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The Newsletter of the Metcalfe Society
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Welcome to this newsletter

In this edition we have Metcalfe articles, book suggestions and loads of websites for you to pursue and (hopefully) find those elusive antecedents.

We also remember the work put into the Society by our late President
Charles Metcalfe
and
we look forward to receiving any stories you have concerning your migrant Metcalfes.

I trust you enjoy the read.



Cast in left eye

Among the interesting items that may come up during research into our family's history is a personal description of an individual or perhaps, if we are lucky, a photograph or signature.

One of the online companies releases new information each Friday, usually consisting of parish records or batches of information from the National Archives. These records are a valuable source of information for us. There are occasional problems with duplications and transcription errors, but as more and more come online along with the images of the actual record, it does make it easier for us to check and confirm that the online record is correct, and possibly for us to correct the record online ourselves.

Which brings me back to the opening title - cast in left eye. A recent release consists of some engaging and discharging of merchant seaman, 1918-1941, on cards from the offices on the docks. A search on 'Metcalfe' and variations produced over 400 potential records. Obviously, some will be duplicated as sailors may have changed ships over the years of their service, and the records do vary in the quality of the writing on the cards, but from our point of view, they also contain some amazing information.

Occasionally, religion is mentioned, next of kin may include either a wife's or mother's name and address, but significantly, they often contain physical descriptions. Height, eye, hair and complexion colouring are often recorded, along with any marks on the seaman or woman. Hence, the cast in left eye. Scars, tattoos and infirmities were also recorded, and some of them may well be remembered on our older relatives. Does it help that blue eyes, brown hair, fresh complexion run in families? Perhaps not, but woman of the night tattoo on the left or right arm or a photograph and/or a signature which will be far more personal to the individual, may. We might just have a letter from an ancestor, or a family group photograph where the signature or the face is recognisable.

How wonderful to have a few more details of that individual to add to our tree, to see what they were doing onboard and to set us on tracing where they went on their voyaging. These records are more recent than many of our other sources - but no less valuable, and possibly bringing memories of a recent loved one.
Jo Heron

Society News

The Society has been informed that
ex President & Chairman Charles Metcalfe
has died and received the following email:

“Chuck” Charles Sydney Metcalfe [10.08.1929]

I am Josephine Gould, Charles daughter and it is with great sadness that I announce the death of my beloved father. He passed away at Wythenshawe Hospital on Friday 15th July 2022 after being admitted with a broken hip due to a fall at his home. At his request his ashes will be placed alongside his wife, Greta, at St Marys Church, Bolton-on-Swale and a ceremony to be held there. Instead of donations or flowers to celebrate his life, donations to St Marys would be much appreciated.



Charles joined the Society in 1988 as member 305. He brought an in-depth knowledge of computers and computing having worked for IBM. His expertise helped set up the Society's database (which now has over 105000 Metcalfe entries) and his energy moved the Society's then paper based system into the digital age.

During his tenure as Chairman (1991–1997) and then President (1997-2015) Charles was instrumental in encouraging, supporting and providing input into the production of Society's excellent Metcalfe-History of the Clan as well as liaising with the late George Buxton's research to print part 1 of the Metcalfes in India. Even after standing down from his committee roles he continued to provide ideas for future projects.

Charles was to be found at the Society's Musters and attended the various Fairs where the Metcalfes were represented. In recognition of his contribution to the Society he was presented with a commemorative plate in 2015.

Thank you Charles.

**Online Event**

**Friday 11th November 6pm-10pm +
Saturday 12th November 10am-5pm**

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I will be at the
FFHS Online Really Useful Show
on Friday 11th November
from 18.00 to 22.00
And I'm there on the afternoon of
Saturday probably.
Jo Heron has kindly said she can be
in attendance on Saturday 12th until
about midday.

I have some FFHS duties too so if not
online people interested should leave
a message and I will get back
when free.

There is still I think the discounted
ticket offer we mentioned in
September's Newsletter available
for those who wanted
to attend either or both days for the
talks and workshops
and to visit 'booths' of the FHS.

David Lambert

North Yorkshire Emigrants

Did your family emigrate from the UK?

Help needed to trace them?

A recent online event was based on the stories of individuals who emigrated from North Yorkshire in the 17th - 19th centuries. The research is collating as many records as possible from parish records that mention people leaving an area, shipping records, exit and entry records, and as many other sources as they can find. They hope to have a comprehensive database which will be freely available online in due course. I am awaiting the details of their database and will pass it on to members as soon as it is available.

In the meanwhile, the presenter, William Van Vugt, has produced two volumes on the subject which might be of interest to members, particularly those who live overseas. People left for a variety of reasons. Early emigration was driven largely by religious persecution and later economic reasons took over. Many of our Metcalfe ancestors show a distinct adventurous trait, so they may have travelled all over the globe in search of a better or more interesting life. However, it was not always a very easy or safe thing to do. WVV list 6 Metcalf/es who emigrated from North Yorkshire and one is listed as having lost a child on the voyage to North America, according to the diary of a fellow passenger. I traced that family in our records and they arrived in North America having lost 2 children in transit. Of the early emigrants we have on our database, we do have some detail, often brief, of where they went and what they worked at when they settled, in some cases we can trace their families - so it would benefit both the research and the Society if we can help..

I have been in contact with WVV and he will be sending the details of the database in due course, which I will pass on to anyone interested. In the meantime, I checked the database for individuals who are listed as having 'emigrated' and we have about 280 individuals who left the UK for a better life from the very early days of travel through to the early 20th century. Obviously some of them are families, and it is hoped that some of the records of these families have survived and may be made available to the researchers. Perhaps a definition will be useful:

migration is travelling anywhere temporarily; emigration is the leaving of a country or place of origin for another on a permanent basis; immigration is the arriving into another country or place for permanent residence.

So our family members emigrated from the UK but were immigrants to countries around the world. We do have a large number of names, and variants, in our database living overseas - so can we help with this research, as well as enhance our Society records? Do you have any letters, diaries, photographs or images dating back to your family's journey to your country of residence? Are you able/willing to help? If so, please contact me and I can pass your information on to the researchers.

I look forward to hearing your stories - and with your permission, we will also use them in our newsletters and other publications.

Jo Heron

References:

Portrait of an English Migration: North Yorkshire People in North America, William Van Vugt, Published: March 1, 2021 ISBN: 9780228005858

British Immigration to the United States, 1776-1914, William E Van Vugt, Published: July 1, 2009 ISBN: 1851969764

Have you seen....

Best Western Web Advert

3 June 2022

Featured the **Metcalfe Family** Owners of Rogerthorpe Manor Hotel Pontefract.

Daily Express Health Report Advert

11 June 2022

Erica Metcalf, hobby gardener

on how she removed her arthritic pain by using a special pen.

The Northern Mine Research Society website

Metcalfe and General Mining Co of Jamaica

www.nmrs.org.uk

British India Records - Marriages

It was with some concern that I noticed in the recent download from the British India Office Records very young brides. Was this a mistake or an example of something we would certainly not allow today.

Amelia Metcalfe married John Baptist. She is included in our records as number 3790, and it appears that she had been adopted by Felicia, no father is mentioned - or whether the Metcalfe element is Felicia surname or her father's name. John Baptist was from Poorlee, at Cuttack, India. They were married on 28 Aug 1830, when Amelia was 14 and her spouse was 20. I have not been able to find out anything more about this child - is she one of your ancestors?

Amongst the other young women married at what would be considered a young age today was Mary Anne Bayles, who was 16 when she married **Charles Metcalf**, age 20, on 28 October 1864 in Trichinopoly, further south in India. **Henry Howe Metcalfe** (age 25) married Christiana Moran (age 16) in Dacca, Bengal, and there were a couple of 16 year old girls married here in the UK. There are several who married at 17 so I suppose this would be a more normal age for a girl to marry, but I am left wondering why Amelia was married at 14?

Cuttack was occupied by the British in 1803, and became the capital of the province in 1816, so there must have been an established military presence there by the time Amelia was married. Maybe one of members interested in militaria can enlighten us?

Life must have been difficult for families out there. The number of widowers seems high - but then the very different climate and military conditions would have contributed to the deaths of many individuals. I suppose in an age and area where the military were in control, there were lots of young men and a lot fewer young girls of marriageable age, which might explain these young brides. There were probably several more 'under age' brides that I have not yet picked up on, but perhaps they will come to light in future research.

[Records on our database were entered by George Buxton]

Jo Heron

MINE ACCIDENTS

John Pit. Whitehaven, Cumberland. 24th. October, 1838.

The fireman went down the pit in the morning while thirty-eight men and boys were waiting for him at the pit bottom, to complete his examination, when the explosion of firedamp from his light killed them all including

Joseph Metcalfe aged about 25 years of Distington who left a wife.

Wingate Grange Colliery, Wingate, on the 14th October 1906

The explosion caused the death of twenty-five persons, twenty-four who were killed on the spot and one who was rescued alive but died on the 24th November from pneumonia brought on by the cold and exposure in the pit while waiting to be brought to the surface.

Thomas Metcalfe aged 56 years, pumper.



The Northern Mine Research Society has a website for anyone interested in mining.

The site features details on the mining industry including engineers such as

Harold William Metcalfe

In 1901 he went to the Federated Malay States as mining and general assistant and in May of the following year he was appointed acting manager of the Gopeng Tin Mining Co. In June, 1902, he was appointed mine manager of the New Gopeng, Ltd., mine at Gopeng, Perak, and in 1906 held the same position with the Redhills Tin Mining Co., Ltd., at Papau.

During the War he obtained a Commission in the Royal Engineers, and was awarded the O.B.E.

Mr. Metcalfe was elected an Associate of the Institution in 1908 and was transferred to Membership in 1910.

The Society are a group of people dedicated to the preservation and recording of mining history. They say "If you are concerned with industrial archaeology, geology, local/technical/mining history, or are simply fascinated by old mines, Why not come and join us?"

www.nmrs.org.uk

News & Events in the Swaledale Museum

On 16 August this email was posted by the museum in Reeth:

Dear Friends and supporters

We trust that you will be as delighted as we are that we have secured the next stage in the life of the Swaledale Museum Collection.

Set up in the early 1970s, we have been looking after the Collection for nearly twenty years, and as responsible caretakers we are planning for its future. The recent development of Keld Heritage Centre, with the acquisition of the School Room, with the intention of developing a museum that explores life in Swaledale seemed a perfect opportunity to pass the Collection on to a safe, professional and dedicated venue. We feel that the Collection will comfortably move from one village school to another, continuing its work, educating and entertaining visitors and locals alike. Most importantly the Collection will stay in the Dale.

The Keld Resource Centre [KRC] is a voluntary organisation and registered charity formed to be the custodians of a group of listed buildings in Keld, upper Swaledale. It's mission was to restore these much loved buildings for educational and community use. Since 2009 KRC has restored the former Manse, the Old Literary Institute which has been turned into a visitor centre and event space and in 2022 the Old School was restored with a vision of creating a home for a Living Heritage Museum. The aim of the KRC is to preserve the heritage and traditions of Swaledale through exhibitions and events which include public talks and guided walks, and with the addition of the Old School space it grows from strength to strength.

(See: <https://swaledalemuseum.us11.listmanage.com/track/click?u=3ef0adb4ff84de6f4691c5541&id=5dff0c819&e=1a97b5c8c7>)

(<https://swaledalemuseum.us11.listmanage.com/track/click?u=3ef0adb4ff84de6f4691c5541&id=e2bf7cf1f3&e=1a97b5c8c7>))

Though the Collection is moving we are staying. We are still in the process of thinking about what we will do at the 'Swaledale Museum'. However we are committed to keeping it as a place for the dissemination of local history. The space will offer opportunities for us to develop more focused themes, to borrow select objects back from the Collection, and deploy twenty years of experience working with local artefacts and archives in the investigation of subjects that we have had to put to one side. We are thinking about writing an historical guide book to the dales, and also pursuing collaborative research ventures. We hope to host exhibitions, workshops and school parties and groups, and develop local historical walks. Our shop will be open as usual. We will let you know how our plans shape up as we work on ideas and projects.

Helen and Alan Bainbridge

WINDOW TAX ABOLISHED

July 24th 1851. The onerous tax introduced in 1696 based on the number of windows in a house was finally scrapped.

The tax had led to many windows being bricked up to reduce costs and had led to Victorians bidding to remove it amid fears that lack of light and ventilation could lead to typhus and smallpox epidemics.



Rode Hall Cheshire.

Note the bricked up windows on the right of the rounded bays of the building.
Built in 1708 and extended 1752.

Check out this LiveStory of Benjamin Metcalfe that I created on MyHeritage!

<https://myhr.tg/19JxW2oM>

My relatives have been overjoyed receiving all this family history in a short "live" video done through My Heritage. I created my grandfather's story around the photos in my file. You're welcome to share it with other executive members.

Hope you enjoy!

Sandi Walton. M541

A LiveStory is an animated video of a person telling his or her life story. To create a LiveStory on MyHeritage, all you need is a photo of the person and a simple narrative about their life, written in the first person. The narrative is told by a speaking portrait of the person and enriched by photographs to illustrate various life events. You can edit the narrative and add photographs, customize the voice, and preview the result as much as you like until your LiveStory is ready to share with your family and friends
www.myheritage.com

Public Record Office Ireland (PROI)

As members are probably aware, in 1922, the PROI was destroyed by fire. Records built up over seven centuries were destroyed, leaving a massive hole in government records as well as those which help family historians. In 2016, a project was started to see if it would be possible to recreate the lost archives virtually by a team of historians and computer experts.

A small percentage of the original archive did survive in the rubble of the building, and these were carefully conserved. A grant from the Irish Research Council was applied for and work started based on A Guide to the Records Deposited in the Public Record Office of Ireland printed in 1919 by Herbert Wood of the PROI, when it was realised that over 5,000 series of records had been destroyed. Additional information was gleaned from earlier records and repository lists.

The establishment of English government was developed from 1171 onwards, including records on parchment of all crown business. Fortunately, many copies of these records have survived at the National Archive in Kew (TNA) and were available for linking to PROI. Historians on the project were set the task of finding other records that could also be digitised and made available. One series is the 'Medieval Exchequer Gold Seam', dating from 1210-1310, making documents from that period available to view.

Unfortunately many of the records are hidden amongst other papers in TNA and not stored together in one collection, so it does mean that project researchers are having to search through masses of records.

These include political issues, legal and financial records, and court papers - all of which contain information about the people of Ireland, where and how they lived, and how they interacted with each other. Many are original documents but there are also copies of items which would have been held in the PROI. It is likely that with over 250,000 records relating to Irish matters in TNA, this is likely to be a massive task and will take many years to complete.

New scientific techniques are being used to examine and conserve documents, and in some cases allowing researchers to read text on damaged or faded documents that were too damaged or folded to be read easily. Obviously, nothing could replace the lost archive totally, but with the work of the team on project 'Beyond 2022', and the assistance of archive repositories across the world, at least we may hope to be able to delve into the rich history of Ireland through the 'Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland' - <https://virtualtreasury.ie> for ourselves.

Jo Heron

Business school moves to drop 'slavery' coat of arms

Mark Bridge

A business school is seeking to remove a 17th-century coat of arms from its headquarters in a Cotswold manor house because of slavery connotations.

The arms of William Juxon, Archbishop of Canterbury in 1660-63 and a former resident of Little Compton Manor, depict the heads of four "black-amoores". Such depictions are not uncommon in heraldry and may allude to ancestors who fought in the Crusades or were involved in the slave trade.

In documents submitted by the manor's owners, Reed Business School, to Stratford-upon-Avon district council, it is claimed that the Duke of Windsor, Sir Oswald Mosley and his wife, who were friends of Major Edward Metcalfe, the house's owner in the 1930s, would have found the design "considerably more tasteful" than the present occupants. Mosley was leader of the British Union of Fascists and the duke, who briefly reigned as Edward VIII, was suspected of Nazi leanings.

The documents, seen by The Sunday Telegraph, state that some students were "sufficiently offended" by the coat of arms that they "used Tipp-Ex to remove the

black colouring from the slaves". A letter explains that the decision to review the coats of arms had come about in response to the Black Lives Matter movement, which inspired global protests after the killing by a police officer of George Floyd, an African American, in Minneapolis last May.

While plans for the removal of two depictions of the arms, above a garden door and fireplace, and their relocation in a more suitable location, have been submitted, the school board has not made a final decision. The government is likely to veto any application under its incoming "retain and explain" policy for controversial monuments. It could already overrule such an attempt during the planning application process because the manor house is listed.

Juxon, whose ancestors included London merchants, became Bishop of London in 1633 and supported Charles I on the scaffold before the King's execution in 1649. He retired to Little Compton during the Interregnum and was made Archbishop of Canterbury after the Restoration.



The four black heads have offended some business students

The Times
page 19
22 February 2021

Saw this about
"Fruity" Metcalfe's
house in the
Cotswolds.

David Lambert

Edward Dudley
"Fruity" Metcalfe
MVO MC
1887-1957
friend to and
equerry of
the Prince of Wales,
later Edward VIII.

The Montreal Gazette
1895 October 19
John Metcalfe
Sciatica Cure

THE PEOPLE MARVELLED

At the Rescue of Mr. Metcalfe of
Horning's Mills.

Early Crippled With Sciatica and an
Intense Sufferer for Years—For
two Years was not Able to do
any Work—Dr. Williams'
Pink Pills Restores Him
to Health.

[From the Shelburne Economist.]

The completion of the local telephone service between Shelburne and Horning's Mills by Messrs. John Metcalfe and W. H. Marlatt, referred to in these columns recently, was the means of bringing to the notice of a reporter of the *Economist* the fact of the remarkable restoration to health some time ago of Mr. Metcalfe, the chief promoter of the line. For about two years Mr. Metcalfe



"Walked in a stooped position."

was a terrible sufferer from sciatica, and unable to work. While not altogether bed-fast, he was so badly crippled that his bent form, as he occasionally hobbled about the streets of Horning's Mills, excited universal sympathy. The trouble was in one of his hips and he could not stand or walk erect.

Horning's Mills can vouch, was a stooped over position, with one hand on his knee. Mr. Metcalfe says:—"For about two years I was not able to do any work. Local physicians failed to do me any good, and I went to Toronto for treatment, with equally unsatisfactory results. I also tried electrical appliances without avail. I returned home from Toronto discouraged, and said that I would take no more medicine, that it seemed as if I had to die anyway. My system was very much run down and the pains at times were excruciating. I adhered for several months to my determination to take no more medicine, but finally consented to a trial of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills strongly recommended by a friend. Before I had taken them very long I felt a great deal better, my appetite returned, and the pains diminished. After using the pills for some time longer I was able to stand and walk erect and resume my work, in the full enjoyment of health and strength. People who knew me marvelled at the change, and on my personal recommendation many have used Pink Pills. This is the first time, however, that I have given the facts for publication."

On being asked if the sciatica had ever returned, Mr. Metcalfe stated that once or twice, as the result of unusual exposure, he had experienced slight attacks but he always kept some of the pills at hand for use on such occasions, and they never failed to fix him up all right. Mr. Metcalfe, who is 52 years of age, is in the flour and provision business, and, as proof of his ability to do as good a day's work as he ever done in his life, we may state that the most of the work connected with the erection of his six miles of telephone line was preformed by himself. Mr. Metcalfe also mentioned several other instances in which the users of Pink Pills derived great benefit, among them being that of a lady resident of Horning's Mills. The *Economist* knows of a number of instances in Shelburne where great good has followed the use of this well-known remedy.

The public are cautioned against imitations and substitutes, said to be "just as good." These are only offered by some unscrupulous dealers because there is a larger profit for them in the imitation. There is no other remedy can successfully take the place of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and those who are in need of a medicine should insist upon getting the genuine, which are always put up in boxes bearing the words "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People." If you cannot obtain them from your dealer, they will be sent post-paid on receipt of 50 cents a box, or \$2.50 for six boxes, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., or Schenectady, N. Y.

Provided by
Susan Harper

Websites

Guild for One Name Studies (GOONS)

The Society is a member of the Guild and receives its regular journal and newsletters. These websites are from recent publications

<https://www.ausbdm.org/search.php>

Australasia Births, Deaths and Marriages Exchange. A FREE resource for genealogists to share information from Australian and New Zealand vital records.

AUSTRALIA

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/>

Trove is a collaboration between the National Library of Australia and hundreds of Partner organisations around Australia. The records available come from Newspapers & Gazettes, Magazines & Newsletters, Images, Maps & Artefacts, Research & Reports, Books & Libraries, Diaries, Letters & Archives, Music, Audio & Video, People & Organisations, websites and Lists.

NEW ZEALAND

<https://www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz>

Births, Stillbirths, Deaths and Marriages Online.

<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>

Papers Past. This site has Books, Letters and Diaries, Magazines and Journals, Newspapers and Parliamentary papers.

<https://www.govt.nz/search-for-family-history-records-in-new-zealand/>

Search for family history records in New Zealand

<https://natlib.govt.nz/researchers/guides/family-history>

The National Library of New Zealand has many records

AMERICA

<https://www.abmc.gov/>

American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) The ABMC administers, operates and maintains 26 permanent American burial grounds and 32 separate memorials, monuments and markers, on foreign soil.

UK

<https://funeral-notice.co.uk/> Funeral Notices.

This is 'The No.1 site across the UK for funeral notices', where you can search over 4,916,626 notices.'

Although prior to our Metcalfe history, details about the villages and towns where our ancestors lived might be of interest.

The National Archive have digitised the Domesday books and made them available to examine - the actual page and a transcript of the content. There may be details of the landowner/ lord during the reign of King Edward III, but there are definite details of the Norman lord who has been given that area, usually as a reward for supporting William the Conqueror. Especially for places in the north, it also gives those areas that had been laid waste in the Harrowing of the North, shortly after the Conquest. The record was made in 1085, over a period of a few months and was an incredible undertaking in a period when transport was by horse at best and everything had to be written by hand - not to mention any resistance from dispossessed Anglo-Saxons.

It is free to register for an account with the National Archives, and you can either buy a copy of the relevant page (£3.50), or download it for free to your computer. As per the wills downloads of 2020, only 10 pages can be downloaded per day. It is easy to search for the town or village you are

interested in, but do remember that it may have been a newly settled place and so not included, but at least it does indicate how ancient the villages our family lived in were, and there may even be a named lord.

For instance: *"Although the King (William) held the land, various knights held lands from him, such as Count Alan has within the jurisdiction of his castle 200 manors. Of these, 108 are waste. Of places in the area: Northallerton: Earl Edwin held this as 1 manor and 66 villans with 35 ploughs. It is now in the king's hand, and is waste. Leyburn: (where we have held our recent AGM and Muster events): Eskil and Othulf had 2 manors there. Now Wihomarc has them, and they are laid waste. Thirsk: Thor had 12 carucates of land to the geld. There is land for 6 ploughs. Hugh has there 10 villans having 2 ploughs, and 8 acres of meadow. Richmond: Thir had 1 manor there. Now Enisant has it. Middleham: Gillepatric had a manor there. Now Ribald has it, and it is waste."*

Have a browse yourself and you might find a little piece of interesting information about the area you originate from.

Ref: <https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

Jo Heron

Who were nonconformists?

Though Catholics and Jews were technically non-conformists, the main groups were the non-Anglican Protestant denominations including:

- Baptists
- Congregationalists
- Methodists
- Presbyterians
- Unitarians
- Independent protestants
- Quakers
- Latter-day Saints
- Levellers
- Inghamites
- Moravians
- Salvationists
- Calvinists
- New Jerusalem
- Bible Christians
- Seventh-day Adventists
- Pentecostals
- Brownists
- Primitive Methodists
- Plymouth Brethren

Online nonconformist records

<https://bmdregisters.co.uk/>
<https://www.ancestry.co.uk/search/collections/>
https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/England_Nonconformist_Church_Records

Some useful background websites:

Methodist Heritage –
www.methodistheritage.org.uk

Primitive Methodists –
<https://www.myprimitivemethodists.org.uk/>

Strict Baptists - www.sbhs.org.uk/pastorchapels

Quakers - www.quaker.org.uk/resources/library

Salvation Army –
www.salvationarmy.org.uk/heritage-centre

Nonconformity in Wales –
www.welshchapels.org/nonconformity

See FHF REALLY USEFUL Bulletin
No 21 May 2022

NO MUGS

BUT

we have lots of possible Christmas presents such as:

Metcalf Family Histories

Metcalf - History of the Clan

(down to the last half dozen)

Metcalfes in India

Metcalfes at War

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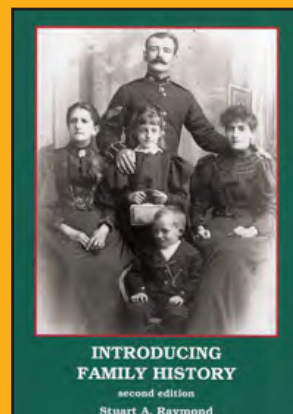
www.Metcalfes-online.co.uk

Books

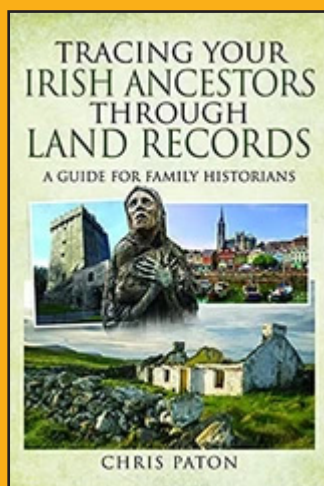


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a new way of dating old photographs
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dexed guide."*



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cestors Through Land
Records:**
£14.99



A History of CB Yard
compiled by Cathy Lawday
Printed by Book Printing UK

In 1656 John Bathurst a Puritan supporter purchased the Manor of Arkindale and the mine that came with the property renaming it the CB.
Arkengarthdale Estate owned the CB Mine until 1930 when the last of the property was sold.

Books available as indicated, online or through various booksellers and shops

METCALF CHILDREN'S DEATHS

*Compiled record from FMP - Died in Seneca Falls, state of New York, Sophia Fanny, dau of **Jonathon Metcalfe** esq. aged 18.
Also Catherine, aged 15 months, Emmeline, 5 yrs and Marsden, 4 years, of Whiting Race.*

On downloading the above record of Metcalfs in Episcopalian records for the name in Pennsylvania, these four names were buried on the same date. They were all children, Sophia Fanny (aged 18), Emeline - 5 years, Marsden - 4 years and Catherine aged 15 months. They were the children of a **Jonathon Metcalf**. However, the date of burial, 2nd February 1836 was intriguing - why would 4 children be buried, on the same date, presumably in the same grave.

Was it as a result of an accident, were they victims of some fatal illness or were there other factors?
What was going on in late January/early February 1836 in Pennsylvania, in America?

I tried to find a record of the deaths and/or burials in newspapers of the time, and thanks to the Library of Congress, there are plenty of potential sources, but no mention of this incident. What I did find was information on it having been a particularly bad winter with freezing temperatures and deep snow at that time of the year - one woman had frozen to death in an outhouse.

On January 27th, the Herald reported 'there is now on average three feet of snow on the ground. In the city it is pressed down by the sleighs, ladies and idle fellows who don't pay their tailors bills, so that the snow does not make such an appearance as in the country. In the interior of the state we hear that four or five feet of snow on an average has fallen. Not in many years has so much fallen - not we believe since the last war'

On 29th January, in the official Report of Interments *'it appears that, during 1835 the deaths in this city (New York) were 7982 - of whom 1689 were males 1329 were females, and 4064 children. Of these 721 were coloured persons. The prevailing disease as usual was consumption, of which 1437 are included in the list, by convulsion there were 683, still born 474, small pox 351, dropsy in the head 382, and flux infantile 231. Notwithstanding this great mortality, the interments were 2,000 less than the preceding year. The proportion of deaths to the population was one to thirty-eight - and those by consumption as one to five.'*

It raises the question, were the children mentioned at the start victims of the extreme weather or did they succumb to a childhood ailment - there must be more information some where - any ideas?

Can any of our American members find out more?

Sources: The Herald, New York, January 27th, 29th

Jo Heron

and finally..... The next Newsletter will be on its way to you at the beginning of December.
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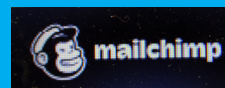
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