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## EDITORIAL

The first task of the editor of a new Journal must be to welcome his readers. You have already taken the step of joining our new Society, which in itself is an act of faith in its future. However, it is only through the continued support of its members that any Society can hope to flourish and the best support anyone can give is to be an active member. Come to the monthly meetings if this is at all practical, write an article for the Journal if you have any worthwhile experiences to recount or information to pass on, but above all - spread the word! Try to ensure that everyone, from Wallsend to Wagga-Wagga, who has any family connection with the North-East, or any other interest in North-eastern families, is not only aware of the Society's existence but, like yourself, is an active member!

It is hoped that this Journal will serve a dual function. On the one hand, we hope to publish articles which will be of practical help to members in their own researches - guides to local and national record repositories, practical tips on the use that can be made of certain types of records, members' experiences which will point the way to either "do's" or "don'ts" for other members, etc. On the other hand, with a widely spread membership such as we hope to have, the Journal is intended to be the main area of contact with those who are unable to attend meetings.

We hope the list of new members, with a brief summary of their main areas of interest, will become a regular feature, as we know that members of other regional Societies have often been able to make contact by this means with people following the same lines as themselves, and several instances are known of people finding unsuspected distant cousins in this way.

Members who have not yet sent in a note of their special interests may still do so and the Editor will endeavour to include them in the next issue. It would be appreciated if those who possess special facilities (transcripts, access to records, etc) or skills (experience of transcribing, knowledge of particular areas, families, etc) and are willing to use them to assist other members would also inform the Editor. A permanent register of members' interests, offers of help, etc, is being compiled by the Chairman of the Society, Mr CP Heat, FSG.

The Editor will always welcome brief queries from members, for publication in the Journal. If you have come to a dead stop with one member of your family and can find no trace of him or her anywhere, it might be worthwhile inserting a note to that effect as someone else may well already possess a copy of the very record you need to get started again!

Longer articles for publication will also be welcomed, provided they make or illustrate a point likely to be of general interest. It is important that there should be a steady flow of such items, as they form the backbone of the Journal.

This is your Journal and it will become whatever you make it, so if you have a worthwhile contribution don't be shy - the Editor would like to hear from you!

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## SUBSCRIPTION RATES

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PROVISIONAL CONSTITUTION  
OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

- 1 The name of the Society shall be The Northumberland and Durham Family History Society.
- 2 The objects of the Society shall be to promote the study of family history and genealogy in the historical counties of Durham and Northumberland and adjacent areas and to do all things incidental to this aim; to arrange meetings and lectures and to publish a Journal periodically containing material likely to be of interest to members.
- 3 The Society shall consist of all members whose subscriptions are paid up to date. All members shall pay such subscriptions as may from time to time be determined by the Society in general meeting, and the Society shall have power to determine different rates of subscription for different types of members.
- 4 The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Committee which shall consist of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer for the time being, together with such other officers as may from time to time be appointed, and such other committee members as may be necessary, but so that the total number of committee members shall not be more than nine. All officers shall be unpaid. The officers shall be elected by the members in general meeting. Any retiring officer shall be eligible for re-election. Nominations for officers and committee members shall be supplied to the Secretary at least three days before the annual general meeting, save that a nomination may be made at the annual general meeting itself if insufficient nominations have been received up to three days before the meeting.
- 5 The Committee shall:
  - (a) recommend rates of subscription to the annual general meeting,
  - (b) appoint such sub-committees as may be necessary or desirable,
  - (c) ~~co-opt~~ and appoint additional committee members, or acting officers, if appropriate.The quorum for the Committee shall be three.
- 6 All money shall be applied to the objects of the Society, and if the Society should be dissolved any surplus funds shall be donated to any body which will, in the opinion of the Committee, be likely to further the objects for which the Society was formed. In the event of a shortage of funds on dissolution, all members shall be liable to a levy not exceeding one year's subscription.
- 7 The Treasurer shall keep accounts of the finances of the Society and shall prepare an account annually to 31 March. An auditor shall be appointed by the members in general meeting and shall audit the accounts annually.
- 8 A general meeting shall be held at least once in every year, on a date to be decided by the Committee, and members shall be given at least twenty-eight days notice of it. The general meeting shall:
  - (a) fix subscription rates, payable on the first day of September following,
  - (b) elect officers and appoint committee members,
  - (c) appoint an auditor,
  - (d) receive and consider the accounts of the Society
  - and (e) conduct any other business of the Society.
- 9 No alteration shall be made to this constitution except at an annual general meeting, and any such amendment shall require approval by not less than two-thirds of those members present. Prior notice of any proposed amendment to the constitution shall be given in writing to the Secretary at least twenty-one days before the annual general meeting.

## PRESBYTERIAN RECORDS AND THE GENEALOGIST

D Mason

### 1 Introduction

The following is a brief account of the records available to the researcher tracing a Presbyterian family in England, during the period before the commencement in 1837 of compulsory registration of births, marriages and deaths. It is not meant to be an exhaustive guide, but a general one, drawn from my own experience of working with these records within the County of Northumberland, where the proximity of the Scottish Border poses problems which may not be met in other parts of the country.

It should be stressed that because of the incompleteness of some Presbyterian records it is necessary also to take account of ancillary records, e.g. Trade Directories, Wills, Rent Rolls, Constables' Returns, etc. The 1851, 1861 and 1871 Census Returns are particularly useful since, provided an address is known for any of these years, the Census records will give ages, and places of birth for each person.

### 2 Baptismal Records

The records of baptisms maintained by Presbyterian congregations were, as in the Established Church, in the form of Baptismal Registers. Although these in general do not commence as early as the Parish Registers, it is not unusual to find that they do start as early as the first half of the 18th century, the earliest Northumbrian register being that of the Castle Garth Chapel, Newcastle upon Tyne, which dates from 1708. The commencement date is usually related to the building of the church, and not to the founding of the congregation, which was usually formed as a meeting for worship, either in the open air or in a member's house, thus creating a nucleus for the later construction of a church.

The registers of the churches were kept by either the minister or the session clerk, and often contain more information than the Parish Register, with several congregations adopting the Scots form of entry, stating the mother's maiden name:

"Mary the daughter of Henry Redpath and his wife Isabel Hood of Horncliffe born 2nd November 1785" (1)

It has been found by experience that it was not necessarily the custom for the parents to attend the church nearest to their residence. They appear to have been somewhat selective, and sometimes travelled what, in those days (pre-1837), must have been considerable distances. The researcher should therefore bear this in mind, especially when looking for specific baptisms in a country area with a number of churches in the vicinity. The following entry from the Baptismal register of Glanton Presbyterian Church (2) illustrates this point:

"John son of George and Margaret Kirton, of Wark in the Parish of Carham, born January 23rd, baptised February 28th, 1803".

There were no fewer than seven established Presbyterian congregations nearer to Wark than Glanton at the time!

Another custom which has been noticed is that with some families the eldest, or first-born son was baptised at the local Parish Church as well as at the Presbyterian church. The reason for this is not known, and it can only be conjectured that it was done with some form of legal registration in mind.

Many Northumbrian families had a strong link with Scotland, especially in the border area, and therefore many local couples were married in Scotland (see next section) and some had their children baptised there.

In 1837 all Presbyterian churches were required to surrender their registers into the custody of the Registrar General, and while many churches complied with this request there were just as many which did not. Hence at present there are four places where the researcher should look for such documents:

- (i) the Public Record Office, Portugal Street, London,
- (ii) the United Reformed Church History Society Library, 86 Tavistock Place, London WC1 9RT,
- (iii) the incumbent of the church in question and
- (iv) the local County Record Office.

It should be noted that various Acts of Parliament have required the births of Dissenters to be recorded in the local Parish Register, and many of these do contain lists of baptisms of Dissenters, either separately or amongst the other entries. However, a comparison of the numbers of such baptisms recorded in Parish registers with those in the registers of the various Dissenting chapels shows that the requirement was not well adhered to.

### 3 Marriage Records

Marriages in Presbyterian churches were not legally recognised in England until after the 1836 Registration Act took effect and allowed the licensing for marriage of nonconformist chapels and meeting houses. Before this, couples were usually married at the local Parish Church, although in the northern counties of England couples could find a natural escape by crossing the Scottish Border, and numerous examples of this can be found in both the English and the Scottish Parish Registers, and in the registers of Presbyterian churches.

"James Weatherburn, son of Henry & Agnes Weatherburn of Horncliffe and Christen Phillip, daughter of Andrew and Margaret Phillip of East Ord were married at Mordington (Berwickshire) 23rd December 1784" (3).

For many of these entries a corresponding one may be found in the Scottish Parish Registers.

Not all marriages were celebrated or recorded in churches, and with the growth in popularity of marriage in Scotland many "marrying centres" were established right along the Border line, the most famous of these being that at Gretna Green. Copies of some of the marriage registers of some of these centres are held at the Registrar General's Office in Edinburgh. Apart from this, the Border itself produced its own curious marriages, a marriage "in the middle of Coldstream bridge" (4) and one "in a boat in the middle of the river Tweed" (5) being on record.

### 4 Burial Records

While most Presbyterians were buried in the churchyard of their local Parish Church there is evidence to suggest that there were some burial grounds specifically for Dissenters, whatever their denomination. Within Northumberland there is evidence of their existence at Alnwick and at Newcastle upon Tyne, but with the exception of two in Newcastle (6) these have long since disappeared. It is suggested, therefore, that the researcher should look to the Parish Registers for details of any burials.

Once a burial entry has been found, a search of the appropriate churchyard should be made, to determine whether a tombstone exists for the family concerned. Tombstone inscriptions are of prime importance as they often contain information not easily found elsewhere.

### 5 Communion Rolls

These were essentially a list of the members of the congregation and

the degree of detail varies from church to church. They do not extend as far back as the baptismal records, but can nevertheless provide the researcher with a welcome clue to the family he is researching. Some of these documents give a wealth of detail, including date of joining, place of residence, occupation, date and reason for leaving the congregation (e.g. death, marriage, transfer), the church transferred from or to and, in some rare cases, the relationships between various members of the congregation.

Sion Meeting House, Alnwick:

1793 Alexander Yeoman

from Spittle

Mary Yeoman (daughter)

from Spittle.

Where sufficient records exist it is possible to trace a person from church to church.

Lowick Presbyterian Church:

1849 Christian Kemp of Holburn Grange from Belford  
(transferred, 1853 to Chatton).

Chatton Presbyterian Church:

1853 May Christine Kemp from Lowick  
(residence not stated).

## 6 Session Minutes

The affairs of the congregation were run by a body of officials known as elders, elected periodically by the congregation. The minutes of their meetings, known as the Session Minutes, often contain references to births (usually illegitimate), marriages and deaths, so it is always worth consulting them for additional information.

Norham Presbyterian Church Session Minutes:

1755 February 18th "Kathrine Struther acknowledged having given birth to a child of Thomas Dickson in "Wilmouth".

1759 June 13th "Helen Leithen confessed that she was married by a priest of the Church of England".

1763 May 8th "John Purves and his wife Margaret stated on examination that they had formerly been in communion with anti-government people, that they had been married without proclamation .... by a private person, and had one son who had been baptised by a vagrant preacher. It was required that this child be now regularly baptised".

1770 May 27th "Joseph Sanderson, a member of the session, was charged with indecency and imprudence in the manner of his late marriage..... by signifying his intention to marry eight days after his late wife's death".

## 7 References

- 1 Norham Presbyterian Church.
- 2 In the Parish of Whittingham, Northumberland.
- 3 Shaws Lane Chapel, Berwick upon Tweed.
- 4 Norham Parish Registers.
- 5 Holy Island Parish Registers.
- 6 Westgate Hill Cemetery and Ballast Hills Cemetery.

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### THE FRONT COVER

The title of the Journal and the design of the front cover have both been deliberately left plain for the present. It is felt that, in time, some symbol may suggest itself as suitable for adoption as an emblem for the Society, and that some slicker, less ponderous, title for the Journal may

prove acceptable. The Committee wish to ensure that any such ideas come from the membership and are acceptable to the members as a whole, we therefore ask you to think about this and let us know if you have any suggestions. Titles already put forward have included "Northsearch" and "The North-East Ancestor".

For the sake of consistency we are, in any case, committed to maintaining the present format throughout Volume 1, which is intended to cover the four issues of the 1975/76 season, so you have twelve months in which to make your suggestions!

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### "THIS ANCESTRY BUSINESS"

"This Ancestry Business", published by the Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry, is an excellent beginners' guide to genealogy. It consists of a collection of articles covering various aspects of the subject, each written by an expert, and with members of a Society in many ways very like ours in mind. The Birmingham and Midland Society is the largest regional Genealogical Society in the country, with some 700 members. The first edition of "This Ancestry Business" sold over 1000 copies; the second edition has been enlarged and illustrated with examples of Wills, Pedigrees, etc, and this too should prove a best-seller.

The book is well printed and its size and binding are uniform with this Journal. The Society has a number of copies for sale, price 75p (plus 12p postage) - surely excellent value!

Other publications of the Birmingham Society available to our members are their "Members' Directory" (£1) and "Personally Speaking" (£1.50), in which 120 members write about their own researches. All these publications are available from the Secretary, Mr JA Readdie, 38 Archery Rise, Durham, DH1 4JQ.

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### "AG LABS AND SPADE HINDS"

Those who may have been puzzled as to the precise meaning of an agricultural ancestor's occupation as recorded in the 19th century Census Returns may find the following explanation, "straight from the horse's mouth" to be helpful. It is a note to the 1861 Census Enumerator's notebook for Carham parish (No. 2 District) Northumberland.

"This district is entirely agricultural and as such is composed of two classes only:- The farmer and his servants. The latter are divided into the following heads or local names; viz: Steward, Woman Steward, Ploughman or Ploughman Steward, Shepherd, Cowherd or Bireman. That is entered in this book "agric lab" is here called a hind and spade hind. The hind goes with the horses, as a ploughman or Carter, the spade hind works only with axe or spade at the edges and ditches. The Blacksmiths and Joiners here are also servants of the farmers. Two of each generally live at every other hamlet and work two days per week with one farmer and the remainder with a neighbouring farmer or farmers, but are the servants to the farmer where they live, being bound to find a woman labourer, like all the other men servants. The woman is for that reason called a bondager. Another kind of female labourer which does the same kind of work is called a cottar. Wm. Smith Esq, the most extensive farmer in my District, has returned all his shepherds, about 25 in No. There is only one Mill in my District, it is rented of the farmer - the miller lives in one of the servants' cottages and finds the farmer a woman labourer. Turnip sheep are sheep feeding on turnips.

"Ralph Reed, Enumerator, 13 April 1861".

## PRINCIPAL GENEALOGICAL SOURCES IN DURHAM COUNTY RECORD OFFICE

by Record Office Staff

- 1 C of E Parish Registers from the 16th century. A detailed list is available in the Record Office (a summary of this list appears on pages 9 to 13 of this Journal - Ed.).
- 2 Methodist and Congregational circuit and chapel baptism registers from about 1837 (most circuits and churches covered).
- 3 Birth and baptism registers of Roman Catholic and Non-conformist chapels before 1837 (microfilm - originals in the Public Record Office).
- 4 Household's Census Returns, 1841 (on order August 1975), 1851, 1861, 1871 (cover the whole county and parts of North Yorkshire bordering on the River Tees, e.g. the former Startforth RDC and Middlesbrough: microfilm - originals in the Public Record Office).
- 5 Index of names compiled from Parish Registers and transcripts (does not include all parishes - microfiche).
- 6 County Directories, 1827, 1829, 1834, 1848, 1855, 1879, 1890, 1902, 1910, 1925, 1929, 1934, 1938.  
Durham City Directories 1846-1915 a few gaps-, 1930, 1931, 1939, 1951-53.  
Sunderland Directory 1887.
- 7 Electoral Registers 1832-1974. (It should be remembered that all ~~men~~ <sup>women</sup> did not have the vote until after 1928. Some women property owners do appear on the registers from 1918).

### RECORDS NOT IN THE COUNTY RECORD OFFICE

A) Department of Palaeography and Diplomatic, University of Durham, South Road Durham City. Tel. Durham 61478. (Enquiries should be directed to the Reader, Mr JE Fagg).

1 Wills proved and administrations granted in the Consistory Court of Durham up to 1858. (If a person owned property in both the Diocese of Durham and in other Dioceses of the Northern Province, the will would have been proved at the Prerogative Court of York. These records are kept at the Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, St Anthony's Hall, Peaseholme Green, York. If a person owned property in both the Diocese of Durham and a Diocese of the Southern Province, the will would be proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. These records are kept in the Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1LR. For Wills proved since 1858, enquiries should be made to the Principal Probate Registry, Somerset House, Strand, London, WC2R 1LP).

2 Marriage Bonds from 1594.

3 Bishop's Transcripts of Parish Registers, c1760-1840 (there are gaps in this series).

### B) Gateshead Public Library, Local History and Archives Department

Records of:

St Mary's Parish (from 1558)

St John's Parish, Gateshead Fell (from 1825)

Gateshead Methodist Circuits



C) Newcastle upon Tyne Public Library, Reference Section

1. MSS and printed transcripts of many Northumberland and Durham parish registers up to 1812 (NB does not include all parishes).
2. Boyd's Marriage Index for Northumberland and Durham up to 1812 (NB does not include all parishes).
3. Index to Durham Marriage Bonds, 1594-1815.

It is planned to publish a detailed up-to-date article on the Genealogical MSS in Newcastle Library in an early edition of this Journal - Ed.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH REGISTERS IN DURHAM COUNTY RECORD OFFICE

Correct to September 1975

C: Baptismal Registers  
M: Marriage Registers  
B: Burial Registers

<u>PLACE</u> (as pointed out in list)	<u>DATES</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>
Auckland St Andrew	C 1558-1910; M 1558-1907; B 1558-1903;	EP/Au.SA 1-29
Auckland St Anne	C 1868-1886; M 1855-1905;	EP/Au.SA 64-68
Auckland St Helen	C 1593-1931; M 1593-1902; B 1593-1960;	EP/Au.SH 1-19
Auckland St Philip	C 1881-1952;	EP/Au.SP 81
Aycliffe	C 1560-1812; M 1560-1812; B 1560-1912;	EP/Ay 2-5
Benfieldside	C 1848-1955; M 1850-1957; B 1850-1953;	EP/Be 1-13
Binchester	C 1877-1958; B 1877-1940;	EP/BG 14, 15
Bishop Middleham	C 1559-1874; M 1559-1957; B 1559-1877;	EP/BM 1-4, 8-18
Bishopwearmouth	C 1567-1900; M 1567-1901; B 1567-1816;	EP/Biw 1-56
Bishopwearmouth St Peter	C 1872-1903; M 1872-1898;	EP/Biw 126-128
Blackhill	C 1885-1930; M 1886-1964;	EP/BI 1-7
Boldon	C 1572-1955; M 1573-1970; B 1571-1872;	EP/Bo 51-70
Brancepeth	C 1599-1964 M 1599-1837; B 1599-1875;	EP/Br 1-22
Burnmoor	C 1868-1964; M 1868-1967; B 1868-1963;	EP/Bu 1-12
Byers Green	C 1845-1955; M 1845-1956; B 1845-1956;	EP/BG 1-12
Castle Eden	C 1694-1871; M 1698-1837; B 1698-1912;	EP/CE 1-10, 12
	(not 1794-1812) (transcripts 1661-1812)	
Castleside	C 1864-1966; B 1867-1950;	EP/CAS 1-4
Castletown	C 1874-1954; M 1875-1953;	

Chilton Moor	C 1876-1944; M 1876 -1964;		EP/CM 1-13
Cockfield	C 1578-1846; M 1579-1837; B 1578-1806;		EP/Coc 1-7
Coniscliffe	C 1590-1646 M 1590-1643 B 1591-1645 1660-1896; 1662-1836; 1661-1910 (transcript 1590-1812)		EP/Co 1-7
Cornforth	C 1868-1954; M 1869-1954 B 1868-1948;		EP/Cof 1-20
Croxdale	C 1696-1920; M 1754-1955;		EP/Cr 1-8
Dalton-le-Dale	C 1653-1888; M 1653-1894; B 1653-1893;		EP/DD 1-7, 13-18
Darlington Holy Trinity	C 1843-1944; M 1843-1959; B 1843-1833;		EP/Da.HT 1-24
Darlington St Cuthbert	C 1590-1903; M 1590-1912; B 1590-1856;		EP/Da SC 1-31
Darlington St John	C 1847-1930; M 1853-1929;		EP/Da.SJ 1-11
Deaf Hill	C 1884-1948; M 1884-1961; B 1884-1948;		EP/DH 1 - 16
Denton	C 1586-1947; M 1579-1837; B 1576-1812;		EP/Dc 1-7
Deptford St Andrew	M 1845-1880;		EP/Biw 123-125
Durham St Cuthbert	C 1863-1903; M 1891-1914; B 1863-1901;		EP/Du SC 1-10
Durham St Giles	C 1548-1642; M 1584-1653; B 1584-1642; 1651; 1664-1711; 1661-1662; 1667-1711; 1723-1891; 1667-1680; 1714-1722; (incomplete) 1695-1711; 1723-1891;		EP/Du SG 1-19
Durham St Margaret	C 1558-1934; M 1558-1967; B 1558-1940		EP (Du SM 1-26 30-37)
Durham St Mary-le-Bow	C 1571-1931; M 1571-1643; B 1571-1812; 1687-1837		EP/Du.MB ; -5
Durham St Mary-the-less	C 1559-1810; M 1559-1842; B 1559-1917		EP/Du.ML 1-4
Durham St Nicholas	C 1540-1854; M 1540-1837; B 1540-1846;		EP/Du. SN 1-10
	Register of the Commonwealth Civil Registrar of County Durham for marriages 1653-1659 with civil registration of births 1653-1658 and deaths in the City of Durham 1653-1655. (transcripts of marr. 1540-1812).		
Durham St Oswald	CEB 1538-1751		B.DUR ST.OS REG.
Easington	C 1570-1850; M 1570-1837; B 1570-1932; (includes index for 1833-1840)		EP/Ea 1-16
East Rainton	C 1866-1932; M 1867-1953; B 1867-1917;		EP/ER 1-10
Edmundbyers	C 1717-1788; M 1755-1840; B 1740-1768; 1798-1968; 1775-1812;		EP/Ed 1-6, 27
Eaglescliffe	C 1539-1925; M 1540-1922; B 1540-1887;		EP/Eg 2-4, 6-10, 13

<del>Widener</del>	C 1474-1493; M 1479-1928; B 1883-1902; EP/W1 1-8
Eppleton	C 1887-1943; M 1888-1968; EP/Ep 1-15
Escomb	C 1543-1860; M 1543-1739 B 1543-1870 EP/Es 1-12 1741-1952; 1919-1943;
Esh	C 1567-1902; M 1570-1903; B 1585-1901; EP/Esh 1-13
Fyland's Bridge St Luke	C 1882-1921; EP/Au SA 85
Gainford	C 1560-1969; M 1570-1965; B 1570-1886; EP/Gai 3-13
Gateshead St Cuthbert	C 1864-1964; M 1865-1968; B 1865-1922; EP/Ga.SC 1-31
Gateshead St Mary	C 1559-1960; M 1559-1960; B 1558-1889; M2/1-21
Gateshead Ven. Bede	C 1876-1910; M 1885-1915; EP/Ga.VB 1-6
Greatham	C 1565-1892; M 1564-1836; B 1559-1913; EP/Gre 1-11
Grindon	C 1565-1884; M 1565-1837; B 1565-1938; EP/Gr 1-6
Hamsterley	C 1589-1835; M 1580-1957; B 1581-1850; EP/Ham 1-10
Hamsterley Christ Church	C 1896-1910; B 1895-1914; EP/Me 19,20
Haughton-le-Skerne	C 1569-1613; M 1569-1613; B 1569-1592; EP/Ha S 1-11 1633; 1633; 1633-1937; 1639-1914; 1657-1906;
Haverton Hill	C 1866-1953; M 1867-1952; B 1866-1973; EP/Hav 1-16
Hebburn St John	C 1887-1940; M 1887-1935; EP/Heb.SJ 1-5
Heighington	C 1585-1934; M 1570-1837; B 1559-1847; EP/He 1-8
Herrington	M 1841-1847; EP/Ho 49-50
Hotton-le-Hole	C 1832-1941 M 1832-1945; B 1832-1950; EP/HH 1-23
Heworth	C 1696-1944; M 1696-1957; B 1696-1966; EP/Hew 1-26, 34-65
Holmside	C 1870-1922; M 1870-1954; B 1870-1941; EP/Hol 1-10
Houghton-le-Spring	C 1563-1960; M 1563-1961 B 1563-1854; EP/Ho 1-41
Hunstanworth	C 1777-1960; M 1776-1959; B 1782-1959; M 20/2
Hunwick	C 1846-1924; M 1847-1953; B 1846-1908 EP/Hu 1/9
Ingleton	C 1844-1957; B 1845-1959; EP/In 1,2
Kelloe	C 1693-1901; M 1693-1767; B 1693-1902 EP/Kc 1-22 1813-1905;
Lamesley	C 1603-1966; M 1603-1642; B 1603-1684; M21/1-6 1653,1669, 1693-1913; 1676,1680, 1689-1970;

Lanchester	C 1560-1603; 1653-1863;	M 1560-1603; 1653-1894;	B 1560-1653; 1653-1880;	EP/La 1-21
Leadgate	C 1867-1942;	M 1867-1943;	B 1867-1946;	EP/Le 1-19
Long Newton	C 1564-1952;	M 1564-1837;	B 1564-1812;	EP/LN 1 - 8
Lunley	C 1858-1891;		B 1861-1896;	EP/Lu 1-5
Medomsley	C 1608-1917;	M 1608-1747; 1754-1900;	B 1608-1754; 1783-1900;	EP/Mc 1-16
Merrington	C 1579-1944;	M 1579-1967;	B 1579-1963;	EP/Mer 1-22
Middleton St George	C 1639-1871; (transcript, bap bur 1616-1812)	M 1616-1897;	B 1616-1903;	EP/Mi.SG 1-7
Monk Hesledon	C 1578-1948;	M 1578-1925;	B 1578-1908;	EP/MH 1-13
Monkwearmouth All Saints	C 1848-1957;	M 1849-1973;		EP/Mo.AS 1-3 10-25, 35-36
Monkwearmouth, St Cuthbert	C 1880-1896;			EP/Mo.SP 65-66
Monkwearmouth St Peter	C 1779-1895;	M 1735-1893;	B 1768-1891;	EP/Mo.SP 1-59,67
Monkwearmouth, Ven Bede	C 1873-1897;	M 1873-1899;	B 1875-1879;	EP/Mo.SP 60-64, 68
Muggleswick	C 1813-1903;	M 1813-1846;	B 1813-1902;	EP/Mu 1-3
Newbottle	C 1850-1956;	M 1851-1953;	B 1851-1920;	EP/Ne 1-18
Newfield			B 1950-1955;	EP/SG18
Pelton	C 1843-1952;	M 1843-1967;	B 1842-1959;	EP/Pe 1-21
Penshaw	C 1754-1860;	M 1754-1874;	B 1754-1851;	EP/Pen 1-7
Pittington	C 1574-1949;	M 1574-1837;	B 1574-1899;	EP/Pi 1-21
Redmarshall	C 1564-1888;	M 1560-1837;	B 1559-1812;	EP/Re 1-6
Ryhope	C 1827-1896	M 1854-1895;	B 1828-1937;	EP/Ry 1-7
Sacrison	C 1866-1951;	M 1866-1947;	B 1866-1955;	EP/Sa 1-18
Sadberge	C 1662-1967;	M 1663-1959;	B 1662-1910;	EP/Sad 1-8
Seaham Harbour St John	C 1845-1928;	M 1847-1947;	B 1841-1936;	EP/Sea.H 1-14
Seaham New	C 1857-1967;	M 1861-1970;	B 1860-1954;	EP/NS 1-21
Seaham St Mary	C 1709-1861; (transcript; C1646-1812;	M 1709-1836; M 1652-1812;	B 1709-1966; B1653-1812;)	EP/Sea 1-6,10 B.SEA. R&G
Sedgefield	C 1580-1897;	M 1580-1881;	B 1580-1926;	EP/Se 1-13

Sherburn Hospital	C 1692-1812; M 1695-1763; B 1678-1812;	EP/Sh. H 1-3
Sherburn St Mary	C 1872-1933; M 1872-1971; B 1872-1947;	EP/She 1-7
Shildon St John	C 1834-1922; M 1834-1903; B 1834-1938;	EP/Sh 17-30
Shotton	C 1854-1907; M 1854-1909; B 1854-1902;	EP/Sho 1-7
South Hetton	C 1838-1901; M 1863-1911; B 1838-1898;	EP/SH 1-5
South Hylton	C 1821-1934; M 1839-1929; B 1821-1883;	EP/S. Hy 1-6
South Shields St Stephen	C 1846-1955; M 1848-1954; B 1848-1947;	EP/SS. SS 1-35
Southwick	C 1845-1895; M 1846-1890; B 1844-1862;	EP/so 1-8
Stockton-on-Tees St Thomas	C 1637-1897; M 1637-1898; B 1621-1839;	EP/Sto 1-37
Stockton-on-Tees St James	C 1868-1899; M 1868-1894;	EP/Sto 73-77
Stockton-on-Tees St Peter	C 1876-1942; M 1881-1940;	EP/Sto SP 1-12
Stranton	- 1580-1900 -	EP/Str
Tanfield	C 1719-1915; M 1720-1951; B 1796-1959;	EP/Ta 1-22
Tow Law	C 1878-1969; M 1876-1957; B 1878-1934;	EP/TL 1-11
Trindon	C 1721-1869; M 1721-1940; B 1721-1891;	EP/Tr 1-9
Usworth	C 1835-1902; M 1835-1911; B 1835-1901;	EP/Us 1-7
West Harton	C 1890-1924; M 1890-1924;	EP/.H 1-6
West Rainton	C 1825-1948; M 1827-1961; B 1825-1929;	EP/WR 1-20
Whickham	C 1576-1925; M 1579-1946; B 1576-1921;	EP/WL 1-11, 38-52
Whitburn	C 1611-1798; M 1579-1904; B 1579-1798; 1813-1906;	EP/Whit 1-12 1813-1936;
Whitworth	C 1569-1810; M 1569-1753; B 1570-1810;	EP/Whi 1
Whorlton	C 1626-1658; M 1714-1951; B 1678-1812; 1675-1686; 1692-1812 (transcript; C 1626-1812; M 1713-1812; B 1669-1812;)	EP/Wro 1-3
Winston	C 1572-1900; M 1574-1837; B 1573-1812; (transcript; C 1572-1812; M 1574-1812; B 1573-1812;	EP/Wi 1-5 B. WIN. REG)
Witton Gilbert	C 1571-1956; M 1571-1966; B 1570-1955;	M23/1-3
Witton-le-Mear	C 1558-1964; M 1558-1938; B 1558-1958;	EP/W 1-14
Wolviston	C 1761-1953; M 1763-1780; B 1869-1935; 1860-1965;	EP/wo 1-5, 11-12

### ODD BORDERERS

by J A Readdie

Genealogists are accustomed to searching a neighbouring parish for those elusive baptisms, marriages and burials which cannot be found in the expected place. Searchers in the two border counties of Northumberland and Cumberland, however, have also to cope with a fair degree of movement of population in each direction between England and Scotland, and must face the fact that if an ancestor cannot be found in England he may well turn up on the Scottish side of the border. In the early Victorian period this creates a particular problem, which arises from the different dates of commencement of civil registration in the two countries - 1st July 1837 in England, but not until 1st January 1855 in Scotland - and from the differences between the civil registrations (births and deaths) and the church registrations (baptisms and burials).

A searcher for a border birth after 1837, whose "quarry" cannot be found at St Catherine's House, may well conclude that he should next try the Parish registers on the Scottish side, and indeed this assumption will be productive in many instances. What may not be so obvious, however, is that some children were born in Scotland who were then baptised in England. Consequently, if the birth occurred in the period 1837 - 1855 it will be recorded neither in the English birth registrations nor in the Scottish baptism registers, but will in fact appear only in the baptism register of the English church.

In Northumberland, cross-border movement of a local nature is of course most marked in the parishes in the far north or north-west of the county, where the next parish is in fact over the border, and it is to the registers of those parishes we must look for most of these "odd" baptisms. They are identifiable by the Scottish address of the parents, and it is reasonable to surmise that at least one of the parents was English and that the child was being brought back to an English "home" parish for baptism. In the border parish of Norham, for instance, there are over 50 such baptisms between 1837 and 1855, whilst in Berwick there are 34 in the three years 1837 - 1839 alone.

There is a similar situation with the English post-1837 church burial registers, where a number of entries relate to people of Scottish "abode", who presumably died in Scotland and will therefore not appear in the civil registrations of death in England. The assumption here is that the deceased was English, or at least had strong English connections, and was brought back from Scotland to his English parish or origin for burial. The Norham register, 1837 - 1855, includes 40 such entries, whilst there are 16 in Kirknewton.

The Northumbrian border parishes are Berwick, Norham, Cornhill, Carham, Kirknewton, Alwinton, Alsdon and Palstone, but to a lesser extent the same situation no doubt arises in parishes such as Tweedmouth, Ancroft and Ford which, while not quite on the border, are near enough to be "within walking distance" of Scotland.

I feel that an attempt should be made to publish these "odd" baptism and burial entries and, as a start in this direction, here are the baptism entries for Berwick Parish for the years 1837 - 1840 and the burials for Norham parish for 1838 and 1839.

(The Editor would be pleased to have members' comments on the value of this list, and whether members think it worthwhile to print similar lists in future issues of the Journal).

CROSS-BORDER BAPTISMS: BERWICK PARISH, 1837-1840

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>
13.8.1837	Mary Ann	James & Hannah YORK	Red Haugh	Preventive Service
13.8.1837	Mary	William & Margaret FULTON	Eyemouth	Labourer
20.8.1837	Alexander	Alexander & Agnes PATERSON	Coldingham	Labourer
27.8.1837	Janet	Robert & Janet WILLIS	Eyemouth	Fisherman
31.12.1837	Rebecca	James & Elizabeth HERMISTON	Nethermains, Chirnside	Farmer
7. 1.1838	Margaret	Illegit. dau. Mary DAVIDSON	Edinburgh	-----
25. 3.1838	Wm Crosby	Archibald & Rachel WHITEHEAD	P of Swinton	Husbandman
1.4 .1838	John	Illegit. son Mary NICHOLSON	P of Chirnside	-----
13. 5.1838	Margaret	Wm & Catherine PATTISON	Eyemouth	Mariner
22. 7.1838	John	James & Jane KAY	Dunse	Farmer
26. 8.1838	Catherine	Alexander & Ann SGRIBBES	Eyemouth	Husbandman
4.10.1838	James	George & Sarah INGRAM	Dunse	Shoemaker
14.10.1838	Alexander	John & Catherine MANUEL	Eyemouth	Cooper
14.10.1838	Agnes	Wm & Jane FULTON	Eyemouth	Labourer
20.10.1838	Hannah	James & Mary WATSON	Kimmergen Berwickshire	Labourer
9.12.1838	Jane	Alexander & Ellen WILSON	Eyemouth	Mariner
25. 1.1839	John	Illegit. son Catherine RICHARDSON	Ayton	-----
17. 3.1839	Roger Moffat	George & Isabella DUDGEON	Eyemouth	Cooper
24. 3.1839	George	David & Alison MITCHISON	Chirnside	Saddler
24. 3.1839	Alexander	Alexander & Mary McLEAN	Chirnside	Labourer
19. 5.1839	Elizabeth	James & Agnes WOOD	Eyemouth	Stonemason
26. 5.1839	Henry	Illegit. son Isabella SIMPSON	Fishwick Mains	-----
20. 6.1839	Jane	John & Mary CONNELL	Greenlaw	Weaver
10. 7.1839	Catherine	Hugh & Mary Ann McCORMICK	Edinburgh	Tailor
14. 7.1839	Robert	Robert & Margaret LOUGH	Eyemouth	Mariner
25. 7.1839	Sarah	Illegit. dau Janet BOOKLESS	Ayton	-----
28. 7.1839	Bartholemew	Illegit. son Ann GIBSON	High Laws, Berwickshire	-----
1. 8.1839	Mary Sarah	George & Ann MORGAN	Edrington	Gentleman
29. 8.1839	Margaret	Thomas & Christian GIBSON	Horndean	Mason
22. 9.1839	Mary	William & Jane MACKAY	Eyemouth	Accountant
7.10.1839	Joseph	Illegit. son Frances WILSON	Dunse	-----
10.11.1839	Thomas	John Fordyce & Jane LOUGH	Dunse	Ropemaker
17.11.1839	Henry James	James & Elizabeth HERMISTON	Nethermains, Berwickshire	Farmer
9.2. 1840	John	Alexander & Eleanor WILSON	Eyemouth	Fisherman
9. 2.1840	Mary	Paul & Alison ROBINSON	Eyemouth	Fisherman
14. 2.1840	James Swan Cameron	James & Beatrice Cameron CALDER	Eyemouth	Supervisor of Excise
22. 3.1840	Mary	Wm & Catherine PATTISON	Eyemouth	Tilemaker
22. 3.1840	James	Illegit. son Elizabeth LOUGH	Eyemouth	-----
19. 4.1840	Robert	Illegit. son Agnes YOUNG	Coldingham	-----

CROSS-BORDER BURIALS: NORHAM PARISH, 1838 - 1839

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ABODE</u>	<u>AGE</u>
25. 7.1838	Barnabas FIGGINS	Hutton Mill	24
27.11.1838	Andrew PALMER	Now Hutton	2
24.12.1838	Isabella NICHOLSON	Lennel Hill, Coldstream	3 weeks
13. 4.1839	James GILLIS	High Ridge Hall	89
1.12.1839	John CARR	Tweed Mill, Scotland	82
14.12.1839	Isabella MUCKLE	Paxton	55

## MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERESTS

Every member, on joining the Society, will be allotted a short paragraph in which his (or her) interests will be summarised. The following is a selection of the interests of our membership so far. We regret that lack of space prevents us mentioning everyone's interests in this issue. It is intended to make good the omissions in the next issue.

- 1 Mr CP NEAT, FSG, 43 Westcliffe Road, Sunderland.
- 2 Mrs M HEY, 20 Archery Rise, Neville's Cross, Durham.
- 3 Mr D MASON, Flat 1, 48 Cunningham Park, Harrow, Middlesex.
- 4 Mr G NICHOLSON, 57 Manor Park, Concord 11, Washington, Tyne and Wear.
- 5 Mr JA DEADDIE, 38 Archery Rise, Neville's Cross, Durham.
- 6 Mr BE VINE, 34 Northumberland Ave, Gosforth, Newcastle 3.
- 7 Mr AH PERRY, 11 Balmoral Road, Oakham, Rutland, Leics.  
 Mr Perry is Secretary of Leicester University Genealogical Society and traces his family to Benjamin Perry, said to have been a native of Alnwick, Benjamin was born c1780 but his baptism has not yet been found. Also interested in Todd of Snitter.
- 8 Mr JK BISHOP, 98 Grange Road, Belmont, Durham.
- 9 Mr R. CROMARTY, 40 Portland Road, East Grinstead, Sussex.  
 Prime interest is tracing living descendants of Wm Cromarty who married Jean Lumsden at Holy Island 25 Jan 1725. Also descendants of John Friar, d 1800 aged 70, bur Tweedmouth. Burial register says "believed to be rightful heir to the Detchant Estate" but he has never proved this. Would welcome correspondence on Friar or Cromarty.
- 10 Mr H HARDING, 479 Aigburth Road, Liverpool, L19 9BL.  
 Especially interested in Forster of N Shields. Requires birth of George Forster who marr Hannah Cook at Tynemouth in 1810 and may have been born c1845 near Dyehouse, Hexham.
- 11 Mr GT MILLICAN, 58 Cameron St, Dunfermline, Fife.  
 Proposes some day to write a book on Millican family, on which he has much information. Once wrote to every 10th Millican in the phone book. West coast people mostly replied but Easterners either had something to hide or were illiterate! This must mean something! Family mostly from Northumberland and Cumberland.
- 12 Mr W BUTTERLEY, 51 Ashley Road, South Shields.  
 Butterley, of Earsdon/Tynemouth 1815 onwards and before that at Gateshead. Also Brown, village blacksmith at Earsdon, mid 19th cent.
- 13 Mr PM BROUGH, 17 Ashurst Road, Sutton Coldfield B76 8JH.  
 Has 20 family trees of Brough of Birmingham. Interested in Robt Brough (c1827-1900) who (?) marr Jane Mullins of Ireland and had issue in Staffs and Warks. Robt was born at Hawthorn, Co Durham. Also Barnabas Brough born N/cle c1794 and "theatrical" Broughs. On maternal line his gt-gt-gdmother Isabella Brookes was born N/cle c1821 (750 in 1871) and marr Henry Kirby (?where). She lived in Walsall in 1871.
- 14 Mr DC HARRIS, 25 Wear Lodge, Chester-le-Street.  
 Interested in Gilhosp, Parnaby, Henderson, Garret, Thubron, Ladgin, Gibbon and Boor (all of Durham), Lawson of Durham and Nblid, Ullithorne of Durham and N Yorks, Duxton of Norfolk and Harris of Norfolk and Essex.
- 15 Mr F FURNESS, 41 Lindisfarne Terrace, North Shields.
- 16 Mr FJ VAUGHAN, 3 Sylvester Court, Sylvester Road, Wembley, Middlesex.  
 Has traced five branches of his family to Nblid. Earliest are: (?) Wm Edger, marr Jane Armstrong, Whitfield, 1709; Wm Stobbs, marr Ann Forster Hexham, 1745; Wm Cummin, marr Isabel Dixon, Allendale, 1760; Wm Tailford, marr Ann Robson, (?) Simonburn, c1790; John Hall, marr Dorothy Forster, Hexham, 1799.
- 17 Mr PC PEARSON, 164 Campden Hill Road, London W8.  
 Interests: Pearson (Swalwell), Walton (?ayton), Huntley (Biriling, Markworth and Gateshead), Chilton (Stranton and Monk Hesledon(?)), Elder (Biriling) and Gardel (Stranton(?)).



- 18 Rev E BATY, The Rectory, Hope Bowlder, Church Stretton, Salop.  
Has traced back to Edward Baty, bap Chollerton, 6 Mar 1785; Sarah Robson, born Cl830, dau Joseph or John Robson, niece of James Robson, a prominent Methodist and lace Merchant; Mr Thompson of Whitehaven and his wife, Jane Bruce; Thos Wilson, wason, Wallsend, who marr Anna Boardman; Robt Collins (or Collinge) Storer, grocer and Methodist, S Shields, son of Jonathan Storer and born N Shields 27 Jan 1829. Considers tracing of Baty connection could reveal something of the history of the Northumberland small pipes in the mid 18th/early 19th century. Offers research in Salop and CRO on "hour by hour" basis.
- 19 Mr JR REAY, Maythorne, 5 North Road, Berwick-on-Tweed.  
Main interest is the Reay family of Ponteland. Would welcome correspondence from anyone else interested.
- 20 Mr W. VEITCH, "Haydon", 39 Twinson Road, Burwen, Lancs.  
Interested in Veitch of W Northumberland and N Tyne areas, before 1850.
- 21 Mrs MA COOKE, 10 Limehurst Road, Darlington, DL3 6SE.  
Interested in Bowes, Burningham and Romalldkirk areas, all N Yorks, particularly families of Milner (and Mary Milner who marr. the Earl of Strathmore), Kiplings and Brown.
- 22 Mr JC WOOD, "Westholme", Shadforth, Durham.  
Morpeth and Gateshead (175-1815), Chester-le-Street and Haswell, especially families of Wood, Chalder and Catcheside.
- 23 Dr AS THUBRON, Whitburn House, Whitburn.
- 24 Mr J BARKER, 144 Desborough Avenue, High Wycombe, Bucks HP11 2BU.
- 25 Mr A ARMSTRONG, 16 Kingsley Av, Daventry, Northants, NN1 14AW.  
Main interests are: Armstrong; Lawther (Lanercost, Cbld); Inggee (Haydon Bridge); Carrick (Lanercost and Haltwhistle); Carr (Haltwhistle); English (Rothbury); Mills (Sunderland); Townsend (Torquay); Hamer (Radnorshire). Willing to search his own files for Sm. These contain many references to Armstrong; also has microfilms of Registers of Haltwhistle (Bur 1723-1750, Bap 1691-1775), Lanercost (Bap, Marr, Burr 1666-1730) and Newcastle (Bap, Marr, Bur 1670-1750).
- 26 Mrs J HANSON, 109 Kitson Hill Road, Mirfield, Yorks.
- 27 Miss R BROWN, 25 The Oval, Benton, Newcastle, NE12 9PP.  
Asks for help with research into Brown of Escomb and Wheatley of Durham.
- 28 Mr PRD DAVISON, 571 Barton Road, Middlesbrough, Cleveland.  
Mentions particularly his family connection with railways. Families of special interest are Bulmer (N Yorks and Durham), Davison (Durham and the Borders), Dixon (Northumberland), Elstob/Heelstrop (N Yorks and S Durham), Hunter, Oliver (Chilton and Werrington).
- 29 Miss J PHILLIPS, 1 Heath Cottage, Tuttington, Norwich NR11 6TE.  
Has traced own line back to McKenzie of Beadnell (1726-1812). Looking for baptism of Ann McKenzie (marr in London, aged 21 in 1824), and believes her to be a relative (2 dau) of Murdoch McKenzie of Beadnell (b 1763), a sea captain who moved to London (when). Requires information on dates of appearance and disappearance of Murdoch in Beadnell.
- 30 Mr JR GRIEVES, 21 Boyd Cres, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear.  
Grandson of William Grieve, a groom from Wooler whose parents were tailors. Has searched 1851, 61 and 71 censuses but with contradictory results. Maternal grandfather was Joseph Hunter, possibly born at Wheatley Hill and son of William. Is still busy tracing and would welcome advice.
- 31 Mrs J GLEKHORN, 37 Great Lime Road, Forest Hall, Newcastle, NE12 0AB.  
Interested in Gleghorn of Killingworth and Hann of Longbenton.
- 32 Mr D MARTIN, 23 Felton Drive, Forest Hall, Newcastle, NE12 9ED.  
Researching Martin of north Northumberland, especially George Martin, a shepherd at Detchant, Belford, who died in 1850 aged 44. Also his sister Susan, believed born at Ford in 1825; John Martin b Belford 1834; Christopher B. rras, Innkeeper, Newcastle, late 19th Century.
- 33 Mr KDD HENDERSON, Orchard House, Steeple Langford, by Salisbury, Wilts.  
Has amassed much information over the last 25 years, particularly on Atkinson of Washington (descendants of John Job Atkinson of Bowburn.

Hall, mining engineer, nicknamed "the father of ventilation"); Carr of Dotland Park, Hexhamshire and Roseworth (connections with Grey of Milfield and Johnson of Scremerston); Johnson of Hexhamshire; Cook of Woolley, near Slaley.

34 Mr A P BROWN, 56 Marlborough Rd, Slough, Bucks, SL3 7LH.

Retired, and a member of the Society of Genealogists, Mr Brown is available to undertake research.

35 Mr AGS BUNTING, 17 Moor Place, Gosforth, Newcastle NE3 4AL.

A member of the Society of Genealogists, he is very interested in recording Monumental Inscriptions and considers this should be a major priority of the Society. Interested in Matthew Richardson of Bishop Auckland, yeoman, who marr, Seaham, 1736, Martha Downs. Has searched some 25 parishes in an attempt to find Matthew's parentage but has only found two conflicting entries (Durham St Nicholas, 1704 and Easington 1710). Has a lot of Richardson detail and is willing to correspond with others interested.

36 Mr C MALFEPENNY, 182 Tean Rd, Cheadle, Stoke-on-Trent, ST10 1NQ.

Seeks marr of Wm Grey to Sarah Ann Moore, which cannot be found in St Catherine's House 1863-1883. Also Begbie Hood, who according to the census was born in Berwick but is not in the parish registers. When he died in Gateshead in 1855 aged 71 the name on the death cert. was Stirling Bigbie Hood (a son became an apprentice hatmaker in Berwick 1833). Also Wm Clarke, Mariner, probably born in Dalkeith, 1799, died Gateshead 1856, marr margt. Grey/Gray of South Shields.

37 Miss PJ STOREY, 29 MacDowell Road, Edinburgh, EH9 3EQ.

38 Mr TE CHILVERS, 61 Canterbury Road, Redcar, Cleveland TS10 3QG.

Interests: Hildreth; Holmes; Russell; Ramsey; - all Berwick area. Searching for; James Hildreth, marr 175?, Johanna Eliza Holmes, b 185? Isabella Russell b 182? Eliz. Ramsey, b 179?. Would be willing to search, gratis for interests of fellow members in his own area. Possesses three volumes of American "Hildreth family association", and would reply to queries from these volumes.

39 Mr K YOUNG 38 Regent Street, Hetton-le-Hole, Co Durham.

40 Mr JM PHALP, 3 Carlton Court, Carlton Road, Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire.

Wants details of marr of Anderson Phalp with Dorothy -----, c1820, probably in a Nfld mining parish. The first child of the marr was Anderson (b c1826); the second was Wm Thompson (bap Earsdon 7 Nov 1828).

41 Major ASC BROWNE, DL, Callaly Castle, Alnwick, Northumberland.

Seeks information on Armourer of Tweedmouth Castle and Berwick-on-Tweed, with special reference to Alderman Mark Armourer of Berwick Corporation c1670 and Elizabeth Armourer, b Jan 1632, marr Wm Brown(e) June 1676, d April 1680.

42 Mr AJL WINCHESTER, 72 Kelvin Grove, Newcastle NE2 1RL.

Interested in Hall of Westgate and St John's Chapel (1700-1800). Also Joseph Hall, clockmaker, Alston, who marr Elizabeth Bustin of St John's Chapel at Stanhope in 1794.

43 Mrs EJ MACDONALD, 12 Leeway Road, Rainworth, Mansfield, Notts.

Requires information on Featherstone family.

44 Mr T GRAHAM, 391 Plessey Road, Blyth, Northumberland.

Most elusive ancestor is Mary Stephenson, according to 1851 census born at "Birkleythorne, England" (where is this place?). Her parents were marr at St Andrews, N/cle, 1820 and Mary was eldest of family. Her sisters were all born in N/cle but Mary was not bap at All Saints, St John's, St Nicholas' or St Andrew's, Newcastle.

45 Mr R GALLOWAY, 15 Torver Close, Brunswick Green, wideopen, Newcastle.

46 Mrs J COOKE, 40 The Roystons, Surbiton, Surrey.

Seeking bap of George Pickering (b c 1690). Possible parents are Walter Pickering and Catherine Moore. Also requires connection between George, John and Ralph Pickering, all of Bonas Hill, Walton from c 1710. Also interested in parentage of Isabella Kaysbet, marr Geo Pickering c 1836, Geo. was born at Bonas Hill 1810 and later lived in or near Lenington.

- 47 Dr JA HEDLEY, 12 Raven Way, Hadleigh, Nr Ipswich, Suffolk.  
Seeking Parents, brothers and sisters of Thomas Hedley (b c1739, probably in the Acomb area, St John Lee parish). He marr Catherine Codling of Corbridge 11 June 1769 and d 30 Nov 1812 aged 73. Has experienced difficulty as the St John Lee register from 1745 was stolen in 1750! (see NCN Vol 4, p134).
- 48 Mr RC ROUTLEDGE, "Linden Lea" 1 Linden Road, Broom, Ferryhill, Co Durham
- 49 Dr CW GIBBY, PhD.FSA. Prebends Gate, Quarry Heads Lane, Durham.  
Dr Gibby is well known in local history and Genealogical circles in the North-East and is currently running genealogy courses for the area in Killingworth, Durham and Gateshead.
- 50 Mr B DIXON, Grey Gates, Harpenden, Herts.
- 51 Mr N BILTON, 36 Clarence Gate Gardens, London W11.  
Looking for the birth of William Bilton, who signed the Protestation in Ryton in 1640 and was married there in 1647. Also any information on Biltons in the period 1358-1550.
- 52 Miss DM SPARKS, Latchetts, North Road, Alfriston, Sussex, BN12 5AL.  
Families of interest are: Turner of Tynemouth/Stannington; Dawson of Earsdon; Jordanson of Tynemouth and Latts of Tynemouth - all 18th and 19th Century.
- 53 Mr RL WATSON, Martlets, Bessingham Road, Stelling Minnis, Kent.  
Has done considerable research into Watson and Lovet families throughout our two Counties and has deposited a privately produced volume on Hewetson of Westmorland (with Durham connections) in Durham Record Office and Newcastle and Sunderland Public Libraries.
- 54 Mr RH CHAPMAN, 29 Moor Crescent, Newcastle.  
Descended from William Chapman who marr (?Riding Mill c 1785) Hannah Hedley. Their grandson, Hedley Chapman, founded the family furniture firm in 1847. Has a descent in the female line from Hackworth, which he believes may be the same family as Timothy Hackworth the Loco. pioneer from Wylam. Wishes to pursue this further and has traced the Hackworth line to William, Innkeeper, of Old Elvet, Durham, 1840 and Pilgrim St Newcastle in 1850's. Also wants to explore connection with another of the early loco. engineers of Wylam - William Hedley (via the above Hannah Hedley).
- 55 Mrs DG COLE, 37 Mesbury Road, Heaton, Newcastle NE6 5LB.  
Interested in the family of Sir Francis Blake of Twizell Castle and Tillmouth Park. Also in Twizell, Norham, Cornhill and Ford areas.
- 56 Mr L HARLE, 9 Heathdale Gardens, Newcastle NE7 7JR.
- 57 Mrs HM HINDMARSH, 5 Elmwood Road, Whitley Bay.  
Interested in Hindmarsh of Alnwick and Wallsend. The Alnwick branch has been traced back to 1660 but there she stuck!
- 58 Mr RB HEWITSON, 20 Coverdale Road, Stockton-on-Tees, TS19 7ZA.
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- 63 Mrs A TOLL, Tolsfolie, Bachwick, Nr Dalton, Newcastle.
- 64 Mrs E COOK, 51 Heatherslaw Road, Fenham, Newcastle.
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- 66 Mrs MC BULLOCK-ANDERSON, 202 Wingrove Road, Newcastle 4.
- 67 Mr EM LIDGATE, 28 Chillingham Road, Newton Hall, Durham.
- 68 Mr RI DUNCAN, 22 Douglas Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.
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A further selection of members' interests will appear in the next issue.

## THE FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

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Chairman of the Federation

The Federation of Family History Societies had its beginnings in the English Genealogical Congress held at Canterbury in April 1974 when several prominent members of regional societies present got together to discuss some ideas whereby regional societies could profitably work together. Co-operation between one or two societies had been taking place for some time and it was felt that this could be expanded considerably.

The discussions proved very fruitful and as a result a meeting was held in Birmingham in June 1974 to which a wide range of interested societies and bodies were invited. After a long day of discussion, and even argument, the British Federation of Genealogical, Heraldic and Allied Societies was inaugurated. Thankfully that rather cumbersome title was subsequently shortened to our present one - the F.F.H.S.

All that was over 12 months ago and a tremendous amount of progress has since been made. As of today we have 20 Regional Societies, 2 University societies, 3 National Societies, 8 Name Societies and 2 Allied Societies in the Federation and membership is still steadily growing. We also have the active interest of the Society of Genealogists, the Heraldry Society and the College of Arms.

Having established our Federation, what is its function?

The original stated objects were: to bring together Societies who have a common interest in Genealogy, Heraldry and Allied Subjects; to pool ideas and resources and to generally promote liaison between them.

These we still see as our basic aims although for diplomatic purposes the wording may be altered slightly when we adopt our constitution.

Essentially, we see the Federation's function as that of liaison between Societies and, wherever possible, getting the larger and longer-established ones to help the smaller, newer ones. We also want to initiate new Societies where none exist at present. Our member Societies vary widely in size from the Birmingham and Midland Society with over 700 members to the newly formed Northumberland and Durham Society and we are sure that by pooling ideas and resources, exchanging visits, joining together for exhibitions, conferences, advertising, etc. we can all, large or small, play an equal part in promoting the gospel of family history. We can also learn a great deal from each other.

When we say "pool resources", of course, we are not thinking of putting our money into one fund or anything like that. Perhaps an example or two will explain more clearly what we have in mind. We have just produced a membership card which is complete except for the name of the Society. For a Society of only 200 members these could be very expensive to produce but because the Federation has printed several thousand, thus bringing the cost down to rock bottom, a small Society can purchase them very cheaply and all it has to do is type, write or rubber stamp its own title on the cover. Similarly, our exchange of Journals project - a small Society could not afford to pay a reader's subscription to all the other Societies to obtain their magazines for its library but by simply printing 25 or so extra of its own Journal, it will automatically receive the others in exchange - free.

These are just two ideas we have already acted upon. We have many others in the pipeline which are all designed to help the individual Societies and we hope the Societies themselves will bring forward any ideas they may have to the half-yearly Federation meetings.

These meetings are proving a great success and are now settling into a standard pattern. They take place over a weekend - on the Saturday the host Society organises a Conference with a panel of speakers and an exhibition, and in the evening there is a dinner. On the Sunday the Federation Council has its business meeting. The first was held in Brighton but instead of a Conference on the Saturday we had Heritage '74, the Family History public exhibition. The second was also at Brighton and was hosted by the Sussex Society. The next was in Birmingham in September this year, sponsored by the Birmingham and Midland Society and in 1975 the spring meeting will be in Norwich where the Norfolk and Norwich Society will be the hosts. The following one will be in London in August during the 13th International Congress. We hope other Societies will come forward and offer to host these gatherings; we would particularly like to see one held in the North.

On matters of national policy (such as the recent projected move out of London of the General Index of Births, Marriages and Deaths) the Federation is now being consulted and our voice - as representing so many small Societies - listened to, whereas it is very unlikely that they would have been consulted individually. We are at the moment being asked to comment on the revision of parochial fees, a matter of great concern to all genealogists.

You may ask "How can the Federation arrange for the larger Societies to help the smaller?" Well, there are many ways but perhaps one example will give readers the idea. Suppose a small Society had transcribed a parish register which it felt was a very important one and should be published, but did not have the financial resources itself to do so. The Federation could put the case to one of the larger, wealthier Societies and possibly arrange for them to fund the operation, on a profit-sharing basis, of course, and thus not only benefit genealogists everywhere but also make it possible for the small Society to bring all its hard work to a proper fruition.

I am very grateful for this opportunity of getting over to you some idea of what we are trying to achieve. In the past there has been far too much valuable work done that has never achieved its full usefulness because it has been regarded as semi-private property and if we can achieve our twin aims of liaison and telling everyone we can exactly what is going on in different parts of the country then I think the Federation will have justified its existence.

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#### THE SOCIETIES OF THE FEDERATION

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##### Bristol & Avon Family History Society

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##### Chester Family History Society

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Cambridge University Heraldic & Genealogical Society

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The Heraldry Society

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The Institute of Heraldic & Genealogical Studies

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The Catholic Record Society

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The Association of Teachers of Family History

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## "ONE NAME" SOCIETIES

For the families of BUTLER, DALTON, EDWARDS (NZ) FILBY, GRUBB, HAMLEY, HARRINGTON, HIGGEBOTTOM, LEWTH, PALGRAVE, ROSE, SANDERS, SWINERTON, THIRKILL/THRELKELD. Details of the Secretaries, etc, of these Societies may be had from the Editor (Please enclose SAE).

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## THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

Address by Mr JK Bishop  
Durham County Archivist

The first official meeting of the Society was held in Newcastle Central Library on Thursday 18th September at 7.15pm and was attended by almost 60 people.

The Chairman, Mr CP Neat FSG, began by welcoming everyone to the Society and commenting on the excellent turnout, which was approximately twice what had been expected. People had come to the meeting from all over the North-East and one lady had travelled from as far away as Nottingham. Even this, however, was eclipsed by Mrs DA Sinclair, who had come from Vancouver, British Columbia - though not, it must be added, especially for our meeting!

Mr Neat then introduced the Officers of the Society, after which Mr JK Bishop, Durham County Archivist and a member of our Committee, gave a short introductory address.

Mr Bishop began by saying that as an Archivist he was particularly happy to be associated with a genealogical society, as genealogy was the "bread and butter" of the Archives profession. He mentioned that the North-East had become one of very few regions of the country where there was not an active society such as ours. There had never, to his knowledge, been any such society in the region before this, although he did refer to the Northumberland and Durham Parish Register Society, which had folded in the 1920's. This had been purely a Publishing Society and had issued some 40 volumes of the Parish Registers of the region under the guidance of Herbert Maxwell Wood. Unfortunately it had been killed off by the very high costs of publishing such books and the small number of members who were willing to subscribe.

It was particularly apt that a Family History Society should be formed to cover Northumberland and Durham as the two Counties corresponded very closely to the old Diocese of Durham as it was before 1881. The records of the area were, on the whole, well preserved and there were several very good Record Offices and Reference Libraries available to researchers. One outstanding collection of genealogical material was that of the Newcastle Central Library, the documents being kept only a few yards from the room where we were meeting, while the Tyne and Wear Record Office, with much archive material relating to the Parishes and Guilds of Newcastle was only a stone's throw away.

Apart from mutual encouragement and assistance Mr Bishop saw several tasks which the more active members might like to undertake. The records of the region between 1812 (the terminating date of the wood transcripts) and 1837 (the start of civil registration) were not as easily available as were some of those for earlier periods. There was work to be done in producing material for an extension of Boyd's marriage Index to cover these years, and indeed all the post-1812 registers must be considered candidates for transcription together with those earlier ones not yet transcribed. Much fieldwork was currently being undertaken towards the copying of Monumental Inscriptions. The Society could well take it upon itself the organisation and co-operation of such work to ensure uniformity of treatment and to prevent duplication. It was hoped that members would encourage all those having archive material in their care,

especially if

of genealogical value, to deposit it at the appropriate Record Office. Members of a Society such as ours should consider it their duty to work for the better preservation of such genealogical evidence as exists.

As an example of what has happened in the past when records have fallen into unsympathetic hands, Mr Bishop mentioned the clerk at the Durham Diocesan Registry "many decades ago" who was in the habit of using the Wills in his care to light his pipe, remarking as he did so "Here goeth the Testator"!

Following Mr Bishop's address a question-and-answer session developed, in which members and those considering joining were able to obtain more information on how it was intended the Society should be run, and to offer their suggestions for future activities and projects. All the suggestions made have been noted by the Committee and will be given every consideration.

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#### CERTIFICATE FEES INCREASE BY 260%

The recent increase in the fees charged by the General Register Office, St Catherine's House (formerly Somerset House) cannot be allowed to pass without comment. As from 1st October 1975 a postal application for a copy of a birth, marriage or death certificate, including a search covering a period not exceeding five years, has cost £4.50 (previously £1.25).

This increase of 260% in fees seems even more remarkable when one considers that these fees were last increased only three years ago, and on that occasion they were more than doubled!

As the General Registry Office is a Government Department its policies are presumably in line with Government policy generally. How these present increases are to be reconciled with the present anti-inflation policy however is, one must confess, not immediately apparent!

If it really does cost £4.50 to carry out a five-year search and produce a copy of a certificate (which is rather difficult to believe) then much expense and inconvenience might be saved by applying a similar 100-year rule as in the case of the Census Returns and making the pre-1875 certificates freely available via the Public Record Office, with possibly microfilm copies in the local County Record Offices.

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#### FUTURE PROGRAMME

Thursday 16th October

"Practical points for Searchers" Mr C. Keat FSG

Friday 7th November

"Census returns as an aid to Genealogy"  
Mr HJ Smith (Durham University Department of Extra-Mural Studies)

Thursday 4th December

"Some problems in Genealogy"  
Dr J.W. Gibby PhD, FSA

All these meetings will be held in Newcastle Central Library, at 7.15pm. It is hoped that, given sufficient support, some of the meetings in 1976 will be held in other centres - e.g. Durham, Morpeth, etc.

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LATE NEWS - Membership of the Society on 2/Oct/1975 was 91.