

MECCA NEWS

THE JOURNAL OF THE METCALFE SOCIETY



THE METCALFE SOCIETY

Established 1980

www.metcalfe.org.uk

Issue No 85

August 2008

Registered Charity No. 1000879

ISSN 0952-7354

SOCIETY OFFICERS

President	Charles S. Metcalfe (M305), 17 Canon Drive, Bowdon, Cheshire WA14 3FD
Chairman & Legal Advisor	David Lambert (M11), 22 Lime Grove, Timperley, Altrincham, Cheshire WA15 6PJ e-mail : chairman@metcalfe.org.uk
Vice Chair & Editor	Peter Dobson (M69), 143 Vernon Road, Poynton, Cheshire SK12 1YS e-mail : editor@metcalfe.org.uk
Secretary & New Members Secretary	Mrs Ena Metcalfe (M1554) The Willows, 11 Hillcourt Road, High Lane, Stockport SK6 8HN e-mail : secretary@metcalfe.org.uk , newmembers@metcalfe.org.uk
Publications, Membership File, Project Coordinator	e-mail : journal@metcalfe.org.uk , memberinfo@metcalfe.org.uk
Treasurer, Web Administrator & Gift Aid Secretary	Ms Carol Herbert (M1072), 22 Webster Crescent, Kimberworth, Rotherham, South Yorks S61 2BP e-mail : treasurer@metcalfe.org.uk , webadmin@metcalf.org.uk & giftaid@metcalfe.org.uk
Conference Secretary	Mrs Lesley Longworth (M68), 57, Westbourne Avenue, Hull, HU5 3HW. e-mail : muster@metcalfe.org.uk
Library	Mrs Eileen Metcalf (M1692), 4 St Stephens Close, Astley, Tyldesley, Manchester M29 7GR e-mail : library@metcalfe.org.uk
Sales Despatch	Mrs Elizabeth Waller (M1189), Chesney Villa, Thornton le Street, Thirsk, North Yorkshire YO7 4DS e-mail : despatch@metcalfe.org.uk
Archivist Coordinator	Brian Metcalfe (M1554) The Willows, 11 Hillcourt Road, High Lane, Stockport SK6 8HN e-mail : archivist@metcalfe.org.uk
Committee Secretary	Miss Margaret Hodgson (M515), 14 Garsdale Close, Walton le Dale, Preston, Lancs PR5 4BU e-mail : minutes@metcalfe.org.uk
Computer Index	David Metcalfe (M46), 22 Constantine Ave, Colburn, Catterick Camp, North Yorkshire DL9 4QY e-mail : database@metcalfe.org.uk
Wills Project	Edwin Metcalfe (M980), 55 Swinton Rise, Ravenshead, Nottingham, Notts NG15 9FS e-mail : wills@metcalfe.org.uk
Committee Member	Miss Jose Hopper (M810) Waterling, Thoraby, Leyburn, North Yorkshire DL8 3SZ e-mail : committee1@metcalfe.org.uk
List Coordinator	Ms Anita Metcalfe (M1142), 64 Taplings Road, Weeke, Winchester SO22 6HF e-mail : lists@metcalfe.org.uk
Agents	See inside back cover for full contact details.

August 2008 : This journal is copyright. No part of it may be reproduced or used without the express written consent of the **METCALFE SOCIETY**.

August 2008

Issue No 85

The Journal of
the Metcalfe Society
produced three times a year
in April August and December

The MECCA NEWS

Editor: Peter Dobson

CONTENTS

Regulars

From the Editor	2
Your letters & e-mails	6
Society News	8
Chairman's Jottings	10
Archivist Report & Membership Details	24

Features

Gayle Mill Re-opens	3
THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER....	3
Voyage to Australia. Part 2.	12
Federation of Family History Societies	20
Diary of a Victorian Junior Officer. Part 1.	21
Cambridgeshire Metcalfes	32

Member of the Guild of One Name Studies
Member of the Federation of Family History Societies
Registered Charity 1000879 Data Protection Act M0031084
<http://www.metcalfe.org.uk>

The views and material published in the Mecca News do not necessarily represent the views of the Editor or the Metcalfe Society

FROM THE EDITOR

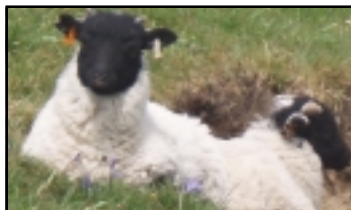


This edition continues with the diary of a shipwreck and its somewhat harrowing features. This is in contrast to a contribution from a Victorian peacetime military diary a few years later. Different circumstances, different outcomes but both illuminating in their own way and adds to our knowledge of those times.

It is always sad when those we have known die and often difficult to find

the right words or make the right comments but memories often help. This News we report the deaths of Bill Metcalfe M63 and Freda White M784. I have known Bill a long time finding out he was my six times removed cousin when I joined the Society. He always had a positive word and he and Joan, his wife, have been very encouraging during my time as your Editor. Freda brings back memories from the 1997 Muster when she displayed one of her talents - that as musician - by getting the whole Committee (although I think one escaped) to sing together. Pictures were confiscated although it is rumoured some still survive! Special memories thank you.

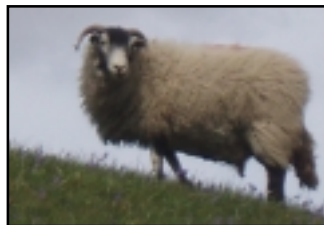
We will be holding our Muster in early October in Wensleydale why not put the 4th of October in your diary and come along. Details in the centre pages.



Swaledale sheep are seemingly a long term permanent feature of the Yorkshire Dales especially the Northern Dales. Developed over a period of centuries from a blackfaced, horned sheep they are now the most numerous breed in North Yorkshire. However the breed society was not established

until 1920, the first meeting being held at Barnard Castle. By the end of that year there were nearly 150 members who showed regularly up and down the county including at the famous Tan Hill Show.

Popular for its ability to survive in inhospitable places, produce marketable lambs and the Leicester/Swaledale mule sheep it has over the years been the main income for many of the Metcalf/e Farmers of the Dales. A number of these Meccas have been well known in the Association including **Mr R Metcalf** of Shepherd's Lodge Arken(Garth)dale who won a number of prizes in the 1940's. (see www.swaledale-sheep.com) Perhaps your Mecca antecedents were part of this Association?



Gayle Mill Re-Opens

Some twenty years after it closed Gayle Mill reopened on 18 March 2008, albeit eighteen months behind schedule and some four years after its superb performance in the BBC TV's *Restoration* programme.

The opening has caused much interest and visitors are steadily making their way to the Mill. In 2008 the Mill will be open



daily (closed Mondays & Fridays except Bank Holidays) until 30 September then Saturdays and Sundays in October and Saturdays only in November. The Society has arranged a visit on Muster Saturday 4 October at 15.45 but places are limited (see details of

the Muster in centre pages). Here is an opportunity to visit one of the Dales older industrial buildings with a strong Metcalfe connection. (See Mecca News 82 page 3.)

THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER.....

An article considering possible future record extraction

So that's it then. The Family History thing all done! Spoke to those nice people at the Metcalfe Society; they looked through their database and I got a few bits. Couldn't get farther back than early 1800's on the Metcalfe line but that's not bad is it? Now for the antiques project/garden/golf/house visiting/winetasting ...whatever. WELLLLLLLLLL.....NO!

If you think it is don't read on.

members of your Society have over the last twenty eight years (and even longer) extracted over 100,000 Metcalfe names and its derivations but we still can't marry up some members to the main family trees and we keep coming across individuals who seemingly have no relatives!

Whilst we have extracted many records like BMD's, census and parish records there are still many untapped sources relating to pre-1830 families and individuals hidden away in record offices, country estates, the National Trust and private collections that have yet to be examined. We have made little or no impression on the British Library and its newspaper collection, for example. A2A (Archives to Archives) arrangements allows access to some of these records and with 10 million at the PRO at Kew that is quite a start - but only a start.

Some collections are available on the Internet and are indexed whilst there are others which are not and need searching. George Buxton (M3) has been researching for more than ten years and has extracted copious pages (and I do mean copious - at the last count over 800 pages) of information from the India Office, which has resulted in nearly 100 pages of indexed Metcalfe names (30 to a page!).

The Society started a number of years ago looking at wills and this is continuing under the auspices of Edwin Metcalfe (M980) who is arranging to have Metcalfe wills at the Lancashire PRO copied for examination. However this is a long term project. Recent Mecca News' have reported information available at Bowes Museum, NSW Australia and Hull City Archives but this is only the tip of the iceberg. For example Hull City Archives currently only have two collections online. How many more Metcalfe entries do they have awaiting indexing?

Did you know that within the Divorce records at the PRO under catalogue reference J77 there are some 80 Metcalfe(e) entries between 1858 and 1934?

At last years Muster our speaker Marion Moverley gave a talk on Quarter Session and Poor Law records. These have not yet been explored systematically, from a Metcalfe viewpoint and could, more than likely, provide interesting details. Many collections are yet to be indexed or if they are already available the source items need to be viewed to see what they contain.

Over the last few weeks I have come across tithe map details on the Cheshire Record Office site and divorce records have appeared at the PRO. The information has yet to be checked against the database and may contain new

details. These are a few examples of what is available. How much more are we not aware of?

*James Pearson Metcalfe occupied buildings, gardens and property of some 32 acres in Disley Township near Stockport Cheshire Tithe Map Surveys 1836 - 1851.
From Cheshire County Council e-mapping Victorian Cheshire.
<http://maps.cheshire.gov.uk/tithemaps>*

All of the above relate to England in particular and the UK in general. There is a wealth of information relating to the USA and the old British Empire Dominions which have yet to be fully examined!

So that's it then. The Family History thing all done. NO!!!!

As I hope you agree there is still much more to do.

Some individual research may be underway - if so please send the information to our Archivist or database (Computer Index) manager and indicate what records you have already examined - however we need to understand what is currently available and what would give the best and quickest result. Perhaps examination of the Quarter Session and Poor Law records could fill in details of individuals and families between 1750 and 1850 - a period of significant population movement both within and outside the UK - and provide a platform of information with access to the past?

What do members think? Is there any interest? Please send your comments and thoughts to the Editor.



"Our greatest responsibility is to be good ancestor's"
Quote from Jonas Salk famous for the part he played in perfecting the polio vaccine. *Francis Gay Friendship Book 2008.*

WANTED

Your Mecca Family Stories or tales of derring do research!. Why not send in any previously unprinted works and I will look to print them in our magazine. *All contributions to the Editor.*

MECCA NEWS DEADLINES

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

Articles comments or snippets to the Editor.

A Town Called Metcalfe

Just received my April edition of the Mecca News, and read the letter concerning the town of Metcalfe in Victoria. I did a little research concerning your question about how it got its name and it appears it was named after a Baron Charles Metcalfe, who was the Governor of Canada, Jamaica & India at different times in the 1800's. Here is a link to a website that gives a brief rundown on the township. (note, the picture on the website is not of Metcalfe. Metcalfe is only a tiny locality).

<http://www.maldoncastlemaine.com/?id=metcalfe> Metcalfe can be viewed on Google Earth or Google Maps. Hope this is of some help. Regards, **Mick Metcalfe M1111** - Heywood, Victoria, Australia.



The following is a description of the town of Metcalfe in the state of Victoria, Australia mentioned in the email of M488.

The most easterly town of the Mount Alexander Shire, Metcalfe is a hidden gem. Off the beaten track, Metcalfe and surrounds boast some stunning natural features. The Cascades just outside the town centre and Turpin's falls down the road are very scenic spots which are fed by the Coliban and Campaspe Rivers respectively.

Metcalfe gained its name from Baron Metcalfe who was Governor-General of Canada.

Regards, **Robert Mills M1002**
Melbourne, Australia



A Shire Called Metcalfe!

Following on from the e-mail from Frans Beerling (MN 84 page 8) his daughter kindly supplied the photographs of the town (see below).

Frans went on to say "I just noticed from one of the photos which I sent on to you, that Metcalfe town have their own shire!!! I thought that they were that small, surely they would not have their own shire. How wrong one can be! **Frans G. Beerling M488** Perth WA.

The Metcalfe's like to confuse us

On Feb 22, John Metcalfe and Ann Metcalfe got married in the parish church of Grinton (to each other). Their residence at the time of marriage was Blades. John was a miner (not a minor). Both fathers were Thomas Metcalfe, both miners!

Michael Peel M1698.

Roxton Anniversary

I met up with a Metcalfe from NZ (or maybe OZ) last year at Roxton a few miles from Bedford. There is a rather splendid chapel there and monument in the churchyard and they are celebrating 200 years - and he is a descendant of that family. He came up to visit Yorkshire & Nappa Hall and met up with some of the committee I think. If there are Metcalfe members who live near enough to want to visit please would you let them know. This family and its chapel might make a story for the magazine. **Anne Merry M885.**

What goes round comes round My parents Harry Douglas Metcalfe and Doris (nee Parker) were born in Ripon and Knaresborough respectively.

My Father served in the Army as RSM with The Somerset Light Infantry, and spent many years in India, which is where I was born in 1939.

On returning to England our family settled in Lincoln, which is where I spent my school days. Whilst at school, my father passed away. Upon leaving school, a career in engineering followed and now married saw me living in Lancashire, and Yorkshire, in my late Father's home town of Ripon, employed as Quarry Manager at Marfield Quarry, Masham. I am now retired and live in Cambridgeshire.

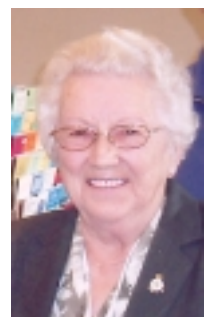
It was only after I joined The Metcalfe Society and received my Birth Brief that I discovered that all my ancestors were from the Masham/North Stainley/Ripon area and I find this really weird, that never having lived in Yorkshire, the one place my career took me to was this very area. It makes one wonder if my life's path had been pre-planned, or were my 'family' calling for me?

Finally, on Page 14 of the April Mecca News, there is a snippet "Did you hear" about an Eric, and a Harry Metcalfe. As I have already said my father was called Harry, and he had a brother Eric (my late Uncle). I find this weird as well. A little more info. Uncle Eric served in the Parachute Regiment, was killed during the D-Day landings in Normandy, and is buried in Ranville Cemetery next to the famous Pegasus Bridge. Kind regards, **Reg Metcalfe M146.**

On a visit to Cheltenham crematorium in Gloucestershire my daughter found the following: *Elizabeth Mary Andrewetta the beloved wife of Major General Charles Hailes late Madras Staff Corps who fell asleep in Jesus July 11th 1885 in the 54th year of her age. Also of the above Charles Metcalfe born Nov 17th 1827 died Sept 13th 1887.* The tombstone was unusual being roof shaped and four of them side by side. I wonder if a member may have any information as to whom they could be. **Kathleen Robinson M1088.**

your e-mails and letters

Congratulations to Dorothy Pope M55 on



celebrating her 90th birthday on 28 February 2008. On contacting Dorothy to find out how the day went she replied *"I had a wonderful birthday with all my family around me. That does not often happen as my family is spread around Europe. The celebrations went on for 5 days like a Greek wedding! My house looks like a florists and gift shop with 15 floral arrangements and with gifts, chocs and toiletries galore. I was overwhelmed. 35 folks turned up at a Drop In organised by some friends for me, and 21 family enjoyed a birthday lunch the following Saturday in an hotel on the Moors. I shall remember my 90th with pleasure as long as I can."*

Society

News

As yet Eileen Metcalfe M1692 has not been able to take on the role of Society Librarian. The library will be up and running as soon as possible.

Watch this space!

Nappa Hall for Sale

The ancestral home of the Metcalfe Clan is up for sale! The current owner Willie Metcalfe has put the fifteenth century property on the market seeking offers of over £500k. The Grade 1 listed property is one of the few in private ownership and has come onto the market for the first time in its history (*from estate agent's information*). The relatively low price for the manor house, cottage and grounds of some 5 acres does not take into account the modern farm buildings and the 90 acres around the property and abutting up to the River Ure. It is understood that the house requires modernisation which could significantly increase the cost. The potential sale of the Hall saw the generation of more e-mails from members than on any other topic for a very long time! **See also late e-mail at bottom of page 36.**

For more details of the sale see:

1. www.carterjonas.co.uk

2. The Yorkshire Post or its webpage :

<http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/Historic-home-with-Royal-links.4139012.jp>

3. <http://www.thedales.org.uk/NappaHall>

(This website contains 4 pages of information about Nappa Hall plus photographs and an old print. The site is the research and work of a local resident who lives near Nappa.

Our thanks to Josie Hopper (M810) for this information.)

THE ROYAL CONNECTION

Edwin Metcalf M980 writes

"In my never ending trawling I came across this piece of information".

1901 Census

Emma Medcalf age 28 years Housemaid
living at Windsor Castle, Berkshire.
Head of house 'Edward R' aged 59 years
born London - occupation 'The King'

Emma was the eighth child of ten born to George Medcalf & Catherine (nee Swan). George was born at Hundon, Suffolk and Catherine from Brinkley, Cambridgeshire. They lived at Hundon, Suffolk; Sible Hedingham, Essex; Stisted, Essex; Cressing, Essex & Rivenhall End, Essex where Emma was born. George was an elder of 'The Peculiar People's Chapel' at Cressing.

Queen Victoria died on 22 January 1901 and Edward became King but his coronation arranged for 26 June 1902 was postponed until 9 August 1902 as he had appendicitis. He died on 6 May 1910.

Edwin comments finally "I wonder if Emma was in the service of the late Queen? I do know what happened to her after the 1901 census!"

OLD SIGHTINGS

1660. **Christopher Metcalfe**. Surveyor General of the Customs.

1770, 22 May. **John Metcalf** buried. Bristol Cathedral Registers.

1881. **Mrs Metcalf**, 189 Woodborough Road Nottingham.

A.T. Metcalfe, FGS, Market Place, Southwell.

Both Kelly's Directory, Nottingham

1883. **George Metcalfe**, The Grange, Waltham St. Lawrance, Twyford. (Cookham Union)

Benjamin Metcalf, Chemist, Lindum Villa, St. John's Road, Newbury.

Hickman & **Metcalf**, Chemists & Druggists and Oil & Spirit Merchants, Market Place, Newbury.

All three PO Directory Berkshire, 1883.

I suppose that if I was to ask you to name one place or something closely associated with our Metcalfe family, most of you would refer immediately to Nappa Hall in Wensleydale. It has long had a close association with our 'clan'. For sometime now, concern has been expressed at its deteriorating condition. It is a Listed Building on the "at risk" register. During the last 5 or 6 weeks, my emails have been kept busy by expressions of grave concern for the state of the building, as a result of the removal of lead from the roof, possibly as a result of theft, after the property became vacant shortly, when the last tenants moved out over the early May Bank Holiday.

This news was no sooner exercising committee brains to think of what (if anything) our Society could do, when Nina Benson was able to utter the words "stop the press" with the announcement that the Hall was on the market for sale. This was followed within hours by more information, from Carol Herbert, of the details of the agents acting for the seller, Mr William Metcalfe. The agents are Carter Jonas (www.carterjonas.co.uk). If you have a spare £500,000 plus a considerable amount more why not buy it! As one of my correspondents said: "it would be great to see the old place given a new lease of life with open access to all."

Chairman's Jottings

Assuredly, yes, with rooms for Metcalfe memorabilia, records and maybe accommodation to stay in too but that would be very costly. A true Metcalfe base and headquarters. What could be more appropriate?

I have been asked if each of the members could not be asked to donate an (unstated) sum to buy the property. If say 500 members donated £1,000 it might be feasible to meet the asking price but there would be other costs: legal fees, land registry fees, local search fees, stamp duty (probably costing £20,000), architects and surveyors fees on top too. That would just be to buy the premises, probably in reality the easy part! The realities are that not every member will have £1,000 spare to contribute. Whilst I am certain there are a good number of you reading this that would be prepared to make a donation of some cash, we cannot in my opinion collect donations for such a purpose as it would not comply with our charitable objects. So do not send us any money!

This is a listed building and in my professional life running two offices in listed buildings (not as old as Nappa Hall admittedly) I know how difficult it is, understandably, to make modifications or alterations. Having acquired the building then would follow the task of making the building safe and stable, followed by architects and builders schemes to develop it for future use. Planning and listed building permissions would be needed plus then builders to undertake the works. A huge amount of money would be needed.

Well-wishers, to purchase, restore and maintain the buildings, could establish a Building Preservation Trust, and maybe our Society could have some association with such a Trust; we might be able to rent rooms or run a museum. Whether such a Trust could be organised with funding in time to make an offer before any other interested purchaser, I do not know. We have a perfect example of how, initially a few enthusiasts, can make a dream like this come true through hard work and dedication. I am referring of course to Gayle Mill which opened to the public this spring and which will, we hope, be open for members to visit in October at our Muster.

For those who want to see more details on the history of the Family's association with the Hall and a little about its history, might I refer you to our own History of the Clan book (second edition) [pages 67 and following]. If you have not yet acquired a copy of the Society's book, you can of course buy one from the Society (thanks to the restoration of our stock as explained in the April edition of Mecca News)! It is a pity that those who recently have written about the property in connection with its sale did not have access to our book. It could have stopped them from publishing certain details, which our research contradicts. I will leave it to others to draw their attention to the inaccuracies!

Elsewhere you will find details of the forthcoming Muster. Do please complete the form and return it to Lesley Longworth as quickly as possible. Whilst we are now in mid summer virtually as I write this, it will be August before you read this reminder!! We do need to know the numbers who need meals etc as quickly as possible. The muster means another AGM!

Can I make my now annual plea for more volunteers to help the committee to carry out the functions entrusted to us by you? There are vacancies available and we really would like to fill them. It need not mean you have to attend committee meetings, although as there are only two of those a year, plus a short one after the Muster; attendance is not too demanding. I have said before that I would like to develop a strategy for projects: both to complete existing ones and to make plans for future projects involving as many of you as possible. With modern technology, it is easier for those with computers to work from home without the necessity of going to a record Office. Those without a computer can also help: for example, indexing copies of records sent to you at home, or checking transcriptions, which could be posted to you. We can all help to produce information for present and future generations of researchers. We should not leave it to a few people only!

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Hawes in October. No family weddings planned this year unlike last year when I was unable to attend.

David Lambert M11

Voyage to Australia

*The following are extracts from a letter sent by **Thomas Medcalf formerly of Ware Hertfordshire** to relatives and friends in England. The letter was provided by **Derek Medcalf (M780)**. In part 1 (Mecca News 84) the Medcalf family described their departure for Australia on 4 June 1853 and their interesting if relatively uneventful voyage into the Indian Ocean. The captain was "always anxious to lead the way" and as a result headed off the usual sea lanes when in the Southern Indian Ocean. On the evening of 24 August the ship ran aground off the island of Amsterdam half way between the Cape of Good Hope and Australia.*

Part 2 - "Prepare to meet your God"

The noises accompanied each other and were so sudden that in five minutes of the first noise (they came in succession followed with the water rising under our feet) I took the dear children from their beds and with Mrs Medcalf, hurriedly left the cabin. The water soon reached our middle. I was at the moment forcibly reminded of the deluge. Two of my dear ones, Alice and Amanda, I lifted from under the water, at the same time the sea was pouring in on us from above. From the floor we got upon the table, and calling all my dear children by name I found we were truly safe. I then by prayer committed them once more to God, but with different feelings than I ever had before. Every moment now seemed to be telling us that we were soon to be no more.

Seeing that the cabin opposite to us was raised higher than the table on which we stood, our Side being the lowest in the water, we made an effort to gain it, which we did with much difficulty. Then I again called my family by name to see that we were all together. The reply was "We are all

here Papa". Then I commended them again to our Heavenly Father and whilst doing so, others came round us and said "Oh Mr. Medcalf, pray for us". I did so, but the few moments I had, I exhorted them to pray for themselves and directed them to the hand of God, who alone could save them from their trouble and from the greater trouble, which seemed so soon to be breaking upon us. A providential circumstance was here - one of the lamps kept alight.

The water was now rising in the cabin and with full force saying "Prepare to meet your God". I told Mrs Medcalf it was quite necessary to go upstairs. I considered there was no alternative but for us to perish if we remained. In our present position. We found the stairs turned on one side by the water. However, we ascended. The sea was then pouring over the vessel. Whilst we were making our way from the stairs to the poop cabin, which I am thankful to say, with the assistance of the mate, we did, we were the first of the families to ascend the stairs, the others too, soon followed our

example and they too reached the cabins in safety. Had we remained below much longer we must all have perished for that part of the vessel gave way and became a total wreck. In the chief cabin we found that the terror still awaited us.

The waves were dashing over the top of the cabin with great fury, at the same time pouring into it from the caylient, tons of water at a time; but it soon ran out of the vessel, a separation having taken place at the side. We were firm upon the rocks, so that we could not see but the awful crash she made every time the sea rolled over us was sufficient to shake the stoutest heart with terror. I was enabled to get with my family into one of the cabins, which was free from water. Yet it only appeared to us that the terrifying life was to be extended for a short time longer, and then all would be over.

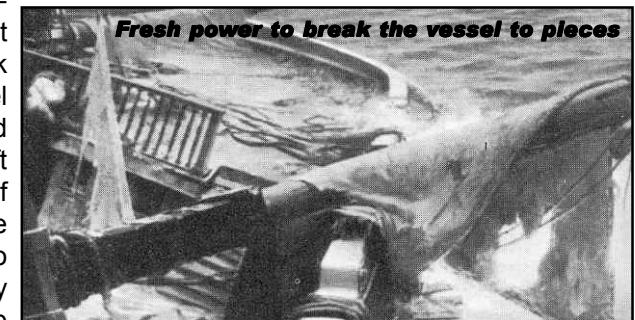
Oh, the suspense, the awful suspense. Every wave of the sea appeared to bring with it fresh power to break every part of the vessel to pieces. We learned that the part we had left had gone. The mast of the vessel did not give way but seemed to boast of its mighty power and held the top

of the poop together, and when most of the passengers had reached this place, Mr Voller called upon us all to give ourselves to prayer. This was continued till we left the cabin about half past four o'clock. Oh the joyful

thankfulness with which we perceived the poop was holding together, and the dawn of the morning advance upon us.

Our second mate, and especially our third mate, was in and out amongst us, assuring us that if we did but remain where we were, they had great hopes that the poop would hold together and we should all be saved for we were not more than fifteen yards from the shore. The hour of escape arrived and the difficulty now was how was it to be accomplished. The third mate with one seaman named Snow, contrived to run a rope from the wreck to the rock for us to hold by.

Some few ventured, and about seven safely, though with difficulty; being obliged to go when the waves had receded. I then made the attempt with my dear Lucy first, she being very weak. The waves soon returned again upon us. Having the rope by one hand and her by the waist, our feet became



Fresh power to break the vessel to pieces

entangled among the pieces of wood, which we were treading. We were knocked down, but not carried away. This occurred three times until we were seen by Mr Worthington, the third mate, who took her from me and

dragged her, she being quite exhausted.

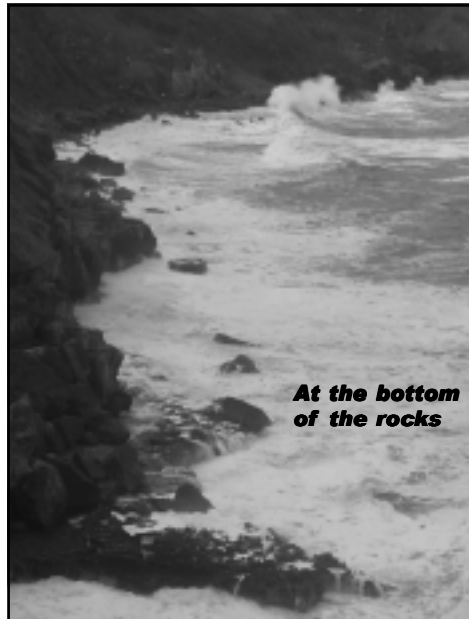
I returned, fetching one child after another. They were received from me about half way by Mr Worthington or Snow. I then returned for Mrs Medcalf, who would not leave until all the children were safe. She was enabled to accomplish it very well. I returned again to see if I could render any assistance to the others, but my strength was gone, having had the waves so many times rolling over me. I helped one over but could not return. The others followed as soon as possible. The perseverance of Worthington and Snow was beyond praise. We have to thank them for the great service they rendered to all my family.

The morning having now advanced to full daylight, we then beheld the still awful position we were in. The whole of the vessel had become a complete wreck, save the part we had been preserved in. Our boats were gone. Indeed, it would have been impossible for them to have been of any service to us. We found ourselves at the bottom of the rocks, which stood about 150 feet perpendicular above our heads, and between us and the sea was about 40 yards. This part was higher than the wreck so that we were secure while the sea was low. All of us were in a most wretched condition; many had very scanty clothes, and all having had the sea over us. Cold and wretched we must then have perished for the cold was intense. We kindled fires very soon to warm us and then God in his infinite mercy permit-

ted the very first packages to be washed on shore to be bales of flannel and bales of red and blue serge shirts. These were being sent out for the miners at the Diggings. With them we were soon clothed, which added to our outward comfort.

A few provisions were also washed on shore. With these we sat down to refresh our wearied frames and Oh! The gratitude we owed for the lives preserved, for we found that out of the 109 souls only three had perished: the Captain, my friend Defoe, and one of the cooks, a man about 76, who ought never to have been brought out.

During the day many more provisions were brought from the wreck. Few packages were washed on shore



nothing but wood and parts of the vessel were to be seen. Indeed, no

Night came on. A small tent was made for the accommodation of some of the ladies and children. The rest of us slept upon the rocks or sat by the fire we had kindled.



Friday August 26th 1853

Our position was the same but fresh water had been found running from the rock about two miles off, from whence we fetched it, some in glass bottles others in pails, and a cask holding about three gallons; but it was a difficult and rugged road to travel, as some did, without shoes. It was composed of rough pieces that had fallen from the parent rock, varying from about one hundredweight to twenty tons each piece. During this day as much provisions as could be obtained were brought from the wreck, but I am sorry to say this was done only by a few: our first mate rendered no assistance. Likewise very few of the sailors rendered any assistance; in fact they became a class of men I could not have conceived of in these circumstances. They may truly be said to have be-

come a body of "Wreckers". Their sole aim was to plunder all they could and help only themselves. This night we slept in a large hole in the side of the rock, close to the tent; this kept us more from the inclemency of the weather, it being winter upon the island.

Saturday, August 27th.

This day, it was found necessary to ascend the rock that we might not be carried off by the swelling of the sea, it being evident that the sea often washed over parts on which we were encamped. Some of the men, with the greatest peril, reached the top, and in the most suitable place, which was about a mile from us, they made secure three ropes and let them down. I went to it and came to the conclusion that the difficulty of the undertaking with Mrs Medcalf and the children was such that I could not possibly encounter it, desirable as was the object. Indeed, when I returned I was completely exhausted.

We had found it necessary from the day of the wreck to have but a short supply of provisions. We were a large number to be sustained. It was impossible to say when we should see a vessel and therefore we had yet the more fearful of deaths to look forward to - death by starvation. Our ration for the day was one biscuit for an adult and half one for a child under 14 years of age, with a little port wine or brandy.

Sunday, August 28th

We set off to ascend the rock. Mrs Medcalf with Lucy and Alice, myself

with Amanda upon my back; and Arthur, Marion and Charles going before. It was with great difficulty we hauled over the huge masses of rocks, but great difficulties may be overcome if set about with determination. Then came the ascending of the rock. The sailor Snow helped us, Lucy and Alice. Charles and Amanda he carried on his back. Mrs Medcalf and Arthur and Marion had a rope tied around their waist and were pulled up by the men on the top of the rock. Snow went behind Mrs Medcalf, the other two ropes they held by to guide themselves with. Myself and the other men took the two ropes and with them and our feet, we made the top, sometimes with bundles on our backs, for in this way we had to fetch the provisions up.

We found the top of the rocks covered with reeds about six feet high, part of which had been set fire to overnight by those who had ascended on the Saturday. This night we retired to rest, making a bed of reeds and covering ourselves as well as we could with the red coats and flannels we had obtained; and being very much exhausted we had a much better sleep than upon the rocks.

Monday the 29th

Those who were unable on Sunday to ascend the rock did so this day, leaving behind Mr. Sutwych and Mr Lambert to take charge of the stores. With regard to Mr Lambert, who ought to have acted as Captain by virtue of his office of first mate, his conduct was most unaccountable. I may say base in the extreme, and I have no doubt

will receive just censure when the investigation is gone into before the proper tribunal.

On this day we again had a testimony that God heard our prayers. It is impossible to describe the joy that ran through our hearts when Mrs Voller, with frantic voice, cried out "A ship, A ship" When on the Meridian we had heard the cry, a ship in sight, but not with so much emotion as this. We all ran to the edge of the rock and being clad in red shirts - men, women and children, we made a curious appearance, at the same time holding up anything to attract attention. We raised a large pole and tied to it a red coat and a piece of flannel. We again set the reeds on fire and raised another pole in another place with shirts and flannels tied to it. Anything we could do, we did to attract attention.

Anxiously, we watched the movements of the vessel. We saw her lower their colour. This gave us hopes, but yet she appeared to leave us. However, she came round to us again, although some miles off, and then left us. Thus our hopes were blighted.

By the end of the day we had erected another tent with the spare and sails of the ship for some of the ladies and children. The remainder of us slept in the rushes, which we continued to tie together as well as we could, it being very cold in the night, at the same time rain falling. Our provisions for the day were lessened, having now about half a biscuit a day, with six raisins, a small

portion of brandy or Port wine. But what was best, we had a good supply of water from the rocks. The rock was black ironstone. We were thus sustained.

This night prayer was again offered up in the tent that our rescue might soon take place, and that the terrors of death might not be augmented by starvation, but at the same time we were compelled to say "Thy will be done".

Wednesday 31st

We received our provisions, half a mouldy biscuit and two Normandy pippins. The biscuits were quite unfit for food. We men were given to understand that we had only about five days' provisions in hand. After partaking of part of the provisions allotted for the day, I set off to try to ascend another lofty rock, which was about half a mile distant from where we had encamped, and about 200 feet high. I was anxious to explore it to see if it was like the barren part we were upon, covered by reeds. I was proceeding through the reeds with great difficulty, and had not gone far when I came to a part which was free from reeds and on which vegetation had not grown, having the appearance of a volcanic eruption having taken place. I stood meditating and this verse came into my mind, "Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take. The clouds ye so much dread are big with mercies and shall break with blessings on your head". At that very moment I heard the cry of "A boat".

To be continued

From Hull City Archives

5 February 1894 Ship Bloodhound no 95821 - **C Metcalfe** Engineer.

23 January 1895. Ship Rob Roy no 95810. - 17 October 11.10am
North Sea. **George Metcalfe**, cook. Crushed foot.

11 March 1895 Ship Sardius no 99571 Owner L Spring Kingston Steam
Trawling Co Ltd - February 26 1895 North Sea

J Metcalfe 1st engineer thrown among the engines while in motion
through the ship giving a heavy roll. Which caused his
left foot to be almost severed from his body, the injury being such
that he died at the Royal Infirmary shortly after.

9 July 1896 Ship Gnat no 98734 Crew **George Metcalfe**.

5 August 1899 Ship Sardius no 99571 Owner L Spring Kingston Steam
Trawling Co Ltd - **C Metcalfe** AB.

What's on...

AGM @ 10.30am

Your opportunity to hear and join in what is happening in your society.

Lunch

Book a
sit down meal or buffet
or bring your own!
See booking form.

Visit Gayle Mill

Limited Numbers
restricted to
a maximum of 25.
Transport available
See handout
for details.
Book now.



Afternoon presentation Stuart Tate Foreign Fields, a World War I Story

Illustrated with slides, Stuart will be presenting a fascinating insight into the ways of finding information for anyone wanting to research their World War I family members of the armed forces.

Mecca Muster 2008

Metcalfes Muster at their Wensleydale Roots
Saturday 4 October 2008

10am - 4.30pm

**at the
Dales Countryside Museum
Hawes, Wensleydale
North Yorkshire**

**Reservation Forms should be returned
by Friday 20 September 2008
to Mrs Lesley Longworth
57 Westbourne Avenue
Hull HU5 3HW**

+44-(0)1482 322516

e-mail: muster@metcalfe.org.uk



Don't delay book today!



North West Group of Family History Societies

In conjunction with Liverpool Record Office

Are proud to present a

Family History Day Fair 2008 "Bringing the Past to the Present" At St Georges Hall, Liverpool

On Saturday, 1 November 2008 10:00 to 16:00
Celebrating: '08 Liverpool – European Capital of Culture'

A once in a lifetime opportunity to meet the experts and join in this unique event, featuring: Family History Societies, The General Record Office, Register and Record Offices, Libraries, Postcards, Presentations, Help Desks Publications, Genealogical Stations, Lectures with talks by:

Dr Nick Barratt,

Consultant Genealogist for the BBC's "Who Do You Think You Are?"
"Family History and the Media"

Mr David Stoker,

Manager Liverpool Record Office

"The World in One City? Family History Sources and Services in Liverpool Record Office"

Rev Professor D Ben Rees

"The Welsh Immigration to Liverpool (1750 – 2007)"

Admission is £2.00 on the door, £4.00 for those visitors wishing to hear any of the talks. Please note seating for the talks is limited to 70 and will be issued on a first come first served basis. Young persons under 16 will be admitted free to the Hall.

FEDERATION of FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

Can you Transcribe the 1851 Census?

Do you get annoyed with errors in the online censuses? Most of these, other than the 1881, have been transcribed overseas and despite some quality checking there are inevitable differences. Many of us have found that alternative transcriptions of the census have a value in their own right such as one index has obvious errors where another index gets it right. You now have a chance to help in transcribing the 1851 census and assist the family history society that covers an area of interest to you.

Many family history societies have previously indexed the 1851 census in many different formats ranging from surname-only indexes to full transcripts and these have been published in booklets, on fiche and CD-ROM with several being available also on the Federation's FamilyHistoryOnline web service. Some of these indexes were produced in the days before the widespread use of personal computers and are only available in typescript format.

In this new project many societies that are members of the Federation of Family History Societies and findmypast.com will be working with you to produce a full index to the 1851 census that will allow searching by virtually all fields, including occupation, age and sex. This index will be connected to images of the pages from the census enumerators' books. Societies will receive a small payment each time a researcher views the results of a search that's been indexed by a volunteer working for that society. This will be an important source of revenue for societies as sales of other versions of the census have seriously declined.

You can work at home using your own computer and broadband connection whenever you have a few spare minutes. All you need is a recent web browser such as Internet Explorer or Firefox, and the Adobe Flash player - this will install semi-automatically in the unlikely case that you don't already have it. Views of the 'transcription tool' showing the image of the census page, and the spreadsheet-like grid where you enter the information plus more details about the program can be found at www.familyhistoryonline.net/fmp/1851.html

If you're interested in taking part please email 1851census@ffhs.org.uk with your contact details and the names of any counties where you have a particular knowledge or interest. Not all societies will be taking part, so not all areas will be covered. Those areas 'unclaimed' will have to be completed overseas. Findmypast.com are aiming to produce most of the 1851 census online by the end of the year, so please don't delay and help today!

Gillian Stevens

FamilyHistoryOnline Administration & Society Liaison

Diary of a Victorian Junior Officer

Submitted by Lt Col G C Jones, who writes: "*Booth Hay Metcalfe was born in 1843 the only son of a wealthy Liverpool merchant then aged 63. The family had its origins in Swaledale and late in life his father set up home near Richmond, Yorks. Booth Hay went to Cambridge and after going down his father purchased a commission for him in the 83rd. He served in the 83rd and subsequently the Royal Irish Rifles and we knew something of his life and Army service in India, South Africa and England from family documents and photographs held by my brother in law, Warwick Metcalfe(M256). However, it was when he came across his grandfather's diary for 1868 that my interest was aroused. The entries are short and concise but nevertheless give an insight into the life of a subaltern when the 83rd was stationed in Gibraltar and on leave in UK. He was 24 when the 83rd were in Gibraltar.*

The diary has an entry for almost every day in 1868. I have extracted a selection of entries which are intended to give an impression of his duties, recreation and lifestyle. The abbreviations used are exactly as copied from the diary and a question mark in brackets (?) indicates that I have been unable to decipher the word or name."



Wed 1 Jan New Year's Day Mail from England, arrival of Charley Smith - District Ct Martial and then accts of A Coy prepared to hand over same to C.F. S - walked up to the hospital with Powell. Grand Ball at The Convent (Government House) too tired to go - mess - early to bed
Tue 7 Jan Calpe Hounds met at San Roque. Long drag round the Craggs and then down to 1st Nutra and so home. Never found a fox. Rode Cartwright's Poxey. Guest night - Band - then great catkilly at Casemate Barracks
Thu 9 Jan Not much doing - paid bills and general square up - Bright N. breeze. Put in application for leave - Walked up to Almeda. Mess in evening & then on the Tiles
Sun 12 Jan Church Parade 10.45 Cathedral. Went to see A. Gen about

leave. Packed up - sent baggage off to hulk. Dined at Club House with Chocera & went on P&O Steamer Mapillia.

Fri 17 Jan Very thick Glass falling & wind freshening. Arrived at Southampton about 4.30. Went ashore and dined at Radleys Hotel with some of the passengers & then on spree -

Sat 18 Jan Cleared luggage at Customs without much trouble. Went up to Town in afternoon with Steele, Martin & Pr (?). Lent Pr (?) £1 at Waterloo Station - went to New (?) as usual.

There are no detailed entries for Mon 20 Jan to Wed 29 Jan. He wrote on the pages "In Town - Pantomimes, Theatre, Saw lots of New College Chums"

Thu 30 Jan Went down to Norbury Park, Surrey to shoot with Birkett. Had a very pleasant day - stayed to dinner & came back next day. had very fair

shoot. Splendid day in the country.

Wed 5 Feb Left town by the 9 a.m. train & arrived at Richmond at 4.30. Blowing very hard from S. W. & heavy floods. Not much change in Richmond. Very wild night - turned in early - very tired.

Throughout most of February and March Booth Hay stayed at Richmond hunting three days a week, playing billiards, church on Sunday and enjoying local social life.

Thu 2nd Apr Left Richmond by 9 a.m. train en route to Town - Beautiful day. Met a very nice fellow at York going to Cambridge from whom got all Cambridge news. At Grantham met Jalland 15th L.I. home on leave. Travelled together as far as Kings X where arrived about 5.30. Hungry and rather tired.

Sat 4 Apr The Varsity Race. One of the most feeble exhibitions ever witnessed by 500,000 people - won by

Mon 13 Apr Started by 1st train for Durham with Lancaster - arrived at 11a.m. ran a good third for Durham Hunt Cup only beaten by a length in a field of 13 with 12st 4(lbs) - got home by last train

Fri 17 Apr 2nd Day of Catterick Races. Little rain in the night. Drove down again with Simms & C Thairwall (?). Heavy showers in afternoon and very warm. Good many people - rode Lancaster in N Riding Steeple Chase - beaten by a head for 2nd place in a field of 10 - not a bad performance.

For the remainder of April and until the end of May Booth Hay stayed at home - the entries are mundane - mainly about local events, the weather, dining and walking into Richmond.

Tue 26 May Started for Town by 9.am. train -got in about 5.30.beautiful, day - called at Peterbro' & saw Alice. Found Birkett in Town & made arrangements to go down to The Derby.

Wed 27 May Derby Day Went down in a drag with four greys & very jolly party - frightfully hot day. Saw lots of fellows I knew. Dined in evening in Tavistock Hotel & afterwards went down to the C.side to Macdonald.

Throughout June Booth Hay stayed with friends in Wiltshire, the West of Ireland travelling via Bristol and Dublin then returned to Richmond by way of Holyhead and Chester.

Wed 3 Jun Drove into Trowbridge with

Dent & there thro Long's Park - beautiful scenery - very jolly place - any amount of game about - got back about 6.30. Smoked many pipes in evening with his Reverence.

Thu 11 Jun Left Hilpertown about 12am en route for Bristol - after a very pleasant visit arrived about 3.30 went to the College Green Hotel - ordered dinner & then strolled as far as the Clifton Suspension Bridge.

Sat 13 Jun Arrived this morning in Dublin about 6.30 after a splendid passage. Went to Shelbourne Hotel and turned in till 12. - Breakfasted and then went to Sligo by the 4pm train arrived about 10pm. Tired.

Tue 16 Jun Started at 7am..... (?) by way of Bundoran - then rail to Strabane - car to Letterkenny where dined & then Post to Gweedore(?) arriving about 1130 p.m. much tired - long day

Tue 23 Jun Pic-nic of officers of 2nd Queens should have been - but owing to bad weather put off. A very jolly Ball given at the Barracks in the evening. Kept it up till about 5.am. Great fun.

Now back in Richmond Booth Hay went to York to watch cricket visited Scarborough and then to London where he watched Eton v Harrow prior to returning to Gibraltar. To be continued.

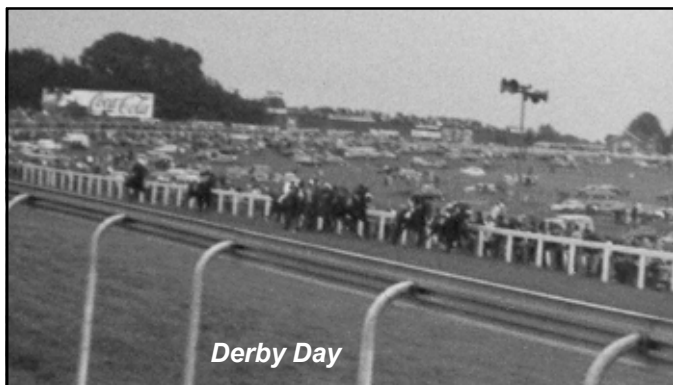
The Federation of Family History Societies

David Lambert M11 writes: "I attended the AGM and EGM of the FFHS in Plymouth in March. It was a lively occasion forming part of a Family History Fair organised by the local Devon Society.

David Holman was appointed the new chairman, Geoff Riggs the previous incumbent having reached the end of his second year. Geoff was thanked by the new chairman for his chairmanship. The Treasurer, Gordon Adshead, surprised the meeting when he announced that as a result of health checks a few days earlier he would have to resign during 2008 but promised to help, health permitting, up to the year end. He was thanked and good wishes for a speedy recovery were expressed.

The members after a lively debate agreed to accept the proposal that subscriptions be increased in 2009. Whilst there were adequate funds available to the FFHS in the next few years, the falling income from the trading company owned by the charity, as pointed out last year meant that it was unable to gift aid surplus income to the charity which as a result was using reserves to carry out its charitable activities. Subscription income did not cover the charity's activities. The increase was a prudent reaction to the reality of the situation the members were informed. The trading subsidiary company had closed its Bury operation to save costs. It would continue to trade having outsourced successfully the GenFair operation.

The FFHS had also just entered into an agreement with FindMyPast to operate the Federation's FamilyHistoryOnline internet service for 5 years. Both would provide income for the FFHS."



Oxford in a common canter - time very fast 20.37. Very hot muggy day. Went down by train from Waterloo with Galland 13th. Rather seedy.....
Booth Hay returned to Richmond on 11 Apr

My thanks to our two researchers, Nina Benson M29 & Edwin Metcalf M980, for the enormous amount of work they undertake on behalf of members and to those members who pass onto us, valuable information gleaned from their own research into the past.

Facts added to our database, could well be the links which you need to unlock the doors leading to the often mysterious past. Your enquiries are always welcome, even if you have used our services before, for we may have something new.

Congratulations are due to two members, who have located ancestors in the late 16th & early 17th centuries, M1737 & M1742. Their birth briefs are printed below.

While tracing back to her 11 x grt grdfather, M1737 came across some Metcalfes who obviously held positions of great authority & trust in the Bainbridge area. I have appended the details to her brief. Finally, should anyone need to contact Nina Benson, please do so through me. By the time you are reading this, Nina will hopefully be recovering from an operation, which will prevent her from undertaking any research for some time. On your behalf, I would like to extend our good wishes for an excellent recovery.

Brian Metcalfe M1554 (Archivist Co-ordinator)

REVISIONS, ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS TO EXISTING BRIEFS

M1646 Mrs Doris Larsen, Astunet7, Hagen 1481, Norway. Correction to email address: steinlarsen@c2i.net

M1714 Mr Peter Myers 23 Rempstone Drive, Hasland, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S41 0YB. Correction to email address: m4ers@btinternet.com

M1721 Mr & Mrs Christopher & Bernie Clements 2 Greenwood, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 5ED. Chris is grd s.o Anthony & Jane (Metcalf) Smith m 31 March 1918 Wesleyan Chapel, Froctow, Sedbergh. The remainder of the brief, as printed in the April 2008 Mecca News, is unchanged.

M1727 Mr Peter Phillipson Crocadwr, Welsh Newton, Monmouth, Monmouthshire NP25 5RY Peterp@waitrose.com
New information has proved that Anthony bpt 15 Apr 1758 Ravenstonedale, Wes. was s.o William & Isabel (Fothergill) Mte m 2 May 1748 Kirkby Stephen, Wes. William b c1717.
The remainder of the brief leading up to Anthony, as published in the April 2008 Mecca News, is unchanged.

BIRTH BRIEFS FROM EXISTING MEMBERS

M1696 Mr Peter J Metcalfe 15 Southville Terrace, Lyncombe Vale, Bath, BA2 4LZ, UK. pjmpma@aol.com. S.o. Robert Gamble & Lilian Elsie (Hasenkamp, née 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 (Kynaston) Mte m 4 Oct 1853 Greenwich, Ken. Frederick bpt 2 Sep 1824 Fowlmere, Cambs s.o William & Susan (Golborne) Mte m 13 Sep 1814 Trinity, Ely, Cam. William b 1785 s.o Revd William & Anna (Harwick) Mte m 16 Nov 1780 Ely. William b 1752 s.o Robert Mte a farmer. **Connects to M1648 & M1666**

M1715 Ms Mary Jane Metcalfe 23 Burges Road, Norwich, Norfolk NR3 2LP metcalfekids@yahoo.co.uk Grd.d.o Cuthbert Coulson b 1 Nov 1912 Hartlepool s.o Cuthbert Coulson & Mary Jane (Ainslie) Mte m 14 Aug 1909. Cuthbert Coulson b 1879 Hartlepool s.o Thomas Pounder & Elizabeth Ann (Mowbray) Mte m 1864. Thomas Pounder b 1844 Hartlepool s.o Joseph Nicholson & Sarah (Pounder) Mte m 5 Aug 1843 Hartlepool. Joseph Nicholson b c1822 Sunderland s.o Andrew & Mary (Nicholson) Mte m 29 Dec 1813. Andrew bpt 1 Dec 1790 Robinson Lane Chapel, Sunderland s.o Matthew & Mary (Redhead) Mte m 28 Apr 1790 Sunderland. Matthew bpt 1 Nov 1767 Whickham, Dur s.o Andrew & Mary (Holy) Mte m 7 Dec 1766 Bishopwearmouth, Dur. Andrew bpt 27 Apr 1740 Whickham s.o James & Elizabeth (Crozier/Croser) Mte m 1 Jun 1735 Whickham. **Conn M20 M565 M602 M85 M951 M1228**

M1724 Mrs Linda Ellis Sycamore Cottage, Aerodrome Road, Bekesbourne, Canterbury, Kent CT4 5EX ellis490@btinternet.com. Line 1. Dau of Arthur Vimy & Ida (Lysons) Mte m July 1949 Pendlebury, Salford, Manchester. Arthur Vimy b 25 Aug 1919 Salford s.o Thomas William & Lily (Kershaw) Mte m 31 Aug 1918 Weaste, Salford. Thomas Wm b 7 Dec 1896 Salford s.o Henry James & Mary Ellen (Mahoney) Mte m Aug 1896 Salford. Henry J. b c1877 Peshawar, India s.o William & Ellen (Mahoney) Mte m July 1864 Quebec, Canada. William b 1842 Bowling, Bradford, Yks s.o William & Ellen (Parkinson) Mte m 16 Feb 1829 Cockerham, Lancs. William bpt 27 July 1806 Dent s.o James & Agnes (Moorhouse) Mte m 5 July 1797 Dent.

? James bpt 15 Jan 1778 Dent s.o John & Alice (Cragg) Mte m 30 Apr 1763 Dent. John bpt 26 Feb 1742 Dent s.o John & Sarah (Knowles) Mte m 8 May 1733 Dent. John bpt 16 Feb 1706-7 Arncliffe s.o James & Margaret (Standing) Mte m 12 Sep 1703 Arncliffe.

We have a ? at the start of this paragraph because, though we believe it to be correct, it cannot be proven. **Con M468 & if it could be proven, to M4 et al.** Line 2 Linda's grt grd father, Henry James Mte had a younger sister Ada Catherine b 1880 Muree Hills, Shoba, India d.o William & Ellen (Mahoney) Mte m July 1864 Quebec, Canada. Ada C. married 1903 Salford, Manchester

to Samuel Daniel Metcalf b 1878 Salford s.o Samuel Daniel & Martha Elizabeth (Griffiths) Mt m 1877 Salford. Samuel D. b 1855 Chorlton, Manchester s.o George Anthony & Mary Ann (Daniels) Mt m 1854 Manchester area. George A. b c1834 Salford s.o Anthony & Sarah (Danvers) Mt m St Peters, Liverpool. Anthony bpt 28 Oct 1792 St Peters, Liverpool s.o James & Ann (Parr) Mte. James bpt 31 Dec 1759 Ravenstonedale s.o Anthony & Mary (Fothergill) Mte m 16 Feb 1757 Ravenstonedale. Anthony bpt 13 Oct 1733 Ravenstonedale natural s.o Agnes Mte & Anthony Robinson. **Conn M426, M756, M854 & M977.**

M1736 Mrs Susan Catling, 22 Churchfield Road, Outwell, Wisbech, Cambs. PE14 8RL. susancatling@tiscali.co.uk. Dau of Norman & Alice (Sieley) Metcalfe m 12 Jul 1952 Downham Market, Norfolk. Norman b 23 Sep 1916 Baxtoncliffe, Storiths, Bolton Abbey. Yks. twin s/o Fred & Emily (Harrison) Mte m 25 Jul 1906 Bolton Abbey. Fred b 24 Apr 1882 Bolton Abbey s/o Henry & Ann (Tate) Mte m 24 Nov 1868 Buckden, Yks. Henry b 18 Sep 1841 Scosthrop Yks bpt 24 Oct 1841 Kirkby Malham s/o Samuel Hartley & his 1st wife Hannah (Simonson) Mte m 19 May 1838 Kirkby Malham. Samuel H. b 31 Mar 1811 Kirkby Malham s/o Oliver & Mary (Hartley) Mte m 14 Oct 1809 Kirkby Malham. Oliver bpt 01 Dec 1782 Kirkby Malham s/o Joseph & Dorothy (Atkinson) Mte m 16 Nov 1780 Arncliffe Joseph "a convert from Quakerism, of Pen-y-Ghent" was bpt 20 Jan 1780 Arncliffe was b c1758. **Connects to M91 M344 M500 M557 M1047 M1061 M1279 & M1285.**

NEW & REJOINED MEMBERS, WITH OR AWAITING BIRTH BRIEFS

M1135 Mr Frank Shiers Kerimere, Main Street, Granby, Nottinghamshire NG13 9PQ frank.shiers@atosorigin.com

M1737 Mrs Alyson Gibson Cherry Trees, Garth Avenue, Collingham, West Yorkshire LS22 5BJ. alyson@gibson9319.freemove.co.uk Grd d.o John (a) & Jane (Mte) Stainton m 1/6/1927 Hawes. Jane b 9/12/1904 Appersett d.o. George & Isabel (b) (Taylor) Mte m 24/3/1900 Hawes. George b 11/4/1876 s.o. Anthony & Margaret (Moore) Mte m 5/6/1875 Hawes. Anthony b c1853 Appersett s.o. George & Eleanor (Iveson) Mte m 10/1/1842 Hawes. George b c1819 Snaizholme s.o. Anthony & Isabella (Raw) Mte m 16/1/1819 Hawes. (a) John Stainton b 9/5/1905 Sedbergh gt.gt grd s.o. Thomas & Isabella (Mte) Stainton m 10/1/1846 Chapel, Middleton in Lunesdale, Westmorland. Isabella bpt 14/2/1819 Dent d.o. Leonard & Isabella (Allen) Mte m 17/2/1816 Dent. Leonard bpt 23/2/1794 Dent s.o. Thomas & his 2nd wife Elizabeth (Powley) Mte m 15/10/1787 Dent. His 1st wife was Agnes Willan whom he married 23/12/1782 Dent. She was buried there 23/9/1786. Thomas b c1759 bpt 16/5/1773 Dent aged 14 s.o. John & Isabella (Shaw) Mte m 13/5/1758 Dent & also recorded on 7/5/1758 at Ingleton. John was of Ingleton parish. **Conn. M520 & M930**

(b) Isabel Taylor 3 x grt grd d.o John & Rosamund (Mte) Pratt m 27/6/1718. Rosamund bpt c 1699 d.o. Matthew (NB2) & Alice (?) Mte. Matthew (- 1760) s.o Richard & Mary (Smith) Mte Richard b Appersett s.o Matthew Mte (NB1) b 9/11/1620 Appersett s.o Matthew Mte bpt 28/12/1594 s.o Peter & Cicill (Thwaites) Mte. Peter of Hardraw (- 1604). **Conn. M53, M121, M390, M526, M633, M746, M969, M970, M971, M1176 & M1672**

NB1. In 1663 of Appersett & appointed Lord Trustee of the Manor of Bainbridge by the City of London, to act on behalf of all in the role of Lord of the Manor, in conjunction with the other Lords Trustee.

NB2. In 1705 was appointed one of the principal freeholders of the Manor of Bainbridge, succeeding the Lords Trustees.

M1738 Miss Norma Ann Smith 35 Elizabeth Road, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. CV31 3LJ Grd.d.o. Alfred & Mary Isabella (formerly Adcock nee Mte) Griffen. Mary Isabella b Fearby bpt 30 Sep 1888 Healey d.o. Stephen & Ann Elizabeth (Mawson) Mte m 10 Jan 1882 Armley Church, Leeds. Stephen b 21 Sep 1857 bpt 7 Oct 1857 Masham s.o. William & Hannah (Robinson) Mte m 1850 Leeds district. William bpt 27 Sep 1829 Masham s.o. William & Isabella (Morland) Mte m 27 Sep 1828 Wrath, Ripon. William b & bpt 6 Oct 1805 Masham s.o. Stephen & Elizabeth (Hartley) Mte m 25 Nov 1802 Masham. Stephen bpt 5 Sep 1773 Hornby nr Catterick s.o. Stephen & Phillis (Swales) Mte m 27 Jul 1766 Catterick. Stephen bpt 27 Oct 1742 Patrick Brompton s.o. John of Arrathorpe nr Hunton, Bedale. **Conn M1647 M1720**

M1739 Mr Henry Metcalfe Fuschia Cottage, Lower Treleggan, Constantine, Nr Falmouth, Cornwall TR11 5QW

M1740 Mrs Jean Bunn 15 Vine Close, Guisborough, Cleveland. TS14 7BL jeanbunn@hotmail.com Descendant of Stephen & Isabella (Metcalf) Turner m 01 Jan 1820 St Mary's Church, Ecclesfield, Yorkshire. Isabella died in childbirth 06 July 1836 aged 42, therefore b c1794.

M1741 Ms Laurie A. Winter 2915 Colby Street, Brockport, New York 14420 USA la.winter@yahoo.com Desc of James & Ann (Slinger) Fawcett m22 Apr 1843 Hardrow. James Fawcett bpt 1 Jan 1819 Stalling Busk s.o William Mte & Catharine Fawcett.

M1742 Mr Graham Metcalfe 31 Shipway Street, Marsfield, New South Wales, 2122, Australia. mettersg@bigpond.net.au S.o Kenneth Sydney & Evelyn Pearl (Cleland) Mte m 25 Feb 1937 St Stephen, Sydney, Australia. Kenneth Sydney b 22 Jul 1915 Ryde, Sydney, Australia s.o Charles Sydney & Annie Jane (Chestnut) Mte m 2 Apr 1907 St Stephen, Sydney, Australia. Charles Sydney b 13 Jul 1884 Pahi, New Zealand s.o William Herbert & Elizabeth (Fisher) Mte m 13 Oct 1871 Auckland, New Zealand. William Herbert b 31 Jan 1848 Roxton, **27**

Bedfordshire s.o Charles James & Elizabeth Mary (May) Mte m 26 Aug 1813 Maldon, Essex. Charles James bpt 12 Oct 1786 Fordham, Cam s.o. James & Susanna (Banyard) Mte m 28 Mar 1785 Covent Garden, London. James b 1742 s.o William & Catherine (Affleck) Mte m 26 Apr 1733 ? Dalton Hall, Cam. William b 1697 Fort St George, Madras, India s.o Charles & Mary Mte. Charles bpt 21 May 1650 Banbury, Oxf. s.o Thomas & Elizabeth (Martin) Mte m 30 Dec 1637 St Giles, Oxford,. Thomas b c1610 Long Combe, Oxf. Conn M 113 M465 M1199 M1361

M1743 Mr Gerald Metcalf Stubertal 22, Essen, NRW 45149, Germany. g.metcalf@t-online.de

M1744 Mrs Marjorie Stratford 11 Normanby Road, Northallerton, North Yorkshire DL7 8RT sawdusty@hotmail.co.uk

M1745 Mr Graeme John Metcalf 26 Station Road, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7PY g.met@hotmail.co.uk

M1746 Mr Peter Medcalf 24 Peters Place, Northchurch, Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire HP4 3RU medcalf.peter@sky.com Son of Arnold William & Evelyn (Durand) Md m 17 Jan 1942 Epping District, London. Arnold Wm b 1911 Camberwell District, Ldn s.o George Robert & Daisy (Flint) Md m 30 Jan 1910 West Ham, Ldn. George Rbt b 1880 Stratford, Ldn s.o Samuel & Harriet (Jolly) Md m 15 Oct 1870 Risbridge District. Samuel bpt 20 May 1849 Hundon, Sfk s.o Benjamin & Sophia (Gridley) Md m 25 Oct 1844 Hundon. Benjamin b 26 Jul 1822 Hundon s.o Samuel & Elizabeth (Granger) Md m 4 Jan 1800 Poslingford. Samuel b c1764 Hundon. **Conn M405 & M937**

M1747 Ms Margaret Medcalfe 7 The Butts, Barnoldswick, Lancashire BB18 5HP margaretmedcalfe@btinternet.com D.o Frederick James & May (Hesmondhalgh) Mde m 12 Sep 1944 at Staveley, Cumbria. Frederick James b 4 Aug 1915 Newcastle on Tyne s.o Frederick James & Louisa (Aisten) Md m 14 Apr 1912 Newcastle on Tyne. Frederick James bpt 14 Sep 1881 Snainton, Cumbria s.o Richard & *Mary Fisher (Mark) Md m 14 Aug 1881 Crosscrake, Cumbria. Richard b 11 Jun 1860 Kendal s.o Richard & Ann (Taylor) Md m c1840. Richard bpt 11 Jan 1819 Kendal s.o **Caleb & Mary (Birkett) Md m 3 Aug 1801 Kendal. Caleb bpt 8 Sep 1776 Kendal s.o John & Ellen/Eleanor/Ellin (?) Md. John b c1742 Yealand Conyers, Lancs s.o James & Mary (Backhouse) Md m 8 Sep 1741 Yealand Conyers. James b 10 Mar 1716 Marsett s.o Alexander & Mary (?) Mte. **Conn M 694 M829 M928 M1500 M1510.** * Mary Fisher Mark b 5 Jul 1860 Kendal d.o William & Margaret (Md) Mark m 6 Mar 1852 Kendal. Margaret bpt 9 Mar 1832 Kendal d.o James & Jane (Lambert) Md m 14 Sep 1827 Kendal. James bpt 23 Nov 1806 Kendal s.o **Caleb & Mary Birkett (Md) m 3 Aug 1801 Kendal.

M1748 Mr Robin Mitchell 20 High Street, Eynsham, Witney, Oxfordshire OX29 4HB mmitchell@tiscali.co.uk

M1749 Mr John Medcalf The Old School, School Lane, Harwell, Didcot, Oxon OX11 0ES john.medcalf@ntlworld.com S.o John Gordon & Cecilia Maude (Bool) Md m 18 Jun 1921 Norwood. John Gordon b 4 Sep 1895 Wembley s.o Oswald John & Elizabeth (Rogers) Md m 14 Feb 1888 Camberwell district. Oswald John b 7 Mar 1864 London s.o Walter William & Harriet (Flack) Md m 1863 Newington district. Walter William b 16 Sep 1838 Bocking, Essex s.o John & Sophia (Brown) Md m 8 Nov 1827 Bocking, Essex. John b 20 Sep 1801 Bocking, Essex s.o William & Lucy (?) Md. **Conn M596**

M1750 Mr Colin Metcalfe 60 Crosswats, York, Yorkshire YO10 5JQ colinpaulb@aol.com

M1751 Mrs Pauline Shepherd 197 Eastwood Old Road, Leigh-On-Sea, Essex SS9 4SG pollyshep@aol.com

M1752 Mr Roy Hales 33 Groveland Place, Reading, Berkshire RG30 2LG royhales@yahoo.co.uk

M1753 Mr Kieran Metcalfe 1600-1863 Alberni Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6G3H8, Canada kieran.metcalf@telus.net

M1754 Mr Trevor Richard Metcalf 6 Mill Lane, Croxton Kerrial, Grantham, Lincolnshire NG32 1RA trevor@asset-ict.com

M1755 Mr Peter Metcalfe 2 Eltham Grove, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD6 3RF

It is with regret
we report the deaths of

M63 Mr William (Bill) Metcalfe
23 May 2008

M784 Mrs Freda White
April 2008

and
M808 Mr C W Price

We extend our sympathy to relatives
and friends.

IN THE NAVY

Index of Seamen registered for service with the Royal Navy
(In ADM class at PRO, Kew)

Metcalf

Forenames	reg. no.	D.O.B.	Place of Birth	Date entered service
Walter	64,444	1.11.1854	Chester	1869
John	42,797/ 182,578	28.3.1855	Dublin	1871
William	43,881	23.4.1857	Poplar	1872
John	46,524/ 1,812,413	28.9.1842	Westminster	1858
Alfred Charles	80,715	1857	Shoreditch	- -
William Frederick	91,250	1859	Rowley Regis, Staffs	1875
George	96,270	1860	Wilstop, Yks	1876
Thomas	98,476	1854	Southwark	1876
John	106,158	1858	Monkwearmouth	1878
Robert	109,125	1863	W. Hartlepool	1879
Joseph	109,965	1863	Preston	1879
Henry	110,197	1864	Richmond, Yks	1879
Thomas	127,835	1869	Barnard Castle	1884
Arthur	133,513	1866	London	1885
William	152,635	1870	Hull	1890
John William	158,380	1874	Darlington	1890
Richard	159,487	1875	Liverpool	1891
Edwin(late RM?)	163,048	1875	London	1891
Herbert Howard	163,771	1875	Kenilworth	1891
George William	164,027	1871	Greetham	1891

*The above details were extracted by M430 Mrs Reith
and are available as List 2064 held by the Society's List Co-Ordinator
(see front cover for contact details).*

GREEN METCALFES. Harry Metcalfe of Burford In Oxfordshire has invested in green technology for his property in the Cotswolds. The agri-businessman/publisher millionaire bought a farm property in 2002 and set about making it super energy efficient. After spending £1.1m on ground source heating, a wind turbine, a rain water harvesting sytem and double insulation features he moved in in late 2007. Result - he spends only a third of oil based running costs and he feels able to run his passion - a Maserati racing car!
From The Sunday Times 20 January 2008. Supplied by Iain Metcalfe M1399.

BELLERBY RENEWED. After the rescue of the Metcalfe Book from a potentially terminal fate in a builders skip (see MN84 page 12) committee members met on 28 May to stocktake and reorganise the storage facility so that easy access could be achieved in the future. The pictures below show them hard at work!



Phew! That's it emptied...



Very tidy....

...and all of this goes in there!??



Time for a rest!



L2R

Peter Dobson M69
Brian & Ena Metcalfe M1554
Margaret Hodgson M515
David Metcalfe M46
Edwin & Elizabeth Metcalfe M980

THE GENERAL HUE AND CRY
Newcastle Courant
Saturday April 18th 1829.

TO THE CLERGY,
CHURCHWARDENS, AND
CONSTABLES OF PARISHES
YOUNG WOMAN MISSING

On Monday, the 7th Day of April 1828, a Young Woman, called **BETTY METCALF**, left the House of Solomon Harker, Farmer at Kearton, in the Township of Melbecks, and Parish of Grinton. The said Betty Metcalf was twenty-one Years of Age, of fair Complexion, small Visage, blue Eyes, about the middle Height of Women, and was far advanced in Pregnancy. She was dressed in a Cotton Chintz Gown, white Straw Bonnet, trimmed with white Ribbons, a Drab Cloak, the Hood lined with Silk of the same Colour, had a small Reticule Basket, and it is supposed, 40s, in Money, and another Gown.

She has not been heard from since by her Relations. As there are serious Suspicions entertained concerning the Disappearance of this Young Woman, it is earnestly requested that the Clergy, Churchwardens, and the Constables, will make Inquiries in their respective Parishes, and that any Intelligence which can be gained, may be addressed immediately to the Churchwardens of the Parish of Grinton, near Richmond, Yorkshire - April 7th 1829.

Supplied by **Mrs Celia Pollington M1734**.

Members of the Bible-Christian Church Philadelphia USA

Name/Address/Year Joined
Metcalf, Philadelphia, Pa.
William (From England) 1817
Susanna 1817
Joseph 1817
Mary 1820
Elizabeth 1828
John 1837
Susanna 1839
William 1842
Sarah 1845

Metcalf, Frankford, Pa. Joseph
1847 James 1851
Ewin F. 1853.

*For details of the Church see
Mecca News 73 page 3.*

*A public meeting was held in Airton
on April 27th 1921 at Scothrop
School to select a committee for a
Horticultural Show and Sports. Mr.
Morkill was elected President and it
was agreed to hold a show on
Saturday August 13th 1921 "in Mr.
Metcalf's field." The fell race round
Pikedaw was won by A. Metcalf of
Hawes in 26 minutes.*

*Malhamdale's second Annual Show
and Sports took place on 23rd
August 1947. The sports this year
included a pillow fight which was
won by F. Metcalf.*

Extracts from the Kirkby
Malhamdale local and family history
pages at

<http://kirkbymalham.info/index.html>
From David Lambert M11

CAMBRIDGESHIRE METCALFES

Further to the article by David Lambert in the December 2007 issue of the Mecca News (page 35) about Metcalfe Copeman & Pettefar solicitors of Wisbeach Cambridgeshire here is further information regarding the family.

Frederick Morehouse Metcalfe who took over the practice in 1877, joined the Wisbeach Volunteer Corps, which was formed in 1858, as a private, he eventually became Lt Col. When in 1889 a new system of Local Government was proposed Frederick persuaded Central Government to keep the ancient independent jurisdiction of the Isle of Ely. He held several Lordship of several Manors, including Inglethorpe & Ellingham.

Fenwick Metcalfe was born 13th June 1840 and was baptised 21st February 1841 at St Peters Wisbeach Cambridgeshire his parents were Charles & Mary Metcalfe of Leverington Road Wisbeach. In 1866 Fenwick applied for admission to the India Medical Service, at this time he gave his address as 7 Bedford Square London and Inglethorpe Hall Cambridgeshire. He also gave his fathers profession as Attorney. Before he applied for the India Medical Service he was assistant surgeon to a Dr Leslie. Dr Leslie's brother wrote a glowing testimony on Fenwick to the India Medical Service. He stated Fenwick's "moral conduct was irreproachable and his behaviour was gentlemanly and correct." Fenwick was accepted in to the India Medical Service 2nd August 1868.

I do not know where Fenwick was married, his wife was Katherine Augusta they had a daughter Katherine Ada in India born 16th January 1868 tragically she died 26th November 1868. Fenwick Henry Metcalfe was born 18th February 1869 and another son Sydney Fortesque Metcalfe was born 1st April 1870. On the 13th October 1871 Fenwick was killed when he fell of a precipice complete with his horse. He was buried on the 15th October 1871 and his son Gerald Fenwick was born 23rd October 1871.

Katherine Augusta was in correspondence with Frederick Morehouse Metcalfe of Inglethorpe Hall concerning Fenwick's estate. She died in 1913 in Guildford and in her will mentions her sons Fenwick Henry Metcalfe, Sydney Fortesque Metcalfe and Gerald Fenwick Metcalfe.

Sydney Fortesque Metcalfe was a Brigadier General in the Royal Artillery from 13th May 1916 to 6th July 1917 & 111 Army Corps 9th April to December 1918. He was mentioned in dispatches 4 times and was awarded the DSO for "Services in connection with operations in the field". **George Buxton M3**

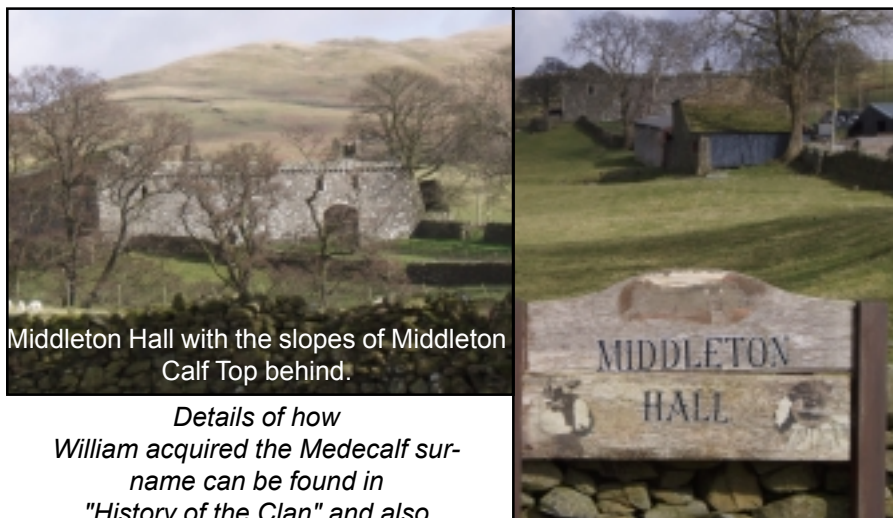
This article was written from the records of the British Library and Cambridgeshire Archive Office

METCALF'S WOOD

Is this small wood a remnant of a once larger Metcalf estate attached to Middleton Hall owned by William de Dent in the 12th century? In the Society's "*History of the Clan*" (page 26 et al) details of William's landholdings indicate that he owned the Hall under the Lordship of Middleton before he made it over to the Barons of Kendal on his marriage. He also owned property in nearby Dentdale as well as other acreage around the area. His son, also William, became the first person to be called Medecalf to associate him with the area of his land holdings.



Metcalf's wood (Map ref 917 634) is almost due west, a mile and a half from the centre of Sedbergh, Cumbria close to Ingmire Hall and about 5 miles north of Middleton Hall.



Details of how William acquired the Medecalf surname can be found in "History of the Clan" and also Mecca News no 3 page 4 .

**BY
ROYAL APPOINT-
MENT?**



During a recent visit to Scotland there was one day (well there were more than one but this was one of the worst!) when walking was a non-starter so we went to visit the Queen at Balmoral. Unfortunately Her Majesty was not at home but

the Castle was open. In one of the stables were paintings by local artists of the Upper Deeside Art Society based at Ballater a few miles from Balmoral. Whilst browsing through the efforts of the members (which were for sale) I came across first one, then two, then no less than three paintings by a **Pat Metcalfe**! There were no other details regarding this artist so I am unable to provide any further information. Perhaps someone reading this will be able to shed some light?



■ **A Mecca novelist** From the Huddersfield Examiner 26 October 1932 an
 ■ article by Mr RW Parsons on Yorkshire novelists mentioned **Joliffe Metcalfe**.
 ■ (From Hull City Archives website) Anyone know of Joliffe or his work - Ed? ■ 35

**Yan, tan, tether, mether,
pip, azer, sezer, akker,
conter, dick, yanadick,
tanadick, tetheradick,
metheradick, bumfit,
yanabum, tanabum,
tetherabum, metherabum,
jiggit!**

Not some foreign language - well
actually it is but one
used in Yorkshire!

It was a way the Dales farmers
counted their sheep from 1 to 20.
After that they picked up a stone
and started again.

Jake Thackeray a well known
North Country singer explaining why
he wrote a song about a Dales
shepherdess provided the method
of counting and went on to say that
the shepherdess lived in the early
part of the 20th century. She had
no family and was reared by neigh-
bours who when she was about
seven sent her up to the hills to look
after their flock. She was expected
to fend for them and herself. Not a
lot was seen of her until one day
when she would have been about
twenty five a farmer discovered her
remains.

The song - **Molly Metcalfe**.

ENGLAND EXPECTS.....

HMS Revenge a third rate (two
decked) ship of the line fought at
the Battle of Trafalgar on 21 Octo-
ber 1805. Part of Admiral
Collingwood's battle column the
Revenge broke through the French/
Spanish line attacking firstly the San
Ildefonso before engagements with
Achille, Aigle and then the much
larger Spanish flagship Principe do
Asturias. She suffered damage in
this fight in which her Captain
Robert Moorsom was severely in-
jured together with some seventy
others killed and injured - one of the
highest number of casualties suf-
fered by ships of Collingwood's col-
umn.

Nonetheless she was still able to
make way after the action assisting
in the rescue of survivors including
a French woman found swimming
naked after the explosion and sink-
ing of the Achille. The woman called
Jeanette became something of a
mascot to the crew of the Revenge
who had amongst their number
Simpson Metcalfe a Marine Cor-
poral.

Provided by **David Lambert M11**
from PRO ADM 36/16545. *Addi-
tional information from
Trafalgar: The Nelson Touch by
David Howarth and Wikipedia.*

A LATE e-mail. Many thanks for your recent email advising the sale of Nappa....unfortunately I am not able to raise the necessary funds. This is however an ideal moment for the "family" to buy the property....much like in shipping where the ownership of a vessel is divided into 64 shares a similar scheme could be devised for the ownership of Nappa. To this end I would pledge £10,000.... Perhaps all members of the Metcalfe Society could be approached to find another 50 to pledge a similar sum.....or 1000 members raising £500 each. Best regards Christopher Metcalfe. **What do you think?**

Subscriptions 2008

	£	Euros	\$US	\$Can	\$Aus	\$NZ
UK & Europe	£10.....					
Overseas via Air Mail.....	£14.....	22	\$28	\$32	\$36.....	\$40.....

A joining fee of 50% of the chosen subscription rate is payable by new members in addition to the annual subscription.

If you are a UK member and wish to pay by a standing order, please contact the Treasurer for a Standing Order form to send to your bank, not the society.

How many years subscription would you like to pay?

To help you and the society, you can pay subscriptions for any number of years you wish on one cheque now at the current subscription rate, thereby avoiding future increases in subscription rates.

Where to send your subscription

Please send your subscription to one of the following people :

If you wish to pay in £ sterling (irrespective of the country in which you reside) please make your cheque payable to **The Metcalfe Society** and send it to : Ms Carol Herbert (M1072), 22 Webster Crescent, Kimberworth, Rotherham, South Yorkshire S61 2BP.

If you wish to pay by credit card you may do so online via our society website **www.metcalfe.org.uk**. The society cannot take credit card payments via mail order or via the telephone.

If you wish to pay in the relevant local currency, please make your cheque payable to **the name of the agent, not the society**, and send it to your local country agent :

* Mrs Alison Hutton (M81), 197 Highsted Road, Christchurch 5, South Island, New Zealand

e-mail : agentnz@metcalfe.org.uk

* Miss Dianne Fox (M113) , 75 Rosehill Road, Lower Plenty, Victoria 3093, Australia

e-mail : agentaus@metcalfe.org.uk

* Miss Susan C.M. Harper (M266), 7567 Canada Way, Burnaby, British Columbia V3N 3K1, Canada

e-mail : agentcdn@metcalfe.org.uk

* Mr Kevin Metcalf (M1285), 509 N Prospect Manor, Mount Prospect, IL 60056, USA

e-mail : usagent@metcalfe.org.uk

Don't forget to include the following information with your subscription :

- * Your name and address
- * Which year(s) you wish to subscribe
- * Your membership number
- * Your remittance

How to Contact Us (for correspondence and e-mail addresses see inside front cover)

All general queries and correspondence about the society to the Secretary.

All search queries about your Metcalfe family tree or any updates to your Metcalfe Birth Brief to the Archivist.

Send contributions for the Mecca News to the Editor.

Send subscription renewals to the Treasurer (for UK sterling payments), to your local Country Agent (for local currency payments) or go online for all payments to

www.metcalfes-online.co.uk/members.

Send name and address changes to the Membership File contact.

Send new member application forms to the New Members Secretary.

Send your Gift Aid form to the Gift Aid Secretary.

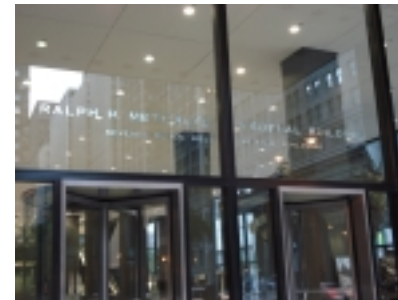
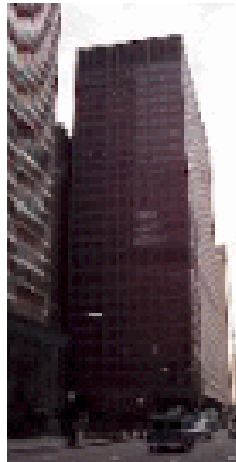
Requests for a sales order form to purchase publications or merchandise should be sent to the Publications contact. Alternatively order online at **www.metcalfes-online.co.uk**.

To check the status of the despatch of any items ordered contact Sales Despatch.

Send any

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

Please note : If pre-paid return postage is NOT included with any letter or enquiry, it is assumed that NO REPLY IS EXPECTED.



Metcalfe Buildings: The Ralph H Metcalfe Federal Center, Chicago, Illinois, USA. Named after Ralph Harold Metcalfe of Atlanta a 1932 & 1936 Olympic Medal Winner.
Copyright Graham S Bell 2008

**The Metcalfe Society
Agenda for the 28th Annual General Meeting
10.30 am Saturday 4 October 2008
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes
Wensleydale, North Yorkshire**



1. Chairman's opening remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 2007 AGM
– distributed with the December 2007 'Mecca News'
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Reports (see enclosures)
6. Projects (see enclosures)
7. Subscription rates for 2009
8. Elections
9. Approval of accounts
10. Appointment of auditor
11. Any other business
12. Date of next Annual General Meeting

**The Metcalfe Society
Reports for the 28th Annual General Meeting
Saturday 4 October 2008
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes
Wensleydale, North Yorkshire**



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 Federation of Family History Societies and a member of the Guild of One Name Studies. We are also members of the North West and North East Groups of Family History Societies.

The Society's governing document is its Constitution, which specifies the main objectives of the Society and the powers given to the members and its executive committee to achieve these. Responsibility for running the affairs of the Society lies with a number of elected officers. They are elected at the AGM each year to serve for one year on the Executive Committee. In addition we have a President and Vice-Presidents whose terms of office are laid down in the Constitution. The Society relies on a number of volunteers in the UK and overseas, who freely give up their time to help the Society operate.

I want to start this report on the year's activities by paying tribute to everyone on the Committee and our volunteers and to express my gratitude on your behalf to them for giving up their time on our behalf. 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 must record the death of our co-founding member and first Vice-President Vera Adams. Appropriate and full tributes were paid to Vera in the Mecca News. Whilst she had retired from active participation in running the Society's affairs recently, she regularly attended the annual Muster and rarely missed it. Other members have sadly passed away during the year, not least of whom was Greta Metcalfe, the wife of our President Charles. Condolences were expressed on behalf of the Society and duly recorded in the Mecca News. They will be sorely missed.

It has been another busy year for the Society since we last met at the AGM in Hawes in 2007. The 2007 Muster was not quite as well supported as usual but for those who were present it was yet another occasion to meet new and old members, exchange ideas and views, carry out research in our records and to listen to an excellent speaker.

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 2007 Muster in their premises and again this year. A debate took place on the most suitable venue for our annual reunion, when the suggestion that we should meet out of Yorkshire was considered but rejected.

The Society's journal 'Mecca News' was entered in the 2007 Elizabeth Simpson Award organised by The Federation of Family History Societies. Unfortunately, we did not win! In 2008 we entered the competition again and will know the result a month before the Muster but too late to make an announcement here. The journal, along with the Society's website, is the main source of information for persons interested in the Metcalfe family. Thanks go to Peter Dobson as editor of the thrice yearly 'Mecca News' and Carol Herbert for running the website. She was on maternity leave during the first part of 2007, which has meant that at times it had been difficult for her to devote as much time to the website as she would like due to her extra parental responsibilities. It was too late to record last year the birth of her daughter in August. Nevertheless our website has continued to be an excellent tool and guide for members and non-members alike who want to learn more about our activities and services.

The Committee met immediately after the Muster last year and in March and July this year. The venue at Brighouse, which seemed to suit everyone, regrettably was unavailable in March and July because of building renovations. We therefore met at Hawes thanks to the museum. Our secretary Ena had to have an operation from which she has made I am pleased to report a speedy and full recovery. Her husband

Brian acted as assistant secretary whilst she was out of action for which we are grateful. Our vice-president and chief research archivist Nina Benson has also recently been in hospital for an operation and is making good progress and hopes to attend the 2008 Muster. She has also, as this is written, agreed provisionally, in a few weeks time, to speak to a member of a documentary film-making company who are intending to make a film for the BBC on family reunions. They are potentially interested in including a piece on the Society and some of our members who attend the muster. If this happens it should greatly enhance the opportunity to show to a wider section, of the public, what we can do to help them further their research. We will know by the Muster if this will happen.

Also in the last few days Nappa Hall has been out on the market for sale and some members have expressed interest in seeing if we might be able to use what, for many, is 'our' family seat for Society purposes. Given the cost and the extensive renovations that are likely to be required it is clearly outside the pocket of the Society to buy it (it is on the market for at least £500,000). However certain Metcalfe have been approached in the hope that they might be able and willing to acquire the premises. Who knows, it might be possible in future years, to visit the listed building and use parts of it for Society purposes. A wonderful dream! We might know more about its fate by the Muster.

I continually remind you that we need new committee members and volunteers. It is true! To survive and flourish we must have new blood on the Committee. This last 12 months has seen some welcome new volunteers but we do need more! Please do not be shy! There are vacancies on the committee or for volunteers on the Wills project for example.

One person who has worked tirelessly for us again under difficult personal circumstances is our Treasurer and Web Administrator, Carol Herbert. She has as usual looked after our finances and the administration of the Website well. Our accounts will be available for you to examine. Thanks too are appropriate for one of our newest recruits Liz Waller, who has taken on sales despatch for us.

David Metcalfe has continued to add to our Computer Index as well as trying to make accessible the Lists and checking information generally. It is a huge and labour-intensive task undertaken in the background. Thanks as ever for your endeavours. We are very lucky that you are still so enthusiastic!

The Society attended as usual the annual York Family History Fair in June 2008: my thanks to Brian Metcalfe, Ena Metcalfe, David Metcalfe and Margaret Hodgson who helped on the day by setting up and manning our stand. We attended in August 2007 the North West Family History Fair in Southport before our 2007 Muster. A quieter day but useful for renewing contacts and meeting people. We plan to be attending the Fair again this year which is being held in the European City of Culture - Liverpool at the St George's Hall.

As reported last year member societies in the north west awarded a grant to us to enable us to develop our Wills Project in those parts of the North West so far not covered in detail by us. We are also putting into an electronic format the existing Wills indexes and linking them to copies of wills which we have transcribed. Edwin Metcalfe is co-ordinating the project for us and has made excellent progress.

Our "History of the Clan" Book still continues to sell steadily and if not yet purchased please do so at the Muster! I reported last year the problems, which beset us because of the liquidation of the company, which held and despatched our books. We continued to be plagued by problems because of our failure initially to recover all the remaining books. The 'Mecca News' for April 2008 outlines in greater detail the difficulties encountered and how they were resolved. David Metcalfe and Diane Howarth are to be thanked for their quick reactions and diligence. We were eventually able to rescue them virtually from the skip.

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. The decline in the number of new members continues in common with other one name and family history societies. However the society seems still to be the largest one name society in the UK and as I said last year our high continuing 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.

The undoubted high point for membership numbers was 2 years ago which coincided with our 25th anniversary and the additional publicity that we were able to achieve. It is disappointing that this has not been sustained. The committee are still not particularly worried at the trend at present but continue to monitor our membership and explore ways to recruit new members and retain existing ones. It continues to make efforts to provide more membership information held by the Society available to members, subject to

sensible security safeguards, online. There have been complications in achieving this but it is believed that we have been able to identify ways it can be achieved. As soon as Carol can do so, we will proceed with this.

The Internet is perceived, wrongly in our view which is shared by other family history societies, to be the only way to achieve successful research. The existence and purpose of Societies such as ours is not appreciated by the public who use the internet for family history purposes. A society such as this can provide excellent detailed information on the various branches of the family. We can put relatives in touch with one another and enable them to continue their historical research through the use of our archivists. The committee recognises that we need to make it the first place that researchers think of when wanting to discover more about our family. 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.

David Lambert

Secretary & New Members Secretary

After the 2007 Muster held in September at The Countryside Museum in Hawes, it was decided to hold this year's Muster in October, as in previous years. This had proved to be a more suitable month for visiting members to attend. With less major events happening in October, it meant that accommodation was more easily available where it was required. The two committee meetings this year have returned to The Countryside Museum, where we are always generously welcomed. As Hawes is at the heart of the Metcalfe Clan, it is always good to return.

Joining has been steady over the year, which is encouraging, rather than peaks & troughs. To date our membership stands at approximately 500.

Ena Metcalfe

Treasurer & Gift Aid Secretary

See the enclosed draft version of the Financial Accounts Annual Statement for 2007-2008. The final version approved by the accountant will be available at the AGM and then distributed along with the AGM minutes to all members in the December 2008 Mecca News.

Gift Aid - the Society was able to claim back £807.68 for 2007-2008, up from £620.37 for last year.

Online Store - of the £2,652 received from sales of the History of the Clan and other society merchandise, £1,833 was done through the online store, which equates to just over 69%. Subscriptions made up £1,531 of the £5944 total, a rate of 25%.

Carol Herbert

Archivist Co-ordinator

During the last 12 months, we have produced a large number of birth briefs for new & existing members, as well as many additions & corrections to those previously researched. Many members, as a result of their own research, have been able to pass onto us, details of their ancestors, which we did not have on our database. For that, we are always extremely grateful. The greater our knowledge of the past, the more we can assist you to unlock yours. I would like to place on record my thanks to our two researchers, Nina Benson & Edwin Metcalf & to David Metcalfe, who keeps our computer index up to date, for the time & effort they give so freely. The work they undertake is invaluable & continues to be one of the main services offered by your society. Please keep your enquiries rolling in, the last one could well have provided us with the key, which will unlock your door, to your past.

Brian Metcalfe

Editor

The issues covered by this report have been production trouble free with good communication between the printers and the committee. Any questions were resolved quickly and satisfactorily. The printers are appreciative of our requirements and provide an excellent service. Minor issues around the Christmas magazine distribution have smoothed themselves out. As always if members would like to provide articles please do so and if you have any ideas for future issues let me know.

Peter Dobson

Agents Report - New Zealand

It has been quiet here in New Zealand with 5 subscriptions having been paid to me for this financial year. I assume that most are now paying electronically.

Alison Hutton

Agents Report - Canada

It is very quiet in Canada as far as Society work goes. I processed 8 renewals this year and no new members. It seems the on-line methods are catching on, although I have an agreement with my bank not to charge for the money draft to the UK so it seems to be the most cost effective. I have access to the metcalfe.org server to directly change email aliases for the society, so any change requests can come directly to me.

Susan Harper

Despatch & Sales

There is very little to report. Sales are steady at the moment with just a few Mecca News sent out to late renewals. When I send the next batch out I am enclosing a few leaflets to advertise Gayle Mill as requested. My stock of sales items has been included in the stock audit.

Liz Waller

Christmas Cards: It was agreed by the Committee that sales levels no longer warranted the expense of printing order forms for enclosure with the April and August Mecca News. They have also been removed from the Website. Cards are now available only as singles at 10p each from the Muster and Family History Fairs we attend.

Lesley Longworth

Computer Index

The amount of data collected and merged over the year, since the last AGM has steadily increased with an emphasis on Metcalfes from Suffolk collected by our assistant archivist Edwin Metcalf. The database has been consolidated by merging records where possible, using often overlooked records of burial and death dates. The main index database currently numbers nearly 102,000 records. It is still planned to place the database on-line with privileged, password protected and read only, access for members, with myself or a future database keeper as the point of contact for amendments. Hopefully 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. Also planned for the future are transcripts of Metcalfe wills on line. When this is eventually completed one member of the committee will be available to search on line for those members, who do not have a computer.

David Metcalfe

Library

Eileen Metcalf has resigned this role because of serious illness before the library facility could be re-launched. Therefore a new volunteer is sought. If you are interested contact the secretary, Ena Metcalfe.

Affiliations - North West Group of FHS

The Southport Fair held on 25 August 2007 was not straightforward but on the day went reasonably satisfactorily. The numbers of exhibitors were down about 20% with visitors down a similar number. However those who attended generally did reasonably well with people spending more time looking and purchasing. The 2008 Fair will be held at St George's Hall Liverpool on 1 November as part of Liverpool's City of Culture 2008 celebrations. Around 80 stalls are expected to be filled and speakers include Nick Barratt from the BBC's "Who do you think you are?" programme. It is hoped the venue and speakers will ensure a larger attendance than in recent years.

The Group's Spring Conference was held in Salford on 26 April hosted by Manchester & Lancs FHS on the theme pre-1837 sources. A report is awaited but attendance was seemingly disappointing. This seems to be a general issue with all FH Societies & the Group will discuss the future of these events later in the year.

The Group made a donation of £750 to The Metcalfe Society's Wills project based on a proposal submitted by Diane Howarth.

Peter Dobson

Affiliations - FFHS

In March I attended the FFHS' AGM and general Meeting in Plymouth. A new Chairman was elected, David Holman from Cornwall, to replace the outgoing Chairman Geoff Riggs. Two new members were elected to the FFHS committee. A lengthy and at times contentious item in March, proved to be recommendation from the committee to increase membership subscriptions again by a further 2 pence per member. Explanations of the steps taken to 'outsource' the services hitherto provided to the FFHS by its trading subsidiary were explained and several questions answered. An update will be given in August 2008 at the next Council meeting of the FFHS. The benefits of membership, as requested, were outlined and will be regularly reviewed and outlined by the new chairman. Changes to their website have been introduced. The government's announcements regarding Myddleton Place and the removal of the births, marriages and deaths indexes from there to The National Archives was reported and the steps that the FFHS had taken to advise members and to express concern to government were outlined and discussed at some length.

David Lambert

Fairs

The Southport Fair at the end of August 2007 was again a pleasant day. Brian and Ena Metcalfe and Margaret Hodgson manned the stand with Peter Dobson and David Lambert also supporting when available from their other roles on the day. However there were few sales, only £4-40p worth in total. Three members did visit the stand. John Mitchell M997, brought along some interesting articles which had been passed down in his family. The York Fair was again an enjoyable event, though the overall number of attendees was down on the previous year. The Society was represented by Brian and Ena Metcalfe, David Metcalfe and Margaret Hodgson. Sales, at £165-40, were certainly an improvement on those of Southport. Two new members joined on the day but several people took Society details away with them and it seemed likely some would join later. A few current members visited, including Ron Madson from San Francisco.

Margaret Hodgson

Conference Secretary

The 27th Muster was again held in Hawes. Although attendance was lower than usual with only 53 advance bookings rising to 59 on the day, those who attended expressed great enjoyment of the event, especially the member and spouse from Norway and the member from Canada. There were several letters of apology for absence giving age and infirmity as the reason. With an ageing membership and increased use of online family history research, it must be acknowledged that this may become the norm. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed Speaker Marion Moverley's account of life for those who fell foul of the Vagrancy Laws and she stayed to chat with members afterwards. David Metcalfe, Nina Benson and Patrick Malham had a constant stream of enquiries in the computer room and the front desk, sales tables, refreshments and raffle were taken care of by remaining committee members, spouses and helpful members. As penalty for living closest to the venue, much of the advance Muster organisation falls on the shoulders of Jose Hopper to whom I owe heartfelt thanks. The smooth running also owes much to those who arrive on Friday and spend the day before setting up the event. This most important work which I have never been able to take part in due to paid work. Beckindales was put up for sale earlier this year, so as a replacement lunch option a buffet has been arranged at the Museum. However, as it is now known that the new owner will continue the business along similar lines, we hope to be able to offer the venue as an option again next year.

Lesley Longworth

Projects: Wills

The aim is to increase the number of transcribed wills held by the Society and importantly make the contents available for our members carrying out their own researches. The wills currently held are now catalogued and a searchable index is held. A number of extra wills have been added to the collection over the past year which are also now in the searchable index. A sum of £750 has been donated by the North West Group of FHS to purchase wills to add to our collection and the first few have now been acquired from the Preston Record Office. A few members have already helped or volunteered to help with the collection and transcribing of the wills as they become available. This is still a very under-developed source of Mecca information for the Society and many family connections can be established particularly in the earlier years that cannot be worked out from individual parish register entries. We would appeal to members who have collected wills during their own researches to make them available to the Society so they can be added to our collection and be a benefit to all members.

Edwin Metcalf 980

Subscription Rates for 2009

The Committee is recommending that subscription rates for 2009 remain unchanged.

000000000000

THE METCALFE SOCIETY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5th APRIL 2008

INCOME	2008	2007	EXPENDITURE	2008	2007
Subscriptions	5944.55	5841.61	Newletters- Production & Distribution Costs	1	3317.26
Donations	756.5	2.7	Metcalfe Muster Catering & Expenses	2	533.05
Bank Interest Received	347.9	223.12	Asset Depreciation		30.00
Muster Raffle	113	130	Committed/ AGM Hall Hire/Speaker	6	224.00
Muster Catering	293.5	456	Telephone & Internet Costs	3	143.35
History of the Clan	1374	1357.78	History of the Clan post		347.99
History of the Clan Post	404.91	412.62	Accountancy		280.00
Deed of Covenant Tax Refund	620.37	670.22	Affiliation Fees FFHS, & GOONS		300.00
Publications Sales & Library	873.71	1276.88	Advertising, GRD & Family Tree		170.78
			Computer Repairs/Maintenance		165.60
			Office Stationery		143.69
			Postage Costs - General		322.66
			Archivists - Postage/Stationery		19.52
			Printing General		118.35
			Exhibition & Fairs Stands		38.42
			Website Creation & Maintenance		199.00
			Bank Charges/Currency Conversion Fees		117.69
			Insurance		17.58
			Storage		43.53
			Sundry Expenses	7	244.55
			Member Packs		916.80
			Publications, Sales & Library	4	823.80
			Birth Brief Book	5	73.20
			Metcalfe Mugs		280.66
			Rose Lapel Pin Badges		228.59
			COA Lapel Pin Badges		41.55
			COA Key Fobs		97.68
			Gifts		1510.00
					247.46
					141.76
					141.78
					476.09
					50.00

Surplus of Expenditure over Income

10728.44 10370.93

Surplus of Income over Expenditure

2515.46 581.97
10728.44 10370.93

Date:

KIGGIN & Co
Chartered Certified Accountant
1 Kilmhurst Road, Hooton Roberts, Rotherham

THE METCALFE SOCIETY BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5th APRIL 2008

ASSETS	2008	2007
COST		
Printers	538.73	
Copier	410.08	
Copier (2)	293.74	
Computers, Printer, Workstation & Software	2942.15	
Filing Cabinets	338.84	
Printers	149.99	
Scanner	149.99	
Copier	117.48	
	0.00	4941.00
LESS DEPRECIATION		
Printers (25% on cost)	538.73	
Copier (25% on cost)	410.08	
Copier (25% on cost)	293.74	
Computers, Printer, Workstation & Software (10% on cost)	2942.15	
Filing Cabinets	338.84	
Printers (10% on cost)	105.00	
Scanner (10% on cost)	105.00	
Copier (25% on cost)	117.48	
	0	4851.02
NET BOOK VALUE ASSETS	0.00	89.98
DEBTORS		
BANK BALANCES		45.00
Barclays		2356.42
Scottish Widows		6880.05
Cash Floats		50
Paypal		
	0.00	9421.45

Date:

KIGGIN & Co
Chartered Certified Accountant
1 Kilmhurst Road, Hooton Roberts, Rotherham