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This Mecca News has an international flavour with India, Hawaii, Australia and the USA featured in its pages. This shows how our Clan has expanded and spread from its Northern roots to a world wide presence - one we should be rightly proud of.

It is hard to believe that it is nearly twelve months since our highly successful 25th Anniversary Muster. This time last year there was a lot of planning and work going on to bring together all the various activities in a cohesive programme. The result was a busy but very enjoyable two day event. This year's Muster and AGM will be less frenetic but no less interesting at the Dales Countryside Museum at Hawes. If you missed last year's event or have not yet visited the beautiful Wensleydale or even if you have been before book now for this year's Muster on 9 September. Your invitation to the Muster and the AGM papers are enclosed with this magazine.

Have you some spare time? Do you wish to help your Society with its administration and record keeping? If so don't hesitate read the plea for help on page 7 and get your response in quickly.



Society website noticeboard gets a face-lift

<http://www.metcalfc.org.uk>

The Society website now has a new message board and forum where both members and non-members can post their own Metcalfe queries, family trees and contact other Metcalfe researchers.

After a short registration process you can start posting straight away - so no more long waits on getting your message put online by the (overworked) web administrator!

I hope all of you with internet access will visit the board regularly and help to make it 'the' meeting point for Metcalfes online. As always, your comments and suggestions are most welcome.

Carol Herbert (M1072) Web Administrator

FOOD for THOUGHT

In May the North West Group of Family History Societies (NWGFHS), of which we are a member, held its One Day conference in Southport. A most enjoyable and informative day. One of the speakers was Prof. Hey, a Sheffield man, who spoke most eloquently about family surnames and their distribution. He is a good friend of George Redmond's whom many of you will remember gave talks on related subjects at two previous Musters. The derivation and spread of surnames is particularly interesting when it comes to a One Name Society like ours.

Maybe we can enlarge the history of "the Clan"

Our editor (who is Chairman of the NWGFHS) and I, as a result of what we had heard, discussed in the margins of the event, what potential new projects we might devise for the Society in the next 5 years (or sooner maybe!). (These are only notes from me and I make no excuse for the fact that the following are no more than a few rambling thoughts coming out of Peter's chat with me inspired in part by Prof. Hey.)

We thought that there is scope to do more than merely reporting our members birth briefs and potential links to other members. Would it not be interesting to learn what members who are found to be linked have discovered by contacting their cousins? You all have a great deal of information but most of it is known only to yourselves. Can we find a way to disseminate the information and thereby enlighten all members of the Society. Maybe we can enlarge the history of "the clan" by pooling our knowledge more than we do at present?

We have most of the General Registry information post 1837 thanks to Patrick Malham and his band of helpers. Thanks to David Metcalfe especially we have census material covering our family. The Metcalfe Book deliberately selected, by occupation, branches of the family and elaborated on their part in our history. It could only touch the surface however. Maybe we should try a similar approach by reference to locations and locate the various branches of the family their children and issue: where they lived, the type of property, why they moved (or stayed put), how they flourished (or failed), where they moved to, what they did when they arrived at a new destination. With modern technology it ought to be possible to involve more of you in this "Big Project" if I might call it that.

Could we keep a Society "photobank" into which we each pass on a

photograph of a known Metcalfe ancestor: Surely it would be possible to scan the photographs and to keep them on a CD Rom or DVD if we have enough? They might be available at the Muster or on-line. It is always fascinating to see family likenesses and I feel sure a collection like this would be of interest. We already have a scrap book and it would really be an extension of that but in a more focussed manner. The DNA material collected by some of you might be linked in too in some way.

Photographs of Metcalfe houses or business premises etc could also be compiled. We are lucky that Yorkshire from the beginning of the 18th Century maintained deeds registries where land transactions had to be registered until the 1970s. We can identify ancestors' properties certainly in Yorkshire. The same Registries had a separate series of Indexes for Wills which involved land and of Court Cases which involved land. These could be checked and the information

be centrally kept. If the archive was widened to include such information it could be accessed by the archivist and contributors to the Members birth brief. We would be giving you more information than you might personally hold, the information coming from members for everyone's benefit. With modern technology it ought to be possible to keep the information digitally on computer rather than in shoe boxes under the bed!

"Yes but ... " I hear you say. Who is going to do it? Whats the point? Well I think as a one name society studying our family and its branches we should find out as much as we can about those branches and their inter-relationship and dependency upon one another. By storing and pooling our information, as we have demonstrated we can do in the case of GRO records, Censuses and wills, we can direct our projects in new directions. The outcome will be more information giving us a greater in depth knowledge of the Clan which will help members to learn more about their ancestors.

These are my thoughts and not Society policy! What do you think?

Photographs of Metcalfe houses



Nappa Hall, Wensleydale

Metcalfe DNA project - an update

Since the project was launched in the New Year (the magazine (Mecca News 77 page 3) was published as I was sunning myself and sailing in Australia) there has been a steady flow of people interested in joining. I also have connections with a related Metcalfe project concentrating on American Metcalfes (pre-revolution immigrants) and the Midkiff project.

In total, results are now available for 8 Metcalf/es and 8 Midkiffs, sufficient to draw some tentative conclusions.

Results

The Midkiffs have proved to be closely related, 5 of them having identical results, 2 being only one or two steps (genetic distance) apart and just one being unrelated with a genetic distance of 11 on the basis of the 25 marker test taken. Although I believe all are American, they were not all known relations.

As for the Metcalf/es, the position is much more varied for those that have tested. One has proved to be completely unrelated and has a Southern European/ Mediterranean type (E3b) while the remaining Metcalf/es (and Midkiffs) have the main European type R1b/1. None of those who have tested are closely related to any of the others – the closest two being 5 steps apart and the greatest (excluding the one outlier) 16 steps apart.

Interpreting results

A genetic distance of 5 (on the 25 marker results) is currently understood to give a 50% probability of a 'most recent common ancestor' less than 22 generations back, or about 550 years and this would seem to support a common Metcalfe ancestor, if rather further back than most of us have any chance of tracing conventionally. However, this drops off fairly rapidly for greater genetic distances and I think it unlikely that those with a genetic distance of more than 7 would prove to have a common Metcalfe ancestor although.

There generally appears to be an even spread in terms of genetic distance between each of the Metcalfes (excluding the outlier) and the Midkiffs lie within this area. There is no obvious split between those that clearly are likely to share a common Metcalfe ancestor and those that don't.

Future development

So far there are DNA results for 16 people representing 11 unique lines based on the 25 markers. I have been working through the birth brief booklet to establish how many Metcalfe lines there are recorded. I have counted 220 male

David Lambert M11 - Chairman

Metcalfe members and a further 300 members (total 520) who are no more than 2 generations from a male Metcalfe, and therefore may know a male Metcalfe relative. I have checked the listed ancestry recorded in the BBB for each of these and identified those who trace back to a common Metcalfe ancestor. Of these 520, they trace back to 317 different Metcalfe ancestors. Many listed ancestries are quite short and with a bit more information may link back to some of the 317. However, that is still a lot of different lines and only 4 of them are included in the DNA tests so far.

Over time as more people test we will build up data on the different lines and be able to group together closely related lines, which should be of help to some in their researches.

So.....why not arrange for you, or your male Metcalfe relative, to get a 37 marker yDNA test – now at a reduced price of \$189 (about £104).

A few families are of special interest due to the number of members in the society, including anyone descended from the two most common Metcalfe direct male line ancestors in the Society:

George Mte, b c1733, m Elizabeth Robinson 17 Nov 1768 Coniscliffe, or Christopher Mte, b c1751, m Hannah Brown 17 July 1781 Great Langton

That's at least 25 of you out there!

Martin Metcalfe M772
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A Double Take

- The society is delighted that our new secretary Ena Metcalfe is also taking on the responsibility of New Members Secretary.
- After many years and now retiring from the working world, Carol Arkwright is also retiring from both the committee and her roles for the society - new members secretary, sales coordinator and lending library coordinator.
- Hence the first point of contact for potential new members both before and after they join the society will be Ena.
(Ena's contact details are at the inside front cover.)

Society

NEWS

Three volunteers please

We are most grateful to Carol Arkwright for the many years of service managing both the sales department and lending library. Due to her retirement, we are seeking two volunteers to take over each of her outstanding roles - sales coordinator and lending library coordinator. Ideally both roles need people who have a little storage space available and are able to come

to the muster each year.

If you would like to find out more about either role, please contact either
Carol Arkwright directly on 01524-858304
or Diane Howarth on 01256-883633 / journal@metcalfe.org.uk

* Sales Coordinator - do you have some spare storage space for keeping the sales merchandise on behalf of the society? The role involves receiving orders from members and despatching sales items throughout the year on a small scale. The main workload is at Muster time to bring a quantity of each of the merchandise for sale at the Muster. The sales coordinator is also responsible for keeping track of stock levels and notifying relevant people (eg publications coordinator) as to when stocks need to be replenished.

* Lending Library Coordinator - The role involves the storage of the lending library throughout the year and despatching books to members on request on a loan basis. Also responsible for bringing the books to the Muster to allow members to borrow them at the Muster to return at a later date.

* We are also looking for a volunteer to manage the wills project. This involves coordinating the work of a few volunteers who are transcribing wills, receiving the transcription and coordinating it back to the society so that it can be made available to members. Please contact Diane Howarth (details above) if you are interested in this role.

Wanted - a volunteer to go through the back issues of the Mecca News and type up an index. The format will be provided so no special skills required just a willingness to help and an ability to input information into a Word/ Notepad or similar package This would be an great aid for members.

CAN YOU HELP?

If so contact the Editor - address inside front cover,

A MERCHANT ADVENTURER

Charles Metcalfe the subject of this article left money to the Banbury workhouse but he first appeared in records in India in the late 17th century as a merchant, who traded under the East India Company name, but also on his own account.

We first find mention of Charles in the East India Company records on the 14th February 1682 in Madras when he gave Martha Mainstone away in marriage. He seems to have been in that part of the world for some time as on the 2 April 1682 a Charles Metcalfe (probably a child) was buried in Madras.

By 1683 Charles Metcalfe had formed a firm friendship with John Afflick a merchant, so much so the two families remained firm friends and intermarried. On the 18th September 1683 at Lampico Taiwan a ship called The Sapphire whose captain was Charles Metcalfe and John Afflick the merchant sailed into the Harbour. The cargo carried was cloth; redwood; and carpets from Persia. They appear to have run foul of The Company's bureaucracy or maybe they were protecting their business interests but whatever the reason Charles Metcalfe and John Afflick would not give the company employees any information concerning their private trade. So a report was written to head office in London. However as with all large organisations when crossed they kept to the rules exacting their own immediate revenge as the sailing of the Sapphire was "deliberately delayed to miss the onward connection at Madras".

Problems with The Company seemed to be part of their life as again on the 4th September 1685 another report was sent to London, reporting a similar situation. This time Charles Metcalfe was captain of the Trevitore. It would appear that he had been conducting private trade in contradiction of the company monopoly rights. Charles claimed they had purchased goods in their own right, including tea, rhubarb and musk. The Company was determined to squeeze out the private trader as it had succeeded in compelling, in January 1685, both Charles Metcalfe and John Afflick to give on oath the prices they had sold goods for from China. The Company must have thought these two had broken their oath, hence the report. However Metcalfe and Afflick's standing with the East India Company appears to have changed - perhaps the organisation was too strong to continual fight and make a living - whatever the reason in April 1689 Charles subscribed 500 Pagodas towards a vessel sent to China although The Company restricted him to a 10% profit.

Some idea of Charles's life was indicated in an entry in 1685 when it discloses him as married to a Caste or a person of Portuguese parents but born in India; he was listed as living in Chowltry Alley Madras at that time. He

must have been an integral part of Madras society as in 1688 he gave away Ann Titford on her marriage to John Fox and was asked, with a number of other European inhabitants of Madras, their opinion on the state of the local hospital. They reported "*That the hospital is very well and strong built requires little repair, and in consideration of the great dearness of all material for building, more that at the time of building the hospital which we find the amount to 838 Pagodas*". (A pagoda was 4 rupees)

Further evidence of Charles's heavy involvement in Madras's business and social society was shown by a request to be an executor of a Captain Spencer's will (he refused) and then his appointment as an ensign by Governor Elihu Yale, (who later endowed Yale University in America) in response to the Governor's edict of the 30th December 1689 that "*All English Freemen be formed into a Trained Band*", "*and to be drawn up mustered and exercised some time next month*". The Trained Bands were for the protection of the garrison against not only the local population, but also the French. His improved status seems to be confirmed as in January 1691, with Thomas Yale, a nephew of Elihu, Charles Metcalfe was in negation with King Ramaraja at Chimgee in Burma about the purchase of land "*within ye random shot of a piece of ordnance*". These negotiations were in competition with the Dutch; clearly they were protracted as by 15th June 1691 an agreement still had not been reached.

His relationship with the Governor seems to have reached its zenith at this time as on the 7th September 1691 Charles Metcalfe along with many other Freemen wrote to the President & Governor of Madras complaining about the jailor being threatened with corporal punishment for refusing to "*set at liberty*" Collowa Chetee "*who was legally committed for his insufferable contempt of our authority*". Their statement further went on that you "*Elihu Yale President & Governor be held responsible for all damage that has or may hereafter accrue to any person by your unwarrantable forcing men from the hand of Justice*". Whatever the reasons behind this disagreement matters came to a head in 1693 with Elihu Yale and the East India Company Agent Higginson. Higginson had imprisoned several people for refusing to lay charges against Elihu Yale and said they had to purchase their freedom with Charles Metcalfe being charged with organising the "ransom" money. After protracted negotiations some 60 people were "*obliged to Charles Metcalfe for securing their lives*".

Charles Metcalfe's life seems not to be without incidence as when he was returning to Madras in a ship with lead belonging to East India Company he encountered a French ship near the Cape, which "*after an 8 hour engagement took his ship and made prize of him*". After having rifled her, taken what they required and destroyed whatever they pleased, they made Charles purchase back his ship!

His business interests prospered in spite of these setbacks as on Monday 25 February 1695 he received a payment for "140 timbers" at a cost of 3¼ Pagodas each, with another 178 pagodas on 1st June 1696. However life was subject to various alarms as once again an emergency in 1696 required the Trained Bands to be resurrected and all company employees and freemen were enrolled, Charles Metcalfe retaining his roll as Ensign.

There seems to have been an undercurrent of intrigue in Madras business as, in what looks to be a "set up", Charles was appointed the paymaster to refit a ship and cargo. Along with several others he was asked to give his opinion as to whether a vessel and its cargo could proceed to Europe. The vessel, the King William had run aground due to a storm and although it was at Trincomalay, quite some distance off, they were asked to confirm that the vessel could be re-rigged and that the stores were sufficient. These advisors seemed to suspect the motives of the request as their reply was succinct and they pointed out that as most of the saltpetre had washed away it was necessary for the ship to be surveyed before leaving for Europe. They further stated it would be considered prudent to send the captain "*whatever he asked for, plus anything it was thought he had forgot.*". On the 10th May 1697 Captain Thwaites of the King William supplied his list of requirements to refit the ship, the cost of which came to 500 pagodas. Charles visited the ship on Tuesday 20 September 1697 when he went aboard the King William he found her in good condition and fit for the voyage to Europe.

Whilst relationships with some of the Colony's establishment seemed to vary Charles Metcalfe's personal relationships appear to be firm as in 1698 on the death of Thomas Yale he was appointed executor "*with complete control of his estates in India*".

The life of Charles Metcalfe in India came to an end on 29th February 1700 when he, Mary, Caroline and William left on board the Benjamin at a cost of 26 pagodas each. His former house in Chowltry Alley, Madras was sold on 8th March 1706 to Jane Dixon. In his will dated 1709 he left considerable sums of money to various members of his family. The bulk of his property was left to his eldest son James Metcalfe, who lived at Roxton Park, Bedfordshire, and became an MP. James died in 1717, when the estate passed to his brother William. His descendants continued to live there and at Fordham Abbey Cambridgeshire but in 1850 the family were declared bankrupt.

*This article was written and researched by **George Buxton M3**
from information contained in the British Library
and supplied also by **M113 Diane Fox.***

See also The Metcalfes of Fordham - Mecca News 75, April 2005 page 14.

I can hardly believe that we are almost midway through the year and that we will be holding our Muster in a few weeks time. Last year was special for reasons you will all understand; it will not be easy "to follow that" but we will have very good try! We are again at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes, who were so helpful and accommodating last year. Two different locations in Hawes for lunch will I hope be welcome change. Book early to avoid disappointment! Why not stay overnight and enjoy the Dales on the Sunday? Several of us often do so. The Muster itself is a one day event as in previous years.

The Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS) Annual General Meeting took place on April 1st. It was a very business like and positive meeting. A new chairman was elected namely: Geoff Riggs and two new committee members. The FFHS have prepared 2 questionnaires following a strategic Think Tank last year and a follow up meeting in York in the autumn. The forms need to be completed by a date in August. So when you read this there should be time to complete and return them. One is addressed to individuals seeking to find out their views on the future trends of family history research and the value of Societies such as our own. The second is more attuned to societies and what they are able to offer now and ought to provide in the future. Both are well worth seeking out and completing; visit the FFHS Website or contact the administrator if you would like a copy.

Chairman's Jottings

Ena Metcalfe our new Secretary was not put off by our March committee meeting and indeed has volunteered to undertake a further task for us: dealing with new members. Carol Arkwright who has so efficiently held this position for many years has asked that she be relieved and I am delighted (as is Carol!) that Ena has agreed to take this on. Just as well since no sooner was it agreed Carol's computer decided to give up too and ceased to operate! Thanks to several, especially Susan Harper in Canada, we were able to divert emails to Ena from the moribund email address of Carol.

I ask above will we be able to live up to the standards of Muster of 2005. Well I could have posed the question of the Editor prior to the publishing of the April Mecca News following our very special December issue. He and our publishing team did not let us down. We have again received compliments on the April issue, which I think you will all agree was up to the high standards set by the December A4 special edition. We have entered The Federation of Family History Societies Elizabeth Simpson Award and will know the judges verdict by the time of the Muster but not before this issue "goes to press".

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Muster!

David Lambert M11

My Family Tree

I have the start of my mainline from circa 1720 through to the present day. The information of the 1700's and 1800's has given more cul de sacs than enough!

We know that there are at least two families with eight or nine children and were living in the moorland and hilly countryside of Healey, Masham, Ilton, Grewelthorpe, Kirby Malzeard, North Stainley and Ripon. Limited information tells us they were farmers, tailors, gardeners and blacksmiths.

This period before the beginning of the census and the arrival of new inventions which were to change life from houses with no gas, electric, water, electric washing machines, computers etc is a big challenge for my family research.

I couldn't get past the 1720 barrier and thought I would get no further. I retired in 2005 and so had an urge to tackle c1720. I have been in the Metcalfe Society since 1994 and so wrote to a number of members. Now thanks to the Society, RD Metcalfe M1467 and Muriel Johnston M445 the barrier has been broken and I am back into the 1600's.

I hope this will encourage our members to keep digging for facts and not give up.

Phill Metcalfe M710

A new Addition

I wanted to tell you how proud I was to have attended my great, great nephew's christening. The service was combined with the Palm Sunday Service at the Methodist Church at Fylingthorpe up on the Yorkshire Moors on a cold but beautiful sunny day.

William Thomas Stevens, who was also celebrating his first birthday, was as good as gold. He kept looking round smiling at his many relations who had come from far and wide to wish him well. An aunt even came from the Cayman Islands. This line is on my late husband's side through his sister.

Lillah Chapman M218

Your Letters & e-mails

A Mecca by another name?

Just received your beautiful April edition, congrats from us here in WA.

Saw the following death notice in the West Australian Newspaper of 18.4.06 "Medcraft (Collin). Born Perth, December 12th 1941. Passed away April 15th, 2006, in Melbourne. Collin's gone and the world is a lesser place. Love to Jacqueline, Caroline and Stuart. Signed "Jen" "

I was "stunned" by this, to me, a new version of the name, and since it is so outlandish, may be you got someone there in the UK, or even on your members' list, who could be related to this (Metcalfe or Metcalf originally or whatever?).

May be you are not as surprised about this name, as I was!!

Frans Beerling M488

metcalfes-online.co.uk is online!

The Metcalfe Society has lots of goodies for sale but these were scattered around the old website, many with no pictures or descriptions, so finding them was a problem. They have now all been re-catalogued and (where possible) photographed and collected together in our new dedicated store, along with our join/renew online pages.

As well as items produced by The Society, we are also going to list items from other suppliers that are of use to Metcalfe researchers - all of which will generate commission for The Society to go towards future projects.

If you have anything that would be suitable for sale in our store, and would be willing to give a small commission to The Society, then contact

Carol Herbert at webadmin@metcalfes.org.uk.

Ruth Kay

We were sorry to read in April's *Mecca News* of the death of M41 Mrs Ruth Kay. She was not a relation but she knew some family members well and we always enjoyed seeing her at Musters when she was able to attend.

About 20 years ago, when the Society was in its comparative infancy and we were fairly new members, Ruth sent to M55 Dorothy Pope a copy of a family tree which she had in her possession. This was a rough handwritten version headed "The following will show partly the lineage of the Metcalfe Family" and had been started apparently about 1830 by the grandson or granddaughter of Cuthbert Metcalfe, 1724-1792, a schoolmaster at Kippax. It stated that this Cuthbert was the eldest son of Anthony Metcalfe, who had died in 1775, and his wife Alice (nee Metcalfe), going on to give details of their other children and further descending lines.

At the time we were stuck in our researches at the 1790 birth of a John Metcalfe who featured on this chart. "Ruth Kay's Tree", as it became known, proved to be the way through the proverbial brick wall for several members, and although not 100% correct in every respect, subsequent research confirmed most of the information given, leading to the establishment of links between many Society members as descendants of Anthony and Alice.

Later notes on the tree referred to Cuthbert's direct line as far as three children of a Foster family born in the mid-20th century. Ruth herself was not connected with any of the individuals shown, nor did she really know how it came to be among her papers, but she was very genuinely pleased that it had been so helpful.

We family historians dream of vital clues emerging one day from someone's attic - in this case that 'someone' was Ruth Kay.

Joan and Bill Metcalfe M63

A SPRING CONFERENCE

It was early on a bright and sunny morning that I wended my way the sixty miles from the hills of Macclesfield to the flat fertile lands of the west Lancashire coast. It wasn't a trip of wagon train proportions - it was completed in about ninety minutes - but it showed up the differences in the countryside across the North West of England. I was off to sunny Southport. I have a colleague who claims it is always sunny in the resort town and on this morning it lived up to his claims.

The reason for going to Southport? I had been invited by the Liverpool & South West Lancashire Family History Society to open the Spring Conference, organised by their Southport Group at Christ Church on the town's famous Lord Street, in my capacity as the Chairman of the North West Group of Family History Societies (NWGFHS).

The NW Group (of which the Metcalfe Society is a member) normally supports two events each year to promote family history. The larger event is the NW Group's Family History Fair which has been held at various venues across the region since 1994, whilst the second is the Spring Conference organised by one of the member societies and usually held between March and May. It is an opportunity for a resident NW society to take particular topics and with the help of expert speakers provide information and potential research sources for family historians.

This year's Conference the 29th was entitled "Who What & Where" and was focussed on the use of usually little known and used sources which could yield important family information. Around a hundred people were present at the roomy, light and welcoming Christ Church to hear me give the opening welcome after which, breathing a sigh of relief, both they and I settled back to enjoy the speakers.



The first was our own Chairman David Lambert who spoke about the wealth of information available in legal documents (those of you with back issues of the Mecca News (Nos 66-70) will find part of David's talk contained



in his five part article "A Tortuous and Ungodly Jumble"). After David's interesting talk the second speaker Professor David Hey from Sheffield talked about the mapping of surnames - especially the less common ones - which could help to identify the likely origination of the name. It was quite fascinating how using certain data (Census maps, BMD entries) patterns could be seen. (In many respects as a one-name society we have achieved the same

through our research but there are still further opportunities using this approach to get closer to our roots.)

After a somewhat boisterous lunch we went into the afternoon session where the speaker Hilary Ambrose used various maps to identify and locate the whereabouts of her ancestors. Maps tended to appear after the mid-1600's with more useful (detailed) ones available from the start of the Industrial era from the 1740's. The maps especially the Ordnance Survey and street maps from the 1840's help to put into context our family locations and possibly in conjunction with legal documentation explain the reasons why our families lived where they lived.

At around three o'clock the Conference was over. There was time to browse the various family history / book stalls (if you had not already done so during the earlier breaks) then it was off out into the still sunny day. An interesting and thought provoking event (see David Lambert's "Food for Thought" on page 3!) which provides other ways of seeking out information on your family.



**The NWGFHS is going back to Southport in the Autumn.
On 23 September 2006 the 13th Annual Family History Fair will be held
at the Southport Floral Hall on the Promenade.**

**If you have an opportunity why not come along and visit the some
100 stalls displaying family history information and literature and
listen to lectures on various aspects of family history.**

Note your diaries now!

Stonehammer County

Metcalf county in the southern part of the State of Kentucky close to the boundary with Tennessee was formed in 1860. The county seat is Edmon-ton almost in the centre of Metcalfe.



with Tennessee to the south and Virginia (from which the state had separated in 1792) to the east.

Needless to say that as a result of its position near the cessionist states there were skirmishes and battles in Kentucky and even some in the vicinity of Metcalfe - at Rowletts Station in 1861 and Munfordville in 1862, both some distance away - but these were fairly minor in comparison to the major Civil War battles and overall the county appears to have escaped relatively unscathed.

However that was to change as at the beginning of 1865, with the Con-federate cause starting to look forlorn, a number of guerrilla groups - the most famous being Quantrell's which counted amongst it ranks the outlaws Jesse James and Cole Younger - started to make raids in an attempt to stop the Unionist successes. It may have been an offshoot of this group recognised as Bennett's guerillas that attacked Metcalfe on the Ides of March (15th). The attacker's burnt the courthouse in Edmon-ton destroying the county records in the process and pillaged the general area at will. The raids were effectively stopped when Quantrell was killed at Wakefield near Louisville some 90 miles north of Edmon-ton in May 1865.

Metcalf County is spite of its famous name appears fairly, well..., mundane.

The county was established at a turbulent time in the United States's history just as the Civil War was about to get underway.

Kentucky was not one of the Con-federate States but was close to the Confederacy

The official web site says: " The elevation in the county ranges from 560 to 1120 feet above sea level. In 2000 the county population was 10,037 in a land area of 290.90 square miles, an average of 34.5 people per square mile" "the major communities are Center, Savoyard, Sulphur Well, Knob Lick, Beechville, East Fork, Wisdom, Randolph, Edmon-ton, Summer Shade, Beaumont, Subtle and Willow Shade." Apart from the 1865 raids significant events seem to have by-passed the area.

More interestingly the county was named after Thomas Metcalfe, the tenth gover-nor of Kentucky. Thomas was born in Fauquier County, in North East Virginia, not far from the Shenandoah River on 20 March 1780 before his parents moved to Kentucky and settled in Fayette county. He served in the 1812 war against England before being elected to the Kentucky State legislature, in which he served three years. He then represented congress as a Democrat, for nine years before becoming governor of Kentucky in 1829 for four years. In



1834 Thomas became a state senator and briefly in 1848 he was a US senator, for just under a year, before finally retiring to his home in Kentucky.

Thomas got his nickname of the "Stonehammer" from his training as a stone-mason and later in life he apparently enjoyed being called the " Old Stone Hammer." After his retirement he spend his time farming at his home near Carlisle in Nicholas county, Kentucky, not far from Lexington, where he died on 18 August, 1855. He was buried in the family plot at nearby Forest Retreat.



Ohio Mystery

We showed a picture on the back page of Issue number 77 taken in Geauga County NE Ohio by M1115 Keith Metcalf's son.

Following up to see what further information could be gleaned about the area sign we came up against a brick wall. The county has lots of information but nothing seemingly on Metcalf! We did find a Metcalf Field near Toledo but that's the other side of the State. Has anyone any additional information?

THE SOCIETY AT THE YORK FAIR

The Eleventh Yorkshire Family History Fair at York Racecourse on Saturday 24th June 2006 was again a pleasant and interesting event.

One new member was recruited and a number of others showed interest in joining the Society. Many thanks to those who helped at the stand during the course of the day: David Metcalfe; Ena and Brian Metcalfe; Jose Hopper: Nina Benson and David Lambert.

Several current members visited the stand: Member 1208 Tony Hayden, 1540 Ann Cline, 1288 Rosemary Gutteridge, 850 Pat Rushworth, 1247 Sheila Wade, Rosemary Nedsall, and 1161 Mr F V Wilson.

Margaret Hodgson M515

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Brian Metcalfe, Nina Benson, Ena Metcalfe and Jose Hopper at the York Fair

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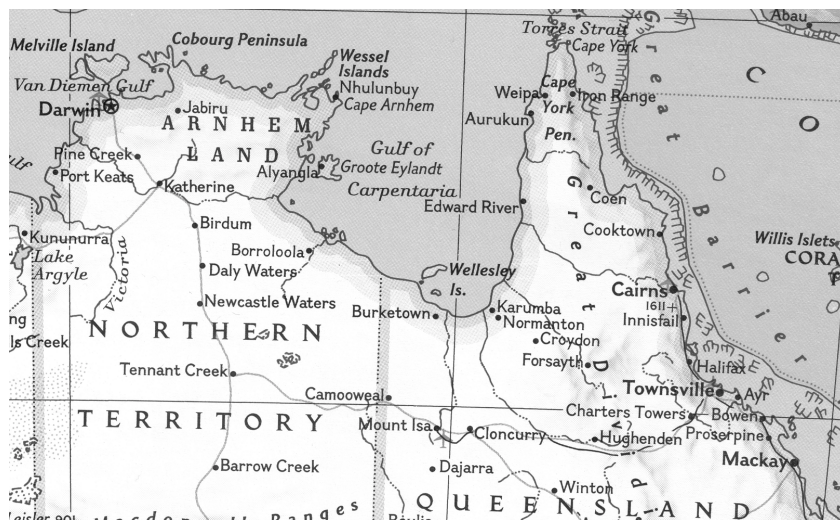
mecca muster 2006

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.

WELL TRAVELLED MECCAS
or
A PATH LESS TRAVELLED THE TOP END
by Arnold Metcalf M891

September 2005. I read with interest David Metcalfe's incredible ride across north America. I am just back from a trip to the Top End of Australia and have made a brief synopsis of the trip.

The journey with Wilderness Challenge Savannah Guides took us from Darwin to Cairns along the Savannah Way some 3,800 kms by road in an OKA 4WD with 13 seats between 6 of us. (We first flew to Broome via Perth 4,800 kms, then to Darwin 1,000 kms and afterwards Cairns back to Sydney 2,000 kms - a total of 11,600 kms or 7,250 miles.)



The first of 13 days saw us driving through Kakadu National Park to the Ubirr Border Store, crossing into Arnhem Land to drive an unmade track to Davidson's, a select, fixed camp with tents having twin beds, twin fans and an electric light plus a very large central marquee in which was served gourmet food. Our party was the only one that night so we had a boat to ourselves on the Cooper river, below Mt. Borradaile. The bird life was not only prolific but unconcerned by our presence. With a 10x zoom camera, many close-up photographs were taken including a crocodile and a super sunset. Next day we were taken in a large Jeep to surprisingly numerous rock art sites, really getting a feel for the ancient stories.

The next two days were spent at Cooina in Kakadu, touring the area,

swimming in a water hole and visiting the excellent display centres before driving to a Katherine motel. Next day we walked the ridge above the famous Gorge, rather than join the throng on a large boat to the first of three gorges. Yet another information centre offered new insights into the development of the Park and the wildlife. We were late arriving at an aboriginal settlement where we learnt about the uses of the varied trees, their saps and fruit then had a BBQ lunch followed by demonstrations of basket making, spear throwing and the grinding of stones for red and yellow colour. We admired their paintings on the way out - some currently selling in Europe. Next stop was a visit to the Mataranka hot pools, before tackling another barramundi meal.

A rather long day started by visiting a graveyard for the first explorers and an old homestead used by the first non-aboriginal settlers. Lunch was at the old pub at Daley Waters filled with memorabilia of all kinds including "Sheila's Dunny" announced on a dunny lid (toilet seat), a big range of messages, paper money, knickers, bras and number plates. Other variations included Mangoes and No Mangoes, Devils and Angels.

No longer heading south to Alice Springs we turned east into the heart of cattle country to Cape Crawford and the Heartbreak Hotel. The hotel had an Irish girl on the bar and a couple of road gangs quenching their thirst after a day out in the over 40C sunshine (35C in the shade). We were to meet many Irish girls contracted for a couple of months in these remote locations. This was our first "donga" (demountable cabin) night so we were pleasantly surprised by quite a large interior with effective air-conditioning and comfortable beds.

Early next day we were flying by helicopter a short distance into the Lost City, an area of sandstone monoliths being part of an escarpment and inaccessible by road. A Ranger showed us the wonderful rock formations and the flora. Sandra has had the licence to provide tours for 10 years negotiating a further 25 years when Xtrata took over the mining lease. This was a highlight and a main reason for the trip. On to the red dirt and ever present corrugations at Borraloola and not surprisingly ours was just about the only vehicle around. Our destination was Hell's Gate, so named because in the early days, the Queensland Police would not go into the Northern Territory through the somewhat narrow gorge, leaving travellers to go on alone into sometimes hostile country. Today you need to take due note of the sign - no more fuel for 320 kms. Once again great food, excellent accommodation in huge precast units with new queen beds and big bathrooms. There were half a dozen buildings in total and we pondered the isolation in the wet season, when there is no access except occasionally by air. During the long drives Evan, our guide, was giving us interesting stories about the early explorers endeavouring to reach the north coast from far away Adelaide and Melbourne and we were able to marvel at their

courage and persistence through unmapped country in such harsh conditions.

We were then close to the Gulf of Carpentaria and were lucky enough to see the Morning Glory phenomenon - a low bank of rolling cloud accompanied by wind gusts. Our destination for two nights was Adels Grove near the Lawn Hill National Park. We stayed in permanent tents with single beds. The standard of food was again very high - salmon first night and corned silverside the next - and the river was good for swimming. Adels Grove had been developed as a botanical paradise selling plants and seeds, but sadly was totally destroyed by fire. A visit to Riversleigh World Heritage site was a disappointment - little to see in the way of fossils and NPS had removed all the signs. The following day we took a long walk to the top of Lawn Hill gorge through varied terrain for some great views, some of our party canoed part way.

A long day of almost 500 kms took us to Normanton and back onto the bitumen to Karumba on the Gulf of Carpentaria. Our lunch stop was curtailed when spots of rain appeared. On dirt roads even a little rain will turn them to glue and we did not want to be delayed for hours unable to get through. In fact, it rained very heavily for ten minutes. Suddenly there was standing water as far as we could see which was not far. At Kurumba, we were just in time to board a boat to take us past the Century Mine slurry-drying and ship loading facility, whilst we were told about the prawning industry before going out into the Gulf for the sunset. Late back we went straight to a fish restaurant for an exceptional three course feast - magnificent.

The next day we drove to Cobbold Gorge, a delightful campsite with large cabins. The Gorge is traversed in aluminium boats just wide enough to glide through the narrow passage powered by a small battery-driven solar rechargeable outboard motor at each end as turning round was impossible. This was spectacular and even better because of the silent slow progress. The Gorge is on a property stretching 100 miles each way and was discovered during helicopter cattle mustering. The Campsite and Gorge provides income to supplement the irregular income from cattle scouring the sparse vegetation and when there is low rainfall the relatively small number of cattle per acre has to be reduced - farming in The Top End is so dependent on an unreliable and harsh, tropical climate.

Our next stop was at a Mineral display in Georgetown - 45,000 exhibits, which took our breath away. Then on our way to the Undara Lava Tubes the result of volcanic activity many years ago. As we approached the Atherton Tableland and Cairns the countryside was becoming greener with intensive farming delightful villages a wind farm and a huge fig tree nearly 100 meters tall. Having been in the Bush for so long coming to terms with the industrial tourist town of Cairns was hard to take as it seemed so artificial.

HAWAIIAN CONNECTION

My major reason for interest in the Metcalf surname and the people related to it in England, is Theophilus Sabin Metcalf (my great great great grandfather). He was one of the two ancestors I admire the most. The other was the Chinese/Hawaiian grandfather by the name of Henry Ontai. Both men entered Oahu society and lifestyles as settlers. Both married Hawaiians, and both were very successful. Both left a highly-respected legacy of which today's Metcalfs, Ontais, and Matsumotos on Oahu...can still be proud.

My ancestors from great great..... to great great great great grandfathers (Metcalfs)..... are known by specific names from a family will. They mark a migratory path from England, to New England, to Oahu...Hawaii in the 19th century. My branch was disowned by wills in 1929 most likely because we were no longer Anglo-Saxon English and Hawaiian plus the controlling matriarch at the time (Emma Kaili Metcalf Beckley Nakuina) was following old English nobility practices of bequeathing the family name and wealth to her only living son who had shown in his life the most loyalty and respect for Metcalfs. Unfortunately for her and family pride, his surname was Beckley, not Metcalf.

We have no negative feelings against this matriarch. On the contrary, we admire her greatly. The way she and her father (our Great Great Great) conducted their lives lead us to believe the Metcalfs, when functioning at their highest international, humanitarian potential are mighty awesome individuals, indeed. I would like my own son and granddaughter to effect the character and values these two ancestors did, in their own lives - in addition to the character and values of my grandfather, Mr. Henry Ontai, my ancestor from China. My granddaughter is Chinese, Hawaiian, English...plus Italian and Japanese.



**Mrs Lu Matsumoto,
son Kevin and
granddaughter
Abigail Kalei'oloko
Tatsuko Matsumoto**

I am looking for information on my earlier English ancestors Lord George Dole Metcalf and his wife Lady Marie Sophia Alonzo Metcalf of England.....on back, into time. **Mrs. Lucas (Lu) Puanani (Nani) Tilton Matsumoto M1627**

Books

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Marie Hartley

Marie Hartley, who reached her 100th birthday in September 2005 died on 10 May 2006. She will be remembered by many for her books on life in the Dales. Writing from the 1930's originally with Ella Pontefract and then later with Joan Ingilby she recorded in words and pictures an even then fast disappearing life in the Yorkshire Dales.

For those of us from the Metcalfe Clan her books are a mine of information with many items concerning Meccas across the Dales. Probably the most important was *A Yorkshire Village* which told the history of Askrigg the source of modern Metcalfe history.

She was involved with over thirty books and helped with the formation of the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes where we held our 25th Anniversary and where this year's Muster is again to be held.

If you haven't read *Wensleydale*, *Swaledale* or *The Yorkshire Dales* - I recommend you do so - it will give you an insight into the traditions of those ancestors who lived in the Dales

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

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

It is perhaps no longer surprising, to discover how far and wide our forefathers spread their wings. One of our most recent new members is in Hawaii – Mrs Lucas (Lu) Matsumoto (M1627). Lu and our research team are seeking your help in tracing her ancestors. If any members have information which might help, please send it to me. You will see what little we have listed below.

Our two researchers, Nina and Edwin, have again been devoting a lot of time and energy, dealing with your enquiries. Please spare a moment of your time to acknowledge receipt of the information they send you. A word of thanks would also be very much appreciated, for their services are quite voluntary and unpaid.

As many of our contacts are via e-mail and spam is an ever increasing problem, please remember to quote your membership number in the subject line, when writing to us. I must also remind members that you are expected to reimburse any postage costs, which officers of the Society incur, when contacting you.

The Data Protection Act prevents us from revealing contact details for ex members, without their permission to do so. If any members wish to make contact with an ex member, please notify me and I will request their agreement.

Do keep feeding us with information from your past. Most of us have a story to reveal, which often shows how closely connected we are to each other. **Brian Metcalfe. Archivist Co-ordinator. (M1554)**

DELAYED BIRTH BRIEFS, REJOINED MEMBERS, UPDATES AND CORRECTIONS

M115 Mrs Nancy H. Metcalfe, 7 Colvin Street, Hughes, Canberra, ACT 2605 Australia. nmetcalfe@netspeed.com.au. Husband Ronald Usher Mte s/o John George & Florence May (Whyte) Mte. John G. b 1892 Newcastle NSW s/o John Usher & Charlotte (Armstrong) Mte m 1890. John U. b c1868 Newcastle NSW s/o John & Elizabeth (Usher) Mte m 17 Jan 1853 Melbourne... **Connects to M1560.**

M194 Gerald Metcalfe 44403, Fernwood Road, Mendocino, CA95460 United States jmetcal@pacbell.net. **NB.** This member was incorrectly allocated M1592 on rejoining, as shown in the April issue.

M336 Mrs Eveline Rhodes 34 Rose Meadows, Fell Lane, Keighley, West Yorkshire, BD22 6LW. Evelinerhodes@aol.com (**new email address**). Great gd/o Louisa (nee Metcalfe) Cleminson & her 2nd husband James Little m 07/03/1883 Askrigg. Louisa b 18/03/1858 Askrigg [later of Flax Mill & "Heugh" Askrigg before moving to Stanbury, Keighley c1895-1900] d/o Thomas, blacksmith & his 2nd wife Elizabeth (Auton) Mte m 12/03/1856 Askrigg, his 1st wife being Elizabeth Thwaite m 1847 d pre 1851 by whom he had two daus, Margaret Ann & Elizabeth. Thomas bpt 17/10/1819 Askrigg s/o Peter & Margaret (nee Metcalfe*) Mte m 26/09/1812 Askrigg. Peter bpt 23/08/1783 Askrigg s/o George & Dorothy (Caygill) Mte m 14/06/1770 Askrigg.

* Margaret Metcalfe b c1781 Whitaside/Satron in Swaledale. **Connects to XM797.**

M1030 Mrs Yvonne Moffatt, 45 Halsey St. London SW3 2PT. yvonnemoffatt@hotmail.com. Dau of Matthew Wells Mte b 03/05/1920 Newcastle Nbl s/o James Andrew Temple & Hannah (Asby) Mte m 01/01/1920 Newcastle. James A.T. b 13/08/1899 Newcastle s/o James Andrew & Isabella (Temple) Mte m 04/10/1902 Byker. James A. b 20/04/1875 Byker s/o Matthew Wells & Harriet Logan (Traill) Mte m 10/05/1869 Newcastle. Matthew W. b 17/05/1841 Hackforth, Yks s/o George & Frances (Brown) Mte m 30/10/1829 Hornby Yks. George b 22/02/1807 Scruton Yks s/o George & Elizabeth (Wells) Mte m 18/11/1798 Scruton, Yks. George bpt 12/03/1776 Danby Wiske Yks s/o George & Margaret (Ewbank) Mte m 15/03/1775 Danby Wiske. **Connects to XM201 & XM888.**

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M1404 Julian M. Corbridge, 7 Yellow Leas Farm, East Boldon, Tyne & Wear, NE36 0SL. (**New Address**). Son of Reginald & Gloria (nee Metcalfe) Corbridge m 15/07/1961 South Shields. Gloria b 22/04/1941 South Shields d/o Alfred Thomas & Elizabeth (Land) Mte m 23/11/1940 South Shields. Alfred T. b 02/10/1916 South Shields s/o Alfred Thomas & Catherine (Pino) Mte m 20/08/1908 South Shields. Alfred T. b 19/06/1881 Heworth s/o George & Isabella Ann (Wheatley) Mte m 10/11/1861 Newcastle upon Tyne. George bpt 23/07/1843 Thornton Steward, Yks. s/o Thomas & Ann (Dodsworth) Mte. Thomas bpt 20/05/1821 Thornton Steward s/o Thomas & Mary (Brown) Mte m 01/06/1812 Finghall. Thomas bpt 15/03/1789 Bedale s/o Anthony & Jane (Collinson) Mte m 13/09/1786 Thornton Watlass. Anthony bpt 19/07/1766 Thornton Watlass s/o Anthony & Margare(Metcalfe) Mte m 05/03/1764 Thornton Watlass. Anthony bpt 08/06/1740 Thornton Watlass s/o Stephen & Ellen (Moody) Mte m 19/09/1734 Thornton Watlass. Stephen b c1715 Rookwith. **Connects to XM127, M266, XM480, M493, M522, XM545, XM616, XM626, XM632, XM644, XM843 & XM1269.**

M1519 Harry Francis Metcalfe, The New House, Steplake Road, Sherfield English, Romsey, Hants. SO51 6EQ. harry.metcalfe@btinternet.com. Harry Francis Mte b Rugby, Warks. s/o Frank Walker & Fanny Louise (Lomax) Mte m 10/06/1919 Rugby. Frank W. b 1890 Bradford Yks s/o Benjamin & Annie Elizabeth (Walker) Mte m 1887 Bradford. Benjamin b 1868 Bradford s/o John & Margaret (?) Mte. John bpt 18/04/1830 Bedale Yks s/o John & Mary (Langdale) Mte m 26/11/1807 Bedale. John bpt 21/12/1783 Bagby near Thirsk, Yks. s/o Christopher & Hannah (Cheeseborough) Mte m 28/10/1780 Well, near Bedale. Christopher b c1757 Bedale s/o Christopher & Henrietta Maria (Reynold) Mte m 15/09/1756 Bedale. Christopher bpt 26/03/1733 Well s/o Christopher & Anne (King) Mte m 14/07/1730 Well. Christopher bpt 27/02/1704 Well s/o George & Eleanor (Raper) Mte m 25/07/1703 Well. George b c1675 s/o John Mte of Carperby in Wensleydale. **Connects to M170, M590, XM715, XM1057 & M1566.**

M1560 Mrs Jan Easton, 38 Myamblah Crescent, Merewether, Newcastle, NSW 2291, Australia. jeas3790@bigpond.net.au. Great grand-d.o Sarah Jane Mte b c1865 Melbourne d/o John and Elizabeth (Usher) Mte m 17 Jan 1853 Melbourne John b 27/11/1830 bpt 27/11/1831 Barningham, Yks. s/o George & Ann (Woodhall) Mte m 13/05/1826 Romaldkirk in Teesdale. George bpt 04/04/1801 Lunds Yks. s/o James & Ann (nee Metcalfe) Mte m 29/11/1787 Lunds. James bpt 09/09/1764 Lunds s/o John & Ann (Blades) Mte m 12/05/1759 Lunds. John s/o James & Ruth (Jackson) Mte m 30/10/1749 Askrigg. James d 1766 "of Cotterdale". **Connects to M115**

M1566 Michael A. Metcalfe, Tanglewood, Fore Street, Boscastle, Cornwall, PL35 0AU. katemike.nerja@wanadoo.es. Born Bedford s/o George Arthur & Dorothy Elizabeth (Badham) Mte m 03/09/1927 Tewkesbury, Gls. George Arthur b 16/03/1897 Belfast, Ireland s/o Arthur Wilson & Phoebe Evelyn (Pringle) Mte m 1895 Ballymagrane, Tyrone, Ireland. Arthur Wilson b 28/01/1865 Bewerley, Pateley Bridge, Yks. s/o George & Isabella (Wilson) Mte m 08/05/1856 Bishop Auckland, Co Dur. George b 26/12/1826 Pateley Bridge s/o John & Mary (Hawkrigde) Mte m 08/05/1817 Pateley Bridge. John b 27/10/1783 Pateley Bridge s/o George & Elizabeth (Smith nee Ragg) Mte m 22/03/1780. George bpt 05/12/1750 Well, Yks. s/o John & Margaret (?) Mte. John bpt 24/09/1706 Well s/o George & Eleanor (Raper) Mte m 25/07/1703 Well. George s/o John Mte of Carperby. **Connects to M170, M590, XM715, XM1057 & M1519.**

M1606 Shawn Smith, 21 Stonebriar Drive, Maple, ON, L6A 2N2, Canada. sjs905@gmail.com. Grandchild of Shirley Ann Metcalf b 1934 Hendon, Midx, England, died 4th Nov 1964 Ottawa, Canada, d/o William Henry & Marjorie (Carter) Mt m 28/09/1927 Hendon. William Henry b 1895 Pancras, London s/o Frederick & Sarah Ann (Smith) Mt m 1884 Pancras. Frederick b c1862 Bradford, Yks s/o William & Mary Ann (Leak) Mt m 1859 Bradford. William b c1827

Bradford s/o Timothy & Ann (Harnold) Mt m 18/10/1823 St Peters, Leeds. Timothy b 22/09/1803 West End, Otley, Yks. bpt 30/10/1803 Fewston, Yks s/o Timothy & Mary (?) Mt.

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M1609 Neil Barrie Metcalfe 5 Boundary Walk, Knowle Village, Fareham, Hants. PO17 5NQ metcalfe_neil@hotmail.com . Neil Barrie b 7 Oct 1965 Gosport, Hants s.o Barry Malcolm & Audrey Louisa (Willmott) Mte m 13 Jul 1963 Alverstoke, Hants. Barry Malcolm b 20 Aug 1941 Soberton, Hants s.o Frederick George & Winifred Mabel (Barker) Mte m 29 Oct 1927 Alverstoke, Hants. Frederick George b 1 Sep 1906 Boldre, Hants s.o George Frederick & Eliza (Woodford) Mte m 30 Jun 1906 South Baddesley, Hants. George Frederick b 4 Feb 1883 Scarborough, Yks s.o George & Sabina (Cook) Mte m 8 May 1879 Patrington, Yks. George bpt 18 Nov 1838 South Otterington, Yks s.o William & Ann (Harker) Mte m 16 May 1836 North Otterington, Yks. William bpt 16 Oct 1808 Kirby Knowle, Yks s.o William & Mary (Coverdale) Mte m 12 Jul 1806 Kirby Knowle, Yks. William b 14 Aug 1778 Cold Kirby, Yks s.o Thomas & Mary (Clarke) Mte m 13 Sep 1763 Stamfordham, Nbl. Thomas b c1730 s.o Thomas & Elizabeth (Stillington) Mte. **Connects to; XM149, XM434, XM950 & XM1420.**

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Ann (Weatherald) Mte m 12.11.1702 Askrigg. Edward bpt 30.11.1679 Askrigg s/o Simon Mte of Newbiggin.

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M1618 Nigel Metcalfe 7, Victoria Avenue, Timperley, Cheshire. WA15 6SE n.metcalfe@tayloryoung.co.uk . Awaiting details

M1619 David Metcalfe 19, Warlow Drive, Greenfield, Oldham. metcalfedavemet@aol.com . Awaiting details

M1620 Kate Bridgwater 21, Cloister Crofts, Leamington Spa. CV32 6QG kate.bridgwater@btinternet.com . Great grand-dau of 1st cousins Charles & Ann (nee Buckton) Heslop m 19.02.1875 Trinity Church, Darlington Co Durham. Charles b 1853 s/o Anthony & Jane (nee Metcalfe *1) Heslop m 31.12.1851 Hudswell Yks. Ann d/o John & Ann (nee Metcalfe *2) Buckton m 09.06.1834 Barton nr Darlington.
*1 Jane bpt 18.01.1829 Hudswell, 12th child, d/o Thomas & Elizabeth (Raw) Mte m 31.05.1803 East Hauxwell near Bedale Yks. Thomas b 11.11.1781 Garriston bpt 16.12.1781 Hauxwell s/o James & his 1st wife May Jane (Croft) Mte m 15.05.1781 East Hauxwell. James bpt 01.10.1758 East Hauxwell s/o Thomas & his 1st wife Elizabeth (Plews) Mte m 13.11.1757 East Hauxwell. Thomas a farmer of Garriston was buried 12.08.1787 at East Hauxwell.
*2 Ann bpt 31.08.1809 Spennithorne Yks 3rd child, d/o Thomas & Elizabeth (Raw) Mte as above. **Connects to XM624, XM645, XM898, M991 & M1275.**

M1621 Paul Metcalfe 14, Bowland Avenue, Chorley, Lancashire. PR6 0BN paul.metcalfe26@virgin.ne . Awaiting details

M1622 Ms Sue Day 9, Conyers, Wymondham, Norfolk. NR18 0TE suesday446@jbkv.com . Grand d.o Evelyn Dorothy Mte b 1906 Bury St Edmunds, Sfk d.o George William & Susanna (Oxborrow) Mte m 1889 Bury St Edmunds district. George William b 1866 Bury St Edmund s.o George & Sarah Ann (-) Mte. George bpt 13 Jun 1824 Wickhambrook, Sfk s.o William & Maria (Suttle) Mte m 12 Oct 1815. William b c1790 Wickhambrook, Sfk.

M1623 Heather Usher 35, George Street, Skipton, North Yorkshire. BD23 2PN heather.usher@anhst.nhs.uk . Awaiting details

M1624 Michael Walton 37, Oaktree Road, Kendal, Cumbria. LA9 6AN
mickemilylinda@tiscali.co.uk . Awaiting details

M1625 Stephen David Ward 37, Cottesmore Road, Woodley, Reading, Berkshire. RG5 3NX steve@steward.co.uk . Gt.gs of Eliza Mte b 1886 North Cowton d.o Anne Mte. Ann bpt 7 Oct 1860 Kirby Ravensworth d.o Simon & Eliza (Coates) Mte m 27 Nov 1858 Grinton. Simon b 1838 s.o Thomas & Ann (Harker) Mte m 22 Mar 1836 Grinton. Thomas b c1816 Melbecks

M1626 John Metcalfe Contact details withheld

M1627 Mrs Lucas (Lu) Leotha Puanani Tilton Matsumoto, 94-437 Hokuahiahi Street, Mililani, Hawaii, 96789-1943 lucasta@earthlink.net . Great great grand-dau of Frank Metcalf. Frank s/o Theophilus Sabin & Alii Chiefess Kaili Kapuolono Metcalf m 30 July 1846 Honolulu. Theophilus S. Metcalf went to Hawaii as a native of "Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York, USA" and was born circa 1820 s/o Harry Irvine & Elizabeth Camille (Swanzy) Metcalf. Harry I. was son of Lord George Dole & Lady Marie Sophia Alonzo Metcalf of England. **Plea for Help".....Can any Member help Lu trace these ancestors which were mentioned in a Will circa 1927 ?**

M1628 Julian Field Flat 8, Grosvenor House, 127, Church Street, Malvern, Worcestershire. WR14 2BA julian.field@physics.org . Great, great grandson of Charles & Katherine Frances (nee Metcalfe) Holder m 1881 Wolverhampton. Katherine F. b 1862 Hillsborough, Co.Down, Ireland d/o Henry James & Betsey Hickson (Jackson) Mte m 19/07/1854 Newry, Ireland. Henry J. b 23/02/1835 St Johns Wood, London bpt 01/03/1835 Christ Church, Spitalfields Ldn d 1906 Wolverhampton, composer, music publisher & band master s/o Henry & Margaret A. (Emett) Mte m 1830 St George in the East Ldn. Henry, a hatter, b 23/02/1808 bpt 13/03/1808 Spitalfields, Stepney, Ldn s/o Hugh & Rebecca (?) Mte. Hugh b 30/06/1785 Lying in hospital, Endell St, Holborn Ldn bpt 14/07/1785
s/o John & Eleanor (?) Mte. John b c1765. **Connects to XM802, XM842 and XM966.**

M1629 Selwyn Metcalfe, 8602/177-219 Mitchell Road, Alexandria, New South Wales, Australia. formtrip@hotmail.com . Awaiting details

M1651 W. Fawcett, Ravenspark, Arkengarthdale, Richmond. N.Yorkshire DL11 6RR. wjmfwawcett@aol.com . Awaiting details

M1652 David Metcalf c/o 3, Grants Wynd, Bridgefoot, Angus. DD3 0RZ johnwirvine@aol.com . Awaiting details.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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 Cottsoot
Road, Rushden Northants
NN10 0GE
enclosing a SAE.

Metcalf 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
10am -4pm
at Southport Floral Hall
on the Promenade.

Family and Local History Roadshow
Warwickshire FHS
Bulkington Village Centre
Bulkington
Warwickshire
Sunday 22 October 2006
10am - 4pm

Bits and Bobs

A 300 year old ledger bound in human skin found in a Leeds Road. The ledger written mainly in French was found in The Headrow. Police who think it was stolen were keen to hear from anyone with information. In the 18th and 19th centuries it was quite common to bind accounts of murder trials in the killers skin. This process is known as Anthropodermic Bibliopeggy. Provided by **Lillah Chapman M218** from the Yorkshire Evening Press 15 April 2006.

Upper Wensleydale maps for 22 villages showing the name and location of the houses in villages is available on www.colinday.co.uk/maps. The maps can be downloaded from the site and are also available at Hawes Library and the Dales Countryside Musuem also Hawes.

Death Duty Registers can be researched on line. These relate to probate and administrations for the period 1796-1811 granted in all courts except the PCC (Prerogative Court of Canterbury). There are over 60,000 named people and the index can be searched for free, although images cost £3.50 each. Go on line at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline and look under series IR26, pieces 287-437. From the Family Records Centre.

An Ancestor's Commandment. Thou shall change your forename at least once during your lifetime. Family History & Digest, April 2006.

Metcalfes in Essex

Burials - Woodford Essex 1638 - 1812

Medcalf	Hanah	-	26 April 1726
Medcalfe	Thomas	38	22 August 1784

Midwife's Record Index (of Millicent Francis, Midwife) November, 1850 - August, 1851 : October 1861 - June 1875

Medcalf	9 Pollards St., Pollards Row	17/1/1871	girl	Page 87
Medcalf	11 William St., Harts Lane	09/2/1869	girl	Page 69

1873 Return of Owners of land in Essex - "New Domesday Book"

Medcalf	Benjamin	Ware, Herts	4a-1r-33p £7 -10s
Medcalf	Isaac	Feering	27a-3r-13p

WILL OF GEORGE METCALF OF BATTLE - 21st February 1850

This is the last Will and Testament of one George Metcalf of Battle in the County of Sussex Boot and Shoemaker. I desire to be buried in the Unitarian Chapel Yard of Battle. I appoint my two sons William and Horace Metcalf my executors and that they shall sell my House and Garden Furniture, etc, etc. And after paying all my just debts that Balance to be equally divided between my five sons William Metcalf Horace Metcalf Lester Metcalf Henry Metcalf and George Metcalf. And that the part or share due to George Metcalf now in Sidney shall be put into the hands of a Mr William Noakes of Battle for him to pay over onto the said George Metcalf on his personal application. Dated 21 February 1850 - George Metcalf.

Witnesses to the testator - Signatures George King - William White.

On the first day of December one thousand eight hundred and fifty two the Administration of the Goods Chattles and Effects and the execution of this last Will and Testament of George Metcalf of the exempt jurisdiction of Battle lately deceased was granted to William Metcalf and Horace Metcalf the Executors named in this Will they being first sons duly to execute the same - John Littler Dean of Battle.

From the internet spotted by **Susan Harper M266**



**All Saints
Orton**

The following **Monumental Inscriptions** for the parish of **Orton, Westmorland**, are recorded by Edward Bellasis in his "**Westmorland Church Notes**" published in 1888.

METCALFE

The Lord is my shepherd.
John Metcalf who d. at Bowderdale
29th June 1884 aged 85.
Also of Elizabeth his wife who
d. 13th Nov. 1879 aged 83.

METCALFE

Thomas Lambert Metcalf, son of
Thomas and Elizabeth Metcalf of
Tebay, b. June 29th 1864
d. Aug. 7th 1885.

How unsearchable are his judgments
and his ways past finding out.

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 editor will publish, where appropriate, letters received by him unless contributors specifically request their correspondence not to be used.

Where material has been extracted from another publication please supply the publishers name and address together with an issue number and date of publication so that permission to reprint can be obtained.

Whilst we do not knowingly include erroneous information, the responsibility for accuracy lies with those who submit the material.

We reserve the right to edit any article.

***By Eck! or Where to Now?* From Charles Metcalfe M305**

For some long years now my brother and I have been searching for the Holy Grail - that vague possibility of a connection to the distant owners of Nappa which all true Meccas seek. During the whole of that time we have of course been aware that our grandfather was one William Lascelles Preston and therefore probably had a mother who was born a Lascelles. Nevertheless the line of special interest and worth is the Metcalfe line, as we all know, and we concentrated our efforts on one Christopher Metcalfe and his hidden relations for a long time. But this particular Christopher (1712-1783) was buried with all his secrets of birth it seems, even after more than twenty years of searching. He has been verbally abused many, many times recently but he has still not turned in his grave to reveal any secrets!

So my brother switched to other more profitable lines of research and began to haunt the Record Office in Northallerton with a terrifying persistence. Terrifying to both the girls in the record office [whom he encourages and persuades by bribing with toffees] and to me, as our Family Tree now contains some 6,300 individuals - i. e. nearly the whole population of the North East for the past 300 years - or so it seems.

A while ago, sometime in the last century, we began to make progress up the Lascelles line through an easily located great grandmother Lascelles, and very quickly became entwined in side branches of our maternal grandmother's line, the families of Giles, Gill and Midwood etc. - all generally in the Whitby area - and of great interest to me because I had memories of some of them and also because my wife (under sufferance) and I both enjoy visiting Whitby. But my brother and I still had a wish to pursue the direct Lascelles line and to find perhaps a connection to the Lascelles of Harewood.

Eventually after using census records and the data of the Latter Day Saints plus the Northallerton CRO resources we traced 'our' Lascelles line back through surgeon George Lascelles (1803-56) who married one Elizabeth Horn at Brough under Stainmore Cumbria. Elizabeth's father ran a school in Gilmonby Hall Bowes from 1801-22 and many early deaths of young scholars are listed at the school during this time. A connection with Charles Dickens and his book 'Nicholas Nickleby' which has details of Mr Wackford Squeers Academy - Dotheboys Hall and which is sited near Greta Bridge is tantalisingly close especially as two Barnard Castle schools are believed to be the sources for his story.

From here the trail leads up to George Lascelles of Thrintoft, Northallerton who was born about 1722 and buried in January 1800 at Ainderby Steeple. He was the recognised father of three sons - George, William [our line] and Edmund

[all three being christened Lascelles] by his housekeeper one Jane Clayton, though he never married. Records show that George the eldest son paid rent to the Earl of Harewood after his father's death.

At this point I started to correspond with the Archivist at Harewood and began to receive some very detailed information. Though she has since retired, Karen Lynch was most helpful and informed us of a George Lascelles who was born in Barbados in 1722 and died at Northallerton unmarried in 1800. (It looks like a fish, swims like a fish, but still may be something else.). One final clinching piece of evidence to firmly link 'our' Northallerton George with the George born in Barbados is still being looked for. This 'Barbados' George 1722 was the son and heir of another George Lascelles (1681-1728), the eldest surviving son of Daniel (1655-1734) High Sheriff, JP & MP, and was deprived of his inheritance because his uncle Henry saw to it that he only received a small annuity, while at the same time condemning him as "a silly fellow", and ensuring that his own son Edwin, became the first Baron Harewood and the heir to £166,000.

The name of Lascelles has been associated with Barbados since at least the 1680's and Henry was there from 1712 at age 22 with elder brother George; younger half-brother Edward was there from about 1713. Henry and Edward were portrayed recently in a television drama which told how Henry had made a fortune from being a sugar merchant and slave trader combined with his post as a collector of customs - the most valuable office in the British Customs Service. The BBC TV play was taken from 'The Slavery business - How to make a million from Slavery' by Justin Hopper. Henry left Barbados in 1734 and subsequently purchased the Harewood estates together with a large amount of property in Berkhamstead and Northampton. He later died, being found with multiple, self-inflicted, cuts.

From here the Lascelles line is well documented, through Daniel's second marriage to Mary Lascelles and his grandson Edward (1739-1820) the 1st Earl, down to Henry George Charles Lascelles the 6th Earl who married the daughter of King George V, HRH The Princess Royal, in 1922. But our real interest lies through this Daniel (1655-1734) and his first marriage to one Margaret Metcalfe (1655-1690) who herself was linked to the Porch House, Northallerton and thus mentioned in various articles in our own Mecca News; page 5 in MN16 and page 21 in MN35. Margaret was the daughter of George (1624-1693) the grandson of Richard Metcalfe (1543-1616) who built the Porch House and who was the GGG grandson of our renowned Sir James of Agincourt (1389-1482).

Eureka! Though more than a little roundabout and convoluted - we made it!

Table of Parochial Fees from 1 January 2006

Searches in Church Registers

(As it affects a particular search where the approximate date of baptism, marriage or burial is known.)

A fee for a more general search of a church register is negotiable.)

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for each hour or part of an hour **£15**.

Burials or baptisms (inc one copy of an entry) (for up to one hour) **£18**
for each hour or part of an hour **£15**.

Each additional copy of an entry in a register of burials or baptisms **£18**.

Inspection of instrument of apportionment or agreement for exchange of land for tithes deposited under the Tithe Act 1836 **£9**

Copies of the above (for every 72 words) **£9**.

Mecca Witch Finder

In 1666 an old woman - Elizabeth Pratt called at the Nag's Head in Dunstable seeking food and drink. Whilst the food was being fetched the woman ruffled the hair of the landlord's two sons. Two days later one of them went down with an illness. His brother went down with similar symptoms a few weeks later and both were dead within a month. As they both were near to death they claimed to be bewitched, the second boy accusing Elizabeth Pratt of the deed.

Various other unexplained happenings were attributed to the woman so two innkeepers of the town - both named Elizabeth Metcalfe (mother and daughter in law) - were called to act as witnesses.

Then Elizabeth Pratt was denounced as a witch by William Metcalfe, Senior who claimed she had appeared in a barred and locked stableyard after which many of his horses and pigs had died. Pratt was taken into custody and after magistrates were called she was sent to Bedford jail for judgement. She died before she could be put on trial.

From A Proud Heritage - A brief history of Dunstable 1000-2000AD' by Vivienne Evans supplied to Julian Metcalfe M902 by Kirsty Metcalfe.

Picture Back Cover

Group photograph showing James Medcalf (b1873) (seated front left) probably with his six brothers who all worked at one time or another as coal trimmers in the Hull Docks. Supplied by **Caroline Wetton M615**.

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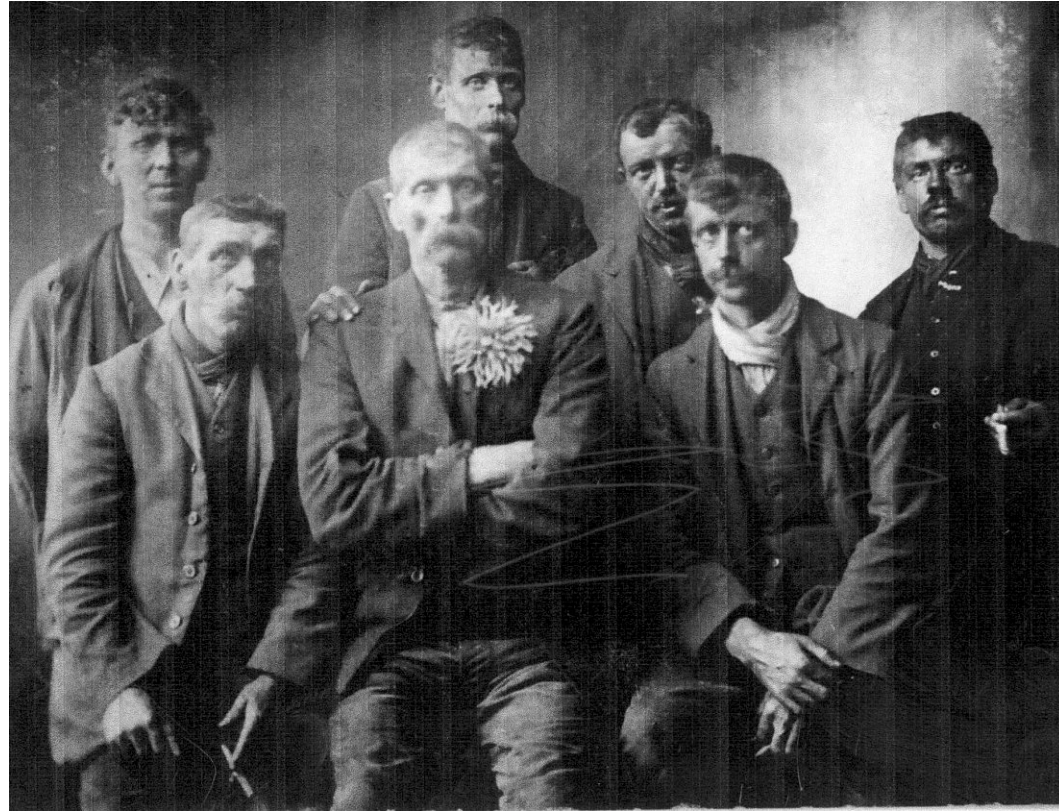
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The Mecca Coal Trimmers of Hull

THE METCALFE SOCIETY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5th APRIL 2006

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Subscriptions	7163.97	6154.06	Newsletters- Production & Distribution Costs	4311.63	2586.29
Donations	16.22	11.00	Member Packs & Archivist	679.33	-
Bank Interest Received	228.83	173.80	Metcalfes Muster Catering & Expenses	3244.54	689.13
Muster Raffle	57.00	121.00	Publications Sales & Library	3336.51	-
Muster Catering	2418.91	1243.50	Asset Depreciation	59.00	59.00
History of the Clan	2445.00	1064.58	Committee/ AGM Hall Hire/Speaker	335.00	424.10
History of the Clan Post	186.66	188.95	Telephone & Internet Costs	13.34	7.22
Deed of Covenant Tax Refund	441.12	368.43	History of the Clan post	729.19	481.26
Publications Sales & Library	1320.64	278.26	25th Anniversary Expenses	355.82	120.28
			Accountancy	300.00	260.00
			Affiliation Fees FFHS, & GOONS	183.00	181.20
			Advertising, GRD & Family Tree	387.52	105.52
			Computer Repairs/Maintenance	25.00	28.00
			Office Stationery	365.27	152.16
			Postage-General	395.40	248.17
			Exhibition & Fairs Stands	211.00	202.00
			Research Costs	-	50.00
			Bank Charges/Currency Conversion Fees	116.74	8.44
			Insurance	220.80	220.80
			Storage	468.00	468.00
			Metcalfes-Online.co.uk Creation & Management	135.28	135.28
Surplus of Expenditure over Income	<u>1594.02</u>	<u>9603.58</u>	Surplus of Income over Expenditure	<u>3312.01</u>	<u>9738.86</u>
	15872.37	9603.58		15872.37	9738.86

Date: 28 July 2006

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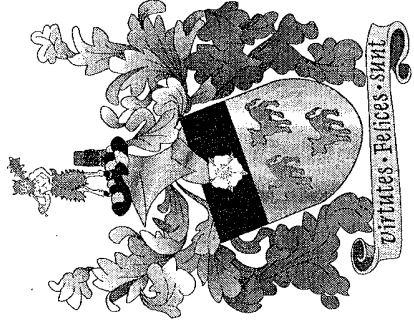
THE METCALFE SOCIETY
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5th APRIL 2006

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
COST		
Printers	538.73	538.73
Copier	410.08	410.08
Copier (2)	293.74	293.74
Computers, Printer, Workstation & Software	2942.15	2942.15
Filing Cabinets	338.84	338.84
Printers	149.99	149.99
Scanner	149.99	149.99
Copier	117.48	117.48
	<u>4941.00</u>	<u>4941.00</u>
LESS DEPRECIATION		
Printers (25% on cost)	538.73	538.73
Copier (25% on cost)	410.08	410.08
Copier (25% on cost)	293.74	293.74
Computers, Printer, Workstation & Software (10% on cost)	2942.15	2942.15
Filing Cabinets	338.84	338.84
Printers (10% on cost)	90.00	75.00
Scanner (10% on cost)	90.00	75.00
Copier (25% on cost)	117.48	87.48
	<u>4821.02</u>	<u>4761.02</u>
NET BOOK VALUE ASSETS	119.98	179.98
DEBTORS	803.51	756.31
BANK BALANCES		
Barclays	4243.86	3907.36
Scottish Widows	3622.13	5350.27
Cash Floats	50	50
Paypal		189.58
	<u>8839.48</u>	<u>10433.50</u>

<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
MAIN FUND		
SURPLUS BROUGHT FORWARD	10433.5	7121.49
Surplus of Expenditure over Income for the year	-1594.02	3312.01
	<u>8839.48</u>	<u>10433.50</u>

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THE METCALFE SOCIETY
Established 1980

Annual General Meeting
10.30am, Saturday 9th September 2006
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes,
Wensleydale, North Yorkshire

Agenda

- 1. Chairman's opening remarks**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Minutes of the 2005 AGM**
- copy distributed with December 2005 Mecca News
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes**
- 5. Reports (see enclosures)**
- 6. Projects (see enclosures)**
- 7. Subscription rates for 2007**
- 8. Elections**
- 9. Approval of accounts**
- 10. Appointment of Auditor**
- 11. Any other business**
- 12. Date of next Annual General Meeting**

Executive Reports

Chairman

The Society operates through an elected team of officers, who are elected at the AGM each year to the executive committee. It also relies on a large number of volunteers who give freely of their time to make the Society function. Reports from the committee members and volunteers are to be found elsewhere in this Annual Report, reporting on their activities for us.

It has been a busy 12 months since my last report to our Silver Jubilee Muster & AGM at Hawes in 2005. We duly held what we had hoped would be a Muster to remember (for the right reasons!). I am pleased to say that it was a truly memorable weekend and a tremendous success judging by the record numbers who attended and from the scores of thank you letters & messages received by us afterwards. We had a good coverage in the press & the Clan Photograph was a marvelous memento for all who attended. We certainly raised the profile of the Society and were told that the Upper Dales Museum in Hawes had record numbers visiting during the weekend we were using their premises.

I must pay tribute to everyone on the Committee and a number of volunteers at both locations who helped prior to and during the weekend. There really were too many to thank individually; suffice it to say that their assistance was really appreciated. Despite what I say above I cannot let the opportunity pass without singing out three people in particular without whom the Muster would never have taken place, namely Josie Hopper, Diane Howarth and Lesley Longworth. Their planning and hard work made the event, with its two locations, far less daunting for the rest of us on the Committee as well as resulting in the success it was. I would like to express our thanks also to the Museum and West Burton Village Hall Trustees for allowing us to hold the 2005 Muster in their respective premises.

If the Muster excelled itself last year, then so did our Editor's December Issue of the Mecca News! The A 4 size 34 page edition to mark the 25th Anniversary, devoted in particular to the Muster weekend, succeeded in capturing a flavour of the Muster for those who were unable to attend or served as a reminder of what a good weekend it had been for those able to go. We received an enthusiastic response to it. Well done, Peter Dobson!

We entered an earlier edition of Mecca News in the Annual Elizabeth Simpson Award organised by The Federation of Family History Societies and received a commendation from the judges. We have entered again this year and should be able to announce the result at the AGM.

During the last 12 months we were delighted to announce that we had a new Secretary: Ena Metcalfe, the wife of Brian Metcalfe who also took over the archivist's role from Maureen Thwaite following the Muster. Obviously I thank Maureen for her endeavours in the role (and also as Gift Aid co-ordinator too, which she has now handed over to our treasurer Carol Herbert). You will be pleased to learn that Ena has settled into the role well and there is much relief all round that we can relieve Diane Howarth of the tasks which she undertook as Secretary. I do want to thank those on the committee who took on additional roles prior to Ena's appointment: particularly Carol Arkwright, Carol Herbert, Margaret Hodgson and Lesley Longworth.

More recently Carol Arkwright asked the Committee to try to find a new Sales and Librarian officer. These roles are available if there are any volunteers. We have been able to relieve her of the New Members Secretary role, Ena having agreed to deal with this as part of the Secretary's job. Many thanks to Carol Arkwright for looking after the three roles so well for us during the years as well as our gratitude to the volunteers named above who have added to their roles.

At the muster last year Patrick Malham resigned from the Committee as our General Registration Index co-ordinator. I would like to repeat my grateful thanks to him for all he has done for us over a score of years on the committee. One of our original Society members and a stalwart on the committee over many years, George Buxton, has decided to resign fully from the Committee. George acting as our Research Officer has spent countless hours researching Metcalfes, particularly those to be found in the East India Company archives in The British Library. He was delighted that, in time for the 2005 Muster, his collaboration with Warwick Metcalfe and Charles Metcalfe enabled us to publish the first of an occasional series entitled "Metcalfe's in India". This is a limited edition booklet demonstrating the surfeit of information to be researched in a much neglected source. Hopefully more will follow from them in the future. Very many thanks George for all you have done for the Society.

There are always vacancies to be filled at the Annual General Meeting and as you will see from the foregoing this year is no different. Please do consider trying to help either as a committee member or as a voluntary to assist us on projects. We need someone to continue and complete Patrick's job as co-ordinator of the General Registration Index; another to take on the book ordering and library role of Carol Arkwright and would dearly love to complete the currently moribund Wills Project. A volunteer for that project is a priority. To survive and flourish we must have new blood on the Committee. This last 12 months has seen new volunteers which is great but we do need more! Please do not be shy!

One person who has worked tirelessly for us in the year is our Treasurer and Web Administrator, Carol Herbert. She has looked after our finances well. Perhaps even more importantly for us all she has worked very hard adapting and improving our website. We intend in the long term that this will be available for members to make their own online searches of the Society's records through a secure site with passwords.

Our President Charles Metcalfe, who was instrumental a decade or more ago in putting the Society's Main Index onto a computer for the first time, has during the year succeeded in testing the transfer of our database information out of the dated software we have been using into a more modern format.

A great deal still needs to be done to make it possible for all our recorded information to be accessible online but a positive start has been made this year from which you will all benefit in years to come. I ought to stress that the information is not being opened up only to those who have home computers. We of course still have our always helpful researchers/ archivists who will look up information for members. You will see what changes Carol has made by visiting the site.

This Muster we hope to publish the revised Birth Brief booklet thanks to the tireless efforts of David Metcalfe and Nina Benson. In addition David has been adding to our Computer Index .

The Society attended the York Family History Fair in June 2006 : my thanks to Nina Benson (Vice President), David Metcalfe, Margaret Hodgson, Josie Hopper, Ena and Brian Metcalfe for manning our stand . We were kept busy throughout the day. Several members called at our stand and we were able to explain to members of the general public a little about the Society and look for potential ancestors on the database. We propose to attend the 2006 North West Family History Fair in Southport in September after the Muster. Do drop in if you are there .

"History of the Clan" book continues to sell steadily & if not yet purchased please do so at the Muster.
As ever thanks of course go to our agents in USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand .

The Society is a registered educational charity, a member of the Guild of One Name Studies, a member of The Federation of Family History Societies, as well as being represented at the North West and North East Groups of Family History Societies. The series of reports of which this is one will be included in the Annual Report which we have to make to the Charities Commission.

I hope each of you derive considerable benefit from being a member of our Society. We do our best to try to make it the best Society devoted to the study of a One Name and our membership numbers suggests that we go some way to achieving it. It is not the time though to be complacent and we are trying to adapt what we are able to offer members and to make the Society fit for the 21st century.

Warwick Metcalfe sent his greetings to us after the Muster and the December issue of the Mecca News. His comments can perhaps be shared . It left no doubt he said that with Agincourt and Henry V behind us, the Metcalfes are still a force to be reckoned with ! I hope you enjoy the Muster 2006!

David Lambert

Secretary

This role has recently been taken over by Ena Metcalfe.

Archivist Co-ordinator

During the last 12 months, Nina Benson and Edwin Metcalf have produced 60 new or amended birth briefs for members. In addition, they have also dealt with numerous requests for information. Their work involves a great deal of time and expertise, which is, as always, given freely. I feel sure that members will join me in expressing our gratitude to them both, for the invaluable service which they provide. Your submissions and enquiries are always welcome, so please keep them flowing in, either via e-mail or letter post. Should current members wish to contact any ex members, please send your request to me. Restrictions imposed by the Data Protection Act mean that we are obliged to seek permission from the ex member, before releasing their contact details.

Brian Metcalfe

New Members Secretary

Since the last AGM there have been 86 new members, of which 42 have joined online paying by PayPal, including 7 US, 4 Canada, one Italy and one Hawaii; and of which 44 joined either by post or at Fairs, including one from Canada and 2 Australia. Ten members have rejoined, of which 7 paid online by PayPal, including one from New Zealand and one from Australia. Ena Metcalfe has now taken over this role since the Committee meeting in July.

Carol Arkwright

Gift Aid Secretary

The Gift Aid rebate this year was £670.22, up from £441.12 last year. A loop-hole has been closed on the website so that those UK tax payers now joining/renewing online can opt-in to the scheme, which contributed to the increase this time. If you are a UK tax payer but have not signed a form you can find one on our website at www.metcalfe.org.uk/content/deed.htm If you are not sure if you have or haven't you can now check your membership record at www.metcalfes-online.co.uk/members

Carol Herbert

Treasurer

Bank balances as at 31 July 2006: Barclays Bank = £2,100.91. Scottish Widows = £7,657.71. Paypal = £21.13
With agents*: Australia = £215. Canada = £15, New Zealand = £26, USA = £153

Nominal Ledger: Balances so far this tax year (6 April onwards)

NC	Name	Debit	Credit
1200	Bank Current Account - Barclays	2,061.91	
1220	Scottish Widows Treasury	7,657.71	
1231	Anita O'Donoghue		
1232	Paypal (Wells Fargo)	50.00	
4000	Subscriptions	21.13	
4003	Christmas Card Sales		2,091.25
4005	Donations		1.60
4100	Certificate Files		0.50
4101	Plastic File Pockets		133.60
4103	Basic Starter Packs		159.59
4104	Record Sheet Packs		7.50
4109	Wills Book 3		6.00
4114	Mecca New s Binder		2.50
4126	History of the Clan Book		8.00
4127	History of the Clan Book Postage		260.00
4129	Mecca New s Back Issues		94.98
4134	Meccafie Mugs		7.20
4135	Leather Keyrings		9.00
4136	Leather Bookmarks		8.00
4143	Mug Postage		1.25
4144	Meccafies in India		0.83
4145	Meccafies in India Postage		10.00
4146	Cert Files / Wallets Postage		2.47
4147	Sales Postage - multiple items		2.17
4148	Mecca New s Back Issues Postage	0.84	
4149	Rose Lapel Pin Badges		1.01
4150	COA Lapel Pin Badges	141.78	
4151	COA Nickel Decal / Leather Key Fob	141.78	
4901	Tax Refunds	476.09	
6000	Exhibition / Fair Stands		670.22
6002	Accountants Fees	129.00	
6006	Membership Fees	300.00	
6008	Storage Facilities	10.00	
7502	Postage - General	195.00	
7503	Telephone	26.27	
7504	Office Stationery	1.90	
7505	Postage - Journal	81.26	
7510	Photocopying	30.83	
7514	Postage - New Member Packs	25.44	
7516	Postage - Archivist	36.54	
7517	Stationery - Archivist	6.61	
7600	Meccafies-online creation & upkeep	34.98	
8201	Bank Interest	157.99	
8202	Bank Charges		78.61
		2.31	

Carol Herbert

Agents Reports - New Zealand

Since February I have had 7 renewals from New Zealand members, 6 were for the current year & 1 for 2006/7. There have been no requests for sales items - a rather quiet year so far. The total sent to the UK was NZ\$254.96.

Alison Hutton

Editor

In this last year we have seen the production of the Mecca News take a number of different layouts. The August 2005 issue was produced in the regular A5 format and photocopied as it had been for the last 6/7 years. However there was an exciting change for the December 2005 issue which was driven by the Society's 25th Anniversary Muster. The opportunity was taken to print an A4 superior glossy finished magazine which was well received. The worries on my part that it would not meet the high standard that befits such an event were unfounded and the feedback from the membership was highly positive.

The April News returned to the traditional A5 format but continued with the glossy production approach. This seems to enhance the content (!) and as a result the committee has agreed to continue in this vein. The printers are also offering additional photographic space which with the advent of digital provides the opportunity for better quality pictures appearing in the future. A range of articles and snippets continue to be supplied by regular and new members and my thanks to all those who have contributed during this year. Please continue and those who have not penned items so far I look forward to receiving your contributions in the coming year!

Peter Dobson

Despatch

The timing of the distribution of two of the three editions (ie April and August) has been at the very end of the month in which it is due for publication due to the holiday of the despatch department. This may continue going forward as I am limited to school holidays. Therefore it is always a rush to get the printing and consolidation done in time, but it gets there in the end! If members receive their Mecca News a few days late into the next month, please accept our apologies but this is unavoidable. The printing cannot be brought forward as the committee needs to ensure that content from the committee meetings are included in the earliest possible journal.

Diane Howarth

Computer Index

Efforts this year have been to produce the new Birth Brief Booklet from the computer index. The size of the new BBB looks to be approximately 120,000 words and 170 pages. The main concern is accuracy and the services of Nina Benson have been engaged to proof check the finished product. We are also endeavouring to include an accurate list of members who do not want their details publishing and of members past and present, especially those deceased. The size of the Main Index database remains the same as last year, with the exception of minor corrections made whilst checking the accuracy of the birth briefs.

David Metcalfe

Web administrator

3 big developments this time:

1. Metcalfe Shop

New store now online at www.metcalfes-online.co.uk.

All items have been re-photographed and have new additions from third party sellers which will earn us a percentage on each sale without having to do anything! I still have some more of Colin's CDs to list but will then keep an eye out for anything else we can sell on the same basis.

2. Metcalfe Message Board

At www.metcalfes-online.co.uk/cgi-bin/MetcalfeBoard/YaBB.pl or via link on www.metcalfe.org.uk

This replaces the 'Notice Board' that was on the old website. As people can now make their own posts this frees me up to take on other projects. Access is by registration on the site itself.

3. Online Archive / Members Area www.metcalfes-online.co.uk/members

Work is speeding ahead on 2 fronts - an admin area for inputting/updating the data and the one above for access by members. Phase 1 released whereby members and ex-members can log in to view the Master Membership File (MMF) information we hold for them and their subscription status, and let me know corrections as necessary. Both Tony's MMF list and my subscription list are loaded so getting a list of current members is a couple of clicks away. I am in the process of setting up a page so that this will be just one click away! The information will be able to be downloaded and imported directly into either Access or Excel.

Passwords

All works on a password system and current specifications are:

* **Admin:** Global access

* **Member/Ex Member:** Individual password will access their own record. Will be able to access other areas of the website only if their subscription is current (will allow a 6-week grace period after 1st January to allow for renewals to come through). This is automatic and therefore frees up Susan Harper and me from going through the list each year and manually deleting access for ex-members. * **Diane Howarth:** Will have access to download the names and addresses for all current members to produce mailing labels (and expired ones when reminder notices due). Can put a code on the labels to differentiate if required. Now has access to check individual records.

* **Brian Metcalfe:** Has access to names, addresses and emails and whether current or ex to be able to tie up with Birth Briefs done by Nina/Edwin before passing on to Peter.

In the pipeline

* As part of the Wills project, I have a CD of 'Wills' as at 31 August 03' in text/word format. When I get time I am putting these into the system bit by bit and will be available through the members area to current members.

* David Metcalfe has forwarded **IGI records**, which I will write a conversion programme for and then upload. There will be a facility to search through these records.

* **Birth Brief Booklet** - I would like a copy or a volunteer to go through and make a simple list of who joins to who so again I can upload and make available on the Members record so that eventually they would be able to email the other person direct or request the forwarding of a contact message (without us having to disclose any contact information)

List just needs to be a matching pair for each connection:

1072 - 1000, 1072 - 0538, 1000 - 1072, 0538 - 1072 etc

This is so that member 1072 would get 1000 and 0538 listed, 0538 would get 1072 listed and so on. You can then set it up so that clicking on the member number would enable you to send an email or get the contact address (if you were a current member and the recipient has not objected to their information being passed on as such)

* **Mecca News** I have copies of all the back issues, so again would like to get a volunteer that would go through and make an index so I can get a searchable version online.

Carol Herbert

Publications

The main focus of the publications this last year has been focussing on proposals to improve the quality and presentation of the Mecca News. Feedback from both the special 25th anniversary edition and the April 2006 edition has proved extremely positive. Hence, a new printer is now in place to provide this ongoing quality service. The main additional workload and cost will be the printing of the new Birth Brief Booklet (BBB) for launch at the Mecca Muster 2006. Otherwise the ongoing support of keeping everyday forms (new members application form, subscription renewals, new members packs etc) is a continuous job.

Diane Howarth

Sales

The main sales are at the Muster each year. Throughout the year there is only a small trickle of requests that come to the society via post. Therefore, the sales items are in the process of being loaded on the website over the last few weeks so that members (and non-members) can view pictures of the items and then order online and pay via paypal. As a result we have already seen an increase in sales items such as certificate folders and the polypockets for storing certificates. Similarly, as the Christmas cards have only been promoted via a hardcopy picture/order form being distributed in the August Mecca News, only a handful of packs were sold last Christmas. Once all on the society website, we will be able to email and notify all members of these items being available for sale online. Therefore it will be interesting to see how sales increase through late 2006 and into 2007. Given the retirement of Carol Arkwright, there is a request in the August 2006 Mecca News for a volunteer to store and supply all sales items on behalf of the society. The new Birth Brief Booklet, updated and edited by David Metcalfe will be launched at the Mecca Muster 2006.

Diane Howarth

Library

This continues to be used by some members, mainly at the Muster.

Carol Arkwright

Affiliations

FFHS

In April I attended the Federation's AGM and Council Meeting in Cwmbran. The chairman Alec Tritton stepped down and Geoff Riggs was duly elected in his stead. Lady Teviot was elected for a second term of five years as President. Two new members were elected to the committee Marian French and Roger Lewry. The Think Tank last year which I attended led to a follow up Seminar at York. I was able to represent our Society at that too. A paper on its deliberations was circulated. One outcome was a questionnaire for ordinary society members to complete before August 1. The meeting spent a considerable amount of time discussing the follow up from the Think Tank and the plans afoot to modify the organisation and structure. An update seminar will take place on 25 November 2006 entitled "Footsteps to the Future". The concerns of Family History Societies generally were expressed at these meetings. Several have been have been very hard hit by the production of census material online and have seen a drastic reduction in the sales of books and cd-roms produced by them. Membership numbers have fallen in some cases too.

A contentious item in April proved to be the decision to stop publication of News and Digest Journal in its present form although it is intended that an Electronic E-zine should be produced. At the same time the creation of a searchable database for the Digest section of the Journal was approved and volunteers to design and maintain this on an ongoing basis sought as well as help in putting the old Digests onto the site.

David Lambert

North East Group FHS

The Society continues to be a member of the Group but has been unable to attend meetings as they have clashed with the Society's own meetings.

Peter Dobson

North West Group of FHS

The Group has had a successful year. The main events were the Family History Fair at the Manchester Velodrome in the autumn and the Spring Conference at Southport in early May 2006. There were concerns by the member societies around the feasibility and viability of the Fair last September mainly due to the apparent reduction in interest in these events and the perceived access issues of the Velodrome, which whilst being a superb venue was not ideal for passing callers or those dependant upon public transport. None the less the Fair went ahead and turned out to be better than the previous year with some 800 attending and stall holders in the main being content with sales. The Spring Conference at Southport run by the Liverpool & SW Lancs FHS was also a success with over 100 people listening to the three interesting speakers.

As I enjoy my second year as Chairman of the group the Family History Fair again looms large and is at a new location at Southport's Floral Hall on 23 September. Arrangements are proceeding well and your Society is looking to attend. The future issues for the Group are around how to move forward the information and educational aspects of family history especially in a time of change generally for family historians.

Peter Dobson

GOONS

Contact with the GOONS has been taken over recently by Ena Metcalfe. Membership continues but no news.

Diane Howarth

Fairs

The Eleventh Yorkshire Family History Fair at York Racecourse on Saturday 24th June 2006 was again a pleasant and interesting event. One new member was recruited and a number of others showed interest in joining the Society. Sales, including the new membership, totalled £218-60. Many thanks to those who helped at the stand during the course of the day: David Metcalfe; Ena and Brian Metcalfe; Jose Hopper; Nina Benson and David Lambert. Several current members visited the stand.

The Society plans to be represented at the NW Fair in Southport on Saturday 23rd September 2006.

Margaret Hodgson

Conference Secretary

As reported in detail in the December 2005 Mecca News, the 25th anniversary muster was a great success with over 150 people attending on day 1 and over 200 attending on day 2....many of whom attended both days of course. This included 11 overseas visitors from Australia, Canada, France and USA. Advance press coverage across Northern England, especially a great article locally in Bradford results in the greatest number of non-members either contact the society and/or attending the meeting. The dual venue posed logistical problems to the volunteers helping to run the event but provided a wider choice of activities for those attending.

Many members took the time to provide feedback on the event. The overall consensus was of absolute enjoyment and as ever, only a few small complaints. The main request was that the annual gathering remain the Wensleydale as it is the roots of the family name. Therefore for 2006 and beyond, it is planned to revert back to the usual 1 day event and hopefully be held in the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes for the next few years. The aim is to have a Dales theme/talk/visit at each event in coming years so that visitors can get to know the Dales a little better too.

Diane Howarth/Jose Hopper/Lesley Longworth

Projects

Metcalfe Book

The Metcalfe book continues to sell at a steady pace. Given the costs have all been incurred in previous years, then all monies received is net revenue. Even though the ownership of our shipping company has changed hands, as part of the agreement, the previous owners ensured the support to the Metcalfe Society continues as before. We can only thank Ian and Sue Newby for thinking of us at such an important business time.

Diane Howarth

Wills

This project has not progressed at all this last year. A plea for a volunteer to coordinate this project is in the August 2006 Mecca News.

Diane Howarth

Subscription Rates for 2007

The committee is recommending that subscription rates for 2007 remain unchanged. This is taking into account the proposed rise in costs for the production of the higher quality presented Mecca News.

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