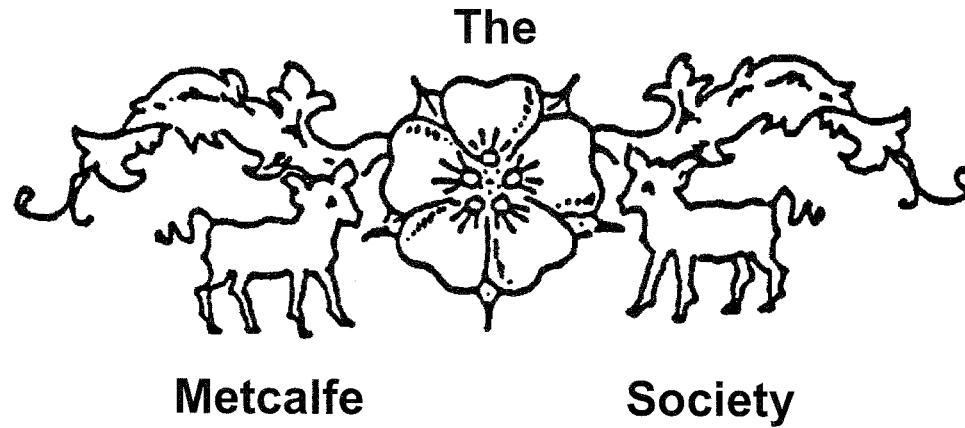




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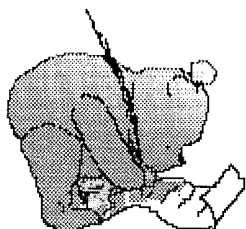
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After a somewhat wet and latterly cold winter we are, as I write this, seeing the first real signs of spring. Birds are starting to nest build and there are frequent disputes over territory with the blackbirds - seemingly the most aggressive. Frog spawn is more obvious after the cold spell and if conversations with friends and work colleagues are anything to go on spring cleaning and decoration is well underway on the domestic front!

At this time of year as we start to think of things anew and the taking on of new tasks why don't you consider how you might look to help the Society as we go through a number of personnel changes. Details on page 21.

This year is our 25th anniversary year and a lot of hard work has been carried out already by your committee - in particular Diane Howarth and Jose Hopper - to make it a success. To remove as many impediments as possible the daily cost has been waived to encourage attendance. This is an opportunity to take part in the major event organised by the Society. So don't delay see the information with this issue and BOOK NOW! I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Wensleydale in September.



Temporary absence of our database keeper

By the time you read this, the database keeper will have departed (April 21st) for Vancouver, Canada, whereupon he will "attempt" to bicycle across Canada to Halifax, Nova Scotia in 8 weeks.

Bears permitting, "normal" service will be resumed by the 17th June.

Any Canadian members near to the US border are welcome to give him a push !.

All the best,

David Metcalfe (M46)

GAD Report for April 2005

The Gift Aid Declarations are starting to come in again, don't forget as long as any member pays UK Income Tax they are entitled to join the Gift Aid Scheme and it is FREE.

Maureen Thwaite M897



Mecca Muster 2005 is now FREE!

**Enclosed with this issue is the
Mecca Muster 2005
- 25th Anniversary -
invitation.**

**There is one small but extremely important change to the
form that appeared in the December Mecca News.**

**The registration charge
has now disappeared altogether.**

**Hence the event, including refreshments,
is now**

FREE

to members.

**Now that all costs are available your
hard-working committee has had the opportunity
to review the finances for staging this
superb weekend extravaganza in finer detail
and are able to dispense with the registration fee.**

**So there is nothing to stop you
coming for the day or the weekend. All you have to pay for
are those extras such as coach trips and meals
so book quickly
as some activities are limited in numbers.**

**For those members who have already paid
the registration fee, will of course be
refunded at the earliest opportunity.**

**For more information about the 25th Anniversary Muster
and how YOU can help see page 17.**



MECCA DIALECTS

All of us speak with a dialect even if we don't think we have one - that is our uniqueness and individuality! Where you are brought up will often leave you with words or phrases particular to that area. How we got the words and phrases and use them is for another time, the purpose of this article is to give a flavour of local speech and more especially by Mecca's.

One of our own Clan **John Metcalfe** wrote four plays in the early 1900's. They have wonderful titles but it is like all written dialect; say it rather than look at the words you will be surprised how much you will understand. Although there will always be those words which defy understanding!

John Metcalfe's "Yorkshire Dialect Plays" was introduced by a Professor F W Moorman BA PhD who expresses an opinion that this was the first time that a volume of dialect plays had been published in Yorkshire. If you know Meccas you know they like to be first!

All the plays are based around Airedale in the old West Riding which had its own dialect. The four plays are:

***Bunderley Boggard
T' Roadmen
A Rum and Tea Doo and
T' Kal 'Oil***

The longest is the **Bunderley Boggart** which tells of the Bunderley family around the 1830's and how the path of true love never runs smooth. Billy Bunderley is cast aside for another and tries to win back the girl - Rose by pretending to be the Boggard (ghost/hobgoblin) needless to say the scheme doesn't work to plan but eventually Billy gets the girl - but not Rose!

The first scene is when Rose tells of her new boyfriend:

Polly: "Nay Rose', whativver's up, what ta donn'd up to-day for? If ta goes, on lilre this, thi Sunday cloas 'll be, shabby i'. no time.

Rose: (Evidently in good spirits and well pleased with herself and the world): Aw! its sich a grand eemin it',s a pity to stop in. An mi owd cloas lewk so bad it' t'sun. An' then, '---':Ah don't know whether to tell er neht, bud ezzent ta heeard?

Polly: What? Summat gooid sewerlee bi t'way thar't gooin' on. Whah tha'rt all of a tremul wi' joy, Ah can see. Nou, Ah've heeardnowt. What is it?

Rose. Well, Ah mud as weel tell, fer it'll get aht sooin, if it hezent done'. Ah've gotten a chap.



Billy's friends help him to make a head illuminated by a candle which Billy takes to the woods where he knows Rose and her beau will be. The boyfriend is not scared of the Boggard, floors Billy and goes off with Rose but Polly comes to his rescue.

The last scene is when everything is resolved. Billy tells his uncle and his mother, in the presence of Polly, that he is the Boggard and that she is the one for him!

Fro t'time aha fan me actin' t'boggard i' t'wood, shoo's wen like a angel to me. Shoo fan mh a gurt silly lad, an' shoo's goan a long way towards mackin' a man on mh. But whativver I may fail in, I promise you, that the lady who is my wife, shall be as sweet and fair and dignified, - there she stands.

The following is from **T' Kal 'Oil** see what you make of it.

We've hed a rare gamm' at t'wareus this last week er two. Ye know ahr two maisters, Sam an' Tom, an' what tempers they hev? Ah do'nt know which is t'war, bud if owt Tom's t'shorter tempered o' t'two. Well, ye know, it's been varry cowl latty, an' one vary cowl day Maister Sam comm' intuit' ware'us. When he'd gotten to t' top o' t'steps he stamped his fit, then he lewkd rahnd, an' said to Dick Petty t'foreman, "Ah wonder' ye do'nt hing some empty sheets across t'top o' t'steps an' stop this draft."

"All reyt," sez Dick, an' him an' one o' t'ptentice lads sooin rigged up a rope an threw two er three empty sheets ower it. "Nah that's better," said Sam., "it's no use yeh ,starvin,' i' t'oil."

Neht monny days at after Mr. Tom com intuit' 'oil, an' he'd to get past t'curtain afore, he cud see intu t'shop. Thls dldn't seem to suit him, fer 'he said, "Who's put these up?" " I did," said Dick.

"Tha can tack 'em dahn then," said Tom, a bit sharp like.

"All reyt," said Dick, "but it wor Mr. Sam 'at telled us to put 'em up "

"Tack 'em dahn Ah tell the'. I'm t'maister here," said Tom, a bit sharper still.

"All reyt," sez Dick, an' dahn they comm'.

T'next time Sam comm', when he gat to t'top o' t'steps, he lewked rahnd, then said to Dick, " Ah tho'lt Ah'd telled thee to put some sheets up here?"

"Well," said Dick, "Ah put 'em' up, but when Mr. Tom wor here t'other day, he telled us to tack 'em dahn."

"Did he?" said Sam, "well, tha can tell him fro me 'at Ah telled the' to put 'em up agean, Ah'll let thee know 'at I'm first fiddle here.

" All reyt," sez Dick. "It does'nt matter to me, Ah'll dew as onny-body wants." An' theer an' then he set to an' put 'em up agean. Well, of course this wor just pie fer t'soarters, an' when Sam hed goan, they just roared wi laughin'.



"Ah say, Dick," said one on 'em, "Tha's gotten a reglar job at last."
 "It seems so," said Dick, wonderin' what 'ud happen when Mr. Tom comm' agean. At t'back end o' t'week, sewer eniff, up comm' Mr. Tom, an' as sooin as he'd gotten clear o' t'sheets he shahted, "Dick, Dick, come here. Did'nt I tell thee to tack them sheets dahn?"
 "Aw aye," said Dick, "ye did, an' Ah tewk 'em dahn, bud when Mr. Sam comm', he wor varry cross an' telled me to put 'em up agean."
 "Did tha tell him what I said?" said Mr. Tom.
 "Aye," said Dick, "bud he said it didn't matter, as he war t'first fiddle here."
 This staggered Mr. Tom fer a minit, Bud when he gat his breeath he said, "An' he telled the' to put 'em up agean, did he? T'first fiddle, is he? T'first fiddle? Well, well, happen he is, an' if he is, tell hilll, if he ses owt agean, 'at if he's t'first fiddle, I'm t'conductor, an' he'll ettah play what tune I like."

My thanks to **Pat Malham (M444)**
 for the loan of the book
 enabling me to compile this article.



Calling All the METCALFE / MEDCALF Clan

in IRELAND to a gathering on **Sunday 12th June 2005** at PORTLAOISE, Co. Laoise hosted by the Co. Laoise branch of the family, descendants of Francis & Alice Metcalfe who emigrated from Wensleydale to Ireland in 1656 as Quakers.

Programme:

10.45am. Service at St. Peter's Church of Ireland which has just celebrated its 200th anniversary.

12.10pm. Flowers in the corner of St. Peter's churchyard on Metcalfes' graves.

12.30pm. Meet for Lunch at The Heritage Hotel opposite St. Peter's car park. Lunch will be from the menu and will cost around £17 or 25 Euros.

2.30pm. Walk lunch off around the town of Portlaois with a guide to the old medieval church, railway station, Methodist church and modern Catholic church.

4pm. Drive out to Capoley & Ballycarrol House, homes of ancestors John & Robert Metcalfe and then to the ROCK of DUNAMAISE for a Picnic Tea beside Dysert Enos church, also Metcalfe links with the past.

Good weather please!

Please telephone JONATHAN METCALFE, 01-305-261142 or write to him at Buttles Mead, North Street, Charminster, Dorset DT2 9QZ in England or MARION MIDDLETON, 00-353-1-4930687, address 83 Grange Wood, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16 in Ireland to book the lunch. Marion's e-mail is PHILIPMIDDLETON@EIRCON.NET. We would love to see you!



In January 1980 Vera Adams wrote to me as a member of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society who had expressed interest in the Metcalfe family, to enquire if I would be interested in joining a proposed Metcalfe Society.

I replied that I would be interested and gave details of my "line", such as it was! In May 1980 Vera said that several persons had favourably replied and that details of our researches should be sent to her or Mary Metcalfe as they intended to collate them.

Chairman's Report

In September of the same year Issue no.1 of the Mecca News followed with details of research so far produced by 15 members. I was delighted to see and not a little surprised that another member, Helen Offer, had a line clearly linked to mine. I wrote to Vera telling her this and she replied on 2nd October saying that she was delighted to know that "you have already found someone who may be connected with you. That is exactly what we hoped would happen when we formed the society"

The rest as they say is history! Twenty five years on many of those original members remain very much a part of the thriving Society. Many more have experienced the thrill of discovering that someone else has a common ancestor. Its that "buzz" that drives many of us to participate in family history. Probably none of us if honest would have imagined that 25 years later the Society would be celebrating our silver jubilee. Thanks to the membership over the 25 years (and our ancestors!) we have achieved this milestone.

I look forward to seeing many of you later in the year when we properly celebrate the Society's Silver Jubilee Muster.

David Lambert M11

MECCA NEWS DEADLINES

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

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

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



The British Empire Union

Do we have or have we had a sculptor/modeller in the family? I recently acquired, as a gift, the medal - photographs of which are attached - complete with the following description:-

'A medal for the British Empire Union with, on one side, the portrait of the King and, on the other, a female figure, The Mother Country, encouraging two children to go out into the world. Empire Day celebrated on May 24th. The medal measures 33mm and was created by CLJ Doman, while the King's portrait was modelled by P Metcalfe. The medal is pierced so it could be worn.'



I have had a brief interchange of e-mails with the medal and coin specialists, Spinks, but I have not been successful in discovering any information about P Metcalfe. The same is also true of The British Empire Union. Various dates have been proffered for the Medal, for example, 1936 and 1939 but, once again, no acceptable evidence of authenticity can be verified for either of them.

The problem and the puzzle will be solved, I am sure, by someone within the vast knowledge and resources of the Mecca memory bank. Please share it with the rest of us!



You never know Mr P Metcalfe - sculptor/modeller of this Clan - may well be the first respondent.

Leon Metcalfe M320

Gayle Mill Update

Funds have been made available allowing renovation of the roof and main structure which should make it watertight.

Fundraising continues including the introduction of Mill souvenirs.



MECCA SNIPPETS

Survivors

George, the kitten, became so scared by fireworks he fled and hid for six days up a chimney. His owner **Anna Metcalfe** of Newlyn Cornwall had no idea where he was until he was spotted by a neighbour and rescued. Metro News 16 November 2004. **Jean Metcalfe M316**

John Metcalfe of West Derby, Liverpool was in the Thai resort of Ko Phi Phi when the Asian Tsunami struck on 26 December 2004. John survived but had a badly injured thigh which required extensive surgery. (He was reunited with his family during January 20005.) BBC North West News 3 January 2005

Soap Stars

US series Desperate Housewives has its own Mecca star - twenty six year old **Jesse Metcalfe** of Carmel California. After being a successful model Jesse attended the Tisch School of acting in New York and previously appeared in another US soap - Passions. Daily Mail 15 January 2005 from **Leon Metcalfe M320& David Lambert M11**

Mrs Metcalfe fictional schoolteacher on the long running radio soap The Archers. **David Lambert M11**

Medical series ER star Ray Licotta plays a fictional **Mr Metcalfe** a drunken patient!

Talpidae Controller

The little burrowing insectivore of genus Talpa with blackish velvety fur and very small eyes has met its match in **Owen W Metcalfe**. He is the pest control expert and Mole catcher! Dalesman June 2004 page 27. **David Lambert M11**

Metcalfes from the Harrogate Advertiser

supplied by **Mrs H Stothard M163**

Ackrills Annuals 1914-18 (See also page 29)

Pte CN Metcalfe WY, so JT/TT? Metcalfe Providence Terrace Harrogate

Pte HL Metcalfe WY, West Lea Avenue Otley Road Harrogate

Gunner Tom Metcalfe RFA, so J Metcalfe, The Croft Spofforth

Pte O Metcalfe, Wetherby worked for Harrogate Corporation.

Lance Corporal G Metcalfe Lancashire Fuss., so Arthur Metcalfe
West Cliffe Beverley Pateley Bridge

Captain GG Metcalfe so John H Metcalfe Fir Grove Pateley Bridge

Coronation Festivities **J Metcalfe** Assistant Chief Marshall



Attached is an article I copied from the Melbourne Age this morning that may be worthy of consideration in a future Mecca News. The reporter was Michael Winkler. I have contacted him and confirmed that there is no copyright and he is happy for the article to be republished in the Mecca News.

Gary Medcalf M278

A prof's own adventure - November 26, 2004

Michael Winkler reports.

On Sundays, Professor **Don Metcalf** takes it easy. He walks, reads European detective fiction, indulges his interest in military history, or trawls through the racks of cheap classical music CDs at JB Hi-Fi. Every other day of the week is a workday. Typically he is at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research by 7am, goes home in the late afternoon, and works from there until early evening.

At 75, Metcalf works many more hours each week than the national average. He has a breathtaking knowledge of biology and pathology, but his grasp of the word "retirement" seems a little shaky. "As long as you're physically able to do what it is you've been doing, there isn't any logical reason why you should stop," he says. "The caveat to that is you must be careful not to block the progression of younger people. I have retired in terms of the power structure; I just work here. Anyway, I become a nuisance if I'm around the house for too long."

The key discovery of his career has been colony stimulating factors (CSF), naturally-occurring regulators of bone marrow growth. The primary clinical application of this discovery was to reduce the risk of infection in patients undergoing chemotherapy. About 4 million patients worldwide have received CSF therapy to date, including tenor Jose Carreras, who was an early recipient. CSFs are also useful in bone marrow and stem cell transplants, have applications for HIV/AIDS patients, and other clinical uses.

"It's quite uncommon to do what we've done here, discovering something that gets into the clinic and is used in treating patients," Metcalf says. "There are people who are very smart, very hardworking, make lots of discoveries, but at the end of their career there's not a single thing that they've done that makes any difference to somebody's medical treatment. (Macfarlane) Burnet was one such person. Not many people have the good fortune to discover something that can be applied like this."

It wasn't always easy. "Burnet thought that people working on cancer research were naive, probably rather disreputable people, because cancer could not be

prevented, in his mind, and cancer could not be cured. So you were probably a fool or a rogue if you were doing cancer research. He told me that when I first arrived at WEHI, and then didn't make much effort to train me."

Metcalf's problems were compounded by an allergy to the 10,000 mice with which he shared his research area, and the fact that for close to 30 years, there was no proof that CSFs would have any clinical use. Perseverance was the name of the game. Despite having a medical background, Metcalf prefers to remain removed from the people his research is helping. "You can't do research work if you are in very close contact with patients," he says. "There is the emotional pressure of trying to do something, and that destroys your capacity to get the work done."

His office contains four microscopes and a small galaxy of glass slides, each holding a round, purple smear. Half-a-dozen plaques and award statuettes are against one wall, certainly visible, but threatening to be overrun by the blue-and-white boxes of stem-cell slides and blue-and-white laboratory notebooks. He has a soft voice and a hard reputation. Fools and timewasters are not tolerated because there is work to be done.

He spent his childhood in various NSW towns where his father was schoolmaster, studied medicine with "a hopeless zoo of students" at Sydney University, then realised that research was his passion. "I was very dissatisfied with the obvious lack of knowledge about disease."

Fifty years ago, he moved to Melbourne as the first - and to date, only - recipient of the Carden Fellowship from what is now called Cancer Council Victoria. This anniversary will be celebrated today with a function at Government House. "(The fellowship's) investment of research funding has been repaid in full many times and with interest, at a number of levels," Richard Bell, the Cancer Council's senior clinical consultant says.

"Firstly, in the wisdom of selecting a candidate who although relatively unproven, showed much promise, and has subsequently delivered so much. Secondly, in the wisdom of the process, which allowed Metcalf to focus on the most important thing - his research. And finally, and perhaps most importantly, by the man himself who has been unfailing in his dogged pursuit of the answers that his research has prompted."

"When that fellowship was created they went around the world and looked for successful Australians who might be persuaded to come back and undertake cancer research," Metcalf says. "One reply was, 'There is no way we are coming to Australia, a backward, hopeless country. I am not going to waste my talent



on this.' Every time I hear the term 'brain drain' I think of those jerks who couldn't see this was a good opportunity."

The bigger issue for science in Australia is the lack of private money to back up research. "The general consensus is that we are working as effectively as anywhere else, but we are then forced to go offshore if our discoveries are to be advanced because venture capital is very hard to come by here. We are talking about big sums; if I made a discovery tomorrow it would cost \$1,000,000,000 to put it into clinical use at the Royal Melbourne Hospital."

For his part, he continues to peer into microscopes six days a week because it is his work and his life. Occasionally his "astoundingly bad memory" means he performs experiments he has not only done before, but has published papers on, but mostly he is exploring uncharted territory.

"Research is like Magellan going around the world, discovering new things. Just about everything I do today, nobody in the world has ever seen. That's very addictive."

There is a portrait of Metcalf painted by one of his four daughters which hangs on a WEHI wall. It shows him sitting in a car, perhaps on the way to work. It is called *Driven*.

More Mecca Innovators

Hog Heaven - A Minnesota inventor **Darryl Metcalfe** (also a hog industry herdsman and swine manager) together with co-entrepreneur Tony Schmitt has patented a mat for hog nurseries made from corn-stalks.

Academic Author - **John Stanley Metcalfe** who studied at Liverpool Collegiate High School and graduated from Manchester University in 1968 has a long list of academic publications and positions including: Executive Director, the ESRC Centre for Research on Innovation and Competition; and Director, Policy Research in Engineering, Science and Technology at the University of Manchester.

Freelance Programmer - Fifteen year old Ben Metcalfe made the headlines in The Times newspaper in September 2004 by creating an internet development for the BBC News AV Player. The Times praised the creation for its "online innovation".

Railway Maestro - **Bruce A. Metcalf** has penned a number of acclaimed publications on model railway systems including Model Railroad Benchwork: Evolution and Innovation in Design



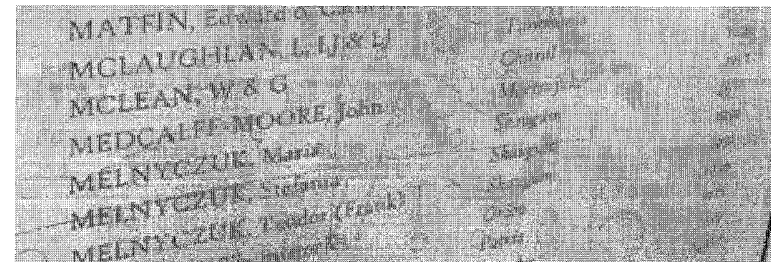
WELCOME WALLS

On the 19th December 2004 "Welcome Walls" were opened in front of the Maritime Museum of Fremantle, in which names were "carved" of all the people who arrived by boat in Fremantle, since the "colony of Western Australia" was established. Possibly it might help some members in their search of family-members:

Name	Wall No.	Ship	Year
MEDCALF, Ferdinand, Lilian	35	Armand Behic	1901
MEDCALFE-MOORE, John	15	Maetsuycker	1957

In case of the second name, it is known, that the ship "Maetsuycker" could have only departed from Batavia (Jakarta), as the ship belonged to the shipping company run by the Dutch, only to serve the archipelago there, the so-called and known KPM company. This company, since the Independence of Indonesia, has now ceased to exist, quite a while ago.

Frans Beerling M488



Collectors of Land Tax & Keepers of the Freeholders Register 1788-89

James Metcalf - Ellerton with Bolton & Whitwell

William Metcalfe - Aske

Wharton Metcalfe - Reeth

John Metcalfe - Healey

James Metcalfe - Askrigg

John & Thomas Metcalfe - Bainbridge

James Metcalfe - Hudswell

Thomas Metcalfe - Normanby

Thomas Metcalfe - Carlton in Cleveland

Supplied by **Eric Dunlevey M1502** from Cleveland FHS Journal April 2002



THE METCALFES OF FORDHAM

*(I must start by thanking our Assistant Archivist, Edwin Metcalf and also Sean Wilcox, Archivist of The Inland Revenue who have supplied me with the bulk of information for this short article. **Julian Metcalfe M902**)*

I recently obtained an ancient document with a Metcalfe connection (Mecca News Dec 2004 page 36 refers). Dated "Fordham March 31st 1785" it says simply "Received of my Brother James Metcalfe the sum of One Hundred Pounds, a legacy left me by my Father William Metcalfe. £100.0s.0d. Katherine Symons" The document is embossed with an official stamp for XX SHILLINGS. My first thoughts were, "What do we know about these early clan members, to which of the three English Fordhams does it refer and what is the relevance of the embossed stamp?"

I learned from Edwin that William was born about 1697 in Fort St George, Madras, son of Charles Mte. Charles's profession is not stated but there is little doubt that he was a senior official of the Governor and Company of Merchants of London Trading into the East Indies. These officials, generally known as Nabobs, also carried out diplomatic duties on behalf of the British Government and most were extremely wealthy. In 1708 the Company of Merchants combined with a similar organisation with an even longer name, but generally referred to as the East India Company. Following the death of his son James in December 1730, Charles and his family returned to England.

On 27th April 1733, William, then "a gent of Lidgate, Suffolk" (about 11 miles from Fordham) married Catherine Affleck of Dalham Hall, Cambs and bought Fordham Abbey. The original abbey was a Gilbertine Priory, built in the 13th century. Of this, nothing survives other than its extensive lands. We believe the existing red brick Georgian house was built circa 1710. It is a very plain block with a parapet and its only distinction outside is a semi-circular porch in Adam style. Inside there is a particularly fine staircase. The house stands hand-somely back in its own grounds with a wooded nature reserve behind it and in the parkland there is a wonderful brick built dovecote.

William and Catherine's first child was named after her mother, but noted in our document as Katherine. The difference in spelling is unimportant as at that time there were few fixed rules for orthography. She married William Symons at Fordham 18 December 1776. William was "of the Middle Temple" Katherine's brother James was born c1742 at Fordham. He married Susannah Banyard on 28 March 1785 at St Paul's, Convent Garden. This was three days before our document was signed. We know that there were five more children but they are not relevant to this project.



We now come to the embossed revenue stamp. My first thought was that it was an Excise Duty. Excise Duties were first introduced in 1643, supposedly "for the duration of the [Civil] War. Unfortunately nobody thought to tell the Chancellor when the war had ended, so Excise Duties remain with us today. They consisted of such things as Hearth Duty, Inhabited House Duty (commonly called the Window Tax), Bachelor Duty and even Widowers Duty but I found nothing about Legacies. I did find mention of the 'Board of Stamps and Taxes' so I decided to try the Inland Revenue

I contacted the Inland Revenue Archivist, who told me about the Board of Stamps, set up in 1694. Early duties were levied on a very wide range of documents, including insurance policies, documents in court proceedings, grants of probate etc. I was referred to the Legacy Duty Act of 1780, which imposed on every receipt for a legacy, or for a share of personal estate divided under statute of distributions, a duty of 2s.6d up to £20, 5s. up to £100 and **20s. on £100 or over.**, (our document!)

The Board of Stamps joined The Board of Taxes in 1834 and the latter in turn joined up with the Board of Excise to become the Inland Revenue. In 1909 the Excise broke away to join up with Customs. In April 2005 the Customs and Excise will again join up with the Inland Revenue to form a single Department.

Finally, what happens to the document? This has now joined my stamp collection as a special item introducing the section for adhesive revenue stamps, many of which could be used for postage and which were first introduced in 1853.

My enquiries are still continuing, but so far I have not traced a living descendant of William of Fordham. Hopefully, there is still one of them alive somewhere who will be pleased to read this report.

Two weeks later an e-mail was received from Julian and attached was the following:

Dear Julian,

You know how in a life time of genealogical research you never, never read of an item belonging to your family - well this is wrong, because the receipt described on page 36 of the Mecca Dec 2004 edition is my family. I have only had the magazine beside my bed for 6 weeks reading bits and pieces until yesterday when I was watching my 12 year old son playing 3 hours of cricket I read the back page and almost rang England on my mobile phone.

James Metcalfe is my direct ancestor and Katherine his sister. Catherine's son



lived in Plymouth so this might explain how the receipt ended up in Truro.

The Fordham is in Cambridge. I am not sure exactly when Fordham was purchased and by whom in the Metcalfe family - possibly William's brother James who left it to his brother as he only had daughters and no sons. William was born in India and this is where his father, Charles Metcalfe made his fortune. I know that Fordham was rebuilt in the time that they owned it and has been rebuilt again since. When I travelled around England 20 years ago I went and stayed a weekend at Fordham Abbey with the Smith family who owned it - I think they still do. On the wall are two paintings of the house when my Metcalfe family owned it. One of the paintings has a Indian man I think named Caesar who is mentioned in a Will.

By the way I will be quite satisfied with a photocopy or can you scan the document and email it? I could not bear to think of it travelling by post out to Australia. I am now wondering what else was in the bundle? Were there other documents that might help me to track what became of Katherine's son William and his children? I wonder if Mr Wallerstein has a connection to this family. I have no idea what became of William's children and only have their names as they are mentioned in Wills and other sources.

*You have just made me so excited. Has anybody else replied saying there are related - possibly Robert Coutts of New Zealand. He is a descendent of William Herbert Metcalfe's brother? Are you related to this family? Please let me know this. My Metcalfe's do not go back to Yorkshire and very possibly were not even Metcalfe's. Williams grandfather was Thomas Metcalfe alias Abraham or Thomas Abraham alias Metcalfe as apothecary of Banbury, Oxfordshire. Must dash many thanks. **Dianne Fox M113***

Julian finally adds: "Members of my family are amazed at what a few words on an ancient receipt have produced. I am less amazed, for after 40 years in H.M.C&E I know of several instances where something trivial written on a scrap of paper or computer file thought to have been destroyed has been sufficient to lead to the conviction of a villain.

I have already sent Dianne all the information to date including the copy receipt which has been received. A successful outcome to this project!"

STARGAZER

Travis Metcalfe of Oregon has identified a variable star.
Travis an astronomer at the McDonald Observatory attached to
The University of Texas in Austin
successfully classified the object first found some fifty years ago
but then forgotten until recently rediscovered by him.

MECCA MUSTER

your opportunity to contribute to the displays at Hawes Museum

There will be many new displays at the 2005 Mecca Muster and here is your opportunity to have your Metcalfe information and memorabilia on display to share with your 'relatives'.

We are looking to make this a super exhibition as the Museum at Hawes have the display boards and secure display cases for us to use.

Let's not miss this opportunity to show off our Society .

The following displays will be on show :

'Metcalfe Family Trees'

send a copy (not the master) of your family tree and have it displayed. If you want to just bring it along at the weekend, then you MUST book your space in advance by contacting the coordinator below and advise her of the dimensions.

'Where in the World?'

showing places, companies, streets etc -anywhere that you can see the Metcalfe name. Send your photographs and/or description as to what it is and where it is. All photos will be copied/returned.

'25 years of the society'

send your photos of past Mecca Musters or other gatherings, or a short summary of memorable occurrences, to the coordinator below.

'Metcalfe - History of the name'

one of our committee will be coordinating this display based on material from the Metcalfe book.

'Metcalfe Memorabilia'

there will be locked glass cases available to display your precious Metcalfe memorabilia. You can bring the material to the event but you MUST book your space in advance by contacting the coordinator below and advise her of what you would like to bring and its size.

We would like to be able to show a wide variety of Metcalfe memorabilia eg photos with short stories supporting them, family bibles, jewelry, clothes, especially if it has a supporting story of interest.

If you would like to contribute anything either on the day or in advance please contact Margaret Hodgson as soon as possible on 01772-555272, e-mail : minutes@metcalfe.org.uk, or write to her at

14 Garsdale Close, Walton le Dale, Preston, Lancs PR5 4BU.

Do not send anything valuable in the post unless it is by registered post and you have advised Margaret in advance.



Provided by
Diane Howarth M409
Purchased on ebay
August 2004



Painted specially for this work

[By W. Davis]

PRIVATE METCALFE TAKING THE PAPERS FROM THE BODY OF A DEAD GERMAN OFFICER
AT CUINCHY WHILE UNDER FIRE.

During the fighting at Cuinchy on December 11th, 1914, Private A. A. Metcalfe, of the 1st Battalion Manchester Regiment, crept out under fire to the body of a dead German officer, lying eighty yards in front of the British trenches, to obtain his papers, which he safely brought back. Metcalfe again showed much coolness and bravery on December 13th, in remaining of his own accord at the observation post after the trenches had been vacated. He was wounded on the last occasion, and was subsequently rewarded with the D.C.M.

The Collection of Edwards H Metcalfe

There is an interesting connection between Metcalf(e)s and the fabulous explorer, diarist and author Sir Richard Burton (born at Torquay on 19 March 1821, died in his wife's arms on 19 October 1890 at Trieste.) The connection arises by reason of **EDWARDS H. METCALF** of San Marino, California being a, dare one say, obsessive, collector of Burton's writings and other memorabilia, including letters to, from or concerning him.

The biography of Burton entitled "The Devil Drives" by Fawn M. Brodie, was published by Eyre & Spottiswoode in 1967, and later by Penguin in paperback. In her "Life" Fawn Brodie acknowledges frequently in the text and considerable footnotes the debt she owes to the availability of "The Edwards Metcalf collection" which she describes as "an important private collection". She describes how she has "benefited from Mr. Metcalf's large collection of letters to Burton, and from his correspondence between Lady Isabel Burton and Leonard Smithers; and numerous letters by Burton himself."

For a taste of the quality of the collection in Metcalf's hands one finds in a letter to Leonard Smithers in 1889: "Last night we had a storm of all the horrors including hail which broke half the window panes in the house. Today Trieste is again smiling - like a whore at a christening." Again, an essay of Burton's published in "The Jew, the Gipsy and El Islam" of 1898 in the Collection has always been an embarrassment to Burton biographers, who usually skirt the issue of his anti-semitism.

Towards the end of his life, and after, Isabel took it on herself in safeguarding Burton's name, to censor and finally commit to bonfires, much that she considered risqué; a practice that Smithers termed "Mutilation". Ironically when taking up a more than usually dubious manuscript after his death she saw her husbands cruel scrawl across the top: "Never show half-finished work to women or fools."

Perhaps there are members in California who are aware of a Burton collection at San Marino or thereabouts, and have information as to what became of Edwards H. Metcalf.

David Major (M324)

The National Archive Events

Captains Pirates & Castaways: Battles and voyages of Nelson, Cook & Bligh. Exhibition 22 June - 19 November 2005
Trafalgar Bicentenary Lecture. Tuesday 28 June 2005 7pm - 8pm
 Tickets £5 from The National Archives ☎ 0208392 5202



VOLUNTEERS

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**Please help the Society out of a difficulty
in which it finds itself.**

**We desperately need a volunteer to serve as our
Gift Aid Officer next year [2006]
also as our Archivist following Maureen's decision
that she wishes to be relieved of these burdens,
consequent upon her husbands untimely death.**

**We also need a volunteer for the
Wills project which has ground to a halt .**

Parts of the Secretary's role also need filling.

This is urgent.

**Next year at least one other member of the committee
has signified that they wish to step down;
it would be sensible to ensure some continuity in posts
and volunteers now before the AGM
would be very welcome.**

**You have stepped forward in the past;
please do not be shy !**

**Please contact me for further details
(David's details are inside the front cover)
if you are interested when I will pass you
onto the appropriate individual.**

David Lambert Chairman

Bishopdale Booklets - Strays in Upper Swaledale

Census Returns 1851 - 1901

- **No 88** born elsewhere in Yorkshire; **No 89** born in other counties & countries
- Each £2 + postage 30p. From Jean Kingdon, 65 Elder Close, Winchester,
- Hants SO22 4LH or £2 for personal shoppers from meetings of Upper Dales
branch of the Cleveland FHS.



Website Review

An article by our own Carol Herbert which recently appeared in the Family Tree Magazine.

Whilst not rich, most of our ancestors probably avoided a stretch in the local workhouse – but were they really as bad as that depicted in *Oliver*? **The Workhouse** (www.workhouses.org.uk) is an excellent website that helps to lift the lid on this often maligned institution. It's true that towards the end of their life, the workhouse was a place of misery and suffering, often only inhabited by the old, infirm and insane. However, they were created with good intentions to offer food and board to those who could not support themselves, such as the unemployed when work was scarce, or those who were ill but had no relatives to care for them. People could come and go as they pleased; there were a group of people – the “ins and outs” – who would use the place as a guest-house, staying when times were hard, but leaving when work was available.

The Workhouse website covers the history of the workhouse, including how and why they were created and a comprehensive list of those that existed. Many old buildings still survive today; Sheffield's Northern General Hospital has grown up around a number of these buildings. The website also shows you how to spot one, using the clues left in the local street names.

On a personal level, there are sections on the 'Administration/Staff' of the workhouses, as well as 'Workhouse Life', 'Workhouse Memories', and even 'Education'. Inmates as listed in the 1881 Census are also included, and as the site has a search function finding information on these is simple and straightforward.

The Workhouse website is packed full of information; even if you did not have an ancestor who resided in one, the site still makes for interesting, if sometimes depressing, reading. The navigation is clear and simple to use, and the pages are updated regularly. What's more, as this site is obviously a 'labour of love' by the site owner rather than a money making exercise, there are no annoying pop-ups or multiple advertising banners to divert your attention. There are also links to other related websites and books on the subject if you want to delve into the subject further.

Whilst it may lack some the gloss of more commercial websites, **The Workhouse** more than makes up for this in the overall content and is well worth a visit.

Carol Herbert M1072



Other Websites

- www.a2a.org.uk - 7.5m filed items from nearly 400 record offices
- www.familyhistoryonline.net - Federation of Family History Societies website holds over 50m records mainly indexes of births, marriages, burials, MI's and census returns. Indexes free; pay to view for records.
- www.origins.net. pay per view.
- www.yorkcemetery.co.uk. Opened in 1837 has over 10,000 names including 260 Mte's, 102 Mt's, 2 Md, 3 Mde and 1 each of Mitcalf and Mitcalff.
- www.yorkfamilyhistory.org.uk.
- Details of prisoners in York Assizes 1785 - 1851
- www.nationalarchives.gov.uk
- www.mdr.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr. Manorial Documents register.
- www.genuki.org.uk. for UK and Ireland.
- www.familysearch.org. Mormon Church database.
- www.ordsvy.gov.uk. Ordnance Survey maps.
- www.leeds.gov.uk. Holds details of libraries and archive photography.
- www.pro-online.pro.gov.uk. Wills indexes for 1850-57.
- www.freebmd.rootweb.com; www.ancestry.com; www.ukbmd.org.uk. BMD certificates.
- www.doncaster.gov.uk/doncasterarchives.
- www.bookscumbria.com; www.genealogical.com;
- www.bookbrain.co.uk. Books
- www.yorkshireancestors.com
- www.eastriding.gov.uk/learning.
- www.durham.gov.uk/recordoffice.
- www.mariners-1.co.uk
- www.gazettes-online.co.uk; www.bl.uk. Newspapers.
- <http://troopships.pier90.org>. WWII troopship movements.
- www.britishwargraves.org.uk. Developing site with 19 Mecca entries.
- www.oldbaileyonline.org. 204 Mecca trial entries.
- www.lightage.demon.co.uk. Indexes of police railway and prisoners includes a number of Mecca entries.
- www.dg.petch.btinternet.co.uk. Indexes for Driffield Yorkshire.

Examples from the York Assizes webpage

Metcalfe James 42, 24 March 1827
 Metcalfe James 23, Bentham 28 July 1827
 Metcalfe John 27, 9 December 1848
 Metcalfe Margaret, Hunton, 6 August 1791
 Metcalfe Thomas 43, Thirsk 30 July 1808
 Metcalfe William, Dent 11 March 1786



Archivist Report

This period of time has been very tragic for my family and myself as my dear husband Alan passed away on 14/12/2004 very unexpectedly. I have now taken over my responsibilities to the Society again and I am trying to get back into full swing. I am saying a very big thank you to the researchers and all the committee members who jumped in at such short notice to make sure everything ran smoothly during my absence.

All the ongoing queries about ancestry have been or are being dealt with, and if any member has not yet received a reply it should be on its way within the next few days.

Maureen Thwaite M897

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.

M1335 Bryan Metcalf, 1757 Pharmacy Avenue, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada 1-416-1757. Grand s.o of Arthur William & Fanny Elizabeth (Smithers) MD m 1904. Arthur William b 11/7/1876 Wandsworth s.o John William & Suzannah/Susan (Izzard) MD m 6/2/1873 Holy Trinity, Clapham, Surrey. John William b 19/8/1852 bpt 25/4/1853 Barrow, Suffolk s.o John & Betsy (Bowden) MD m 22/2/1849 Bluntisham cum Earith Huntingdon. John bpt. 7/11/1830 Carlton cum Willingham s.o William & Ann (Hayward/Haywood) MD m. 20/8/1817 Great Bradley, Suffolk.

M1443 Shaun Metcalfe, 117a Daffodil Street, Titirangi, Auckland, New Zealand. S.o John Colin & Lillian (Weaver) Mte. John Colin s.o Richard & Alice (Mason) Mte m. 1930. Richard b. 5/11/1905 Bradford, s.o Matthew & Annie Jane (Copeland) Mte. Matthew b. 16/8/1880 Gisburn s.o Matthew & Elizabeth (Lancaster) Mte m. 1860. Matthew bpt. 20/11/1836 Hubberholme s.o John & Sarah (Hearfield) mte m. 24/4/1836 Hubberholme. John bpt. 10/5/1812 Askrigg s.o Thomas & Esther (Iveson) Mte m. 14/3/1801 Askrigg. Thomas bpt. 28/6/1778 Askrigg s.o James & Elizabeth (Harker) Mte m. 25/11/1771 Askrigg. James b.c 1748. **Connects to M188, M258, M412, M535.**



M1444 Thomas Metcalf, 1475 Township Rd 853, Ashland, OH, 44805 USA. Awaiting details

M1445 Sarah Jones, 30 Hillview Rd, Pucklechurch, Bristol, Avon BS16 9RQ. Email Koala34uk@aol.com Dau of Peter & Jean (Medcalf) Phelps m 3Q 1962 Sodbury. Jean b 1935 d.o Claud & Laura Pendlebury (Brown) MD m 1Q 1928 Southampton. Claud b 1904 Greenwich s.o Frank Noah Fenner Wade & Emily (Mutton) MD m 30/3/1891 Greenwich. Frank NFW b 26/2/1864 Kedington Sfk/Esx. s.o Henry & Eleanor (Pettitt) MD m 23/4/1861 St Margarets, Westminster. Henry b.c 1835 Denston Sfk s.o Henry & Mary Ann (Gypps) MD m 8/12/1832 Hundon Sfk. Henry b 31/3/1808 Stradishall Sfk. s.o John & Joanna Bridget (Rowling) MD m pre 1808. John b 1/12/1782 Denston Sfk s.o Henry & Susanna (Fitch) MD m 11/9/1781 Denston. Henry bc 1756 Hundon Sfk s.o Isaac & Elizabeth (Webb) MD m 11/10/1744 Great Wratting Sfk. Isaac bc 1720. **Connects to XM323**

M1495 Lynne Michaud, 30 Timothy Ave, Cornwall, Ontario K6J 1K5 Canada. Email lmichaud2@cogeco.ca Awaiting details.

M1497 Frank Metcalfe, 10 Brook Road, Leicester, Leicestershire LE5 2HD. Awaiting details.

M1498 Lawson Oddie, 15 Revidge Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB2 6JB. Awaiting details.

M1499 Barbara Webber, 38 Wycke Lane, Tollesbury, Maldon, Essex, CM9 8ST. Awaiting details.

M1500 John Hamer, 2 St Mary's, Netherthong, Holmfirth, West Yorks, HD9 3HW, email sales@fortune1racingclub.com Awaiting details.

M1508 Mrs. Dorothy Naughton, 44 Crossbarn, Darwin Lancashire BB3 2BA. D.o John William & Alice (Bowen) Mt. John William b. 1902 Chadderton, Oldham s.o Thomas & Margaret (Doolan) Mt m. 1902 Oldham. Thomas b. 1881 Oldham s.o John & Mary Elizabeth (?) Mte. John b. 1851 Liverpool s.o Isaac & Ellen (Peeling) Mt. m 15/9/1844 Liverpool. Isaac b 1823 Liverpool s.o Christopher & Elizabeth (?) Mt. Christopher d 1828.

M1510 Mr Douglas Jeffries, 4 Moore Close, Sutton Coldfield, B74 4XY email douglas@jeffries338.freemove.co.uk Awaiting details.

M1511 Mr Richard Metcalfe Flat 3, 2 Medina Terrace Hove BN3 2WL. Awaiting details.



M1512 Mr Tony Metcalfe, 9 Rookery Drive, Nantwich, CW5 7DD. S.o Alan & Mary Isobel (Curry) Mte m. 2/12/1939 St. Gabriel, Sunderland. Alan b. 21/7/1911 s.o John Everard & Lucy Helen (?) Mte. m. 1901. John Everard b.c. 1872 Spennymore s.o Anthony John & Jane Ann (?) Mte. m. 1869 Sunderland district. Anthony John b. 1838 Bainbridge s.o Thomas & Elizabeth (Wharton) Mte m. 19/11/1821 Aysgarth. Thomas b. Preston under Scar bpt. 29/3/1801

M1513 Mr Marsden Peter Holden, 363 Holcmbe Rd, Greenmount, Bury, BL8 4DT. Email <marsdenholden@onetel.com> This member is the brother of our late former President. Second son of Henry & Maggie (Metcalfe) Holden m. 1937. Maggie b 1912 d.o Marsden & Maud (Heyworth) Mte. m. 12/8/1912 Burnley Lancs. Marsden b. 1/8/1892 Burnley s.o James & Harriet (Horrocks) Mte. m. 12/7/1888 Burnley. James b. 20/1/1866 Burnley s.o John & Mary (Metcalfe*) m. 26/11/1862 Hawes. John b. 15/1/1840 Marsett s.o John & Alice (Hodgson) Mte. m. 16/10/1839 Aysgarth. John bpt. 27/9/1815 Stalling Busk s.o John & Agnes (Metcalfe**) Mte. m. 7/5/1812 Stalling Busk. John b. 26/5/1786 Marsett s.o John & Elizabeth (Prest) Mte. m. 28/9/1785 Stalling Busk. John b.c. 1763. **Connects to M6 M406 M1076 & M1077**

*Mary b. 16/6/1873 Gayle d.o James & Margaret (Close) Mte m. 24/11/1842 Kirkby Steven. James bpt 23/8/1818 Hawes s.o William & Elizabeth (Marsden) Mte m. 16/10/1817 Slaidburn. William b 30/9/1792 Gayle s.o James & Isobel (Blenkiron) Mte m. 17/5/1790 Stalling Busk. James bpt. 10/12/1759 Askrigg s.o James Mte. **Connects to M307 M475 M591 M664 M769 M824 & M1227**

Agnes bpt. 13/11/1792 Hawes natural d.o Ann Mte bpt 12/9/1771 d.o Thomas & Agnes (Knipe) Mte m. 26/6/1758 Middleton in Lonsdale. Thomas s.o Thomas & Frances (Metcalfe*) Mte m. 1/5/1729 Hawes. Thomas of Widdale. *** Frances Mte not traced. **Connects to M178 M415 M419 M538 M875 & M1169.**

Also 4x G.grandson of Francis & Alice (Mte) Lambert m 19/5/1825 Stalling Busk. Alice bpt 20/7/1800 Stalling Busk d.o Thomas & Elizabeth (Dinsdale) Mte m. 23/10/1799 Stalling Busk. **Connects to M539 & M676**

Also 10x G.Grandson of Joh & Elizabeth (Mde) Baldwin m. 6/11/1684 Gisburn Yks. Elizabeth d.o Chrostopher Mde.

M1514 Mrs Heather R, Smethurst 118 Pheasant Rise, Bar Hill, Cambridge. Awaiting details.

M1515 Mr David Cousins, 1A Old Hall Lane, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Maldon, Essex, CM9 8TD. Awaiting details.

M1516 Mr Christopher T.C. Metcalfe, 165 Ackland Rd, Middlesbrough, TS5 5QH. Awaiting details.



M1517 Geoffrey N Metcallfe, Dairy Cottage, Exton Hampshire SO32 3LT. S.o Arthur James & Amy (Fielden) Mte m. 1920 Blackburn district. Arthur James b. 18/3/1880 Sunderland s.o Anthony John & Jane Ann (Wilkinson) Mte m. 30/9/1869 Sunderland. Anthony John b. 1838 Bainbridge s.o Thomas & Elizabeth (Wharton) Mte m 19/11/1821 Aysgarth. Thomas bpt. 29/3/1801 Preston under Scar s.o Thomas Mte. **Connects to M1512.**

M1518 Peter Reginald Cossins, 5 Harrow Way, Grove Green, Maidstone, Kent ME14 5TU. S.o Arthur Edward & Gertrude Annie (Mte) Cossins m. 1936 York. Gertrude Annie b. 1909 d.o John Henry (Jack) & Alice Wilfred (Shaw) Mte m. 1906 York. John Henry (Jack) b. 1882 York s.o John Henry & Diana (Cage) Mte m. 1881 York. John Henry b. 1860 York s.o Percival & Sarah (Hawbridge) Mte m. 1850 York. Percival b.c 1827 York s.o William & Jane (Allenby) Mte m 7/4/1822 Sutton on the Forest. William bpt. 22/4/1802 Farlington natural son of Mary Mte. Mary bpt. 21/10/1762 d.o Percival & Anne (Swales) Mte m. 29/12/1761 Farlington. Percival bpt 17/8/1735 Middlesmoor s.o John & Mary (?) Mte. Connects M8.

M1519 Harry F Metcalfe, The New House, Steplake Rd, Sherfield English, Romsey, Hants. SO51 6EQ. Email Harry.Metcalfe@btinternet.com Awaiting details

M1520 Anthony Wild, Le Bisson, 61110, Verrieres, France. Email avwild@theeastindiacompany.com. Awaiting details.

M1521 David William Metcalfe, 32 Wellside Wynd, Kingwells, Aberdeen, AB15 8EZ. Awaiting details.

M1522 Miss Maureen Alison Metcalfe, 4 Barncroft Way, St. Albans, Herts. AL1 5QZ. Awaiting details.

M1523 Mrs Sheila A Snuggs, The Coach House, Church Lane, Buckland Rippers, Weymouth Dorset DT3 4BT sheila.snuggs@tesco.net . Awaiting details.

M1524 Gordon Coverley Medcalf, Willow Cottage, Westfield Common, Woking Surrey GU22 9NT gcmmedcalf@aol.com Awaiting Details.

M1526 Maryanne Jefferson, 72 Allen St, Walpole, MA 02081 USA. Email maisey508@msm.com Awaiting details.

M1527 Dorothy Baker, 8 Wavertree Rd. South Woodford, London E18



1BL, email: doroathy.barker@ntlworld.com Awaiting Details.

M1528 Linda Fagan, 37 Meadow Court, Darras Hall, Ponteland, Tyne & Wear, NE20 9RB. Awaiting details.

M1529 Jacqueline Metcalfe, 36 Woodcrest Road, Barrie, Ontario, L4N 2V5 Canada. Awaiting details.

M1530 Mrs Neryl Medcalf, 39 Badgery Crescent, Lawson NSW 2783, Australia. nerylmedcalf@hermes.net.au. Awaiting details.

REJOINED MEMBERS to whom we extend a welcome return.

M314 Brian Metcalfe, Springfield House, 5 Greene Close, Wistanstowe, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 8DB.

DELAYED BIRTH BRIEFS

M1400 Donald Metcalfe, 24 Penpol Rd, Hayle, Cornwall, TR27 4AD. Born Nottingham s.o Reginald Howard & Elsie Beatrice (Hutchinson) Mt m. 1930 Basford Notts. Reginald H. b. 1904 Nottingham s.o Frederick & Mary Anne (Howard) Mt m. 1888 Basford. Frederick b. 1869 Radford Notts. S.o ???? & Mary (Sellers)Mt who circa 1881-1891 married Isaac Hardy.

UPDATED BIRTH BRIEF.

Mrs Valerie Gentile, 7 Penrose Ave, Redland Bay, Queensland 4165 Australia email valpetegentile@bigpond.com

Dau of John Francis Georghegan & Violet Rose(Beddell)Mte m. 12/10/1930 St mary, Lambeth London, England. John .fg. b.22/2/1908 Southwark, London s.o Alice Mte. Alice b. 8/9/1888 Lambeth d.o Francis/Frank & Elizabeth Virtu (Bloomfield)Mte m. 9/1/1876 St. George The Martyr, Southwark. Francis/Frank b.c. 1848-54 Westminster, London s.o Francis Metcalfe cloth cutter.

Change of Address

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Amendment

M1350 Susan J. Metcalf not Metcalfe

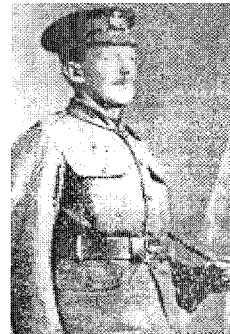
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of Beech Avenue
Starbeck



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so Mr&Mrs Metcalfe
of Church Lane Ripon



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of Oatlands Mount
Harrogate

It is with regret we inform members of the death of the following
M537 Mrs M Edgley
M1017 Mr H J Hamilton Metcalfe
We extend our condolences to family and friends

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**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.

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 if you
haven't done so already
RESERVE YOUR
PLACE NOW!**

BEWARE NEW VIRUS

Just got this in from a reliable source.

It seems there is a virus called the
"Senile Virus"

that even the most advanced programs of Norton and McAfee
cannot take care of it so be warned.

The virus appears to affect those of us who were born before 1950!

The virus causes you to :

1. Send the same e-mail twice.
2. Send blank e-mails.
3. Send e-mail to the wrong person.
4. Send e-mail back to the person who sent it to you.
5. Forget to attach attachments.
6. Hit "SEND" before you've finished the e-mail.

Lesley Longworth M68

THE SEARCH FOR WILLIAM CHARLES METCALFE

The Secretary of your Society deals with many enquiries but not many turn out to be as interesting as the following. It all started with a seemingly simple request for information but it went on to take a number of twists and turns. See how the story develops from the sequence of e-mails - Ed.

Dear Mrs Howarth

I am working on a revised edition of my Australian Children's Books: A Bibliography (2 vols, Melbourne University Press, 1992), and am looking for biographical (and bibliographical) information about William Charles Metcalfe (born c 1858) who wrote many boys adventure stories and tales of the sea, some of which are set in Australia, and some in the China Seas. I would be most grateful for any information you could provide - or if you have any publication relating to WCM, I would be happy to purchase it.

Yours sincerely Marcie Muir

Hi Marcie

We have found two William Charles Metcalfes in NSW, but not sure if either are 'your man', though the first was a seaman, so as a writer he could have been writing about his previous career. Here is what we got from one of our archivists William Charles Mt/Mte born circa 1848 Sydney NSW Aus who was a seaman (Certificate number 02179) and is one and the same man reported TWICE in the 1881 Census Return :- 1 3rd mate aged 32 living aboard the vessel "Ranger" in Birkenhead, Cheshire, Eng, docks. 2. 3rd mate aged 32 living aboard the vessel "Kangra" in Edinburgh, Scotland, docks. Surely there must be an error in transcription here - it seems highly unlikely that there were two men, same rank, same age, but stranger things have been known !.

I cannot trace any listed as author but at the back of my mind I feel sure I've heard something about it but it refuses to surface ! However we do have a William C. Mte born circa 1848 New South Wales son of John Bell Mte and his wife Charlotte W. nee Brindley. John Bell Mte was bc 1817 and was an underwriter in Australia. This family is connected to 2-3 of our members. If we do find something more concrete we will certainly let you know.

Best Regards, Diane Howarth Secretary, The Metcalfe Society

Dear Diane,

Thank you for your letter with the information you have found on W.C. Metcalfe, and for your interest I'm enclosing part of a letter I received from Elizabeth Garver from the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Centre at the University of Texas. (They hold the literary papers of his son, the writer, John Metcalfe, and, as you'll see this included a little biographical material about WCM).

The reason I'm interested in Metcalfe is that I'm completing an ad-



denda volume to my AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS - A Bibliography, published in 2 vols. by Melbourne University Press in 1992. My work went up to the end of 1972 and was continued up to 1988 by Kerry White who has just published her succeeding volume bringing the bibliography up to the year 2000. My present work will be an annotated addenda volume continuing to list & describe material published up to the end of 1972. As so many more of our early children's books have been discovered in recent years this volume has become necessary.

William Metcalfe came to my attention when I realized that he had published 30 books, ostensibly for boys, relating to naval adventure. When I found that he had been born in Sydney, and the settings of his books were often in the south seas I thought they qualified as Australian children's books, and so I have been attempting to find out more about his life. The date you give of his retiring from the sea in 1888 & beginning to write seems to confirm my research which shows his books being first published from the mid 1880s to about 1914. There is also an entry in O'Bryne's Naval Biographical Dictionary for a William Charles Metcalfe, who may well be his father or uncle.

Yours sincerely,
Marcie Muir

Subject: William Charles Metcalfe

Dear Marcie Muir,

I have looked in every biographical and bibliographical index that I can think of to find information about William Charles Metcalfe, but without any luck. I did find one mention of him in "Allibone's Critical Dictionary of English Literature - Supplement," but it gave no biographical background and only listed two of his works. This is very strange for such a prolific author! However, his son, John Metcalfe, has written a draft of an unpublished autobiography called "This Emergent," which we have in our collection. In it he mentions that his father, William Charles Metcalfe, was born in Woolloomoolloo, Australia and moved to England as a child in 1856 with his father (John Bell Metcalfe), mother and 7 siblings. John Metcalfe writes that for several generations his family's interests and fortunes were "bound up with the sea." W.C. Metcalfe was apparently destined for a desk job when he ran away to sea on a ship headed for Sydney. He remained at sea for over 20 years, retiring after he risen to the rank of master. He then retired from the sea around 1888, married and began to write sea-adventure stories for boys. There is also a William Charles Metcalfe (unmarried, age 32, from Sydney) listed as 3rd mate on the "Ranger" in 1881. See: <http://www.angelfire.com/de/BobSanders/Birkenhead81-3.html>.

In our collection we have the manuscripts from W.C. Metcalfe's books: The Gold Ship, Chats with our Dad, Olivia Flynn's Awakening, Jackie Boy, Cloyed Wings, Cocoanuts and Cannibals. There are also two unnamed books,

as well as personal diaries from the years 1899 and 1901. I hope this answers a few of your questions. Please do not hesitate to call on me for more information. Sincerely, Elizabeth L. Garver Intern
Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center
The University of Texas at Austin P.O. Drawer 7219 Austin, TX 78713-7219

Hello Marcie

Guess what I have just bought on ebay - the book 'Frank Weatherall' by W.C. Metcalfe published by James Nisbet & Co Limited, 21 Berners St, London. It has just arrived. I didn't realise until now what the story was nor who the author was. I just have a standard search 'Metcalfe' on ebay and see what comes up.

As soon as I opened the book and saw the first page I realised it was the WC Metcalfe you are interested in. It says inside that it is dedicated '*To my dear and much respected friend Charles Hibbert Esq, who has ever evinced the greatest interest in my welfare and happiness and in all matters relating to a seafaring life.*' The preface is as follows : '*At the request of several friends, I have written this book for boys, with the object of placing before them a true and faithful representation of what a sailor's life is, at the present time, in the Mercantile Marine. Every incident that is recorded in this book, as having taken place during Master Weatherall's first voyage to sea, is one that may be met with in almost any voyage, and in no respect have I exaggerated any one of them. I have not painted a sailor's life in too rosy a hue, nor have I misrepresented the darker side. I simply give a plain, practical, and unvarnished description of a sailor's life, as it is at the present day, in our Merchant Service; I have spent several years at sea, and many of the events related are founded upon fact. With these few remarks, I introduce 'Frank Weatherall' to the public.*' WCM.

It does not have any date on it whatsoever throughout so it must be a first edition (but obviously I don't know when). If you do not have a copy of this one then I am more than happy to loan it to you and send it to Australia for as long as you need it. If you then return it at your convenience, I will make it available to our society library (by copy to Carol) for our members to read (though I would like to remain the owner of it). It is in a pretty decent state - obviously sat on someone's bookshelf for many years as the spine is faded and slightly along a corner/edge of the front where it has been sat next to a smaller book but otherwise all pages are present and fixed very well within the spine.

Cheers, Diane Secretary, The Metcalfe Society

This seemingly simple enquiry resulted in the Secretary, the Archivist and others in the Society spending some time in providing the information. As sometimes happens other information and sources appeared during the search adding to our store of knowledge of one of our family authors. So if you have a query ask - you never know where it will lead - Ed.



YOUR LETTERS AND E-MAILS

I recently visited our National Library in Canberra and discovered they had just received a licenced copy of the emerging 1871 Census, which I was able to search during the short time I was there. It is part of the National Archives DocumentsOnLine as ancestry.com and, I was told, available for searching at Kew. I am hoping it is licenced to the Sydney State Library, but am yet to check. Perhaps someone could find out which libraries, particularly in the UK, are licenced.

In general, I would like to see a section of the Mecca News devoted to "new sources" of on-line genealogical data found by Members that could be of interest to other Members. This could include "new" on-line information for the whole of the UK and world-wide. As far as I know there is no web-site covering this.

Arnold Metcalf M891

Hi,

Thanks for the web address in the magazine for the historical directories, I haven't had this much fun in my research for years. Had a 131 hits for the name Modlin, most of which were of great help to me.

The best site I have been on yet.

Regards

Val Hepworth M170

I have, recently, come into possession of a "Centre Seconds Chronograph" pocketwatch which was handed down to me from my great grandfather. The name on its face is **William A Metcalfe** 18 King Wil-

liam Street Blackburn. Do your records recall such a shop-keeper/watchmaker in the mid-late 1800's?

Fred Baldwin

The membership, or rather those that have access to the world wide web, may like to know of these sites that may be of use in their searches.

1. www.old-maps.co.uk provides details of old maps (naturally). They also provide comparative modern maps of the same area from the Ordnance Survey and aerial photographs from Getmapping plc.

2. www.historicaldirectories.org provides copies of old directories such as Kelly's, Piggott's etc. This site is run by Leicester University and seems to be free. The copies can be downloaded in Adobe PDF format for printing directly from the site. Regards

Doug Cutting M855

I realise that it is now 58 years since I began to investigate my family ancestors and later delved into my wife's family.

It was in 1947 when I began and I have a returned search form from Somerset House stating 1/- (one shilling; 5p) search fee and 2s 7d (two shillings and seven pence; 13p) for a full birth certificate. What a difference to 2005 costs.

Is there anyone else in the Society who has been investigating so long? **Walter H Metcalf M655**
(If there is let me know - Ed)

Over last weekend we had a few days in Leyburn, and whilst there bought the 'Alan Godfrey Maps' reprint of the Ordnance Survey Map of 1911. I'm sure you will be familiar with this excellent series which is based on the 1:2500 scale, but reduced for the purpose of getting it on to one more manageable sheet and printed at about 15 inches to the mile. As well as being able to make fascinating comparisons between then and now, there are interesting extracts on the reverse, taken from Kelly's Directory of the North Riding 1905. Perhaps you will find the following bits useful as a Mecca News page filler.

"From the 'Commercial' Listing

Richard Metcalfe, M.D. St. And., M.R.C.S. & L.M. Eng., L.S.A. Lond. Surgeon; Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator, East Leyburn district; Medical Officer to the Workhouse; Medical Officer of Health to Rural District Council. Eastfield Lodge.

James Metcalfe, painter.

Peter Dobson, postmaster, iron monger and stationer."

I hope you won't be overcome by modesty and so fail to include the last line! This Peter sounds like a man with several employment 'hats',

Eastfield Lodge, Richard Metcalfe's residence then, is a very large house at the end of what once would have been an imposing terrace of Victorian properties. It now seems to be a Bed and Breakfast establishment.

Joan Metcalfe M63

I have finally come to the end of researching my family history and therefore will not be renewing membership. However I am enclosing the will of an **Elizabeth Metcalfe** (nee Davis) of Rigghouse since she is not one of my ancestors. Perhaps a mention in the Mecca News will find one of her descendants!

I take this opportunity to thank the Society for the help they have given me. Keep up the good work.

Olive Sherrard M763

(Rigghouse is in the parish of Aysgarth and the will proved 7 April 1846. If any members are interested in the will contact the editor)



Boer War Metcalfe

My grandfather Benjamin Metcalfe (b1877, Hunset Leeds) lied about his age and went to the Boer War at age 15. I am not sure whether this is the Metcalfe you are mentioning in the article on page 20. Grandpa fought with Churchill and grandpa's regiment was probably from West Yorkshire as his parents lived in Dewsbury at the time.

He was in the Yorkshire Cavalry and was wounded in the leg in a charge at Bloemfontein and his pal Eastwood (whose father owned a woolen mill in Yorkshire) supported him as they returned back behind enemy lines. They heard the sound of the bagpipes playing in the distance and headed that way to safety.

Grandpa was shipped back to Leeds when he caught typhoid fever. The doctors thought grandpa would recover better if he went to the Rocky Mountains. He came to

Calgary, Alberta in 1905 and when his second son was born he was named Benjamin Eastwood Metcalfe after the man who saved him.

Sandi Walton M541

And finallyMore Dialect

'Ah minnd when Ah war a lad twee a folk lived it t' cottage, ant when t' plums war ripe yan on 'em allus stayed i' tt hooee for fear o' t' lads gitten 'em. But yar neet beeath war oot together, an' Ah an' anither lad, **Pete Metcalfe** t' blacksmith's son, ga'ed for t' plums. He war taller nor me, so Ah stood on t' grund, an' 'e climmed on to ma shoulderst an' we filled wer pockets. wi' plums till they were nigh burstin'. Fun on it was that as we went up t'lane we met 'em cu'in' doon, ant they knew naught, nor nivver did know who'd takken 'em. Ah doubt we sud n'a' done it,' he. finishes, 'but they were ower anxious-near folk. They nivver gi'ed owt away i' thar lives.'

From the Yorkshire Cottage (1942) by Pontefract & Hartley
Provided by
CS Metcalfe M305

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