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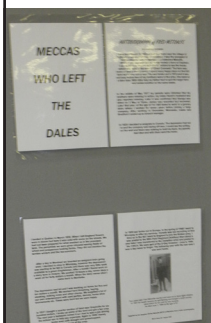
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30th ANNIVERSARY MUSTER



Setting up the day before



*The Day of the Muster
Settling in /
Catching up /
Early Bargains*

30th ANNIVERSARY MUSTER



**Saturday
9 October 2010**

The AGM



**The 2010 Mecca
Muster & AGM
at the Dales
Countryside
Museum Hawes
Wensleydale**



***and after....
research and a
little shopping!***

*More pictures
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Impressions of the Metcalfe Society AGM 2010

I came to the Metcalfe Society AGM in Ripon in 1999 and it was a pleasure to return this year to Hawes with my friend, Charlotte, who researches her family history in Scotland and Ireland.

We stayed in North Allerton on Oct 7th and I visited the Family Records Office. They had a new accession which I perused that morning. It was the diary of a teacher, James Coates, written April – October 1785 in North Yorkshire. I thought I may find some Metcalfe's mentioned. I found the following: *"Mr. Metcalfe got to Richmond at 6 o'clock, drunk! He has little conduct indeed."*



We headed to Hawes Museum and Charlotte and I were warmly greeted by the executive of the Metcalfe Society. The displays of items for sale and even the free books were amazing. I now have a Nappa Hall painting by Mary Metcalfe proudly displayed in the "Metcalfe corner" of my home.

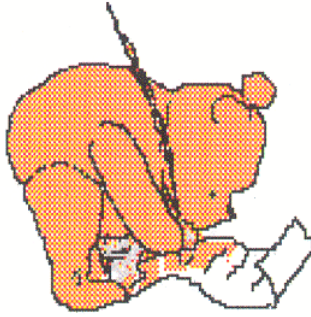
I have been stuck on my research for many years so the DNA project coordinated by Martin Metcalfe has been very interesting re the migration of our ancestors. I am connected to Harold Metcalfe (M1389) with the DNA results and after many emails back and forth, it was a delight to meet Harold and Margaret Metcalfe for dinner on Oct 8th. After a short period of time in the bar, Charlotte noticed that Harold and I had the same nose! DNA must really work. There was always a "Metcalfe walk" in our family but I had never heard of "the Metcalfe nose". I hope the drunk Metcalfe in Richmond 1785 did not have this nose!!

Saturday's morning meeting went well with many existing executives willing to be re-elected. We do appreciate the volunteer work done by the executive. Lunch was pleasant at Beckindales and we enjoyed meeting members Dr. John Chippendale and his wife. Lady Teviot's speech in the afternoon was informative and most entertaining. Thanks to everyone for making our visit to Hawes a memorable weekend.

***Sandi Walton M541 Vancouver, BC Canada
& guest, Charlotte Granewall***



FROM THE EDITOR



As I put this issue to bed I have had the opportunity to make some last minute adjustments to the layout and to review the contents. The last magazine of the year is always quite different as we have had the AGM and Muster and there has usually been a committee meeting so there are matters that need to be included adding to the issues of trying to produce a balanced edition.

We have had a significant Muster this year - our 30th - and I have included a more than large number of pictures of the event. We are one of the longest running FHS's and (at the last count) the largest one named society. I feel that this anniversary will be a pivotal one in that there are significant changes to FHS's with some becoming more commercial and undertaking projects with non FHS partners and others finding it difficult to sustain their activities due to the lack of volunteers and are making adjustments accordingly.

We have started to change over the last twelve months and have now introduced an ezine which appears (from feedback) to have met with some success. The next ten years will see material changes to FHS's, possibly many becoming online operations and all looking to fit into the new world of Ancestry / Find my Past etc where the major sources are in the hands of the large commercials.

Our one name approach may protect us from the more severe effects of the changes but we still have to provide something of interest to our members and the recent request for help in researching Mecca entries in other sources has produced an number of responses which should help in that direction. Whilst commercial operations will dominate the market there is always a niche for quality operators and we hopefully are in that category. We will see at the 40th anniversary!

I heard at the Muster that **Norma & Kenneth Pelmear M1780** had celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 1 July. I extend congratulations to them both in achieving this milestone.

All it now remains for me to say is have a good read and to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.



FROM THE SWINNERTON SAGA

(The Journal of the SWINNERTON FHS) editorial of September 2010.

"I thought **Mecca News**... was particularly interesting and innovative. There were some good ideas which we could perhaps adopt."

MY THANKS to the Swinnerton Society.

Using the Tithe Map as Background to Family and Local History

Most of us family and local historians are aware in a general way that tithes were for centuries the means by which a parish supported its church and the incumbent by the donation to him of a tenth part of the year's produce. The documentation created by the changes to this long-established practice provides, by great good fortune, a wealth of information which we can use to add background to our family narratives.

The Tithing Structure

As there was only the one church in England before the Reformation, the system was clear cut up to that time. After the 1534 split with Rome, the tithes transferred to the newly established Protestant Church of England and were its financial mainstay, Vicars, although they had free housing and some income from Glebe land and Easter offerings, were not paid salaries until the 1880s and gradually the tithing structure became unworkable. The chapelries in a parish did not receive any tithe goods; all went to the parish church itself. In huge parishes this created a rich/poor divide as there was no mechanism to even out clergy income disparities and it was felt that tithes should have paid for curates.

By the early 17th century non-conformist groups were breaking away and these felt that their continuing contributions to the Church of England conferred on it unfair privileges. The Quakers, from 1752, were bitterly antagonistic and extremely reluctant to pay and other Non-Conformists and

the Roman Catholics were similarly greatly opposed to the system, but there was no choice under the then-current civil legal framework. Additionally, since tithes were designed for a rural world, the growth of urban communities created practical problems.

What was paid and how?

The tenth of all goods and produce - eggs, corn, bales of hay, calves, apples, fish etc.- going to the incumbent of the parish church was usually stored in the Tithe Barn, a well-constructed secure



Tithe Barn

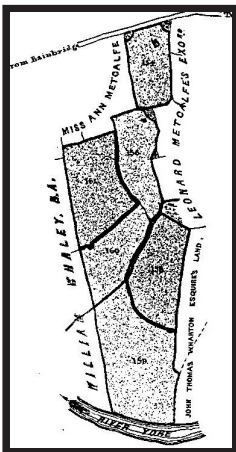
building, to be found near the church. The vicar could use the items himself, or sell for profit, as he chose. Ever-present were questions over what could be classed as cultivated and what could not and laws to clarify these details were continually enacted. In industrial areas the system was totally absurd - what about nails? railway engines? gas?

As the 19th century progressed it became clear that the arrangements required revision and in 1836 The Tithes Commutation Act became law. Clever legislative working satisfied the more-aware opponents and its main terms were -

- to abolish payment in kind, replacing it by a monetary payment.
- to standardise this monetary payment across the country and to base it on a nominal agricultural value of land, thereby converting the revenue into a tax on the land itself rather than the produce. The idea here was for the Church not to lose out under the new arrangements.
- to affirm that the monetary value could not be subsequently altered. In practice inflation eroded this into valueless terms.

Features of the Documents

The Maps and Apportionments are the evidence of the gradual abolition from the mid 1830's onwards of the tithe system. About 75% of the country required a map, mostly scaled at 26" = 1 mile, covering every property and piece of highway. All parcels of land were numbered to match the written record in the Apportionment which gives, for each number, the owner, occupier, field (or other) name, its use, and area in acres, roods and perches. Such meticulous attention to detail meant that the process took about 20 years to complete - all the 1840s and a few not done until the 1850s.



Tithe Map

Three copies of each set of documents were made for deposit (a) in the parish chest, (b) with the diocese and (c) with the Tithes Commission in London (this set is presently housed at The National Archives at Kew and should be the most complete). Sometimes there was a fourth copy for the Lord of the Manor where he was the main landowner. Sets (a) and/or (b) are now usually to be found in the relevant County Record Office and although there can be gaps in the deposited items, the collections are mainly good.

Value and use of the documents today

- reconstruction of agricultural land use in the past - medieval small fields, long narrow or rectangular fields in different phases of development. The disappearance of some 19th century boundaries can be seen as larger fields became more economical.
- study of ownership and occupation. Wills sometimes refer to bequeathed parcels of land by name.
- demonstration of the possible dominance of just one landowner and a closed village, by contrast with open villages where there is no landowning dominance.
- comparison of field patterns then and now, not just in rural agricultural areas but also in suburbs, here a sell-off of land for housing development has resulted in estates and streets being superimposed on the original configurations.
- cross-referencing with relevant censuses and directories.
- creation of a map showing the extent of land held by any landowner, large or small.
- links with subsequent maps, or any existing previous documents which include a map, to give a 'moving picture'.

Adding to the Metcalfe background

My late husband's 2 x great-grandfather, John Metcalfe, was in 1851 a "farmer of 50 acres" in Marsett, near Bainbridge. Through The Metcalfe Society which we had joined in the early 1980s we discovered that in 1979 the North Yorkshire County Record Office has issued what was for us a wonderful publication, "The Township of Bainbridge in the Middle of the Nineteenth Century". This is a transcript of the 1841 and 1851 Censuses, together with a reproduction of the tithe map and apportionment for that area, dated 1844. Having all this information in book form to study at home was a bonus and enabled me to extract data at leisure. We wanted to find out, if possible, which fields were the ones which John had farmed.

In 1851 the hamlet of Marsett had 13 inhabited houses, five of which were headed by a Metcalfe, two of these five being John Metcalfe (which, as always with Metcalfes, complicated matters). The apportionment listed 256 parcels of land under Marsett, numbered 693 to 948 inclusive. Some painstaking work followed! I saw that all the land in Marsett occupied by the two John Metcalfes was according to the census was a farmer of 200 acres, and it was plain from the ownership details that Sarah Wharton was by far the larger proprietor. On the basis that in general a farmer would rent his holding from only one landlord it seemed logical to conclude that our John Metcalfe was the tenant of the Rev. Robert Johnson. The Johnson ownership and

John Metcalfe occupancy applied to the following:-

Plot Number	Field Name or Description	Cultivation
778	House, etc.	
772	Gardens	
733	Longdales	Meadow
813	New Close	Meadow
814	Keld Bank	Meadow
815	Middle Faw	Meadow
816	Tom Middle Faw	Meadow
817	Buzzard Hill	Meadow
818	East Intack	Meadow
820	Little West Close	Meadow
821	Pry Close	Meadow
858	Cow Pasture Allotment	Pasture

The house and garden plot numbers 778 and 772 matched the right family in the sequence of census recording, so I felt sure that these were indeed John's fields. Next was the challenge of adding up the acres, roods and perches area of each individual field to give an approximate total - shades of junior school arithmetic in the 1940s! It came to just under the 50 acres quoted in the census.

Reference to the 1844 map showed that the Longdales meadow was just that, a long field between a track and Raydale Beck, the other meadow land 813-821 was to be found in one block, close by but on the hillside on the other side of the track, and the pasture 858 higher up the hillside towards Cam High Road, the Roman Road from Bainbridge. The as 1:25000 map we had then (1984) showed that the field patterns were exactly the same as they had been 140 years earlier and it was with



Field 733, Longdales Meadow 1984

eager anticipation that we went up to Raydale to find them. To lean on the wall at the end of Longdales and know that this piece of ground had been part of an ancestor's working life was an exciting experience.

The latest OS 1: 25000 map of that part of the Yorkshire Dales shows some field boundaries removed to create larger units, but the changes are comparatively few. Long Dales is marked and Keldbank Barn is named. All the territory that would have been very familiar to John Metcalfe over 160 years ago can still be easily identified.

Joan Metcalfe M63

Landowner List 1873

Lists some 171 Meccas who owned land of 1 acre or more. As you would expect the majority appear in the Mecca "hotspots" with a couple appearing in Devon and Hampshire but only one representative in the counties of Surrey, Somerset, Oxfordshire, Middlesex and Cambridge-shire.

The lowest valued piece of Mecca land in the list was the one acre held by Robert Metcalf of Masham which was valued at £2 whilst the largest landowner by a large margin was the Reverend John Metcalfe of Hawes whose land holding of some 4620 acres was valued at £3640.

(The Society has a listing of the farms and lands held by the Reverend Metcalfe from the Tithe Survey of 1849.)

The 1873 list has been transcribed and will be available on the Mecca Database system.

POOR LAW PROJECT UPDATE

Details of the project undertaken by the Reeth Poor Law Group were given in the Mecca News - December 2009 (Issue 89). The digitisation of the Reeth Union records and correspondence was completed earlier this year and has now been released together with the other selected Poor Law Unions by The National Archives (TNA). This online collection holds the correspondence between the union and the central authorities. You will find letters, memos, reports and accounts bound from the loose correspondence. You will see details of individual paupers, cases of neglect and cruelty, and workhouse staff as well as source material to study indoor and outdoor poor relief, education, building work, local politics and labour history, such as trade unions, Chartism and friendly societies.

The material is very strong on public health and contains accounts of both physical and mental health matters.

The information from twenty three Poor Law Unions (including Reeth) can be seen at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/workhouse.asp A quick look showed some 11 pages of Mecca entries covering the trustees and overseers but also details of those receiving relief. Editor

I read the article in Issue No. 90, April 2010, about the Sandemanians in the Dales with interest as I have had Sandemanian connections. In fact, the headstone of Isaac Metcalfe in Gayle churchyard that is photographed in the article is that of my great-great-great-grandfather.

The Sandemanians gave me a lot of difficulty because they did not believe in baptism. Tracing my great-grandfather John Wilson Metcalfe was a long process that I nearly gave up after several years and many, many letters. It was lucky that he was John Wilson and not just John, because there were 14 Johns born around Hawes between 1791 and 1806 and three Johns married to Isabellas between 1816 and 1823. While on the subject of Isaacs, I was looking for an Isaac Metcalfe

back in the 1980s when an early member of the Metcalfe Society, Miss Flora Metcalfe of Canada, M26, wrote and told me about the Society, as I think she was also looking for an Isaac at the same time. I duly joined the Society and have remained a member ever since. My membership has given me a great deal of pleasure and interest and given me useful information and a number of contacts, all of which has much expanded my knowledge of my Metcalfe family connections.

However, I have never found out what happened to Isaac Metcalfe, baptised 19/11/1832 at Hawes, the son of John Wilson Metcalfe my great-grandfather. Isaac would have been my great-uncle. He was one of seven siblings and I have information about the others, but have never found out anything at all about Isaac, despite the fact that he was the cause of my joining the Metcalfe Society all those years ago!

Shirley Withers M33

your letters & emails

You may be interested in this e-mail from the Assistant to the Windsor Herald to our President **CS Metcalfe M305** regarding the College of Arms.

As you may be aware there is no such thing as a coat of Arms for a family name. Arms are granted to individuals and only those who show a direct descent in the full blood from someone who is on record as being entitled to Arms can themselves establish an inherited right to Arms.

The first step in investigating such matters is a search in the official registers of grants of Arms, pedigrees and other records to see whether any relevant entries can be found. This should be done in association with whatever facts you can provide about your own family history. Such information is best set out in the form of a brief family tree with yourself at the base, giving dates and places of birth, marriages and deaths and stating occupations and places of residence where known.

It is possible that a number of unrelated families with your surname have been granted Arms. The College of Arms does not maintain files of illustrations of Arms; our records consist of bound manuscript volumes forming several series of official registers. In order to produce illustrations of the Arms of the various armigerous families of your surname it would be necessary to commission an heraldic artist. This is likely to cost some hundreds of pounds for each coat of Arms.

Members can see the various Metcalfe Coats of Arms in the Society's book

Metcalfe - History of the Clan

and of course obtain family details from our database. **Editor**

Membership Soars over 500

After a downturn in numbers Society membership has increased appreciably during this year partly as a result of our online newsletter. We have seen lapsed members rejoining as well as a healthy increase in new members.

Before the recent Muster numbers had grown from the around 450 to 502 with a further six joining at the event in Wensleydale. Numbers have continued to rise since early October and as we go to press (end of October) we approach 520. A most welcome position.

MUSTER QUIZ

Lesley Longworth M68

devised the following for
the day of the Muster.

I thought that those who weren't
there on 9 October
(or even those that were and
didn't have an opportunity to
have a go)
could while away some time
and test their knowledge of
dialect words.

Match the numbered words with
the alphabetical answer.

No prizes just the satisfaction of
getting some/all of them right!

Answers on page 36.

Muster Video

At the Muster we showed a video of past Muster pictures.

There were some years which
were not covered. Have you any
photos of the early Musters?
Please send them to the Editor.

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| 1. aboon | A. mend, get working |
| 2. allus | B. bonfire night |
| 3. barmpot | C. hinges |
| 4. buffit | D. an earwig |
| 5. capt | E. cow shed |
| 6. choops | F. a blister |
| 7. dander | G. raining heavily |
| 8. donnot | H. leather bootlaces |
| 9. fettle | I. trouser braces |
| 10. flish | J. always |
| 11. galluses | K. a ladder |
| 12. gap'oil | L. surprised |
| 13. jammers | M. a naughty child |
| 14. jock | N. gateway |
| 15. lig | O. clothes basket |
| 16. mistal | P. rosehips |
| 17. nobbut | Q. it isn't in the tin |
| 18. ockud | R. above |
| 19. plot neet | S. anger, passion |
| 20. stee | T. only |
| 21. silin' | U. a stool |
| 22. tintintin | V. food, lunch |
| 23. twichbell | W. a stupid person |
| 24. voider | X. awkward, difficult |
| 25. whangs | Y. lie (down) |

NEW SCRAPBOOK KEEPER

A Volunteer at the Muster was Mrs **Stephanie Fidell** who has taken on the role of collating Mecca newspaper articles, notices and cuttings for the Society.

So if you come across any of the above please send them to
Stephanie at The Viking, Helperthorpe, Malton, YO17 8TQ.

Any items for the Mecca News to the Editor (see address front inside cover.)

SUBSCRIPTIONS FROZEN FOR THE 9TH SUCCESSIVE YEAR.

Society membership fees have been held at 2003 levels once again providing excellent value in times of austerity.

SO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY.

Send in the renewal form with this magazine and don't forget to **GIFT AID** your subscription.



Decluttering?

Here is your opportunity to free up space.

Launched at the 30th Anniversary Muster a cd containing Mecca News issues 1-89 plus an index all for only £9.99.

Scanned and compiled by our President Charles Metcalfe the pdf files are easily read.

So if you want more space throw out the old magazines and purchase the cd from our website

www.metcalfe.org.uk

Data is continually being added to the online Members area, so if you haven't already please check it out at www.metcalfes-online.co.uk/members. If you need a password or reminder, email webadmin@metcalfe.org.uk.

Just to let you know that recently I uploaded 16,125 burial records and these are now searchable via the new form in the members area.

Carol Herbert

Web Administrator

POW LIST - Liz Waller (M1189) continues to beaver away on the passenger lists but has also extracted details of WWII Prisoners of War (Where she gets the energy from given all her other activities I don't know!) which has been added to our database. There are some forty five Meccas of which no less than five are Generals!

AS PART OF THE recent 30th Anniversary AGM & Muster Celebrations your Committee were pleased to announce the granting of **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP** to the following for their work and efforts on behalf of the Society over the years. They were:

George Buxton M3

Dorothy Pope M55

Joan Metcalfe M63

Carol Arkwright M86

Warwick Metcalfe M256

Charles Metcalfe M305

Pat Malham M444

One canny recipient with a wicked sense of humour was heard to say "I'll have to get down to the bank on Monday to cancel the direct debit." That's a Mecca for you! Congratulations to all the above.

LITTLE BIG HORN



or Custer's Last Stand is known by most. Cowboys and Indians were the play of school children of my generation and films, comics and magazines were part of our understanding (albeit slanted) of the history of the USA. Only later did the reality of the development and expansion of the American states become clearer when more adult reading was undertaken.

The Battle of the Little Big Horn in Montana was a clash between Native Americans, what we knew as Indians, and the US Army - generically cowboys. The reasons for the various wars/battles/skirmishes were complex but essentially Native American's were trying to protect their way of life from the expansionist migrants who came to the USA - a pastoral/hunter gatherer way of life meeting the encroachment of an industrial culture.

(If you want to read something of these struggles there are a number of books including the Trail of Tears by Gloria Jahoda which describes early encounters between the two cultures.)

In the summer of 1876 the Sioux Nation consisting of Cheyenne, Lakota and Arapaho tribes influenced by the visions of their great Chief Sitting Bull took a stand against colonist incursions into their territory. The US 7th Cavalry Regiment was assigned the role of putting down the uprising. The Regiment's battalions were commanded by Generals Custer and Reno.

The Regiment was not expecting much trouble and Custer noted for his flamboyant manner may have underestimated the number of Sioux warriors and the level of expected resistance. Whether overconfident or unfortunate his battalion rode towards the superior numbers of the Sioux encampment expecting a favourable outcome.

As history records Custer's battle group was annihilated with Reno's group severely mauled. Some 268 men of the 7th Cavalry were killed (the majority with Custer) and a further 55 wounded in the battle and the skirmishes of the following day. This was the largest US Army loss in fighting against the Native Americans in the 19th century.

If you look for Metcalfe combatants among the killed or wounded at Little Big Horn you will not find any but Metcalfe was represented at the battle.

The 7th Cavalry had been armed with the single shot highly accurate long range Springfield Model 1873 "Trapdoor" carbine earlier in the year; it was reputedly superior to the repeating rifles of some of the Sioux tribes. Just prior to its



release to the 7th Cavalry the rifle had been refined by the addition of an attachment which *"was an iron strap inletted into the stock from lockplate to lower band which had fittings to accept a wooden block which held eight cartridges. 1000 guns were so modified."*¹ The refinement was meant to increase the rate of fire and was known as the METCALFE Attachment.

The attachment is seemingly named after **Henry C Metcalf(e)** of the US Army Ordnance. A West Point engineering graduate who qualified in 1868 Henry joined the Ordnance shortly afterwards as a Captain and spent a career with the operation. He was a known stickler for cost efficiencies and the



**Springfield Model
1873**

single shot carbine with its emphasis on reduced use (and therefore reduced cost) of ammunition may well have been as a result of his influence.

After the battle there were claims that the rifle which used copper constructed bullets jammed under heavy and prolonged firing. However later, modern research puts jamming at less than 5% in the guns and probably did not contribute significantly to the battalion's demise. What did was the number of Native American warriors and their seemingly primitive spears and bows and arrows. These weapons gave them the advantage in the terrain of the Little Big Horn which neutralised the smaller but greater firepower of the 7th Cavalry. *Again Meccas appear in a high spot of history albeit not physically in this instance but indirectly influencing events.*



In the American Civil War a Metcalfe was supposedly a "sniper supreme" with a shot of outstanding length and accuracy.

In 1864 Captain John T Metcalf of the US Army Engineers during the Red River Campaign fired at and hit a Confederate officer General Lainhardt at a distance of a mile. The officer was standing in front of a tent on a distant hillside and Metcalf had previously established the range with a surveyor's instrument.¹

Unfortunately the story was apparently scotched as a fable when in 1962 author Bill Edwards in "Civil War Guns" claimed that Metcalf did not receive his medal for sharpshooting but more importantly that there was no General Lainhardt. The myth was attributed to a Charles Sawyers. However I would like to think there is "no smoke ... without a gunshot" and await other comments!

Sources: ¹www.trapdoorcollector.com and Wikipedia.com.

Chairman's Jottings

It is said, is it not, that life is full of surprises. Well, it is a surprise for me to be writing another article under the above heading for the Mecca News and probably one for you too reading it!

You might recall that in August I said that I was intending to retire at the forthcoming AGM and also that Charles Metcalfe would be doing so as our President. The committee and members agreed that we did not want our President to resign and that we would ask Charles to continue for the rest of his 3 year term. I am glad to say he has not refused, so we still have President Charles.

My planned retirement has been put on ice too - hence why you still have to read my jottings! Unexpected changes in personal circumstances meant that those who were hoping to take over my role, with the consequential alteration of roles of others on the committee, caused there to be a rethink. I was asked to reconsider my decision shortly before the Muster and concluded that as it was my decision to step down that was causing the problem, in the circumstances if that was what the members wanted, I would stand for office again! The members at the AGM very kindly re-elected me so you have no new chairman. I am happy and honoured to continue. I enjoy doing the job; I just feel that after being on the committee for over 20 years (admittedly not as chairman!) we do need some new blood to keep the committee fresh and able to meet new challenges. I will serve as your chairman for at least another year. We will see this coming year if we can arrange a change next AGM!

The 30th Muster was a most enjoyable occasion and we have had several thanks and praise from attendees. I do thank Lesley in particular for the work that goes into running such an event. She 'hides her light under a bushel' and deserves to be praised publicly for dealing so competently with the administration and organisation of the event, which goes on throughout the year probably unbeknownst to you!

We were very honoured to have as our guest of honour Lady Teviot, the President of The Federation of Family History Societies and one of the 'Heirhunters' on the TV programme of that name. She travelled 300 plus miles from Sussex to give us a most interesting talk in the afternoon on how she became interested in family history and also what goes on behind the scenes, including the research, in connection with the TV programme. Her family history some decades ago started in Kirkby Malham church. She recalled how she and Lord Teviot stayed at Bainbridge in the Rose and Crown. She was delighted to renew her association with the dales therefore and our Society; she had previously visited us on the occasion of our 21st Muster at York. My thanks go to her for helping to make the Muster memorable.

At the AGM the committee was re-elected and I am hoping that Jo Heron (the Hon. Secretary of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society) might join our committee as an extra member.

The AGM welcomed the committee's decision to appoint Diane Howarth as an additional Vice President. Many of you will know how deserved this is given all she has done for us whilst a member. She is moving back 'up north' shortly and hopes to have more time to re-engage with the Society; maybe even in time to consider re-joining the committee. 2 very positive developments I feel!

The Muster was attended by our Norwegian members Doris and Stein Larson and in addition by Sandie Walton and her friend from Canada. Through the DNA research she and Harold Metcalfe have been able to establish that they are cousins, backed up of course by research of the records! It is great that members, as they regularly do, join us from so far away. Also that we have a DNA success too!

I was also pleased that our co-founder and one of our Vice Presidents Mary Metcalfe, member no 1 was able to be with us on this special occasion. She did us the honour of cutting the celebratory cake! I was also delighted to announce at the Muster that the committee has awarded Honorary membership on several longstanding members who have served the Society well over its 30 year existence. They are: Carol Arkwright, George Buxton, Pat Malham, Joan Metcalfe, Warwick Metcalfe, Charles Metcalfe and Dorothy Pope. Fully deserved!

Disappointingly we were unable to become as involved as I would have liked in the 'Those Who Left the Dales' Exhibition at Leyburn. This was organised by the Upper Dales Family History Group of the Cleveland FHS. It received good coverage in The Yorkshire Dalesman, as did we which was great! Since it was on all week after the Muster, I went to see it on the following Monday; it was outstanding! Its variety of topics and depth of information researched and pooled together made it most interesting, dealing with each dale in turn and also with overseas emigrants. I was able to leave some appropriate display material on Metcalfe family stories taken from the Mecca News by Peter our editor. We did therefore participate albeit not from the start! Glenys Marriott and her colleagues made me most welcome. You will recall she has addressed our Muster in previous years. I stayed for about 4 hours! Whilst I was there, on the Monday, visitor 1,000 (not me I was 992!) visited the Exhibition so you can see how popular it proved to be. Well done the Upper Dales Family History Group.

Fortunately for those not able to see it at Leyburn a book containing notes, correspondence, photographs and records from the exhibition has been compiled and edited by Glenys. The accompanying book, bearing the same title as the Exhibition, is an excellent publication and includes several (at least 40) Metcalf(e) references. A good read and not expensive (£12.50), I highly recommend it. A good Christmas present if there are any left!! They were selling like hotcakes!! Contact the Upper Dales Family History Group for a copy.

It has given me some ideas for what we might attempt to do and how

we can involve each of you in a small way, thereby adding to the total Metcalfe family history. More of this anon once the committee have considered if my thoughts are viable and sensible!

Christmas is referred to above! I hope you all enjoy the Festive season and that 2011 will give you the family history breakthrough you seek!! I look forward to meeting you maybe in London at the Who Do You Think You Are LIVE event in February, when I hope to help the North West Group of Family History Societies or at the 2011 Muster. Maybe you will be prepared to offer your services as our new chairman then? If not there is always 2012!

David Lambert M11

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A Sedbusk Mystery.

In the fields between the Upper Wensleydale villages of Sedbusk and Simonstone is a path heavily used by walkers.

Part of the path was flagged with slabs that might have come from the nearby Abbotside quarry. Two of the flags had the initials EM and TM (see photograph) marked on them.



The flags were in the fields for some time but this year they have been removed, by whom and why, there is no information.

I was intrigued by the initials - were they perhaps of Metcalfe origin - if so where did the flags come from?

(Metcalfes were in Sedbusk and Simonstone in the 17th and 18th centuries.)

If you have any information please contact the Editor.

A Few More Church Bloopers
from Lesley Longworth

- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm; prayer and medication to follow.
- This evening at 7pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

A Second Muster Quiz

from Lesley Longworth
Yorkshire Battles

When did the following occur?

1 Stamford Bridge

a 1066; b 1284; c 1492

2 Marston Moor

a 1598; b 1644; c 1682

3 Towton

a 1261; b 1361; c 1461

4 Bramham Moor

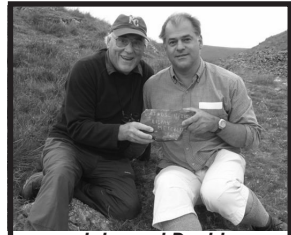
a 1408; b 1448; c 1488

Answers on page 36

Cairn on Crook

"Winder, Crook, Sickers Fell and Knott",
Slopes sheer grass
Unpunctured by crags
Howgills swelling above Sedbergh,

Where in the Great War years and after
Sisters Lillian and Ada,
Daughters of Kit Metcalfe, the carrier,
Roamed free as larks over mountain meadow.



*John and David
Chippendale on Crook with
the cairn stone*

No Roaring Twenties here,
Kit plied goods from Sedbergh to Kendal,
Clip-clop beside Lune and Rawthey
Up and down Scotch Jean's to Killington.

Ada was stubborn.
None of the men left
Standing after the War
Pricked her seamstress heart.

In the late twenties he courted her at
4 Main Street,
But she led him to her fells,
Winder and Crook, to kiss in secret
On a blanket below the cairn of stones.

Kendal was a fine wool town.
At Oxenholme were tracks
To the ports of Glasgow and
London
Below streaming smoke and
steam.

Lillian was softer.
Let Thomas into her heart
With his dark looks,
His green Norton.

They plighted their troth,
Freedom of youth passing away.
Scratching love into a cairn-stone
"Lillian Metcalfe Thos Chippendale".

While the stone lay on the fell,
They married and moved away
To the Plain of York to raise three boys, far from
"Winder, Crook, Sickers Fell and Knott".

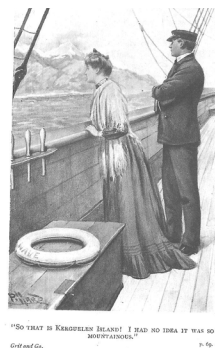
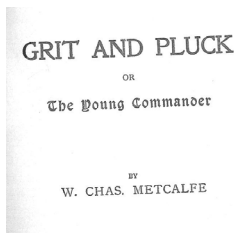
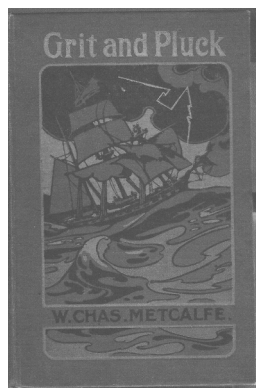
80 years later, the cairn-stone found,
My father, their son,
Emails a photo to me,
And in that stone my own well springs.
David Chippendale, 2010

Supplied by **M186 John Chippendale**.
Inspired by the article in
Mecca News 88 - August 2009.

Books & Authors

Culpepper Guides series. **Herbs and Aromatherapy by Joannah Metcalfe illustrated by Rosamund Gendle.** Bloomsbury books 1993 £8.99 originally published in 1989 by Webb and Bowers. *Joannah was born in Wokingham, trained as a nurse at Guy's Hospital London. Trained in Aromatherapy at Raworth Centre, Dorking, Surrey and now runs her own practice.*

John Rowley M1215.



From David Major M324

LIKE FATHER.....(William) John "Jack" Metcalfe, born in Heacham, Norfolk on October 6, 1891, was a teacher, short story writer, and novelist recognized primarily for his works of science fiction. His father, **William Charles Metcalfe**, (see above) wrote sea stories for boys.

John Metcalfe's first book, *The Smoking Leg and Other Stories*, was published in 1925, and he subsequently abandoned his teaching career and began writing full-time. In 1928, *Spring Darkness* was published, and he emigrated to the United States. On March 17, 1930, he married the American novelist Evelyn Scott. After she died in August 1963, he returned to England, where he died on July 31, 1965.

His work is noted for its bizarre and grim elements but he is recognized for his skill at characterization and his ability to convey atmosphere and create a sense of scene. Although best remembered as an author of science fiction and macabre stories, he also wrote several novels and some poetry.

John Metcalfe's other principal works include Arm's Length (1930); Judas (1931); Foster-Girl (1936); All Friends are Strangers (1948); The Feasting Dead (1954); and My Cousin Geoffrey (1956). The internet: various sources

WENSLEYDALE GIANT

On Saturday night last, about nine o'clock, great astonishment and curiosity was excited in the crowd of persons assembled in Kirkgate, in this town, by the appearance of Mr. Metcalf, a respectable spirit merchant, resident at Hawes, in Wensleydale, in the North Riding.

Being about seven feet high and proportionably stout, his colossal stature caused a large crowd of persons to collect round him, and literally to mob him so that he was glad to make all shift he could, by means of long strides, and took refuge in the King's Arms public house; he is probably the tallest man in the kingdom, and cannot be much less than the Gigantic Grenadier in the army of Frederick the Great of whom so much has been said, who, I believe, was not much higher than seven feet.

Camden, in his Britannica, records that Sir Chr. Metcalf, (an ancestor of Mr. Metcalf) of Nappa Hall, in Wensleydale, being High Sheriff of Yorkshire, in the reign of Henry VIII, was attended to York, by 500 of his relations, all of the name of Metcalf, mounted on horseback, resident in the dale and Yeomen.

Verily, there were giants in those days, for the whole race of Metcalfs in Wensleydale, are men of Cyclopien size, and they are, no doubt, a degenerate and puny race, when compared with their ancestors. The above fact of the Yeomen shew that the country, in those days, was peopled by small proprietors, almost every man having his acre or so of land: now the land is in few hands, and the majority of the inhabitants are paupers or next door to it.

So much for the march of intellect, the lessons of the great schoolmaster, and the philosophy of the political economists.

From The Bradford Observer, Thursday 16 March 1837,

Supplied by David Romano M1787.

David further adds "*The large Mr Metcalf might be John Metcalf who is listed in Baines' East and North Ridings Gazetteer for 1823 as a wine and spirit merchant in Hawes.*"

Age Concern in Spelthorne and Runnymede have jointly been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the "MBE" for voluntary groups. The award was presented on behalf of the Queen on 21 July to **Sue Metcalf** (Chief Officer) from Spelthorne at a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. *Spelthorne District Council Magazine* supplied by **Jose Gay M816.**

E I U

Is it a football chant ?

Is it a state of nirvana?

No its a..... thingmeabobthat trainers use to get their students
to remember lists of things (three is a list)!

It's a bit like the musical scale but not as catchy.

Communications gurus have come up with EIU as a way for writers/editors
of articles/publications to ensure a good read for their recipients.

What does it mean?

Well E is for Entertaining.

I is for informative and

U is for useful.

So every time I start to prepare a new Mecca News I am to be seen
walking around the house chanting EIU, EIU....

Trouble is like all easy to remember initials

I keep forgetting what they stand for!

Nonetheless by the time I start a new issue I have just about
mastered the sense if not the correct definitions.

The proof of the mantra (I've remembered the thingmeabob)
is in the magazine and many times

I sign off the latest Mecca News I wonder if I have
achieved EIU and if so by what degree.

Sometimes you can argue two out of three isn't bad; possibly even
one out of three is reasonable but in the end it is down to
how you find the magazine.

To help me achieve EIU

(it definitely sounds like a state of mind)

**I need your input. So any contributions or ideas for future articles
please send them in.**

I have now come across another mantra for producing
the best ever publicationbut more of that next time.

For the moment - altogether EIU, EIU.....



**DEADLINE for the April Mecca News
is 6 February 2011.**

Articles comments or snippets to the Editor.

FFHS NEWS

Digitisation of Newspapers

"On the 19th May the British Library's Chief Executive, Dame Lynne Brindley, announced a major new partnership between the Library and online publisher brightsolid, owner of online brands including findmypast.co.uk and Friends Reunited. The ten-year agreement will deliver the most significant mass digitisation of newspapers the UK has ever seen: up to 40 million historic pages from the national newspaper collection will be digitised, making large parts of this unparalleled resource available online for the first time."

Carlisle Record Office closure

Carlisle Record Office will close on 29 April 2010 until January 2011, when it will re-open at a new location at Petteril Bank in south Carlisle. For more information go to www.cumbria.gov.uk/archives/.

Roger Lewry FFHS Archives Liaison

2011 Spring

The Annual General Meeting of The Federation of Family History Societies will take place on Saturday 26th March 2011 at the Age Concern Day Centre, Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex. Sussex Family History Group will be holding their Annual Conference and AGM in Clair Hall which is adjacent to the Age Concern Day Centre.

VIKING DNA PROJECT UPDATE

The University of Leicester has been carrying out research into Viking links with the Dales. They recruited males from the Dales (including some of the Society's members) to look at genetic data on modern populations and they were to search for and validate new genetic markers for migration and diaspora (population dispersion).

The project has been running for a while and I attended an Upper Dales FHS meeting in June when Professor Mark Jobling gave a talk on the project and its progress. It was expected that results could be available as early as the beginning of next year but when I contacted Professor Jobling at the end of October he responded as follows:

"Unfortunately our work on this study is not yet complete; we are still processing our Norwegian samples (which have been slow to come in), and will be doing a small amount of targeted recruitment in Britain too, so the study will not be complete and fully analysed until late in 2011."

So those looking for an early result are to be disappointed. However there is an interesting research paper from the University of Nottingham

"The Genetic Legacy of the Vikings in Northwest England" (2007) available through the Internet which may provide some ideas of the Viking influence.

Correction. December 2009 Mecca News pages 13 & 34 should have shown Richard and Phyllis as Sederberg (not Bederberg) from Montana (not Minnesota). Belated apologies.

ARCHIVIST COORDINATOR'S REPORT

A very warm welcome to all our new members & to those who have decided to rejoin the Society. I would particularly like to thank those who have already sent in details of their ancestry, enabling us to produce some birth briefs, which you will see below.

The information you send can be beneficial to both yourselves & the Society. It gives us the opportunity to check your findings & hopefully add to them, whilst also presenting us with facts of which we may be unaware & which can be added to our ever growing data, now available to you online. The links which we are also able to make between members, can sometimes provide that vital piece of information, needed to unlock the door leading to another generation. It came as a nice surprise to find a connection between a new & a rejoining member in this edition's BBs. (See M468 & M1867.) So please, do send in whatever you have discovered so far. Be it little or large, it will be most welcome.

Records are continually being digitised, though not always made available for free. One of the many benefits of being a member of the Society is that your team of Archivists can often access information, which you would have to purchase as an individual. Wills can be a wonderful source of information about families, often revealing the names of husbands of daughters, something which is not often easy to establish. One of our projects, is to increase the number of wills we hold involving Metcalfes, if you have any available, please send copies of them to us. If they should need transcribing, we will gladly do so.

Brian Metcalfe (M1554)

BRIEFS FROM EXISTING MEMBERS & CORRECTIONS

M1438 Mr Thomas Clough, 240 Chapter Road, Cricklewood, London NW2 5NB Researching John & Margaret (Cavanagh) Mte m 02 Aug 1919 Houghton le Spring, Co Durham. John b c1889 Hetton le Hole, Dur. s.o. Richard & Margaret (?) Mte. Richard b c1859 s.o. Richard & Hannah (?) Mte. Richard bpt 12 Aug 1824 Marrick, Yks s.o. Richard & Jane (Fryer) Mte m 14 Oct 1811 Downholme, near Richmond, Yks. Richard b c1789. **Conn M5 M787 M1364 & M1558.**

M1827 Mrs Doreen Dawson, Elevare, Pye Lane, Burnt Yates, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG3 3EH D.o. Norman & Kathleen Mary (Mte) Jennings m 16 Mar 1935 Ilkley. Kathleen Mary b 13 Oct 1905 Starbotton d.o. Edwin & Mary (Westerby) Mte m 03 Dec 1902 Shipley. Edwin b 21 Dec 1872 Bingley s.o. Thomas & Alice (Butler) Mte m 18 Jun 1868 Kettlewell. Thomas b 03 Aug 1848 Starbotton s.o. James & Mary (Brown) Mte m 12 Feb 1850 Linton in Craven. James b 13 Jan 1827 Langcliffe s.o. William & Hannah (Marsden) Mte m 14 Dec 1826 Clapham. William b 07 Oct 1801 Selside natural s.o. Jane Mte. **Conn M4**

M11 M41 M46 M52 M90 M135 M195 M246 M466 M731 & M790

The December 2009 MN showed the House Name "Elevare" as a surname. Our apologies to Mrs Dawson for this unfortunate error.

M1830 Mrs Mary Irving, 19 Ingleby Road, New Ferry, Wirral CH62 1BA marysirving@hotmail.com 4 x grt grd d.o. Thomas & Eleanor/Ellen/Helen (nee Mte) Taylor m 20 Feb 1791/2 Aldborough nr Boroughbridge, Yks. Eleanor bpt 31 Jan 1773 Aldborough d.o. John & Mary (Consit) Mte m 20 Feb 1771 Aldborough.

M1838 Mrs Gill Holmes, 12 Oathills, Malpas, Cheshire SY14 8HX HOL-MGILLI@aol.com We had prepared a brief for Mrs Holmes, based on data which we considered to be reliable. However, information since revealed by two wills, has cast some doubt on the data we previously held. Because of this, we have decided to investigate the situation further, in the hope of establishing the true facts. As you will be aware, this is not always possible, but we will do our utmost to resolve the problem before our next publication.

M1857 Mrs Gail Newbury (*Contact details withheld at members request*) Grd d.o. Doris Mte b 17 Aug 1903 Newbiggin, Wensleydale. Doris d.o. John & Margaret Agnes (c) (Cockburn) Mte. John b 24 Jul 1870 Thoraby s.o. Jeremiah & Ann (Bushby) Mte m 25 Feb 1865 Aysgarth. Jeremiah b c1843 Carperby s.o. John & Judith (Horn) Mte m 02 Dec 1839 Aysgarth. John bpt 08 Mar 1818 Stalling Busk s.o. William & Sarah (Dinsdale) Mte m 18 May 1811 Stalling Busk. William b 07 Feb 1789 Stalling Busk s.o. William & Anne (Tomlin) Mte. William bpt 13 May 1759 Stalling Busk s.o. John & Barbara ((a) Mte) Mte m 12 May 1756 Hawes. John b c1727 Marsett s.o. William & Margaret Mte. **Conn M28 M63 M178 M277 M415 M419 M512 M528 M538 M539 M550 M606 M676 M859 M875 M897 M916 M987 M1099 M1280 M1345 M1369 M1392 M1415 M1430 M1492 M1521 M1586 M1665 & M1669.**

(a) Barbara Mte bpt 31 Jul 1729 Hawes d.o. Anthony & Alice ((b) Mte) Mte m 18 Aug 1724 Ingleton Fells. Anthony b c1699 Hawes s.o. Cuthbert & Barbara (Simondston/Symondson) Mte m 1694 Kettlewell. Cuthbert s.o. Anthony & Elizabeth (Wynn/Winn) Mte. Anthony b c1640 s.o. Margaret (c) Mte. Margaret d.o. Anthony & Ann (Hudson) Mte. **Conn as above plus M50 M55 M69 M173 M256 M288 M384 M427 M748 M821 M1141 M1319.**

(b) Alice Mte b c1704 Hawes d.o. Philip & Alice (Jackson) Mte m 31 Jul 1698 Hawes. Philip bpt 13 Feb 1676/77 Hawes s.o. Thomas Mte.

(c) Margaret Agnes Cockburn b 1872 Bainbridge d.o. Thomas & Agnes Mason (Mte) Cockburn. Agnes Mason Mte bpt 02 Feb 1851 Askrigg d.o. John & Margaret (Blenkhorn) Mte m 11 Dec 1847 Hawes. John bpt 28 May 1820 Askrigg s.o. John & Sarah (Dinsdale) Mte m 18 Apl 1809 Askrigg. John bpt 02 Sept 1780 Askrigg s.o. James Mte of Askrigg. **Conn M939.**

NEW & REJOINING MEMBERS WITH OR AWAITING BIRTH BRIEFS

M37 Mrs Margaret Clare Stoll, Foxhaven, 19 Rochefort Drive, Rochford, Essex SS4 1HT margaretc@metoll.co.uk

M468 Mr Christopher Metcalfe, 42 Highgate, Penwortham, Preston, Lancashire PR1 0DU metcalfe703@btinternet.com b Preston, Lancs s/o John Richard & Mildred (Forest) Mte m 15 Mar 1945 Ribblesdale, Lancs. John R b 10 Aug 1918 Hutton, Preston s/o Richard & Annie (Porter) Mte m 18 Oct 1910 Woodplumpton Lancs. Richard b 17 Nov 1884 Woodplumpton s/o John & Mary (Corlep/Corless) Mte m 18 Dec 1883 Lancaster. John b 10 Feb 1850 Bentham Yorkshire s/o Richard & Isabella (Townson) Mte m 11 Oct 1834 Clapham Yks. Richard b 01 Nov 1812 Bentham s/o Christopher & Ann (Oliphant) Mte m 05 Jun 1797 Clapham. Christopher bpt 28 Apr 1776 Horton in Ribblesdale Yks s/o Richard & his 1st wife Ellen (Leech) Mte m 14 May 1771 HiR. Richard b c1742 Selside s/o George & Catherine (Sedge-wick) Mte m 11 Apr 1730 Ingleton Fell. George bpt 14 Dec 1703 Arncliffe s/o James & Margaret (Standing) Mte m 12 Sep 1703. James b c1678. **Conn M1724 & M1867.**

M831 Mr Robert Metcalfe, Manor House Farm, Elland Road, Cromwell Bottom, Brighouse, West Yorkshire HD6 2RG

M1308 Mrs Stephanie Santaana, 27 Baroda Street, Khandallah, Wellington 6035, New Zealand santaana@paradise.net.nz

M1865 Mrs Chris Sperrings, Pint Pot Cottage, Biddisham, Axbridge, Somerset BS26 2RF D.o. (-?-) & Joyce (Mte) O'Neil. Joyce b 1925 Healey d.o. George & Mary Elizabeth (Hall) Mte m 14 Mar 1914 Healey. George b 3 June 1892 Pateley Bridge s.o. William & Harriet (Bales) Mte m 20 June 1890 Pateley Bridge. William b 29 Sept 1864 Pateley Bridge s.o. Jonatan & Mary (Horner) Mte m 12 May 1845 Kirkby Malzeard. Jonathan bpt 18 May 1821 Pateley Bridge s.o. Peter & Mary (Graham) Mte m 21 Mar 1796 Pateley Bridge. Peter bpt 7 Jan 1770 Pateley Bridge s.o. Peter & Hannah (Richmond) Mte m 2 Apr 1766 Ripon Cathedral. Peter bpt 29 Jul 1739 Ripon Cathedral s.o. James Mte of Eavestone. **Conn M148 M193 M309 M476 M513 M514 M680 M831 M867 M1051 M1684.**

M1866 Ms Wendy Harris Metcalfe, 85 Willow Park, Pontefract, West Yorkshire WF8 2SY wendy.met@live.co.uk b Stockton on Tees d.o. Donald H & Betty (Cooper) Mte m 1961 Co Durham. Donald H b 1932 Middlesbrough s.o. Frank & Ida (Harris) Mte m 1929 Middlesbrough. Frank b 1906 Middlesbrough s.o. Joseph & Mary (?) Mte m c1896. Joseph b c 1877 Leeds s.o. Lucy Mte. Lucy b 1853 Leeds d.o. Joseph & Martha (?) Mte. Joseph bpt 6 Sep 1819 Wakefield s.o. Joseph & Ann (Stephenson) Mte m 27 May 1799 Ecclesfield, Yks. Joseph bpt 4 Feb 1775 Wakefield s.o. Martin & Mary (Robdes) Mt m 25 Feb 1743 Wakefield. Joseph bpt 26 Dec 1721 Horbury Yks s.o. William & Sarah (Carr) Mt m 1 Nov 1713 Horbury. (Wm bur 2 Sep 1742 Horbury) William bpt 4 Nov 1693 Hoebury s.o. John & Mary (Charlsworth) Mte m 24 May 1677 Horbury. (John bur 20 Dec 1719 Horbury) **Conn M171.**

M1867 Mrs Jean Helme, 2 Nateby Hall Bungalows, Nateby Hall Lane,

Nateby, Preston, Lancashire PR3 0JQ jeanhelme@aol.co.uk Grt grd d.o. Ann (Metcalfe) & William Briscoe m 14 May 1864 Clapham. Ann bpt 1842 Low Bentham d.o. Richard & Isabella (Townson) Mte m 11 Oct 1834 Low Bentham. Richard bpt 6 Dec 1812 Bentham s.o. Christopher & Ann (Oliphant) Mte m 5 Jun 1797 Clapham. Christopher bpt 28 Apl 1776 Horton in Ribblesdale s.o. Richard & 1st wife Ellen (Leech) Mte m 14 May 1771 Clapham. (2nd wife (a) Isabella (Metcalfe) m 16 May 1796 Dent). Richard b c1742 Selside s.o. George & Catherine (Sedgwick) Mte m 11 Apr 1730 Ingleton Fell. George bpt 14 Dec 1703 Arncliffe s.o. James & Margaret (Standing) Mte m 12 Sep 1703 Arncliffe. James b c1678.

(a) Isabella Mte b c1764 bpt 16 May 1796 (age 32, a former Quaker) d.o. John & Hannah (?) Mte. John a former Quaker & cooper of Owgallows, Little Town, Dent. **Conn M468 & M1724.**

M1868 Mrs Lilian Staton, 8 Deanery Walk, Avonpark Care Village, Winsley Hill, Bath BA2 7ZQ D.o. Henry & Lily (Cockerham) Mt m 8 April 1912 Hunslet. Henry b 15 Jan 1891 Hunslet s.o. James & Elizabeth Mt. James b c1865 Hunslet s.o. Edward & Hannah Mt. Edward bpt 8 Dec 1825 Hunslet s.o. James & Sarah (Wooley) Mt m 24 Feb 1814 Leeds. James bpt 13 Aug 1792 Hunslet s.o. John Mt of Hunslet. **Conn M204 M210 M213 M215 M362 M925.**

M1869 Mr Barry Hartley, Thie ne Shee, 25 Ridgeway, Wheatley Springs, Barrowford, Nelson, Lancashire BB9 8QP barryha@tiscali.co.uk Grt grd s.o. William & Agnes (nee Metcalfe) Leighton m 15 Oct 1853 Dent Yks. Agnes bpt 24 Apr 1831 Dent d.o. James & Ann (Mte (a)) Mte m 19 Mar 1825 Lunds. James b c1797 ?bpt 23 Dec 1802 Dent s.o. William & Elizabeth (Punch) Mte m 21 Dec 1782 Dent. William a collier of Hackergill buried 23 Dec 1802 Dent. (a) Ann Mte bpt 4 Dec 1803 Ravenstonedale Wes d.o. John & Margaret (Blades) Mte m 31 Jan 1803 Askrigg. John bpt 21 Feb 1781 Askrigg s.o. James of Askrigg. **Conn M54 et al.**

M1870 Mr Andy Douglas, 8 Lord Street, Sneiton, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire NG2 4QE andy_douglas@hotmail.co.uk

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We regret to inform members of the death of
Mrs Georgina Faith Mackenzie M310
Who died on Thursday, 26th August 2010 in her 90th year.

ScotlandsPeople Website

The latest version of the ScotlandsPeople website, which has many new exciting and advanced features was officially launched on 7th September. In addition to all of the new features including enhanced free surname search, advanced searching and saved search criteria they have added new Catholic records, modern indexes to 2009, and a major indexing update of all current records.

Visit www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

GLEANINGS FROM THE WORLD WIDE WEB

Lesley Longworth M68

Tues. 6th July 2010. BBC1 programme Real Rescues **Marie Metcalf** Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue.

Nick Metcalf currently working for Hull Youth Offending Team.

Dec 2009 Dalesman: From Dec. 1962 issue - Present problems solved by Mrs Appleby. Gifts of the day item 3 - backscratcher available at **Metcalfes**, Kirkgate, Ripon.

Towns: **Metcalf**, Georgia and **Metcalf**, Illinois, USA

Metcalf, Mississippi and **Metcalf** County, Kentucky, USA

Metcalf, Ontario, Canada

Metcalf, N.Victoria, Australia

Metcalf, Durban, S.Africa

Members moving to these areas might consider using a namesake Estate Agency.

In UK:

Blackpool - **Metcalf** Estate Agents

Bolton - **Miller Metcalf**

Knightsbridge, London - **Susan Metcalf**, Residential Property Agent
Littlehampton, Sussex - **Hawke & Metcalf**

Stourbridge - **Midcalf Nicholls**

Torquay - **Metcalfes** Estate Agents

Abroad:

Metcalf Real Estate, Ottawa,

Canada

Selwyn Metcalf Real Estate, Hawera, N. Zealand

Brady Metcalf Realty, Mapleton, Queensland, Australia

Metcalf County Homes, Kentucky, USA

Metcalf Land Co., Spartanburg, S.Carolina, USA

Or individual realtors:

Connie Metcalf, Shasta Co., California

Jere Metcalf, Atlanta, Georgia

Kristen Metcalf, Houston, Texas

Martin Metcalf, Toluca Lake Real Estate, N.Hollywood

R.J.Metcalf, Oberlin, Kansas

Rob Metcalf, Spartanburg, S.Carolina

Kendra Metcalf, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada

Streets in UK:

Metcalf Close, Burntwood, Staffs

Metcalf Court, Greenwich, London

Streets abroad:

Metcalf Rd., Austin, Texas

Metcalf Rd., Louisberg, Kansas

Metcalf Park, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Metcalf Rd., Waite Hill, Ohio

Metcalf Park, Windermere, Florida

Metcalf Rd., Auckland,

New Zealand

Other Mecca Snippets

Man who fractured ankle whilst jumping from 7 foot fence to escape from a locked library in Dublin in 2001 lost his action against the local council.

Eamon Metcalf was told by the judge that the cause of his injuries was his own negligence. *Irish Times* 2 July 2010. From **RH Jewitt M607**

Successful ICAEW Finalist in the July 2010 Accountancy exams was **H Metcalf** of Manchester. From *Accountancy Magazine* September 2010.

South American Mecca?

Readers of Patrick O'Brian's books about Jack Aubrey and Stephen Maturin's sea going adventures in the Napoleonic period may have come across the comment by Mr Allan the shipping master to Captain Aubrey in the book "*The Far Side of the World*" in which he says " *I know my way about Valparaíso, I speak the language tolerable and have been acquainted with Mr Metcalfe the agent, these twenty years.*"

There is no further mention of the agent and given that O'Brian's books are based on research of the period it would seem that the name is not used haphazardly. So is the comment based upon a real Mr Metcalfe in South America in 1812?

There is a mention on the web of a Sydney, Australia shipping agent called Metcalfe in the 1830's but this seems somewhat later and the internet does not throw up any other possibilities. Have any of you any information/thoughts on how the agent's name became to be used?

If so please contact the Editor.

CONGER METCALF

Found the attached article in the Maine Digest that shows a painting by Conger Metcalf as well as having biographical information on him.

Chris Metcalfe M1480

Conger Metcalf (1914-1998) was a multi-talented individual. He originally planned on a career as a concert pianist but hit his artistic stride following a trip to Italy and Paris to study the works of Renaissance masters. Later he taught art and received an honorary doctorate from Coe College. He specialized in paintings of young children often in contemplative poses such as the graphite and watercolour painting of a young girl seated amongst a smattering of flowers with an earthen vessel under her left arm and looking up with just a hint of melancholy. It was exactly within Metcalf's oeuvre and well worth the \$632.50 price.



*Here lies John Metcalf one whose infant sight
Felt the dark pressure of endless night.*

From a gravestone in Kirkby Overblow Churchyard
North Yorkshire

MECCA DNA Project Update *Martin Metcalfe (M772)*

The Project has moved into a new phase in the last few months. Following last year's AGM and with the support of the committee, we purchased 12 DNA kits. These are to help with the next target of the project: to establish DNA profiles for the main branches represented within the Society. This is to achieve two objectives. Firstly, to enable us to establish which of these branches are closely related, forming part of larger as yet undocumented branch/es which may go back to one or more Metcalfes from medieval times. Secondly, it will establish a baseline comparison for anyone to either cross-check that their Metcalfe family research is not 'barking up the wrong tree' or to direct the researches of someone who has 'hit a brick wall', by showing to which, if any, of these branches they have a close genetic link.

The DNA kits are being offered to key Metcalfes from each of the most promising documented lines. Two distantly connected Metcalfes from each documented line are being identified to take the tests to provide a 'fingerprint' for their Most Recent Common Ancestor. So far, four kits have been sent out, results for two have been received and I have been chasing up other suitable subjects. This has of necessity included members, ex-members and often asking if they have a male relative who would be willing to test.

Added to tests that people have paid for themselves, we now have at least one test for 9 of the 18 lines that have at least 6 members or ex-members published in the Birth Brief Booklet, representing 80 members/ex-members in total. The priority now is to find the second person to test for most of these to verify the result and confirm the 'fingerprint' of each MRCA.

By way of example, one line (not one of the 18 more popular lines above) to have two tests completed, providing a confirmed fingerprint of the MRCA is: George Thompson Metcalfe, bpt 25jly1819 Bedale (connects to M541 and 567)

*Confirmed results are also expected soon for:
Joseph Metcalfe b c 1758 bpt 20 Jan 1780 m Dorothy Atkinson
(connects to M91, 344, 500, 1047, 1061, 1285 and 1736)*

A further recent success for the DNA testing is a second UK person to test who has a close link with the Colonial American Metcalfes, who run their own DNA project. These two UK based Metcalfes (M1389 and M1170) are therefore descended from close relatives of the Metcalfes who emigrated in the 1700s (or earlier?) to Virginia in America.

Who knows what we will find next? The results of tests can be seen on the public website against the oldest recorded ancestor for the person testing. The website is at: <http://www.familytreedna.com/public/Metcalfe/default.aspx?publicwebsite.aspx>

Metcalfe Sycophants by George Buxton M3

The subjects of this article are not true Metcalfes. All of them had parents who worked for members of the most successful Metcalfe family in India - the Theophilus line - if not directly, certainly in an official capacity via the Bengal Civil Service. *Information from India Office Records*

James Metcalfe Lockett

James Metcalfe Lockett was baptised in India 15th March 1820, son of Abraham Lockett and Mary Bailey Lockett. A Lt Col A Lockett died 10th May 1834 at The Cape of Good Hope. James joined Addiscombe 12th February 1836. During his studding at Addiscombe his general character was described as very attentive in class and exemplary out of class. He passed out 11th November 1837 and was posted to Fort William where he served with the 58th Native Infantry. In 1839 he was appointed adjutant to the 2nd Apaun Sebundy Corps. In January 1843 the stockade at Koopoo was attacked the attackers were repulsed with considerable losses. On 5th February 1843 James Metcalfe Lockett died in the river near Berhampore.

Metcalfe Larkin

Metcalfe Larkin was the son of Edmund Larkin, who worked for Theophilus John Metcalfe the second Baronet. Metcalfe was born 2nd February 1812. All candidates wishing to join the East India Company had to prove via independent means their ability and aptitude to join. Therefore Metcalfe Larkin lived with a Robert Green in Richmond Surrey, passing out on 5th July 1828, during which time he mastered Greek, Latin as well as Vulgar and Decimal fractions. He attended Haileybury where he won several prizes, medals and a Highly Distinguished award for an essay. Metcalfe Larkin was responsible for the agency treasury at Kinner when 24th Mat 1842 a sum just over 150 Rupees was stolen. He had to write an explanation as to how the money was removed. His explanation was accepted; he married Sarah Pennywick on 1st January 1846.

Charles Theophilus Metcalfe Halhead

Charles Theophilus Halhead was nominated 1st August 1849 for admission into Addiscombe the military training college for the East India Company. As he could not pass the entry examination for Latin and Arithmetic his mother had twice to postpone his interview. He finally gained entry on 25 April 1851 Charles was the son of Nathaniel John Halhead of the Bengal Civil Service. Posted to the 52nd Native Infantry at some stage he was further posted to the Tonghoo police where he died on 25th April 1862; while he was in charge of the Tonghoo force. A complete list of all his possessions was made and sold off where possible. (The complete list is 4 A4 pages long.) Among his goods were 2 ponies; 2 dogs; 10 fowls; 1 cat; 30 pairs white trousers; 16 jackets; 42 shirts; the final item was 13 rupees to hire a boat to take his furniture from Myohia to Tonghoo for sale.

Charles Theophilus Metcalfe Young

Charles Theophilus Young was accepted 27th January 1851 into Addiscombe, where he nominated by his aunt Mrs Davies as both his parents were dead. His parents were Gavin Young who was a secretary to the Military Board and Elsie his wife. He was confirmed as 2nd Lieutenant. In 1854 he was noted for his proficiency in the Pusyan language. He was on leave October 1856 to January 1857 upon return he was sent to Benares. He became a Captain in December 1857. He died 20 December 1905 in Guildford Surrey; he was a Major General in the Bengal army

Charles Theophilus Metcalfe Higginson

Charles Theophilus Metcalfe Higginson was born 23rd December 1840, his father was secretary to the 4th Baronet Thomas Theophilus Metcalfe. He arrived in India 9th October 1859 and was posted to the Cavalry. On his death 21st May 1910 he was a Colonel in the Bengal Cavalry.

James Hastings Lindsay Metcalfe Toon

James Hastings Lindsay Metcalfe Toon was presented for admission into Addiscombe by his Uncle Sweeny Toon. His parents were William Thomas of the Bengal Civil Service and his wife Mary Helen. He was born in India and returned 8 June 1833. He was posted to 2nd Light Cavalry. In 1841 he shared prize money for the capture of Ghijui. On the formation of the 7th Regiment of Irregular Cavalry he was appointed Adjutant. His commanding officer reports he was zealous, a good horseman, his behaviour was excellent, steady and gentlemanly. He also spoke Persian and Hindustani fluently. In 1847 he was pronounced qualified to perform the duties of interpreter to his corps and exempt from further examination in the native language. He was promoted quartermaster to the Cavalry Brigade of the Moolain Brigade. He received excellent reports when he saw action in 1848. One report said he acted with energy and he was most creditable. He was promoted to Brevet Major in 1854 he retired and he died 15 March 1887 on Madeira.

Thomas Theophilus Metcalfe Matheson

Thomas Theophilus Metcalfe Matheson was born 1825 and was admitted to Addiscombe with Charles Theophilus Metcalfe Sneyd but I could not find any further information on his background or career.

Charles Theophilus Metcalfe Sneyd

Major Sneyd father of Charles Theophilus Sneyd nominated him for admission into Addiscombe on 11th February 1835 but he was not admitted as he was "not qualified". However he was admitted in the October. He was born in India in 1820 and was posted to the 27th Native Infantry in August 1838, during that year he also claimed compensation for losses while attached on public service to Ali Musfield. He continued to advance his career in the Army, where he was considered an intelligent and zealous officer.

An account of his death was reported in Allen's Indian Mail dated 25 May 1848:

"On the 25th May 1848 a terrible accident occurred to the steamer Benares belonging to the Ganges Company was almost destroyed by fire 4½ from Rajmahal, many of the passengers including nine Europeans lost their lives on the occasion. About 7 o'clock while under steam, the after part of the vessel where the horses and conveyances are, was discovered to be on fire; owing to the combustible materials close to hand, the fire raged furiously and the confusion consequent thereon baffles all description. The vessel was run onto a sandbank, and immediately the majority of the passengers jumped into the water and fifteen or sixteen persons were drowned - several are missing. All the cargo in the after hold is burnt also the conveyances and eight horses were; the latter were literally roasted alive. It is supposed the fire was caused by one of the native Indian's on board smoking a hookah close to the straw for the horses."

The captain ordered the vessel to be beached on a sand bank, about 200 yards from the shore. Most of the European's jumped into the river including Charles Theophilus Metcalf Sneyd, who was a noted strong swimmer. His body was never found.

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The Macfie Collection

I had the opportunity during June to look at the Macfie Collection at the Dales Countryside Museum at Hawes in Wensleydale. I have been searching for an elusive ancestor, Anthony Metcalfe who was probably born around 1600, and had heard that the collection had a number of books whose contents went back to the 16th and 17th centuries.

So it was with a sense of excitement that I arrived at the Museum for my appointment (you can only view the collection via previous arrangement). I was met by Signy Allen a Trustee of the collection and one of the Friends of the Museum and she spent some time giving information concerning the collection and about the other major book holding the (Kit) Calvert Collection.



Robert Andrew Scott Macfie was born in New Ferry Cheshire in 1868 the son of John William Macfie a Liverpool sugar refiner. Robert had a privileged upbringing being a pupil at a private school before going to Cambridge University where he studied chemistry. After travelling he took up a job in Liverpool and became interested in the history of gypsies (the Macfies were reputedly descended from them) and the Liverpool Scottish Regiment. After further travelling at the outbreak of WWI he joined the Liverpool Scottish as a private. He fought in the trenches, received the Military Medal, caught trench fever and was demobilised in 1920. It was at this time whilst recuperating from his illness and experiences he became interested in the Dales.

Macfie purchased land and half a waterfall in High Abbotside (Wensleydale) and employed John Metcalfe of Garsdale on his staff. Becoming interested in the local community he started to collect books available locally and concerning the area. He spent the last fifteen years of his life mainly in the Dales but said "I know a lot of useless things ...but can't tell one sheep from another...". He died in June 1935 and was buried in Lunds in Upper Wensleydale. His collection of books was for years held at Yorebridge Grammar School, Askrigg and then Wensleydale School, Leyburn before arriving at the Dales Countryside Museum in the 1990's.

The Macfie Collection has some 400 plus books with the Calvert Collection numbering over 500 a total holding of some 1000 books! It was at this stage I realised that my original preconception of what the Macfie collection was, was wide of the mark and I had to quickly rethink what I was going

to do with the time I had available. So under the supervision of Signy I picked out a few editions covering the earlier history of the Dale and extracted a few Metcalfe and related items. Needless to say I didn't find anything about Anthony - that would have been too much of a surprise - in the time available but with the list of collection holdings I received from Denny Minnit after my visit I will be able to identify those books I wish to look at during my next visit.

Oh yes another visit and probably more besides is in order to find that elusive ancestor!

My thanks to the Friends of the Museum especially Signy Allen for their help. 

Brian Metcalfe M1554 our Archivist sent this in with the comment "*I know that we Yorkshiremen are thought to be a tight lot, but this takes the biscuit!!*"

A Leeds man walks into a High Street bank & asks for a loan. He tells the bank officer he is going to Australia on business for two weeks & needs to borrow £5,000. The bank officer tells him that the bank will need some form of security for the loan, so the Yorkshire lad hands over the keys and documents of new Ferrari parked on the street in front of the bank. He produces the Log Book & everything checks out. The loan officer agrees to accept the car as collateral for the loan.

The bank manager & its officers all enjoy a good laugh at the rough-looking Yorkshireman for using a £120,000 Ferrari as collateral against a £5000 loan. The bank manager then instructs an employee of the bank to drive the Ferrari into the bank's underground garage, where he parks it.

Two weeks later, the man returns, repays the £5,000 & the interest of £15.41. The bank officer says to the Yorkshireman, "Sir, we are very happy to have had your business, & this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a little puzzled...while you were away, we checked you out further & found that you are a multi-millionaire. What puzzles us is, why would you bother to borrow "£5,000"?

The Yorkshireman replies: "Where else in Leeds can I park my car for two weeks for only £15.41 & expect it to be there when I return."!

QUIZ ANSWERS (PAGES 12 & 18)

DIALECT WORDS:- 1-R; 2-T; 3-W; 4-U; 5-L; 6-P; 7-S; 8-M; 9-A; 10-F; 11-I; 12-N; 13-C; 14-V; 15-Y; 16-E; 17-T; 18-X; 19-B; 20-K; 21-G; 22-Q; 23-D; 24-O; 25-H.

BATTLE DATES:- 1. a-1066; 2. b-1644; 3. c-1461; 4. a-1408.

From The Westmorland Gazette 1850

To disinherit an heir-at-law it was necessary to give them a shilling in the will otherwise they would be entitled to the whole property.

Persons who are born at sea belong to Stepney Parish.

Second cousins may not marry - but first cousins may.

Owners of asses are obliged to crop their ears (*of the asses!*) lest the length of them should frighten horses.