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I first came to the Dales in 1962 then, as I realised I had Dales connections, more regularly over the last twenty five years. Even in the 1980's the Dales were a relative backwater; empty barns derelict houses and few amenities. The main attractions were the scenery and the day to day workings of Dales life, something very different from elsewhere. In the last ten to fifteen years the Dales have been

"found" resulting, slowly at first in a change of pace that has gathered momentum especially over the last five years.

From the outside the Dales look somewhat timeless and village life serene, the roads are still narrow and windy, the stone cottages look the same, and the weather remains at times, dull and damp but behind this apparent unchanging facade look more closely and you will see numerous building projects that have been carried out (and are being undertaken), new faces in many villages, and larger numbers of better quality attractions and facilities. The trappings of the modern society, albeit with one or two exceptions. For some residents and visitors the changes have altered the attraction of the Dales not always for the better. However as with other areas in the UK progress continues and so my message to those of you who have not yet visited the haunts of your Mecca forebears do so sooner rather than later to get a flavour of a rapidly changing way of life. Why not use the Mecca Muster as an excuse for a visit (see the booking form in this issue)? You will be more than welcome!



Fusilier John Metcalf 8th Bn Northumberland Fusiliers d 4.10.1942

Private Robert Metcalfe 2nd Bn Durham Light Infantry d 17.10.1941 age 29

IN A FOREIGN FIELD

Recently my husband and I visited Krakow in Poland and discovered the Commonwealth War Graves cemetery near the city. On entering we found an obelisk with a box inside containing a full listing of the graves and were surprised to see two Metcalf/e names.

My aunt, Mrs Gina Mackenzie M310, a long standing member of the Society recommended that I send all this information to you for safe keeping. I do hope it is of interest to the Society. **Mrs Lida Newman.**

A Pure Bred Metcalfe!

On a rainy day in June Jose Hopper and I visited Mrs Irene Sunter at her delightful cottage in Upper Wensleydale to talk about the Metcalfe ownership of Gayle Mill.

As you may be aware Gayle Mill set on the edge of Hawes and Gayle at the top end of Wensleydale in North Yorkshire received excellent support in the BBC Television "Restoration" series - which sought to bring back to life worthy architectural buildings that had fallen into disrepair. Whilst the Mill did not win its particular regional final it received a positive response and is now almost ready to open to the public - but more of that later.



From the superb views from Mrs Sunter's cottage you can see Hawes and pick out Gayle Mill where for a period of some twenty six years Metcalfes owned and ran the business. It was in 1922, some four years before Mrs Sunter was born that her father Thomas George Metcalfe (known as "TG") and his brother Albert bought the Mill and the associated joinery and woodyard business.

Thomas George was born in 1881 with Albert arriving some three years later. They were orphaned when TG was around fourteen when they lost both parents and a grandmother within the space of a couple of weeks. The children were put out with relatives or neighbours - the Welfare State and social care were still half a century away.

On 13 May 1898 TG was indentured to Thomas Lambert, owner of Providence Mill in Hawes, for four years. Part of the indenture rules required TG not to "*contract Matrimony within the said Term nor play at Cards or Dice Tables or any other unlawful Games...*". Providence Mill was a windmill driven joinery



operation sited opposite the present Hawes school. A witness to the document was a William Parrington a joinery owner of Bainbridge.

TG was married on 13 August 1910 to Mary Alice Metcalfe from Swaledale. After the marriage the small wedding party travelled down the dale by wagonette to Bolton Castle for the wedding reception. They were regailed with music and a local singer, Tom Moore; it was apparently thoroughly enjoyed. The marriage of Metcalfes from Wensleydale and Swaledale led Irene to comment to Jose during an earlier conversation that she was "a pure bred Metcalfe " - having Metcalfes on both sides of the family!

TG's family grew and in 1922 he and his brother Albert went into partnership to buy the Gayle Mill and wood working business from Betsey Alderson the widow of William James Alderson. The Mill had been built in 1785 and operated as a cotton spinning mill for some thirty years, then briefly as flax mill before becoming a wool mill. In 1878 the activities changed to the sawmill business it now is. The purchase involved not only the mill, the leat, pond, and machinery but also the associated joinery business and wood yard located at the top end of Hawes close to where the Providence windmill had stood. To-day there is little sign of the wood yard or joinery shop although if you look carefully you will see a sign for "Heseltine's Joinery" opposite the garage - the old joinery shop; whilst the petrol station stands on the site of the woodyard. TG and his family lived in a house just further up the road now intriguingly named "Steppe 1643 Haugh" - upmarket holiday accommodation.

The brothers split the work - TG running the mill - identifying, negotiating, buying, transporting and then cutting the timber; whilst Albert was the carpenter making the joinery products and where appropriate installing them.

The mill machinery operated by the partnership is still in place and the main workshop would be instantly recognised by the brothers - much of which dates from the time of their ownership. The business made for a local market which was primarily rural and included carts, sledges (much used in the Upper Dale due to the terrain being unsuitable for carts), hay rakes and household furniture for kitchens and bedrooms. They also made coffins. After a visit to Bradford by Irene's maternal grandfather he came back and commented that they made "second hand coffins" in West Yorkshire. When prompted to explain it appeared that carpenters in the Bradford area mass produced coffins rather than made them to order!

The business prospered during the 1920's and 30's with Irene remembering playing at the mill under strict instructions from her father on

what not to do - needless to say that was not always followed! One day whilst with the young Heseltine boys she opened the mill race door that regulated the water flow but the door was heavy and they could not hold on to the rope and it fell back catching her in the face and bloodying her nose and mouth. An excuse was manufactured but it wasn't clear whether it was believed!

The partnership came to an end in 1940 when one evening in January TG was found dead at the Mill after suffering a heart attack. Albert continued with the business until 1948 when he retired and sold it to Johnny and Thomas Thompson who already had a joinery business in Hawes close to the current Littlefairs premises. At the time of the purchase the Thompsons took into partnership Tommy Alderson who had worked for the Metcalfes for many years.

Sometime later the Thompsons sold the Mill to Tommy Alderson and the joinery shop was purchased by the Heseltines. The Mill continues in the ownership of the Alderson family and they in conjunction with the National Park Authority, the North East Civic Trust and the Friends of Gayle Mill as a Mill Trust have been part of the current restoration project.

After listening to the story of the Metcalfe's ownership of Gayle Mill we were invited to tea, this brought back childhood memories of high teas in the north east. Irene was the perfect hostess and provided cake "to die for" in the form of lemon drizzle cake - gorgeous. The next day when trying to purchase some I found it out of stock - I can understand why!

My thanks to Mrs Irene Sunter for her time and information and our own Jose Hopper for her help in arranging the visit and support at the meeting. Editor

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Gayle Mill Update

The expected Mill opening has been delayed from Spring 2007 to either late this year or early next due to technical trust issues. Once the delays have been addressed the Trustees will take over the Mill and an opening will take place shortly afterwards.

A notice concerning progress is posted outside the Mill and the bulletin is shown below.

*Gayle Mill
Latest Update on Developments
May 2007*

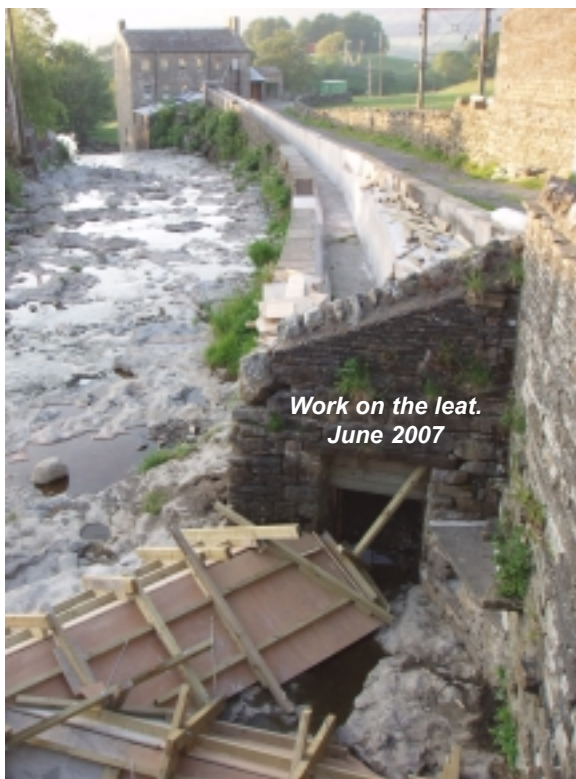
A 'Wood-Mizer' mobile sawmill funded by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust is now in the possession of the Mill Trustees. Two members of the Trust and a local forestry expert have been trained in its operation and use. Sawn timber is now being stacked on site ready for production as soon as the Gayle Mill Trustees officially take over the running of the site from the North of England Civic Trust.

Funding is in place and applications have been invited for the position of Mill Manager and an appointment is expected soon.

Work in Gayle Beck on the leat and weir is ongoing and once completed the Gilkes water turbines can be commissioned and production of green electricity can begin. The electricity will be used to power the needs of the Mill and all excess produced will be sold to the power companies operating the National Grid.

The 'carbon neutral' BIOMASS boiler installed to heat the Mill has been commissioned and is

fully operational. It efficiently produces heat from waste wood which is not suitable for any other use.



A case of watch this space!

Little Orphan Annie?

From the 1891 Census for Abbott Memorial Orphanage
North Road Jesmond Newcastle Upon Tyne

Ann Metcalf age 13 Born Newcastle

(Northumberland & Durham FHS Journal - Summer 2007 page 66).

From the 1881 Census the only match: **Annie Midcalf** age 3 dau of John
& Mary Midcalf of 41 George Street Westgate Newcastle Upon Tyne.

Mecca Marriages

from Phillimore Marriage Records
via CD's attached to the Family Tree Magazine

Derbyshire Parish Records Vol 9

Derby All Saints

William Townshend, cordwainer & **Elizabeth Metcalfe** lic. 26 July 1754

Essex Parish Records

Ashdon

Thomas Metcalfe & Catherine Haylock 3 October 1737

Thomas Metcalf & Mary Coote 2 October 1750

Thomas Metcalf & Mary Marshall 30 August 1752

Thomas Whisken, malster & **Mary Metcalf** 27 February 1780

Great Horkesley

Thomas Midcalf, this p & Rebecca Smith of Nayland, lic 1 April 1782

Yorkshire, West Riding

Rotherham 1750 - 1798

Thomas Earl of Effingham, p. R., 'bachelor before his marriage in Scotland to Catharine daughter of **Metcalf Proctor** of Thorp near Leeds in the parish of Rothwel, Esqr. (she then spinster) & the said Cath. Countess of Effingham were remarried in this Church by Banns. 29 August 1766.

Leicestershire Parish Records Vol 1

Bottesford

Henry Stampe & **Ellen Metcalfe** 8 May 1598

Coston

Robert Metcalf p of St Nicholas, co Nottm. & Elizabeth Harris,
lic 17 December 1791

Leicestershire Parish Records Vol 9

Humberstone

Jacob Metcalfe & Mary Denshire, both p St Nicholas, Leic.,
lic 6 October 1717

MECCA NEWS DEADLINES

The deadlines for inclusion of articles etc in the Mecca news are 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 Northern Fair was held at its usual location on York racecourse on 30th June 2007. It was again well attended.

The Society was represented by Brian Metcalfe, David Metcalfe, Josie Hopper, Nina Benson and Margaret Hodgson. We all enjoyed the day. It was pleasant to see several members who visited the stand: M15; M424; M581; M630; M1042.

One person joined the Society on the Saturday and several others took packs of details. However it seems more difficult to generate sales of goods, given the level of commercial competition which has developed at such Fairs in recent years.

Margaret Hodgson M515

The **database** keeper - **David Metcalfe M46** - is currently transcribing the Metcalf(e)/Medcalf(e) entries from the 1901 & 1911 census for Canada with a view to merging them with our existing data. For those who cannot wait, the original images & surname search engine for both the 1901 & 1911 Canadian census can be viewed for free at www.automatedgenealogy.com.

Gift Aid Secretary. There was another increase this year of members completing the Gift Aid declaration which enabled the Society to claim back £620.37 from the HM Customs & Excise, up from £441.12 the previous year. If you are a UK tax payer and are not sure if you have completed a Gift Aid Declaration you can check your details online in the members area at www.metcalfes-online.co.uk/members. Alternatively download a new form at <http://www.metcalfes-online.co.uk/content/deed2.htm>. If in doubt fill one in - we can use the money more wisely than the Chancellor! **Carol Herbert M1072**

Archivist. Some libraries have done a deal with Ancestry.com, making access available on the computers within their various outlets, on a permanent basis. All census returns from 1841 to 1901 can be examined, along with BMDs. I know that Nottingham & Stockport libraries have already joined in. It could be coming to a library near you, so keep a look-out. **Brian Metcalfe M1554**

Society

NEWS

Welcome to our new **Sales Despatch volunteer**. The society is delighted to welcome **Liz Waller (M1189)** who has volunteered to fulfill all orders the society receives by coordinating the despatch of all sales items. Liz can be contacted only if you have not received an order in a reasonable time. Any requests for new orders should be either online at www.metcalfes-online.co.uk or by sending a request for a sales order form to the Publications contact. All contact details are on the inside front cover. We wish Liz all the very best in her new role. She has already expressed interest in helping out in a couple of other areas. What great enthusiasm! **D Haworth M409**

Mecca Sightings

Tomb Raider.

BBC Radio 4 programme *Material World* - 3 May 2007 16.30. Discussion with **Dr Ryan Metcalfe** of Manchester University K&H Sector Egyptology on what medicinal plants had been found in Egyptian tombs.

Number Cruncher.

M Metcalf of Norwich was successful in the Advanced Stage ACA exams July sitting 2006. *Institute of Chartered Accountants Journal*.

Story Teller.

Enfield Library in North London organised a competition between four amateur story tellers. On consecutive Thursdays the tale tellers went through their paces to an audience of children and parents. The winner was **Jan Metcalfe** who worked for the local museum service who re-told *Little Rabbit Foo-Foo*. From **Suzanne Thomas**.

Story Reader Presenter.

Charlotte Gibson at 110 years old was found to be oldest member of her local library in Harrogate. To celebrate the fact Councillor **Chris Metcalfe** of North Yorkshire County Council presented her with a bouquet of flowers. *Yorkshire Evening Post* 8 September 2006.

Romantics.

Joanne Metcalf of Drighlington near Bradford married Simon Austin in Jamaica. *Yorkshire Evening Post* 8 September 2006.

Both Supplied by **Robert Metcalf M15**.

Towering Agents.

Metcalf Estate Agents, Auctioneers & Valuers, Blackpool advertising in the property section of the Daily Mail 22 October 2006.

Supplied by **Jose Gay M816**. (See also picture page 3 Mecca News 81 - Editor)

Perth Thespian.

The Perth Western Australia Playhouse Theatre celebrated its 50th anniversary on 22 August 2006. In a report on the event by *The West Australian Weekendextra* of 2 September 2006 a piece on **Edgar Metcalfe** dubbed Mr Playhouse is given. Edgar came from London in 1963 to be artistic director of the National Theatre Company for two years instead staying for three periods totalling over 20 years and now permanently lives in Australia. In his time Edgar directed stars including Prunella Scales and also acted along side Pamela Stephenson and Timothy West. Supplied by **Frans G Beerling M488**.

On the Move.

From mail sent to local addresses detailing the attributes of Allerton Removals of Northallerton - proprietor **Neil Metcalfe**. Supplied by **David Thompson M1603** (who says he is not being paid commission! Editor)

Telly Characters.

Mick & Lily Metcalf tragic fictitious couple in The Royal - ITV1 Sunday 29 April 2007.

An Unfortunate Start in Life

*In the April 2006 Mecca News (Issue No 78 page 23) Charles Metcalfe M305 provided some stray Metcalf entries from the 1871 Census for Whitby. This item resulted in this response from **Member 1207 Robert A Metcalfe** on the entry relating to Elizabeth A Metcalf.*

My family tree details the series of events in this sad girl's life. If I have calculated correctly she would be my cousin three times removed. Obviously one cannot be sure of all the facts surrounding her passage through life but I feel the following assumptions I have made will not be far from the truth.

Elizabeth was born out of wedlock to the sister (Hannah) of my great grandfather Thomas who had not long been married and at the time had no children took pity on his sister by taking Elizabeth into his household as his own child. The 1861 Census shows her along with his own children Thomas and Jane.

Unfortunately Thomas Senior died in 1862 leaving his wife Jane with three children, one of which was not her own. This must have been devastating being a widow having no income to speak of and an extra mouth to feed. What happened to Elizabeth after this is unknown and she certainly was not part of my grandfather's family as the 1871 Census shows Jane had now remarried to a David Sanderson and had two children Walter and Hannah.

The same Census shows Elizabeth now age 14 residing at 76 Baxtergate as a nurse girl to Thomas and Margaret Bryan. What was her life like one may ask? Perhaps a comfortable caring home or the victim of

stigma with the minimum of love and consideration. What is apparent is the lack of guidance on the matters of sexuality which could prevent a repeat of her unfortunate start in life.

I feel more sad about the affair, albeit happening all those years ago and her death at the age of 30 indicates somewhat that life had been very hard. Elizabeth deserved better and should of lived to enjoy the shared love of her children. It is interesting to note that the 1881 Census shows Elizabeth's daughter Alice Bryan is living with her grandmother now Hannah Bowran in Plough Lane Whitby. I ponder on Alice's second name of Bryan. Was this done in recognition of the good home provided by her employer Thomas Bryan or - no perhaps not!!

Reading the family history stories in the magazine I often wonder what the whole story might be and how they compare with that of my branch of the Metcalfe Clan which to date is by no means a complete picture and my research continues.



TNA NEWS The National Archives (TNA) and the General Register Office (GRO) are continuing to progress plans to leave the FRC Myddelton Street building in early 2008, and are discussing how services currently provided at the FRC will be provided after both parties leave.

TNA has confirmed that rebuilding works in the reading rooms at Kew, aimed at accommodating additional visitors and incorporating the best aspects of the FRC, will be completed on target. This will enable visitors to Kew to consult under one roof all TNA's experts on census, military, naval and other records, plus of course the records themselves.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) is planning for most searches of the GRO indexes to births, marriages and deaths to be possible online by April 2008 and almost all the rest by 2009. It will transfer to TNA at Kew only those indexes at the FRC which have not been made available online.

Microfiche copies of all the indexes and other online versions of them will continue to be accessible at many libraries, record offices and other centres throughout the UK, including Kew. Any index books transferred to Kew from the FRC will be made available only where the microfiche or online versions are inadequate and only until the information is available electronically from ONS. TNA will not be issuing birth, marriage and death certificates, which will continue to be supplied by ONS.

Both TNA and ONS remain committed to providing a high level of service to customers and delivering more of our resources online so that everyone, wherever they live, can access them easily. Further information can be found on TNA's website at: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/kew2008.htm

your letters and e-mails

Once again the receipt of the latest Mecca News spurred me on to a little research - looking up all the variants of "Metcalfe" in the Adelaide (Capital of the State of South Australia) white pages (residential section) of the telephone directory. Here is the tally! (using the listing in Mecca News December 2006 page 11):

Mate 4, Mates 1, Medcalf 5, Medcof 1, Metcalf 31, Metcalfe 29, Matcalfe/ Medcalfe/Metcalff/Metcalffe/Midcalf/ Midcalfe/Midgaff/Midgaffe/Midkiff/ Mitcalf/Mitcalfe - all zero; Total 71.

I thought there might have been more. To put it into perspective I rang Sensis, the company which puts out the Telephone Directories: They told me this one listing covers Adelaide and nearby districts only [not "country" with its towns/villages etc in the remainder of the State (nb which covers UK's area x 4!)]. They sent out 705451 copies to subscribers to this directory. So the incidence of Metcalfe is miniscule in Adelaide.

Patricia M Pearson M1596

Chairman's Jottings

There's good news and bad news to start these jottings!

I thought I would get the bad news over first, namely my apologies for being unable to attend this year's Muster. My niece is getting married on the Saturday so I need to be elsewhere! The good news for you is that someone else will chair the AGM and make a better job of it than me!

Once again the One Day Muster, including our AGM, is at the Dales Country-side Museum in Hawes, whose staff have been so helpful during the last two years. Book early to avoid disappointment! Why not stay overnight and enjoy the Dales on the Sunday? Several of us often do.

A member who is a regular visitor to the Muster and a stalwart and long-standing member has written apologising in advance for his non-attendance this year. Whilst enjoying the recent Musters in Wensleydale, he points out that ".....the travelling north is too daunting, especially for far southerners". He expresses the hope that "....it is still on ...the agenda to find a different venue for the Muster".

I believe that the majority of members do like the meetings in Yorkshire and, like our member have enjoyed our Musters at Hawes but maybe the committee is wrong in this belief? We do review where the following venue should be and have concluded that the current choice is acceptable to most. Do you want us to find a venue, say in the Birmingham area, this being equidistant for most members? If we are wrong in choosing a Dales venue please say!

We are always asking for volunteers to take on different roles in the Society. This year is no different! There is room on the committee for two or three new members so come on think about it! We meet twice a year, usually March and July. It is not too onerous. Those who serve on the committee in my experience enjoy it and are long-standing members which perhaps supports the fact that they enjoy the role! Apart from Brian and Ena, in very recent times we have not had new members on the committee and there are vacancies which we should fill for the good of the Society. I would like to see someone take on a role involving the co-ordination of projects for example. We still need a librarian. Anyone interested?

One good piece of news is that we have, however, found in Liz Waller of Thirsk a volunteer replacement to take over postal sales for us which is great news. This is not a committee role and Liz will not need to attend committee meetings. David Metcalfe has had a busy time entering up more information and checking it with our archivists.

We entered the Elizabeth Simpson Award for Best Magazine earlier in the

year. We will know in September. if we have been successful or gained a commendation as we have for two years running. I certainly thought the quality of the April Magazine was excellent and compliment Peter Dobson for this.

I hope by the time of the Muster, Carol, our Treasurer, who lives in Sheffield, will have been delivered of a bouncing baby sibling to Aidan her son. I would like to thank her for getting the year-end accounts up to April 2007 prepared and then approved by our accountant examiner so quickly despite babies and floods in Sheffield!

When I was at The Federation of Family History Societies Annual General Meeting in March I happened upon a building in Wisbech, which houses one of the oldest surviving firms of solicitors in England which was founded by a Metcalfe and which still bears his name. The house where the firm has some of its offices was formerly the home of Thomas Clarkson, who was closely involved in the abolition of slavery, which is topical this year with the bicentenary celebrations underway.

David Lambert M11

Collectors of Land Tax & Freeholders Register Keepers 1788/89

Wapentake Township

Hang West

Askrigg **James Metcalfe**

Bainbridge **John Metcalfe & Thomas Metcalfe**

Hudswell **James Metcalfe**

Hawes **Christopher Metcalfe (jnr)**

Gilling East

Ellerton with Bolton **James Metcalfe**

Gilling West

Aske **William Metcalfe**

Reeth **Wharton Metcalfe**

Hang East

Healey **John Metcalfe**

Langbaugh East

Normanby **Thomas Metcalf**

Langbaugh West

Carlton in Cleveland **Thomas Metcalfe**

From Cleveland FHS Journal April & October 2004.

Nappa Hall Memories



About 18 years ago we stayed at Nappa Hall when the late Mrs Ruth Thompson operated a B&B. She was the most welcoming and friendly person and was delighted to hear we were members of the Metcalfe Family History Society, showed us round, explaining its history. I remember the Kitchen walls were so very thick and the old architectural features were wonderful. I particularly liked the windows. Mrs Thompson gave me books and articles to read in the evenings relating to Nappa and also about the Richard III Society which was of great interest to her.

About a month after our return home Mrs Thompson sent me a photocopy of a Darlington & Stockton Times article, dated 26th

Nov 1910, about a reporter's visit to Nappa Hall regarding the golden wedding of Thomas Metcalfe and his wife! The poor woman's name isn't given throughout the entire piece, such was the formality of the time. However the reporter is given a bit of a tour and records for us the following, which ties in totally with the the memories of our visit:

It is a grey, grim castellated building, with hoar antiquity written on its stones, and it stands at the foot of a scar or rock so that the top of the towers is about level with the roadway which runs at its back. It can be seen from the railway from the north side and it stands upon the plain hillsides amidst the bleak prospect of pasture, denuded of trees which the hilly country presents beyond Aysgarth. There it is, grey and solid, like a piece of the native limestone rock, nestling under the crag, from the icy blasts which come over these bare hills and under the same kindly shelter there is a picturesque basin of trees to adorn the old hall.

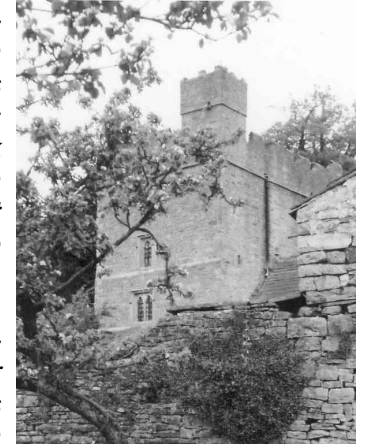
It consists of two square towers with embrasured tops, a low stone roofed building running between, the western tower being the highest. The windows are very old fashioned, consisting of two long diamond paned lights divided by a stone mullion, with quarterfoil heads, under a square drip stone, in fact just like many church windows of the same Decorated Architecture.

On entering the fine lofty kitchen is a huge fireplace, one feels transported back about 500 years, the ancient diamond paned windows being set in walls, three to four feet thick. The kitchen is situated at the base of the western tower.

An arch door in the great thick wall opens into a still larger room stretching the length of that low building which extends between the towers.(in 1910 this was the parlour). The door from this room leads into the entrance hall which is in the base of the east tower where there is a modern staircase leading up to bedrooms. This tower seems to have been modernised and has square windows. In the basement there is a smaller sitting room.

Abutting on the east tower, running at right angles in front is an old building with Jacobean windows, and thick hob nailed doors with rooms stored with wool and lumber and a spacious dairy full of hams, old vacant rooms with oak beams and the look of great age. There is a great massive oak table of quaint design that is evidently the only part of the great furniture that is left.

Ascending the winding stone steps in the corner of the west tower the first room is made for the making of cheeses while the two rooms above are vacant. From the top of the roof a fine view is obtained of the country.



Thomas Metcalfe bought the property which had then only a small cottage on it, from Richard, the third Lord Scrope of Bolton Castle. The cottage abutting the east tower is supposed to be this cottage though altered. Above the door next to the spouting there are the following letters TM July 1747, the date the roof was added.

*This is a queer quaint ancient rambling place, with nooks and corners and recesses and an ancient smell of the atmosphere of ghosts. It must be an eerie place in the mid of night and a prime place on a winters night to curdle the blood with a ghost story.**

Well all I can say is that when we stayed there it was a wonderfully welcoming place, with a real homely happy feel. We all slept like logs in a light and airy bedroom in the east tower, our two young daughters loved it and now that access is no longer possible I am so very glad we stayed and have such lovely memories.

Valerie Metcalfe M61

A diagram of the layout of

Nappa Hall can be found on page 74 of Metcalfe History of the Clan.

** In Dales of Yorkshire by Richard Muir it is claimed that Mary Queen of Scots haunts Nappa Hall. Why she would haunt the hall is not clear as she was held prisoner at Castle Bolton - a much more appropriate location for a spectre! - Editor.*

FFHS News June 2007 Colindale Newspapers Migration Strategy.

The British Library announced in March 2007 major plans to move its historic newspaper collection from Colindale in North London to Boston Spa in Yorkshire. The full text of the press release can be read on the Internet at www.bl.uk/news/2007/pressrelease20070301.html. It is anticipated that by 2011 access to the Newspaper Library will be at St Pancras by means of microfilm or digital copies (referred to as surrogates), with access to the original documents being allowed only in exceptional circumstances. In a written communication it was stated that a member of the public will need to become a full reader at St Pancras to access the surrogate material. Anyone who can show that they have a reason why they need access to the collection can obtain a pass. More information, can be found at www.bl.uk/services/reading/admissions.html.

GRAVE LOGIC

The Churchyard was unkempt - grass growing out of control and weeds rampant - a Mecca historian looking for his dales ancestors reads the short inscription - *Rest in peace*. "What good's that!" Mumbling further to himself about the pathetic lack of information regarding the grave's incumbent he sees an old farmer sat by the church and complains to him about the brevity of the gravestone and how it wasn't at all helpful. The farmer unimpressed replied that everyone who knew the departed knows who is in the grave. Mecca retorted "I don't.!" To which the old man replied "Thou didn't ken him.!"

PLUS CA CHANGE?

An article from the **Wharfedale & Airedale Observer** of 4th November 1887 refers to the case of **John Metcalfe** a stone mason living at Brick Houses Ilkley. He was married and had at least 2 young daughters **Mary Agnes** and **Martha** who had failed to attend school. He was summoned before the magistrates by the School board in Ilkley. Mary Agnes had attended 53 out of 98 possible times and in the previous term she had attended 16 out of 70. Martha had attended 16 out of 30 occasions and in the previous term 20 out of 70. Mrs Metcalfe explained that the girls would not go unless someone accompanied them. Mr Metcalfe had lost an

hour of work to take them to school.

The school board representative said that they had gone to a lot of trouble to get the girls to school. They were committing petty thefts. The magistrate said it was a strange thing that two young girls should be masters and he was afraid the parents were as much to blame as the children. Mrs Metcalfe denied this and said they had done their best. The court made an order for attendance with the threat of a fine if they failed to do so.

From the **Wharfedale FH Group Magazine June 2007** supplied by **David Lambert M11**.

North West Group of Family History Societies



Saturday 25th August 2007
10.00am – 4.00pm
The Floral Hall Southport
(Postcode PR9 0DZ)

'Free Lectures' 'Refreshments'

Stalls include: Family History Societies, County Record Offices, Booksellers, Map Dealers, Computer Software, Computer Drawn Trees, Internet Access, Everything for the Family Historian

Admission £2
(Children under 16 'Free' if accompanied by an Adult)

From The Westmorland Gazette

2 December 2005. Kirkby Stephen Grammar School's under 13's table tennis team were soundly beaten by National Champions Downtales 7-1. **John Metcalfe** bagged the school's only point.

21 April 2006. Full time meal server at The Globe Inn in Kendal and part time soldier Private **Doug Medcalf** was among a troop of 120 strong TA infantry joining 20 Armoured Brigade, which was to go on a six month tour of Iraq to guard Basra Air Station.

18 August 2006. **Gerald & Joan Metcalfe** celebrate 60 years of marriage. Married at Kendal Church in 1946 they revealed that their secret to a long and happy marriage was understanding and cookery.

Supplied by **Judith Robinson M631**

The Bishopdale Archives 2007

An update from **Mrs Jean Kington M627**.

The Bishopdale Archives was a project which had its origin in 1984, when I was widowed, and began to wonder who had lived in my ancient house, West Lane, in Bishopdale. This thought led me first to the Aysgarth Parish Registers and then to Census Returns and while I was about it I listed all those mentioned there in Newbiggin, Thoraby and West Burton.

Then I learnt of the existence of Family History Societies and began to realise that many people could be interested in one small Dale - so how to reach them all? First, I needed a typewriter and to teach myself how to use it ...Then a photocopier was necessary and more learning curves...And so the Bishopdale Booklets began to make their appearance.

This was all a winter occupation - in summer I was busy with recording the wildflowers in the Dale, which brought me lasting friendships with my farmer neighbours and a new outlook on life alone.

Like all beginnings, the whole thing began to grow, when one friend passed on to me all her copies of Wensleydale Census Returns, and more and more good friends filled my world. Later even Upper Swaledale was included where the Censuses were kindly prepared ready for Booklet production by members of the, then new, Upper Dales Family History Society. With all this information to hand, I've been able to put together families and their BMD dates in Bishopdale. **METCALFE** proved to be the largest there followed closely by **HESELTINE** and **THWAITE**. These dates include Civil Marriages in Richmondshire 1657 - 1660, which I was able to borrow from Jane Hatcher of the Wenham Museum in Richmond.

Now, perhaps because of all there is on the Internet (something foreign to me!) interest has begun to wane and I feel it's time to move on. So, being now 85 and somewhat disabled, I have decided to turn over all my records to the Upper Dales FHS at the Countryside Museum in Hawes, while the sale of Booklets at their meetings is continuing to be undertaken by Ann Hartley. These in future will be produced by Mrs. Stella Birch of Blencroft, Hudswell, Richmond, N.Yorks. DL11 6BQ, who very kindly offered to take it on, and they will be available from her by post.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the many hundreds of correspondents who have given me such an absorbing interest over nearly twenty years.

Metcalfes Muster at their Wensleydale Roots

Saturday 8th September 2007

**10am - 4.30pm at the Dales Countryside Museum
Wensleydale**

Something for everyone is on offer at this year's Mecca Muster

Presentation from Marion Moverley of the Upper Dales Family History Society, back by popular demand with her new presentation 'Hark Hark the Dogs do Bark'. Hundreds of men, women & children were constantly on the move through our countryside and if they had no source of subsistence were apprehended as vagrants and beggars and brought before the Quarter Sessions. There they had to give an account of themselves. This talk will tell some of the tales of those wandering through Yorkshire in 18th century. Where were they going to and why?

Get to know the Dales
Countryside Museum - local history studies room, museum, tourist facilities

Annual General Meeting Your opportunity to hear and join in with what is happening in your society

Choice of lunch locations In Hawes - a buffet lunch at Beckindales or two-course lunch at The Wensleydale Pantry
Opportunity to meet your 'relatives'

Society sales table; Buy your new Birth Brief Booklet launched last year and the Metcalfe merchandise launched at the recent 25th Muster - key rings, mugs etc.

Also available is the 'Metcalfe-History of the Clan' book, Christmas cards, back copies of Mecca News, Metcalfe Wills books, blank forms to help record your family tree, certificate folders to store those valuable certificates

Yorkshire Dales & related merchandise available. Bookstall - including Federation 'how to' guides

Access society records held on computer databases (assistance available) or search through paper records at your leisure.

Lending library available on books about Metcalfe, Yorkshire and other related subjects.

Missing

Whilst setting out to walk the Lady Anne's Way in Mallerstang a faded and weatherworn notice was seen attached to the entrance gate. Initially it attracted little attention being considered to be the usual - *keep you dog under control or National Park do's or don'ts* - but on closer inspection it was found to be a missing dog poster. Again of marginal interest until it was realised to be about a dog belonging to a **Reg Metcalfe**. The poster gave details of the missing liver and white English Springer Spaniel bitch called Pip and contact details.

After the walk I looked up the contact web site www.doglost.co.uk and found more information - Pip is an nine year old dog who went missing from her owner's home in Kirkby Stephen in February 2007. From comments on the website it appeared the dog may have been abducted - there were seemingly other examples of pedigree dogs taken from the area then sold on. Updates were posted to the site but at the end of June there was nothing to indicate that Pip had been recovered.

Lady Anne's Way has significance to the Metcalfe Clan. It is named after Lady Anne Clifford who inherited lands from her husband, after a long dispute, in 1643. She had extensive land holdings in the North of England around Skipton and up into Mallerstang. After the end of the English Civil War she spent more time in the north being based at the romantically named Pendragon Castle near Outhgill in Mallerstang then in Westmorland.

Related through marriage to the Metcalfe's of Nappa Hall (Sir Christopher Metcalfe 1513-1574 had married Lady Elizabeth Clifford and so she was a cousin to James and Thomas who resided at Nappa in the late 17th century.)¹ she would call in at Nappa Hall on her way to Pendragon Castle. There was not a roadway up into Mallerstang along the valley (today the route runs close to the Settle - Carlisle Railway) but there was a trackway - probably a prehistoric



Pip's Poster on the gate leading to Lady Anne's Way



Eden Valley Sculpture on Lady Anne's Way

route - on the eastern ridge from Cotterdale up to Outhgill. However it was not particularly suitable for a coach but it didn't stop this indomitable woman, who used the track to her estates, until well into her eighties, so frequently that it still retains her name some 350 years later.

Some parts of the Way today are still not easy for vehicles and you wonder how it was managed with a coach. None the less you get some superb views of Mallerstang, Garsdale, the Garsdale Railway Viaduct, Upper Wensleydale and the 'lost' (Cotter) dale which makes the walk well worth the effort.

¹Metcalfe History of the Clan p101.



Superb view of Garsdale Viaduct



Books

Looking back at Goodramgate & King's Square by Avril E Webster Appleton. Price £6.95. ISBN 0 9543463 1 9. History of this old area of York from the 16th century. Details of occupations professions and businesses with photographs from a private collection.

Images of England. Middlesborough: A Century of Change by Ian Stubbs and Jenny Parker. ISBN: 0-7524-3720-8.

Workhouses of the North by Peter Higginbotham. ISBN: 0-7524-4001-2. Both books £12.99 available from www.tempus-publishing.com.

Researching Your Family History 1600-1838 by Paul Chambers. Detailed guide to available genealogical material. Price £25. ISBN: 9-780750-936880. From www.suttonpublishing.co.uk.

15th, 16th & 17th Battalions of the Cheshire Regiment by Stephen McGreal. Raised in Birkenhead in 1914 and unique in that the volunteers average height was five foot. Price £19.99. ISBN: 1-84415-387-8. From Pen & Sword Books, 47 Church Street, Barnsley, S Yorks S70 2AS.

Marriage certificate donated to the East Yorkshire FHS.
George Henry Leary Age 26 and **Annie Eliza Metcalf** Age 23
8 June 1921 at Walsham LIN.
From The Banyan Tree No 110 April 2007.

Mecca Bits & Bobs

St Paul's Church, Hunwick, Bishop Auckland, County Durham.

Graves: (1) **Percy** son of **Alexander and Jane Metcalfe** of Hunwick died 21 July 1907 aged 7 years. Also their two sons **George** aged 11 months and **Gordon** aged 5 months. Also **Arthur Metcalfe** 18th Black Watch son of the above who died in action in France 1 October 1918 aged 36 years.

(2) **George Metcalfe** who died 26th December 1869 aged 35 years. Also John son of John and Ellen Robson of Hunwick who died 22nd November 1874 aged 3 years and 5 months. Also Ellen Robson, widow who died 3 December 1893 aged 59 years.

(3) **Eleanor Raw (nee Metcalfe)** died 27 March 1908 aged 83 years.

Moscow

August 1991. *"Inside the limousine sat an elderly man, silver-haired, with handsome, aristocratic features. He was Ambassador **Stephen Metcalfe**, an icon of the American Establishment, an advisor to five Presidents since Franklin D. Roosevelt, an extremely wealthy man who had devoted his life to serving his government."* From *'The Tristan Betrayal'* by Robert Ludlum, page 1. Supplied by **CS Metcalfe M305**.

Huddersfield

An article in *Eddisons Industrial & Commercial Property News Autumn '06* on the regeneration of Huddersfield's economic prosperity due to its geographical position between Leeds and Manchester showed a photograph of the Head of Agency **Jason Metcalfe** MRICS. Supplied by **David Lambert M11**.

Wisbech Cambridgeshire

In an article in the *April 2006 Family Tree magazine* - "Bookplates for family historians" Part 1 by John Titford a photograph of the bookplate of **Frederic Morehouse Metcalfe** a Deputy Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire was shown. Mr Metcalfe lived at Inglethorpe Hall near Wisbech and was part of the Fordham line. Article details supplied by **Mrs Pam Jarmain M123**.

Acomb House near York

1858: A commission of lunacy was held on *"Mrs Turner who was a patient at Acomb House near York. The jury declared her to be of sound mind and commented adversely upon the conduct of **Mr Metcalf**, the proprietor who was accused of using grossly offensive language and of improper behaviour towards Mrs Turner. His licence was revoked.."* Parry Jones WL 1972 p237. Supplied by **David Lambert M11**.

St Peter's Church, Fort William, Bengal

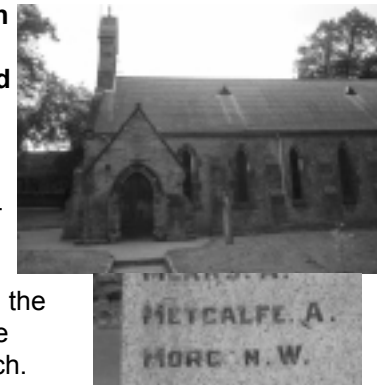
Memorial reads *"Sacred to the memory of the European and Native Officers, NCO's and men of the 5th (Bengal) Regiment of Native Infantry who fell in Afghanistan, in the year 1841 and 1842. Names: ...Asst Surgeon **F(rancis)R(alph) Metcalfe**, ..."*. (He was also remembered on a monument erected in the Afghan Memorial Church, St John the Evangelist in Bombay. Details extracted by **George Buxton M3** from a list of Tombs & Monuments held in the British Library.)



**St Paul's Church
Hunwick near
Bishop Auckland**

As well as the
gravestone
mentioned oppo-
site

Arthur Metcalfe
is remembered on the
memorial at the
front of the church.



How Old am I?

When George Medcalf joined the East India Company European Regiment on the 17th May 1826 in London. He claimed to be 21 years of age having been born in Lincoln in 1805 and gave his occupation as a servant. However it was recorded on another document completed the day before, on the 16th May 1826, that his occupation was a gardener and his age was 24! His height was 5 foot 6½ inches.

George arrived in India on 22nd October 1826 with an unlimited contract of service. We know little of the intervening ten years apart from the fact that he must have worked his way up the ranks to become a sergeant but on 18th March 1836 he married Esther Pocock(e) at Agra in the Indian Arch Deanery of Bengal. However his age again is in doubt as on the marriage certificate he claimed to be 21 whilst Esther's age was given as 14.

Their son William John was born 20th March 1837 but died 29th January 1838; at that time his father was stated to be a private in the European Regiment but when their daughter Mary Ann was born on 16th July 1838 George was again a sergeant.

George had a short married life as he died of dysentery on the 8th October 1841 and was buried that same day in Kurnaul again in the Arch Deanery of Bengal. He must have been unwell for a time as in his will dated 2nd October 1841 he states to be "of sound mind but ill of health". He died a fairly wealthy man as back pay and prize money amounting to £329 4shillings and 6 pence was paid to Esther on 23rd October 1841. The death certificate gives his rank as Sergeant 1st European Light Infantry with his age now 32.

George Buxton M3

This article is based on the records of the East India Company held at the British Library.

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

The archive team have been kept busy with your requests and submissions. Lots of new information has been added to our database, for which we are most grateful. We now have over 100,000 records of Mecca families, so please keep your enquiries coming in, for we may just have that missing link, for which you have been searching.

Our updated Birth Brief Booklet can be a huge source of information too. We have copies available at cost price, of £5 plus postage. If you would like a copy, orders can be placed via our website.

Brian Metcalfe M1554

DELAYED BIRTH BRIEFS, REJOINED MEMBERS, & UPDATES

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Tom & ? (Bainbridge) Mte m 1932 Weardale. Tom b 19 May 1906 Catterick s.o. Joseph Thomas & Hannah (Abel) Mte m 1901 Bainbridge. Joseph Thomas b 24 Jan 1885 Darlington s.o Joseph & Margaret (Spark) Mte m 30 Aug 1873 St Cuthberts, Darlington. Joseph b 2 Apr 1855 Gainford s.o Joseph & Elizabeth (Eales) Mte m 28 Oct 1843 Gainford. Joseph b 2 Aug 1822 Barnard Castle s.o Cornelius & Martha (Railton) Mte m 31 Jul 1813 Barnard Castle. Cornelius b 19 Apr 1798 Danby Wiske s.o Enos & Elizabeth (Nelson) Mte m 11 Jan 1773 Pickhill with Roxby. Enos bpt 3 Jul 1745 Swalwell, Dur s.o Enos & Hannah (?) Mte. Enos bpt 10 Jan 1699 Kirkby on the Moor s.o Leonard & Margaret (Weatherill) Mte m 9 Feb 1697 Kirkby on the Moor. Leonard b c1666.

Connects to XM152 XM543 XM695 M1113.

M1111 Mr Mick Metcalfe 17 Mt Clay Road, Heywood, Victoria 3304, Australia. metcalfe@westnet.com.au

M1389 Mr Harold A. Metcalfe The Saltings, Llangain, Carmarthen. SA33 5AJ admin@haroldmetcalfe.plus.com b

Saltaire, Shipley s/o William & Marion (Taylor) Mte m 1923 North Brierley. William b 1893 Saltaire, Shipley s/o Arthur & Mary (Bradley) Mte m 1890 Bradford area. Arthur b 1871 Saltaire s/o Robert & Rachel (Holdsworth) Mte m 1863 Bradford area. Robert b 1841 Bradford s/o Jonathon & his 1st wife Mary (Watson) Mte m 1840 Bradford area.

Jonathon b 17 Oct 1821 Keighley/Bingley bpt 19 Apr 1835 Bingley s/o Robert & Martha (Peel) Mte m 07 May 1820 Kildwick. Robert bpt 01 Jul 1792 Ravenstonedale s/o Jonathon & Elizabeth (Graham) Mte m 16 Oct 1787 Orton. Jonathon of Flakebridge & Beck Stones, Ravenstonedale, believed to be of a long line at Beck Stones, research continues. **Connects to M667.**

M1415 Mrs Ena Gallagher 17 Laneside Road, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria. LA11 7BU. D/o Robert S & Phyllis (Higginson) Mte m 26 Nov 1933 Penkhull, Stoke on Trent. Robert S b 25 Nov 1910 Barnard Castle, Teesdale, Durham s/o Edward Albert & Mercy (Sadler) Mte m 26 Sep 1904 Barnard Castle, Teesdale. **This is an update to the beginning of a large BB, the remainder of which is unchanged.**

M1539 Mrs Andrea Moore 16 Carr Hall Gardens, Barrowford, Nelson, Lancs. BB9 6PU. michaelmoore404@btinternet.com. Andrea is pleased to report that the marriage of her ancestor William Metcalfe of 157 Lumb Lane, Bradford s/o Robert Mte, farmer, to Mary Calvert of the same address, d/o Miles Calvert, labourer, took place in Bradford on 11 Feb 1884. Witnesses were John Craven & Agnes Kirkbride.

M1643 Mrs Sue Buddo 2 Hawton Crescent, Woolaton Park, Nottingham. NG8 1BZ. Descendant of John Walton Mt b 1880 Hexham area, Northumberland s/o Thomas & Dorothy (Tulip) Mt m 1874. Thomas bpt 17 Sep 1854 Alston, Cumberland s/o John & Mary (?) Mt.

M1646 Mrs Doris Larsen Astunet 7, Hagen 1481, Norway. steinlarsen@2ci.net. Doris b Sunderland, Durham d/o Wilson & Doris (Wilson) Mt m 1936 Sunderland. Wilson b 15 Mar 1911 Sunderland s/o John & Margaret (Cowie) Mt m 17 Apr 1897 Sunderland. John b c1865/6 Sunderland s/o John & Ellen (Stewart/Stuart) Mt. John b c1838 Sunderland.

M1648 Ms Elizabeth Metcalfe 303 – 3400 Quadra Street, Victoria, British Columbia V8X 1G6 Canada. emmetcalfe@shaw.ca. D.o Robert Gamble & Lilian Elsie (Meyer) Mte m 27 Sep 1930. Robert Gamble b 26 Nov 1900 Kensington s.o Kennard Golborne & Fanny Christie (Gamble) Mte m 1894 Kensington. Kennard Golborne b 1858 Little Shelford, Cambs s.o Revd Frederick & Harriet Jane (Kynaston) Mte m 4 Oct 1853 Greenwich, Ken. Frederick bpt 2 Sep 1824 Fowlmere, Cambs s.o Revd William & Susan (Golborne) Mte m 13 Sep 1814 Trinity, Ely, Cam. William b 1785 s.o Revd William & Anna Maria (Harwick) Mte m 16 Nov 1780 Ely. William b 1752 s.o. Robert Mte a farmer. **Connects to M1666.**

M1653 Mrs Angela Clarke 125 Nipsells Chase, Mayland, Essex. CM3 6EJ D.o Lionel Ernest Everard & Rosemary (Woodcock) Md m Jul 1945 Finchley. Lionel Ernest Everard b 21 Jan 1911 s.o Everard & Florence Musgrove

(Boulton) Md m Dec 1897 Hornsey. Everard b 16 Apr 1864 s.o Josiah & Sophia Louisa (Taylor) Md m 7 Apr 1858 Bermondsey. Josiah b 28 Sep 1832 Bermondsey s.o Abraham & 2nd wife Ann Ellen (Everard) Md m 1817 Whitechapel. Abraham b c1786 Suffolk? **Connects to M424.**

M1666 Mr A.T.Sparling 129 Cooden Sea Road, Bexhill on Sea, Sussex. TN39 4TA atsparling@tiscali.co.uk. Grd s/o Vera Sparling who became the 1st wife of Clive Kynaston Mte m 12 Jun 1933 in Ceylon. Clive later married Dorothy ?. Clive K. b 29 Dec 1907 Marylebone area, died 4th Qtr 1972 s/o Percy Kynaston & Dorothea w. (Dewar) Mte m Dec 1906 Marylebone. Percy K. b 1882 Kensington s/o Frederick Kynaston & Ada (Lemoine) Mte m Jun 1881 Hastings, Sussex. Frederick K. b 1854 Chesterton s/o Revd Frederick & Harriet Jane (Kynaston) Mte m 04 Oct 1853 Greenwich, Kent. Frederick bpt 02 Sep 1824 Fowlmere, Cam. s/o Revd William & Susan (Golborne) Mte m 13 Sep 1814 Trinity, Ely, Cam. William b 1785 s/o Revd William & Anna Maria (Harwick) Mte m 16 Nov 1780 Ely. William b 1752 s/o Robert Mte a farmer. **Connects to M1648.**

M1668 Mr Stephen P. Carr Bell Mount House, Dalguise, Dunkeld, Perth & Kinross. PH8 0JU pandscarr@btinternet.com. Grt Grt Grt Grd s.o of David & Mary (Mt) Slingsby m 21 Feb 1841 Calverley, Leeds/Bradford. Mary bpt 28 Dec 1817 Skipton Holy Trinity. Mary d.o William & Ann (Beckwith) Mte m 2 Aug 1813 Skipton Holy Trinity. William b c1791 Skipton.

NEW MEMBERS – WITH OR AWAITING BIRTH BRIEFS

M1671 Mrs Margaret Marshall Bentham Hall, Bentham, Lancaster, Lancashire. LA2 7HS. tbmbenthamhall@aol.com

M1672 Mrs Maureen Patricia Theobald Yew trees, Phoenix Way, Windermere, Cumbria. LA23 1BZ. maureen.theobald@virgin.net

M1673 Mrs Linda Mader Box 50, Site 8, R.R.1, Priddis, Alberta, TOL1W0. Canada. linda.mader@davincibb.net. Born Alberta, Canada, grt x 3 grd d of John & Mary (nee Metcalfe) Robinson m 09 Sep 1822 Horton in Ribblesdale, Yks, UK. Mary b Counterside Yks bpt 05 Nov 1797 Stalling Busk d/o Alexander & Elizabeth (Sunter) Mte m 07 Dec 1789 Stalling Busk. Alexander b c1759. **Connects to M809.**

M1674 Mrs Maureen Fulton 2 West Green, Birk Rigg Park, Ulverston, Cumbria. LA12 0UP. fulton447@btinternet.com. Grt grd d of Joseph & Elizabeth (nee Metcalfe) Routledge m 05 Dec 1878 at Kirkby Malham, Yks. Elizabeth b 28 Jan 1859 Otterburn bpt 31 Jul 1859 Kirkby Malham d/o James & Ann (Routledge) Mte m 07 Mar 1846 Wetheral, Cumbria. James bpt 14 Apl 1822 Arncliffe s/o Robert & Nanny (Hebden) Mte m 22 Nov 1817 Kirkby

Malham. Robert bpt 17 Oct 1779 Arncliffe s/o Christopher & Sarah (Foster) Mte m 18 May 1778 Giggleswick. Christopher bpt 28 Feb 1754 Arncliffe s/o George & his 2nd wife Margaret (Howson) Mte m 27 Jun 1745 Horton in Ribblesdale. George bpt 28 Jan 1697 Arncliffe s/o Thomas & (?Mary nee Nicholson m 28 Aug 1696 Ingleton) Mte. **Connects to XM12 XM31 XM47 XM208 XM209 M792 XM1048 & M1536.**

M1675 Mr Anthony George Metcalfe Harrison 2 Broomfield Walk, Penistone, Sheffield, South Yorkshire. S36 6EN. anthonyharrison29@talktalk.net

M1676 Mr Frank Metcalfe 1 Sheridan Drive, Helen's Bay, Down. BT19 1LB. frank@frankmetcalfe.f2s.com

M1677 Mr Kenneth Cockfield 26 Gregory Springs Mount, Mirfield, West Yorkshire. WF14 8LG. jennifer.cockfield@ntlworld.com

M1678 Mr John Watson 1-09 Lanai Kiara, 1 Jalan 1/61A, Kuala Lumpur, Bukit Lumpur, WP 50480, Malaysia. watsonjohnm@gmail.com

M1679 Mrs Lesley Ann Baxendale 17 Woodland Park, Colwyn Bay, Conwy. LL29 7ER. baxendale@dovercourt17.fsnet.co.uk. Grt grt grd d of Elizabeth (formerly Cash, nee Metcalfe) & her 2nd husband Thomas Shiers m 25 Feb 1840 Manchester Cathedral. Elizabeth bpt 22 Dec 1805 Manchester Cathedral d/o George & Alice (Caygill) Mte m 16 Jan 1804 Askrigg. **Connects to XM1185.**

M1680 Miss Abigail Tyne 6 Well Garth Bank, Bramley, Leeds, West Yorkshire. LS13 1EW. abi_tyne@yahoo.com. Grt grd d of Walter & Alice (nee Metcalfe) Tyne. Alice b 1883 Bramley d/o Alfred Rhodes & Emma (Backhouse) Mte m 10 Jun 1882 Burley, Leeds. Alfred Rhodes b 28 Mar 1858 Moor Bottom, Hartwith, Harrogate s/o John & Mary Ann (Steel) Mte m 25 May 1857 Leeds Parish Church. John bpt 22 Jul 1827 Hampsthwaite s/o James & Ann (Rhodes) Mte m 12 Apl 1825 Hampsthwaite. James b 02 Apl 1800 Ripley bpt 22 Jun 1800 Ripley s/o Richard & Ann (Pinder) Mte m 24 Nov 1794 Kirk Deighton. Richard b c1771 Knaresborough bpt 07 Feb 1773 Knaresborough s/o Edward & Mary (Bake) Mte m 25 Nov 1771 Knaresborough. Edward b c1744. **Connects to M309 XM853 & XM884.**

M1681 Mr Nicholas Metcalf 30 Yew Tree Road, Huyton, Liverpool, Merseyside. L36 5UQ. nick_metcalf@hotmail.com

M1682 Mrs Susan Irene Mooney 34 Wycombe Road, Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire. HP27 0DH. potentilla1@hotmail.com. D.o Stanley & Irene (Turner) Mte m 21 Oct 1944 Bradford. Stanley b 25 Mar 1904 Bradford s.o Matthew George & Harriet Jane (Parnham) Mte m 25 Dec 1891 Salford.

Matthew George b 21 Oct 1863 s.o George & Ann (Barker) Mte m 1845 Bradford. George bpt 31 Mar 1825 Masham s.o Anthony & Elizabeth (Wintersgill) Mte m18 Apr 1824 Masham. Anthony bpt 26 Nov 1792 Thornton Steward s.o Anthony & Jane (Collinson) Mte m 13 Sep 1786 Bedale. Anthony bpt 19 Jul 1766 Thornton Watlass s.o Anthony & Margaret (Mte) (a) Mte m 5 Mar 1764 Thornton Watlass. Anthony bpt 8 Jun 1740 Thornton Watlass s.o Stephen & Ellen (Moody) Mte m 19 Sep 1734 Thornton Watlass. Stephen Mte bc1715 Rookwith. (a) Margaret Mte bpt 23 Sep 1739 Thornton Watlass d.o Thomas & Ann (Meek) Mte m 23 Nov 1728 Thornton Watlass. Thomas bpt 4 Mar 1704 Thornton Watlass s.o Elias Mte. Elias b c1657 s.o James Mte. James s.o Roger & Ann Mte. **Connects to M123 XM165 M266 XM480 M493 XM522 XM545 XM616 XM644 XM1269 XM1341 M1404 M1487.**

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It is with regret we report the death of
Alice Metcalfe M1080
wife of Thomas W Metcalfe M1080.

We extend our sympathy
to Mr Metcalfe, relatives and friends.

Yorkshire Film Archive

Ever wondered what your relatives got up to? Well you might be able to see by going to the website of the Yorkshire Film Archive. The archive holds some 14,000 film and video tapes from the 1880's to today. It is a public access film archive for Yorkshire and they wish to as many people as possible to see their collection. They give

local showings - recently at Richmond in February and Doncaster in March. They also have DVD's available. For further details go to: www.yorkshirefilmarchive.com or contact York St John University Lord Mayor's Walk York YO31 7EX. ☎ 01904 876550.

Some Census Oddments

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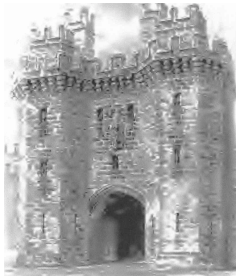
Doug Cutting M855

The Luddite Connection: Part 3 - A New Life

This article was suggested by Alan Boardman M1430 and is based upon cuttings and information supplied by him. Other relevant background and details have been compiled from various sources - Editor.

The waiting was over, the hope gone, the ship was about to set sail for Australia - when, if ever, would Christopher Medcalf see his native land or his family again?

Caught up in the Luddite unrest of the early 19th century Christopher Medcalf of Bolton-le-Moors Lancashire had been arrested for unlawfully taking an oath from a King's soldier; tried, convicted at Lancaster Assizes in June 1812 and sentenced to seven years transportation. After an initial imprisonment in Lancaster jail he and the others sentenced to transportation at the trial had been taken first to London and then to the prison hulks in Portsmouth Harbour to await a ship to the New South Wales (NSW) penal colony in Australia. He spent nearly five months in diabolic conditions on board the hulks before being loaded onto the convict ship Fortune in November 1812.¹



Forty one year old Christopher was one of two hundred and one convicts loaded on board the 626 ton ship. The Fortune was no stranger to the convict run to NSW having undertaken the trip at least once before in 1806 when it was part of a fleet of transports under the command of Captain William Bligh (of Mutiny on the Bounty fame). The journey then took just under six months.

New South Wales had been used as a penal colony since early 1788 when the "First Fleet" had landed 753 convicts and their children, 252 soldiers, wives and children and some three hundred officers and other settlers. The American Colonies and the Caribbean had served the British Government well as

outlets for its surplus prison numbers during the 1700's but with the loss of the American States in the last quarter of the eighteenth century an new overseas location was needed.

Captain Cooke during his voyages of exploration to the South Seas in the



Setting Sail

1760's and 1770's had surveyed the Australian coastline and his reports were now evaluated to see if the empty land and its remoteness would be suitable for the establishing of a prisoner establishment. After due consideration it was decided to send the first convicts to Botany Bay in NSW in May 1787. On arriving in January 1788 the First Fleet commander Captain Arthur Philip, decided that the location was not as good as the report had made out so landed in nearby Sydney Cove at what was to be Port Jackson.

In late 1812 Fortune was commanded by Captain Thomas Walker who was to



sail the ship from England to New South Wales following the established route via the Canaries (Teneriffe), Rio de Janeiro, Cape Town then across the Indian Ocean to Port Jackson. A trip of a lifetime in today's world - a lifetime trip or a nightmare journey on board a convict ship in 1812.

On the Fortune with Christopher were a mixture of political and criminal elements. There may have been up to a quarter of the convicts from Ireland (due to the political unrest in the island) with the majority of the remainder from England. In addition to Christopher Medcalf, Thomas Holden and the other Lancaster prisoners there was a cross section of criminals including Eli Burningham from Headley in Hampshire who was being transported for life for arson and robbery and William Seawell of Mitcham Surrey another transported for life for attempted murder.²

Conditions on board the transport were seemingly no better than the prison hulks with the prisoners still restrained in shackles and Holden, writing in a letter to his parents after his arrival in Australia, complained of poor conditions and having no change of underwear for three weeks. When his complaint was brought to the attention of Captain Walker the Captain's response was

that his clothes couldn't have been so dirty in such a short time. Holden further wrote that the gang structure in the hulks continued on board the transport and he feared that the voyage would kill him.³ Indeed four of the convicts who left England in that December of 1812 never made it to NSW dying on the way.

We have no information regarding the weather conditions or of any difficulties encountered en route. However it seems to have been an uneventful trip - as far as the crew were concerned - as the journey was completed on 11 June 1813 after some 191 days, well within the average time for the 11,000 mile trip and a lot quicker than the 250 days taken some twenty five years earlier by the First Fleet.

Once moored at Port Jackson Captain Walker off loaded 109 of his prisoners with the remainder probably, due to the severity of their sentences, going on to the stricter regimes at Botany Bay or even Norfolk Island. Christopher Medcalf disembarked from Fortune at Port Jackson on 13 June followed a couple of days later by a cargo of ironmongery and lead (seemingly Captain Walker had taken the opportunity to undertake some trade as well as transporting his human cargo).

What Christopher's feelings were when he first set foot on land in NSW we do not know but undoubtedly after the tribulations of his imprisonment in England, the terrors of the hulks and the nightmare of the voyage in the transport he would be pleased at least to get his feet on terra firma and face up to the further trials that the new country would pose.

From journals and letters including extracts from Thomas Holden we get an idea of the conditions out in the colony. In the early days everything had to be brought in by sea. The early years were difficult with the free settlers and convicts suffering privations as they adapted to the conditions of a new country. At one stage starvation stalked the colony and was only relieved by supplies from the Dutch on Batavia. Soon farming became established and enough food was grown so that the colony became more self sufficient. None the less that did not stop trouble erupting at times with a number of rebellions in the period up until 1810. However by 1813, when Christopher arrived, Governor Macquarie had opened up new lands for farming, trading was becoming well established and a routine and order were in place. NSW must have been a bustling place. Never the less convict life was no holiday.

On arrival in the colony convicts were assigned work according to their skills - those with trades probably enjoyed more freedom working at what they knew - whilst those unskilled ended up in work gangs putting in the colony's infrastructure. If they were not prepared to work satisfactorily or were

disobedient they would be put in shackles, flogged or sent to the stricter penal colonies. Some were assigned to free settlers who undertook their control; the remainder were kept under military rule and housed in barracks.

From Holden's letter to his wife in mid 1813 he had been allocated a paid job at £20 per year in the commissioners's service. A further letter in March 1816 asks for his looms in England to be sold and the best quality cloth to be sent to him. Cloth at £1 a yard; as with other manufactured products being very expensive. By May 1816 he is enjoying a reasonable lifestyle being able to shoot parrots (he was sending parrot feathers back to Bolton) and had been made a free man for the rest of his sentence which would enable him to get a better job.

We don't know if Christopher was as fortunate as Holden but from NSW State records we have found that he was assigned to a Master, Mr Moore of Liverpool, Cumberland County who in 1814 was also responsible for five other convicts. He apparently worked for the Master and received stores for his efforts. The records indicate that his profession was a tailor rather than a weaver and his skills would no doubt have been useful but indications are that he was employed on the land. A copy of a convict indenture gives a physical description; Christopher was 5 foot 5^{1/2} inches tall, brown complexion, dark brown hair and grey eyes. It also confirms the trial details but more intriguingly states his "native place" as York rather than Bolton Lancashire. His earlier roots may have to be sought in the Mecca heartland.

The General Muster record for 1822 indicates he is now free, still living in Liverpool and not working for an employer. His freedom may have been granted in 1820, the seventh year of his sentence, as two of the other convicts in Mr Moore's "employ" were granted freedom in that year. The census for 1828 confirms those details.

Liverpool is some twenty miles west of Sydney and was in the early days an agricultural centre supplying the colony. From other NSW government archives we find that Christopher received a grant of land in 1824 from the new Governor Sir Thomas Brisbane. Details of whether Christopher's family joined him in the new world or if he had a new local family have so far not been found and so his day to day experiences are unknown. However his fate was to remain in NSW as his burial is recorded in the NWS BMD Registry for Liverpool on 5 November 1831.

*My thanks to **Dianne Fox M113** for extracting BMD, census, muster and indenture information from archives in Australia - Editor.*

¹ Australian Shipping 1788-1968. www.lblaxland.com/ozships

² The Sole Society

³ www.lancastercastle.com

T' Auld Gaet

"This gate hangs well and hinders none" - sign outside an Outhgill Mallerstang pub.

The Enclosure of common land gathered pace in the early 18th century especially after 1760 and continued in earnest for the next fifty years before slowly subsiding by the middle of the 19th century. In those 50 years a way of life was significantly changed for those on the land, including Metcalfe families, with some of the poorer subsistence farmers and tenants unable to make a living driven off the land to the manufacturing centres in the growing urban conurbations or abroad to seek a new life.

In that half century the appearance of the Dales changed from open land to that we see today. Whilst some suffered through the changes it brought opportunity to others not least those who were skilled in the art of walling. Hundreds of miles were needed and whilst the best wallers can erect up to 10 yards a day there was much needed so demand was high. As well as walls to enclose their land, entrances/exits were also (not unnaturally) needed (some to keep stock in and some to keep them out!) and these were usually gates. Up to six foot wide to accommodate the

comings and goings of a wagon, cart or sledge they were initially made of wood with each locality having its



Upper Wharfedale



Wensleydale



Abbotside



Raydale

own design preference dependant upon the usage.

Today we still have a variety of examples - al-

though undoubtedly machine made rather than by hand - of four five six and even seven bar gates. These latter gates have more bars lower down and closer together to prevent lambs and sheep escaping from their fields or getting into the meadows meant for winter feeding. However this does not always succeed with Swaledales being reputed to be the best sheep escapologists - the Harry Houdinis of the sheep world - exiting with great skill either under gates or over walls. Witness their skill by the

mass trespass of sheep and lambs across the roads of the Dales!

The days of wooden gates were numbered after the Second World War with the continuing exodus of manpower from the land and increasing costs of agriculture. More lasting, low maintenance gates were needed and the last half century has seen the metal gate become the standard, however the old wooden gate has clung on especially in the higher dales and it still retains a healthy proportion of the numbers. There



Ubiquitous metal gate



Swaledale

is even an apparent resurgence of wooden gates in the National Park where sturdy well built gates, newly erected, are to be found. WR (Bill) Mitchell in his book "High Dale Country" writes *Farmers prefer wooden gates to those of tubular steel. "If anyone runs a car into a wooden gate you only need a hammer, a few nails and some pieces of wood. A metal gate takes some straightening out."*

Originally the local carpenter for each village would have had the job of making the gates - or often to save costs the farmer or his workers would turn their hands to the task.

Metcalfes were at times capenters and joiners making items for the farm and not unnaturally we find evidence of this involvement:

TG & A Metcalfe - Upper Wensleydale
David & George Metcalfe - Wharfedale
Frank Metcalfe - Bedale
George Metcalfe - Swaledale
John Metcalfe - Lower Wensleydale.

The (often unnoticed) gates are part of the scenery that makes the Dales the attraction it is today. So as you wander around the countryside notice the examples of the various bar gates and the even more elaborate modern designs around post farming premises. As you do think of the time and effort which is needed to make one, see the different local designs, appreciate the opportunities provided to the tradesmen who built the earliest gates, and perhaps more importantly remember the changes that followed the walling of the Dales and its effect on your Mecca ancestors.

FROM THE PAST

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THE METCALFE MISSING MILLIONS

Frank Bradley sends these cuttings concerning a mystery which may well be familiar to some members. The story is really Yvette Dixon's (M155) who unearthed some old press cuttings belonging to her relatives. It would be interesting to hear from any members who can throw further light on the conclusion, or otherwise, of these events.

Bradford, West Yorkshire "Telegraph and Argus" 30th April 1929 CLAIMS TO FORTUNE OF £3,000,000

BRADFORD AND BINGLEY INTERESTS

It seems probable that blood relationship to the person who made the mysterious fortune of over £3,000,000, now lying in an English bank, can be claimed by one or more people in the Bradford district. The money has been awaiting claimants for nearly one hundred years, and it is stated that it is now over three million pounds. A Mrs Brown Metcalfe of Springhill, Nova Scotia, is said to be the chief claimant, and there are said to be others, descendants of a man named Metcalfe who went to Canada from Yorkshire 150 years ago.

Mr A.G. Whitehead of 11, Oakdale Terrace, Wibsey, states that his wife is a direct descendant of a man named Metcalfe who is supposed to have left a fortune and who left England for America 150 years ago. This man would be Mrs Whitehead's father's uncle. The Metcalfe family were all in the farming line around Grassington, Kettlewell and Skipton, and most of them were registered at Linton Church. Mrs Whitehead has two brothers, Joseph and Beckwith Metcalfe, who live at 20, Allerton Road, Bradford, and 12, Regent Street, Bingley, respectively.

BORN AT KETTLEWELL

Mrs Whitehead said that her father, John Metcalfe, was born at Kettlewell, and on the certificate his father Robert Metcalfe was described as a 'driver of cattle'. The certificate is dated 1836. Mrs Whitehead, who is the youngest member of the family, lived a long time with her father in his old age, and he often told her of a great fortune that ought to belong to them, but that it had been thrown into Chancery because his aunt would not sign a paper. The money, her father had often told her, was made by his uncle who went away to America.

Mrs Whitehead told a Telegraph and Argus representative that she has two brothers in England and the rest of her relatives are still in America, and she intends to get in touch with them. The Mrs Brown Metcalfe who claims to be the chief heiress can only be a relative by marriage, and if the man who left the fabulous sum is the same man who, over a century ago, found farming so profitless that wanderlust carried him to try his luck over the Atlantic, it seems probable that Mrs Whitehead can substantiate her claim.

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Now Swaledale Woollens.

THE METCALFE SOCIETY

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INCOME	2007	2006	EXPENDITURE	2007	2006
Subscriptions	5841.61	7163.97	Newsletters- Production & Distribution Costs	3317.26	4311.63
Donations	2.70	16.22	Metcalfe Muster Catering & Expenses	533.05	3174.54
Bank Interest Received	223.12	228.83	Asset Depreciation	30.00	59.00
Muster Raffle	130.00	57.00	Committee/ AGM Hall Hire/Speaker	69.00	405.00
Muster Catering	456.00	2418.91	Telephone & Internet Costs	1.90	148.62
History of the Clan	1357.78	2445.00	History of the Clan post	347.99	729.19
History of the Clan Post	412.62	166.66	25th Anniversary Expenses	355.82	355.82
Deed of Covenant Tax Refund	670.22	441.12	Accountancy	300.00	300.00
Publications Sales & Library	1276.88	1320.64	Affiliation Fees FFHS, & GOONS	26.50	183.00
			Advertising, GRD & Family Tree	143.69	387.52
			Computer Repairs/Maintenance	25.00	25.00
			Office Stationery	214.95	358.75
			Printing General	38.42	1586.91
			Exhibition & Fairs Stands	179.00	211.00
			Website Creation & Maintenance	391.12	
			Bank Charges/Currency Conversion Fees	43.53	116.74
			Insurance	423.30	220.80
			Storage	823.80	488.00
			Sundry Expenses	290.66	2830.85
			Member Packs	97.68	
			Publication Sales & Library	1510.00	
			Birth Brief Book	247.46	
			Metcalfe Mugs	141.78	
			Rose Label Pin Badges	141.78	
			COA Label Pin Badges	476.09	
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			Surplus of Income over Expenditure	581.97	
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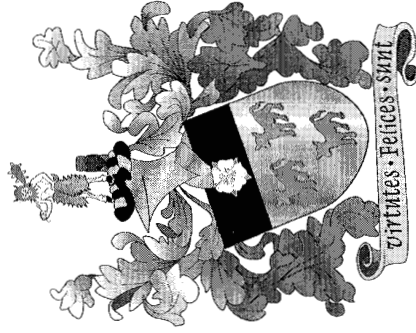
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ASSETS	2007	2006	LIABILITIES	2007	2006
COST	538.73	538.73	MAIN FUND		
Printers	410.08	410.08	SURPLUS BROUGHT FORWARD	8839.48	10433.5
Copier	293.74	293.74	Surplus Income over Expenditure for the year	581.97	-1594.02
Copier (2)	2942.15	2942.15	Surplus of Expenditure over Income for the year	<u>9421.45</u>	<u>8839.48</u>
Computers, Printer, Workstation & Software	338.84	338.84			
Filing Cabinets	149.99	149.99			
Printers	149.99	149.99			
Scanner	117.48	117.48			
Copier	<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)	105.00	90.00			
Scanner (10% on cost)	105.00	90.00			
Copier (25% on cost)	<u>4851.02</u>	<u>4821.02</u>			
NET BOOK VALUE ASSETS	89.98	119.98			
Debtors	45.00	803.51			
BANK BALANCES	2356.42	4243.86			
Bardays	6880.05	3622.13			
Scottish Widows					
Cash Floats	50.00	50.00			
Paypal	<u>9421.45</u>	<u>8839.48</u>			

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THE METCALFE SOCIETY

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Annual General Meeting

10.30am, Saturday 8th September 2007
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes,
Wensleydale, North Yorkshire

Agenda

- 1. Chairman's opening remarks**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Minutes of the 2006 AGM**
- copy distributed with December 2006 Mecca News
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes**
- 5. Reports (see enclosures)**
- 6. Projects (see enclosures)**
- 7. Subscription rates for 2008**
- 8. Elections**
- 9. Approval of accounts**
- 10. Appointment of Auditor**
- 11. Any other business**
- 12. Date of next Annual General Meeting**

Executive Reports

Chairman

By virtue of our charitable status we are required to give a report each year to our members as well as the Charities Commission, such report to include certain information. The booklet of which this forms part complies with the legal requirement referred to above. It does I hope give you a good idea of our activities during the last 12 months. 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 Society operates through a number of officers who are elected at the AGM each year to serve on the executive committee. It also relies on a large number of volunteers in the UK and overseas, who give freely give up their time to make the Society run. I want to start this report by paying tribute to everyone on the Committee and our volunteers. My colleagues on the Committee and volunteers have written short reports on their activities elsewhere in this Annual Report booklet and I commend their reports to you. Since the last Muster I heard of the death of our first President (and my cousin) Helen Offer. A lovely lady who gave so much to the Society in its early beginnings. The main database and index owes its foundation to her and its transfer to computer too. She was in her 90s and had been unable to travel to our Musters for some time possibly her last one being in 1991. She will be sorely missed.

As usual it has been a busy 12 months since my last Report to the AGM at Hawes in 2006. There was a risk that the 2006 Muster coming a year after our "never to be forgotten" Silver Jubilee weekend might have not been supported and have been a damp squib. Also we were "flying" solo in the sense that Diane Howarth was unable to attend and so we were "on our own". I am glad to say that the committee came up trumps as did the membership. The attendance was good and, whilst less than in 2005, it was around the normal figure of 80 members. There was plenty to do and see with new exhibits and a display from Gayle Mill. Our speaker was excellent and kept us entertained and enlightened. The profile of the Society was high in Hawes and at the Upper Dales Museum in particular. I would like to express our thanks to the Museum for allowing us to hold the 2006 Muster in their premises and again this year.

The Society's journal Mecca News was entered in the 2006 Annual Elizabeth Simpson Award organised by The Federation of Family History Societies and received once more a commendation from the judges. An excellent result; well done Peter Dobson our Editor! In 2007 we entered the competition again and will know the result a week before the Muster. The last 12 months has been a bit of a year of consolidation with some strategic planning for the future. The Committee met immediately after the Muster and twice this year at a new venue at Brighouse, which seems to suit everyone.

There are always vacancies to be filled at the Annual General Meeting and this year is no different. Carol Arkwright resigned from the Committee last year at the AGM and we have been trying to find a volunteer to take on her role as Sales Despatch Department coordinator. We have just found a volunteer for the post: Liz Waller (M1189) of Thirsk. Thanks for this offer of help. We still need a librarian. 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! There are vacancies on the committee.

One person who has worked tirelessly for us again under difficult circumstances is our Treasurer and Web Administrator, Carol Herbert. She has as usual looked after our finances and the administration of the Website well. By the time you read this she should be the mother of bouncing baby number 2 and I trust the builders will have left her house spick and span. Many thanks for all you have done on the financial side as well as the website and the extra task, now taken over by Liz Waller, of sales.

Our accounts show that income did reduce in 2006 but we still had a small surplus to put to our reserves. We were able to publish last year our revised Birth Brief booklet thanks to the tireless efforts of David Metcalfe and Nina Benson. In addition David has continued to adding to our Computer Index as well as trying to make accessible the Lists and checking information generally. A huge task undertaken in the background. Thanks as ever for your endeavours. We are very lucky that you are still so enthusiastic! The Society attended the York Family History Fair in June 2007: my thanks to Brian Metcalfe, Nina Benson, David Metcalfe and Margaret Hodgson who helped on the day by setting up and manning our stand. We attended in September 2006 the North West Family History Fair in Southport after our 2006 Muster. A quieter day but useful for renewing contacts and meeting people. We will be attending the Fair again this year. The surplus from the event last year is for the first time to be allocated to successful member societies who apply for and make a cogent case for grant aid to undertake projects in the region. We will be applying to seek funds to develop our Wills Project in the North West, so far not covered in detail by us.

Our "History of the Clan" Book still continues to sell steadily and if not yet purchased please do so at the Muster! One of the challenges of the last few days as I write this in July is the liquidation of the company which held and despatched our books. Diane Howarth sent an email to all the people who should have received the book since March as we discovered, with some alarm that some members who ordered them never received them. Given the

demise of our storers we have removed our stock to Bellerby where we house all our Society stock and equipment. Many thanks to Diane and Carol for handling the difficulty so efficiently.

As ever thanks of course go to our agents Kevin Metcalf, Susan Harper, Dianne Fox and Alison Hutton in USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand respectively. Our membership numbers suggests that we go a long way to achieving our aim to be the first point of call for anyone interested in learning about the Metcalfe family. However there seems to be a decline in membership numbers this year, which is reflecting a trend experienced by other Family History societies. It is disappointing that the zenith reached in our 25th anniversary year has not been sustained. The committee are not overly concerned at this at present but will monitor numbers regularly. It makes it all the more important the committee feels to make more membership information held by the Society available to members, subject to sensible security safeguards, online and we are proceeding with this. It seems that the use of the Internet is, wrongly in our view (as well as the view of many family history societies), leading to the perception that the internet is the only way to achieve successful research. It can and does help to make information available which previously was buried in record offices but the skills needed and services available to interpret the records to continue with research are those which we can and do supply to members. We can help by making it easier for members to see our records on-line but this will not take away the immense value of being able to contact our archivists and using our other records.

I conclude with an apology. I regret that owing to a family wedding I will be unable to attend the 2007 Muster/AGM.

David Lambert

Secretary

From the last Muster to date we have had a total of 59 new members & still expect to receive more before the event of the Muster in September. This year to date, we have a total of 452 members. We are looking forward to welcoming to the Muster at least five members from outside the UK. Canada, Norway & the USA will be represented.

The last two committee meetings have been held at Brighouse Library, just a few minutes off the M62. A new location was required to reduce the long journey to the meetings for some members. This location is easily accessible to all with an equal amount of travelling for almost all. Unfortunately, the building is now about to start major renovation as it was so desperately needed. Therefore the spring 2008 committee meeting will be held in Hawes and we hope to return to Brighouse in summer 2008.

Ena Metcalfe

Treasurer

The accounts for Tax Year 2006-2007 are enclosed with these report. The income todate for 2007-2008 so far is £2,127.67, constituting the following :
* £620.37 is from the Gift Aid rebate
* £754.06 is through the online store (£488.85 goods / £265.21 memberships/renewals)
See the web administrator report regarding reference to the online store. This new income stream is already proving to be successful from both a financial viewpoint and also a service to members, especially those overseas.

Carol Herbert

Archivist Co-ordinator

Our two researchers, Nina Benson & Edwin Metcalf, have been working hard on your behalf, producing nearly 40 new, revised, or updated birth briefs, during the year. Thank you for all the new information which has been passed to us, making a considerable addition to our database. You may already be aware that some libraries now have Ancestry.com freely & permanently available. All census returns from 1841 to 1901 plus BMDs can be viewed. Hopefully it will spread to all libraries, thus helping us all with our search into the past. So, keep your eyes open, it could be in a library near you!

Brian Metcalfe

Gift Aid Secretary

There was another increase this year of members completing the Gift Aid declaration which enabled the Society to claim back £620.37 from the HM Customs & Excise, up from £441.12 last year. If you are a UK tax payer and are not sure if you have completed a Gift Aid Declaration you can check your details online in the members area at www.metcalfes-online.co.uk/members. Alternatively download the form at www.metcalfes-online.co.uk/content/deed2.htm

If in doubt, fill one in - we can use the money more wisely than the Chancellor!

Carol Herbert

Agents Reports

New Zealand

There is little to report as all subs have been transferred to the UK & few are being paid through me now. There was a request for the History of the Clan book who accepted that it would be more convenient to purchase on-line.

Alison Hutton

Editor

During this last year we have continued with the better quality production and this, together with the availability of space for colour photographs, I believe, has led to a continuing improvement in the final output of the Mecca News. However the year has been a difficult one from the viewpoint of the lack of articles, especially those of over 300 words (one page of A5). Whilst a range of shorter items and snippets continue to be supplied by regular and new members (and my thanks to all those who have contributed during this year) there must be those in the membership who have experiences and information they wish to share with the others in the Society. Also if there are topics which are considered worthy of consideration please let me know and I will look to include them. I look forward to receiving your contributions in the coming year!

Peter Dobson

Despatch

The biggest improvement to the despatch this year is the ability to download the list of current members as printed labels from our new online master membership file at my own convenience. The transition from manual process to automated is dramatic in terms of reduced workload for all concerned. The April Mecca News had a small number of envelopes damaged by what appeared to be slitting along the edges by the Post Office sorting machine. This resulted in some Mecca News being redespached due to damage or empty envelopes. Maximum affected was about 20. This appeared to be an isolated incident over which we had no control but we do apologise to those members affected. Each edition will generally arrive towards the end of the month it is expected due to the timing of the holidays by the despatch department eg always away first two weeks in April. But otherwise it is a relatively smooth if always rushed process.

Diane Howarth

Web administrator

The online store is still generating a steady stream of merchandise sales and new members.

The members area at www.metcalfees-online.co.uk/members is also being used regularly by members to notify changes. Unfortunately work commitments have meant that a few updates I had planned to be able to provide such as contact email addresses through the site has had to be put back but will hopefully be done in the near future. However all the content from the members' area on the old website has been moved over into the new system.

Carol Herbert

Computer Index

The amount of data collected and merged over the year, since the last AGM has steadily increased. Unfortunately work commitments preclude me from spending more time, although early retirement, may be a solution to this problem. During the year I have accessed the Commonwealth War Graves Commission web site and merged the details held by them on Metcalfe's into the database. I have also accessed the births, marriages and deaths indexes and decided on a pilot exercise to merge into the main index, Christian names beginning with B, D, I, K, L, N, O, P, U, V, X, Y & Z. Despite the relatively few Metcalfe's compared to those whose Christian name begins with A, E, J, M, T or W for example, it is still time consuming. I am also transcribing the 1901 & 1911 census data for Canada, with a view to merging the details with our existing data. In the meantime anybody can access the data at www.automatedgenealogy.com. The main index database currently numbers 101,284 records an increase of over 4,000 records on last year.

It is planned for the future to place the database on-line with privileged, password protected, read only, access for members, with myself or a future database keeper as the point of contact for amendments. Hopefully also planned is a database of scanned images of the thousands of lists of information sent in over the years, by members, which go to make up the main index. Plus also to make the transcripts of Metcalfe wills available on line. When this is eventually completed, to allay the concerns of members who don't have a computer, I am sure one member of the committee will be available to search on line for them.

David Metcalfe (M46)

Publications

The only work on publications this last year has been the updating of existing publications eg new membership application, subscription reminders etc. Now that the sales items are on our website a new hardcopy sales order form with photos of the items is planned to be available to be issued with the December 2007 Mecca News.

Diane Howarth

Sales

Since the retirement of Carol Arkwright at the Muster 2006, the receipt of orders and despatch of all sales items through 2007 has been managed between Carol Herbert and Diane Howarth, which has been somewhat of a balancing act due to their professional and parental commitments. However, the cavalry arrived in July 2007 and as announced in the August Mecca News, we now have a new sales despatch coordinator - Mrs Liz Waller (M1189) of Thirsk, who is already sending out all orders with enthusiasm and speed. Carol will continue to receive and process all online orders. Diane will continue to receive orders by normal post via the current book order form and the planned new hardcopy sales order form.

All stock items held by the society, including all sales item are now held at the society storage location in Bellerby, Wensleydale. A full physical stock count has been completed taking 15 man hours!, so we can now track stock levels for re-ordering. The storage location is ideal in terms of supplying our new sales despatch department.

Diane Howarth

Library

Since the retirement of Carol Arkwright the library has been closed. All books are in storage at Bellerby and will only be taken out for display at the Muster. A volunteer is needed to store the books, update the list of books and then send/receive them based on requests received. The publications department can update the list and distribute in a forthcoming Mecca News but without a volunteer to manage the library, the service will remain closed outside of the Muster. There are only a few requests each year but it would be a shame to lose this service. If anyone who has a little bit of storage, would like a short 'stock take' project and manage the sending/receiving of book, please do step forward to volunteer to be our Library Coordinator. Contact the secretary.

Diane Howarth

Affiliations

North East Group FHS

The Society continues to be a member of the Group but again 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's main activities have again been the Spring Conference and the Family History Fair held for the first time at the Southport Floral Hall on the Lancashire Coast. The concerns of the member societies around the feasibility and viability of the Fair (in September 2006) were to some degree proved groundless with the hall filled to capacity with some 110 tables occupied. Numbers again were higher (at just under 900) than at Manchester but well below the figures of five years ago. There were a number of teething problems often associated with a new venue but these did not, apparently, materially affect the overall success indicated by feedback from exhibitors and visitors alike. The 2007 Fair will again be held at Southport on Saturday 25 August.

The Spring Conference this year was hosted by the Family History Society of Cheshire held at Northwich in Cheshire. After an initially slow take up the Conference opened to over eighty delegates with four speakers providing talks around the theme Working Lives. Feedback again was positive and vindicated the hard work undertaken by FHSC. The 2008 Spring Conference is to be hosted by Manchester & Lancashire FHS with details to be provided later in the year.

The Group under my chairmanship is still looking at how to move forward the information and educational aspects of family history in the northwest and we are looking at supporting appropriate projects proposed by Group Societies. The first submissions are expected by the end of the summer.

Peter Dobson

FFHS

In April I attended the Federation's AGM and Council Meeting in Wisbech. The chairman elected last year, Geoff Riggs, chaired the Council meeting after Lady Teviot acted as chairman of the AGM which preceded it. David Holman from Cornwall was elected to the Committee. 3 members stepped down at the end of their due term and another retired early.

A lengthy and at times contentious item in April proved to be the uncertainty of the future of the trading subsidiary company, which so far has been involved in selling and publishing books aimed at family historians. Various potential plans for dealing with the commercial aspects of the Federation's group were outlined and explained to members by the committee which was congratulated on its thoroughness. A vote was passed to increase subscriptions for the first time for several years from 34p to 38 per member. The Electronic E-zine had been successfully launched and had been despatched to hundreds of thousands of subscribers with success. Praise was given for it. A new logo and housestyle was presented and is now being used. The Think Tank of 2005 led in the autumn of 2006 to a follow up session entitled "Footsteps to the Future" to see how matters had progressed. A report and action plan was delivered at the AGM. I was able to represent our Society at each of these meetings.

David Lambert

Fairs

The Society has been represented at two Fairs this year. The NW Fair was held in the Floral Hall, Southport on 23rd September 2006. Margaret Hodgson and Ena and Brian Metcalfe, ably assisted by David Lambert and Peter Dobson when they were available from their other roles in the event, manned the Society stand. The venue was pleasant and overall, the fair was well attended. However there was less Metcalfe interest than when on the other side of the Pennines! The Northern Fair was held at its usual location on York racecourse on 30th June 2007. It was again well attended. The Society was represented by Brian Metcalfe, David Metcalfe, Josie Hopper, Nina Benson and Margaret Hodgson. It was pleasant to see several members who visited during the day: M630; M581;

M1042; M015; M424. One person joined the Society on the Saturday and several others took packs of details. However it seems more difficult to generate sales of goods, given the level of commercial competition which has developed at such Fairs in recent years.

Margaret Hodgson

Conference Secretary

The 26th Muster was again held in Hawes with 85 advance bookings from members. As usual we had advertised in local papers and "The Dalesman", so extras turned up on the day and we gained some new members from this. We had only 2 overseas visitors - cousins from Australia. Everyone seemed happy with the museum venue and there were no complaints from those who had booked one of the two choices for lunch. Local Marion Moverley gave a very entertaining talk in the afternoon and chatted with members afterwards. David Metcalfe, Nina Benson and Patrick Malham were kept busy manning the computers, whilst the sales tables, desk, raffle, refreshments were covered by the rest of the committee and ex-committee members. The smooth running of the event owes much to the advance work throughout the year of Jose Hopper and Diane Howarth and all those who arrive the day before to help set-up everything. It is intended to hold the Muster at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes for the next few years on a Saturday in September/October, the date varying each year based on availability between planned exhibitions.

Lesley Longworth

Projects:

Metcalfe Book

The second edition of the book 'Metcalfe History of the Clan' continues to sell at a steady pace of about one per week, especially to new members and for presents to Metcalfe relations from around the world. The books have been held at a company in York on a favour basis through personal contacts. Even though the company had been sold on over a year ago, the new owners agreed to honour the favour which the society was indeed grateful. Unfortunately the company under the new ownership went into liquidation in May 2007. This resulted in a number of book orders not being shipped since approximately March 2007 even though the society had received confirmation of shipping. Carol Herbert and Diane Howarth had to contact all orders placed to ensure they had received their books - a approximately 10 of which appear to have not been despatched by the company. These books were sent personally through the spares held by the society rather than held by the York company. We believe we are up to date in terms of orders fulfilled. However, we are still in the process of recovering the remaining 300+ books from the offices of the liquidated company. We have the permission to do so from both the liquidators and the landlord agents acting on behalf of the owners. However, the logistics of getting access are proving to be extremely frustrating in terms of moving forward. It is hoped to be resolved by the time of the Muster. An update will be given on the day as this is an extremely important income stream. There is over £10,000 retail value of books held in York that we need to get transferred to our Bellerby storage as soon as possible. Our new sales despatch coordinator will take responsibility for despatching the books going forward.

Diane Howarth

Wills

We have a new coordinator of this project - Edwin Metcalf (M980). He will be reviewing the material already completed with the dual objective of recommending how to best make the information available to members and also deciding how best to move the project forward to increase the number of wills available. A number of additional volunteers have also stepped forward to transcribe wills and they will be contacted once Edwin has taken the project forward to be able to restart that part of the project. This will obviously take some time. Updates to the project will be reported in future editions of the Mecca News. We would like to thank Edwin and the other volunteers for coming forward. The society has also put forward a proposal to the North West Group of societies for £750 to support the wills project as there is a pot of money available to member societies. We will report back through the Mecca News as to whether or not we have been successful in our request.

Diane Howarth

Research

No report as no active research projects.

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