. So book the weekend of 24/25 September 2005 now!



As the long dark days reach their maximum and Christmas will soon be upon us may I wish you all the Compliments of the Season and a healthy and successful New Year.



Gift Aid Report to December 2004

We have had a continued support of our Gift Aid during 2003/04. I am now pushing to get as many of our members who pay UK income tax to sign up for Gift Aid.

It does not cost you the member anything.

Providing that you pay UK income tax you are eligible to sign up for the scheme.

All that is needed is that you complete the Gift Aid form that is in the Mecca News and send it to me.

This will help our Charity to keep costs down to you our members.

I am looking forward to receiving your completed forms.

Maureen Thwaite M897

Gift Aid Secretary

Return of our New Zealand Agent

In the April Issue we informed members that our New Zealand Agent Alison Hutton was away for three months visiting the UK.

She has now returned home and normal service has been resumed.

Moby Dick Connection

Herman Melville author of the famous book about the white whale had four children but only one, Frances married. She had four daughters. One - Eleanor Melville Metcalfe received most of her grandfather's manuscripts.



Extracts from the memoirs of Tom Metcalfe head gardener to the Brocklebank Family July 1939

This transcription of Mr Metcalfe's memoir was made in 2002 from a photocopy which is in the possession of John Brogden and provided in 2004 to the Metcalfe Society.

The following note accompanied the memoirs.

Mr Metcalfe was head gardener with Mr Brocklebank who married Ellen (Nelly) Brogden. Mr Metcalfe's mother was nurse, cook and house keeper in living. Between the mother, son and grandson the Metcalfe family served the Brogdens for a hundred years. When Mr Brocklebank died a few years ago and the estate was sold, the village (Grizedale Hall, Hawkshead, Ambleside) practically collapsed: all the employees had lived there. In the house and garden there were some 20 servants. Mrs Metcalfe, the mother, remembers taking out hot meals in the night to John Brogden when he was engaged on the railway.

Mr Metcalfe is now 71 (1939), and runs a nursery garden at Hookburgh. He is well educated and speaks excellent English and his manners befit a gentleman. He hailed me with delight and showed me many old Brogden photographs and also lent me a reprint of the Barrow in Furness News 1917, in which John Brogden's achievements are told and his fine character, especially his perseverance, are recalled.

At six years of age we were all living together at Lightburn House, Ulverston where Mr. Brogden had a farm and vied with the Duke of Devonshire in breeding short horn cattle. It was during this time that a soup kitchen was opened at Lightburn and often have I seen the poor of Ulverston come with their cans and jugs to the side entrance - yes - in the midst of the busy work of railway contracting the Brogdens did not forget the duty they owed to the poorer brothers and sisters. In the years to come when shadows descended - 'ah well' man's inhumanity to man - those who had been fed - many proved snakes in the grass and forgot that sacred saying "Those without fault."

Besides Lightburn, Holme Island, Court Treherne, the family had Herne Hill in London and Galty Castle in Ireland for the 'shooting'. I rather think it was rented by a syndicate - my father being the organiser of all sing-songs and speech-making by the village folk after each great 'shoot'. A large hogs head was reared in one corner and a small ladder used for each competitor to mount to the platform if by chance any of them had got too much 'John Barleycorn' he was kept up-right by others less affected often have I heard my father say the dear lads seldom forgot their manners if they did the duck pond was handy.

I am proud to say that when my father left at the end of the season nearly all the village set him off and loaded him with a beautiful Irish oil-painting which kept my mother busy with the frying pan for many a day - also geese and honey in the old skep hive. Many a time have I heard him say he



was welcome everywhere and being blessed with good nature sat down to a meal of praties and buttermilk whilst pigs and fowl and children were playing about their feet.

Holme Island I think was the family favourite seat – there they were isolated to a certain extent and enjoyed themselves with yachting, swimming, fishing, skating and wild duck shooting as the seasons came round. In a few short years all were scattered. All of them followed their own ambitions and all got married.

In 1882 I left the home circle and took to the gardening profession. I was head gardener for Lord Churchill at the early age of 26. Previous to this at the Earl of Lonsdale's, Lowther Castle where I was, for one season, floral decorator – in due time I left Rolleston, Leicester. I came north and followed landscape gardening under a noted Windermere firm. I could have gone as foreman to the Hague, Athens, Switzerland, U.S.A. but tired of keeping two houses going I threw all my driving force ambition to the wind and closed with the offer from Mr. H. Brocklebank to go as head gardener to him at Duddon Hall, Broughton in Furness and from there Grizedale Hall, Hawkshead, Ambleside being with him 37 years and so I continued the long service for you will have guessed Mrs. Brocklebank was the Miss Mary Ellen Brogden – Mr. John Brogden the junior's daughter.

On my taking hold as head gardener my father and mother retired to Ulverston for they were still with the Brocklebanks, they died at the ripe old age of 84 and 89 and very strange to say sleep together in the same little hillside cemetery at Satterthwaite – there they lay for even after life's long journey they are not separated.

The name of Brogden was a house-hold word in Furness and then after a flood tide the ebb and outward flow but somehow I never got to know much of this – the greatest cause would be the finish of the Furness Railway of that dangerous portion for which they contracted. I first remember the servants going and then the garden and stable staff being reduced. The family went to London and my father and mother were left in charge because my father's eyesight failed him which forced him to leave the service as butler – even so we were there at Holme Island for quite four years after my father started a small tea business and did well for a number of years.

After leaving Holme Island my parents went to Ulverston and my father's eyesight improving was offered the good position as butler to Canon Harman of Aldingham with the privilege of the use of a firm to look after his business as tea dealer. Mother was at this time the caretaker of a small mansion just out-

side Ulverston so once again all went well till the mansion was let and Canon Harman left after which we went into a small cottage and mother took the laundry work of Mr. Arthur John's and Mr. James G Brogden's and so once again we came into the service but during the interval there was always correspondence and which continued as my mother was often called away from home to overlook whenever one or other of the branches of the family wanted her.

The years rolled on and then came the Reaper for Mrs. Brocklebank – a sad day for me when I bid her good bye for I had been sitting with her in her private room talking of old times, smiling – yes even smiling at each other when we took each other by the hand I promising her never to leave Mr. Brocklebank. I kept my sacred promise and so after his day I came away. I went with my men who were my friends - neither of us were wanted. How sad an ending God knows and I swore then that none of my boys or girls would ever be servants again. It changed me from a man who would go through anything for my employer my whole thought was to be honest in all to them. I did all that and at the last I took my little bit of a nest egg and part bought this little place. I have freedom.

I need hardly say the 'transplanting' was not easy for I laid out Grizedale and how proud I was to see the years adding beauty to my thought-out plan and now all is like a wilderness - walks and drives knee deep in weed and worst of all I am now a cast off nor do I ever wish to set my feet there again.

My father is of the old Yorkshire family of Metcalfe's. Landed proprietors – glorying in being yeomen. Captain Metcalfe was at the battle of Agincourt, they had five strongholds where they kept soldiering ready against the ravages of the Scots – these five strongholds belonged to brothers. They were inventors of the long bow. One was High Sheriff of York and attended by 300 Metcalfe's on white horses. In 1600 they were the most numerous family in England and all Wensleydale Dent and the surrounding country belonged to them. I have in my possession the history of the family or clan.

Tom Metcalfe

This transcription of Mr Metcalfe's memoir and the attached note was arranged by Mike Brogden who studies various branches of the Brogden family. Some information is included in the brogden website at www.brogden.info

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NICHOLAS METCALFE CLERK IN HOLY ORDERS

We may be Oxford or Cambridge on Boat Race day, changing as the wind blows, but as travellers we are Cambridge for ever. Neither of our own centuries has spoiled it; it is the pure University town. For that young Englishman or woman whose chance in life begins here there is no better gift that the world contains. It is a marvellous thing to be learning in Cambridge.

And even for those of us who are but travelling, coming into Cambridge one day and leaving the next, there are no English acres to surpass these, no streets with such fine sights. Whenever we come these Colleges are a spectacle unsurpassed in England; but if we come in springtime we come to an enchanted land. Indoors the beauty of Cambridge stands from age to age, but out of doors it changes with the seasons, and in all our tour of England there has been nothing to equal the picture of Cambridge as we glide in a boat along the River Cam, or as we saunter at the Backs and stand on the bridges. An hour like this in days like these, with the strain of the world heavy upon us all, is to be removed far from the spectre that haunts mankind, and to be lost deep in the beauty of an age that has passed away.

College after college passes by, bridge after bridge, and these stone walls of the palaces of learning look down on this unchanging scene - the noble lawns, the gliding river, the delicate green willows, the majestic copper beeches, the glorious avenues, a hundred thousand daffodils, the delightful rock gardens, are a memory that never fades from the traveller's mind

Arthur Mee's Cambridgeshire, (1939)

Over the centuries many Metcalfes have completed their education at Cambridge. It is likely that many are alive today, and if they were to read Mee's words above they would be transported mentally into a world of happy memories which will remain with them to the end of their lives.

There is one of our family members, however, who did more than most to assist with the building of such dreams. His name was Nicholas Metcalfe. He was a clerk in holy orders at the turn of the fifteenth century, and he was to devote a slice of his life towards helping with the founding of St John's College, Cambridge.

The story of this College takes us back to the oldest foundation in Cambridge, for it stands on the site of a small hospital for the sick, founded about

1135 by Henry Frost and managed by Augustinian friars. It was here that Hugh de Balsham tried to establish his college in 1280, but the experiment met with no success, and a few years later the bishop founded Peterhouse for his secular scholars.

The hospital carried on until the 16th century, when Margaret Beaufort, mother of Henry VII and our Tudor dynasty, founded a college in its place. Since her grandson, Henry VIII, seized most of her bequest for himself, the college was not opened until seven years after her death, but St John's grew to be surpassed only by Trinity in size and wealth.

St John's was founded in 1511. Within ten years it was attracting endowments from far and wide, and came to be a post of learning for many churchmen in future centuries. Through the good offices of the Bursar of St John's we can read such documents as one dated 1520, in which a Derbyshire clergyman is providing funds to a level which will endow two Fellowships and two Scholarships within the College for centuries to come. As a matter of course the College would most probably purchase land or estate with the money endowed, and the income which this would generate provided funds annually to meet the expense of such Fellowships and Scholarships.

The Deed itself was a tripartite document involving three parties; the Derbyshire rector who provided the endowment, Ralph Collingwood (Dean of Lichfield Cathedral at the time) and Nicholas Metcalfe, clerk and Master of St John's College at that date.

Today St John's College is an impressive building, with its rolling lawns, adjacent to the Backs which one may glide along as mentioned by Mee, and with its own Bridge of Sighs stretching across the river. Well worth a visit by today's Metcalfe pilgrims who may wish to get a flavour of a forebear's hard work five hundred years ago.

(Thanks to the Beresford Family History Society in who's Magazine the article first appeared and for allowing permission to reprint it in the Mecca News - Editor)

Additional notes:

- Nicholas Metcalfe DD was associated with the Bear Park part of the family (see Metcalfe. History of the Clan - Second Edition page 52).
- A famous Alumni of the college Roger Ascham, later tutor and Secretary to Queen Elizabeth I, was assisted into the college by the patronage of Nicholas Metcalfe. Roger was born in Kirby Wiske Yorkshire son of John who was steward to Lord Scrope of Bolton Castle!



The Muster duly took place in October which means another year over, well almost !

The Muster at York was another enjoyable occasion. After the AGM, we were treated to a tour de force by our speaker Mary Gibson who showed us some of her "Grandmother's Treasure chest" and how artefacts can add greatly to our family history. Many of us were envious !

The AGM saw the re-election of the existing Committee with one or two changes. George Buxton asked to be relieved from being a committee member but will thankfully still undertake his research role. We welcome Tony and Debbie Metcalfe as the Master Membership file co-ordinators. We still have a vacancy for the Wills Project Co-ordinator.

Chairman's Remarks

We did not manage to find a volunteer for the Secretary's post which is worrying, although parts of the job have been taken on by existing Committee members. Nevertheless we do urgently need a Secretary. Diane is responsible for the despatch of the Mecca news and is with Jose Hopper taking the lead role in arranging the 2005 Muster.

Talk of that reminds me as if I needed any reminding that 2005 marks the Silver Jubilee of our Society. The Muster will be spread over two days and also two venues in Wensleydale. We will have an Exhibition open to the public at Hawes Museum. There are other "special treats" in store which we will be divulging as the new year progresses.

I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a very successful New Year.

David Lambert M11

MECCA NEWS DEADLINES

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

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

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!

In February 1757 Theophilus Metcalfe, a fellow of Oxford University died. He had been associated with the University for over fifty years having passed his first exams in 1706 at Hart Hall. This was followed by a BA, an MA, a BM and then a DM in 1724. There are no details to which branch of the Clan this Theophilus hails from, although it is certain that he does not belong to that of Theophilus the Scribe (see Mecca News no 59 December 1999, page 3).

A physician, showing a particular interest in anatomy, Theophilus dealt with many ailments common to that period, although there is no indication that he was a general practitioner. In addition to his medical prowess he was interested in chemistry, alchemy, music, religion and verse apparently having a command of Latin and English amongst other languages.

Over his sixty seven years he steadily built up a collection of books, writings and manuscripts mainly of a medical nature. In 1747 when suffering a particularly bad illness Theophilus, who must have thought he was close to death, indicated that he would leave his collection to Queen's College, Oxford. In the event he recovered and kept his library but on his death ten years later he fulfilled his earlier promise and the College received over one thousand manuscripts, pamphlets and books as well as a silver cup.

There is no indication of why Queen's College was the beneficiary of this

A learned, skilful and tender hearted physician

magnificent gift (rather than one of the other colleges) although it may be because of friendship with some of the fellows of the college. Nonetheless the bequest to Queen's kick started the library's holdings with over half the items from contemporary writers and the remainder dating from the 1500's.

Theophilus's gift was a major contribution to the nascent library. There are a number of note books in Theophilus's writing with his comments the earliest dating from around 1704: perhaps a potential source for a project by a future Metcalfe researcher?

Theophilus Metcalfe was buried at Ambroseden Oxfordshire and in the church is the following memorial:

A learned, skilful and tender hearted physician,

a warm friend, a devout Christian.

By his last testament forbid anything more to be said of him than that here he lieth.



Little else seems to be known about Theophilus but George Buxton, our researcher, commented that there was an Antipodean interest in the name but due to a technical problem the e-mail had disappeared into the ether. If any member has information perhaps they would like to get in touch - Editor



Carol Herbert is The Society's (www.metcalfe.org.uk) webmaster and a professional web designer with her own company, Sleepy Frog Designs (www.sleepyfrog.com). Carol recently had articles printed in The Family Tree Magazine and has allowed us to reprint them here.

Key Web Features

If you've spent weeks or even months building a web site to publish your family research it would be a shame if visitors only gave it a cursory glance before moving off, never to return. You need to build up a relationship with other researchers and encourage repeat visits. Visitors will come because they share a common surname but may initially not be able to link in with your family tree. Months later they may come across vital information which would help both your research, which they are more likely to pass on if they are a regular visitor and feel they are getting something in return. To this end there are a few web site features, which you should consider incorporating:

Information Exchange

Even though a visitor may not link directly with your family tree they may benefit from research you have carried out, such as details of other births, deaths and marriages for the same family names, so publishing this research* would give added benefit to your web site. You can also request that visitors submit their research, which you could add to your site together with a credit and free link to their own web site if they had one.

*Please bear in mind that for privacy reasons you should not publish information on, or relating to, any living persons without their permission. You must also give clear details from where the information was obtained; register details, dates etc. or give a credit to the original author if quoting from newspapers/old books etc.

A Noticeboard/Guestbook

Essentially, this is a place where visitors can place appeals for research help, or post snippets of information they have gathered which might link in with others. You can opt for a fully automated system, where posts are shown on the site immediately and require no input from you. There are quite a few free ones, which are remotely hosted, such as <http://www.fastguestbook.com/>, which offer the programme for free in exchange for showing advertising banners. However, with this system you have no control over the displayed messages, which could be on any subject and result in the messages being off-topic and ignored by your visitors. An alternative way is to create a 'Noticeboard' page on your web site and have the submissions emailed to you, which ensures you can vet the messages for suitability before manually adding them to the page.

By controlling the content and can limiting submissions to specific surnames or areas you keep the Noticeboard relevant to your visitors and more likely to be read.

A Mailing List

Ask your visitors to email you with their details so you can add them to a mailing list, which you can use to let them know when updates and new information has been added to your web site. This As a courtesy you should state clearly that you would not sell the addresses to a third party or use them for any purpose other than that stated and agree to remove anyone from the list on request.

A Search Facility

As your web site grows it may be harder for people to quickly determine whether it contains any information applicable to their own research. Setting up a search facility used to be quite difficult, requiring knowledge of special programming code (perl/cgi) and paid-for web hosting, however, there are companies on the internet that offer free search programmes, again in return for showing advertising banners, that require no programming knowledge and can be set up fairly quickly and easily. One such site is <http://www.freefind.com>.

A Links Page

If you've come across a wonderful little web site that publishes the registers for a particular parish don't keep it to yourself, let you're visitors know about it too! Creating a web site that is just a collection of links is not a good idea – sites like <http://www.cyndislist.com> have been collecting links for years and, lets face it, will always be the first stop for people looking for this type of service. However, what the big sites can't do is specialise. For example, I could search through the thousands of links on the Cyndi's List web site to find those only containing HERBERT information, but it would be very time consuming. I would be more likely to bookmark the website of a fellow HERBERT researcher which provided links only to other HERBERT-related websites, or those providing information on particular geographic areas.

It is better to start off small and specialise in a particular genealogical area, as even a 2 or 3 page website will be of benefit to the wider community if it contains information not readily available elsewhere. And with a little imagination you can make a web site that will not only attract visitors, but also ensure they keep coming back again and again.

Fleshing out names and dates on your family tree can be a difficult process. Whilst few will have ancestors noteworthy enough to appear in the history



books, we can still get a taste of the life they led through the numerous *History, Directory & Gazetteer's* that began appearing in the mid 1700's. These directories are a rich source of local history, containing advertisements and details on local businesses; streets and railways; county and town information, including descriptions of the local parishes, together with names, addresses and occupations of the inhabitants.

The University of Leicester (<http://www.historicaldirectories.org>), together with the New Opportunities Fund of the National Lottery, are creating a digital library of eighteenth, nineteenth and early twentieth century local and trade directories from England and Wales. Access to the site is free, and once you get past the clumsy opening navigation (a note on the site says this is currently being addressed in a future update) you are presented with a wealth of directories at your fingertips. You can view by date range, or view all books by a particular county. However, the real treat is that the database is fully searchable so that names, occupations, addresses and other key words or phrases can be located. Better still, your search phrase is highlighted on the scanned image so you don't have to trawl through the whole page. This site is an excellent example of how technology can open up access to rare books only previously found in libraries or record offices.

The Metcalfe Society (<http://www.metcalfe.org.uk>)

The Metcalfe web site offers a chance to keep our members up to date, especially our overseas researchers. You can join online, renew your subscription or purchase Society publications. We have a members-only section containing contact details for other members, Metcalfe bits and pieces collected from the web, as well as a comprehensive list of the research material held in our archive. Planned updates also include reproducing articles that have appeared in past issues of the Mecca News. Non-members still have access to a wealth of information including links to other sites and a noticeboard to post Metcalfe related queries.

Webmoans

I really hate web sites which lure you with tantalising descriptions in the search engine results, but when you get there they are glorified advertising pages that require you to pay a membership fee before you can enter, or worse still just a page of links to other web sites.

Webtastic

Being a Yorkshire lass I love a bargain and being able to get free access to documents like those being scanned by Leicester University is a joy, especially when it means I can do research in the wee small hours – which is the only free time I get!



Mecca Cuttings

Scilly Dream

Accountant **Geoff Metcalf** took over the Sevenstones Inn on St Martin's one of the smaller Scilly Isles about five years ago. Now he, his wife and daughter Alys are moving back to the mainland and the inn is up for sale at £665,000. The Daily Telegraph, Saturday 18 September 2004, supplied by **Sandra Metcalf M134**.

Nappa Diamond Celebration.

William and Freda Metcalfe of Nappa Scar celebrated sixty years of marriage with lunch in the Pullman car restaurant on the North York Moors Railway followed by a dinner at the Street Head Inn, Askrigg. William who was born at Nappa Hall (and also owns it) married Freda at St Matthew's Church Stalling Busk overlooking Semerwater in 1943. Darlington and Stockton Times Friday 17 October 2003, supplied by **Warwick Metcalfe M256**.

By Degree

Postgraduate research can affect your social life. To help graduates study in a different environment to that of undergraduates there is an association UK Grad. Director Dr Janet Metcalfe gives support to this section of higher education. From The Independent's Educational Supplement, 30 October 2003.

Services to Education

Dame Helen Metcalf (nee Pitt) well known hands-on headteacher of Chiswick Community School married David Metcalf (now Professor of Industrial Relations at LSE) in 1968 after she took a degree at Manchester University. Becoming a Labour councillor in 1971 in Islington she worked with Margaret Hodge and Jack Straw in improving education and housing in the borough. Was awarded DBE for services to education in 1998. Died 3 December 2003. The Independent 27 December 2003. Both supplied by **Joan Metcalfe M63**.

Dining Out

New restaurant business being set up by former PizzaExpress director John Metcalfe is to target small established restaurant chains. With £3m cash Urban Dining is looking to build up to 100 outlets across the UK. Financial Mail, The Mail on Sunday 2 May 2004.

Oboe Player

Frank Metcalfe became known in WWII as an exceptional operational controller of the Mosquito pathfinder device known as Oboe which used radar to illuminate targets with remarkable accuracy even in poor visibility. After the war Frank, born in Shildon Co. Durham distinguished himself over the next thirty years in the field of education and industrial training for which he received the CBE. In his retirement he enjoyed cricket umpiring, making furniture and musical instruments. Daily Telegraph 14 March 2002, supplied by **Leon Metcalfe M320**.



**Report of the Committee Meeting
held 11 September 2004 at Earby from
minutes prepared by
Margaret Hodgson M515**

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News

PRESENT: Charles Metcalfe (President), David Lambert (Chairman), Diane Howarth (Secretary), Carol Herbert (Treasurer), Carol Arkwright, George Buxton, Peter Dobson, Margaret Hodgson, Jose Hopper, Lesley Longworth, Patrick Malham, David Metcalfe. **APOLOGIES:** Maureen Thwaite

Chairman: David was to try to find other contacts regarding the DNA project.

Secretary: Due to Diane's heavy work commitments it was agreed to make changes to her duties by spreading a large part of the Secretary's responsibilities around the Committee members.

Treasurer: Carol was thanked for the new improved style of presenting the accounts. For future claims Committee members need to remember to send Carol their bank details so that the amount could be paid directly into their bank account, thus streamlining the administration and avoiding possible loss of cheques in the post.

Archivist Secretary: The new system appeared to be working well. Several letters of thanks had been received from members. It was agreed that Maureen could destroy documents connected to member queries after twelve months. The index she kept of queries made was sufficient as a record.

New Members' Secretary: Carol's proposal for a change in how the membership members were allocated was accepted. There were continuing difficulties in extracting the information on how members had been recruited from the hand written record. Agreed to work on this again once the current

anomalies in membership number allocation had been sorted out.

Editor: Suggestions for increasing the number of articles included: making clear themes on which articles were wanted; using selected articles from early editions of the "Mecca News"

Despatch: Peter will liaise with Diane regarding the technicalities of being able to send the "Mecca News" on CD to the printer. This will allow for a higher quality of print.

Computer Index: The aim was to have an updated Birth Brief Booklet available for Muster 2005.

Sales: Proposed to sell off at the Muster as many back copies of the "Mecca News" as possible.

Library: As the library was always well patronised at the Muster it was agreed that it should be maintained. The idea of scanning books which were out of copyright was put forward.

Affiliations: The Chairman gave

a verbal report of recent FFHS matters. He would write a brief report for the December "Mecca News".

Exhibitions/Fair: The next York Fair was to be on Saturday 25th June 2005. Diane to book two tables. Margaret would act as co-ordinator.

Conference Secretary: Organisational details for the 2004 Muster were discussed and the various committee tasks arranged.

Muster 2005: Diane's detailed written proposal for the 25th Muster was discussed in detail. At the 2004 Muster Diane was to give a brief presentation on the overall plan and full details provided in the December issue of the "Mecca News". Diane and Jose were thanked for their hardwork in providing the draft.

Projects:

- **Metcalfe History Book:** Diane reported that 391 copies of the book had been sold with 845 still available.

- **Research Project:** Charles showed the Committee a booklet on Metcalfe's in India written by Warwick from research by George and put into booklet form by Charles. His proposal that this be prepared for sale for the 25th Muster was accepted. Various quotes would be sought regarding the printing.

Subscriptions: It was agreed that subscriptions should remain at the current levels and the proposal was to be put to the AGM.

Elections: All members of the

Committee were willing to stand again.

A.O.B. As Gayle Mill was in Metcalfe ownership for a time in the early 20th century the possibility of the Society become a Friend of Gayle Mill was considered. However the terms of the Society's charitable status probably would not allow it. Agreed that Diane would write to the Trust offering Society support and explaining that some members were already individual Friends of Gayle Mill.

Diane's request for continued advertising space for her cottage was agreed.

Computer Strategy: Carol H put forward a proposal to bring the Society records into the 21st century, using a coder in America with whom she already had contact.

Key features would be:

- Website with all records centrally stored, thus allowing ease of access for all officials.

- All records put into a common, modern format (initially putting them into a 'flat file' database to extract them from any near obsolete programs they exist in at present).

- Costs were estimated as £500 maximum.

- Timescale would depend on Carol finding the opportunity to do the 'front end' of the work. The rest of the work would not take long, providing she could put the records into the 'flat file'. If not may need to employ outside contractor to do this, still within the overall costing.

- Access to the records via the website by members would be controlled in a variety of ways which could be worked out in detail before the system was put into use.

Carol was to prepare a more formal proposal for discussion at a later meeting.

Date of next meeting:

Saturday 12th March 2005



A dying confession

Edward Metcalfe, a retired Yorkshire sheep farmer, aged ninety-two, recognised that his time had at last come, turned his face to the wall, and prepared to depart in peace.

The vicar of the parish in which Metcalfe, or Mecca, as he was called, lived, was one of the kindest, most earnest and exemplary parsons unfortunately he suffered from a chronic minor ailment of the nose, dry catarrh, which caused him no little inconvenience.

As soon as the vicar heard that Mecca was numbered among the sick, he hurried to his bedside. It happened to be a very healthy time, and as there was no one else ill he concentrated all his zeal on the dying man. He visited him two or three times a day, reading to him, exhorting him, and praying for him. At first the old man was very much pleased with these attentions but, as death lingered, he began to weary of them, and to wish to be left alone to die in peace.

Late one evening the vicar, who had been if possible more earnest than usual in his ministrations, leaned over the dying man and said, "Goodnight, my dear brother, I shall come and see you first thing in the morning."

Suddenly, by a great effort Mecca sat up and said, "I'll tell ye what it is, Vicar."

"Yes," replied the vicar, earnestly listening.

"I tell ye what it is, Vicar," gasped Mecca.

"Yes! Yes!" said the vicar, thinking it was a dying confession and trying not to miss a word. "Speak up!"

"Y're breethe's noan so varra sweet I can tell ye."

Supplied by **CS Metcalfe M305** from "My Moorland Patients" by a Yorkshire Doctor.

CAN YOU HELP?

I am trying to find any reference to Joseph Mitcalf (Md/Mt) born c1804 at Stanhope County Durham,

The 1841/51 census when he lived at Allenheads Northumberland gives his place of birth as Stanhope but after many years searching - nothing.

Walter H Metcalfe M655,
Melody End, 74 Town Acres, TONBRIDGE, Kent TN10 4NG

Subscription Rates for 2005

The cost of subscriptions to the society will not change for 2005 (barring the variance of exchange rates). However the subscription options are being simplified by dropping the overseas surface mail subscription rate, leaving only the airmail option for overseas members. This is due to the length of time for the Mecca News to reach members and the unreliability of the material reaching its destination.

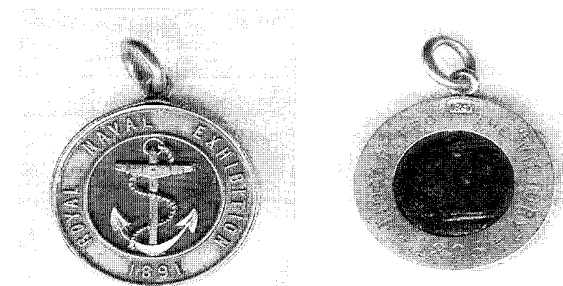
Those overseas surface mail members who have already paid their subscription in advance for future years will have these subscriptions upgraded to airmail at no further cost to themselves.

CAN ANYONE HELP?

I have inherited this Royal Naval Exhibition 1891 medallion from my 2nd Great Grandfather. Inscribed on the outer rim is his name "Thomas Hawkins Chief Gunner R.N." More significantly perhaps is that the medallion is 18 carat gold and the wooden centre encased in the gold is described on the rear of the medallion as "Timber from the Victory 1805".

Can anyone shed any light as to its value, numbers produced, etc?

Gary Medcalf M278.



Feathering

Burying of infants and small children with adults to save funeral costs. Apparently a not uncommon practice well into the 20th century.



Announcing the 25th Mecca Muster

The time is here sound the trumpets!!!

Announcing the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the founding of The Metcalfe Society.

You do not want to miss it.

As you read this get your diary out and mark
Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th September 2005 as the

'25th Mecca Muster weekend in the Yorkshire Dales'.

We would like to welcome as many members as possible to this celebration.

Enclosed within this journal you will find full details of the
superb events that make up this spectacular weekend,
along with a reservation form.

You will see a variety of activities - something for everyone.
We offer you the ability to create your own itinerary for the
weekend by choosing which activities in which
you would like to participate.

You will see that some of the activities eg classic coach tour,
have a maximum number of people due to the
number of seats on the bus.

Hence it is vitally important that you reserve your place
both for the event and for the individual activities
as soon as possible.

Also note that September is still high season in the Yorkshire Dales.
So do not leave the reservation of your accommodation until the last minute.

To help you, the Tourist Information Centre is providing the
society with an excellent free service.

They will send you details of the type(s) of accommodation
and/or locations in which you are interested
eg B&B in Hawes, self-catering in Bainbridge etc.

If you wish to receive this accommodation information
free of charge please outline your requirements
on the reservation form.



BOER WAR MECCAS

Over the last six months there has been a series of articles in the Family Tree Magazine concerning the Boer War and various encounters between the Boers and the British Army. The articles have indicated possible information sources for those with ancestors who fought in the War.

Separately **Member 1270 Tom Metcalf** came up with this after a visit to a Boer War Site:-

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).]

Further information can also be found in The Great Boer War - Chapter 13 The Siege of Ladysmith by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. A further reference is made to Colonel Metcalfe in Chapter 29 The Advance to Komatipoort which says "The attack was carried out across an open glaxis by the 2nd Rifle Brigade and by the Inniskilling Fusiliers, the men of Pieter's Hill. Through a deadly fire the gallant infantry swept over the position, though Metcalfe, the brave colonel of the Rifles, with eight other officers, and seventy men were killed or wounded."

Do any of our members know more about this Colonel Metcalfe? - Editor

Tom also found the following Metcalfes in a book listing British soldiers who died in the Boer War.

[Information, as follows: Regt. No.; Rank; Name & Initials; CAS; Place; Date; Interred.] I think CAS refers to the cause of death e.g. DOD = Died of Disease; KIA = Killed in Action.

5914 PTE **METCALF J** Shropshire Light Infantry, 2 KIA Paardeberg 18-02-1900 Paardeberg, Gruisbank



3345 PTE **METCALF H** Hussars, 10 DOD UK, Neatly Hospital 03-07-1900 UK, Southampton, Neatly
 3185 LCPL **METCALFE J** Grenadier Guards, 3 KIA Modder River 28-11-1899 Kimberley, Westend Gr.
 6132 LCPL **METCALFE J R** Irish Fusiliers, 2 DOD Machadodorp 01-02-1901 Machadodorp
 5910 LCPL **METCALFE J R** Warwickshire, 2 KIA America Siding 23-10-1900 Kroonstad, North Rd
 8439 PTE **METCALFE J** Royal Marine Light Infantry KIA Enslin 25-11-1899 Kimberley, West End Gr
 23653 SPR **METCALFE JL/E** Royal Engineers, Tel Div DOD Springfontein 20-05-1900 Springfontein (Difficult to make out the initials of this last entry. It looks like JL/E but could be JUE.)

MILITARY SERVICE RECORD

On 8 January 2004 a South African member of the Metcalfe Clan set a probable world record for military service. Cyril Metcalfe born in Durban completed 80 years of service in the South African Army having joined as a seventeen year old private in 1924.

Starting his career in the Transvaal Scottish Cyril transferred to the Durban Light Infantry (DLI) after seven years as a lieutenant. He rose further to lieutenant-colonel before finally becoming honorary colonel of the regiment in 1959 retained the rank for over forty five years.

The DLI, with Cyril assuming command in 1942, fought in the Western Desert against Rommel's Afrika Korps and later in Italy as the Allies pushed up from North Africa. As a result of his efforts he was awarded a number of medals including the 1939/45 War Medal, The African Star, the Italy Star and the Star of South Africa.

Shortly after the report of his historic achievement the local paper* announced that Colonel Metcalfe had died on 22 February 2004.

Provided by **TE Metcalfe M1270** and **Carol Metcalf M262** from
 * The Witness, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.



**Farndale Agricultural Horticultural & Industrial Society
(near Kirbymoorside, North Yorkshire Moors)
95th Annual Exhibition 28 August 2000
Catalogue of Entries**

Best Embroidery	Finlay Metcalfe	Ewan Metcalfe
Any Article of Craft	Finlay Metcalfe	Ewan Metcalfe
Children's classes:		
Animal Vegetable	Finlay Metcalfe	Ewan Metcalfe
Computer Advertising poster	Finlay Metcalfe	Ewan Metcalfe
Decorated Paper Plate	Finlay Metcalfe	Ewan Metcalfe
Handwriting (8-10 years)		Ewan Metcalfe
Nursery Rhyme Printing (7 and under)	Finlay Metcalfe	
Drawing	Finlay Metcalfe	Ewan Metcalfe
Painting		Ewan Metcalfe
Framed or mounted article	Colin J Metcalfe	
Photographs:		
Landscape	D Metcalfe	
Child Study	D Metcalfe	
Sheep:		
Mule Gimmer Lamb	CJ&DM Metcalfe	
Best Swaledale Ram	DO Metcalfe; CJ&DM Metcalfe; W Metcalfe & Sons	
Best Swaledale Shearling Ram	DO Metcalfe	
Best Swaledale Ram Lamb	DO Metcalfe; CJ&DM Metcalfe	
Best Swaledale Ewe	DO Metcalfe; CJ&DM Metcalfe; W Metcalfe & Sons	
Best Swaledale Shearling Gimmer	DO Metcalfe; CJ&DM Metcalfe; W Metcalfe & Sons	
Best Swaledale Gimmer Lamb	DO Metcalfe; CJ&DM Metcalfe; W Metcalfe & Sons	
Best Swaledale Mule (16 years and under)	E&F Metcalfe	
Best Swaledale Female (16 years and under)	E&F Metcalfe	

*The above were extracted from the Show catalogue entries but
there was no indication of how successful they were. Editor*

EDWARD BARNARD METCALFE

*Further extracts from the delvings into the India Office records
by George Buxton M3*

To the best of my knowledge and belief Edward Barnard Metcalfe never set foot on the Sub Continent of India but he certainly influenced many of the officers who did. He was the Professor of Military Drawing and Surveying at Addiscombe the East India Company Military Seminary at Addiscombe near Croydon Surrey. I am not sure when he joined the East India Company, but on his first appointment on the 25th July 1827, when he was appointed assistant to the professor of military drawing he was described as "of the late Corps of Ordnance – a draftsman". This first recorded appointment was for a probationary period of 1 year and his salary was to be £200 pa. On his confirmation he was made assistant professor of military drawing with an additional payment of £50 pa.

With the retirement in January 1837 of Captain Caplin the 2 positions of professor and assistant with salaries of £600 & £250 respectively were restructured into 1st professor & 2nd professor with a salary of £450 & £400 respectively. On his appointment as 1st professor Edward Barnard Metcalfe was described as "Whose professional acquirements and long and diligent execution of his duties the fullest testimony is born". In January 1846 he was made storekeeper with an additional £25 pa. On 9th May 1849 he retired with a pension of £316 16s 4d (£316.82p) pa or two thirds of his final salary. (Many of us would appreciate such a pension now!) He wrote expressing his thanks to the Court of Directors on the 22 May 1849.

Edward Barnard Metcalfe seems to have been held in great affection by the officer cadets. They loved to play practical jokes on him, such as placing him on his drawing board and carrying him round the room and dropping him suddenly. Another good game was to place Lucifer match heads under his feet so as he trod on them they would explode and he would become agitated and shout, "Gentlemen want to murder me". Several times a year the students were allowed to use live ammunition during practice sessions and no doubt with great collaboration and coordination the students all fell off their stools as the first shell exploded. Edward Barnard Metcalfe always thought his class had passed out in surprise at the noise.

In his will dated 1st May 1848 he left to his son Arthur Edward Metcalfe "The estate I bought" and to his daughter Ellen Elizabeth Metcalfe his "Freehold house and lands called Whitethorn" at the death of his wife the remainder of his estate was to be divided between the 2 mentioned above plus his daughter



Anne Isabel Reynolds Waghorn. However to his eldest and "worthless " son Henry Sully Metcalfe he left one shilling.

I could not find any information on Henry Sully Metcalfe, however there was information on an H S Metcalfe, of the Indian Navy. Apparently whilst acting master of the Zenobia he made charges against Assistant Surgeon Thompson. When the latter was acquitted H S Metcalfe was deemed to have made false charges against the Assistant Surgeon and dismissed from the service.

Archivist Report December 2004

Well another four months have passed since my last report. It has not been uneventful on the home front for the family but I have done my very best to keep the Archiving as up to date as possible. A very big thank you again to our researchers who have had quite an investigative time. The Birth Briefs do not throw a true light on the amount of work they have done.

Should any of our Members obtain information about their line that is new do please let me have photocopies and I will have our database updated, that includes Birth, Marriage or Death Certificates, Wills or Admons or any snippets that may be of importance. The more information we obtain the wider we are able to expand our database.

I am having one or two difficulties with some queries. We do need to know your Membership number and postal address for Birth Briefs as all members are not linked to the internet and therefore are unable to contact new found relatives that appear in the Mecca News. I ask that all queries whether surface mail or email include surface mail addresses, also surface mail users please include postage stamps or IRC's for replies.

I was unable to attend the Muster this year but hope all those who did had a very enjoyable time, I am looking forward to celebrating our 25th Birthday next year.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful 2005, with plenty of time for researching.

Maureen Thwaite M897
Archive Co-ordinator



Membership Details

BIRTH BRIEF SECTION

Abbreviations:- MT=Metcalf: MTE=Metcalfe: MD=Medcalf: MDE=Medcalfe: dau=daughter: d.o=daughter of: s.o=son of: m=married: b=born: bpt=baptised:d=died.

BIRTH BRIEF and NEW MEMBERS to whom we extend a hearty welcome

M1350 Susan J Metcalfe, 500S Henry Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3920 USA. Dau of James Martin(Jr) & Mary Rebecca (McRoberts)Mt m 9/9/1931. James Martin(Jr) b. 8/2/1902 Undine Washington County MO s.o James Martin(Sr) & Susan Jane (Hudson)Mt m 31/12/1885 Johnson Township Washington County MO. James Martin(Sr) b 10/4/1860 Washington County MO s.o Thomas & Mary Ann (Saltsman)Mt m. 1/1/1839 Jefferson County OH. Thomas b 2/9/1815/1811 Lindal(e), Lancs (now Cumbria) s.o Arthur & Isabel (Levens) m. 22/7/1811 Lindal(e). Arthur bpt 27/12/1789 Mons Wales s.o Richard & Agnes (Preston)Mt m.13/9/1788 Tintern Parva, Mons Wales. Richard bpt 28/11/1762 Lindal(e) Lancs s.o Arthur & Elizabeth (Styth?)Mt m. 12/5/1759 Lindal(e) Lancs. Arthur bpt 23/6/1728 s.o Thomas & Mary(?)Mt

M1370 Judie Lundgren 11800 33rd AVE NE, Seattle, WA, 98125, USA. Awaiting details.

M1401 Mrs. Valerie Gentile, 7 Penrose Ave, Redland Bay, Queensland 4165 Australia. Email valpetegentile@bigpond.com Dau of John Francis Georghegan & Violet Rose (Beedell)Mte m 12/10/1930 St Mary, Lambeth, London, England. John F.G. b. 22/2/1908 Southwark, London s.o Alice Mte. Alice b.c 1889 Lambeth d.o Francis/Frank & Elizabeth V. Mte. Marriage sought. Frank b.c 1848/54 Westminster London.

M1403 Mrs. Naomi Uytdehaag, PO Box 295 Horsham Victoria 3402 Australia. Great gt gt gd d.o Thomas & Margaret (Mte) Musgrave m 20/1/1821 Masham. Margaret bpt. 8/3/1795 East Witton d.o Thomas & Margaret (Hauxwell) Mte m 26/2/1794 Spennithorne. Thomas bpt. 10/11/1764 East Witton s.o Matthew & Elizabeth(Topham) Mte m 2/4/1759 East Witton. Matthew bpt. 15/7/1733 Masham.. s.o Thomas & Mary (Askwith) Mte m 10/4/1720 Masham. Thomas bpt. 13/5/1693 Healey s.o Thomas & Jane (Thorpe) Mte m 2/2/1690/1 Healey. Thomas bpt 11/3/1659/60 Masham s.o John Mte Sourmire. **Connects to M515 M558 M882 M962.**



M1404 Julian Corbridge, 16 Silvermere Drive, Ryton, Tyne and Wear, NE40 3HA email julian.corbridge@orangesunproperties.com Awaiting details.

M1441 Sarah Hudson, 175 Tonbridge Rd, Watlington, Kent, ME18 5NU email sarah@simplysnooker.com Awaiting details.

M1444 Thomas Metcalf, 1475 Township Road 853, Ashland, OH, 44805, United States. email : mgtom@zoominternet.net. Awaiting details.

M1467 Mr R D Metcalfe, 46 The Furlongs, Needingworth, Huntingdon, Cambs.PE27 4TX. Reginald Douglas born India s.o Harry Douglas & Doris (Parker)Mte. Harry D. b 10/11/1903 Ripon Yorks s.o Charles Douglas & Ida (Nelson)Mte m 21/7/1903 Hartlepool Dur. Charles D b 4/12/1882 Markington Yorks. Bpt 22/2/1891 Ripon Cathedral s.o John & Mary(Haithwaite)Mte m 11/11/1876.Ripon Cathedral. John b c 1853/4 Mustardfield House Aldfield, Yorks s.o George & Ann (Bolton)Mte m 5/10/1843 Ripon Cathedral. George b North Stainley bpt 14/3/1812 Ripon Cathedral s.o James & Mary(Jewitt)Mte m 11/6/1817 Ripon Cathedral. James b Ilton bpt 8/11/1778 Masham s.o George & Jane(Mallerby)Mte m 31/3/1777 Masham. George bpt 2/4/1747 Masham s.o George & Jane(Metcalfe)Mte of Healey m 15/7/1745 Masham. George ? bpt 13/10/1724 Masham s.o William of Warthermaske. **Connects to M9,M185,M200,M218,M440,M445,M459,M593,M640,M710,M728,M732,M759,M1041.**

M1479 Derek Metcalfe, 14181 Fairwind Lane, Broomfield, CO 80020 USA. Born Denver, Colorado USA s.o Richard Clayton & Isabella Sara (Poggi) Mte m 1951 Denver. Richard C b17/7/1927 Denver s.o John Sparks & Eunice Catherine (Green) Mte. John S b 1/6/1890 Missouri s.o Dr Francis (Frank) Marion & Lola Emma (Sparks) Mte m 29/10/1884. Dr Francis M. b 1/7/1861 Austin Indiana s.o John & Nancy Elinor (Wilson) Mte. John b c 1830.

M1480 Chris Thomas Metcalfe, 13278 Paramount Drive, Saratoga, California, USA. Born Sonara, California USA s.o George Thomas & Jewell (Relfe)(Mte. George Thomas b 30/6/1915 Carr, Colorado s.o Matthew Thwaites & Lillian (Christensen)Mte m 1911 Greeley, Colorado. Matthew Thwaites b 9/8/1887 Burtersett, Hawes, Yks UK s.o William & Dorothy (Thwaites)Mte m 24/11/1880 Hawes. William b 30/8/1859 Burtersett s.o Thomas & Mary (Moore)Mte m 19/9/1857 Hawes. Thomas b 16/2/1834 Hawes s.o William & Elizabeth (Marsden)Mte m 6/10/1817 Slaidburn Yks. William b 30/9/1792 Gayle, Hawes s.o James & Isabel (Blenkiron)Mte m 17/5/1790 Hawes. James bpt. 10/12/1758/9 Askrigg s.o James of Askrigg, slater. **Connects to M6 M307 M317 M475 M591 M664 M769 M824 M1076 M1077 M1227.**

M1487 Steve Allatt, 43 Station Rd Whitacre Heath, Birmingham.B46 2JA Related to Sarah Westerby. Anthony & Sarah (Westerby)Mte m. 18/4/1888 Bradford. Anthony b 1862 s.o Anthony & Fanny (Thornton)Mte m 10/8//1836 Bradford. Anthony bpt 18/3/1816 Thornton Steward s.o Anthony & Sarah (Tomlin)Mte m 29/11/1813 Thornton Steward. Anthony bpt 26/11/1792 Thornton Steward s.o Anthony & Jane (Collinson)Mte m 13/9/1786 Thornton Watlass. Anthony bpt 19/7/1766 Thornton Watlass s.o Anthony & Margaret (Mte)# Mte m 5/3/1764 Thornton Watlass. Anthony bpt 8/6/1740 Thornton Watlass s.o Stephen & Ellen (Moody) Mte m 19/9/1734 Thornton Watlass. Stephen b c 1715 Rookwith. **Connects to M266,M493.**

Margaret bpt 23/9/1739 Thornton Watlass d.o Thomas & Ann (Meek)Mte m 23/11/1728 Thornton Watlass. Thomas bpt 4/3/1704/5 Thornton Watlass s.o Elias Mte b c 1657 s.o James Mte s.o Roger & Anne Mte. **Connects to M632, M843.**

M1489 Mrs. Jayne Bennett, 6 Westleigh Drive, Baildon, Shipley, W.Yorks BD17 5DP. Awaiting details.

M1490 Mr John Swinbank Metcalfe, Manor House, Ingleton, Carnforth, LA6 3JJ. Awaiting details.

M1491 John Medcof, 2 Lynwood Ave Ste. 501, Toronto, Ontario, M4V 1K2, Canada. email : medcof@mcmaster.ca. Awaiting Details.

M1492 Mrs. Phyllis Capstick, 8 Butterbergh, Benthams, Lancaster LA2 7FG Gt g/dau of James & Ann (Peacock)Mte m. 3/4/1858 Bowes, Co Durham. James bpt. 13/1/1834 Ravenstonedale, Wes. s.o Anthony & Isabella (Turner)Mte m. 16/11/1833 Ravenstonedale. Anthony bpt 2/2/1812 Stalling Busk, Yks. s.o James & Elizabeth/Betty (Lambert)Mte. m.9/5/1805 Stalling Busk. James bpt 12/7/1772 Stalling Busk s.o John & Barbara (Metcalfe)Mte. m. 12/5/1756 Hawes, Yks. John b/c 1727 Marsett s.o William & Margaret(?)Mte. **Connects to M28 M63 M178 M277 M303 M415 M419 M512 M528 M538 M550 M606 M676 M859 M875 M897 M987 M1392 & M1430**

M1493 Helen Boreham, 2 Corners, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL7 1RL. Awaiting details.

M1494 Eleanor Burlow, 57 St Patricks Avenue, Charvil, Reading, Berkshire, RG10 9RA email : ellyburlow@msn.com Awaiting details.

M1501 Mrs. Bessie Hornby, 2 Parker Terrace, Gisburn. Clitheroe. Lancs BB7 4ET. D.o Thomas William & Mary Ann (Mte) Mellin. Mary Ann b 1886 Brough d.o James Robert & Elizabeth (Harrison) Mte m 1883. James Robert



bpt. 31/7/1856 Gunnerside Methodist Chapel s.o George & Mary (Mte nee Pratt) Mte m 4/8/1849 Grinton. George b 24/12/1818 bpt 29/12/1818 Muker s.o George & Ann (Harker) Mte m 6/4/1805 Muker. George b 16/4/1780 Muker s.o George & Janet (Harker) Mte m 13/1/1772 Muker. George bpt 4/2/1749 Muker s.o Thomas & Margaret (Cottingham) Mte m 5/6/1737 Muker. Thomas bpt 26/8/1708 Muker s.o Thomas Mte. #Mary Pratt m Thomas Mte 13/6/1835 brother of George. **Connects to M3 M506 M679 M848 M1132.**

M1502 Eric Dunlevey, Burniston, The Tye, East Hanningfield, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 8AA. Email edunlevey@supanet.com Awaiting details.

M1503 Mrs. Sonia A. Hooper, 51 Marwood Dr. Barnard Castle, Co. Durham DL12 8DF. Gd.d.o Tamar Mte b 5/11/1890 Woodhall d.o James & Margaret Ann (Waller)Mte m. 21/12/1874 Askrigg.James bpt. 13/10/1845 Askrigg s.o James & Mary (Cockfield) Mte m.15/5/1841 Askrigg. James bpt. 5/6/1800 Askrigg s.o James & Jane (Pratt) Mte m. 18/8/1799 Aysgarth. James bpt. 1/6/1780 Askrigg s.o James Metcalfe of Woodhall.

M1504 John Pollard Metcalfe Myersgarth, 82 Orchard Terrace, Hawick, Roxburghshire, TD9 9LX Born Barnoldswick s.o John Sayer & Alice (Pollard) Mte m 1924. John Sayer b 23/11/1898 Gearstones Farm, Ribbleshead, Yks, s.o William Lambert & Margaret (Sayer) Mte m 2/4/1887 Aysgarth Yks. William b c. 1866 Liverpool s.o James Metcalfe. Further research ongoing.

M1505 Mr Thomas Sadler, 26 Brett Green, Upper Layham, Ipswich, Suffolk IP7 5LX. Awaiting details.

M1506 David Metcalfe, 17 The Crescent, Kirkby Steven, Cumbria CA17 4AF. Awaiting details.

M1507 Mrs. D. E. Atkinson, Sunny Croft, Bowes, Barnard Castle, Co Durham DL12 9HR. Awaiting details.

M1508 Mrs. Dorothy Naughton, 44 Cross Barn Grove, Darwen, Lancs BB3 2BA. Awaiting details .

M1509 Anthony P. Metcalfe, 60 Cromford Rd, Langley Mill, Notts NG16 4EW. Awaiting details.

M1510 Douglas Jefferies, 4 Moore Close Sutton Coldfield B74 4XY. Awaiting details.

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M1085 Mr Charles Metcalfe, 72 Scott Ave, Elmira, NY, 14905 USA.

UPDATED BIRTH BRIEF

M1209 Nora Clyde, 11 McDowall Place, Kambah 2.902 ACT Australia, dncl Clyde@hotmail.com Grand-dau of Annie.E.Metcalfe b 3Q1885 Bradford, England. D.o Christopher Mark & Martha (Sinnett)Mte m 1Q1873 Bradford. Christopher M. b 1853 Bradford s.o Ralph & Martha T. (Moseley)Mte m 6/2/1837 Shipley, Yks. Ralph bpt 26/1/1815 Gunnerside, Yks. s.o Christopher and his 1st wife Ann (Milner)Mte m 26/3/1811 Grinton, Yks. Christopher b 10/5/1789 Gunnerside s.o Thomas & Annas (Binks)Mte m 16/10/1769 Grinton. Thomas b.c 1745.**Connects to M52 M217 M300 M302 M438 M510 M967 M1183.**Nora Clyde wonders whether anyone has pursued the possibility of Thomas being the son of Richard Metcalfe and possibly a first wife. Richard married Monica Sunter on 15/1/1749/50 at Grinton.

M1414 Mr. John G. Metcalfe, 122 Tennyson Ave, Harrogate, N. Yorks, HG1 3LF. John Geoffrey Mte b. Harrogate s.o John & Noreen (Parkin) Mte. John b 29/4/1928 Harrogate s.o Percy & Louisa (Houslay) Mte. m 19/4/1910 Harrogate. Percy b 26/4/1884 Harrogate s.o Thomas & Ann (Tebb) Mte. m 25/3/1876 Knaresborough. Thomas bc 1846 Burneston s.o Wilks & Elizabeth (Gill) Mte m 27/12/1827 Burneston. Wilks bpt 26/8/1804 Burneston s.o Wilks & Jane (Burn) Mte. m 22/11/1797 Burneston. Wilks bpt 11/9/1775 Burneston s.o Thomas & Catherine (Trenholme) Mte m 5/5/1772 Burneston. Thomas bpt 29/11/1740 Burneston s.o Wilks & his 3rd wife Margaret (Armstrong)Mte.m 12/11/1734 Pickhill with Roxby, Yks. Wilks bpt 17/4/1701 Burneston s/o William, a carpenter of Burneston and ? Martha (Coward) Mte m 2/5/1700 Bedale. **Connects to M35 M236 M273 M516 M558 M1018 M1146.**

CORRECTED BIRTH BRIEF

M1120 John E Metcalfe, Larkfield,Cowdown Lane,Goodward Clatford, Andover, Hants SP11 7HG.John E s.o Allen Mte b 1896 s.o William & Elizabeth(Cross)Mte m 11/8/1883 William b 13/9/1864 s.o Matthew & Mary Ann (Tyson) Mte m 12/2/1861. Matthew bpt. 18/6/1837 s.o James & Ann (Piercy)Mte m 19/12/1832 James bpt. 17/3/1809 s.o Thomas & Jane

(Hodgson)Mte m 16/12/1801 Thomas b.c 1771. 17/3/1810 All from Pickering and immediate area. **Connects to M136 & M943**

M1476 Mrs Irene Hailstone, 37 Stockarth Lane, Oughtibridge, Sheffield, S35 0HT. Email irene@hailstone37.freemove.co.uk Wife of Roy Lambert Hailstone b 1917 Sheffield, Yks s.o William & Martha Alice (nee Metcalf) Hailstone m 1907 Sheffield. Martha Alice b 1883 Middlesbrough, Yks d.o John & Isabella (Swalwell) Mt m 1882 Middlesbrough. John b.c. 1856 Mexborough, Yks s.o Josiah & Martha (Dyson)Mt m 1855 Rotherham, Yks. Josiah b.c 1833 Mexborough died in Poplar, London in 1872 aged 40 and was s.o John & Ann (Goulding)Mt. John b.c.1806

DELAYED BIRTH BRIEF

M982 Sydney Richardson, 5 West Dene, Wigton Lane, Leeds Yks. LS17 8QT Gt grandson of Christopher & Mary (nee Metcalfe) Kipling m. 17/5/1862 Romalldkirk. Mary bpt 26/1/1831 Kirkby Steven, Westmorland d.o Thomas & Mary (Bousfield) Mt m 1/11/1825 Kirkby Steven. Thomas bpt. 17/10/1783 Kirkby Steven s.o James & Elizabeth (Smith) Mte m 2/5/1773 Kirkby Steven.

AMENDMENT

M1468 Arthur & Pauline Kennedy. Connections should be M409,M509,M530, M630, M1247.

AMENDMENT TO ADDRESS

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M1352 John S. Metcalfe e/mail: johns.metcalf@virgin.net

M1402 Mrs Carol Ingram e/mail: cingram1@bigpond.com.au

WHY YOU SHOULD SPELL METCALFE WITH AN "E"

When did you last see a calf without a tail?
The "e" is the Metcalfe tail
that's why the name should be spelt with an "e".

Heard at this year's Muster



Mecca Miscellany

Harewood House near Leeds. Below stairs inlaid marquetry lent by Jack Metcalfe. Seen by visitor to hall July 2004.

Bury Lancashire. Chairman of local fishing club Jim Metcalfe interviewed about the death of more than 1000 fish due to an abnormal growth of algae. BBC Radio GMR (Manchester) 26 July 2004.

Delhi India. Extracts from the Diary of Sir Thomas Metcalfe relating to the Moguls in the 1840's. BBC Radio 4 Libby Purvis's Midweek 8 September 2004.

Oxfordshire. Georgia Metcalfe on the benefits of books on tape. Daily Mail 27 July 2001.

Little Sessay Thirsk. From a gravestone in St Cuthberts Church " Inscribed in the memory of Margaret the wife of William Metcalfe of Sessay Park who died 1st September 1810 age 60. Also Elizabeth daughter of the above who died 16 September 1794 age 16. Also Elizabeth mother of the said William Metcalfe who died 28 February 1795 age 89".

Wyoming Territory USA 1890. Henry Metcalfe fictional character in the film The Jack Bull (1999) starring John Cusack a man seeking justice to right a wrong and ending up on the other side of the law.

Warwickshire newspapers. Coventry Herald & Observer dated 16/1/1857 Death 29 December 1856 at Leamington age 70, Mrs. Metcalfe, late Farnborough in this county.

Leamington Advertiser / Becks List of Visitors dated 12/9/1850. Death: Metcalf 4 Sept 1850 Regent St Leamington, Walter infant son of Lot. Supplied by non-member Chris El-Amir - Doha.

Stoke-on-Trent. January 1995 launch of United Christian Broadcasters telephone Listening Line under the leadership of John and Barbara Metcalfe.

London July 1997. Publication of the Policy Studies Institute "Class and Higher Education: the participation of young people from lower social classes" paper by Hilary Metcalf.

Gunnerside Swaledale. 1866 contributors to the erection of Gunnerside Chapel. John Metcalfe, Bradford £5 5s; Robert Metcalfe, Calvert Houses £5; George Metcalfe, Stainmore £5; Christopher Metcalfe, Gunnerside £5; John Metcalfe, Gunnerside £3 10s; Robert Metcalfe, Satron £1 10s.

Cambridge. (Alumni Cantabrigieses 1752-1900). William Metcalfe admitted sizar (student paying fees) at Sidney 30 June 1803 (born Christmas Day 1785) eldest son of Rev William Mte of Ely; William James Metcalfe admitted sizar at St John's 6 July 1837 (born 1818) son of Rev William Mte (b1785) became QC; Robert Metcalfe admitted pens (b1826) 17 May 1845, 4th son of the Rev William Mte (b1785); Robert John Golborne Metcalfe so Robert (b1826) admitted Trinity Hall 1880 died 11 June 1896.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 20 March 2005.

Cumbria FHS Family & Local History Fair at Shepherd's Inn, Rosehill Estate Carlisle. On site free car park within 200yards of Jn 43 of M6 Motorway. 10am - 4pm. Admission £2.

Friday and Saturday 29 & 30 April 2005

The Society of Genealogists present a series of talks entitled "A Taste of Family History" on the Friday. Tickets will cost £15 for at least four lectures. This is followed on the Saturday by a free lecture "Welcome to Family History" primarily for beginners. Tickets for this lecture will only be available for visitors to the Family History Show, Royal Horticultural Society, New Hall & Conference Centre Greycoat Street, London SW1. 10am - 5pm, admission £10. Further details from SOG ☎ 020 7702 5488.

YORK FAIR – Saturday 26th June 2004

This was again an enjoyable day with the Society being represented by David Metcalfe, Nina Benson, Jose Hopper and Margaret Hodgson. Plenty of interest was shown in the Metcalfe Society stand, though sales were less brisk than they had been the previous year. Top selling items remain our high quality and very competitively priced certificate binders and the plastic pocket inserts.

During the course of the day we welcomed several members with interesting stories of their current research. A healthy number of membership leaflets were given out, though no new members joined on the day.

The Fair as a whole was well attended though, perhaps with the advent of so many genealogical services being accessible over the internet, the popularity of such events may well be on the turn.

Margaret Hodgson M515

**Saturday 25 June 2005**

Yorkshire Family History Fair York Racecourse. Come visit the Society's table at this prestigious family history event.

**Saturday 24 September and Sunday 25 September 2005
THE EVENT OF THE YEAR!**

**The 25th Anniversary
celebrations of the
METCALFE SOCIETY
to be held in the traditional
home of the Metcalfe Clan
- Wensleydale.**

**For details see this issue of
the Mecca News and
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To the Editor

Three letters for the price of one!

During the perusal of the Parish Records of Northallerton I recently came across the following entry in the Death Records for 1621:

"Richard Metcalfe" followed by a statement in Latin but with a pencilled translation "Fully absolved on the day he died from a sentence of ex-communication".

He was no doubt a dedicated recusant, well known to two of the churchwardens, instrumental in obtaining his absolution. Their names were Richard Metcalfe and George Metcalfe. It seems that who you know is as important as what you know, not only in this life but also after it!

One of the pleasures in tracing one's ancestors is finding unusual occupations. My great-uncle Thomas Mte, trained as a cordwainer, gave up being a journeyman shoemaker to become a 'tenterer' in a felt works. His job was to stretch the carpet felt carefully: too much tension would split and destroy the product. During the process, both he and the felt were on tenterhooks.

A great-uncle on my mother's side lived at Oulton Broad, where he was a 'merryman'. The O.E.D. states this as "one who performs a comedy act, usually on horseback" He however performed at regattas, falling off a boat.

Can any of our members tell us of their interesting ancestral occupations?

(Have you got any interesting or unusual jobs in your family tree?
Let me know. Editor)

I joined the Metcalfe Society at the 1997 AGM, M902, first Mecca News 51. This means that I and most of the members M900 and above will not have had the opportunity to read previous issues. One article in particular was recently shown to me concerning King Charles' detention in the Porch house (issue no 35). Would it be possible to reproduce this and other interesting articles in future editions?

Julian Metcalfe M902

(Always pleased to try and provide what the membership wants - so Julian see page 35. If you have a request from an early Mecca News e-mail or drop me a line. Editor)



Victoria Cross Update

I want to thank you for sending me the April issue of Mecca News! I was elated to receive it and especially thrilled to read about the Metcalf recipient of the Victoria Cross. Has anyone come forward yet to say who William Henry Metcalf was? I think I know his son or grandson.

When my oldest son was fresh out of high school (1974) he entered the U.S. Coast Guards. Sometime later his Chief was a Stan Metcalf. Stan used to come to our home to visit. A nice man. I was happy to tell him I am a Metcalf/e descendant also. Stan retired many years ago from the Coast Guards. He is now living in Maine, USA - next state over from us. In fact, my husband Maurice and I once stopped in to visit him on our way home from visiting Maurice's relatives in Canada.

We all remember Stan talking about either his father or grandfather being a recipient of the Victoria Cross. How proud he is! Better still, when Maurice and I stopped in to visit Stan and his wife, at their restaurant in Maine, we got to see the beautiful Victoria Cross. It has been kept in wonderful condition.

So I went on-line to the Maine Archives Death Index Maine Archives Deaths at - http://thor.dafs.state.me.us/pls/archives/archdev.death_archive.search_form to see if there was a William Henry Metcalf there. Sure enough there are two William H. Metcalf's on the index. One is probably the W.H. Metcalf you are looking for. He was born about 1885 and died on August 8, 1968. Must be Stan's father.

Please let me know if the society has found relatives or not. If not I will call Stan. Either way I would love to know.

After writing this letter I did some browsing on the Internet. William Henry Metcalf was, indeed, the father of the Stan Metcalf who was our son's chief in the US Coast Guard in the mid 1970's. I came up with a wonderful story (from the Internet) that tells it all. The web site is

<http://www.victoriacross.org.uk/bbmetcal.htm>

Gerie Huppe M1041

(The Victoria Cross web site gives an interesting story of how William crossed into Canada inflated his age by nine years and joined up. His mother attempted to stop his departure for Europe but William convinced the authorities he was not the person whom they were seeking and went on to fight in France.

His son Stanley Metcalf recently donated his father's VC to the Canadian Scottish Regiment Museum at Victoria British Columbia - Ed.)

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The Oldest House in Northallerton

Porch House, situated on the High Street of this old market town in North Yorkshire directly opposite the medieval church of All Saints has many intriguing historical connections. A series of articles in the Darlington and Stockton Times this year (sent in by Muriel Johnstone M445) tell a fascinating story.

Of most interest to our members is the fact that it was built for Richard Metcalfe, great great grandson of Thomas Metcalfe of Nappa Hall (he who had been Chancellor and Privy Councillor for Richard III (see Mecca News No 34) in 1584. Porch House is now a guest house belonging to Peter and Shirley Thompson but unfortunately few of its Elizabethan characteristics remain.

However in 1647 its most famous guest stayed there - Charles I, as a prisoner of the Scots was held at Porch House until a £400,000 ransom was paid. The room in which he stayed remains unaltered except for the addition of an en-suite shower room!

It is said that the receipt for Charles's ransom was signed at Northallerton, perhaps even in Porch House. The ransom was carried in 36 carts and took 11 days to count!

Returning to the Metcalfe connections, the grandson of the original

owner was William Metcalfe who married Ann Marwood of Busby Hall, Carlton-in-Cleveland. The Marwood's family home could only be inherited by their descendants on condition they changed their name to Marwood.

And so the house was absorbed into the Marwood estate where it remained until 1969. The last Metcalfes lived there in the early to mid-nineteenth century. Since that time it has been used as a solicitors office and also by the ARP and the Conservative Association at different times although part of the house has always been used as living accommodation.

The house came into the sole possession of Major Marwood in 1969 and it is thanks to his researches that so much is known about the history of the house. The Thompsons bought the house from Major Marwood. They have in their possession a copy of the oldest known deed relating to Northallerton which is thought to be several decades older than the house itself. The deed, written in Latin, covers the gift of land for the building of Porch House. Signatories include Sir Richard de Romundeby, Adam de Kirkeby and William Durand de Aluerton. I wonder if there were any Metcalfe signatures on that deed? Perhaps some of our members may stay at Porch House while pursuing their researches and could find out.

METCALFE SIGHTING

Julian Metcalfe M902 wrote "A friend of mine has drawn my attention to a small ad in the Essex Family Historian, September 2004 edition.

"AN OLD FAMILY RECEIPT"

Mr John Wallerstein has a receipt found in an 'odd lot' of papers in a sale in Truro, which he is willing to pass on to a family member. It is dated 'Fordham, March 1st 1785' and acknowledges receipt of £100 paid to Katherine Symons by her brother, James Metcalfe under the will of her father, William Metcalfe. It may well refer to Fordham in Norfolk or Cambridgeshire, rather than Essex.

If you are interested, contact Mr Wallerstein.

It has also been suggested that the Metcalfe Society be contacted."

Julian then wrote again "I have just received a very nice letter from Mr Wallerstein of Truro enclosing the receipt dated 1705. The original has an excise imprint of XX shillings but today its value would be considerably more. I am secretly hoping that there will be no members with a stronger claim that I have, but I suspect I will need to be satisfied with a photocopy. Meanwhile, I will ask our archivist what we know about William of Fordham."

If any member has an interest please contact Julian (address front sheet).

Leave them laughing?!

A second helping of humour(?) from **Doug Cutting M855**

When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.

The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.

You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

Local Area Network in Australia:... the LAN down under.

He often broke into song because he couldn't find the key.

Every calendar's days are numbered.

A lot of money is tainted - It ain't yours and it ain't mine.

A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.

He had a photographic memory that was never developed.

A plateau is a high form of flattery.

A midget fortune teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.

Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

Once you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

Acupuncture is a jab well done.

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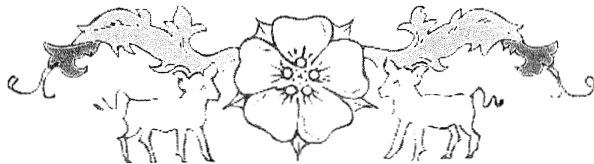
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JOHN METCALFE

*With Introduction by
Professor F. W. Moorman, BA. PH.D.*

'Metcalfes Muster at their Wensleydale Roots'

**Celebrating 25 years
of
The Metcalfe Society**



**Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th September 2005
Countryside Museum, Hawes & West Burton Village Hall,
Wensleydale, North Yorkshire**

1. Chairman's opening remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 2003 AGM
copy distributed with the December 2003 Mecca News)
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
5. Reports (see enclosures)
6. Projects (see enclosures)
7. Subscription rates for 2005 (see enclosures)
8. Elections
9. Approval of accounts
10. Appointment of Auditor
11. Any other business
12. Date of next AGM - Saturday 24 September 2005,
West Burton Village Hall, Wensleydale
13. Close

Executive Reports

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Chairman (David Lambert)

A short time after the AGM last year we learnt with sadness of the death of our immediate past President John Holden. John was a delightful, unassuming man, who did an enormous amount for the Society especially in its early days. He drafted our first Constitution and successfully dealt with our application for charitable status. He served as Chairman for several years, with great effect, before becoming our President immediately prior to our present incumbent. The Society has lost a very dear friend following his untimely death.

The Committee has met twice this year and the streamlined meetings have I feel been a success; certainly we have been able to go home earlier! Many topics have been discussed but none was more important, in my view, than our discussion of the how we can protect and modernise the storage of the computer database, as well as ensuring that it is secure and more "user friendly". The present system has served us well, particularly when you consider that other Society's, like ours, had no computers at all. We were the pioneers. Our system needs to be updated urgently and that will be a priority in 2005. Thanks to prudent book-keeping and your acceptance of an increase in subscription last year, the Society is financially viable. It will enable us to spend some of our surplus on the updating of the database.

The year 2005 will see the Society's Silver Jubilee (25th year of foundation). The Committee has been planning during the year what we might do to mark the event in a special way. Some of their ideas will be revealed at this AGM, although one or two will be kept a surprise until this Meeting next year. I am certain you will all be pleased at our plans and I would like to thank in particular Jose Hopper and Diane Howarth for the time and effort they have already put in to achieve a great celebration next year.

Last year, this meeting agreed that we should explore the possibility of DNA profiling. Several other one-name societies have embarked on such a project with interesting results. I therefore approached London University to see if they would be able to collaborate in such a project but unfortunately this has not proved possible. I am following up other lines of enquiry and will report in due course. I still feel it would be an interesting project.

As ever it is right and proper for me to thank on your behalf, all those who have served the Society on the Committee as well as in a "back-stage" role. Without such volunteers giving up their evenings and weekends we could not function and there would be no Society. We really do owe an immense debt to them all, far too numerous to name individually.

You can see who they are from the Reports below and in every issue of the Mecca News. I do however particularly thank Stephen Newman (Wills project), George Buxton (Research project) and Doug and June Cutting, (despatch of the Mecca News & Master Membership File Keeper)] for their contributions to the Society, as all have now left the Committee.

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As ever the question of who will serve on the Committee will be exercising your minds, when you come to consider the election of Officers, particularly in the light of Diane's decision to step down as our Hon. Secretary. The last committee spent a considerable amount of time trying to resolve how we will be able to manage the undoubted "hole" this will leave. We considered the possibility that the job might be capable of sub-division and that maybe Diane could be persuaded to stay on in a reduced role. Certain Committee members, Margaret Hodgson, Carol Herbert & Lesley Longworth, have agreed to take on additional tasks as part of their respective roles, which until now the Secretary has undertaken. I am heartily grateful to them.

By this AGM we will know if we have persuaded Diane to carry on with the reduced Secretary's job but in case not I would like to express my thanks to her; she has been a superb secretary as you will all agree. She will continue to assist in the despatch area, lately vacated by Doug Cutting, and with the joint Muster planning next year, so we do have some time to find volunteers to take on the roles she is not going to cover. What about you? We ought to have a regular influx of new members on the team to shadow current incumbents eventually allowing them to step down. With over 500 members there must be one or two of you who will stand! Don't be shy. Maureen Thwaite volunteered to act as the Gift Aid officer, to great effect, & now has had a good year as our Archivist acting as the leader of a small team dealing with your all important queries. We were experiencing problems with this last year for a variety of reasons & we have concentrated on trying to correct them, I believe successfully. Carol Herbert a few years back stepped forward & agreed to become our Treasurer. I hope that some of you will follow the examples of both of them!

Secretary (Diane Howarth)

As reported in the August Mecca News, due to changes in my professional circumstances I have not had the time to respond to members and non-members alike and so need to step down from the 'front office' but still perform 'back office' duties that can be done in my own time. Since that announcement, the committee has rallied round and split the many front office jobs between them based on a suggestion from a long-standing member that we should have a full complement of long-standing officers in the main roles in our celebratory silver anniversary year. Based on this division of roles, I have agreed to remain as figure-head of secretary for another year with the same 'back-office' responsibilities as reported in August Mecca News - namely Mecca News production, despatch, book orders and publications creation and production. As a result I do believe the committee is now at the point where it is in desperate need of new volunteers to help with the running of the society.

Treasurer (Carol Herbert)

Since the last AGM Society funds have grown steadily in part due to the continued steady sales of the book. Overseas applications are almost solely coming via Paypal, which means that the money is no longer tied up with overseas agents who may only submit receipts once or twice a year. The basic statistics for this tax year (2004-2005) so far are:

- * Income = £3,753.12, of which £626.54 via Paypal
- * Expenditure = £3,105.46
- * Total money in society accounts = £6,583.76.

Archivist (Maureen Thwaite)

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I took up the position of Archivist Co-ordinator in January of this year. It is a new position and I took a little time to settle into the routine. Things are going very well now and we have a superb team of researchers who deserve all the thanks for research and creation of Birth Briefs and ancestral details. All our queries have been or are being dealt with by them. So far we have had a successful time with Birth Briefs and general ancestral queries. I deal with all the correspondence and redirect it to our researchers, or where I have not enough detail, liaise with the member. I also deal with queries from non-members and have noted that some have joined the society after receiving my reply. I forward any photocopies of official documents on to our database keeper who in turn updates our database. All members will read details in the Mecca News - a major part of the work done by the archivists.

New Members Secretary (Carol Arkwright)

We have had 50 new members since last year - 39 UK, 4 USA, 4 Australia, 2 Canada, & 1 Lanzarote. 26 members joined directly via myself as new members secretary, 20 via the web, 2 via Australian Agent, 1 via Canadian Agent, and 1 via USA Agent. So as you can see, paying on line with credit card is proving very popular for both UK and overseas members.

Master Membership File Keeper (Diane Howarth)

The Master Membership File is working well in the new spreadsheet format & is being handed over to the new volunteers Tim & Debbie Metcalfe. The handover has taken much longer than expected purely due to the lack of time available by Diane to complete the work in the early part of 2004.

Gift Aid Secretary (Maureen Thwaite)

This time last year we had 125 Members who had signed up to Gift Aid, and we received a refund of £302.92p from the Inland Revenue. This year we have 132 Members and we received a refund from the Inland Revenue of £368.43p. Our next claim will be lodged in May/June of 2005. Forms will be available at the Muster for members to sign up for Gift Aid. My apologies for not being able to attend this year to help promote the scheme.

Agents Reports

Society business has reduced at varying levels for all of the agents with the introduction of the online paypal system. However, this service continues to be an important & invaluable local facility, especially for those without computers and/or credit cards.

Editor (Peter Dobson)

This year has seen a steady increase in the use of photographs and clip art to complement the varied range of articles. There are still some technical difficulties with reproduction but improved facilities should (hopefully) see a better quality Mecca News in the future. The magazine's content is subject to a very small number of contributors and there is always space for articles, ideas or snippets from members which should be forwarded poste haste to the Editor!

Despatch (Diane Howarth)

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All three issues of Mecca News have been despatched without problems. This is as a result of the excellent job done for the first two editions by Doug & June Cutting as they have done many times before, and their excellent handover to me to allow me to do the August edition without any major problems. As a result of the queries that have arisen for surface mail shipments & length of time the Mecca News takes to reach their destinations, please see the proposal under 'Subscriptions' regarding the society dropping the overseas surface mail subscription.

Computer Index (David Metcalfe)

Over last winter I finished merging the Metcalfe IGI extract with the Society's main index, for Lincolnshire, which means I just have the remaining regions of London and Yorkshire to merge. I'm afraid contrary to promises in the past I haven't checked the CD's for the 1891 Census returns for Lancashire & London or merged the resultant data with the main index, as the image quality is not very good and I am trying to give my eyes a rest.

From Christmas 2003 onwards I have been going through member's birth briefs and checking with the main index regarding their accuracy, adding and deleting information where necessary. Using the birth, marriage and death certificate indexes, I have added extra information to the database and cross checked with information given by members. I have tried to keep membership numbers on the database to a minimum of direct lines of male and female descent, that is to say, just mother and father. However that is not always possible when the member is the sole supplier of a lot of information about their "greater" family tree. I have also indicated in family groups on the database which member is descended from which sibling. I haven't limited myself to just current members, but every member, even deceased members, as the information has often been overlooked and needs checking.

To date I have checked 680 birth briefs of which 120 need some alteration from that published in the 2001 birth brief booklet. Consequently the size of the Main index database currently stands at nearly 94,000 records a increase of nearly 4000 records on last year.

Publications (Diane Howarth)

All publications are now being reproduced by me, as well as being created. Hence I now have the society's desktop copier. The Mecca News is being produced by a local vendor and work has already started in scoping out the improvement of the quality of the Mecca News by printing out the copies straight from a CD rather than a hardcopy printed master. Based on this work, the quality of the Metcalfe book and Christmas card order forms is hoped to be improved for next year as they need quality colour pictures to promote the items.

The following publications have been updated in both hard copy and on the web site :Book Order form, Christmas card order form and Muster booking form. The following publications will be updated before year end : Subscription renewal form, New Member booklet and New Member Application form.

Web administrator (Carol Herbert)

No major work done on the website due to work commitments. However, small updates made on a regular basis to the list of Society Members (in the Members Only area) and the Noticeboard. I have also written a couple of articles and a review for 'Family Tree Magazine' which has also given an opportunity to plug the website and Society. I am planning to upgrade the look of the site as soon as time permits, and hopefully improve on our 2nd place in the GOONS web awards.

Sales & Library (Carol Arkwright)

Sales have been fairly quiet, but busier in the winter months. A most income of £131 has from Christmas card sales in late 2003, but none as yet in 2004. As with other items, they are all paid for and are intended as a long-term sales service to our members, old and new, and will therefore be a continuous net revenue stream. The Library has also been quiet, but with a new list now being available it may become busier later this year.

FRC Visitor (Julian Metcalfe)

So far as my duties as FRC visitor are concerned, it has been another very quiet year. The introduction of new technology coupled with the availability of information at dedicated centres all over the country means that members can now obtain a much faster service than I can give at very little additional cost. For overseas members it is even better news, because they can order certificates using a credit card, obviating the need to obtain a sterling money order. I can however report that earlier this year I was able to deal with a number of queries for Patrick Malham. I currently have a couple of requests from an Australian member for a birth and a death certificate for two ladies who were not using the Metcalfe name on the dates of the two events. I had a problem getting through to the member concerned in order to get further information but our Australian agent seems to have sorted the problem and we are now in direct communication. I hope to satisfy her needs before the AGM.

Affiliations (Peter Dobson & David Lambert)

We continue to be represented at the North East Group FHS with no major news to report. Peter Dobson is now Chairman of the North West Group of FHS.

Fairs (Margaret Hodgson & Diane Howarth)

For the York Fair in June 2004, the society was represented by David Metcalfe, Nina Benson, Jose Hopper and Margaret Hodgson. Plenty of interest was shown in the Metcalfe Society stand, though sales were less brisk than they had been the previous year. During the course of the day we welcomed several members with interesting stories of their current research. A healthy number of membership leaflets were given out, though no new members joined on the day. We are also continuing the discussion about resolving the storage and transport for the stand between events.

Conference Secretary (Lesley Longworth)

The Muster continues to be a heavily subsidised though essential event as it is the one opportunity a year for the society to come together. Its success depends on the hard work of all the Committee and the attendance of the members. Due to management changes at Askham Bryan College, with increasing costs and lower levels of service, the committee feel that it is time to look for alternative venues after this coming 2004 AGM. Given the forthcoming 25th anniversary of the society, this gives us an ideal opportunity to explore alternative venues and content to keep the event fresh and interesting for new members and regular attendees alike.

Projects

Metcalfe Book (Diane Howarth)

Sales before Christmas were constant and became a trickle through 2004 as expected. Vast majority are bought via paypal online through our website. To date almost 400 of the books have sold. As the books have all been paid for, this provides a continued net revenue stream into the society's funds.

Wills (Diane Howarth)

The wills project is on hold as Stephen has had to step down from the coordination role and no volunteer replacement has come forward. Due to lack of resource, the committee has yet been unable to progress as to how we can make these wills accessible by the members.

GRO (Pat Malham)

Over the past year the Mt/Mte entries for 1984 - 2000 have been added in all three sections, Births, Marriages and Deaths. Over the coming year I am hoping to tackle all the other entries for these years and get the database completed. I have also expanded it to include, as appropriate, event date, father's forename(s), mother's maiden name and forename(s), spouse's surname and forename(s) and age at death (where not already given). When this has been done and checked, I will print out a more up-to-date hard copy. The current total is about 155,000 entries.

Newspaper Cuttings (Pat Malham)

Thanks to those people who have sent me cuttings from the papers but there are still very few - it is the handful of regulars who keep me posted.

Subscription Rates for 2005

The committee propose not to increase the subscription rates for 2005. The overseas rates in local currency may be different as a result of currency exchange rates. The committee have proposed to drop the overseas surface mail subscription rate, leaving only the overseas airmail subscription rate. This is due to the length of time for the Mecca News to reach members and the unreliability of the material reaching its destination. Those overseas surface mail members who have already paid their subscription in advance for future years will have these subscriptions upgraded to airmail at no further cost to themselves.

Minutes of the AGM of The Metcalfe Society

Saturday 9th October 2004, at Askham Bryan College, York

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:

David welcomed all members and guests to the 24th annual general meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Warwick & Jean Metcalfe	Doug & June Cutting	John Metcalfe
Julian Metcalfe	Maureen & Alan Thwaite	George Buxton
Tony & Deb Metcalfe	Mary Metcalfe	Reginald Metcalfe

3. The Minutes of the AGM of 2003, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5 & 6. REPORTS:

Executive reports for	Chairman	Secretary	Treasurer
	Archivist	New Members' Secretary	Fairs
	Master Membership File	Gift Aid Secretary	Agents
	Editor	Despatch	Computer Index
	Web Administrator	Publications	Sales & Library
	FRC Visitor	Affiliations	Conference Secretary
	Projects		

had been circulated in written form to the meeting. They were all accepted by the meeting without alteration.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2005:

- The meeting agreed that there would be no increase in subscription rates for the coming year.
- The proposal, as of January 2005, to drop the overseas surface mail subscription was accepted unanimously by the meeting. Where members have paid subscriptions in advance for overseas surface mail, they will be upgraded to the airmail option without cost to themselves for the years already paid to the Society.

8. ELECTIONS:

- Nina Benson was re-elected as a Vice-President.
- Charles Metcalfe continues as President. David Lambert was re-elected as Chairman.
- Following due process Carol Herbert was re-elected as Treasurer and Peter Dobson as Editor. There is a vacancy for Secretary as Diane Howarth had reluctantly had to resign this role due to pressures of her occupation, though was willing to continue as a Committee member.
- George Buxton had stood down from the Committee as it was proving difficult for him to attend Committee meetings. June Cutting had also retired for personal reasons. Following appropriate procedures, other members of the Committee were re-elected: Carol Arkwright; Margaret Hodgson; Jose Hopper; Diane Howarth; Lesley Longworth; Patrick Malham; David Metcalfe; Maureen Thwaite.
- Thus there are some vacancies on the Committee.

9. PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS:

The audited accounts had been circulated in written form. No issues were raised at this meeting.

10. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

Following due process, the meeting approved the re-appointment Kiggin & Co. as auditor.

11. A.O.B:

There was no other business, apart from some information offered to members on a Metcalfe connection and one query about the location of the next Muster.

The meeting was closed at 11-16am

12. DATE OF 2005 AGM: Saturday 24th September 2005 at West Burton Village Hall, Wensleydale

THE METCALFE SOCIETY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5th APRIL 2004

INCOME	2004	2003	EXPENDITURE	2004	2003
Subscriptions		£5,443.89	Newsletters - Production & Distribution Costs		£2,236.17
Donations	£4,690.91		Metcalfe Muster Catering & Expenses	£3,115.31	£889.24
Bank Interest Received	£24.50	£16.65	Asset Depreciation	£303.30	£427.90
Muster Raffle	£65.82	£230.30	Committee / AGM Hall Hire / Speaker	£618.63	£270.00
Muster Catering	£119.02	£110.00	Telephone & Internet Costs	£14.82	£18.24
History of the Clan	£580.00	£532.46	History of the Clan Printing		£18,500.00
History of the Clan Post	£2,672.00	£5,676.67	History of the Clan Printing (creditor)		£2,201.50
Dead of Covenant Tax Refund	£325.27	£1,499.26	PRS Marketing (Book Distribution)		£1,200.00
Publications Sales & Library	£302.92	£188.41	Publications, Library & Postage		£1,125.55
	£766.52	£1,037.95	Accountancy		£200.00
			Affiliation Fees FFHS & GOONS	£260.00	£200.00
			Advertising, GRD & Family Tree	£193.30	£182.50
			Computer Repairs/Maintenance	£121.50	£318.04
			Office Stationery	£68.00	
			Printing Costs	£82.21	£58.58
			Postage - General		£683.15
			Exhibition Fairs and Stands	£385.89	£947.79
			Research Costs	£348.19	£111.39
			Bank Charges / Currency Conversion Fees	£20.74	£71.70
			Insurance	£220.80	£223.00
			Storage	£234.00	
			Office Machinery	£49.95	

Surplus of Expenditure over Income

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£2,601.64

£9,546.96

£29,764.75

Date:

KIGGIN & Co
Chartered Certified Accountant
34 Bonet Lane, Brinsworth, Rotherham

THE METCALFE SOCIETY BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5th APRIL 2004

ASSETS	2004	2003	LIABILITIES	2004	2003
COST			MAIN FUND		
Printers	538.73	538.73	SURPLUS BROUGHT FORWARD	4562.65	1761.81
Copier	410.08	410.08	Surplus of Expenditure over Income for the year	£2,601.64	-13029.16
Copier (2)	293.74	293.74		7184.29	4562.65
Computers, Printer, Workstation & Software	2942.15	2942.15			
Filing Cabinets	338.84	338.84	Creditors: History of the Clan	2,201.50	
Printers	149.99	149.99	Copier	117.48	
Scanner	149.99	149.99			
Copier	117.48	117.48			
A4 Laminator	49.95	49.95			
	4990.95	4941.00			
LESS DEPRECIATION					
Printers (25% on cost)	538.73	538.73			
Copier (25% on cost)	410.08	410.08			
Copier (25% on cost)	293.74	220.74			
Computers, Printer, Workstation & Software (10% on cost)	2942.15	2757.15			
Filing Cabinets	338.84	338.84			
Printers (10% on cost)	60.00	30.00			
Scanner (10% on cost)	60.00	30.00			
Copier (25% on cost)	58.48	29.48			
A4 Laminator (25% on cost)	6.25				
	4708.27	4355.02			
NET BOOK VALUE ASSETS	282.68	585.98			

BANK BALANCES

Barclays	2935.02	4758.64
Scottish Widows	3195.61	1129.92
Cash Floats	770.98	66.39
Cash in Hand	0.00	360.70
	7184.29	6901.63

Date:

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Income:
Bank Interest Received - lower figure due to reserves being used to pay for The History of the Clan.
Dead of Covenant Tax Refund - Increase resulting from the 'push' on getting UK tax payers to sign up for the scheme.

Expenditure:
Newsletters - transfer from photocopying to printing Mecca News coming into effect during last part of tax year.
Committee/AGM Hall Hire/Speaker - increase due to jump in prices of the college for hall hire and equipment rental for the AGM
Publications - 2003 cost due to restocking

Accountancy - fees shown retrospectively as prepared obviously after tax year-end, i.e. £200 in 2003 is for account year 2001-2002, £260 on this account sheet for work done on 2002-2003 accounts. Cost increase due to increased workload by accountant, as I did not have the time to prepare draft accounts like I did for 2002 (due to Alden & increased Sleepy Frog work etc). Draft accounts also not done for this period (2003-2004), but David Kiggin has not increased his costs so charged £260 again (which shows on next year's accounts.)

Printing Costs - balance on 2003 due to BBB printing

Exhibitions - main cost is for York Fair, but due to vagaries of being paid in advance, and by Diane and then claimed back later, payments for 2004 and 2005 York Fair will both be shown in next year's accounts.