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Musings from the Chair

Well, we in the northern hemisphere are heading towards a cold and wet winter, while our friends and cousins in the south are warming up to hopefully good summer. Both areas present different problems, flooding and hurricanes and bush fires and drought – we can never be satisfied, and it does seem to be getting worse. We hope you will all keep safe during the next few months.

The big news is that the new website is about ready to be launched, and you will be able access it shortly. It will mean that you will need to sign in and will be allocated a new password, which no-one will have access to except you. If you should forget or mislay it, you can request a new one when you try to login – similar to other platforms. I will email you with details soon.

I would encourage you to let us know where you would like the next AGM to be held, as this will be a landmark meeting, after 45 years of the Society. We hope you will be able to attend and make it a big celebration, although we appreciate that circumstances since covid have affected everyone and it may not be possible. We will be looking for speakers for the Muster, so if you have any suggestions of people you have heard give good presentations over the past few years, do let us know. The more suggestions we have, the easier it will be to provide an interesting programme for the rest of the day after the AGM.

In the meantime, may we wish you a very happy Christmas and a better New Year. Keep safe and keep in touch with us.

Jo Heron, Chair, M1049

Leonard Metcalf – American Engineer

Much of my career was spent at a university working in analytical chemistry for the Department of Civil Engineering in Environmental Engineering. For those 35 years "Metcalf and Eddy" was an oft used book reference. My research/teaching laboratory hosted undergraduate and graduate students as they pursued their degrees in water and wastewater management. This book was their "bible". Although it was initially published in 1915-16 as a three-volume "American Sewerage Practice" set, it continues to be relevant through contemporary updates such as the 2002 4th edition and 2014 5th edition: Wastewater Engineering: Treatment and Reuse, by Metcalf & Eddy Inc. and three other authors. It seems Leonard's legacy will continue.

So, who was the Metcalf of "Metcalf and Eddy", the name of a firm and author of books? Publishers provided their dates: Metcalf, Leonard, 1870-1926; Eddy, Harrison Prescott, 1870-1937.

Subsequent research found an article from the [Journal of the American Water Works Association \(AWWA\) Vol. 15, No. 2 February 1926 by John M. Goodell](#) which paid tribute to this amazing engineer following his death in 1926. From this I learned that Leonard was born in Galveston, Texas. He graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, in 1892, began his consulting engineer practice in 1897 and in 1907 he joined Harrison P. Eddy in establishing the firm of Metcalf & Eddy. For those interested in learning more about his work and reputation this is a great read.

A [newspaper article](#) following Leonard's death (at his home in Concord, Massachusetts) appeared in the Boston Globe, Friday, January 29, 1926 providing more professional information. (Newspaper.com)

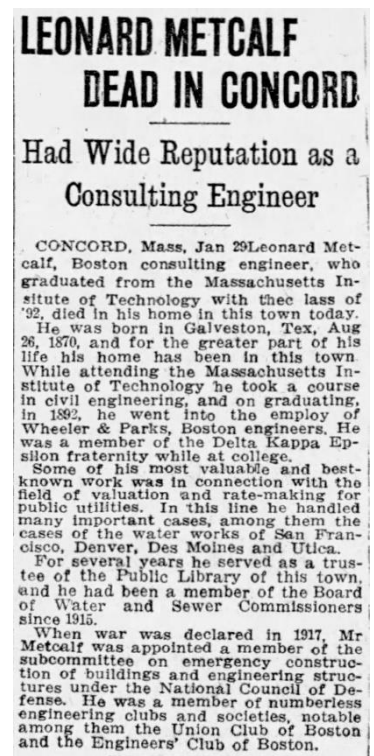
Ancestry census images for 1920 and 1910 show that he was an unmarried engineer living with his older sister Alice and younger sister Mary (both born on Rhode Island). The 1900 census of #10 Court Lane, Concord, enumerated all three and their mother Emma L. Metcalf (born 1840 in Maine).

I have not found Leonard in the 1890 census (he was likely at MIT then) but his mother was enumerated in the 1890 Veteran's Schedules as widow of Joseph H who died in 1888 in Providence, Rhode Island. In 1880 Leonard was enumerated with his parents in Galveston, Texas. Father Joseph H. Metcalf, born 1838 on Rhode Island, mother Emma L., sisters Alice b1866 and Mary C. b 1874. Joseph and Emma were also enumerated in 1865 in the Providence Census.

Joseph Houghton Metcalf is in the [Find a Grave index](#) with parents as Joseph Gay Metcalf (1796-1854) and Evelina Houghton. In turn, Joseph Gay Metcalf is in the [Find a Grave index](#) with parents as Joel Metcalf ([a minuteman at Bunker Hill](#)) (1755-1834) (Record #51360) and Lucy Gay. Joel Metcalf is in the [Find a Grave index](#) with parents Nathaniel Metcalf (1714-1798) (Record #78426) and Ruth Whiting of Massachusetts. This Nathaniel was son of Nathaniel and was born in Dedham, Massachusetts the son of Jonathan Metcalf (b 1650 in Dedham, died there in 1727) and Hannah Kendrick.

This is the [Dornix Weaver/Dedham, Massachusetts](#) line. M585, M968, M1152 connect to it.

Submitted by Susan Harper.



Now Then 11 - Part 4

In part 3 of my 'Now Then' articles about George Metcalfe of Hawes, the plantation and slave owner, I ended thus: 'In my final article Ihope to show how looking at a large number of wills can assist you in working out family relationships and how it might solve the question of who Isaac Metcalfe was and also if Robert Atkinson was the same person as 'Robert Metcalfe Atkinson' [they being two of the residuary beneficiaries]. Additionally I will consider if Rigg House sold at auction and if Thomas Davis did entail his share of George's will. I will also explain further who ultimately benefitted from George's will.'

Actually it has proved to be quite a task! I have amassed a considerable amount of information too much to include in this edition of the Newsletter. So Susan has agreed I should complete the series of articles in the New Year. I believe I can answer most of the questions posed last time save one, namely what happened to Rigg House, since as I will explain in future articles it was certainly the residence of at least two Metcalfes in the 1840s including Elizabeth.

For details about GEORGE METCALFE'S will look at earlier articles under the Now Then heading. Suffice it to say that he left his widow, ELIZABETH, his estate for her lifetime and upon her death the capital passed to three individuals: 'my kinsman' ISAAC METCALFE and two others, ROBERT ATKINSON and THOMAS DAVIS.

In this article I will cover the first of the residuary beneficiaries namely ISAAC METCALFE and his siblings.

Prior to January 1858, the process of proving wills was handled by church courts. It was necessary to know the parish where the deceased lived, then the Archdeaconry of which the parish was part, followed by the diocese and eventually the Archbishopric (Province) - either York or Canterbury, since wills would be proved in one of the relevant church courts of these jurisdictions. The Archbishop of Canterbury (PCC) claimed precedence over the Archbishop of York (PCY) and so wealthier families, or those who preferred their affairs to be kept more private, would use the PCC, which was actually based in London, not Canterbury, rather than the relevant local church court.

In addition, those with foreign property, usually had their wills proved in the PCC in London and so it was no surprise that George's will was proved there. The original is held by The National Archives (TNA), reference PROB 11/1653/333. It is available online for a fee. As none of the executors appointed by his will were available to take out a grant of probate, Elizabeth, his widow, took out instead a Grant of Letters of Administration, with the Will annexed ('cum testamento').

So far as the distribution of his estate was concerned, his widow, Elizabeth, was only given income from it for her life, unless she remarried. She remained a widow so kept the income until her death in 1846.

In the first part of this series of articles, dealing with George's will, we saw that compensation was awarded by the British government to those owning slaves on West Indian plantations following the abolition of slavery in 1833. Claims could be made by slave owners on 1st August 1834 and eventually, if successful, compensation was paid.

The National Archives (TNA) in Kew, holds the records of the compensation paid to the slave-owners under the Abolition Act of 1833. The University of London (UCL) have embarked upon a study of these records and prepared a most useful index and database, which has greatly enabled me to research the family and beneficiaries of George. See the link to the site here

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/lbs/project/details>

The Commission recognised that the beneficiaries of George's will comprised individuals with different interests: Elizabeth from the income and the 'remaindermen' from the capital but only after she died. The 'awardees' (i.e. those to be awarded the compensation) were found by the Commission to be George's remaindermen or residuary beneficiaries. Elizabeth unsuccessfully tried to claim some of the compensation, despite the fact that she was only entitled to the income of her husband's estate. The Commission stated that 'a distinct assent' was required from Mrs Metcalfe, the tenant for life to the remaindermen. The situation was pragmatically resolved by the Commission deciding that '....as Mrs E. Metcalfe was a tenant for life, and that there were no trustees of her husband's estate.....' [my note: owing to the fact that no executors proved his will] it was open to the Commissioners to name trustees, but they decided '..... the parties who are intitled (sic) in remainder expectant on Mrs Metcalfe's death, have come to an understanding with her, for an immediate division of the fund, which would render it unnecessary to appoint trustees'. So the 4 individuals agreed how to divide the compensation and Elizabeth received a part of the awards in cash, something that she might not otherwise have received or been entitled to.

What sums are we talking about?

When he died, George had interests in 4 plantations on Dominica namely plantations at Picard, Hertford and an unnamed plantation recorded in the claims as Dominica 4 A. These had 52, 86 and 40 slaves respectively. He previously owned estates at Bell Hill and Brook Hill, but the slaves here were sold and transferred to Demarara in 1820 and consequently they did not form part of the claim.

12 years after his death his estate and its beneficiaries became entitled to bring claims for compensation in respect of the remaining plantations which Elizabeth as administrator of George's will continued to own and operate. Indeed, as an aside, she successfully claimed a half share of the compensation awarded to the owner of the Eolus Plantation on Dominica, due to a loan she had made to the owner which was secured by a mortgage in her favour. The share of compensation she received for that was £1,744 in respect of 181 slaves.

The awards of compensation made to the 3 residuary beneficiaries were in respect of slaves on three plantations:

Picard -£1,159; Hertford -£1,744 and Dom 4 A -£547 which altogether totalled £3,450, although some of this was given up by them, by agreement, to Elizabeth when her claim to a share for her interest under George's will was rejected by the commissioners and the family reached a mutual agreement to give her some of the compensation.

As there were three remaindermen, they received a one third share totalling £1,149 apiece (less whatever they paid Elizabeth).

These sums were in addition to what they might have expected upon George's death under his will in 1821: his assets briefly then comprising his house (Rigg House) and its considerable land, as well as his interest in Birk Rigg the family's ancestral farm on the other side of the highway from Rigg House, plus cash and investments including a shop in Hawes. It is obvious that George's estate under Elizabeth's trusteeship continued to own the plantations referred to above, at least until 1835. In order to make the claims for compensation this must have been so with the income derived meantime going to Elizabeth, who was a wealthy widow.

To give an idea of what those sums might be worth today I used two calculators.

The first was https://www.moneysorter.co.uk/calculator_inflation2.html

This suggests the value of a third share awarded to each beneficiary (£1,149) would be worth today £92,345. A second calculator I used was the Bank of England's inflation calculator which gives a larger sum of £110,249. Inflation calculator | Bank of England.

Following Elizabeth's death in 1846, the capital passing under George's will estate was inherited, at last, by his 3 residuary beneficiaries, namely –

- the personal representatives of George's stated 'kinsman' ISAAC METCALFE (since he had died in 1827),
- THOMAS DAVIS (the brother of Elizabeth, George's widow) and
- ROBERT ATKINSON (probably ROBERT METCALFE ATKINSON baptised 1802).

So how was the estate following Elizabeth's death divided. I will deal with Isaac Metcalfe in this article and the other two next year.

Isaac was described as being 'my kinsman', unlike the other two named residuary beneficiaries, and as being of London in 1819 when George made his will.

What did that mean? A man who is one of a person's blood relations seems to be the best definition. On rootsweb Index of Terms used in 17th Century Wills & Inventories (rootsweb.com) the definition of kinsman / kinswoman is said to be '..... a very loose term used to denote a member of the same family. It is unlikely to be used for a direct descendant such as a son or daughter or for a parent.'

He would have been 20 when the will was made, still in the eyes of the law a minor. Maybe he was in London at the behest of George learning a trade?

I believe he was the eldest son of THOMAS METCALFE, who had married ANN WILSON, the daughter of a JOHN WILSON. Thomas was the son of ISAAC METCALFE, who in turn was the son of a ROBERT METCALFE who lived at Birkrigg farm. George's father was another Robert Metcalfe. So George and Thomas were first cousins and Isaac, the residuary beneficiary, a first cousin once removed to George!

Thomas and Ann had eight children based on searches on Ancestry, Findmypast, the biographic details and research carried out by UCL on the slavery website and the names of siblings in Isaac's will and that of his father, Thomas:

- Mabel Metcalfe (1795-1825) (she married David Morrison),
- Ann Metcalfe (1797-1846),
- Isaac Metcalfe (1799-1827), the residuary beneficiary
- John Wilson Metcalfe (1801-1873) ,
- Robert Metcalfe (1804-1851),
- Edward Metcalfe (1805-1865),
- Mary Metcalfe (1808 -) and
- Thomas Metcalfe (1816-1869)

Isaac, unfortunately, died young in 1827, having returned to the Dales from London less than 7 years after George's death. He should have become a wealthy man on the death of his cousin's widow Elizabeth, but it was not to be due to his early demise.

We saw in the previous article that he is referred to in the auction sale particulars of Rigg House. He was tasked with introducing prospective purchasers to someone who would show them the premises and the sporting estate before the auction.

Whilst he was unmarried, without issue, he did make a will a short time before he died. His will has been indexed by the society and transcribed. It should be available on the website. A copy of the original online with Ancestry.

In his will, he specifically referred to his interest under George's will, which was of course dependent upon Elizabeth's life interest. He said:

".....all my estate and interest in all properties arising under the will of my late kinsman George Metcalfe Esq which I Give devise and bequeath unto my brothers John, Robert and Edward and their heirs and executors [and] to Thomas, Ann and Mary equally a one seventh part and a one seventh part for the children of Mabel.

Mabel had predeceased him so her children took their mother's interest. Thomas in 1827 was a minor hence why he was included with his female siblings.

Isaac did not create an entail in his will. He had no children or a male heir so he could not therefore entail his one third portion of George's estate as George had wanted the residuary beneficiaries to do.

As stated above Isaac was born in Hawes in 1799. We know this since his parents were very fortuitously members of a nonconformist independent religious sect called Sandemanians, who had a chapel in Gayle.

The church was based on early Christianity, as practised by the first century Christians adhering to the instructions of Saint Paul and the New Testament. Elders were appointed from the church brethren to make decisions on behalf of the members. They held a weekly 'agape', or "love feast", sharing a common meal after their Sunday morning service. Members were vegetarians, believing that partaking of animal blood would taint Christ's blood of the communion. The washing of feet was practised, as the example set by Christ and showed humility. Non-members were welcome except at communion.

For details, including a reference to one of the churches most famous members, Michael Faraday, the scientist, see <https://www.upperedenhistory.org.uk/bp4.htm>

The Sandemanians originated in Scotland where a group of Independents called Glasites was established and named after its founder, whose son-in-law established his version, which became the Sandemanians:

For further details about this sect see this link:

<https://www.bing.com/search?q=sandemanian+church&form=WSBEDG&q=UT&cvid=0c0b85ec863c43b892369f87670d03c8&pg=sandemanian+church&cc=GB&setlang=en-GB&PC=HCTS&nclid=A9D479BE0A216433A64F8758FF036B21&ts=1730394242485&wsso=Off>

The children of members of this church were not baptised in the parish church and so there was no legal evidence of birth available. To avoid this it became possible for the parents of Sandemanians to register a birth, not a baptism with the registrar of Dr Williams Library in London, upon evidence of persons present at the birth including midwives. Isaac's parents in 1816 did this for him and some (maybe all?) of his siblings, on the same day and certificates were duly issued by the registrar at Dr Williams Library in London on behalf of the Sandemanian chapel in Gayle.

Below is the register entry at 2807 for Isaac. His siblings are above and below and on the following page. -

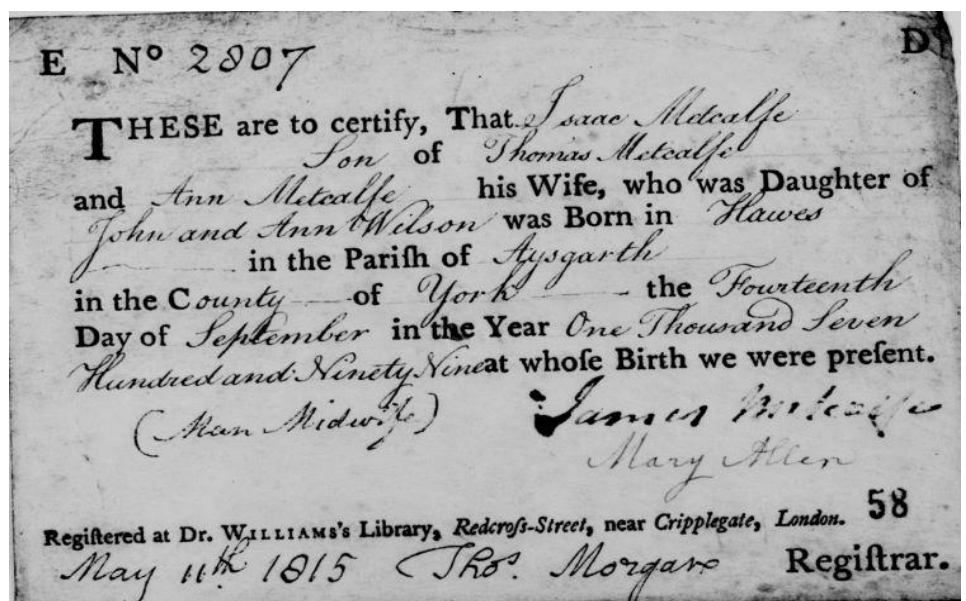
N ^o	Names of Children.	Names of Parents.	Witnesses.	Time when born.		
				Day	Month	Year
2803	Joseph Inguis Leather Lane Par. St. Andrew, Northern County of Middlesex Regd May 11 th 1815 Thos Morgan	Thomas Inguis, & Mary, Daughter of John & Betty Bristle	J. Clark J. Gribb Jane Inguis	28 th	March	1808
2804	George Inguis Leather Lane Par. St. Andrew, Northern County of Middlesex Regd May 11 th 1815 Thos Morgan	Thomas Inguis, & Mary, Daughter of John & Betty Bristle	A. Colley J. Clark Margaret the Black Margaret White James Pinkley	15 th	June	1808
2805	Mabel Metcalfe Flowers Par. Aysgarth County of York Regd May 11 th 1815 Thos Morgan	Thomas Metcalfe, & Ann, Daughter of John & Ann Wilson	Amey Moor Margt Allen	6 th	Sept	1798
2806	Ann Metcalfe Flowers Par. Aysgarth County of York Regd May 11 th 1815 Thos Morgan	Thomas Metcalfe, & Ann, Daughter of John & Ann Wilson	Amey Moor Mary Allen	28 th	Oct	1797
2807	Isaac Metcalfe Flowers Par. Aysgarth County of York Regd May 11 th 1815 Thos Morgan	Thomas Metcalfe, & Ann, Daughter of John & Ann Wilson	James Metcalfe Margt Allen	14 th	Sept	1798
2808	John Wilson Metcalfe Flowers Par. Aysgarth County of York Regd May 11 th 1815 Thos Morgan	Thomas Metcalfe, & Ann, Daughter of John & Ann Wilson	Mary Allen Amey Moor	5 th	Dec	1801

[copied from Findmypast from original record held by The National Archives]

[England & Wales Non-Conformist Browse Image | findmypast.co.uk](https://www.findmypast.co.uk) (subscription required)

The registry issued a birth certificate on payment of a fee by the parents. One of the witnesses required included a midwife and it seems that James Metcalfe acted as a 'man midwife' if my interpretation of the writing is correct.

Mabel, Isaac's sister, had predeceased him so her child took her mother's interest as Isaac specifically requested. Mabel's marriage on 7 Dec 1818 to David Morrison took



place of course at the Church of England chapelry in Hawes (now the parish church) since marriages had to be formalised there by law and could not take place in the Sandemanian chapel.

Isaac was survived by his mother, Ann, but took especial care to ensure that all his siblings and, in the case of his deceased sister, her children, inherited his estate rather than her. At the time of his death the slavery compensation awards had not been considered or devised but as an addition to his estate, his siblings shared his one third share of the Awards in 1835, in accordance with the wills of George and Isaac.

Each received 1/21st share of the total sums awarded in respect of George's plantations, calculated by dividing a 1/3rd share between 7 siblings i.e. £3,450 x 1/21 = £164 in 1836 values. (Present day values for each of £15,750, according to the Bank of England calculator or £13,192, according to the moneysorter calculator).

Isaac was buried in the Sandemanian churchyard in Gayle. For a photograph of the now defunct church which is a listed building and used by the community, see https://outofoblivion.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/MYD35068_1.jpg

And for photographs of the graveyard use this link https://outofoblivion.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/MYD35068_2.jpg

Details of MIs have been recorded by Cleveland FHS and copies be seen on that society's website here: <https://clevelandfhs.org.uk/gayle-sandemanian-monumental-inscriptions/>

Isaac's birth and his burial details are on the FMP website under Non-Conformist registers. These were handed over to the Registrar General, where the registers included entries prior to 1837. The surrendered registers are now held by the National Archives in classes RG 4 and 8.

So briefly who were Isaac's siblings who inherited?

His brother John Wilson Metcalfe. He remained in Hawes and duly married. From the 1851 to 1871 censuses we can see that he was widowed by 1851 and had at least two daughters, Ann and Mabel. He was a grocer and stamp distributor, retiring by 1861, when he was 58. Presumably his share of the compensation provided some funds allowing him to retire? Also it is noted on the 1871 census that he was partially blind due to epilepsy. His unmarried daughter Ann was living with him as his housekeeper.

One should not forget to check the final column of the 1861 and 1871 and later censuses where records of illness were entered. Blind deaf and dumb in 1861 and separately (a) deaf and dumb (b) blind (c) imbecile or idiot and (d) lunatic in 1871. John's blindness appears in 1871 but not on the 1861 census so maybe his epilepsy occurred in the ten years after 1861? He died intestate in March 1873 according to the Probate annual calendar and one of his daughters applied for letters of administration of his estate. He had a personal estate below £200 which is worth about £15,000 in current money according to https://www.moneysorter.co.uk/calculator_inflation2.html or £19,790 according to the [Bank of England inflation calculator](#) [Inflation calculator | Bank of England](#).

Isaac's brother Robert Metcalfe (1804-1851) married ANN JEFFERSON in 1839 had one daughter MARGARET ANN and died in 1851 aged 47. He was living at George's old house Rigg House according to the census of that year and likewise at his death. He describes himself as a farmer of 28 acres. His wife Ann was a Londoner. It seems that Robert probably farmed in Settle, as his two sons GEORGE and CHARLES EDWARD were born there in 1842 and 1845 respectively, whilst his youngest child MARGARET ANN was born in Sheffield in about 1849. An obituary in the Lancaster Gazette on 26 April 1851 confirms this thus: *'Rigg House – on the 12th inst. at Rigg house near Hawes in the 48th year of his age, Mr Robert Metcalfe, grazier and formerly of Settle,*

where he carried on an extensive business as a linen and woollen draper for upwards of twenty years. Deceased was much respected by a large circle of friends, and his memory will long be remembered by his sorrowing relatives'.

He left a will which was proved in the archdeaconry of Richmond and available on Ancestry. [Yorkshire, England, Probate Records, 1521-1858 - Ancestry.co.uk](#)

His widow and brother Edward were proving executors. It is of interest that he still held an interest in Dominica in 1851 as his will specifically gave it to his son George. He left his £1,000 interest in the Manchester Sheffield and Lincoln railway to his widow for life then to his sons. This company was able to build the lines eventually and by 1847 its first year of operation, the MS&LR had paid a 5% dividend on ordinary stock. This fell to 2 1/2 % for the first half of 1848, since when there were no further payments for six years according to Wikipedia. [Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway - Wikipedia](#)

He left 10 shares in Northern Counties Union railway to his son Charles Edward, who also received his father's 2/7th share in the family's hereditary Birk Rigg farm. The railway was not a success! The intention in 1846 when the company was set up was to build 127 miles of track lines from Thirsk to Clifton Junction, Bedale to Wath, and Bishop Auckland to Tebay. [See TNA Discovery for much more details]. A half share in the house and shop at Hawes was left to George. His daughter received his farm business in effect. George received his watch and Charles Edward his likeness. All the gifts to the children were dependent upon them attaining 21. All furniture and other chattels were given to Ann his widow. His assets were valued at less than £1,500 for probate purposes in 1851. Worth approximately £147,000 using the moneysorter calculator referred to in this article. This ignores the value of his freehold land.

Isaac's brother EDWARD born in 1805 died in 1865 aged 59 at Simonstone, Hawes and is buried in the Sandemanian grave yard, according to Cleveland FHS recording referred to above, along with his wife ROSE who predeceased him in 1854. He married her in Sheffield according to banns in 1847. In 1846 he described himself as a draper (his sister's letters of administration bond – see below). On the 1851 census Rose and he are living in Market place, south side, in Hawes and he is described as a silk mercer. The couple had two children: WILSON METCALFE (3 years old) and THOMAS G METCALFE (7 months old). Possibly he remarried, since a widow of an Edward is also buried in the Gayle churchyard named as wife of Edward, who I feel is the only Edward buried here. This ELIZABETH died in 1886 aged 72 at Brandmine? At his death he is living at Simonstone, with Elizabeth, which possibly is the present day hotel of that name? He left a will and codicil. He was described on the probate papers as a draper. His estate was value at under £4,000 which means he was worth, using the moneysorter calculator, approximately £350,000. One can buy a copy of his will from the probate registry for a small fee.

Isaac's youngest brother THOMAS was born in 1816 and died in June 1869 at the ancestral farm BirkRigg. He did not leave a will, so his widow, Isabella took a grant of letters of administration. His wife was an ALLEN, living in Gayle and both of them are buried in the Sandemanian graveyard. The Allen family were staunch members of the chapel in Gayle. Thomas was described for probate purposes as a yeoman and his personal estate was under £300 (an equivalent of approximately £25,000 today using the moneysorter calculator). He seems to have been the least wealthy of the brothers at his death. I wonder given his birth in 1816 if it was then that his parents realised they could register his and his siblings births with the registrar at Dr Williams library? It seems too much of a coincidence not to be the case.

In the 1851 and 1861 censuses he is proudly calling himself a freehold farmer and states, in the earlier census, that the farm consisted of 83 acres and ten years later 84 acres. He had two sons: THOMAS EDWARD and ISAAC.

Turning next to Isaac's sisters, we have already seen that MABEL died before Isaac.

His younger sister, ANN did not marry and died in Hawes in 1846. She did not leave a will. Her brothers, John Wilson Metcalfe, Robert Metcalfe and Edward Metcalfe were appointed administrators as their parents had died by then and her siblings inherited her estate. The administration bond also included as bondsmen two others, Thomas Allen and Ralph Stockdale. It seems a little strange that there should be five bondsmen to guarantee that the estate would be correctly administered. It was not as if John, Robert and Edward were poor although on reflection Elizabeth had not died and so they did not have the capital from George's estate in their hands so they probably did need financial support from the others? Her effects were valued at £1,160 (about £84,000 in today's value). You can see the bond [here](#).

[\[Yorkshire, England, Probate Records, 1521-1858 - Ancestry.co.uk\]](#)

The youngest sibling Mary was born in 1808. She married WILLIAM BAILEY in 1834 on the 20th March in Hawes. She was alive when her mother made her will in July 1839, which refers to her husband too. I did quickly search the census for 1841 for Hawes but could not trace them there.

So Isaac's misfortune in dying too young did benefit his siblings, in some cases to quite a large extent especially by 1860.

Next time I will explain what happened to the other two residuary beneficiaries Thomas Davis and Robert Metcalfe Atkinson. In a later article I will expand on some of the Hawes Metcalfes and how they were relate to one another going back to the seventeenth century. Many more Isaacs and Roberts I am afraid which doesn't make life easy!

David Lambert, M0011

Can you help?

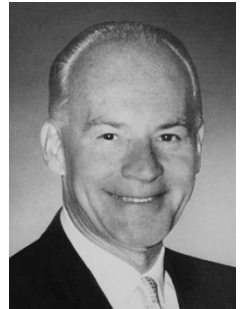
The Metcalfe Society is in need of help from its members:

- Volunteers to its committee, in particular in the role of Secretary. Mostly, this is to take minutes and send reminders about meetings, etc.
- Have you sent in information that will allow your "birth brief" to be created? Have you found new information that needs to be updated in your "birth brief"? Please send in.
- Have you reached a road block, hit a pothole or a brick wall in your research? Please send in your queries for a newsletter Q & A section. Helpful suggestions may well be forthcoming from some of our senior researchers and members in another issue.
- Help us add to our list of useful resource links in your area, county, province, state or country.

The Metcalf Foundation, Canada

Philanthropist George Cedric Metcalf established the The George Cedric Metcalf Charitable Foundation in 1960. It has a long history of investing in charitable activities in support of inclusive local economies, the environment, and the performing arts. Read more about the Metcalfe Foundation [here](#).

The website states that George Cedric Metcalf was the eldest of ten children and left school early to help support his family. He got involved in the food industry and eventually became President and Managing Director of George Weston Ltd. and Loblaws. He died in 1998 and left his estate to the Foundation.



This article will pursue his genealogy. Off the bat, [Find a Grave](#) provided a good start. George was born in Jan 1903 and died in Toronto in Nov 1998. His wife, Victoria, died almost three years later. His only child, George predeceased him in 1990. Additional information gives his parents as Charles Edward Metcalf (1879-1961) and Mabel Sidney Atkinson (1882-1963).

Ancestry has George's marriage record ([image](#)) which provided the useful detail that George was born in England which immediately led to his birth record in Manchester. His baptism took place at Harpurhey, St. Stephen 24 February 1904, born a month earlier. Charles Edward was a coachman. Charles and Mabel had another son in Manchester before they all emigrated to Toronto, Ontario Canada in 1906.

In January 1901 Charles enlisted in the military 77 Coy of the Imperial Yeomanry Regiment, serial number 22642. He was 21 and was discharged a year later. He gave a contact name Clara Ann Metcalf. In 1891, Charles was enumerated with his parents Thomas Metcalf, 56, born 1835 in Unsworth, Manchester, a manufacturing chemist, and Clara Ann, born 1852 in Manchester. In addition to Charles, seven siblings were listed, oldest 17, youngest 2.

Thomas and Clara Anne Chadwick were married in 1872, in Manchester. Thomas was a 36 year old widower, a manufacturing chemist as was his father John. In the 1871 census Thomas was living with his mother Sarah in the town of Newton near Manchester. In 1851 Thomas, a 16-year-old, born in Bury, was enumerated in Cheetham, Manchester, with parents John and Sarah Metcalf. John was born in Bury in 1814. Further Ancestry information suggest that this John married Sarah Kenyon in Manchester in 1833. Manchester Births and Baptisms has a John baptized in Mar 1813 at Goodshaw St. Mary and All Saints, Lancashire, son of Thomas, a tailor, and Mary Metcalfe but this is speculation based on a brief investigation. John Metcalf died in July 1868 at Blackpool, a gentleman. His will was proved by the oaths of Thomas of Sale, Chester, manufacturing chemist and Henry of Cheetham, Lancaster, manufacturing chemist, the sons, the executors as listed in the National Probate Calendar.

This is as far as I went in Leonard Metcalf's genealogy and wonder if any of you are connected with any of the names and places mentioned. If so, we would love to learn about your family history and hope that your birth briefs are up to date.

Submitted by Susan Harper, M0266

From Facebook or the Web

From [Secret Yorkshire facebook page](#): Staithes, North Yorkshire, photographer John Wellock. There is also a [Secret Yorkshire website](#).

From [The Whitby Guide](#): Once one of the busiest fishing ports on the North East coast, Staithes boasts a long proud history as the one-time home of famous Royal Navy captain and explorer, Captain James Cook.

Is your family from this area? Please let us know of any family stories about life in or near Staithes - with pictures if you have any.



Out with the old and in with the new! Thank you, Peter.

Peter Dobson did not seek re-election at this year's AGM as treasurer or to the Committee. So ended his spell of being a committee member from 1993.

We have been extremely fortunate to have reaped the benefit of his wisdom and dedication to the Society's objectives, whilst he served on our Committee. Always reliable, as well as being a fount of Metcalfe information from the day he joined the Committee; a short time after doing so Nina Benson invited (arm-twisted?) him to take on the Mecca News Editor's role which he held from 1994 until 2015. He was also Vice-Chairman from 1997 until 2019, as well as undertaking his last role as Treasurer from 2015 until 2024. In addition from 1998 until 2000 he was an active member of the editorial team who eventually published the Clan book. He found the time to assist in writing 'The Metcalfes of India' book volume 1 in 2005 with George Buxton, Charles Metcalfe and JPW Metcalfe, followed in 2012, by Volume 2 co written by him and George Buxton. Peter, in 2014, wrote the 'Metcalfes at War-The Great War 1914-1919', jointly with Jo Heron.

At the end of the second decade of this century, Peter played a significant role in planning the future of the Society, when the newsletter took over from the Society's printed Mecca News. The last printed edition was the 40th with Michael Pope retiring as editor, December 2020. Peter stepped forward again to produce on-line editions from January 2021 to May 2023. He also created and designed a website for the Society's image library - many of the photographs being taken by him during holidays in the Dales!

At this year's AGM, as a mark of the Society's gratitude for all he has done for us we elected him as a Vice-President. A very worthy recipient for a job very well done!

We are very lucky to have been introduced to GILLIAN CAULFIELD-PLEAVIN (Gill) who has agreed to take over the book-keeper's role on our behalf.

The photograph shows a relieved Peter and a currently happy Gill, after Peter handed over the relevant papers, cheque books and accounts on 30th October, to Gill who is now in charge of maintaining the accounts for us. Welcome to Gill, from us all.



The office of Treasurer remains vacant if one of you would like to take this on!

David Lambert
President , M0011

Report on the AGM and Muster 5th October 2024

AGM 44

Peter Dobson had tendered his resignation as Treasurer. Peter reported that he had arranged for a bookkeeper to take over the money reporting of the Society, although he would be around to advise, when necessary, along with our Independent Examiner. He was thanked sincerely for his long years of service; it had been much appreciated.

The reports on other activities were accepted as presented before the meeting.

The rest of the Committee were returned to Office. It was proposed that Peter be elected Vice-President, which was accepted unanimously and with our grateful thanks.

The meeting discussed plans for the 45th meeting for October 4th, 2025, debating venue options like the Museum at Hawes, Tennant's in Leyburn or the Golden Lion, Northallerton, while considering accessibility. They proposed surveying members' preferences and using a "little white bus" for transportation.

The Presentations at the meeting were as follows:

Ordnance Survey Mapping Techniques Overview – Laragh Quinney of the National Library of Scotland presented an excellent overview of the Ordnance Survey's mapping techniques for Great Britain, focusing on the 25-inch scale maps, town plans, and national grid maps. She explained the significance of the survey date and revision date, the use of colours in earlier maps, and the transition to national grid maps post-World War II. She also highlighted the availability of town plans from the 19th century and the existence of county maps and smaller scale maps. She concluded by offering to demonstrate the Visualiser and discussed the extensive collection of digitized maps available on the National Library of Scotland's website. Laragh demonstrated how to navigate and utilize the mapping system on the website, emphasizing its usefulness for exploring historical maps. She also demonstrated the use of the Map Finder and Georeferenced Maps viewer for exploring different editions of maps for a specific location. She pointed out that many maps were free to download – something that will be of use and interest to family history researchers.

Website Updates

There was a short presentation of the new website, followed by the Chair demonstrating its use. The Chair discussed the process of searching and organizing records, she said that she had been focusing on linking the record numbers of family members for following family lines, pointing out that this would be an ongoing project for many years in view of the number of entries we have. She demonstrated how to narrow down search results and locate specific individuals, and mentioned how the addition of parents' record numbers made it easier to link families. Work was still on-going to check all the entries on the Wills project as some had been misplaced, but this is likely to be a long term project due to the number of wills involved - and she asked for members who find an error to let her know. She also discussed the problems of adding transcripts to the database with copyright regulations, and the incorporation of information from the "list of lists" into the main index. She demonstrated to the meeting how to sign into the new website and addressed login issues faced by some members. Those present provided feedback on layout and features like the members room, image library, and search facility. They discussed the need to improve the website's image library, which does need populating, and the possibility of transferring more images into it. Members were invited to load their own images to the site. Lastly, they discussed the visibility of personal information online and the need for a centralized record for

each individual. The new site will only hold such information as is necessary for us to contact members, and we do not share this information with any other body.

The Chair mentioned ongoing work on content of the site and appealed for patience from the membership until such time as everything is up and running. A discussion followed covering accessing commercial websites and regional contacts to share information. All members are requested to pass on any useful sites they find to help others with their research.

Overcoming Challenges in Family History Research

Jackie Depelle made a short presentation on finding family history information and then led a discussion on overcoming challenges in family history research, such as missing records and name changes. She suggested strategies like using parish records, newspapers, and DNA testing to find answers. The group explored creative research approaches and the importance of understanding historical contexts when working with older records. Jackie has also supplied a list of useful sites we might need, which we will add to our website.

Exploring Photographs and Genealogy Research Challenges

David Lambert led a discussion on a photograph, speculating about the identities and ages of the women depicted. Jackie recommended consulting resources for more information on colouring techniques used in the photograph. The meeting discussed genealogy research, including the limitations of the 1841 census and the importance of wills in tracing family history. They recognized the challenges of accessing military and naval records due to incomplete information.

Metcalf AGM 45, Saturday October 4th, 2025

The AGM and Muster in 2025 will celebrate the 45th year since the foundation of the Metcalfe Society. This should be a special meeting for all of us, so we would like your input on where we should hold the meeting. Over recent years, we have had 3 main venues, The Countryside Museum in Hawes, Tennant Auction House in Leyburn and the Golden Lion Hotel in Northallerton. Each venue is in North Yorkshire – our ancestral home, but each provide varied but suitable facilities. They all have different benefits and drawbacks. The principle considerations are cost and facilities, but accessibility both to the venue and the town are also a prime consideration – so please do let us know which venue you would prefer through chairman@metcalfe.org.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

Pot holes, Sink holes, Brickwalls? : Go round – bypass!

Memory prompt handout, courtesy of Jackie Depelle, with our thanks.

Ideas on how to work through problems and keep a clear head!

Sources information and guidance

GenGuide - UK and Irish Genealogy Sources, Aids and Contacts <https://www.genguide.co.uk/> -
International FamilySearch Research Wiki https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main_Page

International

Welcome to Cyndi's List (cyndislist.com) <https://www.cyndislist.com/>

United Kingdom and Ireland <https://www.genuki.org.uk/>

The National Archives Research Guides : A-Z <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides-keywords/>

Books and other aids you might find useful:

How about using post-it notes for quick relationship checks

Wipe on / Wipe off Family Tree worksheet - Family Tree Working Chart <https://www.my-history.co.uk/acatalog/Family-Tree-Working-Chart-WORKCRT.html>

Research Log : example from Family Tree Magazine <https://www.family-tree.co.uk/how-to-guides/how-to-set-up-a-family-history-research-log-learn-how-to-organise-fami/>

Mind Mapping Made Easy for Family Historians by Linda Hammond. Family History Federation 2024

What Date? Two Editions by Anne Matanle <http://www.ancestral-routes.co.uk/>

The Dictionary of Genealogy by Terrick Fitzhugh

Pre-1841 Censuses & Population Listings for the British Isles by Colin Chapman

Tracing your Ancestors using the UK Historical Timelines by Angela Smith & Neil Bertram

Pen & Sword Publications

Keep your eyes and ears open for new resources eg online catalogues, training tutorials, and other aids and how about sharing anything new with the rest of the Metcalfe Family.

Nel Metcalfe, Full back

Wales Women's rugby union international match Wales v Japan 11 October 2024. She scored the 1st try just 10 mins into the match. [Wales Snap losing run with victory against Japan.](#)

The screenshot shows the official website of the Wales Women's rugby union. The header is red with the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) logo on the left and navigation links for 'Wales & Regions', 'Club & Community', 'Fixtures & Teams', 'Tickets', 'News', 'WRU Store', 'Principality Stadium', and 'Pro Clubs'. There are also links for 'Official Membership', 'Cymru', and 'Matches'. A 'STORE' and 'TICKETS' button is visible on the right. Below the header, the profile of Nel Metcalfe is displayed. It includes her name 'NEL METCALFE' in large red letters, a photo of her in a red Wales jersey with 'vodafone' and the WRU logo, and a '7 CAPS' badge. To the left of the photo is a 'PROFILE' section with the following details: DOB: 17th Dec 2004, Birthplace: Bangor, Position: Full back, Height: 1.68 m (5' 6"), Weight: 66 kg (145 lbs), and Honours: Wales Women (7 caps). Below the profile section is a 'Nel Metcalfe News' section with a circular icon and the text 'No posts available'.

Submitted by Lesley Longworth.



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Annual membership Renewal Form 2025

Please follow the guidance overleaf to complete the form

Please check overleaf for the status of your membership. There are specific actions you may need to take.

Have you paid for 2025 already? Have you set up a UK bank Standing Order? If you are a UK taxpayer, have you signed a Gift Aid declaration?

If you are unsure, please contact The Membership Secretary or the Canada/Australia agent, contact details below.

What category of membership do you wish to renew? (please circle)

Your subscription has been held at £10 (UKP) for further year

How would you like to pay your annual membership? (please circle)

1. By standing order (UK members only) – see instruction overleaf for existing or new standing orders
2. By UK £ sterling cheque
3. By other local currency cheque to our agents in Australia and Canada

Alternatively, you can renew your membership online at:

www.metcalfes-online.co.uk/membership.html

How many years of membership would you like to pay?

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Membership to start from year (state year): 2025 for how many years (state number): _____

Personal Details

Please complete to ensure that The Society holds your current details:

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Name 2: (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr) _____

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Telephone: _____ Membership Number: _____

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I wish to Opt Into The Metcalfe Society

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Send this form & payment to the Membership Secretary below, to whom you can also address any queries.

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Action required: No further action is required

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Action required:

If you have an existing Standing Order, please check that it is for the correct amount, and please contact your bank to either change the amount or the date of the Order to 1st January 2025 (and each 1st January thereafter). Please advise the Membership Secretary that you have instructed your bank regarding any changes.

If you would like to set-up a Standing Order, please complete the Form which is available on the website, or by post to the Membership Secretary.

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