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EDITORIAL

May I say welcome to all of our new members; so many have joined us recently that we are having to extend the number of pages in the journal just to cope with the 'Members' Interests' column! With such a rise in membership, can I also look forward to a significant increase in the number of contributions to the Journal, especially from members overseas??? Come on, members - let us have your stories; anything is acceptable as long as there is a Durham or Northumberland connection. If you are unable to write a story, can I make a desperate plea? We urgently need fillers of about one or two lines; not strays, but little anecdotes out of a parish register or the census - perhaps even while researching in old newspapers you may come across something which we could use. These fillers are invaluable when compiling the Journal. Remember that the committee are all volunteers and the more support we can get from members the better the Journal will be!

Don't forget to book your ticket for our second Annual Conference. Ticket will be sold on a first come first served basis, so please do not leave it until the last minute or you may be disappointed. A great day is planned with even more speakers than last year.

NEWS IN BRIEF

One Name Groups

One Name Groups are clearly becoming something of a growth industry in genealogical circles! We have recently been advised of the formation of one-name registers for the Webb and Lobb families; members researching the Webb surname should contact Mr. A.P. Weston-Webb, of 20 Pinnockscroft, Berrow, BURNHAM-ON-SEA, Somerset TA8 2NF (☎ Burham-on-Sea 782522), whilst Lobb researchers should apply to Mr. Douglas Lobb, 1a Rosewin Row, TRURO, Cornwall TR1 1HG (☎ Truro 78492).

A Rich Source for Richmonds

Keith Richmond, a member of our Society since the earliest days, has recently published a 176-page paperback book embodying the results of fifteen years of research into the wider background of the Richmond family. The book gives an account of several major families of Richmonds in the historical context of their times, with further biographical details of a number of notable individuals; there is a discussion of Richmond heraldry, and a brief history of Richemont, Seine-Maritime, France, Richmond, North Yorkshire (whence came the Lass of Richmond Hill!), Richmond-on-Thames, Surrey, and Richmond, Virginia, United States. All in all, the book would be an invaluable addition to the library of anyone with an interest in the Richmond family. The book is entitled 'Richmonds - People and Places', and copies may be obtained from the author, Mr. K.C. Richmond, 1 Mitre Place, CASTLE CARY, Somerset BA7 7EP; the cost inclusive of United Kingdom postage is £6.50 per copy (United States \$10.00).

The History of Easington

Another publication which will be of interest to those whose roots lie in the parish of Easington, County Durham, is the village history recently published by the Easington Village Residents Association. Although the booklet does not go into any detail regarding population or other matters of direct interest to the genealogist, it provides a variety of interesting background information, particularly in relation to street names past and present, and includes a useful map of the village. Copies are available (price £1.00) from Eileen Hopper, 7 Mill Terrace, Easington, PETERLEE, County Durham SR8 3BX; please enclose a C5-size (9in x 6in approx.) stamped addressed envelope with your order.

THE WINTER MEETINGS

December

On Wednesday 12 December we held our annual Christmas Social, which this year consisted of a Victorian Magic Lantern Show entitled 'A Thrill in the Dark', followed by an excellent buffet supper. The magic lantern show, presented by Mr. D. Greenacre of Warkworth, recalled a time when entertainments were less sophisticated than those to which we are accustomed today, and members were intrigued by the impression of movement and animation achieved by the simple but surprisingly effective techniques of the Victorian artists. Mrs. Greenacre provided the commentary and sound effects, and her authentic Victorian dress and bead-trimmed cloak were much admired.

The buffet table was laden with all kinds of dishes, attracting many of those present to second - or even third! - helpings, particularly from the gateaux and trifles. Clearly, the temptation was too great for some of our members, who found it necessary to assure their friends - and no doubt themselves - that they would return to their diets tomorrow!

January

Those members who braved the bitter-cold January weather heard a most interesting talk by Dr. Coostance M. Fraser, Secretary of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and the region's foremost expert on medieval families.

One of Dr. Fraser's special areas of interest is the holders of legal office in Newcastle, and she was able to show that in certain families an interest in the Law, even in quite early days, was almost hereditary. The records referred to were not only the obvious legal sources but almost all the available records of the time, including Wills, inquisitions post mortem, town council minutes, heraldic inscriptions and heralds' visitations. The period covered was from the thirteenth to the sixteenth century, and one could not but admire the encyclopaedic knowledge of her subject displayed by Dr. Fraser.

To many members the evening must have been a timely reminder that family history need not stop once the parish register has been exhausted; with a little luck and a lot of scholarly research, someone such as Dr. Fraser could possibly extend the field by as much as two or three centuries.

February

At our February meeting we were fortunate in having as our guest speaker Mrs. Margaret Fox, who until a year ago was archivist at the Northumberland County Record Office branch at Berwick on Tweed.

The border town of Berwick has a unique history, having changed hands between England and Scotland on no less than thirteen occasions. In the final result, the town of Berwick became part of England, though the county of Berwickshire remained in Scotland. Berwick maintained its special status as an independent jurisdiction until 1842, when it was formally absorbed into Northumberland, but even today there is a strong Scottish influence in the town, and the local Football Club plays in the Scottish League!

The main sources for genealogical research are of course parish registers and census returns, but Mrs. Fox drew attention to the mass of other material available to the researcher at Berwick Record Office, including Freeman Rolls, Guild Books from 1430 to 1833, Apprentice Indexes, Burgher Lists, Coroner's Reports, School Attendance Registers and over a hundred Court Books, as well as Court Rolls for Berwick and Tweedmouth.

The Berwick area has long been strongly Presbyterian, and many of the relevant records are also available at the Berwick Office. Some Berwick families married or baptised their children at Lamberton Toll or at Mordington or Coldstream Bridge, all just across the Scottish border. The parish registers of Berwick itself begin in 1572.

Berwick Record Office is open on Thursdays only, and intending visitors are advised to make an appointment; this can be done at Berwick or at the main County Record Office at Melton Park, Newcastle.

DURHAM GROUP

Bill Lamb

The Group continues to meet at 7.30 pm. on the third Wednesday of each month, at the Salutation Inn, Framwellgate Moor, Durham. Over the last couple of months our meetings have been somewhat disrupted by renovation work in our regular meeting room, so that we have been obliged to meet in a corner of the lounge bar. Nevertheless, despite the adverse weather conditions we have had a pleasing turnout of between 25 and 30 members, and judging from the earnest and prolonged conversations those who attended seem to have benefitted from each other's experience and to have enjoyed the opportunity to discuss their interests in convivial company.

By the time our meetings were restored to our regular routine, and we hope to see more new faces at each meeting, where anyone with an interest in family history may be assured of a warm welcome.

SOUTH TYNESIDE GROUP

Bill Butterley

The second Annual Dinner of the South Tyneside Group was held early in January; this year there was the added attraction of dancing, and all agreed that the result was a very enjoyable evening. Arrangements ran less smoothly for the February meeting, as we were informed only six hours before the scheduled meeting time that the room at the Station Hotel was not available. Fortunately, we were able to find alternative accommodation at the White Ensign, and despite the various changes of venue thrust upon us over the last six months our average attendance has increased by almost a third.

The March meeting was held in our new - and hopefully permanent - home, the Black Prince Hotel at the Nook, Prince Edward Road, South Shields, where we have the use of a very comfortable private room. Included in the April meeting will be a talk on the Northumbrian pitman, and in May we shall be visiting the Mormon Library in Sunderland, where the various genealogical records will be made available to members. We will be meeting as usual in June and July, but not in the August. Anyone who would like further information about the South Tyneside Group should contact me by telephone at South Shields 550430.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 1 May 1985. *South Shields, 8.00 p. m.*
South Tyneside Group Meeting: Visit to the Mormon Library in Sunderland.

Tuesday, 14 May 1985. *Newcastle, 7.15 p. m.*
Annual General Meeting, *followed by:*
Talk: 'Family History Sources at Sunderland Library'. Speaker: Mr. Hall.

Monday, 20 May 1985. *Durham, 7.30 p. m.*
Durham Group Meeting.

Wednesday, 5 June 1985. *South Shields, 8.00 p. m.*
South Tyneside Group Meeting.

Wednesday, 12 June 1985. *Newcastle, 7.15 p. m.*
Guided Coach Tour of Newcastle (see below for details)

Monday, 17 June 1985. *Durham, 7.30 p. m.*
Durham Group Meeting.

Sunday, 23 June 1985 *Beamish Hall, 9.45 a. m.*
Annual Conference (*Programme enclosed with this Journal*)

Wednesday, 3 July 1985. *South Shields, 8.00 p. m.*
South Tyneside Group Meeting.

Summer Recess: Meetings resume in September

Members of the Society are welcome to attend any of the above meetings; the venues are as below:

Newcastle:	University Employees' Club, 33/35 Jesmond Road.
South Shields:	Black Prince Hotel, The Nook, Prince Edward Road.
Durham:	Salutation Inn, Framwellgate Moor.

Guided Coach Tour of Newcastle: 12 June

The cost of the tour is £1 per head, and there is a limit of 45 places, which *will* be allocated to the first 45 members sending £1 plus stamped addressed envelope to Mrs. E. Lyall, 9 Hareside, CRAMLINGTON, Northumberland NE23 6BH. If the tour is heavily over-subscribed we will try to arrange a second coach and guide. The coach will pick up from Jesmond Road, outside the University Employees' Club, at 7.15 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Uninterested Members?

Mr D Whinham, of 7 The Beeches, Goddard Avenue, HULL, North Humberside HU5 2BG, writes:

"I must commiserate with Mr Mellanby (Journal Vol. 10, No. 1) regarding members' failure to reply to, or to acknowledge, his obviously generous offers of help. It certainly seems a shame that within a Society such as ours there is a failure to communicate, considering that the true purpose of a society is specifically to encourage meetings or correspondence. Having said that, I don't think that Mr. Mellanby's experience is typical of our Society as a whole. Since becoming a member last year, I have written many times to members offering them small items of information, and I have had a reply every time as well as all kinds of favours acknowledging their gratitude for the information I have sent. One lady even remembered to send me a card at Christmas although my initial letter was well before then.

I do hope that Mr Mellanby's unfortunate experience will not prevent him from communicating in the future, because the society is dependant on the goodwill of all of its members if it is to perform the function for which I think it is intended, and the 'Members and Their Interests' section must surely be the most useful vehicle available both to stimulate contact between members and to make information available."

Christina J-Polak, of 9508 - 139 Avenue, EDMONTON, ALBERTA T5E 5Z8, CANADA, writes:

"Like Mr Mellanby, I too read the Journal from cover to cover, and as a gesture of co-operation I write to those who seek information on a name which I have in my research records. Hopefully members with better record facilities than mine will respond and help out in return. Many members have written to me and provided helpful information, though some do not offer the courtesy of a reply. We may never know if our information linked with theirs, was helpful to them or whether they were simply researchers asking for and getting free information. I guess 'we win some, we lose some'.

Recently I responded to a request from Australia for information on a Gray who emigrated from England in the 1800's. At the same time a lady from England offered me information on Patton/Patten. After receiving the letter from Australia, I found they were not of my family but I was able to link them up with second and third cousins living in Northumberland. I have done the same in researching the Wanless name and have had the pleasure of helping others find a missing link. Perhaps these are the hidden rewards in genealogical research."

Mr IC Stabler-, of 39 Newlands, NORTHALLERTON, North Yorkshire DL61SJ, writes:

"I am replying to the comments of Mr. J. Mellanby in the Spring 1985 issue of the Journal.

From my experience I have found the opposite of what has happened to Mr. Mellanby. I too read the section 'Members Interests' in the Journal and if I read a surname that could possibly be connected with my own I send all the information I have on that name to the person who is searching for it, however little that may be. Up to now, I have had a reply thanking me for the information from everyone to whom I have written, and from my own point of view I reply to anyone who sends me information relating to my own research. From my own experience Mr Mellanby's situation is far from typical."

Editors Note: It is a great pity that Mr. Mellanby did not receive replies to his letters to other members. Let us hope that members take note of this correspondence and try harder to co-operate with fellow researchers, as there is so much to gain from the exchange of information.

The Last Ferryman

Mrs G Taylor of 22 De Montfort Road, KENILWORTH, Warwickshire CV8 1DE, writes:

"I have recently been told that my grandfather John (Jack) Mason, who died before I was born, was the last ferryman across the River Tyne at Ovingham.

At present I have no means of knowing if this information is correct so would welcome any information, photographs, memorabilia etc, from members about ferrymen in general and my grandfather in particular and would be happy to refund postage to anyone who can help".

Missing Redesdales

MrJRW Ridsdale, of 2a Cranefield, LICHFIELD, Staffordshire WS13 7HP writes:

"I have been tracing my family in Redesdale, Northumberland, but I cannot find the Redesdale (Ridsdale) name before 1556. I know that members of the Redesdale community were moved from manor to manor because of the overpopulation of the area. Could any member offer any help in tracing the name prior to 1556?"

Initial Difficulties

Mrs Mary Waller, of 17 Embercourt Road, THAMES DITTON, Surrey KT7 OLH, writes:

"I have only recently started my quest for information about the Ross family of Belford and Bamburgh, Northumberland and from this family I have a biscuit barrel with the following inscription:-

Presented by W.R.J. Piper to the Belford Section of the 4th N. R. V. 1870.

Any information about the 4th `N. R. V.' would be most welcome".

STRAYS IN AUSTRALIA

Kevin Cook

I recently joined the Northumberland and Durham Society to further my research into some of my wife's ancestors who came from the North-East of England. Both my wife and myself also have strong connections with the Wollengong district of New South Wales, another quite large mining area, and while reading the microfilm of the Register of St. Michael's Anglican Church in Wollengong (Marriages 1839-1974, Births to 1982) I was struck by the numbers giving Northumberland or Durham as their birthplace. The following list is just a sample of the marriage entries:

George ROBINSON, born Durham, son of Thomas Robinson and Elizabeth Beatty, married Ethel May MASTERS, 27 October 1915.

William DALTON married **Elizabeth MACROP**, born Northumberland, daughter of James Macrop and Jane Anne Lamb, 1 January 1916.

John Thomas RUTHERFORD, born Morpeth, Northumberland, son of John Thomas Rutherford and Jane Dixon, married Adelaide Georgina FURNEY, 27 September 1917.

Alexander PASCOE married **Annie HAY**, born Durham, daughter of Joseph Hay and Ellenor Marshall, 11 December 1917.

Henry HAY, born Washington, Durham, son of Joseph Hay and Eleanor Marshall, married Jane Elizabeth COOK, 6 April 1918.

John STENHOUSE, born Northumberland, son of Matthew Stenhouse and Florence Dunn, married Alice HAMILTON, 23 October 1920.

George ASHMORE, born Durham, son of John Ashmore and Annie Stewart, married Alice Deborah May WINGATE, 21 June 1924.

John Frederick DENT, born Northumberland, son of J F Dent and Jennie Walker, married Alice Emma ROSS, 3 April 1926.

If any member would like more details from the microfilm, I can forward particulars on receipt of two International Reply Coupons. The National Library in Canberra also holds Registers for Protestant, Methodist and Wesleyan churches, but these are not all complete, as many ministers regarded the Registers as their own property and where they went, the books went with them. Another invaluable source is the 'Illawarra Mercury' newspaper, which was printed in Wollengong from 1855 and contains much information of interest to family historians.

Editor's Note: Members wishing to take up Mr. Cook's offer should write to him at 12 Weingarth Street, Holder, CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2611, AUSTRALIA.

THE ORGANIST WHO ACCOMPANIED A REBELLION

Doug Smith

Into the floor of the Galilee Chapel at Durham Cathedral is set a tombstone carrying a worn inscription. Passed over by countless feet, few stop to read it and few are aware that it commemorates one who was involved in the events of that dangerous enterprise known as the Rising of the North.

When Mary, Queen of Scots, fled into England for protection from her cousin Elizabeth, the discontent prevalent in the North of England focussed upon her. Although ultimate aims were confused, intrigue centred around a demand for religious tolerance, if not a return to the old ways. In Durham, where it was said "Not ten gentlemen do favour her Majesty's proceedings in the cause of religion", Charles Neville, Earl of Westmorland, became the natural leader. It seems he hesitated to take the part for, according to tradition, it was the Countess who urged him by taunting him during a meeting of the conspirators in the great hall at Raby.

In the end he agreed to raise the standard of revolt against Elizabeth. Gathering a sizeable army - said to be 6,000 foot and 1,700 horse - they entered Durham on 14 November 1569. Amidst joyful peals of bells, they entered the Cathedral and proceeded to cast out the symbols of Elizabethan conformity. The great bible was torn up and burnt, the Communion tables destroyed, the old altars restored and the latin Mass was sung "to the indescribable delight and comfort of the faithful crowds that flocked to hear them."

The rebel army eventually got as far as Wetherby but, still undecided, came back and demanded the surrender of Barnard Castle. The castle was held at this time by Sir George Bowes who valiantly held out but in bitter disappointment discovered that the garrison were by no means committed to the siege. Scores of them "leapt over the walls" some with disastrous results, in order to join the rebels. Something of the panic and desperation can still be gleaned from the numerous appeals between Bowes and the Ministers of the Queen that were printed in *The Northern Rising* by Sir Cuthbert Sharp in 1840.

The government had had a bad fright and was determined to make an example of those unruly folk of the North. Hundreds were hanged in the towns and villages of County Durham. Elizabeth promised that she would send "Such a breakfast as the North had never seen", and she kept her word. Lists of these rebels, both pardoned and executed, are somewhat confused. Sharp gives careful figures for these, but annoyingly dismissed the 'meaner sort', to concentrate chiefly on the principal supporters of the Nevilles. It could be, however, that your ancestor was one of the 'meaner' supporters of this event. They were recorded by name - in great haste and in Elizabethan handwriting which is a nightmare to decipher. Lists appear in the Strathmore of Glamis papers TD 77/71 and in Durham University Addit. Mss. 534. Also worth examining are the Bowes of Streatlam papers at Durham Record Office.

Just how widespread had been the support for the Earls Neville and Percy can be seen from the list drawn up by Sharp. Naturally the Neville stronghold at Raby and Staindrop carried the largest number: they were after all his tenants!

After the punishment of those who had taken up arms, came the judicial proceedings against the insurgents into the Cathedral. These can be read in the Surtees Society volume on Depositions.

As a Warning, the Chaplain to the rebels, Thomas Plumtree, was hung, drawn and quartered in the market place at Durham. Then personal charges were made against those who had assisted in the rebel occupation.

Faced with these charges, the Queen's 'evell disposed' subjects gave answers full of penitence and ingenious excuses. George Cliffe, one of the prebends, attended the services and even dressed in his old monastic habit but 'did not sing, took or bowed or knelt', but sat in his stall apparently immobile throughout. As for the rebellious sermon 'by reason that the press of people being very great he heard his voice, but understood not one sentence which was said'. When the congregation knelt to receive Papal absolution 'he thought the preacher had been bidding prayers'. Another of the cathedral staff declared himself heartily sorry for carrying a letter to Staindrop to invite the rebel preacher, for he was 'at the time content and willing, being a simple man and easily seduced'.

Henry Younger, a slater, was in the castle prison for two days and consented to help with the

altar stones only after threats. What is more, he protested, he had received no money for his labours so 'gott himself away to Eggescliff to his mothers and there tarried'. He was ordered to do penance in front of his parish church, wearing only a linen sheet.

Many of those summoned were middle-aged men who had been connected with the cathedral before the Reformation - one had been the keeper of St. Cuthbert's shrine - so it is not surprising that they had taken part in the events with perhaps some nostalgia for the old times. When Oliver Ash, the curate of St Giles, heard the bell ring during the Mass he 'looked up to Mr Brimley then in the loft over the queir door and smiled at hym'. It must have brought many memories flooding back to John Brimley for he had been the last Master of the old song school. He was then aged 67. Brought before the comission he confessed he 'played at orgaines and dyd divers times help to sing Salves at mattyns and evensonge' instructing the choir in the services. Brimley protested that he expected the pardon promised by the Queen would include himself, the Dean having 'privately dealt with him'. Brimley was allowed to continue as organist and choirmaster. Evidently he was a composer too for an old book at Durham carries the title '*Mr Brimley his Kyrie*'. He died aged 74 in 1576 and it is good to know that this organist who accompanied a rebellion is buried in the Galilee Chapel where 'in the olden tyme the Master of the song schoole called Mr Brimley, played upon a paire of faire orgaines'.

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM

DEPARTMENT OF PALAEOGRAPHY AND DIPLOMATIC

Co-operation between the University of Durham and the Dean and Chapter of Durham resulted in the opening in 1948 under their joint auspices of an archive repository at the Prior's Kitchen in the precincts of Durham Cathedral. The growth of accessions was rapid and it soon became evident that only a small proportion of the records to be housed could be accommodated in the original building. In 1966 the majority of the collections were moved to a new building on the University science site, from where they were transferred to 5 The College in 1982. Both the Prior's Kitchen and 5 The College are staffed by members of the University's Department of Palaeography and Diplomatic.

Full record office facilities are provided at both buildings. The search-rooms are at present open on Mondays to Fridays from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. and 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.. In addition the 5 The College search-room remains open until 8 p.m. on Tuesdays during University terms. The search-rooms are closed on public holidays and for a period during August and at Christmas and Easter. It is desirable to give advance notice of a visit whenever possible, especially for the term-time Tuesday evening sessions.

Lists of a. number of the collections held by the Department have been published. Copies of these lists are available for sale, and most of them can also be consulted locally in the following places: in Durham at the County Record Office, the County Reference Library in South Street, and the University Library; in Newcastle at the Tyne and Wear Record Office, the Central Library, and the University Library; at Gateshead Central Library; and at Sunderland Central Library.

The Department also has the function of providing teaching and advice within the fields of palaeography, diplomatic, archive-related studies and papyrology, for researchers and others interested in these subjects.

The main collections of documents held are as follows:

At the Prior's Kitchen: The Muniments of the Dean and Chapter of Durham, including the records of the Benedictine Priory which preceded it, and the Church Commission deposit of Durham Dean and Chapter estate records.

At 5 The College: The Durham Diocesan Records, the Durham Probate Records, the Church Commission deposit of Durham Bishopric financial and estate records, the Durham Bishopric Halmote Court Records, some Durham University Records, the Earl Grey Papers, the Howard of Naworth Papers, the Baker Baker Papers, the Shafto of Beamish Papers, the Shipperdson Papers, the Backhouse Papers, and numerous other collections of various sizes and types.

Many of the collections, especially those at 5 The College, also include manuscript or printed maps of value for the historian, and numerous Ordnance Survey maps of various dates and scales are available for reference purposes.

THE LAINGS OF TWEEDMOUTH

Joan E Anderson

From being a small child my late father, John Laing, always began the family story with 'if *only*'. If only his great grandfather hadn't drunk himself to death we would be the owners of 1200 acres of Berwickshire farmland. As my three sons grew up the same tale was related to them although by this time embroidered to the extent that they might even have been landed gentry and always ending with words '*some day you must find out what happened to the family fortune*'. So in 19831 decided to start my research in an attempt to establish the facts.

It proved true that my father's great-grandfather Alexander Laing, born in 1806, had died at the ripe old age of 42 years in 1848. As an aside, family hear say relates that as he lay dying not a drop of liquor would he allow to pass his lips; unfortunately, his abstinence came too late to save his life.

I knew from my father that the family were Presbyterians and had been farmers; however, I could find no trace of any Laings in Berwick and it was only when I researched Tweedmouth I came across my first Laing with the death of Alexander Laing in 1850 aged 71 years. So really I started my research back-to-front, as you might say. Gradually I came across more and more births and deaths but the problem was who was related to who? It wasn't until one bitterly cold November day, when my husband and I drove to Tweedmouth and amidst a snow storm searched the graveyard of St. Bartholomews church, that many of my queries were answered. Twenty seven Laings lay buried in one small corner, and the stones were all in a remarkable state of preservation, even one of a John Laing who was born in 1675 and died in 1763.

My next port of call was the Paleography Department of Durham University. Here were housed no less than six wills, all related - my imagination had a field day! One belonged to my great-great-great-great-grandfather John Laing, who was born in 1739 and died in 1800. His will gave clear indications that little love was lost between himself and his wife Elizabeth, nee Menin. Two of his farms and his main home were left to his eldest son with the proviso that two rooms were to be for his mother's use but if she caused any discord the privilege was to be forfeited. John had six sons of whom five were bachelors; according to parish records these young men produced a fair sprinkling of illegitimate children. He also had three daughters and it is from Isabel, who had an illegitimate son, Alexander (the blacksheep) that my line is drawn. So far I have been unable to discover who his father was; perhaps it was John Davison whom she married 12 years later. Alexander was, at some time adopted by Isabel's brother Alexander and it was he who had the 1200 acre farm at Duddo and Mattilees together with 200 acres at East Ord which were farmed by his adopted son.

When Alexander of Duddo died he left £800 to his son's widow to be invested in bonds, the interest to be paid to 'ler each quarter. Unfortunately this money was never received by Margaret; why I do not know, but according to my father it caused a family rift which was never healed. The farms were left to three of Alexander's nephews.

A chance remark from one of the young ladies in Northumberland Record Office led me to the microfiche of Hodgson's Northumberland Pedigrees, and there to my astonishment was my Laing family. Hodgson relates that John Laing, born 1675, was stated to be the natural son of the 10th Earl later to become the 1st Duke of Argyll, and a millers daughter. John came to Tweedmouth in 1715 with his wife Elizabeth, nee Coles, and his family, and started by leasing some land and converting it into a market garden. From his eldest son Robert comes my line. Robert married Isabel Eccles and had two sons and two daughters. It was his eldest son John whose will was so explicit.

I could find no trace of what had happened to Margaret, widow of Alexander, and her children. It wasn't until I contacted a cousin of my father that I was able to re-charge my batteries. He sent me the marriage certificate of a William Laing and Jane Embleton in 1858, showing that William's parents were Alexander Laing and Margaret, nee Moffit, and that the wedding took place in Dunbar. Obviously Margaret had taken the family to Scotland.

William later surfaces with his wife and family, Alexander (my grandfather), Mary Jane, John, Francis Isabel, Margaret, William and Mathilda, in Newcastle around 1870. Now the story takes a rather sad turn. Francis died in 1900 aged 29 from what is now known as anorexia, William died in 1905 aged 31 in-horror of horrors!-Newcastle Lunatic Asylum. As children could be put away for such small things as being slow learners or difficult to handle this may not be as drastic as it sounds. Unfortunately there is a hundred-year embargo on all medical records so I have many years to wait before I can find out the true reason for his committal. My grandfather died aged 40 due to an infected leg and John in later years became completely blind. Thus my research into the Laing family has virtually come to an end without answering my father's question. What happened to the family fortune? - if you can call £800 a fortune even in 1850. Sad to say, my father died before I had completed my research. Sadder still, he was the last surviving male of his particular branch of the family.

FROM DURHAM TO DURBAN

Thora Jansen

In 1820 four thousand men, women and children came to South Africa to start a new life and to play their part in building up the country, mainly in the Cape Province. Another group known as The Byrne Settlers also came from England, Ireland and Scotland between 1849 and 1851, settling in Natal.

My mother Hilda May Davies (nee Matthews) was a descendant of the 1820 Settlers John Matthews and his wife Mary Ann (nee Sterley). At the age of 28 John Matthews came to South Africa in a party led by Surgeon Thomas Calton, on the ship "Albury". A list compiled at the Swan Inn, Mansfield, about November 1819 gives John Matthews, Stonemason, Unmarried; Deposit money paid by the Settler £20. Further information gives his place of birth as Nottingham.

John Matthews married Mary Ann Sterley who was the daughter of Thomas Sterley and his wife Ann (nee Moorecraft) of Norfolk. The Sterleys came to South Africa with Lt. Edward Damant's party on the ship "*Ocean*": It is not known when and where John Matthews and Mary Ann Sterley were married c.1824. They were staunch Baptists, but unfortunately the Baptist Church records were destroyed in a fire and the church was re-built at a later stage. John Matthews was said to have carried on his trade as a stonemason and was involved with the building of the old sea wall in Port Elizabeth.

My father Stanley Davies was born on 16 August 1884 in Sunderland. What little is known of the Davies family begins with William Davies, a Mariner, whose son John was born about 1842 in South Wales. On 15 November 1863 John, then living at Elgin Street, Bishopwearmouth, married Elizabeth Embleton at St. Thomas' Church, Bishopwearmouth. The marriage entry reads:

John Davies	22	Bachelor	Mariner	Father: William Davies, Mariner.
Elizabeth Embleton	21	Spinster		Father: Thomas Embleton, Blacksmith

By 1881, the family was living at 16 Havelock Terrace, and the census entry reads:

Elizabeth Davies	38	Master Mariner's Wife	Newcastle
Ed	14	Apprentice Engine Fitter	Sunderland
John	12	Scholar	Sunderland
Caroline	10	Scholar	Sunderland
Elizabeth Mary	7		Sunderland
Charles H.	3		Sunderland
Mary	1		Sunderland
Jane H. Embleton	28	Sister-in-Law Unmarried	Gateshead

Not much is known about the brothers and sisters of Stanley Davies. His sister Elizabeth, born on 5 January 1874, married a Mr. Gibson - possibly a mariner? - and had two children, a daughter Molly and a son Stanley who was a draughtsman in Liverpool. At one stage Elizabeth Gibson lived with a Mrs. Stansfield in South Kerton, Lancaster. From what is known there are no surviving members of the Gibson family. Caroline is said to have married a Captain Shotton, and some of the family went to Australia. Ted (Edward) was a submariner and according to family tradition he died on active service in the 1914/18 War.

Stanley Davies ran away to sea as a young lad. After sailing the seas for a few years he settled in South Africa and saw service in the 1901/2 and 1914/18 Wars as a Sapper, winning two medals. Stanley and Hilda May Matthews were married in Cape Town in St. Luke's Church on the 26 June 1906. They lived in Cape Town until about 1914 when they moved to the Orange Free State. Stanley and Hilda May then settled in Bethlehem, a small town on the banks of the Jordan River. There was a large family of thirteen children, nine of whom were born in Bethlehem. The children were Lydia, Hilda May, Gwendoline Caroline, Doris Florence Lillian, Thora Maud, Stanley James Arras, Norris Norman (named after his grandmother, a Lydia Norris of Deal, Kent) Winifred Allison, Thelma Constance, Robert Cecil John, Horace and Norma (Twins) and Gloria Laura.

Stanley Davies was employed as a caretaker at Loch Athlone, named after The Earl of Athlone. He was responsible for the repair and maintenance of the boats and also piloted the pleasure boat. His love of the sea appeared to be undiminished and his hobby was building model boats. He loved to tell tales about his life at sea as a young boy. The large family of children delighted in swimming and sailing on the lake. On retirement Stanley and Hilda moved to Durban, bought a large house and waited for various members of their family to return from the Middle East and Italy where they were

serving in the Air Force, Engineers and W.A.A.S. On the 26 June 1956, Stanley and Hilda celebrated their Golden Wedding with a large gathering of friends and family.

Hilda May died on the 3 May 1960 and Stanley followed on the 27 December 1962. They are buried next to each other in the Stellawood Cemetery, Durban, as are other members of the family.

If any members of the society have any information relating to the Davies Family, or are interested in South African connections I would be happy to hear from them.

In conclusion I would like to thank Mr. D. W. Smith for his kind assistance in helping me with my research.

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DISASTER AT HEBBURN COLLIERY

June Watson

On Thursday, 13 May 1852, an explosion occurred at Hebburn Colliery, County Durham with the loss of twentytwo lives. The victims were interred at Jarrow Churchyard; their ages and dependants are listed below:

John BARNFATHER	19	Single	William SCOTT	27	
Edward JOHNSON	18		George HALL	27	
Samuel WARDLE	18		John SMITH	33	Wife and 4 children
James ENGLISH	12		William WEAR	32	
Michael WARDLE	10		Thomas RICHARDSON	26	Wife and 2 children
John GASCOIGNE	34		Silas PHILLIPS (Deputy)	23	
George PATTISON	29		James PARSON	22	Wife and 1 child
John PIGGFORD	25		John PEEL	66	Wife
James COAL	39	Wife and 1 daughter married	Allan BROOKSBANK	26	(married a widow with 3 children 3 months' ago. She had been 4 times married and has lost 3. husbands by explosion.)
Joseph ORR	33	Wife and 3 children			
William DEANS	37	"			
John GREENWELL	32	"			
George BATEY	30	"			

SOMETIMES, IT'S EASY!

Ken Brown

As Secretary of the Northumberland and Durham FHS, I recently received a letter from a Mrs. Parker, nee Young, of Carrimal, New South Wales, Australia, asking whether I could help to trace any of her living relatives. This was quite a change, as most enquiries are about relatives who died a century or more ago!

Mrs. Parker was born in Australia, but her father had been born in Bedlington, Northumberland, in 1903, which seems only yesterday when judged against the normal run of enquiries. Her grandfather, Richard Young, died forty years ago, and she wondered whether any of his family could be traced. Richard Young's grandson, John Dixon Shillinglaw, had visited Australia as a Boy Scout to attend a World Jamboree in 1954, when Mrs Parker met him briefly for the first and only time.

I decided that as the name Shillinglaw was fairly unusual, it might be worth checking the local telephone directory; sure enough, there were only three Shillinglaws, all within a few miles of Bedlington. There was even a J. D. Shillinglaw, whom I rang, and - yes you've guessed! - he was the Boy Scout of thirty years ago!

The name Shillinglaw is of Scottish Border origin; 'shilling' is a contraction of 'shieling', a shepherd's hut, and 'law' describes rising ground or a rounded hill, in which sense it occurs in many place-names in Northumberland and the Borders. The original Shillinglaw would be a hill on which stood a shepherd's hut, and those who lived there no doubt took the place-name as their surname.

I do not think it would have been so easy if the name had been Robson, Charlton, Hall or Armstrong!

THOMAS ROUNCE: A MISGUIDED MARINER

Bill Rounce

Reading in the Gentleman's Magazine, 1772, that on Tuesday 14th December "At the Court of Admiralty at the Sessions House in the Old Baily, Thomas Rounce of Great Yarmouth was found guilty of High Treason, in voluntarily fighting against his country on board two Spanish Privateers and being concerned in taking seven different ships. He was therefore sentenced to be drawn on a Hurdle to the Place of Execution, there to be hang'd, but cut down before he is dead, his privates to be cut off, his Head severed from his Body, his Bowels taken out, and then to be quartered, which Quarters are to be put up where his Majesty shall appoint.". Of course I was interested!

So, after some little effort, I obtained from the Public Record Office the complete verbatim report of Thomas' sorry story.

The trial began on the 9th November, at the Justice Hall in the Old Bailey by announcing a "Pannell" of Grand Jury of twenty one, and adjourned until 8 on the clock on 30th November.

There they met before Sir Henry Penrico, and a bench of seven: Edward Simpson, Robert Chapman, John Taylor, Thomas Walker, Robert Dale, Thomas Salisbury, Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer, on the charge of High Treason. Asked if Thomas Rounce was his name he confessed it was; if he would have any counsel, he answered "No"; the court then adjourned until 9 on the clock on 7th December.

The court met on that date, with the same chairman, the above three first named and the addition of Arthur Collier, when Thomas agreed he had had a copy of the indictment for five days, pleaded "Not Guilty", and the Court was adjourned until 9 o'clock on Tuesday, 14th December.

On that day, again under Sir Henry Penrico, Thomas Burnett Esq., on of the Justices of His Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, Thomas Dennis Esq., on of the Justices of the King's Bench, John Andrew, Thomas Walker, Charles Pinfold, Henry Edmunds, Robert Chapman and Arthur Collier, Esqs., and in the presence of Henry Aldridge, Notary Publick, Deputy Registrar, the trial really began.

Thomas agreed he had had a copy of the Petty Jury for two days; the rest were discharged.

Statements were then read. That made by Thomas May, shipwright of St. Mary's Rotherhill, said that he had been "a passenger on the ship, *"Mary and Elizabeth"* and while in Dunkirk had been often in the company of Thomas Rounce, who then belonged to a spanish privateer, master Don Pedro Balgrado, which vessel was lying in the harbour."

Rounce was the boatswain, and the informant had seen the ship hoist the colours of the King of Spain. May knew that some time before his arrival this ship took a vessel loaded with coal for which Balgrado received a ransom; he had after heard Rounce own he was an Englishman, born at Yarmouth, and that his father Thomas was master of a ship belonging to Yarmouth. Further, Rounce had said the privateer gave chase to the *"Grampus"*, sloop of war, and that he himself "had shot at the captain and killed him and did not doubt he had had the killing of half a dozen more of his countrymen".

The informant also said that a person in his company, but whose name he could not remember, had asked Thomas Rounce how he knew he had Killed the captain of the *"Grampus"*, and Rounce answered in like words, " I fired at him and he dropt, or I saw him drop".

Thomas May saw Rounce aboard the privateer when she sailed from Dunkirk, and understood that the privateer was seized by His Majesty's ship *"Kinsale"* as prize.

John Barfoot, of St. John's, Wapping, master of the *"Mary and Elizabeth"*, and in the Dunkirk trade, said that in August last, while in Dunkirk. he saw the privateer, whose name he could not remember, lying there, the master being a Bilbao man, Don Pedro, a reputed Spaniard.

He knew that the ship was a privateer; she hoisted the King of Spain's colours; he also knew that she had taken several English ships as prizes.

One of these ships, whose name he could not remember, was ransomed while he was in Dunkirk, and a day or two before he arrived there he was told that an Englishman belonged to the privateer lying at "key" at Dunkirk.

The informant spoke to Rounce, asking him how could he be so barbarous as to fight against his own countrymen, meaning the subjects of Great Britain. He replied that he was no Englishman, but nationalized in France, that he had taken several English ships since the War commenced, and that he hoped to kill a great many more. He agreed that he was aboard when the "*Grampus*" was taken, that his name was Rounce, and that he was born in Yarmouth, where his father was master of a vessel. The informant further said that Rounce was on the privateer when she left Dunkirk, and that he believed she had been seized and taken to Spithead or Portsmouth as a prize.

William Coulding, of Arkhope Lane, St. George, Middlesex, for several years belonging to the "*Mary and Elizabeth*" reiterated this evidence, and said that while in a barber's shop at Dunkirk, he had said to Rounce that the coat Rounce was wearing was Dick Marshall's coat; Marshall being master and partner of a sloop later taken by the privateer. Rounce had replied: "It does not matter whose coat it was, it is mine now".

George Banford, of Queen Street, mariner, also of the "*Mary and Elizabeth*" said that he had seen the privateer of about 30 tons at Dunkirk; the names of both the ship and master he could not remember, but did know that she had taken the English ship "*Billander*", laden with coals and that Tirils, the master, had been ransomed for £200. He had seen Rounce aboard and working on the privateer. While at Dunkirk, the informant went to a house with the sign of a small ship, near the fish port to refresh himself with a pint of small wine, and while there, saw Rounce talking to the woman and daughter who kept the house.

The informant asked Rounce if he was an Englishman. He answered he was, and that he was the person who killed the captain of the "*Grampus*", His Majesty's sloop of war; he saw Rounce aboard the privateer when she sailed.

Don Pedro do Bolparda swore that he was master of the Spanish privateer, "*El Santo Christo dol Partal y Nuotra Senora do la Solodad*". (No wonder no-one could remember her name!).

"He stated that Rounce joined his ship with seven or eight more, from another privateer, "*Jupiter*", but because they could not pronounce "Rounce", they called him Thomas Wry, and that he joined at Bilbao and was made boatswain. He believes that Rounce joined voluntarily, and that while he was aboard, they took the sloop, whose name he could not remember, the "*Neptune*" belonging the Newcastle, and four other English vessels. While at Dunkirk, Rounce was appointed mate; he understood Rounce had a wife and family at Rorchelle in France, that he spoke French and Spanish, and that should he have wished to, every day at Dunkirk he could have escaped. When they took the "*Grampus*", they fought for some time, but he did not know who killed the commander."

Then Thomas Rounce's statement was read. He was 36 years of age, born at North Yarmouth Norfolk; he left England at about 23 years of age, with an uncle, going to Rorchelle in France, where, when on shore, he had lived since. He had served in French men-of-war and merchantmen for all this time. About 12 months ago, he was raft away of a French ship called "*Flora*", bound from St. Domingo to Rorchelle. They were picked up by a brigantine, "*Elizabeth*", belonging to South Carolina and bound for Virginia.

He, the second captain and a boy begged a passage in a Scottish brigantine, William Gallafair the master; laden with tobacco for London. While on passage, they were taken by a Spanish privateer, called the "*Bigoan*" and carried to Bilbao, and taken with 23 other English prisoners to Pompolona and put in prison.

He was there for 3 months and 20 days, with 6 oz. of coarse bread and water each day. He was opportuned to get English prisoners to join Spanish privateers, and constantly beaten with sticks, and had his fingers and thumbs cut with "culards". He, with 5 or 6 more Englishmen were finally forced on board the "*Jupiter*". He, after 2 months, escaped, but when trying to get back to his wife, he was taken at San Sebastian, and again confined to prison, then after another two months forced aboard another privateer, master Don Pedro Bolgardo.

When they attacked the "*Grampus*", Lawrance Bormoor, the 2nd captain, clapped two pistols to his breast and threatened to kill him, and if he had had any opportunity to escape at any time, he would have done so. Thomas signed this statement.

The statement of William Jansen, native of Dunkirk, was read. After confirming details of the ship, master etc. on which he sailed as part of the crew - the Spanish privateer on which Rounce was boatswain and mate - he named some of the ships taken; the "*Jane*", the "*John Milton*", the "*Nazareth*", the "*Holiz*", the "*Neptune*", and others he could not remember. Rounce was all the time on board, did his duties voluntarily, and every day could have escaped had he wanted to.

Then the statement of Thomas Smith, of Sandwich, was read. He, the master of the "*Industry*", with Sam Clapham and Richard Marshall, part-owners, sailed from France for Sandwich when they were taken by the privateer. Thomas Bounce was on board, with a naked sabre in his hand, and a pistol - the only one of the privateer's crew that had one - hanging by his side. After his ship was ransomed, he returned to Sandwich in her; when he returned to Dunkirk, he saw the privateer there, with three other ships as prizes. Rounce was still on board. After about a week, Rounce came to his ship and drank two cans with him. While drinking he (Rounce) told him he was in a wicked way of life, was born at Yarmouth, where his father and brother were both masters of vessels, and that he had resolved "to sail no more in a privateer".

Samuel Clapham, also of Sandwich, repeated the above details, adding that he was detained as a prisoner when the privateer took the "*Neptune*" belonging to Weymouth. The next day they took a brigantine loaded with wheat bound from Berwick to Dunkirk. On the 1st July they took a "Snow" laden with bale goods, rice and wheat, bound from Hull to Rotterdam, and on the following day a barque bound from Sunderland to Rotterdam with coals; the master's name was Wilson.

They were carried back to Dunkirk, where Clapham spent eight days in prison, then having travelled by land to Calais he returned to Dover. All this time Rounce was on board; "He fired the guns at the "*Neptune*" and it was he that cut her shrouds".

Then the statement of Thomas Alcock, living in Middle Street, near the Glasshouse Row, Yarmouth, was read. He had known Thomas Rounce since his childhood; had when Thomas was a child taken him by the hand, he then being a neighbour of Thomas' father, being a seafaring man, still following the sea as master of the "*Lark*" of Yarmouth. Thomas had lived with his father until near man grown, then went over sea, it was said in the neighbourhood to France.

He last saw him when second mate of the "*Hare*" of Yarmouth; on 2nd February they were taken by the privateer "Jupiter" when he, his son, and two others of the crew were put aboard the "Jupiter"; there he was Rounce, boatswain's mate, who passed as a Frenchman. Recognising him, he called his name, when Rounce owned who he was; the son of Thomas Rounce of Yarmouth.

He saw Bounce strip his ship and divide the spoil. He saw his son's shirt and jacket on Bounce's back and his son's periwig on his head; at all times Bounce was without any manner of constraint. Christopher Cousins, the mate of the "*Hare*" had told him that the Spanish Lieutenant, having taken his watch and buckles, returned his money, but Bounce returned and forcibly took his fifteen shillings.

Then the statement of James Shaw of Chappell Lane, Hull, ship's carpenter, was read. About six months since, while sailing on the "*Phoenix*" about six leagues from Yarmouth Roads, they were taken by a Spanish privateer whose name he could not remember, but whose master was Belgrado or some such name; they were carried into Dunkirk, the "*Phoenix*" being sailed by the French captain of the privateer with Bounce as boatswain. Bounce had declared that what was in the half-deck and in the forecastle was his; what was in the cabin was the French captain's; that he was a Yarmouth man and "would be cut to pieces before he would be taken by the English".

Christopher Cousins, living near the Chapel, Yarmouth, said that he had known Bounce and his father Thomas for near twenty years; that on Monday last he did search the register book of the parish of St. Nicholas, Yarmouth, and in the presence of Sampson W inn, the parish clerk, received a certificate which he left with the court, stating that Thomas Bounce was baptised there; that he believed Thomas Bounce was baptised there and that the Thomas Bounce in the prison was that same man. Cousins further said that when the "*Hare*" of Yarmouth, master Joseph Goodwood, with the informant as mate, was taken on the 22nd day of February last, 28 leagues West South West of the Lizard, Bounce the son was on board; he did perfectly remember him; he was very active in rummaging the ship and he took his hat.

Rounce was talking Spanish, but when challenged that he could speak English he did so, and inquired did the informant know him. When told that he did, Bounce agreed, said he belonged to Yarmouth; this was said before Joseph Goodwood and the informant.

When being examined by the privateer's crew, Cousins told them that he had only a small sum of money; the Lieutenant of the privateer told him to keep it so that it would be of service to him while in prison, but later when lamenting his condition in his cabin, two Dutchmen and Bounce came and Bounce took the money from his hip pocket.

Thomas Bounce was adjudged to death for High Treason, and was to be executed near

Execution Dock in Wapping on Wednesday, 19th January next; and so we return to the Gentleman's Magazine page 49, January 1772.

"Thomas Rounce was conveyed on a Hurdle from Newgate to Execution Dock: the executioner was in the Hurdle with him, having in his hand the Scimitar with which he was to quarter him. Soon after he was hung up, the executioner cut him down, and immediately severed his head from his body, ripped up his stomach, and took out his heart, exposing them for some time to the Crowd, which was so very great that many were hurt".

Apparently, justice was not only done, but was seen to be done. Poor Thomas; wayward son of a Yarmouth Freeman.

STRAYS FROM EAST YORKSHIRE

The East Yorkshire Family History Society has recently published "East Riding Strays and Strangers" containing entries relating to the East Riding and 32 other counties. It is priced £1.00 including postage in the U.K. and is available from: Mrs A.P.D. Cawley, Strays Co-ordinator, 38 The Vale, Kirk Ella, North Humberside, HU10 7PS.

Any East Riding strays found in Northumberland and Durham should be forwarded to Mrs Cawley. We publish below the Northumberland and Durham strays from the East Riding publication, of which a second edition is already in preparation.

COUNTY DURHAM

Ann MARTIN, aged 40, Wife, born Merrington, living Low Street, Shiptonthorpe, (1851 *Census*)

Marriages

John BELL of Brancepeth, and Margaret GELL, 21 November 1812. (*Registers of Halsham*)
James HALL, Durham Militia Corporal, of this parish, and Ann TROLLEY, 21 August 1798.

(*Registers of Burstwick*)
William, LYON, Durham Militia Private, of this parish, and Ann BELT, of this parish, 12 July 1798.

(*Registers of Burstwick*)
Robert MILLER, Durham Militia Private, of this parish, and Elizabeth LIDDLE, of this parish, 8 August 1798. (*Registers of Burstwick*)

William RUTHERFORD, Durham Militia Private, of this parish, and Elizabeth JOHNSON, of this parish, 23 July 1798. (*Registers of Burstwick*)

Jane WHINFIELD of Bishopwearmouth, and James M HOPPPER, 18 August 1825. (*Registers of Christchurch, Sculcoates, Kingston-upon-Hull*)

Burials

Christopher LOWES was an inn keeper at South Shields, died on board the Brig (A)id on his passage to London. Buried 10 August 1832. (*Registers of Skipsea*)

NORTHUMBERLAND

Marriages

John ALDRIDGE of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Mary ROBINSON, of this parish, by licence, 24 August 1809. (*Registers of St. John, Beverley*)

John ELLIS of St. John, Newcastle, and Adie FENTIMAN, of this parish, 31 January 1819.

(*registers of St. Mary, Beverley*)
Thomas Joseph SMITH of Allenton, and Elizabeth CHAMPNEY, of this parish 31 May 1814.
(*Registers of Hedon*)

MISSING MARRIAGES?

If your parish register seems to have gaps in the marriages, don't forget that, traditionally, there were three periods in the year when marriages were not normally held:

Advent to St. Hilary's Day (Jan. 13th);
Septuagesima to Low Sunday;
Rogation Sunday to Trinity Sunday.

These may well account for apparent gaps, in old registers particularly.

KNOW YOUR PARISH: XVIII: TYNEMOUTH, NORTHUMBERLAND

Bill Cornfoot

The ancient parish of Tynemouth lay in the South-east corner of Northumberland, bounded on the East by the sea and on the South by the River Tyne, and included the townships of Tynemouth, North Shields, Chirton, Preston, Murton, Monkseaton, Whitley and Cullercoats. Together with the Chapelry of Earsdon it formed a Franchise or Liberty held by the Prior of Tynemouth. The whole of this area was known as Tynemouthshire, though that name has fallen out of use in recent times. Most of the district is composed of rocks of the Carboniferous age, which contain the coal measures which played such an important part in the development of the area from the earliest times. The parish contains the only beds of Permian limestone in the county, which can be seen in the massive promontory jutting out into the sea under Tynemouth Castle, and which outcrop in the cliffs at Cullercoats. Many of the older walls in the area are built of this smooth, light-coloured stone.

One of the outstanding man-made features of the parish is the group of buildings which rises starkly out of the headland on the North side of the Tyne, comprising the remains of the Priory, the Parish Church and the Castle, all of which had a turbulent history up to and including the Civil War. Excavations have hinted at very early timber buildings on the site, probably pre-Roman, but with few signs of Roman occupation, although with the major fortifications of the Roman Wall ending only a few miles away, it would appear unlikely that such a prominent headland would escape their attention.

There is some doubt about the foundation date of the Priory but it seems possible that it had its origins in the middle years of the Eighth Century. Peace and tranquillity were not to last very long - in 800 A.D. the Danish invaders struck this part of the coast; after inflicting minor damage they withdrew, but returned in 875, when the buildings were destroyed and the invaders made the headland one of their strongholds.

The "Wasting" of the North by William the Conqueror in 1070 resulted in the burning of the parish church, which remained roofless for the next fifteen years. Eventually the monks of St. Albans were given permission to raise a cell to St. Mary and St. Oswin and from about 1100 construction of the "modern" Abbey began, continuing for the next four hundred years. Endowments included land and tithes scattered across the South and East of the county, but as with all other monastic establishments the revenues were eventually destined for the Royal Exchequer of Henry VIII.

Then end was not far off when the Priory was visited in 1536 by the King's Commissioners, who levelled serious charges against the Prior and seven of his fifteen monks. In 1539 a Deed of Surrender to the King was signed; the monks were granted good pensions and allowed to settle in the area.

The parish church was an integral part of the Priory and the buildings continued to serve in this capacity until the fabric gradually decayed and in 1635 was described as "much neglected". A petition to the Duke of Northumberland resulted in the gift of a piece of land at Brock Close in what is now North Shields, where a new parish church - Christ Church - was duly constructed and consecrated in 1668. During the 18th century alterations were made to provide more accommodation. The earliest registers date from 1607. Christ Church was the only established place of worship until the parish was divided in Victorian times by the creation of six new parishes; St. John (Percy), St. Peter (Low Town) and St. Paul of Whitley (Cullercoats) in 1860, Holy Saviour (Tynemouth) in 1861, St. George (Cullercoats) in 1880, and St. Augustine (Washington Terrace) in 1885.

Christ Church contains several internal monumental inscriptions but, unfortunately the churchyard was cleared in the 1950's.

There is not enough space in a short article to follow the building history and eventual downfall of Tynemouth Castle or of Clifford's Fort, which overlooks the river at North Shields; both were built to protect the towns of Newcastle and North Shields. The promontory at Tynemouth received its first defences against the Scots in 1269 and from then until the time of Queen Elizabeth a garrison varying between 15 and 80 in number was stationed there. Further improvements, including the construction of the "Spanish Battery" overlooking Prior's Haven, were undertaken in the mid-16th century. The castle was under siege by the Scottish forces during the Civil War and fell to them in 1644. From the 18th century the priory buildings were pulled down to provide materials for barracks and military stores of which nothing now remains. There are a number of monumental inscriptions recorded from the chancel of the Priory Church and internments continued up to the end of the 19th century.

Records show that coal was mined in Tynemouth during the latter half of the 13th century, with workings at Marden (Cullercoats) in 1316 and Earsdon in 1376, much of it by and for the benefit of the monks of Tynemouth. As demand grew and methods improved, coal mining spread to all parts of the parish and waggonways were laid to transport the coal to saltpans in Cullercoats and the wharves at North Shields. Eventually a thriving trade in coal to London brought prosperity to the townships on and near the banks of the Tyne. There are few areas in the parish where evidence of mining is not apparent, and the writer can recall a case in the 1950's where a deep hole suddenly opened up in the backyard of a house in the centre of Whitley Bay.

Almost from the foundation of the Priory there was friction between the inhabitants of Tynemouth and Newcastle, largely because of the desire of the latter to prevent the development of the mouth of the river at their expense. A raid by more than one hundred men from Newcastle in 1264 on the 'new' town of North Shields resulted in the burning of mills and houses and inflicted losses of over £300 on the Priory. This was the beginning of a feud that was to last several hundred years. At least once in each century the citizens of Newcastle took out lawsuits against Tynemouth and North Shields with a view to restricting their trade - in which endeavour Newcastle usually emerged victorious - and from time to time blood would be shed in the process.

The township of Tynemouth extended from Marden Burn in the North to Chirton and Preston in the East, and included what is now North Shields. Many notable families are associated with this township, and some of them are remembered in the street names, for example the Dockwrays, who were responsible for building the town centre in the 18th century; Ralph Gardner who fought the people of Newcastle; the Tyzaks; the Wrights - who laid out Northumberland Square - and many others.

The township of North Shields occupied a very small area of land fronting the river, extending from Pow Burn in the east to the site of the present-day Smiths Dock, an area of 103 acres of which 70 acres was water. It started as a very small cluster of hovels built on the tidal swamp at the side of the river, and as land was reclaimed it grew into a 'dirty and verminous' port. It is interesting to note that as it developed a trade in the export of coal and salt to London, mariners from other ports such as Whitby and Ipswich settled in the town. North Shields was for many centuries the poorest part of the parish, due no doubt, to the fact that the people making money from its industries preferred to live elsewhere.

Chirton township, the largest, lies down the western side of the parish and was mainly rural in character with no large centres of population. Coal mining and quarrying were the only industries in the area for hundreds of years. An area called Moorhouses was the site of the gallows of the priors of Tynemouth. Much of the later history of Chirton revolves round a small number of families such as Reed, Cardonnel-Lawson, Milbourne and Gardner.

Preston was a township of 646 acres lying between Tynemouth on the East and Chirton on the West. In 1649 the first enclosures took place when 335 acres were allocated to a number of freeholders, including Robert and Michael Spearman, Robert Otway, George Milburn and Ralph Grey. The remaining land was divided into five more or less equal farms which eventually passed to the Duke of Northumberland. John Fenwick was a notable landowner in the southern part of the area and in 1857 Tynemouth Corporation bought a parcel of land from his successors to form the present Preston Cemetery.

Whitley township was a rectangle, 658 acres in area, stretching from Marden Burn in the South to Briardene in the North and bounded by Monkseaton on the West. It was held by the de Whitley family for about three hundred years as tenants of the monks of Tynemouth. Enclosure, which took place before 1674, omitted Whitley links, an area next to the sea which is still open ground. This land was extensively mined for coal between 1673 and 1715 by two notable local families, the Doves and the Hudsons. During the same period Henry Hudson started limestone quarrying at Marden. Although there must have been some substantial houses in the area over the centuries little of antiquity has survived the growth of the modern town of Whitley Bay. Monkseaton, or originally Seton township, had a population of 952 in 1901. In 1377 six out of the ten farms in the township were waste due to the Black Death. The Mills family owned Monkseaton farm and occupied a house that is now incorporated in the Ship Inn. Other well known families in the 17th and 18th centuries included the Halls and the Hindmers.

Murton township was first noted in 1189 when Nicholas de Morton, Robert de Chirton and Robert Tod held land from the Abbot of St. Albans, the mother church of the Priory. It is interesting to note that the township includes the hamlets of New York and Philadelphia. One of the conditions of enclosure in about 1790 was to give the Duke of Northumberland full powers to work mines and quarries and to lay waggonways to convey the coal from the pits.

Following George Fox's visit to Newcastle in 1653, groups of 'Friends' started meeting in Cullercoats and Tynemouth and it was not long before they felt the need for their own Quaker burial grounds. In 1661 a graveyard was in use in what is now John Street, Cullercoats, (under the Co-op) and this continued to be used until 1818. Two other graveyards were in use in North Shields, one in Stephenson Street and the other in Coach Lane; both of these were in use until closed by the Corporation in 1853. Following the Act of Uniformity numerous non-conformist sects sprang up in the area; many of the early registers of these churches and chapels were deposited with Somerset House in the early part of this century and are now in the hands of the Public Record Office.

A SIMPLE BEGINNING

Nancy Barraclough Locktived

The beginning of this story is a very simple Victorian sampler, undated, but known to be from my mother's family. It is said that the frame has some connection with Grace Darling. Certainly my mother told me that her parents came from Northumberland, so there was a geographical connection. The sampler bears the name Margaret Farmer and the initials W.F.: R.C.: E.F.: M.C.: M.F. For many years my sisters and I did no more than look at it until one day I was introduced to my local (Gloucestershire) Family History Society. Thus was my interest in family history awakened, after which the family gave me the job of finding out more about 'our' sampler. However, where was I to start?

I very quickly discovered that in whichever county one's interests lie the best place to start is with the local Family History Society. After spending some time learning about the 'ways and means' and setting down the information I already had, I boldly set off for St. Catherine's House.

Working back from the known date of birth of my mother and through the estimated birth date of her oldest sister I traced the marriage of my maternal grandparents, George Trotter and Annie Mather on 26 February 1876 at Sedgefield, County Durham, aged 27 and 22 years respectively. I was very excited - the system actually worked!

The exact ages on the marriage certificate were very useful as I could then return to St. Catherine's House and obtain birth certificates. It was Annie's which interested me most, as it showed her to have been born on 18 September 1853 at Glanton, Northumberland, to Thomas Mather and Margaret Mather formerly Farmer. Now I knew who Margaret Farmer was. The next step was to find out if the initials W. F. and E. F. belonged to Margaret's parents.

Back to St. Catherine's House I went, and working back from Annie's birth in 1853 I found the marriage of Thomas Mather and Margaret Farmer at Whittingham on 26 May 1844. The certificate records them as both of Glanton and states Margaret's father to be William Farmer, Innkeeper.

My next visit was to the Public Record Office in Portugal Street, London, where I perused the 1851 census. I could not find a Mather but of the two entries for Farmer one read as follows:

FARMER	William	Head	69	Farmer/Innkeeper	Ford
"	Eleanor	Wife	61	Farmer's wife	Kirknewton
"	William	Son(unm)	19	Employed on farm	Whittingham

William and Eleanor - it seemed that I had at last found my W. F. AND E. F., but who were R. C. and M.C.?

I now turned my attention to the I.G.I., a copy of which is in the Gloucester Central Library, where I found an entry for the marriage of a William Farmer to Eleanor Craig on 21 June 1811 at Kirknewton. Could these be Margaret's parents I wondered? If so, are R.C. and M.C. Eleanor's parents and thus Margaret's grandparents and what is this to do with Grace Darling anyway? As yet I have not got the answers to these questions, but I hope that before long I shall visit Northumberland to continue my research.

In the meantime, I have a mental picture of a small girl practicing her needlework stitches and with loving care incorporating into the sampler a record of her parents and grandparents, little knowing the fascination it would have for three great-grandchildren 150 years later.

MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERESTS

Items for this and the "Second Time Around" column should be sent to Mrs Y. Armstrong, 2 Grasmere Gardens, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE34 ODZ.

May we remind members that the pedigree charts used for indexing Members' Interests for the next Directory are quite separate from the Interests for these columns. If you wish your interests to be published, please send a paragraph outlining your areas of research, problems [etc to](#) Mrs Armstrong, at the above address for publication in the next available Journal. Please check that you include your membership number when writing, and we suggest that names for publication are PRINTED, to avoid errors.

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Welcome to all of our new members.

0981 Mrs L. ROBINSON, 57 Beech Grove, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear NE26 3PL.

(IN Tyneside 252 7704) Researching family and forebears of Stephen and Dorothy Batey (nee Lawson), South Shields, 1700's. Also Hornsby, Dunn, Henderson of North Shields, 1700's. Also Jane Elliot, daughter of Farmer of Chatton, near Wooler, born 1799, married Captain John Dunn, North Shields. Also connections of John George Taylor Forster of North Shields, later of Jarrow and Southbank, born 1857. Information sought on Fraser family who built Northcroft House, Snitter, near Rothbury in 1828. Seeking forebears of John Robinson of South Chariton, Cordwainer and Methodist Lay Preacher. He married Jane Fraser and died in 1900.

1344 Mr J. SIMPSON, 30 Beechwood Avenue, Low Fell, GATESHEAD, Tyne and Wear NE9 6PP.

(M Tyneside 487 7376) Seeking help with the following: Interested in tracing the Rules prior to the marriage of George Rule to Ursula Candler in 1693 at Flodden near Norham, and the family of James Gilchrist (baptised 1729 - 1817) of Buckton (St. Nicholas) near Holy Island. Also the family of Catherine Stuart (baptised 1747), possibly of Felling before this date.

1652 Mrs N. ROBSON, 71 Cranbrook Road, Parkstone, POOLE, Dorset BH12 3BW.

Main interests are in Robson and Hindmarsh. William Henry Robson, born in Sunderland (1837) married Mary Ann Hindmarsh, born in Hexham (1834) at the Bethesda Chapel, Gateshead on 5 Aug 1859. He was the son of Richard Robson, a pattern maker - she was the daughter of Robert Hindmarsh, a grocer. They had 7 children: Sarah H.; William H. (Mr Robson's grandfather); Robert P.; Jane E.; Margaret A. (did she die in childhood? She was 2 years old on 1871 Census, but not shown on 1881); "J.I.B." (a son); "I" (Isabello) a daughter. All children were born in Gateshead; Cromwell Street or Ellison Villas. William Henry Robson, senior, died when *SS Holmrook* sank off Holy Island on 26 Mar 1892. What happened to the family then? Why did William, junior, move to Huddersfield? Why did Robert Hindmarsh, father of Mary Ann, change his occupation as a Tailor to Grocer, and why did he move from Hexham to Gateshead about 1850? His son, Edward Smith Hindmarsh, also a Grocer, became mayor of Gateshead twice (1879 & 1880). Was Robert left the grocery business, as prior to this, the family was very poor, and lived at Market Street, Hexham. Robert's mother was Elizabeth Bearpark. Robert had 4 sons and Mary Ann. Any ideas or information welcomed, and all letters will be answered. Mrs Robson offers help in the Poole area, but please note she is a newcomer to family history. Most Dorset Census returns are now in Poole Library. S.A.E.'s please.

1721 Mrs N. BAXTER, 5 Katherine Street, P.O. Box 655, LAKE FIELD, ONTARIO K0L 2H0, CANADA.

Researching Pearson family of The Spital, Hexham, and Bishopfield, Allendale. Will be glad to hear from any descendants, particularly those of Robert Pearson of Bishopfield (1635 - 1695).

1881 Mrs W.M.C. RAINBOW, 27 St. Paul's Gardens, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear NE29 8RG.

Seeking information on John Davies, Lieutenant in Royal Navy 1800, grandchildren Sarah (married E. Johnson), John and Walter born 1800's, North Shields. Lucy Purvis, born Lewes/Ringmer, Sussex, married John Davis, North Shields (1828?). Walter Howe and Frances (formerly Davies, nee McGuire) lived in North Shields, 1800. Their daughter was Ann Howe. Patrick Kelly had sisters, Margaret (married Garvey), Mary and Bridget, 1850's in North Shields, born Ireland. McMullen - brothers of Charles and John, in Jarrow 1880-1930, born Ireland.

1895 Mrs M.C. HURST, 11 Willow Close, East Leake, LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire LE12 6PU.

(IS East Leake 3382) Mrs Hurst is looking for the birth date and any other information on great-grandfather James Conway. He was married at 22 years old at St. Hidla's Church, South Shields on 21 Mar 1868 to

Margaret Jane Pennock. Their address in May 1872 when their son Thomas was born was 21 Nelson Street, Willington. In 1873, there was a James Conway, Marine Store Dealer at 67 Nelson Street. Were they the same person or relations? Great-grandfather James Conway had occupation on marriage certificate as Iron ship builder. It is believed that his mother married a man named Flannagan when James was about 12 years old, and they had two daughters, Annie and Ellen. Also: Munro Wilkinson, Woodturner, lived in Southwick, Sunderland and died in 1903/4, aged 60(?). He carved a large bird, an eagle or pheonix, which was erected on top of a building in High Street, East Sunderland, (not the bird at Carter's Works, Deptford). He was married to Annie Lawrence and had seven children. Elizabeth, who married a Reid; Annie, born 25 April 1869 married a Dixon; Florence, born c.1874 married Thomas Conway (son of James Conway, above) and Isabella. There were three boys, William, Robert and one unknown who died young. Any help appreciated.

1906 Mr J.R. WHEATLEY, 9 Bolam Grove, Low Grange, BILLINGHAM, Cleveland TS23 3QG.

(IN Stockton 562949) Interested in: Wheatley, Spennymoor 19C; Elliott, Spennymoor 19C, Monkhouse, Durham City 18-19C; Jane, Crook 19C; Ashford, Bishops Tachbrook, Warwickshire 19C; Robinson, Ferryhill 19C; Tansy, Staffordshire 19C.

1939 Col. L.E. SKENDER, 7625 Luton Place, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22310, UNITED STATES.

Researching McCall, Rought/Wrought, Rainey and Wood ancestries. William McCall, senior, and Millicent Rainey, both reportedly from Ireland, had the following children born in Scotland or England whilst immigrating to Co. Durham: William Junior (1847); Samuel (remained in England); John (emigrated to Freeport, Pa./US), and Alexander (emigrated to Jamestown, N.Y./US and was a US Marshal there). William McCall, Junior, born 17 June 1847 in Scotland, was a coal-miner in Co. Durham. He married Sarah Ann Rought on 20 Feb 1868 at the Registry Office, Stockton, Cleveland. Sarah Ann Rought was born 13 July 1849 and was the daughter of Samuel Rought and Anna Wood, both of families believed to be native to either Pelton Fell or Thornaby, South Stockton. The children of William McCall Junior and Sarah Ann Rought were William 111 (1876); Samuel (1879); Alexander (who died young); John R., and Sarah. All were born at Pelton Fell, Durham. This family emigrated to Salina, Pennsylvania/US in 1888. William McCall III owned a drayage firm and was mayor of Follansbee, West Virginia. Would also like to contact any descendants of Samuel McCall (born 1850's) believed to be living at Pelton Fell or Thornaby, South Stockton.

1955 Mr G.D. SECCOMBE, 29 Victoria Terrace, BEDLINGTON, Northumberland NE22 5QB.

(I& Bedlington 827212) Mr Seccombe is researching the families of Seccombe, and would welcome any information on the name from anywhere, at any dates, especially Cornwall.

1968 Mr W.J. WEDDLE, 4 Colliers Close, Wembury, PLYMOUTH, Devon PL9 OJN.

(IS Plymouth 862859) Researching the Weddle family and has traced it to Durham, possibly Durham City. Particularly interested in discovering details of a Robert Weddle's parents, his date of birth c.1831.

1974 Mr I.J. OSWALD, 48 Haddington Road, Beaumont Park, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear NE25 9UY.

(IS Tyneside 253 1248)

1976 Miss 1. BLAIR, 70 Planet House, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SRI 3LJ.

(IN Sunderland 656940)

1977 Mrs P.E. GROOME, 5 Nichols Road, CONVENT STATION, NEW JERSEY 07961, UNITED STATES.

Looking for the date and place of marriage of George Marton (born 1822) and Ann Dawson (born 1827) in Newcastle area. They had a daughter, Eleanor Ann Marton, born 1844 or 1848. Seeking the town and parish of her birth. Any information gratefully received.

1978 Mr J. PARK, 214 Windfield Road, REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN S4V OK3, CANADA.

Researching: Park, Arrowsmith, Pybus, Noble, Rooks, Heron, Hull, all in the Darlington-Sunderland corridor. William Park (born c.1795) in Croft, Yorks (?), married Martha Arrowsmith of Blackwell (near Darlington), 23 April 1821 at St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church, Darlington. Their children: John (to Canada), George, Mary (married Pybus), Joseph, Henry, Thomas (to Canada), James. James (born 1842), married Caroline Noble c.1859. Their children: Elizabeth (born 1860, married Frank Rooks), Amelia, or Milly (married James Heron), Frederick, Emily, Henry, Arthur, Alice (married Gebrge Hull), Ernest (born 1886, died in World War 1). Letters indicate that the above 8 children were born at the Peaceful Valley Lodge at the Darlington Cemetery, where James was the Gardener. Does such a place still exist? Are any Parks buried there? James was later the Gardener of Sunderland Cemetery (Ryhope) and most of his children are buried there. Most of the family members where employed at the Hendon/Sunderland Paper Mill. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

1979 Mrs L.M. PICKEN, 2 Aston Way, Whickham, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE16 5RJ.

1980 Mr G. THOMPSON, 1 St. Vincent Avenue, BLACKPOOL, Lancashire FY 16RT.

(IS Blackpool 691088)

1981 Mr H.J. ARKLE, 12 Woodford Close, Witherwack, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR5 5SA.

Young, born late 1800's, Seaman; Clark and Davies of Sunderland, late 1800's; Oliver of Sunderland, 1800's. Also Hogg, Todd, Dunlop, Midcalf, Elsdon, Pringle, Hills, Johnson, Peel, Leadbitter, Thomas, Archibald, Jude, Mitchell, Woodland, Green, Wilson, Cain, Widdrington, Barnes, Bowe and Etherington.

- 1982 Mrs A. ARKLE, 12 Woodford Close, Witherwack, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR5 5SA.
Researching: Mitchinson (Northumberland and Durham); Thompson and Squires of Sunderland; Dryden (Northumberland and Durham); Taylor and Bland of Sunderland; Dobson and Hall of Sunderland, Seaham and Murton.
- 1983 Mrs P.M. PAGE, 3 The Shrublands, Hob Lane, Barston, SOLIHULL, West Midlands B92 OJS.
(IS Hampton-in-Arden 2908) Researching: Blench in the parish of Lanchester, and Willey in Ryton.
- 1984 Mrs A.Y. FITZMAURICE, 23 Fuller Street, MITCHAM, VICTORIA 3132, AUSTRALIA.
Would like to contact any member who is also researching the following: Joseph Price married Ann Harley at All Saints, Newcastle on 30 March 1805. All their children were baptised at the same church:- Ann, baptised 12 June 1806; Margaret, baptised 22 Sept 1807; Joseph born 15 May 1809, baptised 11 June 1809, died 27 July 1901 in New Zealand (ancestor); Susanna, baptised 4 July 1813; William, baptised 4 July 1813 (twins?); Thomas, baptised 11 June 1815 and Benjamin, baptised 17 Oct 1819. The address shown on the baptism entries varies from "North Shields", "Low Street, North Shields" to "mariner of Bristol" for the 1815 entry. The mother was identified as a "native of All Saints Parish" Very little is known of Joseph Price (born 15 May 1809) between his birth and 3 Mar 1830 when he sailed as crew on a women's convict ship, the **Roslyn/Roslin Castle**, for New South Wales. Family story states he was plying on ships between England and France from the age of 13, c.1822/23. Does anyone have any connections with this family, or give further details? Also trying to locate a map which would show "Low Street". Is it in All Saints parish? Mrs Fitzmaurice has full research on Joseph Price's life story after 1830, and his involvement in New Zealand before it became a Crown Colony. Also has material for anyone interested in another Joseph Price, a glassblower of Warrington, who moved to Newcastle. Any help welcomed.
- 1985 Mr E. REAY, 29 Content Street, Bleach Green, BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, Tyne and Wear NE215HX.
- 1986 Mr P.G. CLAY, 14 Bradbourne Road, SEVENOAKS, Kent TN 13 3PY.
- 1987 Mrs S. CLAY, 14 Bradbourne Road, SEVENOAKS, Kent TN13 3PY.
- 1988 Mr R.A. DALTON, 62 Queen Anne's Drive, BEDALE, North Yorkshire DL8 2EN.
(,&Bedale 22104)
- 1989 Mrs D. GIBSON, Hunter's Hill Farm, Little Crakehall, BEDALE, North Yorkshire DL8 1LA.
(2~ Bedale 22863)
- 1990 Mrs J. SYRES, 18 Claremont Drive, HARTLEPOOL, Cleveland TS26 9PD.
(*a Hartlepool 60807)
- 1991 Mrs J. DOWNIE, 12 Sunlea Avenue, Cullercoats, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE30 3DS.
Researching: Hudson, Graham, Seed, Proudlock of Newcastle, 19-20C; Hudson of North Shields, 18-19C; Graham of Carlisle, 18-20C; Seed of Edinburgh, 18-19C.
- 1992 Mr D.H. WYETH, 63 Elliott Drive, Felling, GATESHEAD, Tyne and Wear NE 10 9RA.
- 1993 Mrs C.A. WYETH, 63 Elliott Drive, Felling, GATESHEAD, Tyne and Wear NE 10 9RA.
- 1994 Mrs A. MAGEE, Glen Cottage, Carlton, STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Cleveland TS21 IEA.
- 1995 Mr R. WILSON, 62 Featherstone Road, DURHAM DH 15YW.
- 1996 Mrs J. WILSON, 62 Featherstone Road, DURHAM DH 1 5YW.
- 1997 Mr R. GREEN, 10904 Sixty-third Avenue, EDMONTON, ALBERTA T6H 1 R2, CANADA.
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(IN Morpeth 790603)
- 1999 Mrs H. TATE, Albion House, Mile Road, Widdrington, MORPETH, Northumberland NE615QW.
- 2000 Mr E. JOHANSEN, 24 Cartington Road, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE29 7BL.
- 2001 Mrs T. JOHANSEN, 24 Cartington Road, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE29 7BL.
- 2002 Mr T. PHILLISKIRK, 141 Whitefield Crescent, Penshaw, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, Tyne and Wear DH4 7QX.
(12 Houghton-le-Spring 844945)
- 2003 Mr K. VANNER, 16 Calow Way, Whickham, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE 16 5RP.
(IS Tyneside 488 1445)
- 2004 Mrs G. VANNER, 16 Calow Way, Whickham, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE 16 5RP.
(,a Tyneside 488 1445)
- 2005 Mrs M. MENZIES, 22 Sheehan Street, Pearce, CANBERRA, A.C.T 2607, AUSTRALIA.
- 2006 Mr J.C. STROTHER, 29409 North Le Haze Drive, BOERNE, TEXAS 78006, UNITED STATES.
- 2007 Mrs M. DAWES, 67 Springvale Drive, WEETANGERA, A. C. T. 2614, AUSTRALIA.
- 2008 Miss N.R. WEVELL, 5 Terrace Street, PALMERSTON NORTH, NEW ZEALAND.
- 2009 Mrs G.M. GRIGG, 22 Olympiad Crescent, BOX HILL NORTH, VICTORIA 3129, AUSTRALIA.
- 2010 Mr G.G. DAVISON, 23 Eastfield Road, PICKERING, North Yorkshire YO 18 7HU.

- 2011 Mr S.D. BLAKE, 75 Old Fort Road, SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, West Sussex BN4 5HA.
(W Shoreham-by-Sea 4493) Researching the Batie/Baitie family of West Auckland 18-19C; Ware family of Bishop Auckland 19C; and Bailey family of West Auckland 19C. Does anyone have knowledge of the Pits operating in late 19C in West Auckland?
- 2012 Mrs M.E. BASSETT, 249 Burrage Road, Plumstead, LONDON SE 18 7JW.
(IN 01-854-7870) Interests: Cunningham of Alnwick, 1854. Great-grandfather was Edward Cunningham, who married Catherine Nichol in 1854, and lived at Hotspur Street. He was a Staff Sergeant in the Militia at that time. Also the Cunninghams in Sunderland, where grandfather, William John Cunningham, married. Also McGuigan of Dublin; Sutherland of Carstairs and Carnwath, Lanarkshire 18-19C.
- 2013 Mr M. McMANUS, 208 Canterbury Road, Newton Hall, DURHAM DH 1 5NG.
- 2014 Mrs A.C. PETERSON, 9926 North East 144th Lane, No. 306, BOTHELL, WASHINGTON 98011, UNITED STATES.

Researching: Stor(e)y of Lanchester, mostly farmers. Need birth of Joseph Story c.1729, son of John Story, who died at Gladdow in 1771, and Ann (?). Joseph married Katharine Hull on 24 May 1769, died Lanchester 3 Aug 1814 aged 85. Armstrong of Allendale; Edward Armstrong married Mary (?) c.1772 and had 8 children; died in 1798. Born where/parents? Clark/Elliott - William Clark, mariner, son of Alexander Clark (?), married Jane Elliott, daughter of William Elliott, mariner, on 30 Jan 1804 at Newcastle All Saints. Anything about the parents of either party. Their children were William, 14 Dec 1806; Alexander, 26 Feb 1809; Jane, 6 Jul 1811, All Saints, Newcastle. Any more children? Deaths? Hall-children of William Hall and Elizabeth Raisbeck married 24 July 1808 in Washington. Death of above sought. Also parents of Percival Hall who married Elizabeth Lauder Rue, widow, on 11 Dec 1755 at Whitburn. Who was Elizabeth Lauder? Loraine - Alexander Loraine married Mary Brotherstones on 5 Feb 1769 at All Saints, Newcastle. Parents? Child James baptised 23 July 1769, same place. Other children? James Loraine married Margaret Blake, daughter of William Blake of Edinburgh on 28 June 1795 at same place. Her origins? Their children? They eventually lived in Jarrow. PiggrFurpin - Thomas Pigg of Tynemouth married Jane Turpin on 18 Feb 1751 at Sunderland, although she probably came from Tynemouth. Children? They both died in Heworth. Allan - Catherine Allan born c.1856, daughter of Patrick Allan. Married John Lee at the R.C. Chapel, Scotswood, Newcastle on 1 Nov 1873. Any information on her? McGurk - Terence McGurk married Ann Smith c.1835 in Cavan County, Ireland and lived in Newcastle c.1845 onwards. They were R.G. Anything about their origins or children sought. Brown - Martin Brown married Mary (?) c.1836 and they came to Newcastle from Ireland. R.C.'s. Anything sought about their origins and children.
- 2015 Mrs B.J. KOLLE, 12 Wimbledon Avenue, MOUNT ELIZA, VICTORIA 3930, AUSTRALIA.
- 2016 Mr J.L. HEWARD, 24 Frankland Road, Framwellgate Moor, DURHAM DH1 5HZ.
- 2017 Mr K. LATHERON, 73 Church Road, GATESHEAD, Tyne and Wear NE9 5RH.
(IN Tyneside 487 8328) Researching Lathern/Leathern/Latheron families of Alston, Nenthead, St. Helen - Auckland, Sunderland and Yorkshire. Information is sought on Edward Lathern and wife Mary (c.1800-1850) at Nenthead and St. Helen Auckland. Son William married Ann Smith Summerson at St. Helen in 1845 and Latheron family developed from the children of this marriage.
- 2018 Mrs S.M. HUGHES, 4 Oak Terrace, Victoria Road, HARROGATE, North Yorkshire HG2 0EN.
(0 Harrogate 67260)
- 2019 Mr G.A. FENWICK, 15 Larch Drive, CHESTER, NEW JERSEY 07930, UNITED STATES.
- 2020 Mrs M.L.K. FENWICK, 15 Larch Drive, CHESTER, NEW JERSEY 07930, UNITED STATES.
- 2021 Mr E.L. ROBSON, 85 Moorside North, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE4 9DX.
(IN Tyneside 273 7034)
- 2022 Miss M. THORP, 115 The Broadway, Grindon, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR4 8PA.
- 2023 Mr J. STEPHENSON, Stephenson House, Smillie Close, PETERLEE, County Durham SR8 5JH
(IS Peterlee 861338)
- 2024 Mr R. BOLAM, 13 Unity Terrace, Dipton, STANLEY, County Durham DH9 9BA.
(IN Stanley 570098) Seeks information on Robert Bolam, born 1743 of Colwellhill, Elsdon, Northumberland. He married Elizabeth Boiston of Lanshott, Elsdon. They had 7 children: Margaret, baptised 1765; George baptised 1766; Robert, baptised 1770; John, baptised 1773; Charles, baptised 1774; William, baptised 1776 and Barbara, baptised 1780.
- 2025 Mrs M. OWENS, Box 186, AYLSHAM, SASKATCHEWAN SOE OCO, CANADA.
- 2026 Mr A. ROBSON, 38 Edinburgh Road, JARROW, Tyne and Wear NE32 4BD.
- 2027 Mr A. JOHNSON, 102 West Avenue, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE34 6BH.
(IN South Shields 563485)
- 2028 Mrs D. ARTHURS, 154 Kahibah Road, CHARLESTOWN, NEW SOUTH WALES 2290, AUSTRALIA.
- 2029 Dr. D. LAWRENCE, 40 Holkham Avenue, Beeston, NOTTINGHAM NG9 5EQ.
(1& Nottingham 259755)
- 2030 Mrs H.M. LAWRENCE, 40 Holkham Avenue, Beeston, NOTTINGHAM NG9 5EQ.

- 2031 Mr B.F. HUMBLE**, 41 Throstle Mount, Luddenden Foot, HALIFAX, West Yorkshire HX2 6BN.
- 2032 Ms. R.E. YOUNG**, 109 Gloucester Road, Tottenham, LONDON N17 6DA.
(☎ 01-808-0849)
- 2033 Mr I.M. STUART**, 12 Marlton Way, Haverbreaks, LANCASTER LA1 5BW.
(☎ Lancaster 69910)
- 2034 Miss A.C. BUCKHAM**, 20 Lilac Avenue, Whitburn, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR6 7HL.
- 2035 Mrs J. HALL**, 25 Old Road, BILLINGHAM, Cleveland TS23 1DS
(☎ Stockton-on-Tees 553308)
- 2036 Mrs I. ROBINSON**, 173 Belwains Lane, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire HP3 9XA.
Researching Scurr. Great-great-grandfather Michael Scurr was baptised the ninth son of Thomas Scurr and his wife, Hannah Storey, native of Thornaby in Merrington in 1812. Thomas and Hannah were married in Hutton Rudby on 14 July 1789. Michael (above) evidently came to London where he married one Caroline Prior and then came to Hemel Hempstead. Would be pleased to correspond with anyone researching the same name.
- 2037 Mr J.E. ELLIS**, Willow Cottage, Hoo, WOODBRIDGE, Suffolk IP13 7QU.
(☎ Charsfield 362)
- 2038 Mr A. CLELLAND**, 4 Littondale Avenue, KNARESBOROUGH, North Yorkshire HG5 0BQ.
(☎ Harrogate 865069) Researching: Clelland/McClelland family of Newcastle; Palmer/Dickson/Tindle/Fawell of Newcastle; Wakenshaw of Cullercoats.
- 2039 Miss E.M. CONNOR**, Lot 29, George Street, WEST SWAN, WESTERN AUSTRALIA 6055, AUSTRALIA.
- 2040 Ms. D. HENDERSON**, 31 Helmsdale Avenue, GATESHEAD, Tyne and Wear NE10 0JD.
- 2041 Mr E. DOWNS**, 3 West Drive, Lanchester, DURHAM DH7 0HQ.
(☎ Lanchester 520575)
- 2042 Mrs L. DOWNS**, 3 West Drive, Lanchester, DURHAM DH7 0HQ.
- 2043 Mrs R.S. BONNEY**, 47 Miles Buildings, Penfold Street, LONDON NW1 6RG.
- 2044 Mr J.C. WALKER**, Pine Cottage, Bar End Road, WINCHESTER, Hampshire SO23 9NT.
(☎ Winchester 69471)
- 2045 Mr J. LUMSDEN**, 19 Meadow Road, PICKERING, North Yorkshire YO18 8NW.
(☎ Pickering 75023)
- 2046 Mrs R.A. LUMSDEN**, 19 Meadow Road, PICKERING, North Yorkshire YO18 8NW.
(☎ Pickering 75023)
- 2047 Mrs G.A. FALLA**, 101 Sweetbrier Lane, Heavitree, EXETER, Devon EX1 3AP.
(☎ Exeter 33764) Researching Beveridge, Campbell, Lilly, Moat, Pape (all Newcastle); Dixon and Teasdale (Allendale); Dodds (Newcastle and Washington); Hawdon (Gateshead, Newcastle and Allendale); Sanderson (Newcastle and Alwinton); Schofield (Gateshead and Alnwick); Walton (Alston); Watson (Gateshead); Jobson (mid-Northumberland); Hatchard (came to Newcastle from Portsea). Looking for the marriage of Thomas and Margery Dodds (first known child baptised at Gateshead, 1825, later ones at Washington and Usworth).
- 2048 Mrs C. PRITCHARD**, 33 Gower Road, HALESOWEN, West Midlands B62 9BY.
(☎ 021-422-1829) Seeking information on George Rochester born c.1834, probably son of George Rochester and Dorothy (nee Allen) married at unknown church, but other children baptised at St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, Bishopwearmouth. Also Georgina Thompson who married a George Rochester (draper) at St. Paul's Church, Hendon, Bishopwearmouth on 14 Nov 1856, both residing at 66 Tatham Street, Bishopwearmouth.
- 2049 Mr R.F. DAVISON**, 5 Torquay Avenue, HARTLEPOOL, Cleveland TS25 3DP.
(☎ Hartlepool 70540) Researching James Kay of Sunderland who was a brick-maker, and who married Hannah Walton. Also William White, born at Freeman's Place, Durham on 11 Mar 1831, married to Jane (surname unknown), born at Hett 18 July 1833. William was a joiner and travelled throughout County Durham, working mainly on pit houses. Would appreciate help on tracing place of birth of John Davison, a seaman, born 1830. His father was also called John and was a butcher. John Davison was married to Jane Wearmouth of Shadforth on 3 Sept 1860 in Hartlepool. He died in Hartlepool on 3 May 1905.
- 2050 Mrs M. GILMORE-BACKHOUSE**, 5 The Orchard, Pity Me, DURHAM DH1 5DA.
- 2051 Mrs V. NUGENT**, 38 Beaconsfield Street, DARLINGTON, County Durham DL3 6ER.
- 2052 Mrs J. BERRYMAN**, 19 Westfield Avenue, SCARBOROUGH, North Yorkshire YO12 6DG.
(☎ Scarborough 362345)
- 2053 Mrs R. NIEDT**, Brent House, Fell Lane, PENRITH, Cumbria CA11 8AQ.
- 2054 Miss A.M. DICK**, Henderson Hall, Redhall Drive, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE7 7UY.

- 2055 Mr A.H. COSSAR, 12 Primrose Crescent, Burnmoor, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, Tyne and Wear DH4 6EN.
(a Durham 854295)
- 2056 Mrs G. COSSAR, 12 Primrose Crescent, Burnmoor, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, Tyne and Wear DH4 6EN.
- 2057 Mr E. YARD, 45 Westfields, STANLEY, County Durham DH9 71313.
(IS Stanley 232867) Seeks information on the Yard family of Bickenhall and Curland (Somerset) and North Devon. Anything on a Robert McKeith of Monzie (Perthshire) c. 1780/1800 who moved to South Shields. Information on coaching inns in Newcastle upon Tyne sought. James Horn, coachman, married Ann Downie and subsequently became landlord of the "Queen's Head Inn", Wapping Street, South Shields. Information on these, and the "Queen's Head Inn" itself welcomed.
- 2058 Mrs D. PARKIN, 322 Hykeham Road, LINCOLN LN6 8BW.
(0 Lincoln 682441)
- 2059 Mr H.W. ANDERSON, 155 Broomhill, DOWNHAM MARKET, Norfolk PE38 9QU.
(*& Downham Market 383592) Researching John Anderson, an innkeeper of an inn in Newbiggin who married Hannah Bainbridge, who gave birth to their son William 1858. It has been suggested that the inn was called "The Sea View Inn". Can anyone help with details of the inn, and of the marriage of John and Hannah?
- 2060 Mr G.E. QUIN, Orchard Cottage, Church Hill, Earls Colne, COLCHESTER, Essex C06 2RG.
(I& Earls Colne 3828)
- 2061 Mr G.S. QUIN, Orchard Cottage, Church Hill, Earls Colne, COLCHESTER, Essex C06 2RG.
- 2062 Mr R.F. GEESIN, Headrest, Scotsford Road, Broad Oak, HEATH FIELD, East Sussex TN21 8TU.
(IN Heathfield 3994) Looking for any reference to the name of Geesin in Gateshead and Newcastle 1860-1950 (arrived from Muston, Leics). Photographs wanted (will pay for copies or originals) of Gateshead Streets, 1860-1920: King William, Lincoln, Litchfield, Richmond and Eastbourne Avenue, also Norfolk Road, Byker. Was 71 Lichfield Street ever a Bakery (c.1887)? Any Railway references and especially photographs, 1860-1920, of Frederick William Geesing (Signalman), Robert Henry Geesin (Engine Driver), William Dobson (Fireman, Engine Driver), Henry Dobson (Platelayer), Thomas Telford (Platelayer). Any help appreciated.
- 2063 Mrs M. ROBINSON, 71 Broadway, Fulford Road, YORK YO1 4JP.
Interests: Trobe of South Shields. Samuel Trobe and his wife, Dorothy Anders (?). Their daughter Margaret was baptised on 23 Aug 1816 at New Presbyterian, South Shields. Margaret was married first in 1836 at St. Hilda's Church, South Shields to George McColl, and secondly in 1850 at St. Paul's, Jarrow to Selby Falla. Margaret is the great-great grandmother of Mr Robinson on the maternal side from the second marriage. Also Moralee of Houghton-le-Spring. Dorothy Moralee married John Forth on 22 Nov 1834 at St. Michael's, Houghton-le-Spring. John Forth's father was William, a native of Leeds Old Church, but came to Peshaw where he married Ann Lowe in 1807. Dorothy's parents may have been William and Ann, but seek her baptism to confirm this. Dorothy and John are Mrs Robinson's great-great-grandparents, on maternal side.
- 2064 Mr T. MARTIN, Birchgrove, Harviestoun Road, DOLLAR, Clackmannanshire FK 14 7PT.
(IN Dollar 2327)
- 2065 Mr E. RONTREE, 17 Viking Way, Holland-on-Sea, CLACTON-ON-SEA, Essex CO 15 5TL.
- 2066 Mrs J. ROBSON, 3/78 Alt Street, ASH FIELD, NEW SOUTH WALES 2131, AUSTRALIA.
- 2067 Mrs R.E. WILLS, 18 Fairfield Road, Barton-on-Sea, NEW MILTON, Hampshire BH25 7NL.
(I& New Milton 615720) Researching Geldard/Geldart. Any information on descendants/relatives of Matthew Geldard, born Stanwick St. John, Yorkshire 1836, died Newcastle 1920, by profession a Town Missionary. Also his nephew, Matthew Henry Geldard, born West Auckland in 1864, married Mary Parker in 1885 and lived at Hunwick, Co. Durham, died 1909. Also Christopher Geldard/Geldart, Shoemaker of Stanwick St. John, Yorks., born 1809, died 1807 - children: Margaret, Elizabeth, Charles, Lucy, Christopher and Francis. Davison - Any information on John William Davison. Only details known are that he married in 1882 Elizabeth Jane Atkinson at Thornley, Co. Durham, died in 1927 at Easington Colliery. Their children were John, Howard, Eva and Vincent.
- 2068 Mrs P. WRIGHT, 109 Bishopton Road, STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Cleveland TS 18 4PL.
(IS Stockton 678817) Interests include: Blythe of Blaydon/Usworth, mid 19C; Carss of Sunderland, 17-18C; Wright, John, reputed to have a sand-mill in the Wrekenton area, late 18W's. Seeking the marriage of John Walton Alder and Hannah Bell, m. 1800's, Sunderland. Also William Bell to Margaret (?), early 1800's, Sunderland. Any information on Margaret Forster, reputed to have had some connection with Lord Eldon. Any help appreciated.
- 2069 Mrs J. FEW, 41 Green End Street, Aston Clinton, AYLESBURY, Buckinghamshire HP22 5JE.
(IN Aylesbury 630106) John Hogg married Caroline Howe in 1885 at Battersea in London. John, aged 28, a carpenter, father also John, gardener. Family said to come from Morpeth itself or surrounding area. In 1855, a John Hogg was born to John and Elizabeth Hogg (nee Pearson) at Newgate Street, Morpeth. The 1861 Census shows George Hogg in Newgate Street, aged 55, Ag. Lab., born Kirknewton,

Northumberland. Wife Elizabeth, aged 32, born Togston Barns. Children Frances 7, born Espley; John 5, Jane 3 and Margaret 1, all born Morpeth. Is this the same family? St. Catherine's indexes shown another John Hogg born in Morpeth 1856. Any more information on Hoggs, Pearsons, welcomed. Sister of Mrs Few's John Hogg, believed to have married into Russell family.

2070 Mrs M. BOWES, 27 Saint Andrews Road, BISHOP AUCKLAND, County Durham DL 14 6RT.
(IS Bishop Auckland 604535)

2071 Mrs D. PATE, 16 Barrington Avenue, Marden Farm, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE30 3HG.

2072 Mr H. STONES, 18 Bywell Road, Cleadon, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR6 7QT.

Seeking information on Stones or Stockburn family, Barnard Castle area - William born c. 1760. Vart (Veart) family, Cockfield area --marriage of John to (Mary) Ann Graham 1842-50. Robert born c. 17(x). Hugh family, Heighington area, marriage of John to Ellinor c.1690. Whitfield family, Heighington area, marriage of Thomas c.1750. Fell family of Sunderland, William born c.1700. Storer family of West Auckland, marriage of John to Margaret Brockbank (or Hooson) c.1809-18. marriage of John c. 1760.

2073 Mrs D. CUMMINS, 3 Alkoomi Avenue, Hamlyn Heights, NORTH GEELONG, VICTORIA 3215, AUSTRALIA.

2074 Mr M.D. TURNER, 18 Oswald Terrace South, Castletown, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR5 3BB.

2075 Mrs M. FOX, 49 Derwentdale Gardens, High Heaton, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE7 7QN.
(V Tyneside 266 1500)

2076 Mrs S.E. GAIGER, 43 Bradbury Court, New Hartley, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear NE25 OSP.

2077 Ms. J.S. YEAMAN, 43 Bradbury Court, New Hartley, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear NE25 OSP.

2078 Miss P.M. BATTY, 29 Lorne Avenue, Shirley, CROYDON, Surrey CRO 7RQ.

Researching Eugene Macarthy, 1787-1866 and his family. He came from Ireland and settled in Newcastle c.1838. He was married to Sarah Jane Turnbull, supposedly daughter of a mayor of Durham (thrice) but unable to find this name in list of mayors for Durham. Eugene McCarthy was, for a short time, the manager of the Theatre Royal, Newcastle, and one of his daughters, Eloise Catherine, an actress known professionally as Ella Macarthy, first appeared on the stage there in 1842 at the age of 11. His eldest daughter, Maria (by his first wife) was also an actress. Another of his daughters, Sarah Jane, was the mother of Phil May, the famous cartoonist. One of his sons, George Eugene, was a proprietor of the Clapham Steamship Company, Newcastle, and another son, Phillip, went to Pensacola, Florida. Seeking the marriage of Ella Macarthy to Edward W. Chamberlaine, an actor, which have been unable to trace at St. Catherine's House. Also unable to discover where the family lived in Newcastle. Eugene and his wife both died at Woking, Surrey.

SECOND TIME AROUND

0015 Mr F. FURNESS, 8 Shadfen Park Road, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE30 3JD.

Seeking help with the following families: Furness - baptism of John Furness, c. 1740. He was a miller of Aycliffe when he married Ann Shut, 20 July 1761 at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington. Shut - Darlington, baptism of John Shut, c.1700. Woodmass- Darlington, baptism of Ann Woodmass c.1700; Yarm/Yorks/Cleveland, baptism of Margaret Woodmass c.1780. Atkinson - Northallerton (?), baptism of Mary Atkinson c. 1800. Parker - Whickham, marriage of Stephen Parker and Ann; also marriage of Thomas Parker and Jane. Waterston - Newcastle, marriage of George Waterston to Mary Parker c.1850; Bedlington, baptism of George Waterston c.1819. Graham - Hull, Yorks, baptism of Martha Graham c.1793. Carss - Embleton, marriage of William Carss to Mary Elliott c.1839; marriage of Thomas Carss to Margaret Straughan c.1790. Waugh - Alnwick, baptism of Joseph Waugh c.1821; marriage of John Waugh c.1800. Morton - Alnwick, baptism of Ann Morton c.1820. Bruce - Newcastle, baptism of John Bruce 1857/8. Young - Newcastle, baptism of Richard Thompson Young c.1818; Newcastle/Sunderland, marriage of Andrew Douglas Young and Susannah c.1816. Adamson - Newcastle, baptism of Jane, daughter of Alexander c.1824. Trotter - Heworth, marriage of Richard Trotter and Elizabeth 1840-47. Elliot - Embleton, baptism of Mary Elliot c. 1815. Harcuss - Morpeth, baptism of Margaret c.1790. Dobson - Barnard Castle, baptism of Margaret Dobson c.1823, daughter of Joseph and Betty; marriage of Robert Dobson pre-1753. Smith - Barnard Castle, marriage of John Smith pre-1748. Vint - Barnard Castle 1760. Kipling - Barnard Castle, baptism of Mary Kipling c.1755.

0028 Mr P.R.D. DAVISON, 27 Fryup Crescent, Kemplah Park, GUISBOROUGH, Cleveland TS 14 8LG.

Seeking: Marriage of Thomas Bulmer/Boomer/Bowmer pre-1765 to Jane (?). Not in Boyd. Thomas was buried at St. Oswald's in 1815 aged 87(?). He had lived in that parish (where he was described as "Servant", "Watercartman", "Yeoman" and "Labourer") since at least 1764. He was a Freeman of Elvet Moor "as son of same" and son of John, "late of Hallgarth Street". More details sought. Could he be the Thomas baptised at St. Oswald's in 1740? Marriage of George Davison (and his baptism) to Elizabeth sought. He was in Lanchester in 1704 and the marriage would be before that date. Burial sought of John Davison, born Whickham 1742/3 and alive in Tanfield area in 1805. Baptism sought of Mary Ann Hunter, born Haswell c.1819 (likely parents Robert Haswell Hunter and Hannah Jane [Ford]). Clement Minto and Dorothy Wallis, both of Alwinton, Northumberland, were married there on 26 April 1739. Origins sought. Seeking marriage of Frederick Quilter, Pilot at Seaham of Leigh, to Isabella Hunter of Dawdon pre-1838. Baptism of Phillis Atkinson/Athison, born Wooler 27 Sept 1809, sought and marriage to William Dixon of Spital (Mariner on *H. M. S. Vestal*) Pre-1838.

0070 Mrs M. FURNESS, 8 Shadfen Park Road, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE30 3JD.

Mrs Furness seeks information on the following: Wilson - Hexham, 1800; seeks marriage of George to Esther (born Bolton, Yorks). Fenwick - Hexham, marriage of Thomas, c.1780. Armstrong - birth of John c.1780, Hexham. Scott- Alnwick, 1800; marriage of Joseph, sergeant in Militia, to Eleanor Arthur; baptism of John Scott, Rennington, c.1754. Arthur - baptism of James, c.1730, Eglington. Archbold - Alnwick, baptism of Isabella, c.1760. Gordon - Eglington, baptism of Elinor c.1730. Potts - Rennington, baptism of Ann c.1754. Charlton - Alnwick, baptism of Mary c.1810. Todd - Rennington, baptism of Margaret c.1770. Martin - Berwick, marriage of John to Isabella, late Richardson, late Weddell, formerly Atkinson, c. 1830. Scorer - North Shields/Longbenton, marriage of Charles to Mary c.1817. Barnfather - Longbenton, baptism of Mary, c.1760. Laing - Hebburn, marriage of David to Elizabeth c.1811; Chester-le-Street, baptism of David c.1790. Mark - Newcastle/Wigton (Cumberland), marriage of George to Mary Mullen c.1832; baptism of George c.1812, Wigton. Mullen - Belford, baptism of Mary c.1818. Hankin - Cumberland/Haltwhistle/Newcastle, marriage of Daniel to Martha Bell c.1835; baptism of Thomas Hankin, Newcastle, 1658. Bell - Denton/Cumberland, baptism of Martha c.1815. Also Hopkins of Rye, Sussex; Playford/Day/Sheafe/Cramp, all of Sussex.

0230 Mr D.G. LINLEY, 10 Wren Street, PRESTON, Lancashire PR 1 6TB.

Searching for the following: Mr Linley is making a one-name study of the name Hinderwell, his mother's maiden name. Most Hinderwells come from the Scarborough area of Yorkshire, but there are a number of I.G.I. microfiche references in Durham and Northumberland: Norton, Stockton, Sunderland, South Shields (Durham); Bedlington, Gosforth, Stannington (Northumberland). Would any member coming across any reference to the name Hinderwell please pass them on to Mr Linley. Also seeking the baptism of Stephen Blacket in 1750/ 1760's, probably in the northern half of Northumberland. Later in life, he turned up in Foulden, Berwickshire, in 1795 as the father of an illegitimate child. He was described as a collier.

0370 Mr K.L. BOCK, 122 Hampton Road, Redland, BRISTOL BS6 6JD.

(& Bristol 741923) Researching: Lackland and Lakeland and variants in all parts of Britain but especially on Tyneside. He would welcome contact with people interested in these names. He now seeks the birth or baptism record for Lawrence Lakeland, a glassmaker who married Elizabeth March at St. Nicholas', Newcastle on 10 Feb 1783-4. The I.G.I. suggests that the marriage is listed in nonconformist records as well as in the parish register. A relevant entry cannot be found. Were dissenters listed in the original St. Nicholas register? Mr Bock seeks also the addresses and occupations of Jane Lackland and her husband Henry Rogers Octavius Lackland after their separation in the early 1870's. Henry was trained as a joiner but, in September 1870, when the birth of their daughter Elizabeth was registered, he was described as a stationer of 26 Fowler Street, South Shields. He was then living with Jane. Nothing further is known of his whereabouts until December 1889 when he died in the Union Workhouse, in South Shields. He was described as a shipwright when Elizabeth married in Sunderland in June 1888. Jane was living with her uncle at Sheephill, Burnopfield in 1881.

0530 Mrs J.J. CUMBERWORTH, 1908 Glade Road, FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO 87401, UNITED STATES.

Mrs Cumberworth would like to hear from any members who have an interest in the Moffett family in Ryton parish, County Durham, and particularly in the village of Greenside.

0614 Mr E.S. MILLIGAN, 4827 Franconia Road, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22310, UNITED STATES.

Seeking information on: Milligan, Scott and Ward families in the Consett and Newcastle areas. Especially needs information on J.E. Scott in Taylor Street, Consett in 1913. He was apparently related to Mr Milligan's grandmother, Mary Anne Scott Milligan. Does anyone know of Joe Fitzpatrick in the Consett area, who is believed to be a cousin? Also seeking Jane Forster and Martha McPherson of Consett, or their children.

0688 Mr W.A. FARQUHAR, 1 Ox Yoke Drive, SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070, UNITED STATES.

Would like information about the Watson family of Harwood, Middleton-in-Teesdale. John Watson, lead miner, of Roughrigg married Elizabeth Watson of Stoney Hill on 26 Nov 1814 at Middleton-in-Teesdale. They lived in Harwood and had the following children: Sarah (baptised 16 Feb 1820), Thomas (baptised 4 Aug 1822), William (baptised 7 Dec 1823), Jane (baptised 20 Jan 1826) and Elizabeth (baptised 8 April 1828). Would like information on the Middleton-in-Teesdale area, particularly Harwood, Roughrigg, and Stoney Hill, and about lead mining, including the London Lead Company.

0831 Mrs C.J. POLAK, 9508 139th Avenue, EDMONTON, ALBERTA T5E 5Z8, CANADA.

Researching: Alexander Durward Fernie or Aberdeen, a Captain or Ship's Master for 25 years. His father was John Fernie, his mother Agnes Durward. Alexander's wife was Mary Jackson and they were married about 1853-55. Mary's mother was Isobel Milne and her father was Robert Jackson of Aberdeen or Waterton. Mary was born 5 March 1835. Isobel Milne was born 9 April 1816. Any information regarding the above, siblings, parentage or descendants, and information about Captain Fernie's travels, ships and career would be greatly appreciated. It is believed that they lived in Aberdeen, but there is mention of Arbroath and Waterton.

1288 Dr. H.S. STOKER, 765 Ben Lomond Avenue, OGDEN, UTAH 84403, UNITED STATES.

Would be grateful to any member who could supply information about burial place locations in Stamfordham parish, County of Northumberland, that were in use prior to 1860. Is particularly interested in the current condition of these burial locations and the existence and whereabouts of any monumental inscription transcriptions. Is trying to locate burial places (and monumental inscriptions) for the following: William and Elizabeth (nee Smiles) Browell - he died about 1858 and she about 1829; William and Elizabeth (nee Dodd or Davidson) Browell - deaths between 1775-1800.

- 1294 Mr G.J. PREST, 57 Hillside Road, WHYTELEAFE, Surrey CR3 OBR.
Seeking baptism and family details on Thomas Prest c.1780. He married Margaret Simpson at Stanhope on 3 June 1809 and gave his occupation as blacksmith and resident at Frosterley, Stanhope. There appear to be several families of the same surname (Prest) in the area, suggesting brothers and sisters in the district. Unfortunately, parish records do not appear to go back further than c.1800 so family ties cannot be established. Any information on the above would be appreciated.
- 1449 Mr W. SHERLAW, 5 Olive Grove, Burton Joyce, NOTTINGHAM NG 14 5FG.
Seeking information on birth and parents of John Sanderson, known to be born about 1810 in Northumberland. son of George, Husbandman, in Hepple 1824. John was apprenticed as Cartwright and Joiner at High Trehwitt in 1824 and was living at Seaton Delaval in 1841, Newcastle Elswick Works in 1861 and later; he married Elizabeth Hewitt -pre-1841 and their daughter Susan was born May 1843; married second wife Jane pre-1861.
- 1481 Mr G.C. POLAK, 9508139th Avenue, EDMONTON, ALBERTA T5E 5Z8, CANADA.
Researching Sarah Ann Longmate born 1865, died 1916 aged 51 years in Newcastle and buried in All Saints Cemetery, Jesmond Road. It is believed that she was a widow and had several children. She was about 42 years old when she went to care for the family of a widower, Matthew Wanless. They lived in Newcastle or Gateshead. **She stayed and cared for the** family from 1907 until 1916. Family of Matthew Wanless were Ted, George, Sidney, Mary (Polly) and Wilf. It is recalled that, 1920-27, Mary (Polly) Wanless-Patten went to Hexham on long weekends, and remembers a hunchback lady named "Aunt Jessie". The house was on the West side of Hexham, near a main road and a large tree was across the road, close to a "bucket" well. If anyone can give information on the above Sarah Ann Longmate, Aunt Jessie in Hexham or the area described, please write. Postage will be reimbursed if requested. Could anyone tell where 18 Picton Terrace, U.D. Newcastle was in 1906? Grandmother Christiana Harrison Wanless died there.
- 1492 Mrs A. STEWARD, 6 Beresford Drive, Boldmere, SUTTON COLD FIELD, West Midlands B73 5QZ.
Researching: Orman/Lowes/Morgan/Swinney/Walton, Sunderland; Brown, Newcastle; Gowdy, Gateshead; Richardson, North Shields/Tynemouth. The following are all in the West Riding of Yorkshire: Brooke, Birstall; Ellis, Gildersome/Alverthorpe; Harbey, Marr; Ingham, Marr; Sharpe, Morley and Steward of Birstall. Mrs Steward is willing to do searches for members at Birmingham Reference Library for Census and Parish Register entries for the city. The library also houses the National Index of Wills from 1858-1930. Reciprocal help at Sunderland Central Library or Durham County Record Office would be gratefully received.
- 1593 Mrs K. WILLANS, 54 Raw Nook Road, HUDDERSFIELD, West Yorkshire HD3 3UX.
Researching: Craig of Newcastle; Whitfield of Ryton area; Ord of Houghton-le-Spring; Jackson/Storey/Smith of Haltwhistle; all 18th century. Also Surtees of South Shields; Johnson of Hexham; Angus of Cumberland/Benfieldside area; Bell of Benfieldside area; Harris of Swansea/Stockton; Evans of Stockton area; all 19th century. Also the following from North Yorkshire: Lee of Hornby/Borrowby; Cook of Osmotherley; Gatenby of Sandhutton; Lawn/Loan of Riveau; Dunning of Helmsley; all 18th century. Also Bell of Hawnby/Kirklevington/Riveau, 19th century.
- 1623 Mrs B. LODGE, 18 Queens Gate Place Mews, South Kensington, LONDON SW7 5130.
Seeking information on Daniel Mordue who married a Martha and a Mary and lived in Gateshead in 1816, that being the year his son James was born. He may have come from foreign parts, and may also have had brothers Adam and Mathew.
- 1670 Mr M. MILLER, 46 Community Road, Oldfield Lane, GREEN FORD, Middlesex UB6 8X F.
Would like to hear from any members researching Miller. Great-grandfather Robert Miller married Jane Heslop (1825-35?), last place of residence 1841 Census at Craghead, Holmside, Lanchester. Where had they moved to by 1851 Census? John Miller (Grandfather) son of Robert Miller, last heard of in 1871 census, residing at Castle Ward, Stamfordham, married to Elizabeth Finney (born Gateshead) married between 1861-71, most probably at Gateshead, Co. Durham. Can anyone assist with information on one or both of these marriages? Any assistance gratefully received.
- 1632 Mr J. PORTEOUS, 55 Firtree Crescent, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE 12 OJU.
Seeking parish of birth of James Porteous, born 1806 in Scotland. Parents could be John Porteous who married Isobel Craig on 4 Dec 1801 at Liberton (Midlothian) and who had children Christian, born 1802; Agnes born 1804 at Liberton; Francis, born 1818; Thomas, born 1821 and Mary born 1824, all at Tranent, East Lothian. Any information appreciated.
- 1676 Miss J. JOBST, Rt. 2, OTTAWA, ILLINOIS 61350, UNITED STATES.
Researching: Guthrie/Redpath/Watson/Harrison and Aitken families. Great-grandfather William Redpath Guthrie, born 14 July 1842 at Newcastle to Andrew Guthrie, born Scotland, and Mary Ann Redpath, born 6 April 1821 at Wearmouth, Co. Durham. Mary Ann was daughter of William Redpath, born 1799, Ireland, father in Infantry and Eleanor Harrison, born c.1799, Sunderland. William Redpath Guthrie married on 6 Jan 1867 at Deptford, Durham to Jane Aitken, born 2 Oct 1849, Nailsea, Somerset. Jane's parents were William Redpath, born Scotland and Ann Watson, born c. 1770's at Bishopwearmouth. William Guthrie was a seaman and died at sea. Nicholas Aitken was a glassmaker. William Redpath and Ann Watson may have been the parents of William Redpath who married Eleanor Harrison. In 1917, five of Andrew and Mary Ann Redpath Guthrie's children were living. John Guthrie at Wallsend, David in Newcastle, Louis at Gosforth, Newcastle, George at Newcastle and daughter Margaret Latharn (?) at Gateshead. Miss Jobst would be delighted to hear from anyone with information on the above. Has information on the Guthrie and Aitken families in America.

- 1818 Mr J.R. COULSON, 12 Dilston Avenue, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear NE25 8QG.
(IS Tyneside 252 5357) Requires information to help connect George William and Margaret Coulson *of* Bishop Wearmouth, he being the son *of* William Coulson, Woodside Farm, Leamside, Co. Durham, with David Coulson (great-great-grandfather) who farmed at Woodside in the middle and later years of the 19th century, and was a member of the Houghton-le-Spring Board of Guardians for many years. Also who were the David Coulson (not my great-great-grandfather), of Monkwearmouth, Miller, who died on Good Friday, 1868 aged 53 years, and Joseph Coulson, of 35 Campbell Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, husband of Frances C. Coulson, who died at the age of 64 years having been verger of St. Paul's Church, High Elswick, Newcastle for 23 years, and employed for 50 years at Messrs. William Angus and Co., coachbuilders. No date known but reference to the Whitaker tonight case on reverse of press notice of his death.
- 1928 Mrs K. HAY, 49 Staplehurst Road, Hall Green, BIRMINGHAM B28 9AR.
Main interests are: Hay - marriage of Alexander Hay to Isabella Ross sought c.1790, came from Leith to Newcastle. Dixon - Richard and Mary Ann of East Gateshead, sons John and Andrew. Hall - John and Emma of Pine Street, Gateshead. Embleton - Thomas and Mary of Windy Nook, married 1846; parents Thomas and Hannah Embleton of Gateshead, and Martin Dodds. The most interesting ancestor is Alexander Hay, 1826-1907, poet, ships carpenter, classical teacher, journalist etc. It would take a full time researcher to follow his voyages, movements and employment in Newcastle, Liverpool, London Birkenhead, Portsmouth, Cuba, Kaniesh, Cape Town.

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We are sorry to report the death of-member 1650, Mr E.R. Pickering, of Lesbury, and we extend our sympathy to his family.