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Coincidence - happening of events or circumstances without apparent cause/connection; occurring at the same time (OED). In this issue we have more than our fair share of coincidences; first there is the stone on a remote hill in southern Cumbria (page 3); then the researchers at the Pudsey Fair (p9) and then the relationships arising from a photograph of the Ingleton War Memorial (p34) which might make one think they might

be more than just unrelated events! It could be coincidence ...but on the other hand!

A recent trip to the pretty River Bain - the smallest river in Britain at 2 miles long which is just off Wensleydale and fed by the ancient Semerwater Lake - led to a chance genealogical find. The purpose of my trip was a visit to Raydale Preserves (named after the dale) for some of their *Hellish Relish*. This chilli based pickle is appreciated by some members of my family (but too hot for me!) and local shops seemed to have run out. The business is located at Stalling Busk with views up and down the dale and across the lake. However the surprise was that in their small tea room were a number displays of old pictures, folders of local maps and extracts from diaries and church records with many Metcalfes mentioned. I spent a long time over my scone and tea! If you have antecedents from the area it might just be worth a trip out.



Message Board at Muster

We are planning to introduce a Message Board at the Muster so that members can offer/ask each other for help.

What sort of things might be appropriate? Perhaps you have run out of ideas for where to search next, or have a tip you would like to pass on. Has a spelling changed and you are unsure if you are still on the right track? Have you a persons birth, baptism, marriage or death record but can't find the other 3?

Do you have difficulty travelling to a certain record office or graveyard, are you willing to collect information for another member?

Have you some photographs old or recent of Metcalfes, business premises or place names here or abroad that another member might like a copy of.

Just bring along your plea or offer, including your name and membership number, clearly written on size postcard up to A5 paper, pin it to the board on arrival and wait for a tap on the shoulder during the day! Hopefully it wont just be Peter looking for permission to use as a filler in the next magazine! **Lesley Longworth M68**



An Easter walk in the Howgills has become somewhat of a family "tradition" over the last decade and this year was no different. So on Easter Saturday (11 April) we set off bright and early to drive the misty miles to Sedbergh in Cumbria. Whilst Richard and I started out for the tops Patricia settled down to the paper and a coffee before looking to see what was on around the town.

A stiff walk up Winder (473m) was achieved in under fifty minutes followed by Arant Haw (605m) before setting out for Calder and The Calf (635m) with Brown Rigg Top sandwiched in between. Views were some thirty miles to the Lakeland hills and few were up on the hills before noon.

The Calf was reached too early for lunch so a lower top - Crook (460m) - was chosen for the break. It may not be as high as some of its neighbours but it has a commanding view across Sedbergh, east up the valley to Garsdale and northwards towards Wild Boar Fell.

HOW STRANGE.....

Sitting just below the large stone cairn on the top, out of the cold wind in the sun, was ideal. However the wind drove Richard from his seat to a more sheltered position lower down. A few moments later he said "Come and look at this!". When I went to investigate he held a flat stone in his hand. I could see there was writing upon it and on asking what it was he said "You need to read it." On it were printed two names, the first not that easy to decipher but the second quite plain.

After a few moments the first line was deciphered and read THOSCHIPPENDALE the second **LILIAN METCALF**....!

How strange. After discounting a wind-up by my son the questions then followed. Who were the couple? What happened to them? How did the stone get there and why? How long had it been there? Why had it not been found earlier? Questions but no immediate answers.

Crook is about two miles from Sedbergh off a steep path leading to the Calf. The top is not often visited as it is not on the main ridge and is not particularly high when compared to its neighbours. It would seem that it would have to be a specific journey by visitors taking out the tops or a view known to those who lived locally. How long had the stone been there? A couple of days, weeks, decades? In the open the stone would surely have been more weather beaten; perhaps it had been placed in the cairn and protected and only recently become exposed. The printing reminded me of my school letters some fifty years before or was that wishful thinking? (The stone was broken along the bottom edge and the Metcalf could have had an "e" at the end.)



Contacting our archivist Brian Metcalfe quickly resulted in the information we were seeking:

Lilian had been born at Millthorpe on the southern outskirts of Sedbergh in early 1901, daughter of Christopher (1860-1941) & Margaret (1864-1954) (nee Tebay) Metcalfe. She married Thomas (b1903) in the first half of 1928 at Sedbergh. Their son Dr John

H Chippendale (M186) was a member of the Society until 1987.

If the couple had written and placed the stone on the cairn before they were married in 1928 it was safe to assume that it was over eighty years old!

I guess they wrote it when they were courting in the period before 1928 a way of plighting their troth. However I still can't get over the fact that we found the stone given our connection to the Clan - anyone else surely would not have found it interesting or realised how old it was (as we didn't until the database information was accessed).



The stone? It lies where it was placed by the young couple all those years ago - on the cairn with its views over Sedbergh. **Peter Dobson M69**

Lilian's Stone - the follow-up

After providing the information regarding Lilian and Thomas our Archivist Brian Metcalfe sent a letter to Dr Chippendale's last known address and was delighted to receive a response which was followed quickly by a telephone call. I then received an e-mail from Dr Chippendale in which he said:

"Quite thrilled & excited to get Mr Metcalfe's letter this lunchtime. I had no idea that there was any sort of stone with my parents' names inscribed on it above Sedbergh. My wife & I get up to Sedbergh quite a lot as we keep an eye on the seat placed in memory of Ada Metcalfe, my mother's sister. The seat's location is as you start going up Winder - above Lockbank Farm. (See back cover of Mecca News 65 - December 2001. Editor) I would love it if you could scan the photograph & send it to me. Then if we had some directions, an expedition to view would be a highlight!"

My mother, born in 1901, was the 4th of 5 daughters born to Christopher Metcalfe & Margaret, nee Tebay. Christopher was the horse & cart carrier between Sedbergh & Kendal. The family lived at Millthorpe (last house on r. heading for Dent) & then took over Margaret's parents "Tebay" house at 4 Main Street, Sedbergh. My parents married in 1928 with my father coming from Ingleton (but he was a "Garstang" Chippendale - not an "Otley" one). When married they lived in Boroughbridge in Yorkshire. Ada, the 3rd daughter, never married & lived in the Sedbergh house until her death in 1990. My mother died in 1971 & my father in 1991.

My older brother, a retired teacher, lives in Stafford. My younger brother, a retired Prof. of Entomology, lives in Columbia, Missouri, USA. I was a GP in Lancaster. I am now 75 but still walking! & would hope to be able to get to the stone! Many thanks in anticipation of receiving the photo & to Mr Metcalfe for wide ranging & so pleasant a chat this lunchtime.

Sincerely, John Chippendale"



- In the Cumbria County Council Archives under reference WDX 1348 are a number
- of records titled **Metcalf Family of Sedbergh 1614-2000**.
- These records include:
- 1 - Deeds relating to 4 Main Street Sedbergh 1614-1876 transcribed by Margaret
- E Lynch 1995;
- 2 - Notebook of farming miscellanea and Metcalfe family births 1747-1838 and
- 3 - "The History of the Sedbergh Metcalfes" by John H Chippendale 2000.

**DEADLINE for the December Mecca News
is 24 October 2009.**

Articles comments or snippets to the Editor.

Mecca Muster 2009

What's on...



Lunch 12.30
Eat at the Wensleydale Pantry (see booking form for details), be fed by one of the many eating establishments within Hawes or just bring along your own food and drink.

From 10am
Meet relatives and friends old & new.
Visit the Society's Sales Table, and Bookstall.
Access Society Records via PC or paper records.
Buy a raffle Ticket!



Afternoon Presentation 2pm
FIONA ROCHER
the Dales Countryside Museum Manager talks about the Museum Collection



Muster 2008 - Members visiting Gayle Mill.
Supplied by Mrs Pat Rushworth M850

Mecca Muster 2009

Metcalfes Muster at their Wensleydale Roots
Saturday 10 October 2009

10am - 4.30pm

at the
Dales Countryside Museum
Hawes, Wensleydale
North Yorkshire

Reservation Forms should be returned
by 26 September 2009
to Mrs Lesley Longworth
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Don't delay book today!

Let us put a face to a name!

I would like to add a new feature to the members area of the website - your photo's. If you would like to be included email either a photo of yourself or you and your family to webadmin@metcalfe.org.uk. I can then produce a special area showing the photo, your name, membership number and country, so we can really see if there are some family resemblances.

On a related subject if you have a good headshot/portrait photo of your ancestors please feel free to send those so that they can be linked into the BMD and Computer Index databases available online.

Photo's should be in jpeg format and no larger than 1mb please.

Carol Herbert, M1072, Web Admin

Society

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Wills Project

We continue to build up our collection of transcribed wills with 512 now being on the Society website. (There were 397 held in July 2008).

Margaret Hodgson M515 has continued to obtain wills from the Preston RO and also transcribed one at the record office. **Susan Mooney M1682** has offered to help and is transcribing one of the two wills available at her local RO at Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

On a personal level I would like to acknowledge the help and good wishes that I have received from you all during my illness and subsequent operation and am pleased to report that I am now fully recovered. **Edwin Metcalf M980**

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? Event.

David Lambert M11 reports:

"The FFHS represented its Members at the WDYTYA event over three days - 27 February to 1 March 2009 - at Olympia in London. The number of Family History Societies exhibiting at this event was down on previous years. It was a good exhibition for the two days I was there on Friday and Saturday. I went to help out the NW group of societies to represent us and left and handed out Metcalfe membership forms. I also gave some forms to the London Group of the Yorkshire societies and helped very briefly there too as well as on the FFHS stand. I also gave the latter a few of our forms as they had several society membership forms!"

It really is a small world!

Pudsey Fair

Brian and Ena Metcalfe M1554 and **Margaret Hodgson M515** represented the Society at the Fair held at Pudsey Civic Centre on Saturday 4th April. This was the Society's first attendance there and it proved a very positive and enjoyable event. During the day our stand was visited by several members, Mary Stowell, Rita Cawthra, Rosemary Netzell, Jacqueline Thornton and F V Wilson.

Brian was kept busy looking up queries on the computer and we hope to gain some new members as a result. We had just commented that Rita's search for Norfolk Metcalfes did not have many connections within the Society when another enquirer arrived at the stand and was also found to descend from Ephraim Wallace Metcalf, born in Bradford in 1882 but with a family originally

from Norfolk. Fortunately Rita had not left the building and so was able to meet and exchange contact details with her new relation, Mrs Holmes. Margaret snapped the event. Rita is on the right of the photograph.

Margaret Hodgson M515



Future Fairs to be attended by your Society - Why not come along?

The NW Group of Family History Societies 2009 Liverpool Fair at St George's Hall on Saturday 24 October 2009 seems to be already very well supported with 117 tables booked.

CS Metcalfe M305

The Huddersfield FHS are holding their Fair at Batley Town Hall, on 14th November & we will have two tables.

Brian Metcalfe M1554

Conversion of the MMF (Membership Master File) proceeds slowly, but the forenames completed now stand at A, B, C, D, X, Y, Z.

Log into the Members Area for details. **Carol Herbert M1072.**

In the recent edition of Mecca News you asked anyone who is conducting their own research to get in touch with you. For many years now I have been interested in the Metcalfe Family of Ravenstonedale, specifically and particularly the origins of Agnes Metcalfe, which remain a mystery. Recently I have got together with other researchers who may also be descended from Agnes, Caroline Morris, nee Metcalfe Gibson has always been interested and she has involved Diane Elphick of the Sedbergh & District Local History Society. Nearly all the information that I have is on my website <http://dunkerley-brown.co.uk> - there is quite an extensive Metcalfe area. In addition there is a huge Adamthwaite website www.adamthwaitearchive.org.uk. This features a detailed chart "The Sedbergh and Ravenstonedale chart" which includes Agnes Metcalfe who married William Adamthwaite of Adamthwaite in 1742. They had 3 children, including a William Adamthwaite. There is also a Metcalfe of Ravenstonedale chart on the site. There is too much information on my website to transfer, but perhaps members might be made aware of its existence.

Rosemary Brown M756

your e-mails & letters

From Governor Hunter's Assignment list, a Return of Convict Women in the service of Officers or other Households 1798.

A list of 87 women, 14 of which were recorded as 'wife'. Research shows that 25 were actually married to their employer and 9 were de facto at the time of the report.

In the list of the ladies is the following:- Now only one woman has been recorded by her married name Margaret JOINER nee METCALFE wife to Henry JOINER. Margaret METCALFE arrived 1792 on the

'Royal Admiral' 6 August 1791 aged 14 years, born Yorkshire. Remarried Henry JOINER [Joyner] St. John's, Paramatta 28 August 1797, convict who arrived 1790 on 'Surprise'. 7 years [sentenced for 7 years]. He enlisted into the N.S.W. Corps April 1801 transferring to the 73rd Regiment 25 March 1810 and then the 46th Regiment 25th March 1814." Henry is listed as a soldier in the 46th Regiment.

Has anyone lost a Margaret Metcalfe? Could this be she?

Dorothy Pope M55

Origins of Some Measuring Units

Inch - Width across the knuckle on King Edward's thumb (899-924)

Foot - the length of Charlemagne's foot (9th century)
(calculated as 12.7 inches)

Yard - Distance between Henry I's nose to his fingertips (1101-1135)

Mile - Roman measurement based upon the
1000 double steps taken by a soldier

Acre - Amount of land ploughed by a yoke of oxen in a day (8th century).

From *Ancestral Digging's The Quarterly Newsletter of the Lafayette County Genealogy Society* 1996. Supplied by **George Buxton M3**.

LISTS

A start has been made on adding to the Society's database of records by transcribing, hitherto unavailable, lists from a variety of sources.

One of the new lists is the extract of Metcalfe's (and derivatives) from the National Archives Records of the Supreme Court of Judicature - J series - covering the Divorce Court Index for the period 1858 - 1937.

The transcribing has been carried out by **Elizabeth Waller M1189** and been sent for entry on to the database and a copy supplied to the List co-ordinator. Liz has gone further by producing a paper copy of the index which will be available for perusal at the forthcoming Muster.

Also recently transcribed and shortly to be added to the database and available as lists are the following:

Royal Marines Register of Service 1873-1925

Death Duty Registers 1797-1811

Inscriptions inside St Margaret's Church, Hawes, Wensleydale, North Riding of Yorkshire

Hearth Tax Returns, 1673 Michaelmas, North Riding of Yorkshire.

If you feel you can help to add to the Society's store of Mecca names contact the editor. The work is not onerous, you just have to have an eye for detail and it can be carried out from home.

CRAVEN MUSTER ROLLS 1803

Cuthbert Metcalfe, Attorney at Law.

Kighley Parish, Staincliffe and Ewcross Wapentake.

Aged between 17 and 52.

From the internet. Burton D. Metcalf Aug. 13, 1930 - Jan. 16, 2008 MONTROSE. Burton D. "Burt" Metcalf died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008 at Montrose Memorial Hospital. He was born in Idaho on Aug. 13, 1930 to Burton and Bernice Metcalf. Burt's colorful background included time as a B-29 mechanic in the Air Force, a Merchant Marine, a pilot for United Airlines and a helicopter pilot in the U.S. Army. He served proudly in the Korean conflict and in the Vietnam War where he flew a helicopter gunship. He was honorably discharged in 1966 and began flying helicopters commercially, working for companies in Louisiana, Utah, Idaho, Montana and Colorado. In 1971, he married his wife, Barbara. Her three daughters and his son from a previous marriage made for a full family. They moved to Montrose, Colo. in 1973 where he eventually began his own business, Thunderbird Helicopters. He loved to fly and was a well-respected pilot on the Western Slope. Supplied by **Doug Cutting M855** <http://www.montrosepress.com/articles/>

Chairman's Jottings

My mind during the past two weeks has been on preserving data and records, more particularly on computers, since my trusty laptop decided to become untrustworthy and give up the ghost the other week. It was probably all my fault though for plugging the wrong cable in the wrong socket; it certainly did not appreciate it and promptly "blew up" in a spectacular fashion to the accompaniment of sparks and smoke and then nothing. One dead, burnt out computer!

How lost one feels and frustrated because what was easy to access using saved addresses, passwords and links have all gone because you have not got a decent backup! I know I should have backed up the Metcalfe Society folder and our recent emails which I was about to reply to but I did not do so. I did get some priorities right though having saved assiduously my family tree information on several memory sticks. Thank goodness I did so as I have been able to restore that. Not as fortunate with my Metcalfe Society records and emails though.

For those who like me thought you would do something about it 'tomorrow', be warned. It could happen to you when you least expect it and you will have several days of mayhem to contend with, most certainly at a time when you can least afford the inconvenience! Do you back ups today! My father had a favourite expression: "don't put off today what you can do tomorrow" and how right he has been proved on several occasions.

My computer mishap made me think about archives and the digital age and in particular record offices whose objective is to preserve our very rich heritage of archive material. Those of you who have been researching for more than I would guess 15 to 20 years will have known the frustration and thrill of handling what those repositories hold for us to see. What will happen to the data we now are producing online or digitally? When the hardware and software changes so quickly how will future generations be able to read what we have produced? Will they be inaccessible like the data on my dead computer? I like to think not but as a Society we need to think, as indeed we are, about preserving our records be they typed or handwritten lists, or indexed information held on our Master Index, now preserved in a readable format but not perhaps for much longer.

We have been trying to prepare a business recovery plan for work recently and I think this is a good exercise. As a society we need to consider what I might call a Society Disaster Recovery Plan. We almost lost our remaining stock of our History of the Clan books and we also had some water ingress in the storage unit. So these thoughts are not fanciful. We can

overcome the problems as they arise but it would be so much better to consider the impossible and how to address it. I feel some steps should be considered to enable us to safeguard, carefully and securely, the labours of our members during the lifetime of the Society. By making data available online we are addressing some of the issues but that data will I suspect itself eventually not be readable in its current format.

No doubt Carol and the more computer literate amongst you will say I am talking rubbish (it would not be the first time!) but I do wonder how in 25 years time researchers will be able to read what we have produced during nearly 55 years. We gave up our shoe boxes and card indexes in favour of the computer and were right to do so. What will replace what we now have on computer? We already know that our stored information is kept on out of date software and are addressing the issue. We need ideas and volunteers to help the committee undertake necessary tasks .

This leads me on to our most important in the year so far as the Society is concerned: the annual Muster.

This hardly requires any introduction but we have never had all of our members together on the same day so there must still be some of you who have never been. It is our single chance to meet as a society in the glorious Wensleydale countryside. We normally have about 80 or so members and a few visitors who turn up on the day. It would be great to increase this to 100 plus!

Details of the day's activities are written elsewhere but we also hold our AGM. Initials which fill some with dread! If you have not been before it is not too bad as AGMs go! I try to ensure it does not waste too much of our precious time but it is your opportunity to raise and debate issues on the agenda which helps the committee whom you have just elected put the strategy into action.

Once again we really do ask for more volunteers. I am always cheered that our requests for more volunteers do not entirely fall on deaf ears, but we could always do with more help. This is the case this year. It is not difficult to find jobs which need to be carried out. I am concerned that certain committee members do have too much on their and it would make their life easier if they could delegate some jobs. The Muster really is an opportunity for you to see where you can help your society to continue to prosper which it has done so far.

I hope to see many of you there for what should be another great and fast moving day.

David Lambert M11

The Metcalfes of Hawstead, Suffolk

Bernard Metcalfe M221 writes "Mecca News (No. 80, Dec. 2006) featured a photo on the back cover of the Metcalfe Arms pub in Hawstead, Suffolk. This is but one of a number of Metcalfe markers in Hawstead, a village a few miles south of Bury St Edmonds.

While trawling the internet looking for Metcalfe information, I came across a photo of the Alms houses erected by Philip Metcalfe in 1811 for the poor of that parish, and then more information about his life, and about the other Metcalfes of Hawstead. They had a significant presence there in the 18th and 19th centuries, and were associated with the local landed gentry like the Drurys of Drury Lane fame.

Philip (1733–1818) was the second son of Roger Metcalfe (1680–1744), surgeon of St Giles in the Fields, London, and Jemima, daughter of the Earl of Hastings, Sir Philip Astley. Their eldest son Christopher lived in Hawstead while Philip and youngest son Roger were merchants, becoming partners in the firm of Bissons, distillers at West Ham on the River Lea, until Roger retired and Philip took over the business

Philip went on to become a patron of the arts - there are two portraits of him in the National Portrait Gallery. He is mentioned by Boswell as a friend of Dr Johnson; Sir Joshua Reynolds appointed him an executor of his estate; and he was onetime Treasurer of the Society of Dilettanti. He also became a member of parliament but did not make an impact there.

However, he was quite successful in business and provided the funds to build and endow the alms houses which still stand in Hawstead today. While he had a town residence in Hill St, Berkeley Square, he died at his Brighton home leaving the vast sum of £400,000, all detailed in a will stretching to 33 sheets. (Legacies of £5,000 or £10,000 were common for his relatives but he could find no more than £10 for some of his many servants.) On his death, his country estate, "Hawstead House", was leased in strict settlement upon his great-nephew, Henry Metcalfe (1791–1849). Had any of the other male great-nephews inherited instead of Henry, he would have been obliged by Philip's will to first change his family name from "Mure" to "Metcalfe".

Henry was a grandson of Philip's elder brother, Christopher (1732–1794), who had acquired "Walnut Farm" in Hawstead, and some lands, when he married Ellen Barton of Hawstead. Christopher greatly improved the house, almost rebuilding it in 1783 with the white brick made at Woolpit in Suffolk, added more land and renamed it all "Hawstead Farm". Christopher and Ellen had seven daughters, with only one marrying and having children — Frederica

Sophia who married James Mure in 1790. The other daughters who lived to maturity became spinsters of considerable means, if one can judge by wills proved at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury for Lucy, 1793; Margaret, 1820; Nelly, 1824; and Jane, 1828.

Their older brother, Christopher Barton Metcalfe, seems to have suffered from poor health and spent time in Bath, Somerset. He died on 15 August 1801 aged 42. He left "Hawstead Farm" to his wife Sophia who then sold it to Philip Metcalfe in 1809. He in turn bought more land and gave the house the loftier appellation, "Hawstead House." At his death in 1818 the estate consisted of nearly 600 acres. This became Henry's inheritance, and thence to his eldest son, Henry Christopher Metcalfe (1822–1881). In 1888 it was purchased by Colonel Thomas Booth who had married Frances Jane Metcalfe, elder daughter of Henry Christopher.

It is said that few churches in Suffolk have as many monuments to the dead or are as poorly lit as All Saints at Hawstead, and it is in that aisle-less church of stone and flint that the Metcalfe family feature with several large monuments, including one by John Bacon the Elder to memorialise Lucy Metcalfe, and also names her sisters, Nelly and Jane. The other Metcalfe monuments are to Christopher Metcalfe and his wife Ellen (d. 1775) and their remaining children, and one to their eldest son Christopher Barton Metcalfe (1759–1801) and wife Sophie (d. 1815).

What is obscured by these monuments in the local parish church is that this Metcalfe family had strong Catholic links, starting from Roger Metcalfe who was apparently educated at St Omer, a French educational outpost for English Catholics, and then practised medicine among the Catholic community around Drury Lane. This Catholic link is also reflected in their relationships in marriage and business affairs, and demonstrated in various family wills – links with the Drurys; the Darells of Calehill, Kent; the Gages of Hengrave Hall, Suffolk – all of them Catholic or 'recusant' families."

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Note: All internet sources were accessed in February, 2009.

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Page 7 - **Craven Herald & Pioneer 12 January 1900** "THRESHFIELD The Annual Tea and entertainment took place in the Primitive Methodist chapel on Saturday, the trays being presided over by Mrs Eastwood Mrs Wood Miss Eastwood Miss Walsh and the Misses Wood. The programme included – *Recitations* – A barber's Boy, **A Metcalfe** and Spare the Insect, Maud Ellis*dialogue*- Extravagant Folly (eight characters) Miss Eastwood, Misses Wood, E Wood, EJ Wood, Lilly Dolphin, Mr W Walsh, Masters **Arthur Metcalfe** and Harry Dolphin.....*recitations* Never say fail, **W Smith** and A Cold in the Head, **A Metcalfe** *Recitations* – Grannies's criticism, **May Metcalfe**, *dialogue* – the Trials of a Patient Man (seven characters) Misses Walsh, E Wood, E J Wood, L Dolphin, Mr W Walsh, **Willie Smith** and **Arthur Metcalfe**; *recitations* -..The First Spree, **A Metcalfe**. Several hymns were also sung by the scholars. The weather was very unfavourable but still there was a fair number"

[**NB** *Willie Smith's grandmother was Mary Metcalfe the daughter of William Metcalfe of the Old Hall Inn Threshfield. She married William Chester and their eldest daughter Hannah Chester married William Smith whose son is the above Willie Smith*]

Page 9 - **families of Halton Gill** by June Tingey The TENNANT FAMILY in the parish register [Arncliffe] has the marriage of Henry Tennant to **Ann Metcalfe** in 1679.

Page19 - **The Upper Wharfedale Parish Magazine** Details of Confirmation of 50 persons at Burnsall on Sep 1st 1891. 9% of the population resident in Burnsall parish were confirmed including Jane Metcalfe (woman above 21).

Page27 - **The Upper Wharfedale Parish Magazine** In December 1890 Linton parish Contributors of sums received for the Organ enlargement fund:..... **A Metcalfe** 2 shillings

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Page26 - **Craven Herald 12th January 1900** Linton 'Parochial' tea and concert to support the Patriotic fund – Widows and Orphans. "The following ladies presided at the tea tables :.....**Mrs Richard Metcalfe**. At the concert afterwards quite a large company gathered and they were well entertained by the variety of the programme.....the Glee party [were accompanied by] **Miss A Metcalfe**Pianoforte solo – the Mermaid **Miss A. Metcalfe**.

David Lambert M11

Did you know that in the 1841 Census returns for Scotland there were 65 Metcalf's and their derivatives which rose to 86 in 1851; 203 in 1881 and 283 by 1901. There were also 123 Mecca entries for BMD's in the period 1538-1854? Perhaps your missing Mecca went north of the border. See www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

D'ye Ken John Peel

D'ye ken John Peel with his coat so gay?*

*D'ye ken** John Peel at the break o' day?*

So the opening lines of the once popular song about the famous Cumberland gentleman farmer John Peel rang out in the lounges and music halls of the Victorian England and became popular across the British Empire due to the efforts of a Metcalfe arranger.

John Peel was born in the 1770's near Caldbeck (about ten miles south of Carlisle at the beginning of the Lakeland Fells). Peel a relatively well off gentleman farmer (due to his wife's family inheritance) spent his time in leisurely activities including drinking, horse trading and hunting. The latter apparently filling a great deal of his free time. He kept a pack of hounds and was often out on the Lakeland Fells chasing various game. Because of the terrain *following hounds* was invariably done on the back of the small Lakeland ponies or on foot and attracted many followers. John Peel died in 1854 and his funeral was attended by some 3000 people. His popularity/notoriety in the area resulted in a song being composed, by his friend John Woodcock Graves, which became quite a favourite and so it was in 1868 that William Metcalfe heard a rendition and decided that whilst he liked the words he could improve on the tune and arrangement.

William Metcalfe was born in Norwich Norfolk in 1830 and by the early 1860's was in Carlisle Cumberland employed at Carlisle Cathedral as a lay clerk. William's talents were evidently musical as he is variously described as a composer, conductor, arranger, teacher of pianoforte and an accomplished cathedral singer. With this background when he heard the popular folk song about John Peel he decided the accompaniment could be improved and so he set the tale against another popular tune. He had the opportunity to try out his arrangement the following year at an event in London where it struck a chord and went on to be the dominant arrangement of the song.

William lived till he was 79 dying in 1909. He had married Mary (also from Norfolk) and they had some seven children.

* *Peel was easily recognised as he wore a long grey (not red) coat.*

** *D'ye Ken - Do you know.*

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landowner, trader and ill tempered Yorkshireman

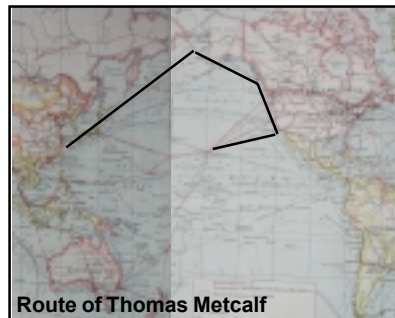
Simon Metcalf was responsible for the death of his son but whether he knew that at the time was unlikely. The late 18th century in the Hawaiian islands was fraught with danger for visitors and natives alike. After Captain Cook, on a voyage of exploration was done to death by the natives of the main island relationships were often cautious if not strained and Simon Metcalf's visit to the Pacific archipelago resulted in one of the biggest massacres seen there and which would lead directly to the death of his son Thomas.

A Yorkshireman reportedly born in September 1735 to Simon and Elizabeth Colton Metcalf (*some sources say Metcalfe*) he spent all his early life in England before going to the then American Colonies in the mid 1760's with his wife Catherine Murphy and first child. First settling in New York he became a surveyor in the recently subjugated Indian areas near the Canadian border but had a reputation for short temperedness. As a result of this work he was granted over 30,000 acres near the border of Vermont and Quebec. However part of the acquisition was surrounded in controversy with claims that he had "stolen" some 2000 acres from the Abenakis (Abinaqui) tribe. The dispute in 1773 was never resolved to the tribe's satisfaction and Metcalf continued to benefit from the holding. Simon prospered with his wife and growing family, which was eventually to number nine children, setting up a fur trading and logging operation.

Caught up in the War of Independence he fought on the side of the States and was captured by Royal forces and spent some two years as a prisoner in Montreal until released in 1781. On returning to his Missisquoi River home he found it destroyed and the land turned over to new owners. Nothing daunted the family moved to New York State and Simon commenced a business trading in furs from the South Atlantic. He saw opportunities to buy and sell the furs cutting out the middleman and by 1787 had purchased the ship "*Eleanora*" to carry out his plans. The intention was to sell the Atlantic furs in China and

return with spices and tea but he learnt of other opportunities to buy furs in Alaska and the North West coast of America - then controlled by the Russians and Spanish.

Possibly the first American to trade in China Simon purchased a small boat he named the "*Fair American*" in Macau - which would be better at sailing amongst the small inlets of Alaska - and placed his eighteen year



old son Thomas in charge together with four experienced seamen. The father and son then split up arranging to meet in Hawaii, Simon intending to sell goods to the islanders.

Thomas and his small crew sailed up past Kamchatka across the Aleutian Islands and down along the Alaskan coast undertaking some trading before ending up near Vancouver island where they astonished the small Spanish garrison based there by their arrival. The Spaniards rarely saw a ship in their area (especially one this small) and no American vessel had ever been seen. The garrison commander on boarding the *Fair American* was surprised to find the master so young and even more so that the trip had been achieved at all given the damage the boat had sustained during its passage and the lack of a working compass.

Young Thomas was arrested and his ship impounded - he had no trading licence - and they were taken to the main Spanish garrison in California. On arrival the Spanish Governor was somewhat embarrassed by the situation because of the likely political storm with the new American government the incident would cause. The boat and its crew were quickly released, made seaworthy and sent on their way.

Meanwhile Simon had arrived in the Hawaiian islands to trade but things did not go well. Stopping at the main island a chief attempted to climb on board but was beaten back by a seaman wielding a rope. The chief took this as a slight and vowed revenge on the next foreign trader. The *Eleanora* then sailed to Maui (one of the smaller islands) where natives killed a sailor whilst stealing the ship's cutter. Metcalf was incensed, attacked the nearest settlement, found out where the culprits were based and sailed into the offenders bay. Under the pretext of trading he had the native canoes and their occupants line up along one side of the ship then turning his cannons upon them killed some one hundred islanders. The episode became known as the Olowalu massacre and soured trader/islander relations for many years.

As Simon sailed away from Hawaii his son Thomas arrived from California unaware of the hornet's nest raised by his father's visit. He, his crew and ship were unfortunate to sail to the main island and there the humiliated chief took his revenge by killing Thomas and his fellow seafarers and appropriating the ship. It is not clear when Simon heard about his son's death but he continued trading around the Pacific until he and his crew were killed by native tribesmen in 1794 on Queen Charlotte Island off the Canadian coast.

Note: This article was inspired by details of the Olowalu massacre sent in by **George White M1303** from *Maui Revealed* by Andrew Doughty. Other background material was obtained from WWW2.TACOPUBLICLIBRARY.COM and www.nysm.nysed.gov/albany.

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UKBMD has recently launched a companion website: UKGDL. UKGDL aims to help you find out about the history of your family by linking to web sites that have on-line data which will help you discover what your families did and how they lived. School lists, trade directories, electoral rolls, passenger lists, old photographs etc. are all valuable sources of information which can help you complete your family tree – many are now listed under UKGDL's menus.

2009 is Scotland's first ever Homecoming Year. So, whether you are a Scot, of Scottish descent or simply love Scotland why not visit the homecoming website. Take a look at ancestralscotland.com and discover how you can receive complimentary credits for use on Scotlandspeople.gov.uk the official source of genealogical data for Scotland. In addition, In this the year of the Homecoming, the newly digitised deaths and burials contained on the Old Parish Registers (OPR's) of Scotland have been made available on-line at www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk. This completes the project to make all OPR's of Scotland available on the Internet.

The Victoria and Albert Museum has set up a Wedding fashion website in advance of an exhibition to be held in 2011. The aim is to create a database of wedding fashions for every year from 1840 to the present. The museum would like to have about 1000 images for each year although this may be a bit optimistic for the earlier decades. The database will be useful to fashion historians but it is also hoped that it will help genealogist date their own family photographs or find relatives.

Archives for the 21st century: consultation draft. (7 May 2009) The National Archives released the long-awaited consultation document via its website at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archivesconsultation. It sets out the Government's strategic vision for the sustainable development of a vigorous, publicly funded archive service across England and Wales. It replaces the government policy on archives that was issued by the Lord Chancellor in 1999 and builds on both the positive achievements around public access to information and technological developments. The challenges facing the archives sector and the actions to address them are outlined in the five sections of this strategy.

Charles Surman's extraordinary biographical card index of Congregational ministers includes the names of about 32,000 individuals, and, where known, their dates, details of their education, ministries or other employment, together with the sources used. It covers the period from the mid-seventeenth century to 1972. The index can be freely searched at <http://surman.english.qmul.ac.uk>.

Lilian Metcalfe and Thomas Chippendale

(See page 3 et al) John Chippendale writes "I attach a little montage I have done of Tom & Lilian picnicking on Barbon Fell & of Tom on his motor bike with Lilian sidesaddle on the back. I have added their portraits - hope you like it."



STILL IN THE BUGGY

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 period covered from 1910 until 1924. This excerpt is a story written by Ada's hand and entitled "Still in the Buggy". **Chris Metcalfe M1480**

(Other articles concerning the family can be found in Mecca News 84 and 86 - Editor.)

It was a cold blistery Sunday in March. The wind blew the light snow along the road like white steam ahead of the roans as my husband and I and our eight month old baby started for the village church, just five miles from the ranch. We were warm and cosy tucked into the buggy with plenty of robes and blankets and the wind to our backs.

"See how fast they go when I slack up on the lines", my husband remarked. "Even after travelling all day it's just the same, if I don't hold them back, they would surely run away". I knew that was true for hadn't we done our courting with that team of roans? We had travelled all over those prairies to parties, the literary society programs, and oyster suppers; either on the backs of the horses or behind them in this very buggy. We had even organised a scrub polo team in which Dude and Duke (the horses) were important players.

"About four o'clock after a delicious dinner with friends we started for home, taking with us a young high school boy who was to spend his Easter vacation at the ranch. Since he was sitting on my husband's lap, it was his job to drive. Suddenly the wheels on one side dropped into a deep frozen rut, the buggy lurched and I realised with horror that the baby and I were alone, with lines whipping about the horses' heels.

Faster and faster they ran, with heads stretched forward like racehorses. We bounded over the double tracks of the Union Pacific Railroad, of course not at the regular crossing. Bracing my feet against the dashboard and clutching the baby tighter than ever, I saw on the right-of-way directly in front of us two new railroad ties, one on other.

That was too much; the buggy tipped crazily and the baby and I were thrown clear of it. "I'm quite all right", I assured my husband, "but where is the baby"? We laughed about it afterward, how he picked up those blankets and shook and shook them. It was one of those foolish things people sometimes do when they are excited.



Ada Kennedy Metcalfe

Then as we looked at those horses racing, we saw the baby's blue shawl going around and around the wheel. My heart sank; if only someone could stop them! I noticed they were making a wide arc and were heading toward town. Soon they were crossing the railroad tracks again, fortunately, on the regular crossing at the south end of town. They had turned because Duke always ran a little faster than Dude, and thus they had circled back.

Several men from a nearby bridge gang headed the horses into a corner of a fence, were they finally stopped. Just then my husband came running up, and there was the baby, still in the buggy, screaming lustily but otherwise unhurt. By next morning, he was an amazing sight, all black and blue, but laughing back at everyone who laughed at him."

Shipwreck Update

In Mecca News 84, 85 & 86 a letter from Thomas Medcalf formerly of Ware in Hertfordshire was reproduced telling of his and his family's travel experience and shipwreck on the way to a new life in Australia in 1853. The passengers and crew of the Meridian, a wooden ship of 579 tons only built the year before (1852) in Sunderland, England were shipwrecked on the island of Amsterdam in the South Pacific on the evening of 24 August when the ship ran aground and broke up. Three people were swept away and drowned in the initial grounding but the remaining 105 crew and passengers were rescued by the whaler Monmouth after over a week on the island. They were taken to Mauritius where they were looked after and later the passengers travelled on to Australia.

From other sources it appears that some of the passengers (and one can probably assume that Thomas and his family had the same or similar experiences) including the Baptist Minister Mr Velleor (*Voller in other papers*) and the Solicitor Leytroche (*Barrister Lutwyche in other reports*) arrived in Sydney at the end of December 1853.

Mr Voller's church celebrated their minister's safe arrival annually for the next decade whilst the Barrister Lutwyche used his legal skills to indict the owners

of the wrecked ship and the lack of help given by the crew's officers (*this agreed with Thomas' own comments about their actions*).

Meanwhile back in Sag Harbour New York, the home port of the whaling ship *Monmouth*, the Captain, Isaac Ludlow received further congratulations (*in addition to the great praise and testimonial given by the rescued passengers*) and also a medal from the British Admiralty for his actions.

Sources: www.mareud.com, www.adbonline.anu.edu.au/biog & <http://sagharborexpress.sagharbourpublishing.com>

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

Please accept my apologies for any undue delay in answering your enquiries during the past few months. I'm afraid that the three of us in the research team, have, at various times, been out of action for a variety of reasons. I am delighted to be able to report that we are now back to full strength, so if you require any assistance with your research, please send it to me and we will deal with it as efficiently as possible.

To our new members, may I remind you that we may already have researched and added to our database, the information which you are seeking. This could save you a great deal of time and expense, so do please make use of the facilities we offer.

I am particularly delighted to welcome M1786 to the Society. As you will see from her birth brief, we have been able to prove her line back to Blind Jack Mt. It has taken some time to do so, and I would like to express my thanks to a member of the Cheshire FHS, whose husband is descended from Tabitha Mt, one of Blind Jack's daughters, for the information and assistance, which she has so generously given. There is still much more information about Blind Jack's descendants to be verified, but if we can do so, our knowledge of his family will increase enormously. All I can say at this stage, is "fingers crossed and watch this space".

Brian Metcalfe M1554

AMENDMENTS & BRIEFS FROM EXISTING MEMBERS

M149 Mrs Pearl Tedds, 8 Beresford Place, West Moonah, Tasmania 7009, Australia rtedds@iprimus.com.au The birth brief should have started as follows; Pearl b Bramcote, Nottinghamshire, UK. The rest is correct. Our apologies for selecting the wrong Bramcote.

M1439 Mr Peter Philip Metcalfe, 17 Wildmoor Walk, West Leigh, Havant, Hampshire PO9 5QZ pete.metcalfe@sky.com S.o. James Henry & Margaret Olivia (Cox) Mt. James Henry b 21/10/1924 s.o. William & Mary Anna (Pennock) Mt m 1921 Stokesly district. William b 1896 Bilsdale s.o. William & Hannah (Wilson) Mt m 29/12/1894 Bilsdale. William bpt 9/7/1864 Bilsdale s.o. William & Sarah (Garbott) Mt m 21/6/1862 Bilsdale. William bpt 15/3/1831 Bilsdale s.o. Alexander & Mary (Tyerman) Mt m 16/7/1825 Northallerton. Alexander bpt 14/12/1803 Kirby Wiske s.o. John & Catherine (Hornby) Mt m 29/9/1803 Kirby Wiske.

M1690 Mrs Mary Stowell, 42 Old Oak Garth, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS16 5HG Desc of Robert & Catherine (Metcalfe) Brenkley m 26/11/

1856 Kirkby Ravensworth. Catherine bpt 12/10/1832 Richmond, Yks d.o. Richard & Mary (Hutchinson) Mte m 12/9/1818 Aysgarth. Richard bpt 30/3/1794 Askrigg s.o. James & Catherine (Pratt) Mte m 16/4/1782 Askrigg. James b c1754. **Connects M484, M1015, M1025, M1455.**

M1776 Mr Malcolm Smith, 20 Hirstead Road, Scarborough, North Yorkshire YO12 6TW malcolmscarborough@msn.com Grt grd s.o. William & Hannah (Metcalfe) Smith m 29/11/1880 Nunnington, Yks. Hannah b 5/7/1863 bpt 1/9/1863 Helmsley, Yks. d.o. Thomas & 2nd wife Hannah (Hartass) Mte m 24/11/1853 Helmsley. Thomas bpt 7/8/1818 Helmsley s.o. Thomas & Ann (Moorhouse) Mte m 17/3/1818 Helmsley. Thomas bpt 16/7/1797 Helmsley s.o. Richard & Hannah (Megginson) Mte m 7/8/1787 Hawnby, Yks. Richard bpt 15/8/1756 Helmsley s.o. James & 1st wife Margaret (Waddy) Mte m 9/9/1755 Helmsley. James bpt 26/7/1730 Whorlton in Cleveland s.o. Richard & 2nd wife Mary (Sweet) Mte m 19/9/1723 Hutton Rudby, Yks. Richard b c1670 Whorlton in Cleveland. **Connects M61 et al.**

M1780 Mrs Norma Pelmear Beechwood, 9 Meadow Drive, Scruton, Northallerton, North Yorkshire DL7 0QW. Desc of Thomas & Mary Annie (Metcalfe) Bradley m 1/10/1870 Stockton on Tees. Mary Annie (or possibly Anne Maria) b 27/8/1851 d.o. James & Ann (?) Mt. James bpt 24/11/1823 Croft s.o. Robert & Mary (Cooke) Mte m 5/9/1812 Croft. Robert bpt 12/6/1793 Startforth s.o. Henry & Elizabeth (Benson) Mte m 12/5/1790 Startforth.

M1784 Miss Jane Ward 17 Howard Place, Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU5 4AA D.o. Philip & Sally Ann (Metcalfe) Ward. Sally Ann d.o. John Ronald Malcolm & Kathleen Mary Frances (Pearce) Mte m 1934 Bristol. John Ronald Malcolm b 3/3/1905 Saltburn, Yks s.o. George Percy & Annie Barbara (Gallon) Mte m 1901 Newcastle upon Tyne district. George Percy b 27/3/1879 Saltburn, Yks s.o. John & Jane Ann (Robson) Mte m 1877 Guisborough district. John b 1854 York s.o. John & Elizabeth (Thistle) Mte m 1849 Whitby district. John b c1803 Worton, Yks poss s.o. George & Jane (Prest) m 4/3/1788 Aysgarth, Yks.

M1786 Mrs Janet Slade 125 Walton Road, Sale, Cheshire M33 4DR jangels49@live.co.uk Grt grt grd d.o. Andrew & Anne (Metcalf) Worrall m 19/5/1837 Prestbury, Cheshire. Anne d.o. John & Mary (?) Mt. John b 1778 s.o. John & Ann (Ainsworth) Mt m 8/10/1772 Prestbury. John b 20/3/1746 Knaresborough s.o. John (Blind Jack) & Dorothy (Benson) Mt m c1739. John (Blind Jack) b 15/8/1717 Knaresborough. **Connects M753.**

NEW & REJOINED MEMBERS, WITH OR AWAITING BIRTH BRIEFS

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M1580 Mr Harry Metcalfe 11 Cavendish Road, Hall Terrace, Eccleshill, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD2 2DR.

M1799 Mr John Metcalfe 15 Coalway Avenue, Wolverhampton WV3 7LT

M1800 Mr Chris Ford Ivy Dene, Redmire, Leyburn, North Yorkshire DL8 4EH enigmadesign@btinternet.com

M1801 Mrs Christine Gash 88 Plumtree Road, Thorngumbald, Hull, East Yorkshire HU12 9QG martin.gash@tiscali.co.uk Grt grd d.o. James & Margaret/ Peggy (nee Metcalfe) Blades m 7/1/1834 Lunds Wes. Margaret/Peggy bpt 8/10/1809 Kirkby Stephen, Wes d.o. Anthony & Catherine (Parkin) Mte m 13/10/1807 Kirkby Stephen. Anthony b c1780 a husbandman & freeholder, 1808-18 of Augherholme, Mallerstang. 1841 of Whitebirch House, Lunds died 30/3/1859 aged 79, buried 2/4/1859 "of White Birk".

M1802 Mrs Elizabeth Metcalfe 69 Parkway, Ratton Manor, Eastbourne, Sussex BN20 9DZ lizmetcalfe47@googlemail.com

M1803 Mr Ray Metcalf Mullions, Lymington Road, Milford on Sea, Hampshire SO41 0QN ray@independentbathing.co.uk

M1804 Mrs Kelly Paquette 3087 Ussher Crescent, Niagara Falls, Ontario L2G 6M3 Canada kelly@vaxxine.com

M1805 Miss Carole Parkhouse 63 Moor Lane, Strensall, York, North Yorkshire YO32 5UG caroleparkhouse@hotmail.com

M1806 Mr Donald Edward Metcalf 7 Crossfell Gardens, Choppington, Northumberland NE62 5LA donmet@talktalk.net

M1807 Mrs Denise Bowes High House Farm, Ings, Nr Windermere, Cumbria LA23 1JR hugill81@btinternet.com

M1808 Mrs Susan Steel 9a Grove Avenue, Shipley, West Yorkshire BD18 3BG sue.steel@hotmail.co.uk Susan's maternal 2 x grt grd parents were Christopher E. Stoney & his wife Ellen, nee Metcalfe, m 21/5/1877 Calverley, Yks. Ellen b c1855 Marsden, Lancs d.o. John & Ann (Moore) Mt m 16/4/1838 Haworth, Yks. John bpt 14/4/1811 Thorntwaite, Yks. s.o. Anthony & Elizabeth (Foster) Mte m 6/6/1808 Hampsthwaite, Yks. **Connects M942.**

M1809 Mr Michael John Metcalfe Willowgarth, Newby Wiske, Northallerton, North Yorkshire DL7 9EX.

M1810 Mrs Barbara Cutts 4 Gravel Hill, Stoke Holy Cross, Norwich, Norfolk NR14 8LH.

M1811 Mr Tony Metcalfe 198 Hanging Hill Lane, Hutton, Essex CM13 2QH.

M1812 Mr Duncan Metcalf 6 Willow Close, East Grinstead, West Sussex RH19 2DQ d.metcalf@homecall.co.uk S.o. Frederick & Bessie Robinson (Bell) Mt m 21/2/1934 St Patricks, High Spen. Frederick b 8/11/1906 Tanfield, Co. Durham s.o. Charles Aaron & Martha Halliday (Cardwell) Mt m 15/10/1902 Newcastle, Northumberland. Charles Aaron b 5/12/1880 Burnopfield, Co. Durham s.o. Aaron & Elizabeth (Carruthers) Md m 27/4/1874 St Nicholas, Newcastle. Aaron b 1848 Q2, bpt 4/9/1853 Allendale, Northumberland s.o. Joseph & Elizabeth (Varty) Md m 11/6/1835 Allendale, Northumberland. Joseph b c1806 Allendale, Northumberland. **Connects M655.**

M1813 Mr Raymond Smith, 90 Thames Avenue, Guisborough TS14 8AJ raymond.smith12@ntlworld.com

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Why Our Metcalf Ancestors Were Happy

from Pam Jarman M123

(This was sent to me by my Metcalfe cousin in Australia.)

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The Descendants Of Charles Theophilus Baron Metcalfe of Fernhill*

From the earliest times in British India there had been intermarriage between British men and Asian women. Any children were generally accepted; however by the time **Charles Theophilus Metcalfe** went through a form of marriage (around 1812) to a lady of the family circle of Rangit Singh - leader of the Sikh People - attitudes had changed. So when the three boys from this union became of age to travel, (about 5 years old), they were sent to their aunt Mrs Georgina Theophila Smyth, sister of their father, who assumed responsibility for their education and upbringing.

Studholm Henry Metcalfe was the eldest son of Charles Theophilus Metcalfe and was baptised on the 18th December 1813. When he joined His Majesty's 9th Regiment of Foot as an Ensign on the 24th July 1828 he claimed to have been born 12th November 1810. He was promoted Lieutenant 28th August 1831 and Captain 28th August 1838 and died 14th October 1838. There is a letter (written by a fellow officer) in the British Library, which states "*Capt Metcalfe died on 14th of last month, which made me leading Captain for nothing which is indeed a great step for me. Poor Metcalfe paid only a very few months ago £1800 for it (the promotion to Captain). He was in bad health and should have gone home. But he wanted to stay one year as Captain; and said he would retire from the service altogether if his health did not improve.*"

Francis Ralph Metcalfe was the second son. One source gives his date of birth as 3rd May 1814 - Francis himself thought otherwise. In his application to join the East India Company Medical Service he stated "*from information of my parents I believe I was born 3rd August 1814*". He became a Doctor in Glasgow and a member of the Royal College of Surgeons and joined the East India Company Medical Service in 1839. He wrote to the Board of Directors stating he intended to leave England on 8th October 1839 to travel, with friends, the overland route and planned to meet the Bombay steamer at Suez on 20th November 1839. When he arrived in Bombay he was posted to the 5th Light Cavalry. Francis's career was to come to a violent end in perhaps one of the heaviest defeats suffered by a British army

When Lord William Bentinck was Governor General of India he concluded that the biggest threat to India was from Russia via Afghanistan. In 1839 the new Governor General George Eden (Lord Auckland) continued the policy of buying the loyalty of local leaders in Afghanistan. Part of the strategy was to have a cantonment near Kabul. This was apparently not in the best of situations but there was a racecourse and a polo ground and the band played at parties. However it was unsafe to go riding in the country as they were "*apt to be cut off and murdered or mutilated*". Soon the political masters

considered the cost to be excessive so the payments were stopped. Immediately friction ensued. In 1841 reinforcements were sent one of whom was Francis Ralph Metcalfe, Assistant Surgeon. He was performing operations near Kabul in November 1841 and in an engagement escaped only by the speed of his horse. The British Army vacated Kabul in January 1842 and was massacred as it retreated towards the Khyber Pass losing some 17000 troops and followers. One report has Francis being killed on 10th January 1842, another 13th January 1842.

James Metcalfe was born on 1st December 1817. In his application form to join Addiscombe he stated he had been educated at Greenwich and Brixton. He joined Addiscombe on the 18th April 1834 and passed out in April 1836. He arrived at Fort William in India on 27th July 1836 when he was posted to 43rd Native Infantry. He was appointed temporary adjutant 10th July 1839; in September 1839 he was appointed Adjutant to the 1st Jaipur, when he was attached to Her Majesty's troops as interpreter for an expedition to the Upper Provinces on 17th December 1839. In inspection reports he was described as "*Well qualified and zealous*". On 22nd March 1843 he was made "Post Master of Sugar" and he became a member of the Oriental Club in 1845.

James was probably in England when his father Lord Charles Theophilus Metcalfe died on 5th September 1846. Following the death James inherited £50,000. (*Being an Anglo Indian he was considered illegitimate and therefore could not directly inherit property or other assets. The lump sum payment - large in those days was probably in lieu of any inheritance.*) James returned to India in October 1847 and was promoted to Captain on 1st January 1850. On the 11th October 1852 he married Jose Eliza Gordon and was granted 6 months leave in January 1853 to go to Mauritius only to have it cancelled in March 1853. These circumstances of having leave granted only to have it cancelled occurred several times in the years leading up to the Mutiny. James became ADC to The Marquis of Dalhousie the Governor General of India. On the outbreak of the Mutiny he was appointed interpreter and commandant at HQ as well as ADC to Sir Colin Campbell C in C of the British forces. From the day he joined Sir Colin James never left his side until 1860 and Sir Colin praised James several times in despatches. James retired in 1861 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, he was awarded the Mutiny Medal & clasp as well as being made a Commander of the order of the Bath. James kept his father's huge library of correspondence, both personal & professional, however after his death, in 1888, his widow burnt it all.

George Buxton M3. This article was written from information held in the British Library and the Local history Office at Reading Central Library.

* See also Mecca News 70 - August 2003.

From March 2006 Readers Digest. "Uncovering the Past".

From an article on researching your ancestors that appeared in TNT Magazine: 'You may solve gaps in your family tree at the local graveyards. **No matter what you dig up**, it's good to remember that the investigative process itself should be enjoyable.'

I am currently trying to put my old records to CD amongst them is the works of the duke - Duke Ellington & his Orchestra / boxed set 5 records RCA Victor 741 043 etc from 1972. On the first record **Louis Metcalfe** is the trumpet solists (sic) in 'Harlem River Quiver' and again in 'Blue Bubbles'.

"Yorkshire Pilgrimage" which has one track of 'My Grandfathers Clock' - A traditional song which serves as a reminder of the days when a Grandfather Clock was a prized possession in many a Yorkshire home. In the 18th and 19th Centuries clock making was a thriving cottage industry in towns and villages such as Richmond, Northallerton, and Thirsk. Perhaps the most famous clock making centre was the Wensleydale village of Askrigg where the Caygill brothers, John Harker, Benjamin Lawson, **the Metcalfe brothers** and their fellow craftsmen made clocks which have become collectors pieces sought after throughout the world. The singers are Filey Fishermen's Harmony Group.'

The Yorkshire Family Historian Dec 2007. Nobody Volunteered.

Seeing the advantages of belonging to a family history society, 4 people decided to join. Their names were Everybody, Anybody, Somebody and Nobody. When asked to take part in a family history project, Everybody agreed that the result would be useful, and that Anybody was capable of taking part. Anybody could have offered to do some of the work, but left it to Somebody. Somebody wanted to know how soon the project would be completed as it would make research so much easier. Nobody offered to help.

The City of York & District FHS. Meeting Talk - Dec 2008. Colin Atkinson - Family Myths & Legends.flight to Canada to avoid a charge of treason. The treason story is perhaps founded on the **Metcalfe side** of the family; a son who was a miner became a blackleg in the General Strike of 1926 and went to Canada in disgrace.

Gleanings from the President

(Gleanings - OED - gathered facts)

Charles Metcalfe M305



If you have been exploring your family tree for some time you will have no doubt exhausted the post 1837 civil records and moved on to ecclesiastic sources. The Church was first ordered to keep parish records of births, marriages and deaths by Cardinal Wolsey in 1538 but don't expect to find many parish holdings back that far - they are few and far between - you will be fortunate to find any before the Commonwealth period (1653 -1660) and even then patchy coverage before the early 1700's.

So what to do? Well there are other sources including records from Guilds, apprentices, Estates/Manors, Quarter Sessions, Muster Rolls, wills, trade directories, various courts of government and the Hearth Tax.

On the restoration of the Monarchy in 1660 Charles II was short of funds so sought ways to raise income and from 1662, until repealed in 1689, every household had to pay an annual charge of two shillings (10p) for each hearth in the property. Payment was paid equally on Lady Day (25 March) and Michaelmas (29 September). There was an exemption for those occupying houses with a value of less than 20 shillings (£1) but even so, as with many taxes, it was an unpopular form of tax revenue.

The Hearth Tax Lists do not cover the full twenty seven years but there is fairly good coverage for two periods - 1662/66 and 1669/1674. Original Hearth Tax lists are usually found in The National Archives (under class E179) or in County record offices. However many have been published by history or record societies and are readily available. The Ridings of Yorkshire have been published by the Ripon Historical Society covering the Michaelmas 1673 (North Riding) and Lady Day 1672 (East and West Ridings and City of York) collections.

The tax is unique in that it records householders in the period after the English Civil War and Commonwealth when record keeping was severely disrupted. It was the first civil record with almost national coverage, since the 1381 Poll Tax, and in that respect can be used to identify family groupings, follow up unusual individual christian names and indicate the wealth of the family by the number of hearths owned.

Not unexpectedly the North Riding list shows a heavy preponderance of Metcalfes in Wensleydale. Out of 129 Mecca tax payers in the district 72 householders were based in the Bainbridge area. As with all records of a specific nature it has its drawbacks - it doesn't identify the actual property (only the village or town) or the other members of the household, cannot differentiate between those with the same christian name and (annoyingly) uses Widow, for relicts, rather than the female householder's christian name. However these restrictions aside it can give leads which can be followed up by using other sources such as parish registers, wills or manorial rolls.

Where there are no earlier records a householder may be identified from the Hearth Tax return and found some years later in (say) a will such as Peter Metcalfe of Hawes who appeared in the Hang West Wapentake under the Bainbridge Manor with one hearth and had a will proved in 1687 showing relationships with the Routh family. There are few Parish records for Hawes prior to 1690 and these are incomplete so that the entry takes the family further back. That may provide other links to muster rolls or perhaps Chancery records. At nearly 350 years ago, attacking the missing links from a variety of angles including the Hearth Tax approach may just provide that snippet to take you back even further.

The Metcalfe entries for the North Riding have been extracted and are available from the List Co-ordinator (see front inside cover).



Mecca Bits and Bobs

Hawaiian Soccer Player. Ashley Medcalf was spotted playing football (soccer) by the woman's national coach in her home island and was successfully drafted into the USA team playing all twelve games of the 2008 season as a midfielder. *Provided by George White M1303 from The Honolulu Advertiser 8 October 2008.*

Football (Soccer) Club Owner. Property developer **Gary Metcalf** was poised to purchase the Chester City club. The club - relegated at the end of the 2008/09 season - will play the new season in the English Conference League. *The Mail on Sunday (MOS) 22 March 2009 provided by Paul Thomas.*

Sandwich Maker. At £75m in *The Sunday Times* 2009 Rich List **Julian Metcalfe** the founder of Pret a Manger sandwich business. He reportedly made £50m from the sale of the operation and now has a stake in the Itsu sushi chain. (£85m in 2008). Supplied by **Richard Metcalfe-Gibson M854.**

Non-Sandwich Maker. Charlie Metcalfe brother of **Julian Metcalfe** left his CEO role at First State Investments. He planned to assist hedge fund operations facing difficulties - he was not considering joining his brother as he knew nothing about making sandwiches. *Sunday Times 22 February 2009.*

Money Power. Consultancy firm National Industry Fuel Efficiency Service was sold to utility support services group Spice for £7.5m. Originally established in 1953 by the Ministry for Fuel and Power it was purchased by a MBO team in 1989 headed by **Howard Metcalfe**. Mr Metcalfe and the managing team remain with the business. *Manchester Evening News 22 December 2008. Both the above provided by David Lambert M11.*

More Financial Mecca's. Top three performer of The Mail on Sunday's Best Fund Investment Managers - UK All Companies: **Christopher Metcalfe** of Newton Income. *MOS 22 March & 21 June 2009.*

TV Star. Nappa Hall. The ancestral home of the Metcalfe's appeared in an episode of "All Creatures Great and Small" (1985) which featured the wedding of Deidre and Callum and their departure to Nova Scotia. The episode was repeated on the *UKTV History Channel* on 7 January 2009.

A Georgia Trio.

One. A former PR and location stylist for top wallpaper company Sanderson **Georgia Metcalfe's** home is a spacious ground-floor flat in a large Edwardian house in Brondesbury Park, North London used for a photography shoot for Pregnancy & Birth magazine. (*London Standard June 14, 2006.*)

Two. Georgia Metcalfe - Media & Communications Director of Discovered Authors. and

Three. Book reviewer **Georgia Metcalfe** married to Nicholas Coleridge the Managing Director of Condé Nast's nine UK titles, including Vogue and GQ.

Almost One! In Vienna **George Metcalfe** presented a seminar on the subject of "Fundamentals of Fuzzy Logics".

All four from the internet - Supplied by David Lambert M11.

Ingleton War Memorial

After the 2008 Mecca Muster **Elizabeth Metcalfe M1648** and her brother **Peter Metcalfe M1696** toured some of the local area and took photographs of gravestones and also the war memorial at Ingleton.

The Ingleton plaque is located on the wall outside of St Mary's Church of England Church and includes two **Metcalfes - J and WM.**

From our database we have been able to identify J - he was James (John W T) Metcalfe of Ingleton born in late 1893 and died of wounds aged

23 on 4 September 1916. This would have been during the later stages of the Battle of the Somme and he is remembered at Forceville Cemetery.

A (lance) sergeant James served in the 1st/6th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). We then come across

one of those coincidences for as Brian our Archivist researched the name he realised James's father Silvester could be one of his grandfather's brothers (further research is being carried out) - that would make James, Brian's second cousin.



A WORLD WAR I MYSTERY

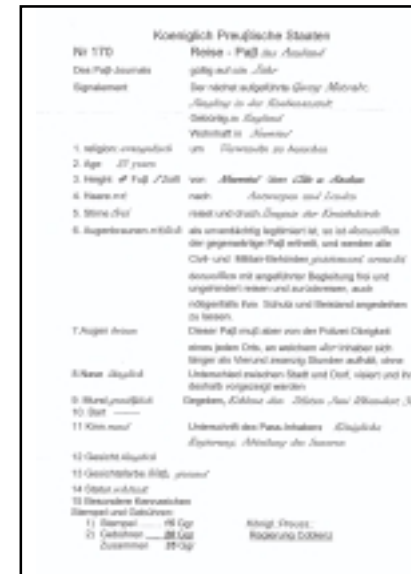
During a recent visit to the battlefields of WWI France I came across the entry opposite in a field cemetery book. It records the death of **Private Willie Dinsdale** of the 18th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) on the first day of the Battle of the Somme on 1 July 1916. This in itself was not significant for Willie was surrounded by many similar graves from various soldiers of the Bradford, Accrington, Chorley, Sheffield and Barnsley Pals who were slaughtered on that morning. What was of interest was the note on the entry - "**served as Metcalfe**".

Research has not been able to resolve the comment.

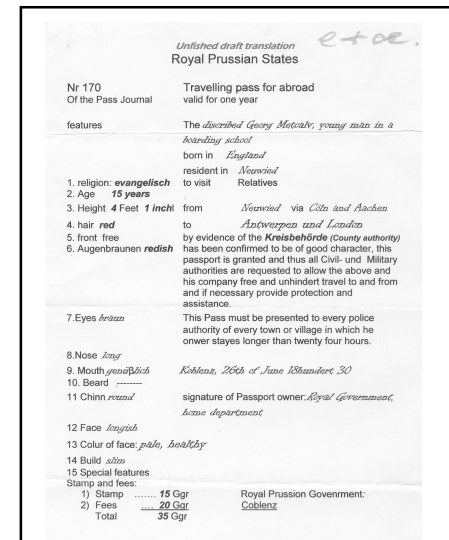
Do you have an answer to this mystery?



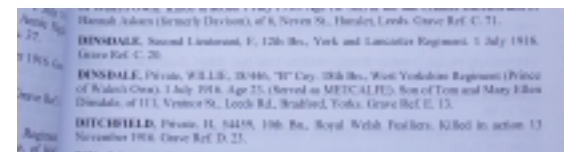
David Major M324 came across this Prussian Travelling Pass in amongst his papers. The pass dated 26 June 1830 in Koblenz relates to the journey of a 15 year old **Georg Metcalv**. David goes on to say "I had an ancestor **John Metcalfe** who lived in the low countries in a big house called "Schattenhof" so George may have been visiting".



Prussian original above
English translation on right



Book Entry and gravestone of
Willie Dinsdale / Metcalfe
at one of the many
small cemeteries near Serre



MURDER MOST FOUL

The Times, Thursday, Nov 28, 1889; pg. 7;

INQUEST.....The adjourned inquest on the body of **ROSAMOND METCALFE**, whose mutilated corpse was found in her own kitchen on Saturday last, was resumed at **Kirkby Stephen** yesterday. The medical evidence showed that no trace of shot could be found in the body, and it was evident that the unfortunate woman's head had been battered to pieces with the barrel and stock of a gun wielded with tremendous force. The jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against **John Metcalfe**, stepson of the deceased.

1673 Hearth Tax - Westmorland

Christopher Medcalfe, Asby under Merwath

Jo. Medcalfe, Brough Sowerby under Stainmore

Rog. Medcalfe, Ravenstonedale

More Sage Observations from Lesley Longworth M68.

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However, later they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour. Hence *the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married*.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, *Don't throw the baby out with the bath water*.

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme, *Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old*.

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could *bring home the bacon*. They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and *chew the fat*. (See also MN 87 page 36.)

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Metcalfe Buildings:

Rigg House, Birkrigg near Hawes, Wensleydale.

Originally one building.

Reputed to be owned by a Metcalfe plantation owner in the early 1800's and subsequently haunted by a slave who walked the corridor stretching the length of the building. The house was later split in two to stop the ghostly visitation.

Metcalfes Muster at their Wensleydale Roots

Saturday 10th October 2009, 10am to 4.30pm

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes,
Wensleydale, North Yorkshire



What's on

Our Speaker will be Fiona Rosher, who manages the Museum. Fiona will talk about the collection held in the Museum, illustrated by slides. This will commence at 2pm, lasting about 1 hour, including time for any questions.

The Dales Countryside Museum has a Local History Studies Room, in addition to the many other facilities available.

Annual General Meeting at 10.30am-your opportunity to hear and join in what is happening in your society

Opportunity to meet your 'relatives'

Society sales tables: **A NEW BIRTH BRIEF BOOKLET, STILL ONLY £5**, "Metcalfe" merchandise, key rings, bookmarks, mugs, coat of arms. 'Metcalfe-History of the Clan' book, recently "Highly Commended" in a competition held by the Guild of One Name Studies. Back copies of **Mecca News**, **reduced to 10p each**, updated **Metcalfe Wills** books, blank forms to help record your ancestors, certificate folders to store those valuable documents & much, much more.

Yorkshire Dales and related merchandise available eg **Real Wensleydale Cheese**

Our Research Team will be available to help you search our computer database or browse through paper records at leisure

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

Lunch Options, see details below.

Reservation Form. Please return by Saturday 26th September 2009

I wish to reserve the following number of places at the Mecca Muster 2009. Please place a X against A + B,C,D or E.

(A) Entrance to the Muster for the full day, including complimentary tea or coffee - FREE

(B) Bring own packed lunch - FREE

(C) 2 course lunch at The Wensleydale Pantry (1st floor restaurant on the main street in Hawes)

(D) £5 finger buffet at Beckindales (adjacent to the entrance road to the Museum)

(E) Sandwiches etc. a good selection available at a new shop called Viti's, which is opposite the Post Office

You will be able to select from the menu available on the day, at the Pantry, so though we do not require any payment in advance for either restaurant, we do have to give them the number of people intending to eat, at both venues.

Outlined below are the names of the people in my party.

Name 1: _____ Member Number/Guest _____

Name 2: _____ Member Number/Guest _____

Name 3: _____ Member Number/Guest _____

Your name: _____ Telephone: _____

Member No: _____ email address: _____

Address: _____

Send this reservation form & all queries relating to the Muster to: Mecca Muster 2009, Mrs Lesley Longworth, 57 Westbourne Avenue, Hull HU5 3HW Tel : +44 -(0)1482 .342516, email : muster@metcalfe.org.uk



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, 10th October 2009

10-30am

Held at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes

AGENDA

1. Chairman's opening remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 2008 AGM
(copy distributed with December 2008 *Mecca News*)
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Reports (see enclosures)
6. Projects (see enclosures)
7. Subscription rates for 2010
8. Elections
9. Approval of accounts
10. Appointment of auditor
11. Any other business
12. Date of next Annual General Meeting

THE METCALFE SOCIETY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5th APRIL 2009

[illegible]

Date: 26.07.09

THE METCALFE SOCIETY
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5th APRIL 2009

ASSETS	2009	2008	LIABILITIES	2009	2008
COST			MAIN FUND		
Printers	538.73	538.73	SURPLUS BROUGHT FORWARD		
Copier	410.08	410.08	Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year	11906.91	9421.45
Copier (2)	293.74	293.74	Surplus of Expenditure over Income for the year	-699.56	2485.46
Computers, Printer, Workstation & Software	2,942.15	2,942.15		<u>11207.35</u>	<u>11906.91</u>
Filing Cabinets	338.84	338.84			
Printers	149.99	149.99			
Scanner	149.99	149.99			
Copier	117.48	117.48	Creditors (Monies received after 05/04/09)	2248.79	3600.77
	<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)	135.00	120.00			
Scanner (10% on cost)	135.00	120.00			
Copier (25% on cost)	117.48	117.48			
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NET BOOK VALUE ASSETS	29.98	59.98			
DEBTORS (suppliers paid after 05/04/08)					
BANK BALANCES		1,338.11			
Barclays	5,299.39	6,401.09			
Scottish Widows	7,453.32	7,227.95			
Cash Floats	601.36	118.20			
Paypal	72.09	362.35			
	<u>13,456.14</u>	<u>15,507.68</u>			

Date: 26.07.09

The Metcalfe Society
Reports for 29th Annual General Meeting
Saturday 10th October 2009

Chairman

We are a registered educational charity and therefore must every year account to you and the charity commission with details of our activities during the past 12 months. The Society was formed 29 years ago and has a Constitution which sets out the objects for which the Society was founded. The members elect annually at the AGM its committee and also, for longer periods, the posts of President and Vice Presidents. The Constitution regulates the manner in which the affairs of the Society are conducted by the committee on behalf of its members. The committee meets three times a year, on the last three occasions at Hawes. The Society communicates with its members through its magazine, the *Mecca News*, which appears three times a year and through its website on the Internet.

Membership is open to anyone who is interested in learning about, or who wishes to add information to, the archives of the Metcalfe family. Our annual subscription is charged to cover the cost of us running the Society, including the production of our magazine. Our membership is widely located, mainly in the UK, in the north of England, especially Yorkshire, but we have active members in USA and Canada, New Zealand and Australia in particular. We have local agents there to help members join and pay their subscriptions.

We are involved in and are members of national and regional bodies and groups to help us widen public awareness of our Society and what we do. We are members of The Federation of Family History Societies and the Guild of One Name Studies. We were proud to have been selected by the Federation as winners of the One Name Society category and were pleased to display our certificate of achievement at the 2008 Muster. We entered our Book "History of the Clan" on the family in a Guild competition at the start of the year and were highly commended. Members of our committee serve on the committees of the North East and the North West Groups of Family History Societies. Our editor, Peter Dobson was, until their AGM this year, Chairman of this Group. Our President Charles Metcalfe has undertaken this task for us since then.

Our projects continue to make available Metcalfe references to members and others. I am pleased to advise that we have made good progress in transcribing copies of wills acquired through the generosity of the grant from the North West Group and particularly wish to thank Edwin Metcalf and his associates for the voluntary work they have done in enlarging our transcriptions. David Metcalfe regularly and rightly is thanked for the countless hours he spends unpaid adding to our data. Carol Herbert and he have, as was foreshadowed last year, been able to put some of our records online to members with the appropriate safeguards and passwords. We are most grateful to them for achieving this. There remains a lot still to be done but this is a very good start. We have a small team of 'archivists' who answer queries on the family and relationships of enquirers to existing members. They are kept busy and this year especially so because one of their number, Edwin, was out of action for health reasons for some weeks but has now made a good recovery.

There follows a number of specific reports from officers which I commend to you. They explain in more detail some of the activities and actions taken by the Society. From these you will see we have been active on your behalf as members and also in bringing our activities to wider attention. We attempt to fulfil our charitable objects and to meet the public benefit test by collecting and making available in different media our large amount of data and information about our Metcalfe family. We have attended several Family History Fairs, including York and Liverpool, as well as a new venue for us at Pudsey, and were represented also at the large National Event "Who Do You Think You Are" at Olympia by virtue of our participation on the North West Group of Family History Societies table. Several thousand people have as a result become aware of our activities and some have joined as new members. Our helpers at these events: mainly Ena and Brian Metcalfe, David Metcalfe and Margaret Hodgson are to be commended for their help. Without them we could not manage to run the stalls at such events. They are always happy to greet new and potential members and to look up references to the family for enquirers.

Our main activity as a Society during the year was the 2008 Muster, once again at the Upper Dales Museum in Hawes. We had a reasonable number of members present (about 20 % of our Society) once again, many 'regulars' but a fair number of new faces too which was good to see. The visit to the newly restored and opened Gayle Mill was a resounding success, which hopefully will be repeated this year.

Progress on making data available on a secure Website came to fruition and more is promised. We are extremely fortunate in having such talented and dedicated people devoting their time to our Society. I say this every year but it is true. All the members of the committee give their free time for our benefit and I would like to thank them all on your behalf for this.

The Metcalfe Society
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Without their voluntary assistance the Society could not continue. Next year sees the 30th anniversary celebrations. It does not seem four years ago since we were celebrating, so successfully, our 25th. Decisions will be taken shortly to finalise a programme of appropriate events. Nappa Hall, referred to last year at this time has, as reported in our Magazine, been acquired privately and we were able to interview the new owner and give him information about the Metcalfe connection with his new property.

David Lambert

Secretary (including New Members Secretary)

I am delighted to report that the "Metcalfe - History of the Clan" won a "Highly Commended" award in the competition organised by the Guild of One Name Studies. At the time of writing, I do not know the overall winner, though the Guild has told me that the standard was very high. We have had a steady supply of new members this year, in view of the successful offer last year, whereby anyone joining at or after the Muster, gained the last 3 months of the year free, thus enabling the membership to commence from the following January. This proved to be an encouragement to join in the latter part of the year, and in view of this, the committee has decided to continue this offer in future years.

Ena Metcalfe

Treasurer & Gift Aid Secretary

The accounts have been examined by our accountants. They show there has been a drop in subscription amounts. However 2007-8 showed more people paying for multiple years. Last year's figures included the one-off donation for the Wills project. The difference regarding the mugs is due to us having had to buy new stock. The journal production cost has almost doubled, although postage costs are slightly down. However the figures are higher because last year's accounts included 3 issues, whereas this year's accounts have included 4 issues. More use of email/Internet has been reflected in an increase in costs which is to be expected. Whilst the figures compared to 2007-08 show an almost £3,000 difference, the overall spend for 2008-09 was only £700 more than the income received. The Society's current bank balances continue to be healthy and membership numbers show there may be only a small drop this year from last. I therefore recommend that subscription rates remain the same and that we review the matter after next year end (April 2010). We are grateful to members who have completed Gift Aid forms. As ever, the Society gains a benefit at no cost to members if those who are tax payers complete a Gift Aid form. The accounts reflect this.

Carol Herbert

Agents Reports

Alison Hutton (New Zealand) and Susan Harper (Canada) have both reported that few Society transactions are now carried out via themselves.

Editor

The magazine received an award at the Federation of Family History Societies Annual Conference in September 2008 – the Elizabeth Simpson Winner Award for the best Magazine for One Name Societies. We have had awards in the past for content and other features but to be recognised as the paramount one name society magazine is indeed an honour. However this all depends on the topics and items supplied by you which help to (hopefully) make a varied and interesting magazine. Keep sending in your articles! The recent magazines have again looked to be interesting and informative and at the same time give you some additional ideas for research. Don't forget that our database holds nearly 105,000 individuals (even though sometimes seemingly not the ones you are looking for!) and is being added to regularly. Don't forget to send in the results of your research and I would be interested to receive articles on any experiences using little known or new sources. If there are any topics you would like to see in the 'Mecca News' let me know and I will see what can be done. Production issues have tended to be minor and the recent magazines have generally proceeded without hitch. Photographs now play a larger part in the presentation and if you have any you would like to share with the wider membership please send them in.

Peter Dobson

Despatch / Sales

Most of the year things have gone well. Generally orders have gone straight out. If there is any delay, for example waiting for stock to be transferred from the Bellerby store, then I email the customer to explain then inform them in the usual manner when the order has been posted. There was a slight delay at Xmas with only a few *Mecca News* but this was due to a stamp shortage in this area. However I have been out of circulation since 8 May when I was rushed into hospital.

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seriously ill. I am grateful to my husband and to Brian, Ena and David Metcalfe who have kept the Society work going during my illness.

Liz Waller

Archivist Co-ordinator / Library

Yet another year has passed, during which time we have been able to produce 26 birth briefs, for both new and existing members. I would like to thank our two extremely devoted researchers, Nina Benson and Edwin Metcalf, for having given their time and experience to this task. I am sure that those of you who have benefited from their help will endorse those words. I can also report that we have been able to give help and advice to many members who are continually trying to dig deeper into the past. For those of us who are striving to break through the "brick walls" we so often meet along the way, researching can become a very consuming occupation. It is always pleasing to be able to answer enquiries from non members, who are often tempted into joining the Society, when informed of the information we could provide, should they do so. I would like to express my thanks to those members who have sent detailed copies of their research, containing much information, some of which was unknown to us, and which I have been able to pass to the controller of our database. Finally, may I remind you all that we do have an immense amount of data about the "Clan", some of which might just be the snippet you have been seeking. Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you think that we might be able to assist your research.

Brian Metcalfe

Computer Index

The main index database is now partially online with password protected read only access for members. Members can obtain passwords from our web administrator. Unfortunately whilst it has been placed on the internet, my job of updating information has had to be suspended, otherwise we would have two databases. In the meantime I have been scanning newspaper cuttings supplied by members from such erstwhile publications as the *Yorkshire Post*, *Northern Echo*, *Craven Herald*, *Darlington & Stockton Times & Westmorland Gazette*. They currently number over 300 and hopefully will also be put on the internet to be viewed by members. I have also been busy "housekeeping" at our storage facility and still have over 300 correspondence files to read through and check for any overlooked information that could be useful for the database. Finally it is hoped to reproduce a new edition of the *Birth Brief Booklet* in paper form. The only problem is that it is almost out of date as soon as it is published. With that in mind, thrice yearly up dates to correspond to the publication of the *Mecca News* are also planned for the internet.

David Metcalfe (M46)

Web administrator

The work of putting the Society's records into a form which can be searched on the members only area of the website is a major task on which some steady progress has been made. It is important to remember that all of this has relied on those who give voluntarily and freely of their time.

Carol Herbert

Publications

The Committee is making plans for the publication of an updated *Birth Brief Booklet*. Various other Society documents have been updated during the course of the year.

Affiliations

North East Group FHS

Brian & I attended a meeting of representatives from the Societies within this Group, held at the Transport Museum in Bradford on 14th March. Apart from discussion regarding membership & forthcoming Fairs, the main topic was the WDYTYA Fair held at Olympia. The representative from the London Group of Yorkshire FHS addressed the meeting. There had been a footfall of approx. 15000 over the 3 days of the event & the table booked for the NEFHS included a poster advertising the Metcalfe Society. Similar arrangements were made for the Barbican Fair, though on this occasion, we provided 100 A5 flyers, giving details of what the Society offered to members. Unfortunately, the majority of them were returned to us at the York Fair. The general consensus of the meeting was that without individual societies having representatives at either Fair, to "sell" the benefits of membership etc., it was unproductive. Whilst the potential is there, the cost of a table, travelling with stock, accommodation & subsistence, is high. Tables alone are priced at £200 each!

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North West Group of FHS

Charles Metcalfe has attended these meetings this year.

FFHS

The Society attended the Federation of Family History Societies' AGM which was held at the National Archives in Kew. We will be attending the forthcoming meeting in August in Nottinghamshire after this report has been prepared. The FFHS represents approximately 200 member family history societies including those established for one name societies like ours. The AGM heard that the FFHS trading company had achieved savings following the decision to close its depot. The members after some lively discussion approved the actions taken by the executive committee. Members also applauded the officers for their encouragement to the public to join online petitions to save archive repositories and to object to archive closures on Saturdays. They are entering into the debate about the announced plans to close the National Archives on Mondays and to make certain cuts due to the 'credit crunch'. Another campaign seems probable. The National Burial Index will be available in its third edition later this or early next year. The price has yet to be fixed.

David Lambert

Fairs

Brian and Ena Metcalfe and Margaret Hodgson represented the Society at the Fair held at Pudsey Civic Centre on Saturday 4th April. This was the Society's first attendance there and it proved a very positive and enjoyable event. During the day our stand was visited by several members. Brian was kept busy looking up queries on the computer and we hope to gain some new members as a result.

Margaret Hodgson

The Society had two tables at the Northern Fair held at York on 27th June. The space was insufficient, as we were still unable to display everything adequately. Josephine Hopper, Ena, Brian & David Metcalfe attended. Four members, M015, 1383, 1762 & 1801 came to make themselves known & view our wares. David & Brian were able to use the database on their computers, in order to tell a few potential members that we could help them trace their ancestors, if they joined the Society. Hopefully they will do so in the near future. Quite a number of "Are You Interested in The Society" packs were taken. Sales of merchandise totalled £119.35. Of the fairs we attend, York has, by far, the largest attendance of visitors.

Ena Metcalfe

Conference Secretary

A return to an early October date brought Muster attendance up on previous September dates. 88 members and guests pre-booked, with 5 travelling from Vancouver, California and Norway. The extras who turned up on the day resulted in three new members and two late renewals. The speaker, Stuart Tate, was very well received. The personal lunch arrangements worked better than the previous pre-paid set meal options. Thank you to all Committee members and partners who worked so hard over the Friday set-up and Muster day to ensure all ran smoothly. Jose, especially, takes on a lot of the preparation as she lives closest to the Museum.

Lesley Longworth

Projects / research:

Wills

We now have 512 transcribed wills on the Society website. Margaret Hodgson has continued to obtain wills from the Preston Record Office and Susan Mooney is transcribing wills held in her local Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire Record Office. Favourable comments have been received regarding the wills on the website. The continuing success of the project will be helped by members making available wills that they have obtained for their own researches.

Edwin Metcalf