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FROM THE EDITOR



There are moments in the life of an editor when the magazine is returned from the printers and there it is a **GLARING** typographical error or omission. The piece has been checked and re-checked when being written; the spell checker is let loose but still a stray letter, number or punctuation mark (especially an apostrophe) has been put in or left out. You often see what you expect.

I noted a factual error two issues ago and looked to remedy it in the last magazine by issuing an apology. Result - another error. When in a hole stop digging!

To prevent littering the Mecca News with apologies I have dealt with the error by email! There will always be stray errors and omissions (as much as I would like to think there won't be) for which I apologise unreservedly now. If there are any factual errors don't hesitate to let me know.

Feedback indicates another successful AGM & Muster. Amongst others the trip to Gayle Mill was enjoyed, the Metcalfes in India data and booklet sold well, the speaker from the National Park gave some interesting insights into the archaeology of Wensleydale and there were some unusual raffle prizes!

One question that came up a couple of times at the Muster was whether the Mecca News should become electronic thereby cutting printing and postage costs. This has been discussed in committee in the past and with some 80 members without or not declared email addresses, out of a membership of around 430, there is a sizeable (c19%) number who would still need the hard copy. Even with such a small number printing costs would not be much cheaper.

As time moves on and electronic communication expands no doubt the Society will look at this topic again but if you have any comments you wish to make now please let me know.

In the meantime we intend producing a more regular e-newsletter. At the committee meeting in July it was agreed that the editor would have responsibility for compiling a bi-monthly newsletter. The first was sent out in September with the help of our web master Carol Herbert and I hope to compile a second in the very near future.

When you receive this the festive season will not be far off so I wish you and yours

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS & A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS 2013.

Peter Dobson M69



COWSIDE, LANGSTROTHDALE, UPPER WHARFEDALE, NORTH YORKSHIRE

We spent the May Day Bank holiday weekend enjoying beautiful Langstrothdale in Upper Wharfedale, staying in a remote and isolated former farmstead which has been the home in the past of at least one Metcalfe (of which, more later).

'Cowside' opened as a holiday let last October after completion of careful refurbishment by the Landmark Trust, a building preservation charity, founded in 1965. This Trust was established to rescue historic and architecturally interesting buildings and their surroundings from neglect and, when restored, to give them new life by letting them as places to experience for holidays. We have stayed in a couple of their properties before, in the Lakes and Scotland, and their approach is always to try to capture the historic character and setting of the buildings (but with modern plumbing and heating!). Cowside is significant as an unaltered example of a late 17th/early 18th-century farmhouse of the North Yorkshire Dales. It is entirely typical of its area in many respects, but in a few it is unusual, not to say exceptional. The farmstead is set on the fellside above the young River Wharfe, just after it has been christened as such at the meeting of the becks at Beckermonds Stone field barns or 'shippons' dot the hillside around, but no other inhabited dwelling can be seen from the farmhouse or courtyard.

It was only whilst perusing the very detailed information about the history of the house provided by the Landmark Trust for holidaymakers staying there that I discovered that there is a Metcalfe connection. I hope other members might be interested in the story of the farmhouse and the Metcalfe connection. If you also consider a stay there, I would recommend it for the beautiful surroundings (which probably haven't changed much in 3 centuries), the peace and quiet, the starry skies and a sense of how isolated such farms where, and how hard life must have been. Although it didn't really re-create the experience of earlier occupants as we did have 21st century comforts and ease of transport unimaginable to them.

I originally saw the appeal for funds to save this derelict house in 2007, before I had discovered the family's Metcalfe ancestors and found the actual historic link to the Dales in my partner's ancestry. (I am sure there will be Metcalfes in my family tree, which is overwhelmingly Yorkshire – I just haven't found them yet!) We have always felt drawn to the Dales, and at the time, I thought: 'if that farmhouse could be restored and made available for holidays, I would like to stay there and it would be the right size for our





family'. I had recently come into a legacy, so I made a donation to the appeal. I have since followed the story of the successful completion of the fundraising campaign and the complex restoration process; and have now achieved the ambition of staying in such an interesting place – doubly interesting now I could tell my daughter 'this is like the places where your great-great-grandfather & grandmother lived. (Gober

or Gauber Farm and Camm Houses.)

The group of buildings (house, barn, byre, piggery and privy) is remarkably intact and characteristic of its period and setting. We were delighted to be able to rescue it by taking a long lease. According to its datestone, the farmstead was built in 1707 and this seems accurate enough, even though it incorporates earlier fabric. It was built by the Slinger family (of Beckermonds, just up the valley) with some pretension to gentrification: the standard of workmanship in the timber ceilings and in the masonry of the stone window is high, and there are no fewer than three hearths. Our faith in the building was further vindicated when we found monochrome wall paintings of Biblical texts in the parlour beneath layers of limewash."

The farmhouse itself is a simple, two (principal) room, direct entry house on two floors. It is built of the local, highly durable limestone with free-stone quoins and dressings. It is surrounded by various small enclosures of typical Dales drystone walls, and a stand of very impressive sycamore trees, planted for shelter – so typical of such exposed properties. There is a datestone "I S 1707" above the front door, but a panel of disturbed masonry around it indicates that it has been re-set from a two-storey porch (since lost), a common feature on houses of that date. The porch's existence was proved when Landmark found a blocked doorway under plaster on the first floor. The front elevation has a set of fine stone mullioned windows with an echo of earlier centuries about them, placed with a careful symmetry that was very up to date for the early 18th century.

As for the restoration of Cowside, in spring 2009, a generous bequest allowed The Landmark Trust to close the Cowside appeal. They were then able re-roof it in autumn 2009 as a preliminary phase, fearing the leaking roof might collapse under its own weight in the snows of another winter. This was completed just days before the heaviest snowfall in the Dales for twenty years, which would have probably caused the unprotected roof to collapse and caused irreparable damage to the interior. Work began in earnest in 2010. As Cowside is off the national grid, its electricity is supplied by a micro Combined Heat and Power plant fuelled by liquid propane gas. Water is provided from a specially drilled borehole, and thus Cowside is ready to face another era of inhabitation.

We had a fantastic short break at Cowside, surrounded by very young lambs in the adjacent fields. We walked down the valley via the Dales way ending in a pub lunch at Cray after fantastic views of Wharfedale; upstream to Beckermonds and over to views of Littondale and visiting Hawes – a delightful market town and home of the Dales Countryside Museum. For us, a very pleasant few days away from the usual work and school. It was quite different for earlier tenants.

THE METCALFE CONNECTION

The 1901 Census confirms that Cowside was home to *Jane Metcalfe (links to M1827)*, who was born in Starbotton, Yorkshire in 1868 and came to Cowside in 1895 as Mrs Beresford, a young wife and mother of a daughter. Before her marriage, Jane had worked as a household servant at Linton House, Linton near Skipton. Her employer was a 65 year old single woman of independent means, Mary Charlotte Nowell. This may not have been a hard life, as a cook/housekeeper was also employed and there were only the three women resident in the house.

Looking into her earlier history, according to the 1871 census Jane had left Starbotton village before she was 2 years old, to live in Bingley, a fast growing industrialised town on the outskirts of Bradford, with her father Thomas Metcalfe, mother Alice and baby brother James. Her mother is described as dressmaker. It is unusual for a married woman with a living husband and two children under three to give a trade or profession in the census. Jane's father Thomas is described as a 'farmer's son'. This does not really seem to be an 'occupation' nor a viable way of earning a living in Bingley in 1871. The rest of the street are weavers, spinners, machine brokers etc – not much farming going on! We can only speculate on the family circumstances, but it seems perhaps that the move to the city wasn't providing Thomas with a job, and Alice had to earn their living despite having a two-year old (Jane) and a seven month old baby. .

By 1881, Jane's family had moved back to the Dales, to Kettlewell where Thomas was now a 'shepherd' and two other children – Edwin (M1827 line) and Fred - had joined the family. Edwin had been born in Bingley, at which time, his father's trade was given as 'carter'; but they were back at Kettlewell two years later when Fred was born.

Jane married George Beresford on 27th April 1892 when she was 23 years old, and he was 35. George Beresford was from another long-established Dales family, and was a bachelor considerably older than Jane when they married. He had lived at Yockenthwaite, a small ham-



let halfway between Cowside and Hubberholme, in Langstrothdale, until he was 12. At this age he moved to Raisgill just down the valley to work for his uncle John. On his marriage he moved to another small farm, before taking up the tenancy at Cowside with his young family. 6 more children followed, all born at Cowside. According to an account written in 1981, these children were delivered by Mrs Parker who was the dale's 'midwife'. She was from Deepdale, the next farm to Cowside.

This detail and others of George and Jane's life at Cowside are included in an article from the Dalesman (07/1981, pp288-291), which is based on recollections of their son Frank who was born at Cowside in 1900. Copies of this and other historical records about the house and the surrounding dales are to be found in the farmhouse, to entertain the visitors. Today, only a maximum of five people can be accommodated at Cowside, in rather more comfort than the eight Beresfords enjoyed. It must have been quite crowded for Jane's young family with just two main downstairs rooms, and some of the space given over to feed storage etc for the farm. On the day of the census in 1901, there was also a carrier staying in the house, presumably stopping over as he travelled about.

In facing south up the slope and away from the river, Cowside perhaps seems to turn its back on the world and transport routes, but more likely is that there was once a packhorse trail running along the contour line above it, (the Dale was an important through route from Lancaster to Newcastle-upon-Tyne). Although there are plenty of footpaths in the area today, including Dales Way, which follows the Wharfe, I could find no trace remaining of this old track, now replaced by the road in the valley bottom. Had this road taken over in Jane's day, or was the carrier following the packhorse route?

Jane and George moved on to a larger farm a year or so before George died of appendicitis in April 1905, when the youngest child was only a toddler. Before the end of that year, Jane had moved away from that farm and Cowside was taken over by George's brother. By 1911 Jane was back in Starbotton earning her living as a grocer with the three youngest children living with her. Other tenants followed at Cowside, and it is the constant history of tenancies, often fairly brief, that has safeguarded Cowside's original features.

The last inhabitants moved out in the 1960s, at which time water was still drawn from a spring, the house was not connected to electricity (although a supply passed quite close by) and there was no road access. The last 250m up the steep hillside still has to be on foot – but this serves as a token gesture to remember the hardship of the setting (and the Trust provide a wheelbarrow to help move luggage). The access track beside the beck is still quite challenging, and will probably be impassable to all vehicles when the river is high, requiring an even longer approach on foot using a footbridge higher up. **Janet Johnson (M1837)** with thanks to the Landmark Trust for text from their history of the house and elsewhere & Ancestry.co.uk. For further details of Cowside www.landmarktrust.org.uk



Subscriptions

The AGM agreed with the Committee's recommendation to keep the annual subscription rate at the current level (since 2002) at £10. They also agreed that as from 1 January 2013 all new members would be required to pay a one-off Registration Fee of £15 to cover the cost of providing the initial Society membership and archived material as well as the annual subscription.

Newspaper Cuttings

David Metcalfe M46 has taken over responsibility for collection, collation and insertion into the database. So any Mecca sightings in newspapers, magazines etc should be forwarded to David.

For his address see inside front cover.

Project 2014

An exciting new project to coincide with the celebrations commemorating the start of World War I was launched at this year's Muster by **Margaret Hodgson M515** and **Jo Heron M1042**. They provided picture boards showing Metcalfes from that time and intend collating and presenting details of the clan's involvement in the conflict for a wider presentation in 2014. See page 23 for details.

Committee Changes

As previously announced **Brian Metcalfe M1554** stepped down from the committee with **Margaret Hodgson** taking over his Archivist duties. **Carol Herbert M1072** is to step down as Treasurer at the end of the next financial year (31 March 2013) and **Marsden Holden M1513** has been seconded to the committee.

Metcalfes in India

The project was launched at the Muster and almost half of the 50 printed booklets have now been sold.

Nappa Hall Update

On a visit to the Dales in June I ran into Mark Thompson (the owner of Nappa Hall) and he provided me with a update on the progress of the work at Nappa. An architect has been appointed to oversee negotiations with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and English Heritage. Discussions are expected to take some three years to complete. The availability of financial support towards the necessary work at the Hall is also under consideration.

Peter Dobson M69

**DEADLINE for the April Mecca News
is 6 February 2013.**

Articles comments or snippets to the Editor.

Wills

newly transcribed and now available to view in the Members Only section of the website. The date here is the date of probate.

Wills are often earlier than the year of probate so it is best to use the search + or – 2/5/10/20 years if not found immediately by name or place.

1604	Abraham Metcalfe of Lincoln
1653	John Metcalfe of Tanton
1657	Ottiwell Metcalfe of Carperby
1682	Leonard Metcalfe of Burstwick
1683	Gilbert Metcalfe of London
1752	Jenson Medcalfe
1788	Elizabeth Metcalfe of Hipperholme, Halifax
1789	Leonard Metcalfe of Gate Fulford, York
1793	Samuel Metcalf of Leeds
1794	Eleanor Metcalfe of York
1795	Martha Metcalf of Leeds
1795	Jane Metcalfe of Spofforth
1798	Luke Metcalfe of Wass
1798	Simon Metcalfe of Pittsburgh, North America
1798	George Metcalfe of Pateley Bridge
1799	Martha Metcalf of East Retford
1800	John Metcalf of Horbury
1800	Benjamin Metcalfe of Kingston upon Hull
1801	Thomas Metcalfe of Beverley
1802	Francis Metcalfe of Rothwell, Yorkshire
1806	Reverend Matthew Metcalfe of Kirk Smeaton, Yorkshire
1807	James Metcalfe of Kirkby in Cleveland
1809	John Metcalf of Quarry Hill, Leeds
1810	Christopher Metcalf of Kingston upon Hull
1813	Joseph Metcalfe of Bagby
1813	Isabel Metcalf of Yarm
1813	Ann Metcalfe of York
1813	Anthony Metcalf of Bishop Wearmouth
1814	John Metcalfe of Aysgarth
1815	Thomas Metcalfe of Richmond
1817	Sarah Metcalf of East Retford
1817	Elizabeth Metcalf of Winksley, parish of Ripon
1841	David Metcalf of Kingston upon Hull

*Grateful thanks are due to all the current transcribers of wills: Jennifer Metcalf M1754: Rosemary Brown M756: Edwin Metcalf M980: Marsden & Kath Holden M1513: Frances Glanville M1887: Liz & Steve Metcalfe M1802. Welcome to the team those members from the Muster who volunteered to join this Project: Margaret Stoll M1437: Janet Knowles M1279: Carol Arkwright M86: Margaret Medcalfe M1747. Thanks also to those members who have forwarded wills they have transcribed for their own family trees. This too is a very useful source for the Society and further contributions would be most welcome. **Margaret Hodgson M515***

ROYAL CONNECTIONS

If as members of this illustrious Clan you were not aware of our eminent family status the following should rectify that omission!

Sir Christopher married Lady Elizabeth c1550 and Anne Clifford was born in the early 1600's so was c3rd cousin to Thomas Mte.

Sir Christopher Metcalfe, of Nappa, married the Lady Elizabeth Clifford, daughter of Henry, first Earl of Cumberland and eleventh Baron de Clifford, great-aunt to Anne, Baroness de Clifford, the celebrated Countess of Dorset, Pembroke, and Montgomery hence the mention of **Thomas Metcalfe**, of Nappa, as her cousin (1663).

The Lady Katherine, eldest sister of the wife of **Sir Christopher Metcalfe**, married John, eighth Lord Scrope, of Bolton Castle, four miles distant from Nappa.

By this marriage, the **Metcalfes of Nappa** derived their royal descents : -

1. From Lionel Plantagenet, Duke of Clarence, third son of King Edward III.
2. From John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, fourth son of King Edward III.
3. From the Lady Mary Plantagenet, daughter of Henry, Earl of Lancaster, grandson of King Henry III.
4. From William, Earl of Arques and Thoulouse (uncle of William the Conqueror), third son of Richard, fourth Duke of Normandy.

Extracts from **Royal Descent**

By Arthur Marwood Wilcocks, MA and **John Henry Metcalfe** 1892.

John Henry Metcalfe is not unknown to the Society or Walter & Gilbert Metcalfe the compilers of Metcalfe Records produced in 1891. An article featuring John Henry appeared in Mecca News 86 (December 2008).

Arthur Marwood Wilcocks may have been his cousin and related to the Northallerton branch of Metcalfes.

Two hundred and fifty copies have been printed of this Edition.
(including) Edward Metcalfe, Esq., Wensley Cottage, St. Annes-on-Sea. 2 copies .

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Mrs. Mary Metcalfe, (widow of the late Henry Christopher Metcalfe, Esq., of Hawstead House, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk,) Vale Lodge, Ripley, Yorkshire. 3 copies.

Miss Metcalfe, St. Pierre le Port, Guernsey.

Philip R. C. Metcalfe, Esq., 143, Alexandra Road, St. John's Wood, London.

*The full list of subscribers was in itself quite illustrious,
reading like a who's who of the peerage of the late 19th century.*



In my opinion we mustered well this October in Hawes! I trust that those who went will agree. It was a delight to welcome back from USA Fred Parker and his daughter and son-in-law Phyllis and Richard Sederberg. I thank Lesley Longworth who as usual co-ordinated the arrangements for the Muster and the committee members who helped set up the event. We are also most grateful to the Museum for allowing us to hold our meeting in their premises and their ever helpful staff. They really do make us most welcome.

At the AGM we sadly bade farewell to Brian Metcalfe who has retired from the committee to enjoy he hopes a slightly quieter life. He has been a tremendous asset to the Society and an excellent archivist, a role now to be undertaken by Margaret Hodgson. It was good to see Ena, his wife on the day too. We asked for a volunteer to become our treasurer in April at the start of our new financial year and I am delighted to report that Marsden Metcalfe (Member 1513) has volunteered! He was co-opted to the committee and hopes to 'shadow' Carol our current incumbent! She has indicated to my relief that she will continue after April as our Webmaster. I was delighted that Charles Metcalfe was re-elected as our President. He still does a lot of research and finds an amazing amount of Metcalfe data for us. Long may that continue! I was likewise glad that our Vice-President Mary Metcalfe was re-elected for a further term.

Margaret Metcalfe once again excelled her self in selling raffle tickets. Over £130 was paid for an unusual selection of prizes including every single copy of The Mecca News and a huge (and very heavy) orange Pumpkin grown (or should I say reared?) by Edwin Metcalf (M982). It was won by Vivienne Metcalfe who has offered it to a friend for her shop window Halloween display!

Chairman's Jottings

Vivienne's expertise as a stained glass window restorer was on show during the day. We were able to admire the colours and craftsmanship as well as the Victorian 'improvements' to the Metcalfe coat of arms panel from Askrigg church where it 'has been hanging by a thread'. Its cleaned up state reveals that the panel includes several pieces of medieval glass and is not after all a Victorian copy, as was supposed, of the original in Askrigg church. Arrangements are going to be made for its return to its Aysgarth.

Peter Dobson very ably put the case to the meeting for altering the charges made to new members starting in January 2013. He pointed out that many of those currently joining tend to stay on average for no more than 2/3 years. The members agreed the committee's proposal that a special initial fee should be charged. He also launched in the afternoon the Metcalfe's in India Volume 2: a booklet with a data dvd. This readable and fascinating work contains extracts from and sections of the research undertaken by George Buxton over many years to The British Library where he extracted all the references he could find to Metcalfes. The new booklet, taken with the first one, shows what a huge collection of Indian records exist and how many members of the Metcalfe family went to work in business or serve in the Indian Army, marry and in some cases die there. George and Peter who have collaborated on the publication, are to be commended for this great specialist work which is worthy of the Society. Do buy copies if you are interested! We have only produced a limited number and approximately a quarter were sold at the Muster!

To keep us occupied objects from Hawes museum were made available for us to recognise or guess their purpose. I am afraid I was more of a 'guesser' than a 'recogniser'! It was an interesting diversion! About 20 members were able to go to Gayle Mill for a short visit after lunch. Although unfortunately a little hurried everyone I spoke to agreed it had been well worthwhile.

Several members discovered for themselves what a tremendous research centre and room there is in the Museum premises. We were very grateful for the opportunity given to use this additional research facility, especially when the Metcalfe records we hold had been exhausted upstairs. Thanks to David Metcalfe and Nina Benson as well as Martin Metcalfe, who answered enquiries all day with their computers. Your patience waiting to see them was I trust rewarded! Martin was able to spread the message again about the possibilities of DNA research and I understand at least one volunteer from one of the lines which Martin is particularly interested in testing has agreed to participate, which is welcome news!

We took the opportunity of announcing that we intend to carry out a project to mark the centenary of the start of the 1914-18 War. We intend to produce a booklet concerning our Metcalfe ancestors and what befell them. We can all participate and the committee want to encourage as many members as possible to join in to make this a truly Society wide project to remember. The planning is at an early stage and we will announce more about our project in the coming months. One member has very generously offered to contribute a handsome sum towards the cost. We are not alone in working on a First World War project. The Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS) has on its website (www.ffhs.org) a page encouraging the public to participate in researching their World War 1 ancestors. Their site has links to the Imperial War Museum. The Government has also announced that it wants the country to participate in suitable commemorations.

I was able to attend in October the inauguration of a joint project between The National Archives, the FFHS and the Friends of the TNA to digitise and transcribe the MH47 record series. This is a key collection of First World War records which cover the appeals against conscription and minutes from the Central Military Service Tribunal and the Middlesex Appeals tribunal. We were shown 'behind the scenes' at Kew. I was surprised and delighted to see that one record being processed was an appeal for one FRANK E METCALFE ! I do not know the outcome but we will eventually discover it! The records are going to be indexed by surname. Many thought wrongly that the records were just from conscientious objectors. In fact only about one fifth were from them. The majority were from sole traders claiming their businesses would fail if they had to join up or those claiming medical reasons such as epilepsy. One man tried to argue his hernia prevented him from being conscripted but the Appeal Tribunal gave him short shrift telling him to keep wearing his truss!

In February I hope to be at Who Do You Think You Are – Live at Olympia on the FFHS stand and maybe the Yorkshire and North West stands - so do look out for me if you go! It's a good day if you have never been before! We are entering the FFHS Elizabeth Simpson award for best journal and the Geoff Riggs Award for Best Website so fingers crossed for success!

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a successful 2013 in your researches!

MARSDENS STORY - A soldier's collection

Marsden Peter Holden M1513

In issues 95,96 & 97 Marsden related his search for the source of his forename. Included in his research was an episode regarding his grandfather and his experiences during WWI.

My grandfather was Marsden Metcalfe.

Born on 1 August 1892 at 2 May Street, Habergham Eaves he was the son of James Metcalfe and Harriet nee Horrocks. He became a butcher - moving up to be a journeyman butcher and then slaughterman. My remembrance is that he was tall, erect, smart - all in all a fine figure of a man. My sister Margaret has a much clearer recollection of him than I have. Whilst I recall him as somewhat aloof she has much warmer



memories of him. He died on 9 January 1961 at 5 Violet Street, which is the house, that I can remember him in. He was 68 and is buried in Burnley Cemetery with his wife, daughter and son-in-law.

His service records show that he was living at 56 Brunswick Street, Burnley when he enlisted. He was 23 years and 8 months old. His trade was a butcher. He was 6 feet and a half-inch tall. His chest full expansion was 40 inches with a 2.5 inches range of expansion. His next of kin was Maggie Maud Heyworth, his wife, who he had married on 12 August 1912 at Fulfilled Wesleyan Methodist Chapel. His only dependent was my mother Maggie born on 28 December 1912 - just 4 months after the marriage! My grandfather qualified for a British War Medal 1914-1919 and a Victory Medal.

He rose to the rank of Lance Corporal. If I read the records correctly he enlisted on 10/02/1916 but was assigned to the Army Reserve until 16 October 1916 when he was mobilised and posted to Caterham. There is a postcard photograph of a training camp at Weeton near Blackpool on which he has written his address following his posting to France – *Signaler Pte M Metcalfe, No 19603, 1st Battn Coldstream Guards, No 1 Company, No 2 Platoon BEF France.* He served at home until he was posted to the Expeditionary Force Overseas on 5 September 1917 so presumably the card was written shortly before that. He became an acting unpaid Lance Corporal on 28 January 1919 and acting paid Lance Corporal on 4 September 1919 shortly before being demobilised on 12 October 1919.

All that is fact but now comes the intriguing bit. Shortly before my brother John died he gave me a small CWS Cream Crackers box. He said that there were some things of my Grandfather's in it. He then said that I would find some items dating from the war. He linked that with the comment

that the family had been proud that he had been a good soldier and done his duty well but were unhappy that it included killing. I didn't open the box until later when I got home. What it contained was : -

1 Two forms from the Ministry of National Insurance for 1 week 2 days and 4 days benefit in October 1949. The benefit was 1 pound 14 shillings and eight pence and 17s 4d respectively.

2 Half a document from the District Provident Society's Convalescent Home at Southport. The back bears the details of some horses he was to bet on.

3 Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society – distribution of valuation surplus 1932.

4 An application form for the Journeymen Butchers Federation of Great Britain.

5 Two receipts for purchases by Mr. J Hargreaves from B Blackburn of Cliviger Butcher.

6 A card for Mrs. Wm Finch's apartments – "Plas Annie, 25 Alexandra Road, South Shore Blackpool. One minute from the sea. Wash basins H and C and electric in all bedrooms".

7 A leaflet for the Old Coldstreamers Association.

8 A Soldiers Demobilisation Account showing he was due £11 and a penny. He was paid £2 cash advance, three postal orders for £3, £3 and £2 and a penny, and an overcoat - £1.

9 Notes on Post War Credits.

10 A certified copy of his Attestation on enlistment.

11 An empty envelope to the French address from his wife at 56 Brunswick Street Burnley – SWALK (Sealed with a loving kiss).

12 A printed letter to the Guards Division from Major-General T G Matheson, Commanding Guards Division, setting down his pride and thanks to the Guards for their efforts in the period from 21 August 1918 when an advance from the Valley of the Cojeul was launched which led to the capture of Maubeuge on 9 November. 54 days in the firing line of which "twenty-nine have been days of strenuous fighting, in which you beat back and wore down a skilful, tenacious and desperate foe". From Moyenneville to Maubeuge they have advanced a distance of almost fifty miles. They stormed the deep ditch of the Canal Du Nord, broke through the Hindenburg system and won the Flesquieres Ridge.

13 A few French coins

14 4 Coldstream Guards insignia

15 A Blue Cross animal service badge – an interesting find for a slaughterman but then my sister, Margaret, recalls that he always got someone else to slaughter the lambs as he couldn't do it.

16 His demobilization certificate dated 12 October 1919.

17 A certificate of Employment During the War. This shows that - He had been on a signaling course. He was 1st Class at Musketry; Chevrons – 2 Blues. "Has done very well indeed. Very keen, hardworking and trustworthy in every way" was his general report.

18 There was also a bronze plaque "He died for Freedom and Honour" inscribed Marsden Metcalfe.

The last four items were

19 A cigarette packet – Honora Cigaretten manufactured by Georg A Jasmatzi Aktien Gesellschaft Dresden. 10 Stuck 2.5 to 3.5 pf.

20 A grey shoulder epaulette edged in a lighter – perhaps yellow – colour and with a red 452 embroidered on it.

21 A belt buckle – rather rusty – with a crown emblem and "Gott Mit Uns" inscribed on it.

22 What I take to be the dog tags of a German soldier.

The inscriptions are

Johannes Oehmigen

Altensburg : S : A : Wenzelst 52

7-9-95

11 : ers : btl : j : r : 72

2 Komp : nr 4262

Presumably his name

Presumably his home address

Presumably his date of birth

Presumably details of his
regiment etc



In considering this I was aware that his uncle was killed on 6 September 1917 - just the day after Marsden is posted to France. Did this have an effect on his approach to the business in hand? Did his trade of slaughterman have an effect on his attitude to life and death? I also wondered just why he had kept these things.

The cigarette packet seems harmless enough. Taking bits of a soldier's kit as mementos is a bit less wholesome but not too bad. What I couldn't reconcile myself to is the fact that he had someone's dogtags. Surely if he had removed them it would mean that the body wouldn't be identified and the family of Johannes Oehmigen would just have a "Missing presumed dead" report. That possibility caused me concern and I felt a duty to try to put things right if necessary.

Casting an eye over the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's web site I found the details of the German equivalent - Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgräberfürsorge e.V.. I contacted them but all they could tell me in their reply of 2 April 2004 was that they had no record of his burial. They did say that they had passed the information and my request to an office in Berlin (Deutsche Dienststelle).

On a visit to the Lancashire Fusiliers Museum to seek details of his Uncle I mentioned this to the Curator. He said that it was not unknown for soldiers to kill and take mementos but generally there was a great deal of compassion. He thought other possibilities were more likely. Aiding an injured soldier who was dying was one possibility. The most likely was that he had taken the man prisoner. He was then required to take his dog tags and have the capture recorded for notification to the Red Cross. They will still have records of whether Johannes Oehmigen was taken prisoner.

My initial approach to the Red Cross didn't produce a reply. Determined to try all avenues I contacted the The Anglo-German Family History Society for advice on how to approach the German authorities. Their reply showed interest and sympathy but apologies for not be able to suggest much. I then wrote to the Town Hall in Altenburg with a list of questions. The response was quite impressive. In next to no time I received 3 replies from different departments. Unfortunately they were all negative apart from the fact that Wenzelstrasse 52 is still standing. The amount of 2nd World War damage to the house was unknown.

There is no evidence of his being buried in Altenburg. His name is not on the memorial to 191 Altenburg citizens killed in the 1st World War. They would need a date of death to identify if he had a private burial. They couldn't find his birth or death details in the Registry Office. They couldn't find

any mention of the family name at all in the city Registration Office. I draw the conclusion that he just used the address as an accommodation address when he joined up (the house is very near the train station). If all my supposition about the death of Johannes Oehmigen was right, I wonder how my grandfather felt when his next child died so young. Possibly a feeling that he was being repaid for what he had done.

That was how things were left for 5 years 8 months. Then, long after I had given up hope of any further progress, I received a reply dated 3 December 2009 from the Deutsche Dienststelle (fuer die Benachrichtigung der naechsten Angehoerigen von Gefallen der ehemaligen deutschen Wehrmacht). The letter was both a surprise and a real shock. Johannes Richard Oehmichen had lived through both World Wars and only died in 1968 - 7 years after Marsden's death. They had traced a nephew of his and were willing to effect the transfer of the 4 items to him. I was overjoyed and got help from a German born friend in writing, in German, appropriate letters to the office and the nephew. The mementos were parcelled up and sent off with the letters and a photo of Marsden. On 1 December I received a further communication from them. They had asked the nephew about other family members and it seems he isn't in touch with any. The transfer of items to him isn't going ahead. They had, however, discovered that Johannes had a daughter by his first wife. His daughter had died but there were three grandchildren and one granddaughter was very happy to receive the items.

Putting this into the context of the other contents of the box it shows a man much nearer to Margaret's recollection than mine. Clearly his military service was highly important in his life and he had not shrunk back from doing his duty - "hardworking and trustworthy" is to be expected from a good Lancastrian of Yorkshire ancestry but the "very keen" description added to the promotion gained shows someone willing to do that bit more than the minimum expected. The meeting with Herr Oehmichen must have been very significant for him and was clearly a much more friendly experience than I first imagined. It's lovely that this side of his nature is established for posterity.



Weeton Camp Blackpool

Municipal Cemeteries

Council run cemeteries were a 19th century phenomenon. The Church had dealt with burials for centuries but as the drift to industrial towns became a flood in the 1800's municipal cemeteries came into their own.

The 1850's saw the rise of modern municipal boroughs as the Victorians sought to build on the 1834 Bill of Lord Chancellor Brougham '*for the better government of certain boroughs when incorporated*'. It took another decade before boroughs were incorporated in any numbers but by the late 1840's the changes were well underway. Corporations as well as being granted administration of their boroughs were also given control of the police, water supply, health and under the Burial Act of 1853, sites for cemeteries. Most corporation cemeteries started around this time with crematoria appearing later in the century.

As ties with the church and the countryside weakened burials were undertaken near to where the person died. However this was not always the case with some internments taking place many miles from the place of death especially if there was a family grave already set up.

Knowing where your missing ancestor died is not always useful as for the reasons stated above they may be buried elsewhere. There is no central burial register only a death certificate which doesn't give the place of a grave. Nonetheless a local search is always a good starting point. Look for indications of the death notice in the newspapers or in memoriam cards failing that where other family members lived or were buried. Records for burials are usually held by the municipal authority or the local record office. The former will tend to charge a fee.

The society holds some details of burials normally parish and should be consulted first in any search. After that you can use the internet to find out possible cemeteries (some which may have closed) to research. Examples of larger towns are below.

York Cemetery. www.yorkcemeterygenealogy.co.uk. A group of specialist volunteers maintain the website. The entries are recorded on a computer database. There is no public access to the database and all searches are made by members of the cemetery genealogical team. ☎01904 610578. There are 265 Metcalfes, 102 Metcalfs, 3 Medcalfs, 3 Medcalfes, one Mitcalf and a Metcalf listed on the database.

Liverpool. Because of its size the city opened a number of cemeteries: Toxteth Park 1856, Anfield 1863, Everton 1880, Kirkdale 1881, West Derby 1884 and Allerton 1909. This was in addition to Roman Catholic burial grounds. Some of these records are available on line including Toxteth (www.toxtethparkcemetery.co.uk - 151 Md/Mde/Mt/Mtes listed) and Aintree (23 mt/mtes listed) whilst details of other burial records can be found at Liverpool Record Office, Local Studies and Family History service. ☎0151 233 5817 or recoffice.central.library@liverpool.gov.uk.

An example of those dying in one place and buried in another is the following entry from Toxteth: **William Hetherington Metcalf**, 60 years, Retired Sea Captain, Queen's Hotel Douglas, Isle of Man. 27 November 1896.

AGM & MUSTER ROUNDUP

Some sixty members and guests were present for the AGM of the Society on Saturday 6 October 2013 at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes, Wensleydale.

The hall had been prepared the day before by members of the committee and others and looked ready to deal with the matters of the day. Around 10.30 the gathering was called to order and the Chairman David Lambert got the agenda underway.

Within fifteen minutes half the items for discussion had been dealt with and for a few moments the official matters looked as if they would be completed in record time.

Interest from members concerning the ongoing projects saw appeals for more volunteers for the wills project (*the appeal bore fruit as 4 more members agreed to help by the end of the day*) and further involvement from male Metcalfes to enable the DNA project to proceed more quickly.

Presentation of the committee's recommendation on annual subscriptions and the payment of a registration fee for new members to cover the time and cost of the archivist team (both past and present) was agreed after discussion. The new registration fee will be introduced from 1 January 2013. The annual subscription was not increased.

Margaret Hodgson introduced a new project (*to be called Project 2014*) which will look to record and present details of Metcalfes who took part in the First World War conflict in time for the 2014 commemorations.

After the AGM was concluded Miles Johnson of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority gave an interesting talk on the archaeology of Upper Wensleydale which included some interesting aerial photographs of the dale and kept members enthralled up to lunch time.

Those leaving the museum had a pleasant walk in the early Autumn sunshine to their various lunch time stops but they had to be quick for the Gayle Mill trip was due to leave promptly at 2. Some 20 went up to the mill (see separate report (page 22) and by all accounts enjoyed their visit.

Others left behind had time to browse the World War I wall displays, look at the television display of past Musters, buy cheese, look at the goods on sale, view the renovated Metcalfe window from Aysgarth Church (see back cover) and even carry out research.

On the return of the Gayle Mill adventurers the launch of the Metcalfes in India booklet and data disc was undertaken followed by the raffle which saw a variety of prizes with one in particular (*see picture page 21*) most unusual!

There was just a little time left for members and guests to make purchases and carry out that final research before it was time to go. Overall some 80 members and guests attended the AGM & Muster which was deemed another success.



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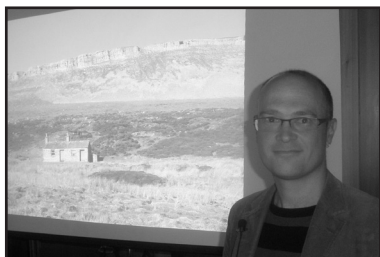
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Photos:

- 1 Welcome Desk - Jo Heron & Lesley Longworth.
- 2 Cheese please! Diane Howarth looking after cheese sales.
- 3 Display from the Dales Countryside Museum.
- 4 American Visitors - Phyllis Sederberg M1369 and guests Richard Sederberg & Fred Parker from Montana
- 5 AGM.
- 6 Raffle prizes.
- 7 Vivienne Metcalf with her unusual raffle prize - a super large pumpkin.
- 8 Research Room - David Metcalfe helping out members.
- 9 National Parks Speaker Miles Johnson who gave a talk on Wensleydale
- 10 All in favour - AGM

MECCA MUSTER 2012 - GAYLE MILL VISIT



Following up an invitation issued at last years Muster, a group of 22 opted to visit Gayle Mill during the afternoon. On arrival and, "I've been through t'mill" stickers applied, we went upstairs for a short and amusingly delivered history of the Mill.

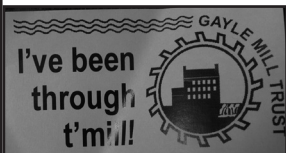
Onwards and downwards we were told about the water and wood sources. There was a demonstration of the 3 'green' turbines. From the earliest water powered turbine in the country, still working in its original position, through the 1925 model which also powered houses in the village to the newest which sells excess power to the National Grid. True Yorkshire 'thrif' alive and well!!

Up again to the ground floor and a demonstration of some of the machines which have been in use since 1879 and still produce necessary items (eg. gate posts and hay rakes) for local use as well as smaller 'gift' items.

As our allotted time sped by and the return transport appeared at the head of the lane, a degree of chivvying was required to persuade everyone that our visit really had sadly come to an end. I'm sure everyone would have written, "Highly recommended", if asked to fill in a feedback form!



Lesley Longworth M68



PROJECT 2014 METCALFES during the FIRST WORLD WAR

On our horizon is the centenary of the outbreak of what was supposedly the 'war to end all wars', years of conflict which left no family unscathed. How many of you know what your ancestors were doing at that time? Not only those of them in the armed forces or in nursing but those who remained at home, perhaps on the land or working in munitions.

At the Committee meeting in July we agreed to initiate a new project to research our Metcalfe ancestors of that time, possibly turning this into a small publication in 2014. This cannot be done without your help and contributions. What family stories can you let us have? What photographs do you possess that put faces to the information?



Work has started on research. This is opening up fascinating areas which need exploring and the more information we have, the clearer the Mecca involvement will be.

Take for instance a small selection of those Meccas awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal:

Pte JF Metcalfe - *being engaged by heavy machine-gun fire from the flank, & his sergeant being killed, he immediately got his Stokes gun into action under very heavy machine-gun & rifle fire, enabled the infantry to round up and capture the remainder*

Sgt J Metcalf – *showed complete disregard for personal safety & unfailing devotion in rendering first aid to the wounded & organising stretcher parties under an intense gas bombardment.*

CQMS J.W. Metcalf – *While in charge of a party carrying rations to his company in a shell-hole position close to the enemy, his party suffered severe casualties, but he kept his men together & in spite of all difficulties & heavy fire delivered rations to every post.*

L/Cpl T Metcalfe – *Noticing the furze of a trench mortar bomb burning in the ammunition recess, near to which a party of infantry were standing, he picked up the shell, rushed along the sap leading from the trench, & threw it over the parapet where it immediately exploded..... undoubtedly saved many casualties*

Is one of them yours?

What was the wider family / occupational life of these Mecca men?

We would love to hear from you with information, stories, photographs or images of relevant records, particularly if connected to your own family.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Margaret Hodgson & Jo Heron
firstworldwar@metcalfe.org.uk

Daily Mail June 2011. A farmer brought a whole new meaning to the ancient art of branding by turning sheep into mobile advertising boards. **JAMES METCALFE** sprayed the logo of his turf business on the side of 20 of his newly-shorn flock as a way of getting round planning laws. 'They were quite happy with it. We used a stencil on each side and it only took a couple of seconds.'

MECCA

His farm at Dalton near Richmond, North Yorkshire, lies next to the busy A1 and he is blocked from putting up billboards to advertise his business as they could distract drivers.

Mr Metcalfe, who part-owns Tyas Turf which sells grass and top soil and farms land on the Middleton Tyas estate, said there was an opportunity for other firms to advertise as he had plenty of other sheep. But there was an obvious flaw in his advertising plan, he admitted, as his sheep prefer to shelter at the top of the fields rather than next to the prime location next to the A1, where thousands of cars pass every day. 'They are not trained to stand still,' he laughed. **From the Internet.**

Queensland Family Historian. May 2012 Vol 33 no.2 page 38. An article by **MARY METCALFE** entitled 'Canny Scot' concerns the Cunningham family.

Lancs. Family History & Heraldry Society Parish registers on CDs include following Metcalfes. Thanks to the Society for permitting reference to the following extracts :

- 1.Parish church of St John the Divine Coppull Chorley Lancashire PR7 5AB
Baptism of **VEIDA METCALFE** Born 24 Oct 1916 Baptised 24 January 1917 second daughter of **WILLIAM METCALFE and ANNIE BELLE**. He was a miner and they lived at 51 Mill Street Coppull.
- 2.St Michael the Archangel Whittington Lancashire monumental inscriptions prepared from a survey by Whittington Heritage Society and Morecambe branch of LFHHS

A monumental inscription for **ANTHONY GILBERT METCALFE** died 11th December 2001 aged 79 years in section F grave 3

- 3.Parish church of St James Clitheroe Lancs. BB7 1HH. monumental inscriptions recorded by Ribble Valley branch of LFHHS

Ref 5 **CHRISTOPHER METCALFE** died Feb 13 1873 aged 61 years **MARGARET wife of Christopher Metcalfe** of Clitheroe who died October 26th 1870 aged 59 years also of MARGARET WHITTINGDALE who died December 17th 1870 aged 86 years Also of **THOMAS METCALFE** son of the above who died November 26th 1872 aged 27 years.

Both from David Lambert M11

The Dalesman August 2011. Article on restoration of a Huddersfield trolleybus - an **IAN METCALFE** was involved. **From CS Metcalfe M305.**

SIGHTINGS *Durham Record Office*

Ref No. D/X 373/30-31 **Martha Metcalf** letter asking for rent of half field at Crosgate Moor, 1883; abstract of title to property near Witton Gilbert, 1903.

Ref No. D/X 323/4 The Lord's Prayer in verse, written by **John Robson Metcalf** at Mr. Donnison's Academy, Flag Lane, Sunderland, n.d. (1825 watermark)

Ref No. D/X 688/3. *Records relating to Old Acres, Sedgefield and Lee Close House, Great Stainton deposited on long term loan, 1 February 1982.*

Extracts of partition of estates under the will of Robert Spearman of Durham and Old Acres, esq. dated 19 November 1756.

8 August 1787 (1) Anne Spearman of Durham and Old Acres, widow (2) Dorothy Spearman of Durham, spinster (3) Thomas Wilkinson of Coxhoe, esq., and his wife Hannah Elizabeth nee Spearman (4) Thomas Swinburn of Pontop, esq. and his wife Elizabeth nee Spearman (5) Calverly Bewicke of Close House, Northumberland, esq. and his wife Margaret nee Spearman (6) John Tempest of Brancepeth Castle, esq. and Christopher Fawcett of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, esq. (7) Joseph Brown of Durham, yeo.

(8) **John Metcalf of Durham**, gent. Martin Darnton of Hallowell, gent. and John Taylor of Ash, gent. (9) John Eden of Windlestone, bart, and Rowland Burdon of Castle Eden.

Saanich News 10 February 2012 (www.saanichnews.com). A three week internship in China during May 2011 was organised by Camosun College for **Scott Metcalfe** (22) as part of a sports management program. The trip to Beijing was to learn about the business side of sports and how things were done in China. **From Elizabeth Metcalfe M1648.**

Falmouth Cornwall. **Wm Medcalf**, Mariner, buried 30 August 1697. **From Family Tree June 2012.**

Sydney University Obituaries. **John Patrick Metcalfe** a University double blue in athletics and skiing won the British Empire Games triple jump in London 1934 with a leap of 15.63m. The following year he set a world record of 15.78m securing a place in the Australian Olympic Team in the 1936 Berlin games where he won a bronze medal. He died in January 1994 aged 81. **From Ann (Metcalfe) Hornbrook.**

U3A News New Year 2012. In December five U3A groups were photographed in a Chelsea studio for a Saga Magazine feature. Included were a group of actors from Caldicot South Wales who included in their number **Muriel and Brian Metcalfe.** **From David Lambert M11.**

The Standard 1 December 2011. Freshman of the Year at Union College Barbourville Kentucky was **Andrew Metcalf** son of Karen and grandson of Micky Metcalf of Chester. He gained the award for his goalkeeping for the Union team whilst studying for a business degree. **From P Russell M21.**

ARCHIVIST COORDINATOR'S REPORT

In this my first report I initially want to thank Brian Metcalfe for all his support in the handover period and for his dedicated work as a fellow Committee member. He will be sorely missed. Thanks also to Jo Heron, Assistant Archivist, for the positive discussions we have had on the way forward for our roles.

Brian has made many requests over the years for the sending in of more Birth Briefs and thanks to all of you who have recently responded. There can be so many benefits! Just to take an interesting example from the following list: current M1824 sent some details and found an immediate connection with new member M1939, whose additional information has shed new light on some connections previously made in the database. This is useful all round.

So, if you have not already done so, please do send in your direct line details as far as you know them (it does not matter how little) and then we can work on them together. Please do not forget to share updates with us if you find new information which we could add to our database for the use of all members.

Margaret Hodgson M515

BIRTH BRIEFS FROM MEMBERS (INCLUDING UPDATES)

M935 Mr Barry Metcalfe. Grd s.o. George Rowland & Margaret Elfreda (Evans) Mte m 1938 Weardale, Dur. George Rowland b 1906 Teesdale s.o. George Thomas & Anna Mary (Scrafton) Mte m Dec 1903 Bowes. George Thomas b 1878 Darlington, Dur s.o. John & Elizabeth Jane (Midcalf) (a) Mte m 18 Aug 1877 Staindrop, Dur. John bpt 1 Jan 1854 Leeming s.o. Thomas & Margaret (Winn) Mte m 26 Nov 1838 Burneston. Thomas bpt 27 Apr 1817 Bedale s.o. William & Emma (Caygill) Mte m 14 May 1814 Bedale. William bpt 21 May 1786 Bedale s.o. William & Ann (Turbot) Mte m 22 Nov 1775 Bedale. William b c1727. **Conn M81 et al**

(a) Elizabeth Jane b 1857 Staindrop, Dur d.o. George & Jane Midcalf m 1852 Teesdale. George bpt Jan 1823 Bladesfield, Dur s.o. Christopher & Elizabeth (Hodgson) Midcalf m 26 Apr 1817 Staindrop. Christopher bpt 28 May 1797 Staindrop s.o. Christopher & Ann (Leaman) Midcalf m 5 Jan 1793 Staindrop. Christopher bpt 24 Jul 1768 Staindrop s.o. Christopher & Elizabeth (Nicholl) Midcalf m 15 Mar 1764 Staindrop. Christopher b c1721.

M1824 Mrs Michelle Brown 92 Dellsome Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts AL9 7ND michelle.brown63@ntlworld.com

Grt grd d.o. Sidney Joseph & Grace Emily Charlotte (Mte) Jackson m 16 Dec 1923 Islington. Grace b 21 Sept 1899 d.o. Frederick Lewis & Emily Adeline (Clarke) Mte m 22 Sept 1895 Islington. Frederick b 31 Oct 1871 Marylebone s.o. Frederick Christopher & Charlotte (Mason)

Mte m 23 Jan 1871 Marylebone. Frederick bpt 2 Jan 1852 Marylebone s.o. Christopher John & Frances (Asser) Mte m 18 Mar 1849 St James, Paddington. Christopher bpt 28 Oct 1829 s.o. Christopher & Ann (Edgson) Mte m 1828 Marylebone. Christopher b Yorkshire s.o. Anthony Mte.

Conn M583, M773, M1939

M1890 Christine Hart Dunplowin, Harrowbarrow, Callington, Cornwall PL17 8BA hartchristine@hotmail.com Grt grd d.o. George & Lucy Ann (Mte) Luty m12 April 1898 Hunslet District, Leeds. Lucy Ann bpt 11 Jun 1871 Askrigg d.o. William Coates & Ann (Mte) Mte m 23 Jun 1869 Askrigg. William b 1 Aug 1843 Askrigg s.o. George & Elizabeth (Coates) Mte m 6 Aug 1834 Manchester. George bpt 30 Jun 1806 Coverham s.o. John & Elizabeth Mte. John b c 1761. **Conn M232 M938**

Ann Mte bpt 31 May 1846 Askrigg d.o. John & Elizabeth (Knowles) Mte m 23 Jun 1843 Aysgarth. John bpt 3 Jul 1803 Askrigg s.o. James & Jane (Pratt) Mte m 18 Aug 1799 Aysgarth. James Bpt 1 Jun 1780 Askrigg s.o. James Mte of Woodhall. James b c 1750.

Conn M304 M579 M580 M649 M938 M1198 M1503

M1923 Mr Jim Shepherd Ridgeway, Trelowth Road, Polgooth, St Austell, Cornwall PL26 7BG shepherdjam7@aol.com Grt grd s.o. Thomas Metcalfe Pearson b c 1832 Aberford s.o. James & Mary Ann (Riley) Pearson m 23 April 1821 Leeds, St Peter. James bpt 21 Dec 1784 Aberford s.o. Thomas & Esther (Metcalfe) Pearson m 9 Oct 1780 South Otterington. Esther b c 1756 Yorkshire (possibly West Tanfield).

M1926 Mr Brian G Metcalfe S.o. Gerald & Elsie (Denton) Mte m 20 May 1939 Wokingham, Brk. Gerald b 26 May 1912 Banbury District, Oxf s.o. Arthur William & Jemima (Sturdy) Mte m 9 May 1901 Ainderby Steeple. Arthur William b 1873 Glassonby, Cul s.o. Thomas & Sarah (Tinniswood) Mte m 1872 Penrith District, Cul. Thomas b 1847 Glassonby s.o. John & Hannah (Bleamires) Mte m 26 Nov 1831 Addingham Church nr Glassonby. John b 1 Jan 1804 Glassonby s.o. Anthony & Mary (Sanderson) Mte m 21 Aug 1786 Orton, Wes. Anthony bpt 15 Apr 1758 Ravenstonedale, Wes s.o. William & Isabel (Fothergill) Mte m 2 May 1748 Kirkby Stephen, Wes. William b c1717. **Conn M117 et al**

Please note: Thank you to Nina Benson for spotting that the highlighted section of this Birth Brief had been missed out when published in the new Birth Brief Booklet.

M1932 Mr Paul Bellis 298 Liverpool Road, Irlam, Manchester M44 6AN paul.cath@ntlworld.com S.o. Donald & Brenda Margaret (Mte) Bellis m 1959 Selby. Brenda b 1938 d.o. Edwin & Edith (Robinson) Mte m 1938 Buckrose. Edwin b 1919 s.o. Harold Clark & Gertrude (Kerr) Mte m 1914 Sculcoates. Harold b 1891 s.o. Thomas & Annie (Clark) Mte m 1879. Thomas b 1858 s.o. Thomas Roger & Sarah (Robinson) Mte m 05 Oct 1828 Hull. Thomas b 1828 s.o. George & Elizabeth (Smith) Mte m 28 Aug 1825, York. George b c1806 not Yorkshire. **Conn M349 M1049**

M1939 Mr Nick Metcalfe 1 Ailesbury Road, Ampthill, Bedfordshire MK45 2XB nick.metcalfe@tinyworld.co.uk S.o. William Albert & Ivy Isabella (Watson) Mte m 25 Dec 1938 Tonbridge, Kent. William b.19 Feb 1915 Middlesex s.o. Alfred Thomas & Amelia May (Twine) Mte m 26 July 1919 Willesden, Middlesex. Alfred b 7 Mar 1894 Marylebone s.o. Alfred Thomas & Louisa (Goodger) Mte m 25 Dec 1890 Marylebone. Alfred b 1868 s.o. Phillip Sanderson & Jane Elizabeth (Kirby) Mte m 1860 Marylebone district. Phillip b 30 July 1839 Paddington s.o. Christopher & Ann (Edgson) Mte m 1828 Marylebone. Christopher b Yorkshire s.o. Anthony Mte.

Conn M583, M773, M1824

Please note: Information provided by Nick, and followed up further, about Christopher's third marriage in 1860 shows his father to be Anthony Metcalfe, farmer. Thus this Christopher is not the son of Christopher & Margaret (Chapman) Mte of Thornton Rust, the link previously made in the database. Therefore these members do not connect to M138, M225, M744, M890

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It is with sadness we inform members of the death of
ex member M389

Keith Metcalfe

who left the Society in 2001.

He passed away suddenly on 25th July 2012. The funeral service was held at St John The Baptist Chapel, Bondgate, Ripon and he was buried in Ripon Cemetery.

We extend our condolences to friends and family

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2013

Saturday 9 February Guild of One Name Studies – DNA Seminar, National Star College, Ullenwood, Cheltenham, Glos, GL5 9QU. Details The Guild of One-Name Studies - Box G, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA. guild@one-name.org

Saturday 16 February Family History Society of Cheshire – Family History Day. 10:00am to 4:00pm The Memorial Hall Chester Way NORTH-WICH CW9 5QJ. Explore Family History and Local History, Stalls and Displays Admission £2.00 Ample free car parking Refreshments available www.fhsc.org.uk

February 22-24, Who do you think you are? Live. Olympia London www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com.

Saturday 16 March North Yorks Local and Family History Day at The Pavilions of Harrogate on the Great Yorkshire Showground. Details North Yorkshire County Record Office archives@northyorks.gov.uk ☎01609 777585

Saturday 23 March FFHS AGM & General Meeting. The meeting will take place at The Birmingham & Midland Institute, 9 Margaret Street, Birmingham B3 3BS. www.ffhs.org.uk

5-7 April 34th Guild of One Name Studies AGM & Conference "Around England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales in 8,000 names" at Copthorne Hotel, Copthorne Way, Culverhouse Cross, Cardiff CF5 6DH. www.one-name.org/events

13 April The City of York Family History Fair York www.yorkfamilyhistory.org.uk

27 April Family History Day, Pudsey, West Yorks. <http://yourfairladies.ning.com/events>

Freedom to worship as a Catholic did not come until 1829.
Lancashire was one of the main 'Catholic' areas where people
practised their faith in secret.

The Census of the Catholic Congregation of Preston 1810 and 1820 by Rev Joseph Dunn and transcribed by Margaret Purcell was first published in 1993. The book lists Catholics living in Preston in 1810 and 1820. The 1810 Census contains names, some ages and some relationships. The 1820 Census contains names, ages and addresses. The book has 185 pages and costs £5.00 plus postage. To purchase a copy contact LFHHS Sales Officer, 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle, Lancs, BB5 3LU.
For further information on Catholic Ancestors visit the Catholic Family History Society website. <http://www.catholic-history.org.uk/>

Going.... Going..... Gone.

In July **Lesley Longworth M68** spotted this handsome pocket watch for auction on Ebay.

The watch was attributed to **W A Metcalfe** of Blackburn and claimed to have been made in 1887.

The auction started at 99p and slowly increased until a flurry of offers were made in the days approaching the end of the auction on 31 July. Bids increased by £10 then £20 and the activity continued up until the midnight deadline when a bid of £331 was successful.



We have no information regarding the watch maker and I wonder if any of our members can provide details? **Peter Dobson. editor@metcalfe.org.uk**

The National Archives Bookshop

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/bookshop

Poor Law Union Records: 2. The Midlands and Northern England - 3rd Edition by Jeremy Gibson and Colin Rogers. Covers Cheshire, Cumberland, Derbyshire, Durham, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire, Rutland, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Westmorland, Worcestershire, Yorkshire (East, North, West Ridings).

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Sandwiched between the popular western Lake District mountains and the post industrial coastal landscape of West Cumbria the small village of Lamplugh nestles quietly in a rural area a little off the main transport routes.



Having spent a number of holidays in the area over the last three years (mainly attracted by the hills and mountains around Ennerdale Lake) I had frequently passed through when using the road as a short cut to Crummock Water or Buttermere. The village has a sharp bend which needs a driver's full attention, which detracts from its few features including the local church. I had noticed an old gatehouse on the opposite side of the road but had paid it little attention until on my last visit when a metal plaque high on the adjacent barn caught my eye. Stopping to investigate I was surprised (I know I shouldn't be) to see a Metcalfe connection.

Lamplugh has history, its name is thought to be Celtic and the Romans built a road through it. The first lord of the manor took the village name in the middle of the 12th century and the family continued to live in the hall on the site often being involved with other famous Cumbrian families including the Lowthers. They were of some standing in the county – one being a Baron of Kendal whilst a number were High Sheriffs of Cumberland - including Sir John Lamplugh who had the gatehouse built and inscribed with his name and the date 1595. The family's involvement with the village ended when Thomas Lamplugh died at Copgrove Yorkshire in 1783. The 15th century hall was demolished in the early 19th century and replaced by a farmhouse but the gatehouse was left as a testimony to the family's earlier standing.



A Village, a Dutch barn and a Mecca

The plaque on the adjacent barn was white with large red letters T & M and around the edge Teasdale & Metcalfe Ltd Wetherby Yorkshire. I was intrigued, why it was there and who was the firm? My research found out that Teasdale & Metcalfe Ltd (T&M) opened in 1920 and was owned by John Albert Teasdale and **John Edward Metcalfe**.

The firm originally specialised in selling agricultural machinery and farm tractors with orders taken from farmers across northern England although much of its business was done with people buying and selling livestock at the nearby busy Wetherby Cattle Market, (closed in 1979 and now a Marks and Spencer store).

Innovators in their field and recognised nationally for its equipment (in 1927 it applied for a patent for a harrow) it turned its engineering skills to providing industrial and agricultural buildings, mainly barns and shelters for holding hay, straw and livestock. One source mentions the manufacture of Dutch barns. These have a roof, but no walls and are a relatively recent development in the history of British farm architecture, most examples dating from the 19th century. Nowadays they are more commonly used to store straw. The roof kept off the rain but the lack of walls allowed good ventilation around the hay and prevented spoiling.

From its beginnings in Wetherby, North Yorkshire, the firm employed hundreds of people and became a highly respected name within the farming industry. Their premises were demolished in the early 1970's and replaced with the Horsefair Shopping Centre which was itself renovated in recent years with a Morrisons superstore now occupying the site. In 2008 the firm was remembered by the town with the naming of Teasdale & Metcalfe Way close to its original site. There is little or no further information about John Edward Metcalfe – perhaps you are related and can provide details?

Whilst the firm has disappeared and Wetherby has substantially changed from its farming roots the red and white 'T & M of Wetherby' sign can still be seen on farm buildings such as that at Lamplugh or can be picked up on websites selling for around £40; a small but lasting legacy of Teasdale and Metcalfe's proud farming engineering heritage.



Peter Dobson M69

Sources: en.wikipedia.org and internet

The Glamorous side of the Clan!

Richard Metcalfe-Gibson M854 sent, from Wikipedia, a resume of the actress **Jennifer Metcalfe (29)**. Born in Bradford she started acting at the age of 12 and joined the cast of the soap Hollyoaks in 2006 playing the part of Mercedes McQueen.

More info at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jennifer_Metcalfe.

Another Clan actor is the American **Jesse Metcalfe** who is currently appearing in the revived soap Dallas, as JR's son.

FFHS (Federation of Family History Societies)

July 2012. In the UK alone many billions of pounds lie unclaimed in banks and other finance organisations as the owners of these financial assets cannot be traced. The Missing Millions secured website **www.missingmillions.org.uk** sets out to list these assets and provide a method by which people may be reunited with these assets. "Missing Millions reunites unclaimed financial assets with their rightful owners in a simple, efficient and economical way".

May 2012. A new website **www.reunitem.com** has just been launched which hopes to reunite lost or forgotten family heirlooms. There are 4 parts to the website but of most interest to family historians will be the "Genealogical" and "Lost and Found" sections. Items can be bid on or gifted. Although in its early stage as more items are listed the chances of coming across a lost family item will increase.

SoG (Society of Genealogists)

The Society of Genealogists will be changing to a new version of its library catalogue (SoGCAT). This includes a number of new features such as being able to search for any word in a title rather than just the first one. SoGCat lists all the books, microfiche, microfilms, CDs and other databases in the Library but as yet does NOT list all of the manuscript collections. June 2012. **www.societyofgenealogists.com**

The National Archives The National Archives has recently reviewed its price structure and has announced some changes. The prices were last reviewed in 2005 so some costs have risen but due to advances and changes to the way they work some have been frozen and in some cases reduced. The price structure has also been simplified. The full list of prices, took effect as of 30 July 2012, is available on the National Archives website. **<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>**

Other News

Scotlands People **www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk**

Ten years old in September 2012 has carried out a full index and image refresh on the website. New indexes for statutory birth, marriage and deaths are now fully searchable 1855-2011, including images for statutory births until 1911, marriages 1936, and deaths 1961. Also updated the County and District drop-down lists.

June 2012. Wills & Testaments – now available for only 10 credits each. These documents can now be viewed using ScotlandsPeople credits.

University of Glasgow launch the 'The People of Medieval Scotland' website **www.poms.ac.uk**. The website contains 8,600 digital documents from 1093 to 1314, with 21,000 people mentioned in these documents.

Durham Records Online **www.durhamrecordsonline.com** is an international partnership of dedicated genealogists and historians service intended to help genealogists find their ancestors in County Durham, England. Has

3.8m records (as at 1.10.12). Recent additions: Auckland St Andrew - marriages and marriage witnesses; Diocese of Durham (inc Nth Yorks) - Marriage Bonds; Staindrop - bapt/burials 1765-1812 & Hamsterley bapt/burials 1819-1856.

National Wills Index www.origins.net is a collaborative project to create a single, dedicated, online resource for pre-1857 probate material for England & Wales. A project initiated by Origins.net, who are developing and hosting the online service. Access is via subscription; pay-per-view will be available later. Some indexes will be available free. Most indexes will be linked either to digitised images of original documents or to a hard copy service. While there are numerous indexes to probate material available in printed form and online, for most researchers the lack of any central source of such indexes is a major hindrance. The NWI is intended to remove this difficulty, and provide a major new resource for the family historian, and for the owners of the original material.

Green Howards Museum. The Museum holds over 10,000 images and has digitised part of its collection and these are available at www.green-howards.org.uk

North Yorkshire County Record Office Archives. Has catalogued its collection of North Riding Quarter Session records and has received a copy of Gargrave Tithe Apportionment 1841.

National Trust has digitised its collections with some 700,000 objects available to view at www.nationaltrustcollections.org.uk

Cheshire County Council Archives has made its archive collection available on the commercial website Find My Past. A new online catalogue from the archives is available at <http://archive.cheshire.gov.uk>

Dales Heritage is a magazine produced by a number of North Yorkshire councils and the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Last issue was late 2011 but all back copies are available at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/specialplace/specialquality-culturalheritage/dalesheritage

Upper Wensleydale Newsletter June 2012 page 6 - John Leland (16th c) mentions ride in Wensleydale and Nappa/Metcalfes. <http://www.wensleydale.org/Wensleydale/LocalNewsletter.aspx>

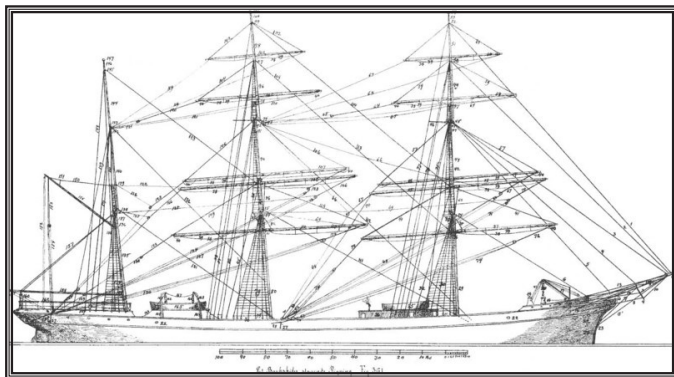
Accused of Cultural Violence

It was reported in the *Manchester Evening News of 7 June 2012* that the Manchester Central library which is undertaking a major revamp had taken the opportunity to dispose of a third of its collection - some 300,000 old books and records. The library manager said that it was standard practice to dispose of unwanted or outdated volumes. The library which closed in 2011 is due to reopen in 2013 after a £170m refurbishment.

31 August 2012 Manchester Evening News. Surplus library stock was reportedly sold to eBay and Amazon raising £12000 but this was from all of Manchester's libraries. Campaigners continued to press for a review of the policy regarding the historical collection at the Central Library.

The Voyages of the William Mitcalfe

Constructed 1834 in Sunderland - 447 tons; 100 foot in length; 3 masted bark (barque). Owned by **Henry Mitcalfe** MP for Tynemouth; registered London. Voyages Ceased 1848. Originally employed as a convict ship, started taking assisted (bounty) passengers in 1836. Gradually became more commercial passenger orientated in the 1840's. *Listed as the William Mitcalfe in Lloyds Registry but also known as the William Metcalfe.*



**Three masted barque of similar construction
to the William Mitcalfe**

1834. Captain Edward Philipson, Master departed Portsmouth 25 May to Hobart Town 4 Sep. George Loveless the leader of the Tolpuddle Martyrs was transported on the ship.

1836. 7 Oct departed England for Van Diemens Land 16 Jan. 3 mon 18 days.

1838. 1 Sep arrived Sydney yesterday, from London whence sailed 15 May with 250 emigrants of Mr Marshall's selection, including 21 cabin passengers, had 3 births and one child died during voyage. 15 Sep discharging cargo at Sydney. Sydney Oct 2 to Java/India

1839. England to Port Phillip [assisted emigrant passengers] with Captain Phillipson they sailed from Plymouth Harbour 26 July and reached Port Phillip after 113 days, on 15 Nov with 230 immigrants, 82 paid own fare and 168 bounty. Melbourne 14 Dec to Sydney. Left Sydney 31 Jan 1840

1840. Arrived Port Phillip 10 Feb 1840. 14 Feb has list of Passengers Dr O'Mullane, Mr and Mrs Lyon Campbell, 3 children and 3 servants, Mr Fenwick and three Misses Fenwick (the new police magistrate at Geelong) and 74 in the steerage. **Commercial Journal and advertiser report - printed 1 Feb 1840**

9 March 1840 cleared Port Phillip for Madras and Calcutta in ballast.

1841. Bridget Sharman, ultimately to marry George Egerton arrives into Port Phillip, Victoria on 27 Aug from Cork. Biddy is travelling with her brother, Daniel. 18 Sep laid on for Manilla and sailed 13 Oct.

1843. London 4 Nov to Sydney 13 Mar 1844. The Rivett family emigrated to Australia leaving Cork on 24 November 1843. The passage was arranged under contract by Messrs. Carter & Bonns of London with Her Majesty's

Land and Emigration Commissioners for the conveyance to Sydney and Port Phillip of 2000 Statute Adults at the rate of £18/14/- per Adult. Captain Edward Philipson, First Mate John Wells, Surgeon Supt. Thomas Phillips.

1844. 9 June departed Sydney for Calcutta with horses &c. Passengers - Mr and Mrs Middleton, five children and servant, Mr A Dickson and servant, Mr Shepherd and servant, Mr Wilkins, Mr Beaumont; steerage, Messrs Spencer, Ximenes, Newhorne, Slowley, Lawbourn, Adams, Littlejohn. Calcutta 4 Oct to Cape of Good Hope 6 Dec. Cape of Good Hope 16 Jan 1845 to London Downs 7 Jun. **Source:** www.reocities.com

1845. William Metcalfe, tonnage 447, Master Philipson, sailed 7 June from London to Port Jackson 2 October. Sydney 18 Nov.

Source: State Records Authority of New South Wales: Shipping Master's Office; Passengers Arriving 1826 - 1859; NRS13278, reel 1272. Transcribed by Gloria Sheehan.

1846. Sydney. Painted by Captain Charles Bedwell, RN leaving harbour.

Ship picture from Wikimedia Commons, a database of 14m freely usable media files.

The William Mitcalfe may have made some 13 or 14 voyages to and from Australasia during its lifetime; round trips of some 20,000 miles which means the vessel could have travelled in excess of quarter of a million miles!

The various sources used were easily accessed via the internet and there are undoubtedly other hard copy publications available such as the extract from the National Archives website below.

. The information available can give a fascinating insight into travel conditions in the early 19th century.

The National Archives. Piece reference ADM 101/74/10

Medical and Surgical journal of His Majesty's male convict ship

William Mitcalf [William Metcalf] for 5 April to 12 September 1834 by Henry

Gordon Brock, MD, Surgeon, during which time the said ship was employed in a voyage from England to Van Dieman's Land.



Immigration Office - Sydney 18 April 1844

The "**WILLIAM METCALF**" is a vessel well suited to the service on which she was employed. The accommodation and fittings were unexceptionable and a great improvement was observed in the partition between the single females and the families, the upper part being made to work upon the hinge so as to be opened during the day. The adoption of this improvement in the ships from the other ports would be very desirable. The provisions of water were on excellent quality and were appreciated to have been issued in full quantity according to the scale. No complaints were made by the immigrants on any ground. The duties of the surgeon were efficiently performed and the active zealous and efficient co operation of the Master (Captain Philipson) is deserving of particular notice.

The general state of the immigrants' health during the voyage and on arrival was good - The most prevalent diseases on board were Diarrhoea and Remittent Fever. In respect to the general character and conduct of the people and the efficiency of their management as tested by the result I may quote the following passage from the report of the board in which I initially concur- "We have rarely inspected a body of immigrants with whose appearance and demeanour we were so well pleased".

See also 'The History and descendents of John and Honora Keegan' by Shirley Keegan (with Joan Dawes in part) 1985.

Supplied by Lesley Longworth M68

Metcalfe's Law

No, not the "See all, hear all, say nowt" one, and before there's a mad rush to put the kettle on and settle back for another Sunday nights BBC legal drama, it happens to be a seminal piece of work relating to the.... Ethernet (don't ask), and more recently the Internet (ah, more familiar).

I hadn't heard of this illustrious member of our clan until a recent voyage on the QE around the British Isles. It was one of our eclectic band of dinner companions who enlightened me, one of which, a 78 year old former NY fashion model, another a marine engineer qualified to take charge of the Elizabeth's engines, and last but certainly not least the Vice President of General Electrics Global Technologies no less. It was he who mentioned the importance of **Robert M. Metcalfe's Law**, and I suspect that if anyone would know he would.

Oh yes the Law itself. Here goes:

The value of a telecommunications network is proportional to the square of the number of users on the system.

I wont even begin to try to explain any more of its intricacies, sufficed to say that one of its uses would seem to help explain the meteoric growth of the internet on the World Wide Web, any more than that and I would have to ask you to, as our American cousin might say.....
Go figure? **Graeme Metcalf M1745**

From The Washington Post

Some of the winning submissions to its yearly neologism contest in which readers were asked to supply alternate meanings for common words. The winners were:

Coffee (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.

Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.

Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.

Frisbeetarianism (n.), The belief that, when you die, your soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.

Willy-nilly (adj.), impotent.

Negligent (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.

Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.

Gargoyle (n.), olive-flavored mouthwash.

Flatulence (n.) emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.

Balderdash (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.

Metcalfe Street Carlisle

John Metcalfe M1888 writes "Metcalfe Street Is in a traditional terraced area of the city, just half a mile from the city centre, and on the banks of the river Caldew, one of Carlisle's 3 rivers that powered the many textile mills from the Victorian era onward. Metcalfe Street is one of many similar streets built to accommodate the mill workers in small properties.

The street is first mentioned in the 1871 census. There's two views about how the street got its name. Firstly, its probably more romantically linked to a William Metcalfe, conductor, composer and lay clerk to Carlisle Cathedral, who in 1868 set the words of the traditional hunting lyrics 'D'ya ken John Peel' to an old Scottish tune Bonnie Annie.



Its naming is more likely to be linked to a local building company of the time, Joseph & Robert Metcalfe of Princess Street Carlisle. Robert is first mentioned in the 1851 census as a 49 year old builder employing 23 men, and a 36 year old Joseph in the 1861 census, being a builder of Princess Street, employing 29 men & 4 boys.

The street still stands, with its original cobbles amid a busy and vibrant part of Carlisle. Its naming is probably just a reflection of the industrial influences of the time, being named after a building company.



Whilst my family have never had any connection with J & R Metcalfe builders, we have lived at various addresses over time in Denton Holme since the early 1900's, with several family homes and my fathers birthplace being only a stones throw from Metcalfe Street. I had the great honour of representing this area as a Carlisle City Councillor for 13 years, and subsequently became Mayor of Carlisle in 1997/8.

During my research I've always been amazed how many Metcalfe's they managed to house in such small terraced houses."



THE RENOVATED METCALFE WINDOW
 FROM THE CHURCH OF
 ST ANDREW AYSGARTH