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Well after the excitement of the 25th anniversary celebrations it is back to the normal but busy activities of the Society.

The 25th Anniversary Issue of the News went down well with a significant number of comments, letters and e-mails received praising the high quality edition.

Needless to say I was more than happy to receive the positive feedback as I had some doubts that we would achieve the standard I was aiming for. The results I feel speak for themselves.

As a consequence of this success I feel we should consider whether it is time to move fully to the production of the Mecca News in A4 format. The News is the main method of communication between the Society's officials, the membership and also the outside world. I have for some time thought that the bigger size allows a much improved presentation but there is the issue of increased cost in particular. Therefore the committee will consider at its forthcoming meetings whether it is appropriate to make a change and look to present the facts to the membership. If you have any comments on the topic please let me know.

SOCIETY NEWS

The Team Gets Stronger!

In the December Mecca News we announced J. Brian Metcalfe (M1554) had stepped up to the job of Archivist Coordinator and joined the committee.

Not to be outdone, Brian's wife - Ena, has also joined the committee and we are delighted to also announce Ena as our new society secretary.

Ena will be picking up various secretarial duties over the coming months.

May we thank them both for their enthusiasm and look forward to welcoming a magnum of fresh blood onto the committee. Look on the inside front cover of this journal for the contact details of all the society officers and their responsibilities. For all general enquiries from members, Ena will be your point of contact and is contactable on email - secretary@metcalfe.org.uk

Metcalfe Links with Newby Hall

Readers of *Mecca News* who also buy *Dalesman* will have seen in the September 2005 issue the article "An Extra Dash of Colour", relating to the gardens at Newby Hall, near Ripon. Many will no doubt have been tempted by the beautiful photographs, including the magazine's cover picture, to visit Newby or have resolved to do so when 'out and about' in 2006. Be sure to allow lots of time! Or better still plan more than one visit to appreciate the scale of the gardens and the seemingly endless variety of the plants grown, as well as the house itself.

Yet another particular reason for going to Newby Hall comes from the close connection in the 18th century between the Metcalfes of Nappa and the Weddell family, who acquired the Newby estate in 1748, and whose descendant is Mr Robin Compton featured in the *Dalesman* piece. The excellent guidebook to the house (a 'must' for the tour and for further study afterwards) includes a summarised tree showing the owners of Newby, their family connections and some of their ancestry.



Newby Hall

The earliest name given on this is Sir William Robinson, who in 1627, as a widower and before his knighthood, had married Frances Metcalfe of Nappa; their daughter married into the Weddell family. Frances was the third daughter of Sir Thomas Metcalfe (1579-1655) and his wife Elizabeth, and was the only daughter to marry.

As is explained in our book *Metcalfe: History of the Clan*, after Sir

Thomas's death in 1655, Nappa passed in turn to his three surviving sons, the youngest of whom, Henry, inherited in 1684 when he was aged 64. The following year he married Mary Gwilliams of Doncaster, then aged 29. The marriage produced two sons - Thomas born 1687 and Henry born 1688. Henry senior died at the age of 85 in 1705 and left Nappa to Mary until her death when it was to pass to their elder son Thomas.

Although Thomas was trained as a barrister, he spent his time managing the affairs of Nappa. Henry, with financial assistance from his mother, eventually gained what appears to have been a responsible post in the Mint. Although specific details are not known, it is clear from subsequent events that Henry 'borrowed' money to which his employment gave easy access and that this was invested in schemes which failed. Matters came to a head in 1722 when either the sums of money had to be replaced or Henry's dealings would become common knowledge and disgrace would fall on the Metcalfe name as well as on Henry himself. Thomas as the elder brother is the hero in this episode. He raised the cash, just in time, to repay the funds by borrowing from relatives and friends, most notably from Thomas Weddell (his first cousin by virtue of their respective mothers being sisters), and also from the Robinson family and others.

Once the immediate panic was over and Henry brought back to Nappa (in a state of grave mental illness which was to remain with him until his death 20 years later), the question of settling the loans arose. Thomas Weddell, far wealthier than Thomas Metcalfe, personally reimbursed the other creditors so that the sum owing was to himself alone. This was probably a considerable amount, and as Thomas Metcalfe's only real asset was Nappa itself, he and Thomas Weddell entered into an agreement whereby they would share the estate when Mary Metcalfe died. This occurred in 1735. The agreement further provided for the sole ownership of Nappa to pass to the survivor when one of the two died, but that on the death of that individual, the heirs of the two original co-owners would resume the 50/50 share arrangement.

In the event Thomas Weddell died first, in 1747, leaving most of his estate including the half share of Nappa to his nephew Richard Elcock, who was required under the terms of the will to adopt the Weddell surname. It was this Richard Elcock Weddell who bought Newby in 1748 for his son William Weddell, at the time a child about 12 years old.

Thomas Metcalfe's sole ownership of Nappa lasted nine years until his death, childless, in 1756. His will bequeathed his half share of Nappa to "Richard Weddell, formerly Elcock, of Newby", thus giving him, from the two legacies, the whole estate. It may be questioned why it was that Thomas Metcalfe did not leave his half of the property to some other Metcalfe. That he

did not could be to do with the 1722 agreement, but I believe it was because he considered Richard, his second cousin, to be one of his nearest relatives. Additionally and importantly, he seems to have held Richard in high regard, making him his executor, having continued the close friendship he had had with Thomas Weddell. He must have harboured strong feelings of indebtedness and gratitude towards the Weddell family for helping to save the Metcalfe honour back in 1722.

As for the contents of Nappa Hall, Thomas left a great deal - beds, bedding, furniture, silver and pewter items, utensils, linen - to his housekeeper of nearly 30 years, Susan Paget, who during that time had played a major part in keeping the family together. She cared for Thomas's mother, blind for the last 12 of her 79 years, was cheerfully willing to help the sick Henry, and was honest and careful in her duties. Susan herself died in 1760 and her will refers to some of the silver items ("my silver pint mug, my silver half-pint mug, together with my silver candlestick snuffers and extinguisher therein belonging with the Metcalfe's arms upon them") given by "my late worthy master". She suggests that Richard Weddell might wish to purchase these, "to shew according to my small ability that I bear a grateful remembrance of the great friendship which was between my late master and him and also his goodness to me". It would be pleasing to think that Richard Weddell did obtain those pieces and that at some time they found a home at Newby Hall.

Two hundred and fifty years on it is a matter of regret to some that Nappa was lost to the 'Clan' in such a way, even though we can admire Sir Thomas's actions for the sake of family honour and applaud the great support of Thomas Weddell. Who can say what would have happened had there been a Metcalfe heir to half of Nappa in 1756? And would the development of Newby Hall have been any different?

Joan Metcalfe (M63)

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!

Spring is I hope with you when you read this. We will have held our first committee meeting of the year at which we will be planning the next Muster. Not an easy task after last year!

As I told you last year, it will be held at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes, who made us feel so welcome last year. We will be testing a different location for lunch and looking into the possibility of arranging some activities on the Sunday for those who want to stay over the weekend. The Muster itself is a one day event as in previous years.

I am delighted to advise you that we hope to be able to announce the appointment of a new secretary, at last, thereby releasing Diane from the rest of her duties and relieving other committee members who temporarily took on parts of the role last year.

I have had some more complimentary letters from members, this time saying how much they enjoyed and were impressed by the Mecca News in December 2005; our silver Jubilee edition. A number of you prefer the A4 size although one person says he will need a different sized binder! We can sell them!

Chairman's Jottings

We propose to ask you which format you prefer. Peter Dobson, the editor to whom we owe a large debt of gratitude for this and previous editions, prefers the larger A4 version. After being against a change, I have to say I find myself moving in favour of the larger format. We will see what you make of it in due course. Peter has been prevailed upon to enter the Elizabeth Simpson award again after our commendation last year so here's hoping we will win in 2006!

I was delighted to hear from Warwick Metcalfe that he is on the mend after serious heart surgery and was pleased to receive a card at Christmas from our first President (now vice-President) Helen Offer, who many of you will remember from previous Musters. I was equally sad to learn of the death of one of my cousins Ruth Kay, who like me is related to Helen Offer and David Metcalfe, our intrepid cycling indexer. The four of us were all present at the first Muster all those years ago.

I intend to attend The Federation of Family History Societies Annual General Meeting on April 1st and will report upon its proceedings in August. I will also be at the North West Group of Family History Societies One Day conference in May. When you receive this it ought to be possible to book although do not delay. The Spring Conference takes place on Saturday 6 May at Southport (see page 35 for details). If you have never been to such a conference and are

put off by the name, I implore you not to be. They are excellent events with plenty to see and do, varied talks, fellow enthusiastic researchers to talk to, lunch and beverages all for a reasonable price. Just like our muster in fact!

In the north west the societies concerned take it in turns to host an event once a year as well as holding a Family History Fair later in the year. They donate the surplus income received from that to Record Offices for our benefit. We have no one free to attend the North West Group Fair but will be in York at the large northern Family History Fair held there every year.

I see that 5 members have enrolled in our Metcalfe DNA project with Martin Metcalfe. Come on where are the rest of you! See the December issue for details of what you need to do to register and join in. I think it likely that some of you will be able to confirm links you did not realise existed. This is a new way to establish family connections and more people are embarking on DNA research projects than ever. Obviously not Metcalfe's though! Have go.

I wish you well for a summer of good research.

David Lambert M11

Coming Soon - all new Sales Order Form

Some of you will have noticed that we have not distributed the Sales Order Form in the last year. This is now being totally reworked to deliver you both pictures and up-to-date information about all the merchandise the society has on offer, including the new items such as mugs that were launched at the 25th anniversary muster last year. The merchandise will also be available for order via the society's website where payment can be made online using your credit card. We hope to announce the availability in the August Mecca News.

Many Congratulations on the 25th Anniversary Issue of the Mecca News.
It is a fitting memento of the Society's first twenty five years.

I shall have to get a larger binder.

**Douglas K Beresford, Editor
The Beresford Family Society**

Does anyone know how the Metcalfes of Ripon are related to the Irish branch?

About the beginning of the 20th century they used to visit Yorkshire when the young man who became 'Fruity' Metcalfe and my father, who was the eldest son of Maria Linday nee Metcalfe, were much of an age and considered themselves cousins.

As they grew up their ways diverged and contact was lost. In any case Grandma Linday didn't approve of their racing contacts as she had married a Quaker.

Obviously that generation and most of the next have long gone but still it would be interesting to know.

Gina MacKenzie nee Linday M310

The December issue arrived yesterday and I must say a big congratulations to you. A great anniversary issue - the colour photography and cover are excellent. Best regards

Elizabeth Morey M225

What a splendid issue of Mecca News you have done to cover the Muster!

You have certainly pulled out all the stops. Well done!

Pat Malham M444

Very Many Congratulations on the 25th Anniversary Issue, it is superb. Keep up the good work.

I was pleased to see mention of the Pedigree Chart I sent for the Muster on page 5. I came across it in the library at Ripley Castle, asked for a copy and picked it up on my way back from Scotland 2 weeks later together with a signed letter from Sir Thomas. Paul has since been in touch with me and I mailed him a copy. Guess if Patricia Oliver joins us she could be put in touch with Paul Johnson if that has not already happened.

Arnold Metcalf M891

I have just finished reading a biography entitled *White Mughals, Love and Betrayal in Eighteenth-Century India*, by William Dalrymple.

The White Mughal in question was James Achilles Kirkpatrick. Right at the end of his life, he travelled by sea from Madras to Calcutta: 'On 25 September 1805, he caught the *Metcalfe* to Calcutta.'

I seem to remember that there was an article in Mecca News about a Metcalfe who served in India and I wondered if there was any connection. Do you have any information about a ship named the *Metcalfe*?

Shirley Withers M33

Your Letters & e-mails

I must congratulate you on the 25th Anniversary Issue of Mecca News, it is really informative & it is really great to see the photo's of the Muster. I am unable to attend these get-togethers, so you have given me the opportunity to see some of the other members of the Metcalfe Society. I must praise the high standard of the publication & will pass it on to future generations of my family.

Val Gentile M1401

Congratulations !!

My copy arrived at midday (we have very late deliveries these days) I made a cup of coffee and sat down for a good read, from cover to cover.

It's super, excellent, brilliant.

It looks good & the contents are interesting and very enjoyable, so we should have a good turnout for the next muster & more new members!

All we have to do now is to come up with some new & exciting ideas for next September & that will really be a challenge!

Jose Hopper M810

To all who contributed to the production of the December issue of Mecca News, many congratulations. It is a most worthy effort and a very attractive and splendid souvenir of our "silver" anniversary **Vera Adams M2**

Hearty congratulations on the magnificent MN. It really is a work of art and a joy to read.

Brian Metcalfe M1544

Re the Irish Clan Metcalfe - MN 75.

In 1642 a group of Englishmen known as the Adventurers helped to finance the suppression of the Irish Revolutionaries. Their contribution was £1,000,000 and in return were given 2.5m acres of land confiscated from the Irish Rebel Earls.

Their possession of these lands was confirmed by the Act of Settlement after the Cromwellian conquest of Ireland 1652.

There was a period of Plantation of Ireland and by encouraging English settlers an attempt to Anglicise Ireland. In the North the English and Scots Presbyterians and in the south others.

Are these our Clan members?

J Mowbray-Metcalfe M20

From **Cambell Allan Metcalfe M1550**

I would appreciate if you could publish the few lines on dad's time with the NT Police Force from the Northern Territory News, Edition 1 28 Dec 2004,

Allan Metcalfe was wise and strong and straight, what more could anyone ever want a Territory policeman to be? He came from a farming background in Victoria to join our finest in July 1952. Allan had a series of promotions and transfers to bush stations before reaching the rank of Chief Superintendent in Darwin, then retiring in 1986. "Fangs" was the nickname he had to have, because of his often protruding dental plate which refused to stay in place. When he was a newly promoted Sergeant First Class, he would put himself on evening shifts whenever the local hoodlums were getting a bit out of hand. Allan didn't have to hit, kick in the pants or threaten anyone. He taught us that it was far easier to talk your way out of trouble than fight your way into strife. He mixed authority with compassion, good humour and good cheer. Within the force, he was an outstanding leader and mentor. Men who worked for him all tried a little harder.

A Mecca Puzzle Solved

(Or when is a Medcalf not a Medcalf?)

When reading a book about the Cecil Family (Earls of Salisbury) there was a mention of the Sixth Earl (1713 - 1780) - "The Wicked Earl" - spending much time at Quickwood, his small manor house some seventeen miles from Hatfield with his mistress, Mary Grave - but that's another story! Not knowing where Quickwood was I visited the Hertfordshire Records & Archives at County Hall and was pleased to have sight of an old map of the area dated 1766 which clearly shows Quickwood Lord Salisbury and I was able to purchase a part copy. So mission accomplished but then I was intrigued to see on the map an area designated to one ADOLPHUS MEDCALF Esq. Further enquiries with the most helpful staff showed that no record existed of any one of that or a similar name ever resided in or near the area of Rushden (Hertfordshire).

The next step was to visit Rushden to seek out this mysterious Medcalf and a visit to the local church where a copy of the book Recollections of Rushden was purchased. It soon became apparent that the old map was incorrect and the true name should have been Adolphus MEETKERKE.

I have made further enquiries and to spare the reader all the details here are the main facts. In the late 1500's to 1604 Adolphus Meetkerke, who came from Flanders in Belgium, was Dutch Ambassador to Queen Elizabeth I. He settled in England and over the years his family became well established and by 1801 owned most of Rushden including their house/mansion known as Julians. By 1840 many of the Meetkerke family had died and only Adolphus VI remained living at Julians with his wife and by 1847 his two daughters.

Skippping other information about the family now comes the twist in the tale which fascinated me - and perhaps also fellow clan members - found in the Rushden book. In 1878 Mary Florence Meetkerke married MOREHOUSE METCALFE of Inglethorpe Hall, Norfolk - which is about three miles west of Downham Market. Built in 1857-60 for a Charles Metcalfe. Apparently there is a large tomb/vault in the graveyard of the local church containing the remains of a Metcalfe family with a Reference to an A. METCALFE. I have yet to visit the church to establish actual details.

So there you have it an interesting story which confirms what is said about tracing your ancestors - don't take anything as gospel until you have checked out the facts. If this article has helped to establish any family links I would be interested to here about them.

Robert Metcalfe M1207

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

NW Group of Family History Societies
Spring Conference

Saturday 6 May 2006

Christ Church, Lord Street Southport
(see page 35 for full details)

Barnsley Archives and Local Studies Open Day

Saturday 6 May 2006

Central Library, Shambles Street, Barnsley

Yorkshire Family History Fair

Saturday 24 June 2006

at York Racecourse.

Come and visit your Society's table at this event!

FFHS Conference 2006.

1 - 5 September 2006

at University College, Northampton organised by Bedfordshire FHS.

Lectures and Workshops under the title

"Putting Flesh on the Bones. A Study of the Common Man".

Booking forms from www.conference2006.org.uk or
from Janet Thornton, 31 Cottsfoot Road, Rushden Northants NN10 0GE
enclosing a SAE.

Metcalfe Family History Society

Annual Muster and AGM

Saturday 9 September 2006

At Dales Countryside Museum

Hawes Wensleydale

(see details enclosed with this issue of the Mecca News)

NW Group of Family History Societies

13th Annual Family History Fair

Saturday 23 September 2006

Southport Floral Hall

Stamp of Authority!

Jamaica 1919/21

Definitive stamp - 3s orange & violet

Depicts statue of **Sir Charles Metcalfe** Governor of Jamaica 1839-1842.

East Yorkshire Mecca's

From the Driffield Times

February 27, 1864

William Metcalf of Stockton on Tees admitted he was the father of Elizabeth Watson's child. To pay 1s 6d a week towards maintainance.

October 29, 1864

A young fellow named Tindall was summoned for being drunk and disorderly. – PC Spedding gave evidence to the effect that he met the defendant on the road between Cowlam and Sledmere with three horses – riding one and leading the other two; he was abusing them shamefully, striking them over the head with a big stick. Blood was running down the legs of one of them with the other horses kicking and plunging. The horses were the property of **Mr Metcalfe**, of Rudston. Defendant was drunk. Having nothing to say in defence, the Bench fined him 10s, expenses 18s.

5 May 1783 Beveley Corporation Minutes

William Thompson, cabinet maker, and **Thomas Metcalfe** elected chamber men vice Timothy Lundie and William Hall, elected Aldermen.

July 20, 1940

Joined up – **Mr E. Metcalf**, a member of the Driffield Town Cricket Club left Driffield on Wednesday to join the Green Howards (5th Yorkshire Regiment). "Teddy" was an excellent batsman and he distinguished himself whilst playing for Driffield against Scarborough this Saturday last, playing for the Buckrose Light & Power Co (where he has been employed for the past two or three years), he scored 98 against Driffield, being caught on the boundary when another century seemed certain.

All sportsmen will wish him the best of luck.

February 14, 1942 Middleton

The War Office have notified **Mrs W. Metcalfe** that her grandson, Guardsman **Gordon Metcalfe**, presumed killed, June 1 or 2, 1940. Guardsman Gordon Metcalfe was only just turned 16 when he enlisted in 1937. He went to France with his regiment shortly after war started.

Driffield Cemetery MI's

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and granddad **Arthur Metcalfe** died 13th July 1972 aged 75 years. Also **Violet** a dear wife, mother, grandma and great grandma died 3rd July 1979.

In loving memory of **Margaret Frances Metcalf** - 22nd March 1907/26th November 1988 and **Harry Metcalf** 1st November 1910/9th September 1989.

In loving memory of a dear husband and father **John Barry Metcalfe** died 2nd May 1995 aged 49 years.

Provided by non-member **Della Petch**

A CURVE OF MEMORY.....

THROUGH UPPER SWALEDALE - Dr Mary Craig Gardner

(The THIRD in a short series of articles provided to Charles Metcalfe M305)

THE DAILYNESS OF WORK AROUND ME...

The countryside sets my identity.

I belong to the place where farmers work.

The farmer signalling the sheep dog, raises his large sun browned hands to his lips.

He makes a high-pitched whistle inaudible to human ear - another language. But the dog catches it.

And shepherding the little grey bundles of nervous movement, the dog sweeps over the moor side in wide curving arcs - the sheep running hither and thither - every escape tactic cut off by the intelligence of the dog as it gently nudges them down the slopes into the fold for shearing and dipping. Each sheep is dipped into a bath of lye - a strong alkaline disinfectant.

Grasping the sheep's head firmly to safeguard the nostrils, mouth and eyes, the farmer pulls the sheep through the dip bath.

Ancient practice. As long as men have kept sheep no doubt.

In Virgilian times the sheep were dipped in a powerful mixture: coal tar, litharge, rank hellebore, the juice of squills sulphur, olive lees.

Once free of the dip and the farmer, the sheep shakes itself like a dog and runs off.

Glad no doubt to be rid of the fleas. Or do they care, I wonder?

In March small lambs appear wobbling on long black woolly legs, each baa - baaing for its mother who answers in like sound.

These baas vibrate near and far through the clear air.

BaBa black sheep. Have you any wool? Yes sir. No sir. Three bags full.

The sheep in the nursery rhyme are not Swaledale sheep.

Swaledale sheep are woolly, grey-white with sooty black faces.

Take care of the sheep writes Virgil,

"for in their fleece we flourish and from their flesh we take nourishment"

For Virgil, the farmer's knowledge of land, sky and seasons, makes him the cornerstone of a good society.

By contrast, he finds city dwellers relatively shallow

Without ever having heard of Virgil, as a child I embody these sentiments.

Over time I become accustomed to the habits of both humans and animals.
Every morning and evening the cattle, their heavy rounded bodies, softly filled
sacks wrapped in rich reddish brown coats, some white, and more rarely
black and white, swaying a little as they walk on their incongruously thin legs
find their way to the bottom of cow hill, their main pasture.
Elegant legs in a way, like a cartoonist's shapely legs of a duchess.

There they stand all together like a congregation by the old stone wall amid
the muddy churned up grass sods and their own pats, waiting for their fat
udders to be milked by the farmer's wife or children.
They take their sturdy roughly handcrafted splay legged wooden stools from
the stone wall where they are parked when not in use
They sit beside the cow's rump holding a bright aluminium pail between their
knees, ply their supple fingers to the cow's udders and bring the milk squirting
out in to the pail.

As they wait the cows make a great noise.
Some call it mooing but sometimes it sounds more like a foghorn.
The cows - their short curved horns curling up out of the top of the head,
the long face sporting pink lips folding softly over a large heavy licking tongue
and wide flaring nostrils, stand patiently.
The softest of brown eyes look at you quietly and intelligently, spelling a
gentle nature.
Surely a fitting provider of milk for humankind.

A strong smell from the large cow pats covering the green at this place of
congregation, pervades the air.
I get used to it. It's a good smell. Healthy.
Mad cow's disease which haunts farms in the 21st century was unknown.

From the full pails the milk is poured into large shiny silvery milk urns.
Later, these are stood at the roadside and a milk truck came up the dale every
day to collect them.
Milk for townspeople, for cheese and butter manufacturers and for the choco-
late manufacturers.
The farmer's family drink their own cows' milk and his wife sells it
to visitors like us.
Each day I carry a metal can to a farm house to buy a quart of milk.

The farmer's wife also churns butter and makes cheese.
If we visit a farmhouse we see covered with white muslin cloth,
a large drum shaped cheese about 10-12 lbs in weight sitting on a
white table cloth in the centre of the farm house kitchen table.

Triangular wedges are cut from it much as one cuts a cake.
The odour of cheese is thick, warm and tangy.
Each dale has its own cheese. Wensleydale is the most famous of them all.
Its soft, creamy, white crumbliness is exported far and wide.

Horses. Not many of them.
Heavy shire horses used to pull big wagons of hay.
But motorised vehicles are also used.
Some pigs but not many.

Eggs. (Not the white thin shelled eggs from incubator hens)
Robust brown eggs laid by hens that peck their day away in the the farmyard.
They cackle off and on throughout the day.
And the cock crows in the sharp morning air summoning the hens
and the rest of us to wake up.

A new day is here.
A new day - untold possibilities lie ahead.
Sometimes in the city, a bird or animal sounding so like to those
clucking and crowing hens, I immediately hear the Swaledale hens.
I'm sure that there is no hen here in the city, tho' I wish there were.
But memory is sweet and slides into association at the merest suggestion.
Once I had a notion of keeping goats in the city to keep the grass short.
In thinking it through I decided that I was not up to dealing with the bureauc-
racy involved. One day it will come to pass.

The summer work of the dale is haymaking.
Only grass is grown. No other crops.
The light soil - podzols from the early geological eras and eroded sand and
limestone rocks
In July and August the farmer watches the sky, the clouds, the wind over
Shunnar Fell (the very large moor to the west of the village) for the weather.
He needs a spell of hot, sunny days, for cutting and drying the grass.
The farmer listens to the weather forecasts on radio
He also relies on his lifetime acquired sense of what the weather coming
down the dale from the west is telling him
He seems to know in his bones when the hot spell has arrived.

So in July and August, when the weather is right, the farmer, his wife,
friends, relatives and anyone who has the skills go down to the fields
with the large two handed scythes.
In the few bright hot days available they mow and gather in the dried grass.
Sometimes they even get two cuttings.

The women wear short sleeved cotton dresses and big hats. Their arms are deeply tanned.

The men in trousers and cotton shirts - rolled up sleeves reveal brown muscular arms.

Haymaking goes from morning to dusk.

Usually men cut the grass - swinging the scythe in a steady rhythm from right to left.

I am tempted, in Virgilian manner, to describe the scythe, its shape, its wood. I know nothing of the wood but its shape is very clear:

A shallow 'S' curved stem, roughly two inches thick with two short wood pieces, slightly curved to fit the hands, attached - one near the top end and the other more than half way down.

The blade shaped like a large scimitar, is tied on to the top end.

The farmer's body sways rhythmically back and forth as he bends horizontally over the grass and sweeps the large curved blade through the grass, felling it to the ground

The blade is frequently sharpened.

A perfect tool. Efficiently simple like a Palaeolithic axe perfectly fitted to its job

Those not cutting the grass, use a rake or a two pronged fork to bundle up the dried grass into stooks - swaths of cut grass stood up in bundles to dry some more.

The dried stooks are systematically piled into haystacks nice rectangular structures sometimes with a sloping top, like a house. This is an art.

The stooks are flung up onto a wagon, either horse drawn or motorised, and carried to the barn - a small stone building, about a third of the size of Canadian barns.

Several dot the fields.

And ...oh the sweet smell of the cut grass lying on the ground to dry.

Provided you don't get hay fever which I do.

Today it is done differently.

The cut grass is rolled up into roundels, like a very large bandage and wrapped in black plastic bags.

Food is brought out to the fields by women and children - long cold drinks, large bread loaves and cheese and ham.

Around ten years of age or so I try my hand at raking the grasses.

I don't make it. You need energy and concentration.

I don't have sufficient of either.

It's only a farmer's kindness that lets someone as ignorant as me even try. Haymaking is serious work.

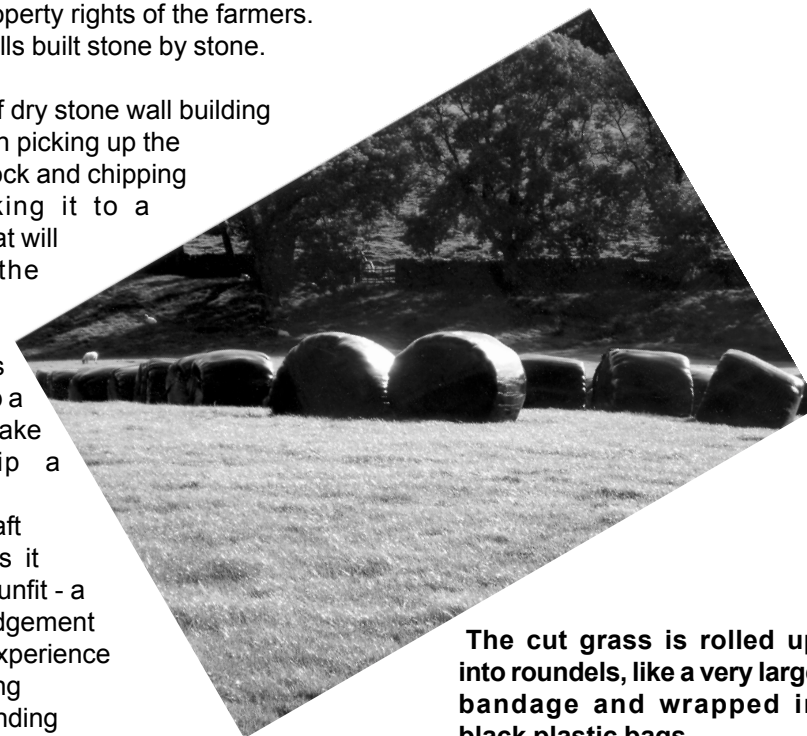
Fields are separated by grey stone walls - some built in straight lines, others curved to suit the lay of the land, or the property rights of the farmers. Stone walls built stone by stone.

The art of dry stone wall building starts with picking up the natural rock and chipping and flaking it to a shape that will fit into the wall.

Once he has picked up a rock to flake and chip a master of this craft never lays it down as unfit - a sound judgement born of experience and a long understanding of this landscape of moors and stones. If I gaze up at the moors rising above the dale, I see stone walls clambering up the hill sides and over the top, dividing the land into ownerships.

City people, seeking life enrichment, contact with the dear earth itself come to learn how to build stone walls and find something of themselves in this direct touching of the earth this ancestral knowledge of the earth.

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The cut grass is rolled up into roundels, like a very large bandage and wrapped in black plastic bags.

For East Yorkshire Mecca's?
Website: East Riding of Yorkshire Archive Service (Beverley)
www.eastriding.gov.uk/libraries/archives.html

Muster Memories 2005

Members at the opening ceremony
at the
Dales Countryside Museum
Hawes



Committee Members
at the
evening dinner
at the
Rose & Crown Hotel
Bainbridge

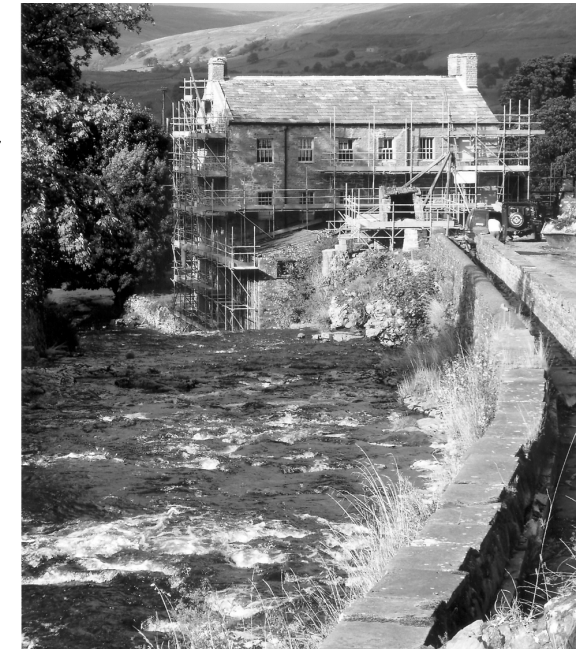


A view from the other side. Clan Photograph at West Burton

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We are delighted to announce that the
Mecca Muster and AGM will be held on
Saturday 9 September 2006
at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes.
We are reverting back to our one day event format
but are looking to fill the day with opportunities
for members to enjoy the event.
See the enclosed invitation.

You will see from the
invitation / registration
form that we hope to be
able to offer a guided
tour of Gayle Mill
but as we go to press for
this issue of the
Mecca News,
confirmation that the mill
will be open
is still awaited
as this new service is
only being launched in
the spring by the mill.
However we will provide
an update in the
August Mecca News
together with full details
and prices. So don't let
that hold you back
from booking for
the Muster now!



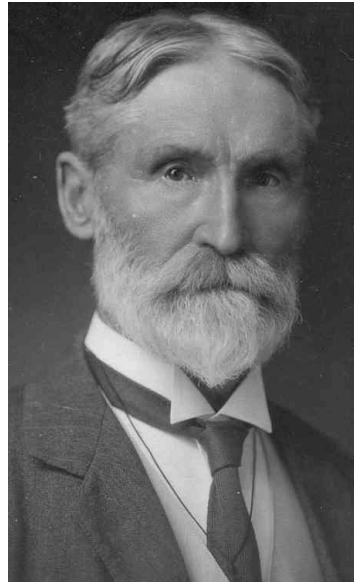
Gayle Mill

You may wish to book an early autumn weekend break
in the Dales for the Muster.
However do book early as September is
very much high season in the Yorkshire Dales,
especially after the children have returned to school.

SOUTH AFRICAN METCALF'S

Not so long ago, Lovedale Press at the Cape published a small book entitled "Gentlemen of the Law in Eastern Cape." An old friend of my family there was kind enough to send it to me. The final chapter on Cradock, Cape Province, carries this picture of Alfred Metcalf, my grandfather, and a short account of his life. As senior partner of Metcalf & Co. he was indeed a "gentleman of the law".

However, Alfred's grandfather, Joshua was born in Leeds, and like his forbears worked in the spinning industry. Such was his progress that the firm sent him to the continent to open up more marketing outlets. Before long his work in various European capitals took him to St. Petersburg; there he met an eligible young Englishwoman who was a lady-in-waiting to the Tzarina of Russia, Miss Elizabeth Beadle. Unhurried, Joshua decided to settle in Belgium, buying a huge castle-like house "Schuttenhof" near Antwerp.



**A Gentleman
of the law
Alfred Metcalf**

At last, in 1808, he revisited St. Petersburg and married Elizabeth. She having no passport Joshua had to smuggle her and her baggage across the border in a load of hay.. Once at Schuttenhof they raised a family of four sons and two daughters: the eldest son John (Alfreds father) was born in 1810. John and his brother were sent to boarding school in Germany, But on reaching manhood they presented a problem for their father, as press-gangs were going round Belgium recruiting for compulsory military service. In true Metcalf style Joshua was heard to remark: "I'll have no son of mine serve in any damn foreign army". On one visit of the press-gang the boys had to hide under the soil of a ploughed field. But this was the last straw, so Joshua, Elizabeth and family in 1837 proceeded to England and settled in Leeds.

Now came exciting events for John (my great-grandfather). Joshua and his brother David decided there would be a better future for their sons in one of the newer British colonies, the Cape Colony. Also that there was some sense in the two families growing their own wool from the wonderful merino sheep in South Africa. The vanguard chosen was John and two of his brothers, together with cousin John (son of Uncle David) They sailed away from England forever, and arrived at

Cape Town by the end of 1841. The four young men settled initially around Wynberg, John later taking a farm called Somersfontein on the Palmiet River. The following year the emigrants were joined by their father Joshua, Elizabeth and the two youngest children. After settling in Somerset West Joshua became estranged from his wife due to "her habit of tipping the flagon too generously." He moved to Stellenbosch, taking little Sarah with him, Elizabeth becoming befriended by a dubious sort of lawyer who figured more in the role of drinking partner. She died in 1856.

The tale would not be complete without mentioning that one reason for Uncle David sending his son "Cousin John" with the party to the Cape was the growing influence over him of one of the riotous belles of Leeds, one Widow Smirthwaite (ex Widow Bell). Alas, after the Metcalfs had become settled at the Cape, who should turn up at Table Bay but the widow Smirthwaite, with her four glamorous daughters the Misses Bell. To cut a long story short, one of the Bells, Elizabeth, was to marry Joshua's John (my great-grandfather). A daughter was born to them at Caledon, and four years later my grandfather Alfred in 1853.

On Alfred Metcalf's death at Cradock in 1942 the editor of the *Midland News* wrote in his obituary: "Metcalf was the grand old man of Cradock in his day. Seldom is a small town as fortunate as Cradock has been in possessing such an outstanding citizen and lawyer. He was of kindly disposition with dignity of bearing, and a generous man" (I am personally aware of his practical sympathy for the nearby native "location" expressed in financing the clinic and much tree-planting and other support.) The obituary continues: "After his education at The South African College and Law articles with a firm in the Colony he was taken into partnership in 1876 in Cradock by Sir Thos. Scanlon. Quite an achievement at the age of 23. Within a few years he had purchased the interest of Sir Thomas, thus freeing the latter to pursue a political career and finally to become Prime Minister of The Cape. Alfred took part in the Kaffir Wars, returning to lead the respected firm of Metcalf and Co.."

Marriage to Eleanor Greaves followed, and their home at "Ilex" saw the arrival of the seven children. My mother Edie was next before the youngest, David Metcalf, who like many of his generation volunteered to fight in the Great War but sadly was killed in France in 1918. Much could be written of distinguished lives of the other five children of Alfred Metcalf.

David Major M304

A Strange Co-incidence

Carol Herbet our treasurer whilst looking for companies to supply the type of small gifts we sell on our Sales table was surprised to find that the chosen supplier is run by a Metcalfe!

The Bedford Connection

The back cover of Mecca News 75 gave me a pleasant surprise - Dr GA Metcalfe was my father and we had worked together in general practice in Bedford between 1956 and 1971.

Bedford Charter House was established as a 'Home for the frail elderly' and met the need of ageing folk who were living in large houses in Bedford in self-catering units as "the next step". Initially 56 bed sitting rooms, en suite, were provided but were extended to 64; plus 4 respite care units 'The Metcalfe Wing'.

The creation of Bedford Charter House became my father's passion - he and my mother travelled to Holland and Germany obtaining information, ideas and cine photographs of similar units. The ground on which Charter House is built is adjacent to the Bedford General Hospital, North Wing but is not part of their actual area. It has provided a huge success in Bedford but has almost turned into a nursing home.

We are the Pateley Bridge Metcalfes. My paternal grandfather Arthur Wilson Metcalfe (1865 - 1930) left Nidderdale to establish two flax spinning mills in Belfast.

Dr Christopher Metcalfe M590

Dr George Arthur Metcalfe was born in Belfast in 1897. After being educated in the city and First World War service he qualified at St Thomas's Hospital in 1924. He joined the Bedford County Hospital in 1926 and played a significant part in the Hospital's development until he retired in 1967 after which he was involved with the Charter House.

A METCALFE GATHERING

Pam Jarman (Mrs) M123

The recent and most enjoyable weekend at the Metcalfe Muster celebrating 25 years of the Metcalfe Society reminded me of the last Metcalfe get-together I attended, which was in Australia! My father's younger brother, William Frederick Metcalfe emigrated to Australia in the 1920s; married Margaret Beal and they had eight children, all of whom are, of course, my cousins.

During our stay in Australia last year visiting our three sons, my eldest cousin, Jean, celebrated her 70th birthday, and it was in honour of this event that a Metcalfe Gathering was held in Point Clare, New South Wales.

Obviously in Australia they do things differently as they have both the good weather and space, and this gathering was no exception! It took place in a park near the beach and sea where barbecue facilities were available, as is the norm in Australian parks. All the family bought their own picnic plus food to cook as well as folding chairs and tables.

It was a wonderful opportunity for me to meet all my Australian Metcalfe relatives on mass as well as celebrate Jean's birthday, and we certainly had a wonderful time catching up on such a lot of family gossip and information. They certainly all made us very welcome and were very keen and interested to hear about their Metcalfe relatives in the UK.

Mecca Bits and Bobs

Strays - From CS Metcalfe M305

1871 Census

76 Baxtergate Whitby. Thomas Bryan family (Jet Ornament Mnfr) -

Elizabeth A Metcalf, Nurse girl 14 brn Lofthouse

S Otterington, The Vicarage. Rector John W Darnbrough -

Ellen Metcalfe dom serv unmar 18. brn Morton on Swale

N Kilvington, Sampson House. Farmer William Sowerby -

Henry Metcalf farm serv 12 brn Thirsk

Thornbrough, Thornbrough House, Farmer Washington A Speck -

Edith Metcalfe domestic serv 16. brn Hemsley B M ?

Newby Wiske, Sowber Hill Farmer George R Harland -

Mary Metcalf scullery maid 17 brn Durham

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The Times Magazine 29 October 2005

Richard Metcalf - Lea Valley Rowing Club Instructor.

Sunday Times 23 October 2005

John Metcalf's opera A Chair in Love.

Nick Metcalfe - Director Time Team. Channel 4 29 May 2005

From David Lambert M11

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James Metcalf the New Bisto Gravy Kid. The 13 year old Trumpeter with the Belle Vue Manchester Brass Band was chosen to be part of the famous gravy advert.

Manchester Metro News 25 November 2005

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From a will in 1672.

Leonard Metcalfe of Nuthill in the parish of Burstwick (nr Hull) bequested ... *the sume of three score pounds owinge to mee by George Metham Esq and forty pounds I have in the house shall be put out to interest for my said daughter Mary Metcalfe.....*

The Banyan Tree January 2005 (page 38)

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From family farriers to selling servicing and repairing lawnmowers.

J Metcalfe & Son of Eltham London was built on the Foster family business of blacksmiths and farriers which had been located in Eltham High Street since 1802. The business passed to **William Metcalfe** in 1899 and he ran the business together with sons Bill, Jim and John. The last horse was shod by John in 1959. The modern lawnmowing operation is continued by John's son Maurice. *Bromley & Beckenham News & Shopper 26 June 2002.*

Provided by **Anne Hill M1213**

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Acomb War Memorial York. Acomb's Boys 1914-18 - **Edward Metcalf.**

From City of York and District Journal September 2004 (page 73)

WHO IS DRIVER METCALF?

A few days ago the Secretary of the Army Post Association, who lives in Nottingham contacted me and asked if I could supply any news items, or pictures of my time in the Royal Engineers Postal Service during WW2, for the city of Nottingham Archives held in the Castle. Nottingham is where the Army Home Postal Depot was situated and they want to have a record of the years 1941 -1947 when 5,000 of us invaded their city.

I looked through all my memorabilia and on going through The RAG, one of our Journals of those far away days, I found an article by one of the Officers who had just returned to base from Singapore, and who was reminiscing about some of the men he had worked with. They included British, Indians, Chinese and Malaysians, as well as the Japanese Surrendered Personnel who were given all the menial tasks. The extract that caught my eye was as follows

*'Worthy of mention too, is the MT Section [drivers] - a bunch of cheery lads to whom nothing was too much trouble provided it got a vehicle back on the road. I understand a black individual recently leaving the B.O.R. [presumably this stood for British Other Ranks] Cookhouse, who was thought to be a dhobi's assistant stealing rations, turned out to be **Driver METCALF** at the end of a day's maintenance on the O.C.'s jeep. A pardonable error when you think of his diminutive stature!'*

That does pose the question - who was Driver METCALF? Is he, or has he, been a member? Or, is one of his descendents a member? It would be interesting to find out.

Having mentioned my time in the REPS you would perhaps like to hear about an article I wrote about the Army Post Office in WW2 . It was accepted by the BBC for their WW2 archives, then I was asked for a copy for the Army Post Association's Archives. Since then copies have been placed in the Royal Engineer's Archives in Chatham, as well as being used for talks to various other Associations.

If any of our Mecca members would like a copy I am happy to send one for a 1st or 2nd class stamped A4 envelope, or forwarded by Email. It is about 7 pages. I wrote it originally for my family as part of my own history, and then took it to our APA reunion in Llandudno last year, and that is how it all took off.

Fame at last!!

Dorothy Pope M55

Further Newby Hall Connections

George Metcalfe was the estate's carpenter in the early 1860's and built the main stairs in the House. House Guided tour, September 2005.

Member ship Details

ARCHIVIST CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

It is four months since I took over this position from Maureen Thwaite, and what a most interesting time it has been. There has been a constant flow of information from members, which I have relayed to our two researchers, Nina and Edwin. They must take the credit for all the real hard work, comparing your details with our database and often adding further information to your briefs, as well as connections to other members. As you will see below, one member had no less than 39 connections to other members, past and present. What a family party that would be!

Please keep sending your birth briefs, no matter how brief they might be, we may have some facts to add to them.

Those of you, who had contact with Maureen, will be pleased to know that she is enjoying her time with her new grandson. Problems with her computer mean that she is no longer on-line.

Brian Metcalfe. M1554. Archivist Co-ordinator.

NEW MEMBERS WITH BIRTH BRIEFS & THOSE FROM WHOM WE ARE AWAITING DETAILS

ABBREVIATIONS: b born: bpt baptised/christened: c circa: dau daughter: d.o daughter of: dec. deceased: gd granddaughter: gs grandson: gt great: m married: Md Metcalf: Mde Metcalfe: Mt Metcalf: Mte Metcalfe: s.o son of:

M1552 Mrs Joan M Hooper 9 Londesborough Road, Hutton Cranswick, Nr Driffield, East Yorkshire YO25 9PL **Please note correction to address.** Gt.gd of William & Jane (Mte) Simpson m 17 Aug 1872 Market Weighton, East Yks. Jane b 1852 Everthorpe E.Yks. (15th of 15 children) d.o John & Jane (Taylor) Mte m 8 Nov 1823 South Cave, E.Yks. John b c1787 Keyingham E.Yks. dec.1871 aged 84. **Connects to M318, M837 & M1073.**

M1556 Peter English Metcalf & Ms Kathryn Noyes 49 Adams Ave, Pembroke, MA 02359 USA. e-mail: papa.pete4@verizon.net Awaiting details

M1560 Mrs Jan Easton PO Box 396, Kotara Fair, New South Wales 2289 Australia e-mail: jeas3790@bigpond.net.au Gt.gd.of Sarah Jane Metcalfe b 1865, The Commonage, Lambton, Newcastle, NSW. Australia. 6th child of 8 of John & Elizabeth (Usher) Mte m 17 Jan 1853 Melbourne, Aus. John b 1830 bpt 27 Nov 1831 Barningham, Yks. Eng. S.o George & Ann (Woodhall) Mte m 13 May 1826

Romaldkirk, Yks.(now Co.Dur) when George was a miner of Rigg House & Ann of Wemmergill, Yks. George & Ann also had sons James 1827, William 1834 & George 1836 all bpt Romaldkirk. **Connects to M115**

M1562 David A Reece Brig-Y-Don, Saltburn Road, Brotten, Saltburn by the Sea, Cleveland TS12 2PJ. S.o Edward & Pamela Mary (Mte) Reece m 1954. Pamela Mary b 10 Nov 1934 Saltburn d.o Frederick & Alice (Garthwaite) Mte m 1920. Frederick b 27 Apr 1898 Kirkstall, Leeds s.o Thomas & Emma (Ross) Mte. Thomas bpt 1 Apr 1867 s.o Robert & Alice (Turner) Mte m 21 May 1864 Marrick. Robert bpt 18 Feb 1843 Easby s.o Anthony & Mary (Mte) Mte m 15 Nov 1820 Easby. Anthony bpt 1 Nov 1795 South Cowton s.o James & Mary (Whitaker) Mte m 25 Nov 1794 South Cowton. James bpt 18 Nov 1770 South Cowton s.o James & Eleanor (Swalwell) Mte m 21 Nov 1757 South Cowton. James b c1738. #Mary bpt 25 Mar 1798 St Mary, Marylebone, London d.o John & Frances/Fanny (Mte) Mte.

Frances bpt 27 Jul 1772 Easby d.o Robert & Margaret (Cooper) Mte m 12 Jun 1768 Easby. Robert b c1745. **Connects to M282, M311, M992 & M1004.**

M1565 Joanne Anastasi 54 Abdale Road, Norris Green, Liverpool, Merseyside L11 3EF. e-mail: jla05@blueyonder.co.uk Awaiting details

M1568 Mrs Helen Stevens Bluebells, 56 Grosmont Ave, Berkley Heywood, Worcester WR4 0RD. e-mail: mickandhelen.stevens@btinternet.com Grt x 8 gd of George & Agnes (Mt) Clarke m 28 Apr 1633 St Oswald's Ch. Horton in Ribblesdale. Agnes b 1613 Oulding, Horton in Ribblesdale d.o George & Agnes (?) Mt. Grt x 9 gd of Lawrence & Maud (Mt) Tunstall m 6 May 1577 St Oswald's Ch. Maud b c1555

M1572 Graham Metcalf 173 Belmont Ave, Belmont, Perth, Australia WA 6104. e-mail: gragra47@hotmail.com. Gs.of Frederick Mt bpt 7 Mar 1882 Ebberston, Yks. S.o Florence Mt. Florence bpt 30 Sep 1865 Ebberston d.o Robert & 2nd wife Ann (Temple) Mt m 18 Nov 1848 Ebberston. Robert bpt 5 Jan 1820 Ebberston s.o George & Rachel (Robinson) Mt m 8 Apr 1817 Ebberston. George bpt 7 Oct 1794 Ebberston s.o Robert & Rachel (Vasey) Mt m 29 Jul 1783 Ebberston. Robert bpt 28 Mar 1758 Ebberston s.o Robert & 2nd wife Jane (Dickinson) Mt m 10 Sep 1754 Ebberston. Robert bpt 23 Sep 1719 Ebberston s.o Richard & (?) Mt. Richard bpt 28 Sep 1693 Ebberston s.o Robert of Ebberston 1681 to 1683. **Connects to M78 & M1387.**

M1584 Mrs Joan Wilson 31 Kendal Parks Road, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 7NQ Gd.o Sarah Grace Mte b 1868 Osmotherley d.o Matthew & Ann (Marra) Mte m 17 Sep 1860 Hawes. Matthew b 1842 Appersett s.o Thomas & Elizabeth (Mte)

Mte m 15 May 1841 Hawes. Thomas b c1818 Appersett s.o Matthew & Margaret (Calvert) Mte m 27 Nov 1815 Hawes. Matthew b c1791 Appersett.

M1585 Jack Metcalfe 19 Silverdale Road, Guiseley, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS20 8AZ. S.o William Spensley & Sarah (Scott) Mte m 7 Mar 1936 Saltaire, Shipley. William Spensley b 23 Jul 1909 Middlesmoor s.o George & Martha (Wilson) Mte m 5 Jul 1905 Middlesmoor. George bpt 5 Sep 1882 Low Row Methodist Chapel s.o William Spensley & Mary (Whitfield) Mte m 13 Nov 1880 Melbecks. William Spensley b 1848 Reeth district s.o George & Jane (Hugill) Mte. George bpt 6 Jul 1821 Grinton s.o John & Elizabeth (Watters) m 11 Oct 1814 Grinton. John b c1791 Yorks.

#Sarah Scott d.o Joseph & Jane Elizabeth (Mte) Scott m 1900 Aysgarth district. Jane Elizabeth bpt 8 Sep 1873 Hawes d.o James & Ann (?) Mte. James bpt 10 Jan 1832 Hawes s.o Ninion & Isabella (Mason) Mte m 19 Mar 1825. Ninion bpt 30 Dec 1798 Ingleton Fells s.o Alexander & Jane (Mte) Mte m 8 Mar 1794 Hawes. Alexander bpt 29 Aug 1764 Hawes s.o John & Eleanor (?) Mte.

##Jane bpt 5 Mar 1771 Hawes d.o Ninion & Eleanor (Mte) Mte m 17 Nov 1766 Hawes. Ninion bpt 22 Mar 1739 Hawes s.o Thomas & Margaret (Lambert) Mte m 29 Aug 1734 Hawes. Thomas bpt 25 Mar 1694 Askrigg s.o Richard & Alice (Stockdale) Mte m 4 May 1678 Askrigg. Richard b c1660 s.o Thomas & Elizabeth (Rucroft) Mte m 1640. Thomas b c1610 s.o Thomas b c1580.

Eleanor bpt 22 Aug 1731 Dent d.o Jeffery & Agnes (Petty) Mte.

M1586 David Hartley Shoolbred Farm, Dent, nr Sedburgh, Cumbria LA10 5TD. e-mail hallbank.dent@virgin.net. Born Dent s.o Joseph & Florence (Mte) Hartley m May 1950 Aysgarth. Florence b 1925 Dunford Bridge, Thurlston d.o Ralph Tiplady & Mary Alice (Mte*1) Mte m 16 Feb 1914 Aysgarth. Ralph Tiplady bpt 10 Sep 1882 Stalling Busk s.o Henry & 1st wife Phillis Ann (Mte*2) Mte m 5 Feb 1880 Hawes. Henry bpt 28 Mar 1852 Stalling Busk s.o Christopher & 1st wife Jane (Mte*3) Mte m 31 Jan 1846 Stalling Busk. Christopher bpt 2 Nov 1823 Askrigg s.o George & Elizabeth (Chapman) Mte m 28 Apr 1823 Askrigg. George bpt 29 May 1796 Askrigg s.o George of Worton & (?Nanny) (?Kearton m 6 Apr 1791 Askrigg). End of main line.

Bride *1 - Mary Alice b Thornton Rust bpt 2 Sep 1888 Aysgarth d.o George & Grace (Pickering) Mte m 18 Oct 1884 Aysgarth. George b Bishopdale bpt 21 Sep 1856 Aysgarth s.o John & Mary (Lambert) Mte m 20 Feb 1849 Aysgarth. John b Thoraby bpt 16 Jul 1804 Aysgarth s.o John & Nanny (?Allen) Mte of Blind Sike. John b c1760.

Bride*2 – Phillis Ann b 1851 Hawes area d.o Ralph Tiplady & Mary (Blythe) Mte of Bainbridge Ings m 10 Apr 1845 Hawes. Ralph Tiplady b Sedbusk bpt 13 Feb 1813 Hardraw s.o John & Jane (Tiplady) Mte m 5 May 1810 Hardraw. John b c1787 Hawes s.o John & Margaret (Routh) Mte of Cotterdale m 17 Apr 1780 Hawes. John b c1749 Cotterdale.

Bride*3 – Jane bpt 16 Nov 1823 Stalling Busk d.o John & Margaret (Moore) Mte m Nov 1815 Aysgarth. John bpt 6 Oct 1793 Stalling Busk s.o William & Anne (Tomlin) Mte. William b 18 Sep 1757 bpt 13 May 1759 Stalling Busk s.o John & Barbara (Mte*4) Mte m 12 May 1756 Hawes. John b c1727 Marsett s.o William & 1st wife Margaret (?) Mte.

Bride*4 – Barbara bpt 31 Jul 1729 Hawes d.o Anthony & Alice (Mte*5) Mte m 18 Aug 1724 Ingleton Fells. Anthony b c1699 Hawes s.o Cuthbert & Barbara (Symondson) Mte m 1694 Kettlewell. Cuthbert s.o Anthony & Elizabeth (Wynn) Mte. Anthony b c1640 s.o Margaret Mte d.o Anthony & Anne (Hudson) Mte. Anthony a yeoman of Hardraw.

Bride*5 – Alice b c1704 Hawes d.o Philip & Alice (Jackson) Mte of Gayle m 31 Jul 1698 Hawes. Philip bpt 13 Feb 1676/7 Hawes s.o Thomas Mte of Hawes. **Connects to the following members, past & present! M28, 50,55, 63, 69, 173, 178, 246, 256, 277, 288, 384,415,419, 427, 512, 528, 538, 539, 550, 606, 631, 676, 748, 821, 859, 875, 896, 897, 916, 987, 997, 1141, 1280, 1319, 1345, 1392, 1415 & 1430.**

M1587 Mr Enrico Jene Metcalf 7 Hayes Ave, Ella Street, Hull, East Yorkshire. HU5 3AZ. e-mail: RikMetcalf@aol.com. S.o Basil Wilberforce & Jean Campbell (Jones) Mt m 22 Aug 1936 Bradford Reg. Office. Basil Wilberforce b 19 Nov 1910 Manningham s.o John Harold & Mary Kitching (Jarrett) Mt m 26 Dec 1910 Gillingham, Bradford. John Harold b 29 Sep 1887 Horton, Bradford s.o Alfred & Clare Annie (Hill) Mt m 22 Aug 1878 St. Michael & All Angels, Bradford. Alfred b 20 Jun 1854 Gomersall, Dewsbury s.o William & Ann (Heald) Mt m 26 Dec 1850 Parish Church, Leeds. William b c1819 s.o Thomas & Elizabeth (-) Mt.

M1588 Michael de Jong 1016 N Euclid Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302 USA e-mail: mbdejong@comcast.net. S.o Abraham & Joyce Lilian (Md) de Jong m Sydney, Australia. Joyce b 29 Feb 1920 Albany, Australia d.o Ferdinand George & Rita Stephens (Fry) Md m 11 Apr 1917 Perth, Aus. Ferdinand G. b 20 Sep 1889 Sydney, Aus. S.o Ferdinand Thomas Joseph & Lilian (Nunn) Md m 6 Mar 1839 Sydney. Ferdinand T.J. b 7 Aug 1866 Sydney s.o Joseph & Ellen (Harris) Md m 23 Oct 1865 Sydney. Joseph b 2 May 1841 Sydney s.o Joseph Beddy & Ruth (Unthank) Md m 25 Jan 1835 St Nicholas, Liverpool, England. Joseph B. bpt 24 Jul 1810 Dublin, Ireland s.o John & Mary (Beddy) Md. John an upholsterer of Dublin, Ireland. **Connects to M198,M238,M1121 & M1530**

M1589 Robert Stanley Metcalfe 6083 Triple Crown Circle, Greensburg, PA15601, USA. e-mail: retired_wolf@yahoo.com. Robert Stanley b 24 Jun 1943 Lawton, OK, USA s.o Raymond Allen & Mary Ellen (Sprowls) Mte m 24 Jun 1941. Raymond Allen b 19 Aug 1916 Braznell, PA, USA s.o Robert Payne & Nell (Jones) Mte. Robert Payne b 1 Aug 1892 Fayette City, PA, USA s.o John & Annie (Farnaby) Mte m 22 Mar 1879 Auckland district, UK. John b 26

1859 Swinton s.o Thomas & Hannah (Mallaby) Mte m 28 Apr 1855 Masham. Thomas bpt 5 Sep 1819 Masham s.o James & Elizabeth (Cundale) Mte m 25 Nov 1805 Masham. James b c1778 s.o James Mte. **Connects M1558**

M1590 Joseph Makahilahila 98-288 Kaonohi St, Apt1703, Aiea, HI 96701 USA. e-mail: kmakahilahila@gmail.com Awaiting details

M1591 Julie Brutnell 69 Hatfield Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, Hants. PO4 9DJ. e-mail: j.brutnell@ntlworld.com also: website: http://winn-family-tree.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk. Descendant of George & Betty (Mte) Winn m by lic 24 May 1798 St Mary's Ch, Muker. Betty b 11 Oct 1777 Calvert House, Swaledale bpt 9 Nov 1777 Muker d.o Richard & Betty (Hutchinson) Mte m 26 Sep 1770 Richmond. Richard also had sons Edmund 1771 (AKA Edward) & William 1773. Richard b c1743 s.o William & Elizabeth (Guy) Mte m 1 Jun 1740 Muker. William b c1715 Upper Swaledale s.o Edmund Mte of Keld b c1689 dec 1740.

M1592 Gerald Metcalfe 44403 Fernwood Road, Mendocino, CA95460 USA e-mail: jmetcal@pacbell.net Awaiting details

M1593 Graham Metcalfe 79 Mount Pleasant, Ruislip, Middlesex HA4 9HQ e-mail: grahammetcalfe@blueyonder.co.uk Awaiting details

M1594 Frederick Peter Metcalfe 33 Marchwood Ave, Sheffield, South Yorkshire S6 5LG. e-mail: marquetry.man@virgin.net. Brother of M1554: s.o James & Eunice (Thwaite) Mte m 1933 Kirkstall. James b 29 Mar 1909 Kirkstall s.o James & Jane Elizabeth (Varley) Mte m 14 Dec 1895 St. Stephen's Church, Kirkstall. James b 10 Feb 1874 Hawes s.o Thomas & Martha (Mte)* Mte m 24 Oct 1877 Garsdale. Thomas b c1833 Hawes s.o James Mte. *Martha bpt 12 Apr 1835 Lunds d.o Richard & Ann (Bushby) Mte m 25 May 1829 Aysgarth. (Ann his 2nd wife). Richard bpt 17 Jan 1773 Askrigg s.o John Mte. **Connects to M144,145,389,658,807,810,1161,1549,1554 & 1605**

M1595 Mark Metcalf 6224 Big Springs Drive, Arlington, TX 76001 USA e-mail: marmet55@hotmail.com Awaiting details

M1596 Patricia M Pearson 35 King George Ave, Brighton North, South Australia 5048, Australia. e-mail: patmaroz@hotmail.com. Desc of William Crooks & Mary (Mte) Goodall m 18 Sep 1862 Leeds. Mary bpt 11 Sep 1829 Richmond, Yks d.o Joseph & Ann (Patrickson) Mte. Joseph bpt 14 Nov 1807 Richmond s.o Thomas & Sarah (Clark) Mte m 17 Sep 1805 Richmond. Thomas b c1767 s.o Thomas Mte. **Connects to M271**

M1597 Mr & Mrs Peter & Jean Harland Ward (surname Ward) Forthburn, Marwood, Barnard Castle, Co. Durham DL12 8RS. Peter gs of John James & Abigail Jane (Mte) Fleming m 24 Aug 1899 St Paul's Church, Clapham, Surrey. Abigail J. b 23 Jan 1871 Escomb, Co. Durham d.o William & Elizabeth (Brown) Mte m 27 Jul 1856 Shildon, Co. Durham. William b 8 Oct 1829 Holborn, London s.o William Mt a joiner

M1598 Ms Jean Smith 9 Sycamore Ave, Saltburn-by-Sea Cleveland TS121PF e-mail: jean@jsmith59.fsnet.co.uk Awaiting details

M1599 Michael Barrett Brooklyn, Cranage Villas, Manchester Road, Plumley, Knutsford Cheshire WA16 0UB. e-mail:garrettc@supanet.com Awaiting details

M1600 Ms Lydia Metcalfe 21 King George Ave, Horsforth, Leeds LS18 5ND d.o M710 (DOB 5-10-77) Awaiting details

M1601 Daniel John Metcalfe 21 King George Ave, Horsforth, Leeds LS18 5ND. S.o. M710 (DOB 21-6-79) Awaiting details

M1602 Adrian Paul Metcalfe 6 Sandhurst Street, Calverley, Leeds LS28 s.o. M710 (DOB 14-9-82) Awaiting details

M1603 David E Thompson 4 Worsley Close, Eaglescliffe, Stockton on Tees TS16 0BW. e-mail:davidethompson@ntlworld.com. Awaiting details

M1604 Mrs Elaine M.Hassall 41 Seaview Drive, Great Wakering, Essex SS3 0BE. e-mail: ellamary@vile.fsbusiness.co.uk. Dau of the late Donald Foster Metcalfe b 1931 Fulham s.o Charles Foster & Dorothy (Marshall) Mte m 1923 Newcastle on Tyne. Charles F. b 1889 South Stockton s.o Thomas Foster & Margaret Jane (?Mudd) Mte m 1882 Leeds. Thomas F. bpt 24 Mar 1861 Masham s.o George & Elizabeth (Foster) Mte m 15 May 1844 Middleton Tyas, Yks. George b 15 Jul 1812 Easby Mill bpt 16 Aug 1812 Easby s.o Sarah Metcalfe & Robert Harrison. Sarah m 2 Feb 1819 Hipswell to John Cuthbertson. Sarah bpt 17 Feb 1782 Hipswell d.o George & Elizabeth (Robinson) Mte m 17 Nov 1768 Coniscliffe nr Darlington, Co. Durham. George b 1733.**Connects to M13, 29, 39, 66, 70, 92, 132, 133, 211, 212, 246, 248, 257, 292, 345, 346, 458, 517, 546, 791, 847, 849, 855, 856, 887,1139,1197,1220,1230 &1324.**

M1605 Simon M Hicks Southbank, Wellington, Hereford HR4 8AT. e-mail: simon@hicks64.wanadoo.co.uk. S.o Joseph Maxwell & Lorna Mary Frances (Mte) Hicks m 1939. Lorna M.F. b 12 Sep 1910 Mill Hill House, Shenfield, Brentwood, Essex, 7th child of 9 of Frederick William & Esther Lucie (Maurice) Mte m 1894 Islington. Frederick Wm b 1859 Paddington s.o Richard Lucy

(Leech) Mte m 1 Nov 1858 Kensington Reg. Office, London. Richard being a hydrotherapist/hydropathic practitioner of Paddington Green. Richard bpt 1 Sep 1831 Bowes nr barnard Castle s.o Richard & Jane (Yoeman) Mte m 23 Nov 1826 Aysgarth. Richard b Flase or Hase Hall, Mallerstang, bpt 6 May 1804 Kirkby Stephen, Wes. S.o Richard & first wife Sybil (Whitfield) Mte m 20 Mar 1793 Kirkby Stephen. Richard b c1770 bpt 17Jan 1773 Askrigg s.o John & (?) Mte of Low coat/Long Coat.**Connects to M144, 145, 389, 658, 807, 810, 1044, 1161, 1549, 1554 &1559**

M1606 Shawn Smith 21 Stonebriar Drive, Maple, Ontario L6A 2N2. e-mail: sjs905@gmail.com. Awaiting details

M1607 A. Frances Main The Old Co-op Hall, Main Street, Hellifield, Nth. Yorkshire BD23 4JY. e-mail: alex@awe-web.com. Awaiting details

M1608 Mark Fisher 62 St. Leonards Road, Molescroft, Beverley, East Yorkshire HU17 7HJ. e-mail: markfr1uk@yahoo.co.uk Awaiting details

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M194 John (Jack) Metcalfe 2 South Edge Keighley West Yorkshire BD20 6JZ

M645 Ms Hilary Denham 31 Cross Flatts Parade, Leeds LS11 7JL. e-mail hilarydenham@taliesin31.fsnet.co.uk

M689 Irene M Redpath 5 Strathesk Place, Penicuik, Midlothian,EH26 8EB Gt gd d.o. Ernest & Martha (Mte) Whiteoak m 20 Dec 1902 Bradford,Yks. Martha b 11 Nov 1884 Bradford dec 27 Apr 1929 Bradford d.o. John & Hannah (Wilson) Mte. John b c1854 Bradford. Webpage: <http://uk.geocities.com/imredpath/index.html>

M1196 Rex Metcalfe New address: 8 Albatross Ave, Nambour, Queensland 4560 Australia. e-mail: rex_metcalfe@hotmail.com

M1341 Ralfe Metcalfe Witcombe, Slines Oak Road, Woldingham, Surrey CR3 7HL. **Corrected birth brief:** Gs.o Henry & Mary (Eley Mte m 1920 Kensington. Henry b 4Q1895 Newcastle on Tyne 10b 21 s.o Ralph & Elizabeth Ann (Roddy) Mte. Ralph b 2Q1850 Durham 24.129 s.o Thomas & Elizabeth (?) Mte. Thomas b c1816 Stockton. **Connects to M123 & 165**

M1396 Claire & Helen Turner 3 Moorlands Place, Camberley, Surrey GU15 3EE. e-mail: leslie.turner@btinternet.com. BB in Apr 2004 issue 72 p29. Nathaniel b 19 Dec 1848 Westminster was the younger brother to Francis b 19 Dec 1846 Westminster (see entry for M1401 below) both sons of Francis & his first wife Mary (Bloomfield) Mte m c1836 Westminster. Francis ? bpt 3 May 1807 St Anne, Soho, London s.o Francis & Phoebe (?) Mte. **Connects to M1401**

M1401 Mrs Valerie Gentile 7 Penrose Ave, Redland Bay, 4165 Queensland, Australia. e-mail: pge57668@bigpond.net.au. BB in Aug 2003 issue 70 p30, updated Dec 2004 issue 74 p25, updated Apr 2005 issue 75 p28. Francis/ Frank m as 2nd wife Elizabeth Virtue Bloomfield 9 Apr 1876 St Saviour, Westminster. Francis b 19 Feb 1846 Westminster. (see M1396 entry above) s.o Francis & his 1st wife Mary (Bloomfield) m c1836 Westminster. Francis ? bpt 3 May 1807 St Anne, Soho, London s.o Francis & Phoebe (?) Mte. Checking continues.

Connects to M1396

M1448 Gordon Ainscough & the late Mrs. Dorothy Ainscough 15 Dickens Road, Rugby CV22 5RW. **Corrected birth brief:** Dorothy (Mt) m Gordon Ainscough 29 Sep 1957. Dorothy b 24 Jul 1933 d.o Thomas Griffith & Violet Elizabeth (Parker) Mt m 15 Feb 1918 West Derby district, Liverpool. Thomas Griffith b 1 Sep 1891 Liverpool s.o William & Ann Ellen (Williams) Mt m 1891. William b 1864 bpt 10 Apr 1864 St Peter, Liverpool s.o Edward & Elizabeth (?) Mt. Edward b c1831. ? Died 3Q1876 Liverpool 8b 99 aged 45.

M1514 Mrs Heather R. Smethurst 118 Pheasant Rise, Bar Hill, Cambridge CB3 8SD. BB in Aug 2005 issue 76 p27. John Thomas Mte m Ada Smith 24 Dec 1901 Burnley. John Thomas b 23 May 1878 Clow Bridge, Hapton s.o Ellen Mte. Ellen b 12 Feb 1852 Mereclough, Cliviger d.o William Isabella (Whitehead) Mte. Mge sought. William bpt 18 Mar 1821 Thornton in Lonsdale s.o Adam & Mary (Dodgson) Mte m 26 Dec 1809 Thornton in Lonsdale. Adam bpt 4 Jan 1789 Thornton in Lonsdale s.o Thomas (?) Mte. **Connects to XM929**

M1523 Mrs Sheila A. Snuggs The Coach House, Church Lane, Buckland Vipers, Weymouth, Dorset DT3 4BT. e-mail: Sheila.snuggs@tesco.net. BB in Aug 2005 issue 76 p28. John Mte (watch maker) m 1st wife Elizabeth Biggs in 1846 St James, Westminster, London. Their children were John Frederick 1847, Elizabeth E. 1850 Joseph Walter 1851 & Alice 1852. John m 2nd wife Emma Claretta Searls pre 1859. Their children were Elizabeth 1859, Emma Claretta (Clara) 1860, George T. 1864, Beatrice M. 1865, Alfred 1867, William 1868, Albert E. 1870 & John 1875. John dec in 1875 aged 56, he was bpt 11 Oct 1819, Holy Trinity, Hull, Yks. S.o Joseph & Mary Ann (Wilson) Mt m 24 Dec 1817 Holy Trinity, Hull. John was a Joiner of Holy Trinity parish Hull. Can anyone help?

M1530 Neryl Medcalf 39 Badgery Cresc, Lawson, NSW 2783. Australia. **Add: Connects to M1588**

M1549 Mr T J Roberts 6 Wild Place, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6HT. e-mail: t20108rob@aol.com. **Add: Connects to M144,145,389,658,807,810, 1161,1554,1594 & 1605**

M1554 James Brian & Ena Metcalfe 11 Hillcourt Road, High Lane, Stockport SK6 8HN. **New e-mail:** ena.brian.metcalfe@btinternet.com. **Corrected birth brief:** Brother of M1594: s.o James & Eunice (Thwaite) Mte m 1933 Kirkstall. James b 29 Mar 1909 Kirkstall s.o James & Jane Elizabeth (Varley) Mte m 14 Dec 1895 St. Stephen's Church, Kirkstall. James b 10 Feb 1874 Hawes s.o Thomas & Martha (Mte)* Mte m 24 Oct 1877 Garsdale. Thomas b c1833 Hawes s.o James Mte. *Martha bpt 12 Apr 1835 Lunds d.o Richard & Ann (Bushby) Mte m 25 May 1829 Aysgarth. (Ann his 2nd wife). Richard bpt 17 Jan 1773 Askrigg s.o John Mte. **Connects to M144, 145, 389, 658, 807, 810, 1161, 1549, 1594 & 1605**

M1558 Beverley Stevens Heath Holdings Farm, Stone Heath, Leigh, Stoke-on-Trent ST10 4PG. **Corrected birth brief:** D.o.Frank & Bessie (Mte) Willis m 20 Jul 1954 South Otterington. Bessie b 1928 d.o James & Elizabeth Maud (Hill) Mte m1923. James b 1890 Colburn s.o John & Martha (Pounder) Mte m 11 May 1882 Richmond Reg Off. John bpt 2 Jan 1853 Hipswell s.o William & Mary (Mte) m 1 Feb 1841 Hipswell. William bpt 9 Mar 1817 Masham s.o James & Elizabeth (Cundale) Mte m 25 Nov 1805 Masham. James b c1778 Aysgarth/ Marske s.o James Mte. #Mary bpt 16 May 1819 Downholme d.o Richard & Jane (Fryer) Mte m 14 Oct 1811 Downholme. Richard b c1789. **Connects to M65, M124, M646, M787 & M1364**

M1530 Neryl Medcalf. An error in her BB in the December 2005 Mecca News. Listed as "Widow of" instead of "Wife of Sidney John Medcalf". Apologies for the error.

It is with regret we report the death of M41

Mrs Ruth Kay

of Long Preston who passed away
on Christmas Day 2005.

Also

Mrs J P Fryer

M489, who died on 23/9/05.

We extend our sympathy to
relatives and friends of both.

Katrina Daughter of Eve

Although my mother (Mary Clark) and I descend from a Metcalfe female (Mary 1844 - 1895) I noted Martin Metcalfe's article, in the 25th anniversary edition of the Mecca News, with more than cursory interest. Whilst recognising that Martin is pioneering the establishment of a DNA database through male Metcalfe lines I consider my experience in this area may be of interest to members.

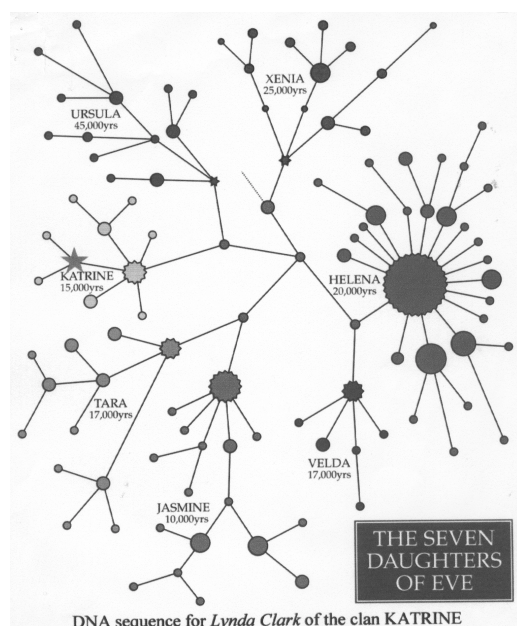
Some years ago I purchased the book 'Seven Daughters of Eve', author Bryan Sykes, Professor of Human Genetics Oxford University (Published 2001, Bantam Press). With the book came a cut price offer for DNA testing to establish, through the female line, connection with one of his so-called 'clan mothers'. My test indicated descent from clan-mother 'Katrine' who lived 15,000 years ago in the Venice area. Sykes continues 'Ten thousand years after she lived, one of her many descendants died crossing the Alps. We know him as the Ice Man. Today 6% of Europeans are in the clan Katrine.'

To say that I found this news absorbing would be an understatement of gigantic proportions. Otzi (the Ice Man) is on my family tree, connecting back via Mary Metcalfe and her mother; Elizabeth Frankland (c1823 - 1879 of Middleton) married Robert Metcalfe (c1820 - 1900), miller Hipswell.

My ambition is to one day meet the earliest ancestor I am likely to trace. He lives in cold storage in the South Tyrolean Museum of Archaeology in Bolzano, Italy. It is frustrating that the void between Otzi and Mary Metcalfe will never be filled but perhaps one day her great granddaughter will manage to shake his hand and give him a hug!!

Web sites which may be of interest are:
www.oxfordancestors.com
www.iceman.it
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/icemummies/iceman.html>

Lynda Clark M791



DNA sequence for Lynda Clark of the clan KATRINE

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Online Survey aims to Research e-Genealogy

A PhD study is underway at the Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, examining Internet family history resources and their users. This will investigate the users themselves, how users view both e-genealogical resources and libraries, and how these resources are used within the research process.

One of the eventual aims of the project is to highlight methods of promoting the "added value" of UK Local Studies Library Collections, increasing their visibility to users online. The research also aims to identify, categorise and examine the available resources: developing specific evaluative criteria and promoting increased awareness and understanding within the library community in order to maintain a quality level of service for genealogical researchers in libraries.

The first stage of the project is a 5-minute online survey, which hopes to gather more information about anyone accessing UK information online for their family history research. This can be found at:

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

For further details on the survey or any aspect of the research, please contact Kate Friday at prs.friday@rgu.ac.uk.

The Metcalfe Society is not part of the survey but members who may wish, as individuals, to assist in the study should contact the organisers for more details.

More East Yorkshire Mecca's

SLEDMERE HOUSE & GARDENS; Near Driffild, East Yorkshire.
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Aged 27 Height 66 inches. Weight 147 lbs. Grey eyes. Dark brown hair.
A carter. Born Sherburn.
Date and place of Attestation - 18 Dec 1913 - Sherburn.
Ernest Metcalfe. Wagoner 1001.
Aged 18 Height 67 inches Weight 120 lbs Blue eyes Dark hair.
In farm service Born Harrogate
Date and place of Attestation - 27 June 1914 - Driffild.

*The top two are brothers and connect in varying degrees to
Members 78, 1387, 1541 and 1572.*

Wolds Wagoners Special Reserve

*These were a special force of men and their supply wagons using the
typical Wolds wagons which had a single pole to which were hitched a horse
on either side - apparently thereby making it easy to manoeuvre.*

Supplied by Nina Benson M29

Lancashire Registration District

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Lancashire Registration District, Certificate Services,
Quayside Court, Chain Caul Way, Preston PR2 2ZP
☎ 01772 326881
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