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The Newsletter of the Metcalfe Society No 4 July/August 2022

In this newsletter

I have attempted to bring a range of unused or unusual sources for you to explore.

All of these I have come across from trawling the internet,
in particular the old books listed on Google books.

Many are held in American Universities and as such are freely available.

You should be using the resources of our Archivist and the family trees in the Society's book
Metcalfe - History of the Clan have a fighting chance to find those relatives born before 1850.

The information and sources here will perhaps give you ideas of where to search
for further linkages or even fill out information on those you already have.

I hope you enjoy this edition.

Next one in late August will be concerning the arrangements for the Society's AGM.

Peter Dobson



Comments from the Chair

Welcome to our latest newsletter, and very many thanks to our Treasurer for his sterling efforts in collating and compiling such a fascinating series of articles and items for us to enjoy.

Here in the UK, we are finally enjoying some summer weather, hopefully not too hot for us to enjoy days out and hoping it will last for a while longer. No doubt our North American members will also be enjoying warmer weather, but those of you in Australia and New Zealand are well into winter. With climate change, we are all getting a real mix of temperatures, wind and rain, but again, hopefully, we are all keeping safe.

In this newsletter, there is advance notice of the Annual General Meeting on Saturday October 1st 2022. Once again, the Committee has decided that we need to continue with the online facility, so will be arranging the details ready to send out to you in late August, along with the details you need to take part. We hope you will take the opportunity to join us online. We have a number of speakers to follow the meeting, so we hope that you will find the topics interesting and useful.

Over the last year, I have found the National Archive in Kew, UK, has provided a series of very interesting talks from specialists in a variety of subjects from the early medieval period through to much more modern topics. You may have been aware of TNA and the records it holds already, and perhaps even researched there. Although we might not be interested in the historical aspect, some of the topics touch on periods when our ancestors were living and working in official capacities, from secular to clerical offices - which help to fill in the background to our family stories. Well worth catching up with if you can.

We hope that they can all take advantage of the summer weather if you are in the northern hemisphere, and not suffering too much in the southern, and sincerely hope that you will join us for the AGM in October. We are keeping everything crossed that we will be able to hold a live meeting in 2023 as things start to get back to normal again - so keep safe everyone, and see you then!

Jo Heron

Birth Briefs and Members Interests.

Following requests from members, we are returning to publishing members interests based on the Birth Brief returns. If you have any updates to your own Birth Brief, please let us know so we can update our records. We are awaiting returns from the following new members:

2158, 2162, 2164, 2167, 2169, 2175, 2179, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2194, 2195, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207 - some are very recent, but we look forward to receiving your data as soon as possible.

Many thanks
Archivist

M2160 - Ursula Magdalene Reynolds

Ursula d.o. Joseph George & Maria Sofia (Engemann) Reynolds, Joseph B 10 Dec 1923 Rangoon. Joseph s.o. Joseph Victor Reginald & Madeline Metcalfe (Smith) Reynolds b 3 Nov 1888, Bangalore, m 1 Mar 1923. Madeline d.o. George William & Madeline Metcalfe (Smith) Smith b 6 Jan 1860, North Walsham. Madeline d.o. William Smith & Elizabeth (Metcalfe) Smith b 25 Feb 1825 High Holborn, m 1857. Elizabeth (Mte) d of Miles & Sarah Olivia (Guy) Mte b 19 May 1791, m 11 Jun 1822. Miles s.o. William Smith & Elizabeth (Moore) Smith, b 31 Jul 1748 Ingleton, m 30 May 1778. William s.o. John & Agnes (Moore) Mte bpt 31 Jul 1748 m 13 Jun 1747 Ingleton Fells John s.o. William & Margaret (Lodge) Mte b c. 1680, m 19 Jan 1705 Hubberholme. William s.o. William. & Mary Anne (Woodworth) Mte m 29 May 1677 William s.o. John & Mary Ann (Williamson) Mte b 1581 Tanton **Connections M957 M1066 M1305 M1379 M1648 M1666 M1696 M2016**

Newsletter 2022-3 May/June. Just read the "Life in the 1500's" article. Very Interesting! - **Tim Metcalfe**

Having Issues accessing the Society's online shop?

You can contact enquiries@metcalfe.org.uk for assistance. We also have a sales portal via the **Family History Federation's Parish Chest** which can take membership and book orders. Contact parishchest.com

Annual AGM to be held by Zoom on Saturday 1 October 2022 at 12.00 (noon) BST. Please note you dairies!

We are also looking to have our 2023 AGM and Muster Live!

This will be our delayed 40th Anniversary.

Details are being worked out and we hope to let you know when and where and how soon.

Family History Federation have been developing a new website which will contain information about Groups and Societies in the UK. The site is expected to go online this autumn, and will be available to the general public under the heading Explore your Genealogy. www.exploreyourgenealogy.com The site will be offering FREE HELP & ADVICE for family historians looking to research, build & develop a family tree At launch, website visitors will discover Articles Podcasts Talks Local Help News Events with more to follow as the site develops

We will, of course, be contributing to the site, but it is a general site and the main FHF site will be restricted to members of the Society

How to survive the Economic Crisis

Use Carrots for:

Croquets, cake, fudge, jam, pudding, curried, tarts, potato & carrot pancakes, toffee and juice.

Catch a squirrel or a rabbit.

Make a coat from old blankets.

Sew darn and mend those clothes.

Recycle.

Walk. Go by public transport. Cycle.

Wear an extra jumper.

Use candles.

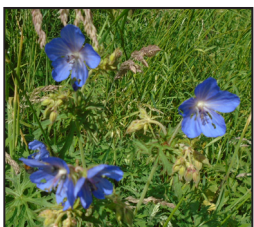
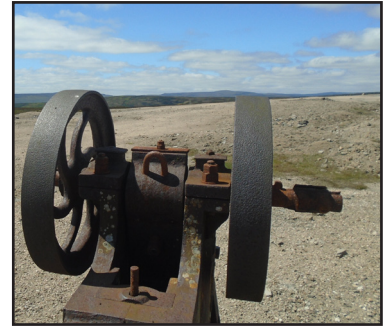
Huddle together.

All World War 2 Ration Suggestions

(from **Rations a Peculiar History-David Arscott**)

Nothing changes.

Summer in the Dales



For details of photos
email: journal@metcalfe.org

Metcalfes in Methodism

Dr Christopher Kirkness Metcalfe

WHEN I was undertaking research into twentieth-century Methodism I came across a number of members of the Metcalfe 'clan' who were ordained ministers, local preachers and also leading lay members in chapels and circuits. Indeed, my paternal grandfather, the **Reverend Ernest Metcalfe** (born 1876), entered the Primitive Methodist ministry in 1903, continuing after Methodist Union in 1932 until his death in 1952. Methodist Union was when the three main branches of Methodism – the Wesleyan Methodists, the Primitive Methodist and the United Methodist Churches came together to form one denomination, the Methodist Church that exists today. Up until that time, although part of the broader Methodist family of churches, they had each functioned as separate denominations but with an emphasis on their own distinct interpretations of the movement. These were principally centred on the relative roles, authority and status of the ordained ministry in relation to lay members and the degree of central or local control. Union produced an uneasy but workable compromise with little real change in many chapels or circuits for some years.

MY father's family was an example of the social progress made by many nonconformist families from the eighteenth, through the nineteenth and into twentieth century, often as a result of the value that they placed on education, hard work, integrity and self-improvement. Starting as agricultural workers, probably in Wensleydale the family then moved to lead mining in the Grassington area. From there they became mill workers in Airedale, working in Cononley, Steeton and finally Eastburn. My great grandfather, **James Metcalfe** (born 1850), worked at Dixons, the 'Bobbin Mill' at Steeton, and made sufficient money to build a family home, 'Fernbank' on the edge of the moor above Eastburn. My grandfather clock, ticking away as I write, once stood in the entrance hall there. At some stage the family became involved in the Primitive Methodist Church and, as was often the case, chapel membership was an engine of social and economic progress. It gave ordinary working people the chance to take on responsibility, leadership and become proficient in public speaking. Of the four brothers my grandfather went in 1901 to the Primitive Methodist ministerial training college in Manchester, later named as Hartley College after the Methodist jam manufacturer and philanthropist William Hartley. A younger brother became a teacher, going to study at Westminster College in London in 1910 before serving in the Great War. He retired from teaching in Huddersfield. A third brother, Richard (b.1876), became active in the Silsden Primitive Methodist Circuit as a local preacher and society steward. Ernest and Rex, in particular, thus made the transition from manual work to what I think of as 'the threadbare lower middle class' because both occupations were badly paid, especially the Primitive Methodist ministry. I was told that 'Grandad Mecca was always worried about money' both in connection with chapel and circuit funds and also his own family finances. He was known to haunt second hand and junk shops!

A distinguishing feature of Methodist ministry was that the ordained ministers were itinerant and were moved from circuit to circuit about every three years, a process known as 'stationing'. However, most Sunday services were taken by the local preachers, especially in the smaller chapels. **Ernest Metcalfe** married Elizabeth Kirkness from the Orkney Islands, the couple meeting when he was stationed in Edinburgh in 1903. The constant movement meant that it was difficult to put down roots anywhere which was especially disruptive for the education of their three children and they had to obtain qualifications later by part-time study. The family were moved between circuits ranging from Edinburgh to London but most of his ministry was in the north of England, in Yorkshire and Lancashire. I have a gold watch that was presented to him by the members of Mytholmroyd Primitive Methodist Church 'as a token of his ministry from 1918 to 1923'. This was when he was stationed in the Sowerby Bridge P.M. Circuit. He served in Whitby twice and retired there in 1944, continuing to serve as a supernumerary minister until his death in 1952. His wife, Elizabeth, also died in the same year. Sadly, my father **Alan James Metcalfe**, a handicraft teacher and local preacher, died only four years later, also in Whitby.

THE above, in outline gives something of the background of what was probably a typical experience for a Methodist minister and his family during the era from 1850 to 1950. During my research into twentieth-century Methodism I came across the names of a number of other Metcalfe Methodist ministers and I include some of the names here as they may be known to members of the Society. They were obtained from various Methodist publications held by the Wesley Historical Society at the Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History, Oxford Brookes University, and there are no doubt more to be discovered. The records

also did not give complete information, there was more for some individuals than others. I would emphasize that this was not a systematic search and was simply information obtained in passing, so to speak. It comes as no surprise that as a Yorkshire family many ministers were from the north of England, particularly from Yorkshire and County Durham. These were also areas where the Church of England was relatively weaker than in the south and opportunities for nonconformist growth were greater. Methodists were correspondingly weaker in the south where the Church of England was stronger. The Anglican parish system, mainly rural or small town, was at first not well suited to the rapid growth of industrial conurbations and towns. It was the Anglican high church movement, with its colourful ritual, that made attempts to capture the hearts and minds of the working people, with some limited success in poor areas.

Of particular interest is **Ann Metcalf**, one of the few women who was accepted as a Primitive Methodist itinerant minister. She was pledged to the Louth Circuit in about 1830. She served in Pocklington for six months in 1831 and then in York for eighteen months. In 1833 she disappeared from the records and it is not known what happened to her. Names of other ministers found in the records are:

Arnold C. Metcalf, Wes. (d.1955)

Joseph Metcalf, Prim. (d.1947)

Thomas Metcalf, Wes. (d.1964)

Ernest Metcalfe, Prim. (d.1952)

William Metcalfe, Wes. (d.1934)

Llewellyn Metcalfe

Frank Metcalfe

Arnold Charles Metcalfe

H.A. Metcalf

J.S. Metcalf (served in the Birmingham mission)

Henry Wardill Metcalfe (served in the Driffield area in the 1870s)

Stanley John Metcalfe (b.1920. He obtained a degree in Liverpool and trained for the ministry at Wesley House, Cambridge).

Other names associated with Methodism:

John Metcalfe (b.1868)

John Metcalfe (b. Swaledale, 1878)

John Metcalfe (b. Askrigg, 1893)

N. Metcalfe (Brunswick, Leeds)

Robert Henry Metcalfe (b. Barnard Castle 1871)

T. Metcalfe (Kendal, farmer)

Thomas Metcalfe (b.1891, Ushaw Moor)

Thomas Metcalfe (b.1883. Low Row)

Thomas Jackson Metcalfe (b.1892, Wolsingham)

W. Metcalfe (Stokesley)

For a major piece of research it would be interesting to discover the spread of Metcalfe's (and variants) across the different religious denominations. A theory to test would be whether, given their geographical and social origins, they were disproportionately represented in the nonconformist (later referred to as the Free Churches) denominations and how many were adherents of the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches. Whatever the case I am not aware that any member of the family achieved the highest offices in their denominations but they undoubtedly contributed to the essential backbone without which no organization, secular or religious, can function or flourish.

Further Reading

There is an interesting little book I came across on the internet
Methodism in Swaledale and Neighbourhood by John Ward Wesleyan Minister, 1865
which gives the background to the early days of Methodism in the Dale.

Well worth a perusal.

Also in ***The Primitive Methodist Magazine 1838 (Volume VIII)***
there is an article on Ralph Metcalfe born in Lunds in 1804.

Peter Dobson



Marrick Priory Swaledale

Papers relating to the estate, mainly in the post medieval period

Reference No: GB 206 Brotherton Collection Marrick Priory

Dates of creation 1170-1812 Name of Creator: Marrick Priory estates Language: Latin, English

The remote manor of Marrick in Swaledale, North Yorkshire, was most notable for centuries for the mining of lead in its vicinity which was being undertaken by the time of the Norman conquest. A document authored by Roger de Aske to Roger, Archbishop of York, records the foundation of Marrick Priory as a priory for Benedictine nuns between 1154 and 1158, and there is evidence that it was substantially supported by income deriving from the local lead mines.

Cecilia Metcalfe prioress AD 1464 ARR 4 Edw IV & died AD1502 ARR 17 [or 19] H VII.

In 1540 the Priory's closure was brought about by Henry VIII's dissolution of the monasteries when the prioress and 16 nuns were evicted. It was leased and then purchased by Sir John Uvedale, also known as Sir John Woodhall, former secretary to Anne Boleyn, and then secretary of the council of the North. Ownership passed to Sir Timothy, Hutton of Marske in 1592. It was subsequently sold to the Blackburn family of Blackburn Hall by his son Matthew in 1633. A complex history of changing ownership of the surrounding lands continued until the nineteenth century decline of lead production in the area and the consequent decline on population. The church itself was abandoned after the end of the Second World War. It subsequently became an outdoor activity and residential centre.

*Bond To keep the award of **Sir Christopher Metcalfe**,
Avery Uvedale*

*John Sayer & Dorothy Sayer 11 Nov 1569 old ref 74
underlined
Exchange*

*John Saire of Worsall esq. & Dorothy his wife & Sir Ralf
Bulmer the elder, knt.,Averie Uvedale of Marrigge esq.
all those lands called New close adjoining on the north
sideto a parcell of ground of the said Averie called Thab-
biceteYnge and one other parcel of wood called the end*



*of Longhagg containing two acres and a half next adjoining of the north side a parcel of ground of the said Averie called oxcugh
and also one other close late in the tenure of **Gregory Metcalfe** of Marrick containing one acre adjoining on the south side
of the said oxcughe Marrick containing one acre adjoining also on the south side of oxcughe unto the said close of **Gregory
Metcalfe** and one other parcel of arable pasture and wood called Dodmane Croste & Howbanke containing 7 acres adjoining on
the eastside of a parcel of land belonging to Avery Uvedale called pigilles [pick hills] & Stubbings all which lie in the township of
Marrick.*

*Lease for 21 years Giles Blackburne of Marrick, ent.to **James Metcalfe** of Forsdale in Wensleydale, yeoman.
Marrick priory and landscons. £500 14 Nov. 13 Charles II [1661]*

*Transfer of remainder of lease for £500 **James Metcalfe** of Forsdale, Co York, yeoman, Matthew Robinson of Burniston, Co
York, clerk & John Smelt of Fletham co York, gent. Recites lease [mortgage] of 14 Nov. 1661 of ouse site & precinct of late
house of Marrick 29 April, 1671*

*Defeasance **James Metcalfe** of Forsdale par. Aysgarth, yeoman, & **James Metcalfe the younger**, son of **James Metcalfe**
above, of High Hall, Dent, bachelor to John Blackburne consideration £60 + other sums
recites bargain & sale for £1000 of John Blackburne to the parties above of 3 June 1679 Marrick abbey
(mansion fier house & one stable, one close called Milner bank & other lands [details given])*

*Lease for one year **James Metcalfe** of Forsdale, yeoman John Wastell of Bolton esq., Leonard Smelt of Fletham, esq mansion
or fire house and stable and lands [named] in the township of Marrick, parcell of the lands of the late priory
signed **James Metcalfe** 27 Apr 1681*

*An account of what John Blackburne son of Mr Gyles Blackburne hath gone through since hecame at age in his own hand....and
the hardship I have had perticularly from my tutors, Mr William M of Grinton and **James Metcalf** of Forsdale in Wensadale from
sale of land to the 1st Duke of Bolton & his marriage to a daughter of Francis Malham;
Elslacke estate; up to dispute with Reg. Marriott of Parsons Green n.d. probably c. 1715 - 1725*

Other Sources

I was reading the recent **Journal of One Name Studies** and noticed an article about researching Bellringers. Intrigued I input "Bellringer Metcalfe" in the search engine and it came up with the following!
Just shows where you can find out little known family information.

The Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers Newsletter Autumn 2014 Issue Number 15

YACR REMEMBERING MEMBERS FROM THE GREAT WAR

66 of our members went to fight in the Great War and never returned. A couple are buried in Yorkshire but most are at rest in the Flanders and France. Gunner **James Metcalfe**, Northallerton, Cleveland & North Yorkshire Died 30/08/1918 Age 37

The Bellringer Magazines No 3,7 & 8 of 1907

West Hartlepool Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

On Saturday, January 12th, 1907, was rung in three hours and twenty-five minutes
At St. Oswald's Church. A Peal of Stedman Caters, 5079 changes. Tenor 21 cwt.

.T. Metcalf 3

West Hartlepool Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association

On Saturday, March 9th, 1907, was rung in three hours and fifteen minutes,
At the Church of St Oswald, A Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes.
Holt's ten-part. Tenor 21 cwt.

W. Metcalfe 4

The North Notts Association. East Retford.

On Sunday morning. Jan. 13th, for Divine Service,
5110 of Bob Royal. **G. W. D. Metcalfe,3**

The North Notts Association. East Retford.

On Sunday Evening, for Divine Service, two courses
of Canterbury Pleasure Royal. ...**G.Metcalfe 3**,
North Notts Association East Retford Branch.

1259 Grandsire Caters, in 48 minutes by:... **G. W. Metcalfe 10**. Composed and conducted by H. Haigh.

This Quarter Peal was rung for evening service on Sunday, March 10th, at St Swithuns, by the above members of the exercise as a compliment to Mr. H. Haigh, on the completion of twenty one years service as a ringer at that Church.

The internet search also brought up an interesting insight to **Blind Jack** and his use of bells.

From his book **THE LIFE AND WONDERFUL ADVENTURES OF JOHN METCALFE, COMMONLY CALLED BLIND JACK, OF KNARESBROUGH** came the following:

Having matched one of his horses to run three miles for a wager of some note they set up posts at a certain distance in the forest including a circle of one mile, having of course three rounds to go great odds were laid against Metcalfe.....what did his ingenuity suggest in this dilemma...?

He procured four dinner bells from the different innsand placing a man with a bell to each post he was enabled by the ringing to turn and fully availing himself of the superior fitness of his horse came in winner amidst the plaudits and exultations of the multitude except those who had betted against him.

If you have not already read Blind Jack's book it is well worth the effort.

Want a pdf copy? Let me know.



Historic Canterbury Cathedral Yard

John Metcalfe, Minor Canon of Canterbury

Rev. **John Metcalfe**, Precincts, Canterbury,

Subscriber to "Conseutudines Kanciae" by Charles Sandys 1851

www.machadoink.com

The Monthly Magazine for the Parishes of Little Shelford, Stapleford and Trumpington, March 1917:

We greatly regret to learn that **Pte. M.C. Metcalfe** is in hospital from frost bite.

Imperial War Museum (<http://www.iwm.org.uk/>)

Private Michael Charles Metcalfe

Cambridgeshire Regiment

Died: Wednesday 26 September 1917 (aged 32)

(<https://livesofthefirstworldwar.iwm.org.uk/lifestory/3018727>)

Other News

On the National Archives Blog of 22 May (<https://blog.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>) appeared an update of a project which could be of interest to those of us seeking Victorian Merchant Seamen. It was headed

Cracking the code of mid-19th century Merchant Navy seamanservice records

The Merchant Navy Port Rotation Numbers project is a collaboration between Pete and Jan Owens of the Crew List Index Project (CLIP) and Peter Hamersley, whose ideas, initiative and work were the springboard for the project, and the kind assistance of Bruno Pappalardo, Principal Records Specialist, at The National Archives.

The project is aimed at finding an important missing link in Merchant Navy service records for the period 1845 to 1855 – the port rotation numbers, which link Merchant Navy ships' crew lists to the service registers of Merchant Navy seamen. It has solved a long-standing problem with these registers: how to link the codes used in the registers to the crew documents they refer to. When the data is complete, it will facilitate linking from over 500,000 register entries to the crew agreements.

You can find which ports have already been dealt with and see progress at
(<https://crewlist.org.uk/data/vesselsPR>)

10th U3A Peak District Family History Conference

Saturday 17 September 2022 at the Palace Hotel in Buxton Presents.....

Dr Janet Few: 'One-Place Names' 'Your Ancestors in their Place'. Ten key steps

Debbie Kennett: 'The Joy of Surnames' Their past & location over time

Dr Nick Barratt: 'House Histories' Realistic advice on investigating properties

Helen Tovey - 'Family Tree Magazine' Its past, present & future

Cost: £30. Includes talks, refreshments & 2-course finger buffet lunch.

Several exhibitors will be there – old friends & new.

Details at www.fhsc.org.uk

To book your place complete the booking form on <https://forms.gle/UbSD4YzNVKUcvZas6>
Spaces are limited so please book early

An Interesting Connection

Jo Heron

Going through a recent download of Metcalfes in India, I came across a reference to a Martha Gorst, a fairly notable name. Members will remember the story of Martha in Mecca News 70 (2003) and expanded on in the recent publication, Metcalfe Family Histories (2020).

Martha and her husband **Edward Parr Metcalfe** eloped in 1825, in the midst of an inheritance dispute and went on to have a family of ten children in Liverpool and Ravenstonedale. Their son, **Edward Parr Metcalfe** (1842-1916) had an illustrious career, ending up in Madras, India, marrying Elizabeth Ann Smith in 1877, and having three children with her - all born in Madras.

The family are **connected to Members 426, 756 and 977**

From our database

Forename/s: **Edward Parr** Surname: **Metcalfe**

Born: 08/03/1842 Ravenstonedale Wes. Baptised: 10/04/1842 Ravenstonedale, Wes

Died: 31/01/1916 99 Belverdere Rd., Upper Norwood, Sry

Notes: 08/1854 entered Sedbergh School age 12, left 10/1861

1861 scholar at Sedbergh School age 19 living at Moss Hse. Sedbergh with m, f, bro, 2 sis & serv.

1861 entered Christs Coll. Camb where gained BA,

30th Wrangler & 2nd class honours in Classical Tripos. Classics Gold Medal 1st 1863 .

Arrived Madras 19/11/1872.

11/1872 Head of Rajahmundry School, India & Acting Inspector of Schools for Madras Education Dept.

03/1880 Fellow of Madras Univ. 10/1887 Principal of Rajahmundry Coll

1841 West Riding Election

THE POLL FOR
TWO KNIGHTS OF THE SHIRE FOR THE WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE,
On THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 8th and 9th of July, 1841,
TAKEN BY FREDERICK VERNON WENTWORTH, ESQ.,
HIGH SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OF YORK, AND HIS DEPUTIES,
CANDIDATES :

THE HON. JOHN STUART WORTLEY,
EDMUND BECKETT DENISON, ESQUIRE,
THE RIGHT HON. LORD VISCOUNT MORPETH,
THE RIGHT HON. LORD VISCOUNT MILTON,

*The declaration of the poll took place: on the following Monday, at the hustings in Wakelield,
where the four candidates and their friends had assembled.*

After the necessary formalities had been gone through, the Sheriff declared the poll to be:

*For the Hon. J. S. WORTLEY -----13,165
For E. B. BECKETT ESQ.-----12,780
For Lord MILTON-----12,080
For Lord MORPETH -----12,031*

*The High Sheriff then declared the Hon. John Stuart Wortley, and Edmund Denison, Esq.
to be duly elected Knights of the Shire, to serve in Parliament for the West.Riding of Yorkshire.*

The following Metcalfes cast their vote:

Pateley Bridge Thruscoss - Hardisty Metcalfe , Gate Inn
Pateley Bridge Fountains Earth - Thomas Metcalf, Lofthouse
Pateley Bridge High & Low Bishopside - Peter Metcalfe, Fellback
Pateley Bridge - John Metcalfe
Pateley Bridge - George Metcalfe
Ripon - John Metcalf, Allhallowgate
Ripon North Stainley - James Metcalfe
Ripon Whitcliffe with Thorpe - Thomas Metcalfe, Littlethorpe
Settle Airtion - Thomas Metcalf, Airtion
Settle Austwick - James Metcalf, Austwick
Settle Halton Gill - Thomas Metcalf - Halton Gill
Settle Ingleton - Richard Metcalfe, Gunnerfleet
Ingleton - Thomas Metcalfe
Ingleton - Robert Metcalfe, Beesleys
Ingleton - John Metcalfe, Weathercoat
Ingleton - Francis Metcalfe, Weathercoat
Ingleton - George Metcalfe, Ivescar
Sheffield - John Metcalfe, Westbar
Leeds - Joseph Metcalf, Duke Street
Halifax - John Aked Metcalfe, Akeds Road
Otley Burley In Wharfdale - John Metcalfe, Woodhead
Otley - William Metcalf, Gill near Otley
Skipton Buckden - Wood Metcalfe, Askrigg
Gisburn Barnoldswick - Robert Metcalf, Long Ing
Gisburn Bingley - Leonard Metcalf, Main Street
Knaresborough Boroughbridge - Edward Metcalf
Knaresborough Boroughbridge - William Metcalfe, junior
Dent - Robert Whalley Metcalfe, Abbotside North Riding
Dent - Anthony Metcalfe, North America
Dent Garsdale - John Metcalfe, Hawes

There are a number of printed books giving election results particularly prior to 1832.
Your ancestor may well appear in some of them.



Keld Resource Centre has been posting old photographs of Upper Wensleydale on the Old Swaledale Facebook page.
The Centre is run by a voluntary organisation. Located in the former Literary Institute they are holding talks and have displays
concerning Keld and the area. See details at www.facebook.com/keldresourcecentre

Who do I think I am?

Although vaguely interested in past family members, I had done nothing about looking into our family's history until after my father died. When I spoke to my mother, her comment was that the Heron's were a big Reiver family – cattle thieves and murderers along the England/Scotland border and we wouldn't really want to know them.

I started by working through the people I knew but we didn't know very much about my father's side. His name was JOHN RICHMOND HERON. Where did the 'Richmond' middle name come from?

I was found that his parents were CUTHBERT MATTHEW HERON and LAURA RICHMOND, the source of the 'Richmond' in his name? I had been told that his parents died in a flu epidemic early in the 1920's. So what was there to learn about his family, and where?

A visit to the Registry Office in Hartlepool found the marriage certificate for CUTHBERT and LAURA in 1920, and a birth certificate for my father in 1922. I found a death certificate for CUTHBERT, but nothing for LAURA. Through burial records, I found CUTHBERT was buried with his brother, JOHN THOMAS, both died in 1925, within a month of each other. A search at the Stockton registry office did find LAURA, who had died at her brother's home in 1929, in another parish. So, it was true that dad had been orphaned as a small boy, aged 7. His HERON grandparents died in 1920 and 1935 – and I wonder if he knew his grandmother was still alive until then living in Alnwick. The Heron side seem to disappear beyond 1850 into the mists of family history, but the Richmonds' proved more traceable.

LAURA's parents were JAMES RICHMOND, from Darlington, and SUSANNAH METCALFE of Thornton le Beans in North Yorkshire. SUSANNAH's father was a blacksmith and publican, and this was where my searching took off. I went to the York Family History Fair, where I found a stall for the 'Metcalfes' Society. Working on the stall were Nina Benson (M29) and Diane Haworth (M409), and both were delighted to help me. Unfortunately, GGrandfather Metcalfe was a GEORGE, so Nina asked for more information about him before she could trace him. Then, I suddenly found that I had links to 14 other members of the Society, and to the villages around Northallerton. One of the 14 was Charles, a past President of the Society, and he sent me a lot of information about the family line.

When I started looking into the family, I had no experience of working on family history at all. Thankfully, now there is so much more material online to make searching so very much easier, even if we can't always guarantee the online records are correct. I've learned that we still need to go back to the original records - parish registers, wills, burial records, newspapers and other documents, to get the true details.

It is worth remembering that although Metcalfe ancestors were landholders and held high office in the past, tracing a direct link to those individuals is much more difficult – and tracing that exact direct line is the crucial factor in family history research. It is also worth remembering that the same names recurred in every generation. There are so very many George's, Robert's, Christopher's, Richard's, etc. in every generation, it is often very difficult to pin down the exact person we are looking for without a lot of work on tracing them. Good luck with your family and enjoy your walk in their footsteps.

Jo Heron

Have you seen....

Gayle Mill Update

I called in at the Mill recently and discovered the original trust had ceased in 2018 but a new trust had been formed and obtained funding in late 2020 and started essential refurbishment. Cultura Trust based in Cumbria has interests in Industrial operations and appointed a trainee wheelwright -Steven Green on the day I visited!

They have an 'animateur@' - Stuart Parsons who informed that they were undertaking necessary electrical work and intended to be fully open in July.

The Society paid a visit to the Mill under the old trust in October 2012 (Mecca News 98) and an article appeared in Mecca News 82 August - 2007

If you are up in that area why don't you see if they are open for a visit..

Details www.gaylemill.org. It is interesting!



York Clerk Ordinations

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The first half of the nineteenth century was a period of great change not just for the Church of England as a whole, but for the diocese of York in particular. In territorial terms it was a time of loss. The diocese of Ripon was founded in 1836 taking with it some of the most heavily populated new industrial regions of West Yorkshire, Bradford, Halifax and Leeds. By 1836 the archbishop had also lost his peculiar jurisdiction over Hexhamshire and in 1837 the archdeaconry of Nottingham was transferred to the diocese of Lincoln.

METCALFE, Benjamin Eamanson

Bpt. 3 Sept. 1819, s. John, clerk, & Elizabeth, of The Precincts, Christ Church Canterbury, registered at Bramham, Yorks. Educ. Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, BA. Dcn 18 Dec. 1842. Lic. C. St Mary Bishophill Junior, York, same day. Pr. 17 Dec. 1843. (Inst.AB.21, pp.32-3, 59; Ord.P.1842, 1843)

METCALFE, Francis

Bn & bpt. 19 Mar. 1791, s. Rev. Francis & Harriet, Brandesburton. Educ. Trinity College, Cambridge, MA. Dcn 7 Aug. 1814. Lic. C. Rudston same day. Pr. 6 Aug. 1815. (Inst.AB.18, pp.114-15, 155; Ord.P.1814, 1815) 421 No licence recorded in Inst.AB. His nomination to Bolton Percy is mentioned in the entry for his let. dim (Inst.AB.21, p.65).

METCALFE, William

Bn & bpt. 4 May 1813, s. William, V. of Bishop Wilton, & Isabel, Bishop Wilton. Educ. Jesus College, Cambridge, BA. Dcn 17 Dec. 1837. Lic. C. Scampston same day. Pr. 16 Dec. 1838. (Inst.AB.20, pp.286-7, 314; Ord.P.1837, 1838)

METCALF, William Layton

Bpt. 13 Sept. 1815, s. Robert, clergyman, & Catharine (sic), Patrington. Educ. St John's College, Cambridge, BA. Dcn 20 Oct. 1839 by bp Ely following let. dim. of 17 Oct. 1839. Lic. C. Sunk Island 11 Dec. 1839. (Inst.AB.20, pp.339-40; Ord.P.1839)

METCALFE, William Richardson Bpt. 26 Nov. 1808, s. John, Camshouse, Askrigg, Yorks. Educ. lit, St Bees. Dcn 17 Nov. 1833. Lic. C. Hubberholme same day. Pr. 2 Aug. 1835. (Inst.AB.20, pp.105, 107, 182; Ord.P.1833, 1835).

Take a look at Wensleydale Past & Present Facebook page.
The site has recently posted lots of photos of the Dale.

and finally.....

I hope you have enjoyed the newsletter and have found some ideas/areas on which to continue your family research.

If you have found/find unusual sources please let me know you might just help another member to get around that obstacle/brick wall to their research.

Let me have any items or articles for future newsletters and in the meantime don't forget to note your dairies for the AGM and Talks by zoom on Saturday 1 October (papers available late August) we are looking forward to seeing you then.

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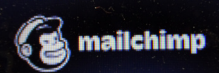
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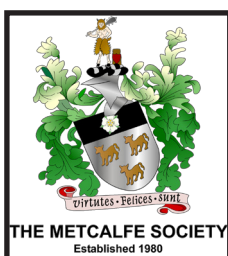


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