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Well quite an exciting and busy summer and autumn. First of all news that the sale of Nappa Hall had happened quickly and a suggestion that I should look to talk with the new owner about his plans; a most enjoyable Muster (irrespective of the weather!) and just in this last week a successful attendance at the Liverpool Fair. You will see that all but the last item are covered in this

issue and I will provide a report on that in the next edition.

The changes at Nappa Hall provide an opportunity for the Society to make links to the Hall in a way we have not been able to do in the past. The new owner is keen to build on the Metcalfe heritage and it is hoped in the forthcoming months we may be able to discuss how we can assist in our small way.

Blind Jack Metcalf of Knaresborough has taken on a higher profile than for many years with the proposal to erect a statue to him in his home town and the release of a new book (reviewed in this issue) on his life. In the last few weeks I took the opportunity to go to Knaresborough and Spofforth (where he is buried) and managed to get some pictures. His grave at Spofforth at the rear of the church is not particularly overgrown, but it is not well maintained. Perhaps the Society could adopt it?

Well hopefully by the time this copy of the News lands on your doormat you will be preparing to enjoy Christmas and the New Year, so I will take the opportunity to wish you and yours a Happy Festive Season and a Healthy New Year!



MECCA RESEARCH Further to recent articles concerning future Mecca research and information gathering; at the recent Muster I was asked to set up a sub committee to look at what areas the Society should research, the methods we should employ and to liaise with Carol Herbert on the format for inputting data into the the Society's database. So can any members undertaking their own research contact me either by e-mail (editor@metcalfe.org.uk) or by post (contact details on the inside front cover) and let me know the areas you are currently researching. Also if you have collected information, to provide details so that I can arrange for it to be input into the database. **Peter Dobson M69.**

STOP PRESS! Reported in the *Yorkshire Post* (early November): Sculptor Barbara Asquith has been commissioned to produce a clay model of **Blind Jack Metcalf** sitting on a bench. A temporary studio has been created in the empty Boleros shop in the Market Place, Knaresborough where visitors will be able to view the clay model being made over the next six weeks."

Nappa Hall Under New Owner-ship!

Update 10 October 2008

After nearly 550 years of Metcalfe occupancy Nappa Hall has moved into private ownership. Sealed bids from interested parties were requested by the end of July and shortly afterwards the building was transferred to its new owner Mr D. Mark Thompson.

Mr Thompson is Yorkshire Dales born and bred and is known latterly for being the Innkeeper of and waterfall provider at the Green Dragon Inn at Hardraw in Upper Wensleydale only five miles from Nappa Hall.

I met Mr Thompson shortly after the Mecca Muster, at the Green Dragon, when he provided details of his business career and shared his thoughts on his plans for the future of Nappa.

Spending his early life in mid Wharfedale Mr Thompson attended Ilkley Grammar School before attaining a 2:1 graphics and art degree after being a student at Bradford Art College and Leeds Polytechnic. The degree built on his life long interest in Dales buildings and architecture and his early entrepreneurial skills in selling large numbers of postcards of drawings of Dales property.

Employed on the Duke of Devonshire's estate at Bardon, just north of



Mr D Mark Thompson

Bolton Abbey, once owned by the Cliffords (*cousins to the Metcalfe's*), an opportunity arose to buy the tower on the estate, then in a state of disrepair and carry out its renovation which was achieved in 1981. The tower as well as being Mr Thompson's home also became a successful art gallery and tea room. Around the same time the Middleham restaurant, The Stable Door, was renovated and opened. Other property renovations were carried out in the 1980's including the Old Vicarage of St Marks, part of the Jervaulx Abbey estate, and other buildings in the Dales and North York Moors.

After a period in the early 1990's of living and travelling abroad, during which time Mark pursued his interests in painting and writing, in 1996 he purchased the Kings Arms in Reeth, Swaledale, North Yorkshire and resumed his hospitality activities - which date from his early years when he was the Youth Hostel Association's youngest hostel manager at Ellingstring near Masham. In 2001 a tenant was put into the Reeth hostelry and the Green Dragon Inn at Hardraw, Upper Wensleydale, well known also for the tallest waterfall in England situated in its grounds, purchased.

Over the seven years Mark has owned the inn he has carried out renovations to the premises in keeping with its ancient heritage whilst improving paths, access and providing bridges to the waterfall. As part of growing the business he has erected a sixteen bed hotel/seven apartment building in the local architectural style and is completing a visitor heritage centre on the site. (See also www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/features/A-rare-driving-force; article of 29 March 2008).

Travelling the Dales on his bicycle in his youth Mark had seen Nappa Hall and was interested in its architecture. Later moving to Wensleydale he was keen to find a traditional property in which to live but none of the premises of interest (including Nappa) were available. By a string of coincidences he was able to satisfy his wishes.

Earlier this year he was away in France on a painting holiday when he felt it was appropriate to cut short his trip returning to stay with friends on the North York Moors. Whilst there he met another friend from Wensleydale who told him of Nappa Hall coming on to the market. (The coincidence was that he hadn't seen the friend for a year and the friend had only stopped

briefly and unexpectedly on his journey when he met Mark.) The friend said that the closing date for sealed bids was the end of July and with only a day before viewing closed and a couple of days before bids had to be made a quick return to Hardraw was undertaken. Mr Thompson's bid for the Hall and its immediate grounds was successful and he moved in on 1 September.

With his background in renovating old dales properties to their traditional state Mark indicated that he is looking to carry out the same approach with Nappa. Primarily it will be a private family residence but he is keen to provide access. The first work which will be undertaken before the onset of winter is to make the building watertight. Over the years water ingress has occurred in the West Tower, in particular, with some damp in other areas. Departure of the last tenants in May of this year saw opportunist thieves stealing some



The Green Dragon
Hardraw

of the lead roof protection which exacerbated the situation.

Overall the roof is in good order, with only one or two spots needing replacing. The roofing areas, guttering and doors will be the first priority together with necessary pointing. Once the Hall is watertight windows will need renovating, heating provided - there being no central heating, and electrics upgraded. Discussions are planned with architects, the Yorkshire Parks Authority and English Heritage on future plans in the coming weeks.

Already the Hall is attracting attention with articles planned during October in the Yorkshire Post and the Mail on Sunday and an episode of Heartbeat was setting up in the grounds in mid-October.

Longer term Mark is keen to renovate the Hall using traditional materials along the lines of its original decoration to reflect the history of the house. His aim is to restore Nappa so it "looks as if it has never been touched". Access to the public during set periods - such as particular days or weekends is an objective but arrangements are still to be decided. In the meantime he is not averse to visitors, but due to his business commitments, only by pre-arranged appointment (He can be contacted at the Green Dragon Inn.).

Given the Hall's long relationship with the Metcalfe's Mark is keen to continue with the association, he has already joined the Society for the next four years, even though he doesn't think that he has any Metcalfe antecedents! He has asked if any members have pictures of the Hall interior could they send them to him at the Green Dragon.



••••• News From FFHS •••••

••••• Convict Transportation Registers •••••

••••• This database of over 123,000 out of the estimated 160,000 convicts transported to Australia has been compiled from British Home Office HO 11 Criminal - Convict Transportation Registers series by The State Library of Queensland. These include prisoners sent to New South Wales, Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania), Moreton Bay (Brisbane), Western Australia and Norfolk Island. Also recorded are some ships which were bound for Gibraltar. The records cover the period of 1787 to 1867.

••••• See www.slq.qld.gov.au.

••••• Free England Baptism and Marriage Records Online. •••••

••••• FamilySearch recently made available for public access its new beta search engine. FamilySearch is testing its new online digital image viewer and search utilities. Between its corps of online volunteer indexers, microfilm to digital conversion initiatives, and digital acquisitions program, millions of newly indexed names or unindexed digital images are generated weekly. FamilySearch hopes to be able to publish regular online updates to these digital records and databases. There are some 500 million names and images in the database.

••••• See Familysearch.org.

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Photo of David receiving the Certificate from the President of the FFHS, Lady Teviot on 30 August 2008 at the FFHS General Meeting hosted by Essex SFH and Suffolk FHS as part of the National Family History Conference "The Way We Were?" at the University of Essex, Colchester.

Dear Peter,

I am delighted to advise you that we won an award yesterday!!

The FFH's E S Award is now run bit like Crufts, with best of breed and then a grand final where the overall champion or winner is selected as Best in Show!! We did not achieve the latter but we did win the One Name Societies Award and have a Certificate and ultimately a photograph of us receiving the Award!!

I believe we are able to add the FFHS logo and to refer to fact that we are the Award winners for one year. Well done!! **David Lambert M11.**

As announced at the Muster in October the first batch of data held by The Society is now available online through the members area at www.metcalfe-online.co.uk/members. The BMD indexes to Metcalfe's are available, along with a selection of transcribed Metcalfe wills. You will need a current membership and a username and password to access the site - you can obtain these by emailing webadmin@metcalfe.org.uk.

If you would like to submit details of your own Metcalfe's pre 1837, or add notes to existing entries, please contact me in the first instance so that I can forward details of the format required for the data (you won't need any special software or skills - just Notepad/Word/Spreadsheet and some spare time!) **Carol Herbert M1072, Web Admin**

DEADLINE for the April MECCA NEWS
is 6 February 2009.

Articles, comments or snippets to the Editor.

Muster Review

On a wet and somewhat stormy evening (The wind was at gale force and the rain was horizontal!) the Committee held a brief meeting to review the 2008 Muster. The general consensus was that the event had been a success in spite of the weather conditions.

Some 91 members, friends and relatives had booked to attend and it was estimated that around 90 people had turned up. An indication in spite of the weather that the traditional date for the Muster at the beginning of October was more to members liking.

As with any event there had been a number of hitches, alarms, and potential improvements but these were minor and did not deflect from the more than satisfactory outcome. Those asked said the time had gone quickly and there was always something to keep them occupied. In particular the World War I display was favourably commented on (thanks due to **Margaret Hodgson M515** for her hard work in putting it together), the speaker (Stuart Tate) on WWI soldiers was enjoyed and the Gayle Mill visit was a ringing success. The latter apparently due to the extra torrent rushing down the leat (due to the weather) which powered the Mill and added to the experience!

The Muster was also successful for the amount of sales made by the volunteers under the supervision of **Brian Metcalfe M1554**. The committee then had the task of removing the displays, stock etc to Bellerby in the inclement conditions with large pools of water, cattle and other unseen obstacles along the way but in spite of this the day was brought to a safe and successful conclusion. See you next year!



SUBSCRIPTIONS 2009

The AGM endorsed the Committee's recommendation to hold the annual subscriptions at current rates.

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LIBRARY

Due to health issues **Eileen Metcalfe M1692** has been unable to take up the Librarian's duties. The Committee have therefore decided to carry out a review of the current holdings and then consider how to manage and disseminate the information held. If any members have books or magazines out on loan can they return them to Brian Metcalfe (see address on inside front cover.) The Committee also took the opportunity to wish Eileen well and thanked her for her offer of help.

Captain George Robert Metcalfe 1870 – 1945

George Robert Metcalfe was the youngest child of William & Ann (Mennill) Metcalfe of Pottergate Helmsley. In 200 years the Metcalfe family had only moved from one end of Bilsdale, an extremely beautiful but small dale, landlocked in North Yorkshire farming country, to the other (See *Metcalfe:History of the Clan* page 177). However Vicar Gray arrived in Helmsley, a man on a mission to bring the people back to God and to generally stir them up. It appears from comments he made on arrival that he was not overly impressed with his parishioners. Vicar Gray was a much travelled and highly educated man, whose father had been Bishop of Cape Town and it is thought that they were his tales of a big and exciting world that stirred George Robert to think of a life at sea.

George Roberts' older sister, Elizabeth Ann gave birth to a son, Harold, in 1878, who was brought up in the family home at Pottergate. Though George & Harold were Uncle and Nephew they were more like brothers it was said. Harold being my husband's Grandfather, hence the stories of a much loved George Robert were regaled to me by the older generation who'd known him. Though the story told by different members of the family, even a disconnected member about GR and the Titanic (see *Metcalfe:History of the Clan*, page 220), it was discounted by his direct descendants.



In 1987 I obtained from the Guildhall Library details of GR's career from the Lloyds Captains' Register, and though I treasured this list painstakingly copied from the Register in pencil, I filed it away too well in my family history box files! I am so very grateful therefore to the Keeper of Manuscripts at the Guildhall Library, City of London for sending me another copy from the microfilm, ref Guildhall Library Ms 18569/29.

This list may be of interest to society members researching the movement of their forbears to Australia or America, it also gives some interesting add on pieces of information along the timeline of the voyages.(I enclose a copy for The Metcalfe Society to hold.) It amazes me to see the number of trips he made across the oceans.

Just out of curiosity I popped the name of his first ship, the Moel-y-Don, in Google and was astonished to see a ref to it at the State Library of Victoria (and also Queensland) with photographs. We never thought we'd look at the actual ship he sailed to Australia in as Mate in 1895, a beautiful three masted barque. Just wonderful. Another case of don't ever think there's nothing more to discover. **Valerie Metcalfe M61** (Val.met@hotmail.co.uk)

WORLD WAR I QUIZ

At this years Muster Stuart Tate spoke about World War I soldiers.

To accompany the talk there was a quiz.

Now is your chance to see how good your knowledge is of the period. (Answers page 36.)

1. WW1 was commonly known as The xxxxx War.
2. Who was the Prime Minister of Australia?
3. What was the name of the process of burning lice? bice / chatt / talk.
4. Where did soldiers sleep in the trenches?
5. The USA was brought into the war by the sinking of which ship?
6. Which is the correct spelling of the German airship - zepalin / zeppelin / zepilin / zeppilin?
7. What was the name given to those who refused to fight?
8. Which country did Germany invade as part of the Schlieffen Plan?
9. Which rifle was most commonly used by the British Army?
10. Name the Treaty that ended WW1.
11. What is ANZAC an acronym for?
12. Name the terrorist group whose actions lead to the start of WW1.
13. To the nearest 1,000 how many died during the battle of the Somme?
14. What was the name of the British armed forces leader?
15. Which army was the first to use tanks?
16. Name the battle in which chlorine gas was first used.
17. To the nearest million, what was the total death-toll in WWI?
18. Where was the Allies 1st victory on the western front?
19. What was "Blighty" the nick-name for?
20. Buglers from which Fire Brigade have played the Last Post every night since 1919?
21. Which carol did British and German troops in neighbouring trenches, allegedly sing together on Christmas Eve?
22. In which year were relatives of the 306 soldiers executed by the British Army, finally allowed to march alongside WWI veterans to the London Cenotaph?
23. Name the campaign fought to gain control of the Dardanelles.
24. Aboard what form of transport was the Armistice document signed.
25. Who was the British Secretary of State for War?
26. Where was the 1st modern warfare amphibious operation launched?
27. Name the line that the Germans pulled back to in March 1917.
28. To the nearest thousand what was the estimated Russian death-toll?
29. Who was 1st Lord of the Admiralty at the start of the War?
30. Was the R.A.F. formed before, during or after WW1?

I was interested to read about Mr R Metcalf of Shepherd's Lodge farm, Arkengarthdale (Mecca News 85, p2). There is a photograph on the website www.swaledale-sheep.com/html/hist.shtml of 3 Swaledale rams and 3 men. The men are Dick Metcalf, Clifford Harker and James Harker. The same photograph of sheep and men is to be found in a wonderful book *Arkengarthdale, a Moment in Time: Celebrating the Dale in 2000*. Does anyone know where I can get a copy?

My father Christopher (Kit) J Metcalfe visited Shepherd's Lodge from Bishop Auckland, Co Durham, (or Shildon) many times as a boy, helping on the farm and shooting game. We assume Kit went by train, & was picked up locally.

When & why did my father Kit Metcalfe go from Co. Durham to visit a farm in the Yorkshire Dales? We don't know about the original connection between Kit's father James Henry Mte of Shildon & Shepherd's Lodge. JHM was a shoemaker, with a shop, & was much affected by the Depression. I think he had a small car and drove around the Dales (not too far from Shildon), mending the boots of farm workers. Perhaps he went to Shepherd's Lodge, & their common name initiated a long-standing friendship. We may never know.

Alison Metcalfe M1522

David Metcalfe M493 writes "I hope that the following information about Henry Metcalfe one of the seaman mentioned in Mrs Reith's "In The Navy" list MN85 Page 30 may be of some interest to readers.

Henry was my Great Great Uncle, the 2nd son of Henry and Mary Crosbie (Lumley) Metcalfe. He was born on the 15th April 1864 in Richmond and in 1871 he and his family were living in McFarlands Yard behind the Kings Head. 1881 found him on leave and staying with his Aunt & Uncle, Jane & Hugh Claughton in Guiseley, along with his elder sister Clara Jane.

Henry joined the Royal Navy on the 13th October 1879 when he joined HMS St Vincent a training ship for boys moored permanently at Haslar, Gosport Hampshire as a Boy of the Second Class. He was given leave from the 1st April 1880 until 2nd September when he rejoined St Vincent as a Boy of the First Class until 7th January 1881. Christmas 1879 he received a "Pay Down" payment of £5 and at Christmas 1880 he received £2 10s. On the 8th of January 1881 he joined HMS Duke of Wellington, a 120 gun First Rate Ship of the Line, on which he served until the 16th June. He was then transferred to the Troopship HMS Wye which took him to the Mediterranean to join HMS Alexandra a Broadside Ironclad vessel on the 5th July. Henry sadly died on the 14th August 1881 from Heat Apoplexy and was laid to rest in Tirmini Sicily."

Omission. In Mecca News 85 page 6 (August 2008) due to layout issues the website for viewing Metcalfe Town in Victoria Australia was omitted. To see the town on line go to www.maldoncastlemaine.com/?id=metcalfe

Ref Cambridgeshire Metcalfes (MN85 page33). Information regarding the tombs of the Metcalfes in churchyard of church near Inglethorpe Hall Cambridgeshire/Norfolk. The tomb holds the remains of:

Charles Metcalfe
bc1820

Mary Metcalfe - wife of
Charles;

Frederic Moorhouse
Metcalf b1843 d1918;

Mary Florence Metcalfe
- wife of Frederic b1843
d 1918, Married 1878.

Her maiden name was
Meetkerke from

Rushden Hertfordshire. The Meetkerke family originated from Flanders Belgium and during Queen Elizabeth I reign was Dutch Ambassador.

(See Mecca News 78 - April 2006, page 10 for an article on the family by Robert - Ed.) **Robert Metcalfe M1207.**



your e-mails and letters

London Bookseller

One of the most obscure late 17th/early 18th century Roman Catholic booksellers is Thomas Metcalfe, born about 1669 in Bloomsbury, London. His father was John Metcalfe from Otterington, Yorkshire, later attorney in Richmond. Thomas was apprenticed to another RC London bookseller, named Matthew Turner in 1686. Thomas himself was active as a London bookseller in the 1690's and the first decades of the 18th century. In the PRO there is a will of a Thomas Metcalfe living at Watten in Flanders, dating to 1750, but we are not sure whether that concerns 'our' Thomas or his son.

Dr Jos Blom Radboud University Nijmegen The Netherlands.

Muster Success

My thanks to you and your colleagues for all your efforts in organising a truly successful and enjoyable Muster. The buffet lunch was extremely good, and the tour of Gayle Mill was really interesting. Thanks to the coach driver, I avoided the floods by returning to Kendal via Ingleton! Best Wishes **Richard Metcalfe-Gibson M854.**

Lesley. Thank you for arranging for our excellent lunch at the Museum. We had a great day. Sorry you had to chase us up for a late booking. We had a nice supper at the Pantry later on, on a very wet evening. Regards **Doug and Hilary Jefferies M1510.**

MUSTER 2009

Will be held at Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes, Wensleydale on **Saturday 3 October 2009.** NOTE your diaries NOW!

First some good news! Let us face it, as I write this in October, there is plenty of very serious and bad news in the newspapers and the media generally. Peter Dobson, our editor and the Society, in August, won the Best One Name Societies category for 2007 in The Federation of Family History Societies' Elizabeth Simpson Award. The award certificate was displayed at our Annual Muster in October and can be seen in this edition of Mecca News. Congratulations to everyone involved in achieving this well deserved Award!

The current economic uncertainty and lack of confidence in banks reminded me of the 19th century bank collapses and the associated scandals linked with the Railway boom of the mid-century. I would refer anyone interested to an excellent book I purchased many years ago entitled "*Banking in Yorkshire*" by W.C.E.Hartley, published by Dalesman books. It contains a fascinating exploration of how small private banks were set up, eventually becoming joint stock companies and ultimately the large institutions we all know today. In many ways, the current lack of confidence emulates what happened in the 19th century.

Chairman's Jottings

Metcalfe's were involved!

William Metcalfe of Sessay Park, near Thirsk, farmer and banker, recorded in his diary in 1797 how he set off for York and "...*was much astonished when I got there to be informed the Newcastle and Durham banks were stopt* (sic)." William had assisted Swann Clough & co in York to extend "...*their business into the farming districts*" according to Hartley.

The Muster this year, apart from torrential rainfall during the day, went very well and was well attended. It looks as if the committee were correct in thinking that you prefer to have our event in October rather than September. We have booked the Museum Hall again for next October.

2008 marks the 90th Anniversary of Armistice Day on 11th November 1918 and we had a special series of very interesting displays on Metcalfe's who fought in various parts of the world in the Great War. Thanks particularly to Margaret Hodgson for this. Our speaker was chosen to give us an insight into the lives of soldiers who joined up and fought in that great conflict.

I looked at the Commonwealth Graves Commission Website (www.cwgc.org) whilst preparing these notes. You can search the index, as I did, for Metcalfe (and variants) and then see more details of the deceased, often including an age, a home address and next of kin. The location of the grave, where known, is detailed, or if there is none, where the memorial to the individual can be found. Online links to the cemetery records are very helpful, with plans and photographs of the site and a brief explanation of the fighting that occurred. I would urge any of you who have not done so to try it. Even if you have used the site before it seems to have additional features. I had not appreciated that the same site includes details of civilian deaths too (largely from World War Two). There are 18 Metcalf(e) entries many of whom died from bombing.

There is one entry for our family name for the First World War: namely that of George Metcalf, who was a Canteen Steward on the battle cruiser HMS Invincible. He died on 31 May 1916. He was 28, the husband of Phoebe and the son of John and Mary Ann Metcalf, of Grimsby. He died when the ship was sunk during the Battle of Jutland. Over 1,000 men died. The ship was the flag ship of Rear Admiral the Hon. Sir Horace Lambert A. Hood.

Turning next to less belligerent events at the Annual General Meeting, I am pleased to say that the committee was re-elected including our editor, secretary, treasurer and myself as chairman. Thank you to everyone who voted us as officers for another 12 months! I couple this with thanks to the whole committee; I have said before that we are extremely fortunate to have such a good team of volunteers on the committee. I know how devoted they are to the Society and it is appreciated.

We intend to make available to members more information from our archives online. Carol our treasurer and webmaster (webmistress?) expounded during the AGM upon what we can do and most importantly how its integrity and security can be maintained. Those present were suitably impressed! 2009 should see several pieces of data being made available. We can always make room for additional volunteers, especially those with time to enter records onto our computer databases.

I hope you all have a good Christmas and that 2009 will to be a happier one than 2008 has proved to be.

David Lambert M11

Medieval Online

The John Rylands Library in Manchester has started to put its Middle English collection online. The first forty digitally reproduced document will be available from the end of 2009 with more to follow.
See
www.library.manchester.ac.uk

Where Are You?

Nonconformist records are now online. If you have problems in finding those elusive ancestors perhaps the pre 1837 records at the National Archives can help.

Details available at
www.BMDRegisters.co.uk.

Manchester Revealed!

The water damaged 1851 Census for Manchester is to be subjected to new light technology under the auspices of Ancestry.co.uk.

The new research is designed to pick up those thousands of entries still not yet deciphered.

No time frame on the availability of the retrieved information has been given.

The Manchester & Lancashire FH Society's members spent thirteen years retrieving water damaged information from the census and their findings are available from the society at www.mlfhs.org.uk. Ed.

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) Thomas wrote of the family's departure for Australia on 4 June 1853 and their interesting if relatively uneventful voyage into the Indian Ocean. Part 2 (Mecca News 85) vividly recalled the ship running aground and breaking up, marooning the passengers and crew on Amsterdam Island a small volcanic island in the Southern Indian Ocean. After managing to survive on the desolate rocky island for six days a boat was sighted.

Part 3 - "The hour of deliverance had come."

Wednesday 31st August. I hastened back and was in time to see the boat. It was at a distance from us. It turned around and made us understand we were to follow on. We hastened to the tent and finished eating the remaining part of our provisions and bound up our bundles. I had Amanda tied upon my back. Lucy and Alice had flannel tied around their feet having no shoes. We all had two or three shirts on us. Mrs Medcalf took Alice by the hand. Mr Vollor had one of his children tied upon his back. Mr Flist took another of them. The other children walked with Mrs Vollor, Mrs Hermaman, the Captain's lady, and a few others.



by the way. The night came on early, it being wintertime. We laid ourselves down, having made a cover with the rushes to protect us as well as we could. We slept soundly but awoke covered with hailstones, a heavy storm having set in during the night. We arose early next morning and set off afresh upon our journey.

We set out with the hope we should reach the vessel and be safe by night, considering we had about two miles to go and having started without any provisions except one tin of herrings containing about three dozen, proceeded slowly on our journey, finding it very difficult to travel through reeds higher than ourselves, and the rocks which were very rugged. We were often obliged to rest our wearied frames and drink of the streams

September 1st. We were met by Smith, a man from the ship who had been sent by his Captain to tell us where we could embark. He cheered us on, telling us he had plenty of provisions and a fire. He said we would be sure to see the fire and could not miss our way. During the day we often had to stop and rest in consequence of the toil and labour it required to walk over the rocks and reeds. .Passing on we saw a high

rock. Then we hoped to see the much desired ship. We reached the rock, and being obliged to ascend it sometimes upon our hands and knees. We reached the top of it but to our sorrow we then found we had to descend this and ascend another, almost as difficult. This was accomplished but we could see no ship.

We continued onward and then began to feel the want of water. The sun was very hot; we could only walk for about a quarter of an hour at the time and then sit down to rest. Wearied, nature now told us we had gone far enough. We commended ourselves to God and soon fell asleep. This was the first night rain did not fall since we had been upon the top of the rock.

Friday 2nd September. We arose early that morning and could see the smoke of the fire. This gave us hope. We proceeded with our three water bottles, which we filled when we came to a stream. When we got to the fire we found no provisions there. Smith had arrived overnight and he thought we should have been able to have done the same. He had kept up a good fire for us.

We now cooked the remainder of the herrings. This was one herring for each adult and three quarters for each child. During the fatigue of the three days journey it is most remarkable that during the whole of the time since the day that we were wrecked, we did not feel the pangs of hunger. This fire, Smith had given us to understand was on our road that we might rest there for the night. We then passed through a cabbage plantation where we saw the encampment situated in a most

picturesque spot, like Gentleman's Park. Here we found the sailors had arrived and made themselves a good hut, but we found no provisions. After we had made a hut we partook of a few cooked cabbage leaves. Mrs Vollor having offered up prayers, we laid ourselves down to rest.

Saturday, 3rd September. Other passengers continued to arrive. They, like ourselves, received no assistance from the sailors. We collected a quantity of decayed wood and found it of great assistance in kindling the fire which we much required to add to our comfort. The cabbage plants were the only food we had to subsist on, except a few limpets, a shell fish we found on the beach; but these were very scarce.

We still lived the same on **Sunday(4 September)**. Many were our anxious prayers and thoughts on this day. We prayed that the wind might change and become more calm, and so permit the vessel to land. Perhaps you will ask, how did the dear children exist under these trials. My only reply is "*God sustained them*", for I can assure you, not a murmur escaped their lips.

On **Monday morning (5 September)** she arrived about 12 o'clock and sent three boats to the place for embarking, with more pork and biscuits. This place was about two miles from our encampment. The pork was given to us but we had no time to cook it. We ate it uncooked and packed up our few things ready to set off on our journey as before.

We reached the spot, long enough to be remembered by us. *The hour of deliverance had come.* Here we beheld the rocks forming the beach about 400 yards in circumference, with the boats and their crews awaiting our arrival, with a bag of biscuits and also a tub of uncooked pork.

Our sailors had also arrived first, so up to the last we received no assistance from them, but plenty of abuse. The little spot presented a busy scene, one party after another arriving, while the first boats took the mothers and children, then the married men, and then the single, until all were taken.

The ship was a whaler, the "Monmouth" from America. The Captain was Isaac Ludlow, his very soul was touched with pity and he received us with the greatest kindness and invited 'us to partake of the provisions he had prepared for us. An ample supply of rice, beef, pork, yams, sweet potatoes and biscuits. His men also seemed to partake in the same kindly feeling of their captain. We felt that we were welcome, for nothing was left undone that could be done for our comfort. indeed it was surprising to us how the captain could receive so many with so short a notice and yet put himself to so little inconvenience. It was easy to see the discipline carried out was very different from what we had been accustomed to. It was a temperance vessel. A large barrel of water was always on deck, to which all had access. No spirits were to be seen or had. Everything was done with order, quietness and regularity, the captain him-

"awaiting our arrival"



self assisting at the ropes, taking the whole management on himself, not leaving it to others.

The Captain found that one young man named Peel, was left upon the island. He sent four men with a good supply of provisions to look for him., being determined not to leave till he had every one on board.

In conversing with the captain, I found he had directed his course round the island of Amsterdam three weeks before his usual time. Here again is the hand of God manifested in his dealings towards us.

On **Friday, September 9th** the captain made for the island to fetch Mr Peel and the men. We passed by the fatal spot where we had been wrecked. There still remained pieces of the scattered barque and packages to indicate that a melancholy event had taken place. We still proceeded, having in view the route we had taken, here and there forcibly reminded of the severe trials we had passed through; the two high rocks calling forth feelings of gratitude that we had been enabled to ascend and

descend them to safety. When we reached the cabbage plains we saw the flag hoisted. Two boats were lowered, the captain in the first. We watched the boats with anxiety and could see persons moving on the island. We saw the boats making for the ship. They came on deck. All were now saved. Three cheers were given for the captain, three for the men. Mr Peel we found in very exhausted state, and the men had endured great hardship in carrying him across the mountains.

The captain now decided to make for the Mauritius. We left ourselves in his hands, although we should have preferred going to Sydney. Our voyage was very pleasant, but not a quick one. The winds being very contrary. We made the island on Monday 26th September and landed on Tuesday in less than an hour.

Few mercies came to me. A gentleman who is President of the Board of Commerce (A. Wilke, esq.) came and invited me to go with him. We went to his office at the warehouse, he being one of the first merchants on the island. He then sent us to his home in a carriage. When we arrived he was there to receive us. We were all soon supplied with garments, so that we might begin to look like ourselves. We have continued at his house and we are to do so until we leave the island which may not be for another fortnight, and this is the **14th October**. We expect that the vessel that will take us from here will go first to Melbourne, stay a few days there, and then go to Sydney.

A subscription is set going for the benefit of all of us who were wrecked. It might reach £1,000. A large building called the "Lazeret" was appointed by the Governor for the accommodation of the rest of the passengers, where most of them now are. Some have found friends; some have money and have been able to take lodgings. The government allows me 10/- a day for myself and family.

I hope to write again from this island to give you some account of it. I am sorry to say Lucy feels the effect of the warm climate, which I trust she will soon overcome when we set sail. Otherwise we are all very well. Mrs Medcalf, Arthur, Marion, Lucy, Charles, Alice, Amanda and myself send our love to you and we are quite enjoying ourselves.

We also present our kind regards to our friends. We much regret the loss of so many kind presents we had received. I shall be glad if Mr Weston will let my friends in Birmingham know that the letters they gave me are all lost. But if they will write again and forward them to my brother at Ware, he will enclose them in a package he will be sending me. I shall be happy to carry out their wishes.

I now conclude with the language I commenced with, "*Bless the Lord, on my soul and forget not all his mercies*".

I remain,
Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Yours affectionately,
Thos. Medcalf



THE METCALFE SHIELD



At the recent Muster **Dr Tony Harris M1105** provided the following letter.

Letter to Wharton Metcalfe from John Henry Metcalfe

28 Well Walk, Hampstead

7 Feb 1874

Sir,

I regret that I have not as yet any copies of the prospectus to send you but if you would like me to send a copy of the chart itself for you and Mr Hall to examine at your leisure I shall be pleased to do so.

There was until lately the shield of Metcalfe in the east window of St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth, Wensleydale but I have never before heard of any crest in stained glass. Whitaker in his "History of Richmondshire" mentions the shield only - therefore the crest which you name must have disappeared before his time if it were ever in the window at all. I should like to know from what source you obtained the information.

The satyr crest is on a pedigree of Metcalfe in the Harl(?) m.s.s. in the British museum and it was once to be seen carved on one of the posts of the staircase of the Red House near York. This house was built by Sir Henry Slingsby temp. Charles I and he decorated the posts of his staircase with the crests of his brothers-in-law and special friends. His sister Elizabeth was wife to Sir Thomas Metcalfe of Nappa Knt., commonly called the "Black Knight of Nappa" from an armed attack which he once made on Raydale House. The church in Wensleydale which you say was built by one of the Metcalfes is at Askrigg. The Chantry of St. Anne in the church of St Oswald was founded by James Metcalfe who was at Agincourt and he probably contributed largely to the building of the church. The glass from Aysgarth Church to which you refer is now in my possession and I shall be happy to show it to you when you come to London.

Aysgarth Church was, about ten years since, "restored" as I suppose

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NOTE: It appears that in the 1870's a number of what were deemed to be the Senior branches of the Metcalf/e Clan were attempting to tie their descendancy into the earlier documentation relating to the Metcalfe family of Nappa. From "*Metcalfe Records*" collected and arranged by Walter & Gilbert Metcalfe in 1891 (*available from the Society see www.metcalf.org.uk*) John Henry Metcalfe had in 1871 "...produced a "*Genealogical Table*" shewing the descent of "many families" among others that of Metcalfe,...". Later in 1878 he had produced a *Pedigree of the Metcalfes of Nappa* in Dr Whitaker's "*History of Craven*". During the same period Mr Joseph Foster produced a number of family tree publications including in 1874 three volumes of "*Pedigrees of the County Families of Yorkshire*" which covered the senior branches of the Metcalfe family. Walter and Gilbert were not complimentary of these renditions, indeed were positively scathing of their content but this may be because they were also producing a similar publication!

the architect would call it. To speak plainly it was barbarously destroyed and the present church is entirely new. There were two shields in the east window, Metcalfe argo 3 calves sable and Scrope of Bolton, argo a ??? impaling Neville, opules(?) a saltire argo (?) Fortunately I was in Wensleydale when the new church was nearly finished and as I could not find the old shields I made inquiries about them and at last found them much broken in a box. I wrote to the vicar and the architect and after much trouble and importunity I got a reply to the effect that the vicar did not intend to have the old shields of arms replaced in the new east window, but that they should be put in a side window. Finally he refused to go to any expense in the matter. I offered to have the shields releaded and repaired myself but my offer was declined, and finding that the old glass was looked upon by this Goth of a person as sheer rubbish, I at last induced the architect to let me have the fragments. So the shield which had been in the east window for about four centuries is there no longer, not being worthy of a place in the wretched modern window.

Mr Scrope of Danby Hall got possession of the other shield through my help and it is now in his chapel at Danby. I had the fragments placed between two pieces of glass and releaded and the shield now hangs in my window. I have had several copies of it made for men of my name and I am now sending one out to India to Mr Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, the nephew of the late Lord Metcalfe, who takes great interest in family history. You will see his name in the list of my subscribers.

In haste to san? the post. I am faithfully yours, John Henry Metcalfe.

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 In 1998 the Society received on loan a notebook from Mrs Angela Holt of Sheffield which contained notes of copied Metcalfe family trees. Inside there were the following comments "*The preceeding notes are from a Pedigree of the Metcalfe snr families compiled, written & emblazoned by John Henry Metcalfe, 12 Alfred Place, Thurloe Sqr, South Kensington, London, from whom copies may be had.*" The notes also say "*John Henry Metcalfe Gentln.the compiler of this Pedigree, son of John Metcalfe a Captn. in the Military Service of the Hon East India Coy. on their Establishment of Fort, St George & grandson of the Revd. Francis Metcalfe M.A. Rector of Kirkbride Cy Cumb: & Vicar of Rudston Cy York. now represents the younger branch of the Metcalfes of North Allerton.*"

Wharton Metcalfe was seemingly interested in and corresponding with JH concerning his publication and all things Metcalfe. **Editor.**



Mecca Newspaper Cuttings

Top Cop. Senior South Tyneside (Tyne&Wear) policeman **David Metcalfe** retired after 30 years in the force. The Chief Inspector spent his whole career with the Northumbria force latterly helping to set up the force's neighbourhood policing scheme in South Tyneside. *From (Newcastle Evening Chronicle) www.chroniclelive.co.uk supplied by Mrs Maisie Bell.*

Paella Pandemonium. Actress **Jennifer Metcalfe** who plays Mercedes McQueen in the *Hollyoaks* soap on British TV had to flee a fight which degenerated into a shooting at a nightclub near Marbella in southern Spain. *From The Daily Mail August 2008, supplied by Jose Gay M816.*

Stopping Train. GNER railway chief executive **Jonathan Metcalfe** presented the City of York MP Hugh Bayley with a Great North Eastern Railway crest from one of the company's railway carriages in recognition of his work for the local railway industry. *From York Press 23 January 2008 supplied by Lillah Chapman M218.*

Bah! Humbug. Kevin Rudd, Australian PM has been told, by **Rory Medcalf** of the Lowy Institute, that he needs to "sort out his muddled policies" put forward at the opening of the 2020 Summit. He went on to say the Rudd Government needed to offer more than "great expectations". *From Western Australian 26/27 April 2008.*

Who are you? Australia was expected to introduce a citizenship test on 17 September 2008; so said **Andrew Metcalfe** Immigration Department Secretary when appearing before an Australian Senate inquiry. Another **Metcalf** this time a **David** was also present at the inquiry! *From the Advertiser 17 July 2007. Both supplied by Patricia M Pearson M1596.*

Feast or Famine-Beware. Those of us who diet then food binge could be heading for an early grave so said Professor **Neil Metcalfe** of Glasgow University. In tests on stickleback fish, who were overfed then given restricted feeding, it was found that the piscatorials had a 25% reduced lifespan. *From UK Metro April 2008.*

Obese Metabolic Rate. Another Glasgow University study this time on zebra finch birds found that switching the birds from a low to a high protein diet during their growth period caused a metabolic rate increase of 20%. Professor **Neil Metcalfe** of the University commented that increases in metabolism had been linked to obesity in people. *From Manchester Evening News (MEN) 9 April 2008.*

Peak Performance. Singer Lloyd Cole interviewed by journalist **Matt Metcalfe** about his UK concert tour which was performing in the singers home town of Chapel-en-le-Frith in Derbyshire's Peak District. *From MEN 17 April 2008. All three supplied by David Lambert M11.*

A Ghost in my House. The Red Lion pub in Pontefract claims to be the most haunted hostelry in Yorkshire. Landlord **Toby Metcalfe** said "...it is not uncommon for glasses to fly off tables...it depends what mood the ghosts are in..." *From Yorkshire Evening Post 22 March 2007 supplied by Robert Metcalfe M15.*

ADA'S STORY

Chris Metcalfe M1480 writes "In 1987 Dr Robert Metcalfe, M.D. completed a biography of his mother, Mrs. Ada Kennedy Metcalfe, which contained many stories and first hand accounts of ranch life on the Great Plains of the mid-west America. The biography covers the years between 1884 and 1974, however I have excerpted the references of her marriage to Tom Metcalfe, son of William Metcalfe of Burtersett, covering 1910 until 1924. A complete text of this biography is available in the Metcalfe Society Library."

Around St.Valentine's Day 1910, Ada met a young engineer. Indeed the meeting changed Ada's life. The engineer was Thomas William Metcalfe. He had been born in York County, England. In 1885 his parents had come by ship to America with three children: Tom was four years of age; Mary Elizabeth three; Matthew Thwaites only three months upon arrival. The Metcalfe family had promptly moved to Colorado, near the colourful foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Tom's father, William, was skilled in rock quarrying and sold red stone for local building and construction, especially at the newly founded Agricultural College of Colorado in Fort Collins. Some of these buildings still stand almost a hundred years later. William became a citizen by 1897, and by 1912 had acquired 320 acres of homestead ranch lands in northern Colorado.

Thomas Metcalfe was a scholarly youth and attended the local Agricultural College, graduating in the eighteenth commencement on June 1901. The twenty-two students of the graduating class called themselves the "Twentyeth Century Class" and modestly had for the class motto, "Quality, Not Quantity". After graduation Tom helped in business with his father, and later assisted his parents in moving the twenty miles to their new homestead ranch near Carr, Colorado. The home they built was a rather large concrete building sunk five or six feet into the prairie soil, with a flat roof. It was well protected from heavy cold winds. The upper level was never completed and the remains of the home still stand seventy years later on Highway No. 85; reminders of people who had the courage, even in late years, to try agricultural living in the dry land. By 1910, the two brothers Tom and Matt, as they were called, had also homesteaded in two adjacent plots located six miles south of the ranch of their parents. The two Metcalfe brothers owned 640 acres, a full square mile section. Between the two houses was a man-made shallow pool to hold water coming down from the long east ridge when there was rain.

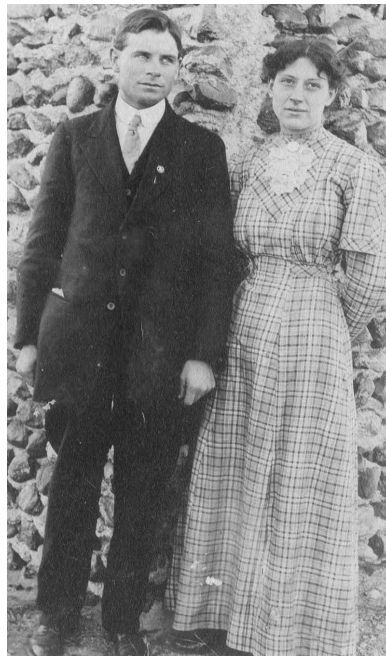
The Union Pacific Railroad had established a new line from Cheyenne to Denver, with formation of a town, Carr, where water would be available for steam engines. Carr became much more; a local shopping center, a post office, and a station to make train trips to Denver or Cheyenne or further. In its heyday, Carr's population was a hundred. It provided supplies, news, mail and political activity for the many homesteaders. Carr was only five miles from the Metcalfe ranches and easily accessible even on horse, or buggy, or walking. In a few years, a new interstate highway was planned to

extend from Denver to Cheyenne. This new highway would pass within sight of the three Metcalfe ranches. Families along the highway were also given cash for scraping the dirt road repeatedly to avoid deep ruts and poor drainage.

The Western call to be yourself, and to have a hope toward a great future changed Ada. She became a good horse rider, and was known in the community for accuracy in the killing of rattlesnakes with her .22 rifle. Transportation first was saddled horses, then wagons, then buggies. There were few roads in the prairie, and fences were very scarce. There was plenty of open space. Dumping empty cans on the open land served as markers for Ada to get from a homestead hut on to another. Toward the west the beautiful range of snow-capped mountains was usually visible and a help to find the right direction. Gradually double guttered trails were formed and even some official rural dirt roads.

Ada, in full health, and at the age of 27, married Thomas Metcalfe, age 30, on October 18, 1911 in Denver, Colorado. Tom's brother Matthew, in May of that same year, married Lillian Christiansen. By 1912, children began being born to both Metcalfe families; four to Tom and three to Matthew. These were happy productive years that both families remembered with great fondness. Also, two major changes had happened at Tom and Ada's ranch. First, a new comparatively spacious dwelling was completed and moved into. Its walls held back the heavy winds and beneath it was a cellar for storing vegetables and for use as a photo laboratory. The second, was a radical change which came about when Tom bought the family's first automobile, a Model T Ford. Ford cars cost \$900.00 to purchase up until this time, however, due to Henry Ford's creation a year earlier of the assembly line, the cost had reduced to \$290.00, an amount well within the average working person to afford.

On November 1916, while Tom was driving his Ford "Tin Lizzie" the top-heavy vehicle flipped on its side while crossing a dry creek bed. There were no injuries except for a minor cut on one of Tom's knees. Tom covered the cut, turned "Lizzie" upright, and drove home. About three weeks later, Tom took Ada and their youngest baby to Cheyenne for an examination. While there, the doctor noticed the cut on Tom's knee and upon examination diagnosed the lesion as blood poisoning. For ten days Tom lingered in the hospital talking of the happy past and future



plans, but on the last day of November the infection overcame him and he quietly died. Tom's children were allowed to come into the hospital room, but they were too young to carry any direct memories of their father.

Ada had experienced family death but none as traumatic as this loss. Years later she wrote that "*future without him was heartbreaking*". In another later essay she wrote "*But then came the night, the lonely long nights and the wind, always the prairie wind, whistling, whining, moaning into every corner of the ranch home*". Ada and her four children continued to live in their prairie home until 1924 when drought and falling grain and cattle prices forced them to sell and move to Denver Colorado.

(See also Metcalfe's of Fort Collins - Mecca News 84 page

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The Multi - Mecca Tree

For those Members listed who are prepared to pay to the Metcalfe Society £10, (and to obtain for themselves a copy of 'Generations Family Tree', [details below]) a CD bearing over 13,000 connected individuals will be made available.

This tree includes a connection to the Royal Family via a marriage between the Harewood House Lascelles and the Porch House Metcalfes.

Members known to be connected to Multi-Tree:- 6, 28, 33, 44, 50, 54, 55, 62, 63, 65, 69, 84, 86, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 106, 108, 119, 129, 141, 142, 155, 159, 173, 177, 178, 180, 199, 217, 235, 255, 256, 268, 275, 277, 280, 282, 288, 296, 297, 300, 302, 305, 307, 311, 317, 321, 337, 353, 371, 384, 397, 398, 400, 403, 406, 410, 415, 419, 423, 427, 428, 439, 446, 449, 475, 510, 512, 521, 528, 538, 539, 550, 553, 554, 581, 591, 594, 597, 601, 606, 623, 639, 654, 670, 675, 676, 701, 712, 720, 769, 772, 782, 821, 824, 859, 875, 883, 896, 897, 908, 916, 967, 987, 988, 992, 993, 997, 999, 1004, 1036, 1042, 1076, 1077, 1103, 1122, 1141, 1150, 1169, 1173, 1183, 1195, 1209, 1231, 1280, 1295, 1319, 1345, 1364, 1371, 1375, 1386, 1391, 1392, 1415, 1419, 1430, 1446, 1450, 1558, 1562 ... [More recently joined Members have not been checked yet.]

To purchase the Multi-Mecca Generations disc send a £10 cheque, made out to 'The Metcalfe Society', to Mr B Metcalfe, 11 Hillcourt Road, High Lane, Stockport, SK6 8HN.

For Generations Family Tree v8.5a (XP compatible) for £19.95 contact Suppliers of Software for Family Historians, 5 Mexborough Business Centre, College Road, Mexborough, South Yorkshire, S64 9JP Fax: 0870 166 6702 & e-mail: sales@twrcomputing.co.uk or support@twrcomputing.co.uk. Tel 01709 580066

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

The situation is almost back to normal, following an extremely enjoyable Muster, in a most pleasant part of the Yorkshire Dales. It was good to have such a busy day, though this meant that there was not enough time to chat. Despite this, it was nice to meet members, even briefly, particularly when previous contact had only been via email or post. As you will see from the lists below, the Society has gained lots of new members since our last issue.

Please avail yourselves of the services the Society offers to aid your research. We have an ever growing database of "Metcalfes" and some of them could be the ones you are anxious to trace. Do please send me any information you may already have gathered, no matter how small, so that we can try to add to it. Take a look at the brief for M1756, for whom we were able to find 20 connections to previous and current members!

If you do wish to contact a previous member, the data protection regulations mean that you must first contact me. I will then ask the ex member for permission to reveal their address to you. Your research team enjoy a challenge and like to be kept busy. I would love to hear from you.

Brian Metcalfe M1554

ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS TO EXISTING BRIEFS

M1673 Mrs Linda Mader Box 50, Site 8, R.R.I, Priddis, Alberta, TOLIW0, Canada. linda.mader@davincibb.net **Connects M809 M1724 M1715 Ms Mary Jane Metcalfe** 23 Burges Road, Norwich, Norfolk NR3 2LP metcalfekids@yahoo.co.uk **Connections should read M20 M565 M602 M895 (not 85) M951 M1228.**

M1724 Mrs Linda Ellis Sycamore Cottage, Aerodrome Road, Bekesbourne, Canterbury, Kent CT4 5EX ellis490@btinternet.com The wife of Henry James Mte m Aug 1896 Salford was Mary Ellen nee Lightfoot (not Mahoney) as published in the August MN 2008. **We have also been notified of an additional connection to M1673.**

BIRTH BRIEFS FROM EXISTING MEMBERS

M1537 Mrs Sheila Preston 34 Sugar Lane, off Leeds Road, Dewsbury, West Yorkshire WF12 7AN. Dtr of Albert & Ethel (Spencer) Mte m 1Q1920 Skipton. Albert b 4Q1894 Skipton s.o. Robert William & Elizabeth Ann (Emmott) Mte m 4/2/1892 Skipton Holy Trinity. Robert W. b 1Q1870 Bell Busk, North Yks. s.o. Frederick & Jane (Knowles) Mte m 10/11/1853 Settle. Frederick b c1827 Blackburn, Lancs s.o. Christopher & Mary (Hudson) Mte m 4/5/1817 Giggleswick. Christopher bpt 25/3/1792 Giggleswick s.o. James & Sarah (Tomlinson) Mte m 27/11/1790 Giggleswick. **Connects M1475.**

M1745 Mr Graeme John Metcalf 26 Station Road, Ushaw Moor, Co Durham DH7 7PY g.metcalf@hotmail.co.uk S.o. Arthur & Nora (Nattrass) Mt m 5/9/1953. Arthur b 18/1/1930 s.o. George & Elsie (Lindsley) Mt m 21/5/1927 Durham district. George b 12/1/1899 s.o. Charles & Rachel (Roberts) Mt m 3/8/1889 Durham district. Charles b 1867 Risbridge district s.o. Caroline Md. Caroline b 1848 Stansfield, Sfk d.o. Henry & Jane (Worlledge) Md m 1848 Risbridge district. Henry b c1827 Denston, Sfk s.o. John Md (glazier).

M1748 Mr Robin N. Mitchell 20 High Street, Eynsham, Witney, Oxfordshire OX29 4HB rnmitchell@tiscali.co.uk (NB. the email address starts "rn" not "m" as shown in August MN) Grd s.o. Harold & Ada Frances (nee Metcalfe) Dowden m 1910 Fulham, London. Ada F. b 18/4/1887 Fulham d.o. Elizabeth Hammond (or Harmond) Mte b 1866 Notting Hill, London d.o. ? & Eliza (nee?) Mte. (We are still researching this brief.)

M1751 Mrs Pauline Shepherd 197 Eastwood Old Road, Leigh on Sea, Essex SS9 4SG Pollyshep@aol.com Grt x 3 grd dtr of Thomas & Elizabeth (nee Medcalf) Dearden m 22/8/1820 St Chad's, Rochdale. Elizabeth b c1802 Manchester.

M1754 Mr Trevor Richard Metcalf 6 Mill Lane, Croxton Kerrial, Grantham, Lincolnshire NG32 1RA trevor@asset-ict.com S.o. Albert Victor & Irene Mary (Towle) Mt m 1945. Albert V. b 23/6/1922 s.o. Albert Victor & Mary Ann (Murden) Mt m 1903. Albert V. b 1881 King's Lynn district. s.o. Henry Edward & Sarah Jane Burton (Arger) Mt m 1875 Spilsby district. Henry E. b 1848 King's Lynn district s.o. Henry & Elizabeth Emma (Higgins) Mt m 27/8/1846 Norwich. Henry b c1818 Norwich s.o. William & Mary Ann (Palmer) Mt m 10/7/1815 Norwich. William bpt 16/12/1792 Norwich s.o. Robert & Christian (Witherick) Mt m c1791. **Connects M14 M223 M1505.**

M1756 Mrs Diane Melvin April Cottage, Burford Road, Skipton under Wychwood, Oxfordshire OX7 6DW andrew.melvin@onetel.net Desc of William & Annas (Mte) Pratt m 30/4/1799 Grinton. Annas bpt 5/1/1782 d.o. Thomas & Annas (Binks) Mte m 16/10/1769 Grinton. Thomas b c1745 s.o. Richard Mte. Richard b c1727 s.o. Anthony & Ann (Wharton) Mte m 13/1/1718 Grinton. **Connects M119 M217 M255 M300 M302 M438 M510 M701 M782 M967 M1081 M1183 M1195 M1209 M1371 M1415 M1521 M1527 M1586 M1716.**

NEW & REJOINED MEMBERS, WITH OR AWAITING BIRTH BRIEFS

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M1761 Dr Edward Metcalfe 1 Manor Farm Road, Dorchester on Thames, Oxfordshire OX10 7HZ edmetcalfe@yahoo.co.uk S.o. Alfred & Elizabeth Anne (Green) Mte m 23/11/1935 Royton, Lancs. Alfred b 24/4/1902 Wardleworth, Rochdale s.o. Samuel & Mary Ann (Sanderson) Mte m 3Q1899 Rochdale. Samuel b 1875 USA s.o. Robert & Selina (Ainsworth) Mte m 2/6/1871 Stockport, Ches. Robert b 3/6/1847 Rochdale s.o. Robert & Alice (Rothwell) Mte m 20/10/1844 St Mary, Bury. Robert b 1818/19 Wardleworth s.o. James Mte. (We are still researching this brief.)

M1762 Mr Sidney Metcalfe 36 Tennyson Way, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire LE13 1LS. steuerungsvolke@aol.com

M1763 Mr Matthew Phillips P O Box 290, Lucindale, South Australia, 5272, Australia. m.jp.1@hotmail.com Great grandson of William Enoch & Margaret Hannah (nee Metcalf) Tonkin m 05 Jan 1884 South Australia. Margaret H. b 05 Mar 1863 Adelaide, Aus d.o. Thomas & Maria (Sill) Mt m 18 Nov 1848 at Preston Patrick, Wes, Eng. Thomas bpt 28 Mar 1824 Middleton in Lonsdale, Wes. s.o. Leonard & Isabella (Allen) Mt m 17 Feb 1816 Dent, Yks. Leonard bpt 23 Feb 1794 Dent s.o. Thomas & his 2nd wife Elizabeth (Powley) Mt m 15 Oct 1788 Dent. Thomas b c1759 bpt 16 May 1773 Dent aged 14 s.o. John Mte & ?his wife Isabella Shaw. **Connects to M520 & M930**

M1764 Mr David Johnson Holly Gill, Burton Road, Low Bentham, Lancaster, Lancashire LA2 7EW. ddjsjohnson@aol.com Great great grandson of Thomas & Mary (nee Metcalfe) Johnson m 24 Aug 1811 Thornton Steward, Yks. Mary b c1790/91. Mary believed to be Mary Binks Mte bpt 19 Aug 1790 East Witton d.o. Jane Mte of High Jervaulx (and of Edward Binks b 1770 s.o. John Binks of Finghall. Edward later changed his surname to Banks and became Sir Edward Banks). Jane bpt 3 Mar 1763 Thornton Steward d.o. Richard & Mary (?) Mte.

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M1773 Mr Ron L. Metcalf 38 Albert Road, New Milton, Hampshire BH25 6SP. metcalfwood@aol.com b Cleethorpes, Lincs s.o. Joseph Frederick & Annie (Sargeant) Mt m 1930 Grimsby area. Joseph F b 1905 Caistor, Lincs s.o. Frederick & Kate Ellen (Hickling) Mt m 1899 Louth. Frederick b 1Q1874 Grainsby, Lincs s.o. Joseph & Charlotte (Wilkinson) Mt m 2Q1871 Caistor. Joseph b c1844 Ludborough, Lincs. (We are still researching this brief.)

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 • It is with regret we report the death of •
 • **M108 Mrs Isobel Christian** •
 • We extend our sympathy to •
 • relatives and friends. •
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Short Metcalf Biographies

Arthur Metcalf was born in Sunderland, County Durham, England on Monday 8 April 1889 to Henry and Mary A Metcalf. He was one of at least eight children (4 other brothers and three sisters) who lived at 33 Robinson Terrace Hendon on the south side of the River Wear where his father was a ships rivetter.

Arthur must have been a promising footballer in his youth as after playing for three years in the Northern Alliance and North Eastern League with Hebburn Argyle and North Shields Athletic in 1909 he turned professional signing for Newcastle United. Moderately successful for the "Magpies" playing twelve times in the first team in the three years with the club he transferred to Liverpool in 1912 for £110 (a then substantial sum). Playing at inside or centre forward he scored 23 goals in 52 appearances (a not unreasonable return).

His professional career was interrupted by the First World War although he continued to play in the wartime Lancashire leagues. Not re-signed by Liverpool at the end of the War he moved on to Stockport County, Swindon Town then Accrington Stanley never staying more than a season or so whilst still scoring at the rate of two goals every five games.

Joining Aberdare Athletic in 1923 he stayed two seasons but scored few goals and with their relegation from the League he moved to his last professional team Norwich City where he played only two games. He retired in 1926 and died at the relatively young age of 46 on 9 February 1936.

Sources: Wikipedia; LFC History.net; Swindon Town FC; Hebburn Local History and Metcalf records.

Henry James Metcalfe born at St John's Wood London on 23 February 1835 to Henry and Margaret Agnes Metcalf. On the death of his father in the late 1840's the family moved north with Henry being found working in 1851 in Walsall in the Midlands as a blacksmith. He did not stay at that trade long for in early 1853 he had joined the 3rd Regiment of Foot at Oxford. His service in the regiment included that of a drummer and it may be that this experience set him on his future career. After leaving the army in 1857 he moved back to the West Midlands and there we find him in 1868 as a "composer and arranger of music for brass bands". He also produced the Brass Band Journal. The 1881 census gave his trade as a music composer and band master which he continued up until his death in 1906. At his funeral two brass bands played. Suggested by **Pat Malham M444**.

Sources: www.normanfield.com/metcalf.htm and Metcalf records.

British Evening News 29 March 1787

For sale Hunters Hall at Coverhead. Property of Ralph Nowell recently deceased. Four miles from Kettlewell in the grange of Cover Abbey, 938 acres currently let to **Mr Henry Metcalfe** at a 5 year let of £160 but recently valued at over £200 to be sold at auction in London. From **Jose Hopper M810** via Upper Dales FHS On Line Discussion Group.

Metcalf DNA project

The project has been ticking along steadily and we now have records for about 30 Metcalfes, and in several cases clear links have been established between members who previously had no documented connection. Also, in cases where a connection is known, it has enabled us to identify the relevant DNA 'fingerprint' of the common Metcalfe ancestor, which helps in building the Metcalfe tree although, in reality, there may be several trees, the older or 'original' one/s with many branches.

To move the project on to the next stage, we need to establish the 'fingerprint' of the main branches recorded by the society. So, while the project is open to all male Metcalfes (the y-DNA chromosome tested is only carried by males) we would particularly wish Metcalfes to come forward for testing from the main branches extracted from the Birth Brief Booklet.

So, we are particularly keen to hear from anyone interested in taking part who is a male Metcalfe, or has a close male Metcalfe relative willing to test who trace back through the direct male lines to the following:

George Mte, b c 1733, m Elizabeth Robinson 17 Nov 1768 Coniscliffe (M13, 29, 39, 92, 132, 246, 248, 292, 458, 546, 547, 847, 849, 855, 856, 1220, 1230, 1324)

Thomas Mte, bpt 11 Mar 1659/60 Masham, m Jane Thorpe 2 Feb 1690/1 Healey (M200, 218, 459, 593, 710, 728, 732, 759, 1226, 1600, 1601, 1602)

Stephen Mte, b 1715 Rookwith m Ellen Moody 19 Sep 1734 Thornton Watlass (M123, 165, 266, 480, 493, 522, 545, 644, 1341, 1404, 1682)

Christopher Mte b c 1712 m Mackstone/Martha Vitty 27 Jly 1751 S Cowton (M142, 180, 305, 397, 398, 428, 554, 594, 601)

Richard Mte, b c 1670 Whorlton, Cleveland, m Mary Sweet 19 Sep 1723 Hutton Rudby (M122, 261, 328, 413, 683, 1011, 1089, 1357, 1705)

James Mte bpt 10 Dec 1759 Askrigg, m Isabel Blenkiron 17 May 1790 Stalling Busk (M307, 317, 475, 591, 664, 769, 1227, 1480, 1539)

Current cost for 37 marker y-DNA test US\$149 plus carriage (circa £110)

For details, contact **Martin Metcalfe M772**

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10, Swinnate Road, Arncliffe, Leeds LA5 0HR Tel 01524 762340

Or visit web site <https://www.familytreedna.com/public/Metcalf> **29**

Blind Jack of Knaresborough

I spoke with Dr Arnold Kellett shortly before the Muster and he informed me that his book (mentioned in Mecca News 83 - December 2007) had been published at the end of July and was now available. I managed to find the book on both the amazon.com and the WH Smith websites (at a much reduced price!) and purchased a copy. I also managed to get my long suffering wife (in Metcalfe research terms!) to review the book. Editor. Published by The History Press, Stroud Glos. A5, 128 pages, £9.99.

Review

I enjoyed this book very much. Blind Jack was an amazing larger than life character who fitted more into his 92 years than several sighted people. In spite of going blind at the age of 6 years old Jack was a fiddler, gambler, hunter soldier, entrepreneur and road builder, all of these things he did well.

Arnold Kellett brings him to life in a very interesting way despite having to extract information from various sources. I recommend this book and would have liked to have met this dynamic man.

Patricia Dobson

I have just finished reading "Pies and Prejudice" by Stuart Maconie, "In search of the North". The author is a Lancastrian and wrote about the people of the North that he met as he travelled the area talking about the towns and villages with quite a bit of humour. On page 188 he refers to Blind Jack of Knaresborough building 3 turnpike roads in the late 1700s. A third of Jack's turnpikes are still in service as the modern A62.

Sheila Billot M880.

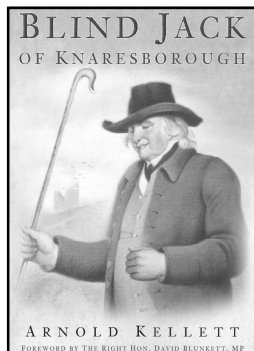
A little snippet that I came across in Quarry Management magazine dated April 2008, The Institute of Quarrying has been contacted by a group seeking to raise funds for a memorial to one of the most remarkable of the early road-building pioneers - Blind Jack... went on to construct 180 miles of roads in Yorkshire, Lancashire and Derbyshire.

I was once Quarry Manager at Masham, which is the reason how I came across this item in the QM Journal.

Reg Metcalfe M1467.

Blind Jack Statue

From Knaresborough Post - Terry Maude said: "Pledges of support have already been received, including the donation of the seat by Harrogate Borough Council. The total project cost is in the region of £30,000 and the group has set an ambitious target of raising the money over the next 12 months." Any donations will be welcome and should be addressed to the Blind Jack Statue Working Group, c/o Coun Bill Houlst, 8 Manor Road, Knaresborough, HG5 0BN via **Gary Smith M581**. The Society has already donated £50 - Ed.



The Metcalf Tartan

The wider Mecca family likes to look on itself more of a family grouping emanating from one ancestor rather than as just a family name hence the book of the history of the Metcalf/es is entitled "Metcalfes - History of the Clan".

The wish to be treated as a clan is not perhaps wide of the mark as **Graeme Metcalf (M1745)** has found a tartan for the Metcalf name. Whilst surfing the net he came across the Tartan Store website (<http://tartanstore.net>) and there for sale was a Metcalf tartan. Available in heavy weight wool, lightweight wool or pure silk, prices varied from £59.01 to £134.12 (per metre). As you see from the picture it is a mainly reddish pattern with green and blue aspects (no doubt others will be able to describe the cloth better than I!) and seems worthy to be the tartan of our illustrious clan. So next Muster I look forward to seeing at least some of you suitable attired!



Apologies to **Edwin and Elizabeth Metcalf M980** for their omission from the photo on page 31 of the August 2008 (MN85) Mecca News.

Edwin and Elizabeth were on the original but due to a technical issue at the printers the picture was shown without them.

To rectify that omission here is the photograph with Edwin and Elizabeth shown in their rightful place on the extreme right of the photograph.
Editor



The Upper Dales Family History Group

June 2008 meeting

Marion Moverley writes "Once a year the Group have an evening meeting in the Dales Countryside Museum at Hawes, to which all are welcome. This year we invited Professor Colin Pooley from Lancaster University who addressed us on the subject of "Understanding mobility and migration in the past". This can be a stumbling block for many family historians as we puzzle over where our ancestors disappeared to or from whence they came."

In addressing this topic of migration, Professor Pooley also looked at people's ability to move, their physical mobility, to see if and how this has changed over time. To investigate these patterns Colin Pooley and Jean Turnbull undertook a major piece of research in the 1990's inviting family historians to send them their family trees, noting where different generations lived and when they moved. He has also taken evidence from oral history projects, and the findings have led him to question some of the previous assumptions. The project took data from 17,000 life histories covering 200 years.

There were patterns to migration, and it was mostly in short distances, although once a person moved there was a strong likelihood that they would move again. A range of maps and statistics was able to bear out the anecdotal evidence, showing that migration was not always from rural to urban, but just as much from urban to rural. The exceptions to the rule were areas of sparse population, and maps indicating the movements out of the Scottish Highlands and the West Country showed that from these areas people had to make longer than average journeys to move to another area of population.

Individual life stories illustrated the experiences of frequent moves within a large city, and also raised the question of "when did a child leave home?" as some left at an early age and then came back again.

Professor Pooley gave us much to think about as we pondered how and why people of different occupational groups would move for work over different distances and frequencies. Migration and mobility affected three quarters of the population, but most only moved short distances. This is a subject that, as family historians, we must endeavour to understand thoroughly as it surely affects the way we do our research. Professor Pooley concluded by urging family historians and social scientists such as himself, to speak to each other more! We can learn much by looking at the general patterns and trends that social scientists discover, and fit our discoveries into the wider picture and movement of population. We also have much to offer, because we are the ones on the ground discovering exactly what individual members of the population did in the past.

Marion Moverley

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Old Mecca Bits & Bobs

From the Liverpool Mercury (www.old-liverpool.co.uk)

28 January 1814.

On Thursday 20th Mr **Mark Metcalf** to Miss Elizabeth Simcock.

2 May 1834.

On Thursday 24th at St John's Church Chester,
Mr Clement of Richmond Yorkshire, surgeon
to **Mary** second daughter of Mr **R Metcalfe** of the same place.
Yesterday (1 May) at St Augustine's Church by the Rev. Robert Davies MA,
Mr **John R Metcalf** of Kirkdale to Mary Margaret only daughter
of the late Mr Thomas Whitby of London.

From City of York & District FHS Journal September 2006.

Parker Duffield Heslington married **Eleanor Metcalfe**

at West Tanfield on 6 November 1766.

Children: James (bap 30.10.1768), Elizabeth (1771), William (1773),
Eleanor (1774), John (1775), Parker Duffield (1779) & Thomas (1783).

From North Yorkshire County Council Archives, Northallerton

(<http://archives.northyorks.gov.uk>)

Assignment 20 Nov 1755 Assignment for remainder of term -? 10

1. James Dent late of Bewerley, but now of Askrigg, shoemaker

2. **Anthony Metcalfe** of Dyke heads, Grinton, yeoman.

Reciting deed of 6 Jun 1717 by William Thornton, Christopher Walker and
John Forster, to John Cloughton, all now deceased.

A fallen house or parcel of ground on which the house stood of
Abraham Metcalfe, in Askrigg with pasture grass in Askrigg Cow pasture
in proportion to yearly rent of 1s. All formerly part of the lands of
Sir Thomas Metcalfe kt., and by him demised for 3,000 years.

Now James Dent assigns the premises, the house being since rebuilt,
together with the pasture in Askrigg Cow Pasture

To use of Edmond Tiplady and wife **Jane**, daughter of **Anthony Metcalfe**,
for their lives; and to Edmond if he survives Jane only if he remains
unmarried and continuing in tail male, whom failing to use of daughters
similarly, and for default of such issue, to **Anthony Metcalfe**, his heirs and
assigns. 1s. rent to the lord of the fee.

Signed by James Dent

Witnessed: Samuel Fearon, Anthony Fearon

Memorial registered Northallerton on 24 Dec 1755

(Vol AA p. 229, no.312)

William Walker, Deputy Registrar

PR/ ASG 2/2/2



Clockwise: 1 - "Ladies who dine." Rose & Crown Bainbridge 3.10.08. 2 - Members at the AGM. 3 - Presentation to Founder Member Mary Metcalfe M1. 4 - Hall. 5 - Overseas members, L-R: Doris & Lars Stein (M1646) - Norway, Elizabeth Metcalfe (M1648) - Canada, Eddie Metcalf (M213) - S Africa, Chris Metcalfe (M1480) - USA. 6 - Committee members setting up the hall. 7 - Members and guests at lunch. 8 - Lunch including a bird's nest (display by local youngsters!). 9 - AGM. 10 - Stuart Tate, speaker on WWI soldiers, with Society displays.



CRAZY ANCESTORS?

Not keen on change the locals tried to dissuade incomers from their beautiful village on the edge of the Dales by giving the impression they were "a few sandwiches short of a picnic". "Weird" activities included: a farmer calling for eight volunteers to assist in moving a bull over a gate into another field; a second farmer delivering a wheelbarrow by the shortest route - which involved lifting it over 25 stiles and the local band after winning a competition taking their shoes and boots off so as not to disturb villagers and then playing a rousing tune on entering the village! Strange or what?

The alleged village in question is Austwick about four miles north of Settle in North Yorkshire. In *"The Yorkshire Dales"* by Marie Hartley & Joan Inglby the village is described as *"in a nook of the bleached and rocky sides of Ingleborough .. sheltered from cutting winds and warmed by the reflection of the sunbeams"*. No wonder people want to go there. They go on to say that *"its grey stone houses straggling down lanes or round little greens, seems to welcome strangers"*. Where's the map!

However they seem to have always had a wayward streak for the ladies mention an item from the *Wensleydale Advertiser* of 30 September 1845 in which the Postmaster General was seriously displeased with the local inhabitants *"...who cut off the tail of the red coat worn by the Austwick and Settle Mail guard"*. Perhaps it is not about keeping incomers away but the villagers usual behaviour!

Needless to say Metcalfe's have lived in the village (including Jane Elizabeth Mte 1891 (M1536); Eleanor Mte 1845 (M290); James Mte 1901 (M46) and Michael Mte 1901 (M964)) and there are still others there today.

So were your ancestors part of the strange goings on at Austwick?

¹ From 'Walks in the Mysterious Yorkshire Dales' by Graham Dugdale.



NORTH YORKSHIRE QUARTER SESSION RECORDS

William King accused of assault and intent to murder.

William King late of Ellington, pulled a knife and held it on **Thomas Metcalfe**, ... with malice aforethought ... tried to kill Thomas Metcalfe ... knife value 2d.

William King held it in his right hand to the belly of Thomas Metcalfe and stabbed him and made a mortal wound three inches and depth of six inches and he instantly died.

William was described as "not having the fear of God before his eyes but being moved and seduced by the instigation of the devil...."

" 7th March 7 yr of Geo III.

Thomas Metcalfe late of Middleham, barber and peruke maker accused of stealing one leather pocket the value 1d, one piece of gold called a six shilling, and nine pence piece of the value of 6/9 and the sum of seven shillings in moneys numbered and one silk and cotton handkerchief of the value of 2/6 of the goods and chattels of Matthew Horner, privately and secretly and without the knowledge of the said Matthew Horner.

Supplied by **George Buxton M3** via Upper Dales Online Discussion Group.

IN or OUT?

The required skills and experience to allow overseas workers to seek employment in the UK was outlined by Immigration Advisory spokesman **David Metcalfe** on *BBC Radio 4 News, 8am 9 September 2008.*

Chef Connection

TV Chef Simon Rimmer has Metcalfe antecedents. His 4xGreat Grandfather Joseph Rimmer (who appears in the Liverpool Trade Directories 1800-1815 as a Cabinet Maker of Peter Street) married **Dorothy Metcalf** of Liverpool in 1799 and had six children.

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In 1880 of the 644 Metcalf/e families in the US most were in New York State.

By 1920 the states with the most Metcalf/e families were New York, Ohio, California, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri. From Ancestry.com website.

WORLD WAR I QUIZ ANSWERS (see page 9)

1. Great 2. Billy Hughes 3. Chatt 4. Lusitania 6. Zeppelin 7. Conscientious objector 8. Belgium 9. Lee Enfield 10. Versailles 11. Australia, New Zealand Army Corps 12. Black Hand Gang 13. 20,000 14. Douglas Haigh 15. British 16. 2nd Ypres battle 17. 22 million 18. Marne 19. England / UK / Britain 20. Ypres 21. Silent Night 22. 2006 23. Gallipoli 24. Railway carriage 25. Kitchener 26. Dardanelles 27. Hindenburg 28. 23,600,000 29. Winston Churchill 30. During.

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Metcalfe Buildings: Pry House Upper Wensleydale.
See *The Metcalfes of Chapel le Dale* (reviewed Mecca News 77).

Minutes of the AGM of the Metcalfe Society
Saturday 4th October 2008
Held at Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:

David welcomed approximately 90 members and guests to the 28th annual general meeting, in particular mentioning the presence of members from California, Norway and Canada.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Bill & Elizabeth Roe	Diane Howarth	Warwick & Jean Metcalfe
Valerie Metcalfe	Jean Metcalfe	Edwin & Elizabeth Metcalf
Lillah Chapman	June & Doug Cutting	David Major
Robert Metcalf	Lesley Longworth	Andrea Bryars
Pamela Robertson	Leslie Metcalfe	

3. **The Minutes of the AGM of 2007**, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5 & 6. REPORTS:

Executive reports for

Chairman:	Secretary:	Treasurer:
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had been circulated in written form to the meeting. The reports were all accepted by the meeting without alteration. David Lambert congratulated Peter Dobson as editor on the 'Mecca News' winning the Elizabeth Simpson award for magazines for one name societies. A volunteer was asked for regarding running the library. Volunteers were also requested to join the Committee. Diane Howarth had earlier resigned and thanks were expressed for the work she had done.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2009:

- The meeting agreed unanimously that there would be no increase in subscription rates for the coming year.

8. ELECTIONS:

- David Lambert was re-elected as Chairman, Ena Metcalfe as Secretary, Carol Herbert as Treasurer and Peter Dobson as Editor.
- The rest of the Committee was unanimously re-elected: Margaret Hodgson; Jose Hopper; Lesley Longworth; Brian Metcalfe; David Metcalfe; Edwin Metcalf

9. PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS:

The audited accounts had been circulated in written form and Carol further explained details. There was a vote of thanks to Carol Herbert for the work which had gone into these.

10. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

Following due process, the meeting approved the re-appointment Kiggin & Co. as auditor.

11. A.O.B:

- A volunteer was asked for to scan in newspaper clippings, which can then be made available via the website.
- There was discussion regarding coordinating all project work being undertaken by members of the Society. A project sub-committee is likely to be formed. Carol explained how the central database works and the process by which members can input data into this.
- There was some discussion of the DNA project.

The meeting was closed at 12-05pm

12. DATE OF 2009 AGM: Saturday 10th October 2009 at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes

THE METCALFE SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5th APRIL 2008

ASSETS	2,008.00	2,007.00
COST		
Printers	538.73	538.73
Copier	410.08	410.08
Copier (2)	293.74	293.74
Computers, Printer, Workstation & Software	2,942.15	2,942.15
Filing Cabinets	338.84	338.84
Printers	149.99	149.99
Scanner	149.99	149.99
Copier	117.48	117.48
	<u>4,941.00</u>	<u>4,941.00</u>

LESS DEPRECIATION

Printers (25% on cost)	538.73	538.73
Copier (25% on cost)	410.08	410.08
Copier (25% on cost)	293.74	293.74
Computers, Printer, Workstation & Software (10% on cost)	2,942.15	2,942.15
Filing Cabinets	338.84	338.84
Printers (10% on cost)	120.00	105.00
Scanner (10% on cost)	120.00	105.00
Copier (25% on cost)	117.48	117.48
	<u>4,881.02</u>	<u>4,851.02</u>

NET BOOK VALUE ASSETS

	59.98	89.98
DEBTORS (suppliers paid after 05/04/08)	1,338.11	45.00
BANK BALANCES		
Barclays	6,401.09	2,356.42
Scottish Widows	7,227.95	6,880.05
Cash Floats	118.20	50.00
Paypal	362.35	
	<u>15,507.68</u>	<u>9,421.45</u>

Date:

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

LIABILITIES

MAIN FUND	2008	2007
SURPLUS BROUGHT FORWARD		
Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year	9421.45	8839.48
Surplus of Expenditure over Income for the year	2485.46	581.97
	<u>11906.91</u>	<u>9421.45</u>
Creditors (Monies received after 05/04/08)	3600.77	

15507.68

9421.45

THE METCALFE SOCIETY

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

INCOME	2,008.00	2,007.00
Subscriptions	5,944.55	5,841.61
Donations	756.50	2.70
Bank Interest Received	347.90	223.12
Muster Raffle	113.00	130.00
Muster Catering	293.50	456.00
History of the Clan	1,374.00	1,357.78
History of the Clan Post	404.91	412.62
Deed of Covenant Tax Refund	620.37	670.22
Publications Sales & Library	873.71	1,276.88
EXPENDITURE		
Newsletters- Production & Distribution Costs	3958.17	3317.26
Metcalfe Muster Catering & Expenses	352.84	533.05
Asset Depreciation	30.00	30.00
Committee/ AGM Hall Hire/Speaker	224.00	69.00
Telephone & Internet Costs	143.35	1.90
History of the Clan post	569.15	347.99
Postage Costs - General	19.52	-
Accountancy	280.00	300.00
Affiliation Fees FFHS, & GOONS	170.78	26.50
Advertising, GRD & Family Tree	165.60	143.69
Archivists - Postage/Stationery	118.35	
Printing General		38.42
Office Stationery	322.66	214.95
Exhibition & Fairs Stands	199.00	179.00
Website Creation & Maintenance	117.69	391.12
Bank Charges/Currency Conversion Fees	17.38	43.53
Insurance	244.55	423.3
Storage	916.80	823.80
Sundry Expenses	73.20	
Member Packs	228.59	290.66
Publications, Sales & Library	41.55	97.68
Birth Brief Book		1510.00
Metcalfe Mugs		247.46
Rose Lapel Pin Badges		141.78
COA Lapel Pin Badges		141.78
COA Key Fobs		476.09
Gifts	50.00	

Surplus of Expenditure over Income

10,728.44

10,370.93

Surplus of Income over Expenditure

2485.46

581.97

10728.44

10370.93