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EDITORIAL

May I say thanks to all members who have sent in articles for the Journal recently. Many of you have written to me and I will do *my* best to reply to your letters as soon as I can. Small filler articles are still very much in demand and I would like to build up a store of them for future journals. Keep on sending in your contributions - you may have to be patient and wait a while to see the results in print but all will be used in future issues. Our target now is to have several issues prepared in advance - that would be a great achievement which can only be realised with your support. Try not to make your articles too long; something between 1000 and 2500 words is ideal, so that several different articles can be fitted in. It is nice to have lots of variety - I'm sure you will agree.

This journal went to the printers before the Annual Convergence at Beamish Hall on 23 June, so we will give you a report on that in our next issue.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Microfiche Queries

We explained in the Winter 1984 issue of the Journal that as a result of a fire at Don Mason's offices in Hexham the Microfiche was temporarily unavailable to personal searchers and postal enquiries would be subject to some delay. We are happy to announce that Don has now moved into new premises at 21 Priestpottle, HEXHAM, Northumberland NE461PF, to which address all future postal enquiries should be sent. The backlog of queries has been cleared, and members wishing to book a personal search should telephone Don at Hexham (0434) 606982. This number is for bookings only; we regret that we cannot deal with other queries by telephone.

Society Literature

We have been working for some time on the preparation of a new package of literature for distribution to new members; as well as the usual microfiche and pedigree forms, the new package will contain a booklet explaining the nature and functions of the Society, a catalogue of the Society's Library, a list of the principal articles in back issues of the Journal, and a list (with an order form) of Federation and other publications available through the Society. We hope to bring the whole package into operation from November of this year, and your Committee has decided that copies of the new material should be distributed to existing members with the Journal. Any items available by the distribution date of this issue are enclosed; the remainder will be posted with the Winter 1985 issue. If you have any comments --good or bad! - on the new package, the Treasurer would be glad to hear from you.

Transcript Tracing

There can be few greater frustrations for the researcher than to discover, a week after a fifty-mile round trip to the County Record Office, that a copy of the document he wished to consult is held by his local library. In recent years the number of copies and transcripts of major documentary sources has increased dramatically, and many are held by societies such as ours, by local history groups and by academic institutions. We intend, as a long-term project, to prepare a comprehensive location index of originals and transcripts of all significant 'general interest' genealogical documents relating to Northumberland and Durham. As a first step, we are collating information on transcripts of parish registers and similar material; for this purpose this definition covers any record of births, baptisms, marriages, deaths or burials not restricted to a single family and covering a period of at least ten years. We will be making a direct approach to all the public libraries in our area, but any member who knows of any document meeting the above definition which is available for consultation outside of the public library service is asked to send full details of the document and location to Bill Butterley at 51 Ashley Road, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE34 0PD.

On The Move Again

It is now just over eighteen months since we moved our main monthly meetings to the University Employees' Club in Jesmond Road, Newcastle. It was obviously the right move at the time; the management of the club has been extremely good to us, allowing us the free use of a substantial room and access to the other facilities of the Club. Ironically, we are now the victims of our own success, as average attendances at our meetings have doubled and we have outgrown the accommodation. We must therefore leave the Club, regretfully and with much gratitude for the co-operation we have

received, and from September our regular venue will be the Washington Suite at the Five Bridges, one of Tyneside's premier hotels. The Five Bridges Hotel is located at the top of High West Street in Gateshead; there are extensive car parking facilities and Gateshead Metro and bus stations are within an easy five minute walk. The Washington Suite is on the ground floor, to the right of the main entrance, and should be easily accessible to disabled members; if anyone has any, problems on this score the hotel staff assure us that they will be happy to assist. The hotel's bar facilities will of course be available to members, and as a new departure there will be a break for light refreshments midway through each meeting. We hope to see all the regular faces - and lots of new ones! - in the new season.

THE SPRING MEETINGS

MARCH

On Tuesday 11 March Miss J. Gill of Durham County Record Office presented an interesting talk entitled 'Reading Vfd riandwrn'tung . &f'ss Gill' enf'gtitened tier audience in the mysteries of palaeography, discussing the secretarial hand and medieval and later inscriptions in English and Latin likely to be encountered by adventurous family historians. Photocopies of extracts from parish registers and other documents were circulated throughout the meeting, and members were invited to attempt translations, a task made less daunting by Miss Gill's evident sense of humour and by the lighthearted manner in which her talk was presented. The meeting was well attended, and members came away with a sense of achievement and satisfaction; all in all it was a very pleasant and successful evening.

APRIL

At our April meeting more than seventy members listened to a fascinating talk by Mr. L.A. Brack on the subject of Scottish genealogical records. Such was the interest shown in this topic that we were obliged to call a halt to the ensuing question and answer session, which showed every sign of continuing into the small hours!

Attention was drawn to the more detailed nature of Scottish registration records, such as the inclusion of the date and place of the parents' marriage on birth certificates, mother's maiden name on marriage certificates, and the names of both parents on death certificates. The location of, and arrangements for access to, the major sources were covered in depth, since most Scottish archives are centralised in Edinburgh.

Researchers therefore tend to converge on New Register House, where queues are the order of the day. Mr. Brack shared the benefit of his practical experience as a researcher by emphasising the need for an organised approach in obtaining access to records so as to keep delays to a minimum. Entrance fees are payable by the day, so wasted time costs money!

As regards Scottish parish records, Mr. Brack pointed out that not only was coverage incomplete but those records which did survive were not always well kept. A fee was payable when an entry was made, so there was a financial incentive to forget to make the necessary arrangements. The almost complete absence of burial records was also mentioned.

Finally, Mr. Brack emphasised the variety of record collections to be found in public libraries; there are no County Record Offices in Scotland and much archive material of predominantly local interest finds its way instead into the local library.

MAY

On 14 May, we had our usual monthly meeting but at the same time we also held our Annual General Meeting. Our Treasurer's report was read out, disclosing a highly successful year with our finances in much better shape than at any time since the Society began. Our active membership increased by eleven per cent in the first six months of the current year, and as a result we are increasing the number of pages in our quarterly Journal. This growth also necessitates a move to larger premises over the River Tyne at the Five Bridges Hotel, Gateshead, commencing with our September meeting.

The A.G.M. was followed by an interesting talk by Mr Hall of the Sunderland Library on 'Family History Sources at the Library'. Mr Hall told us of all the numerous holdings in the archives including census returns and parish registers. The most valuable holding in their collection is the work compiled by A. Corder who was probably the most notable of all Sunderland genealogists.

Last but not least, an address was given by two American members, Mr & Mrs Meier of Studio City, California, who were in Newcastle on a short visit tracing their Chapman ancestors, who emigrated and "crossed the plains" in a covered wagon on the Oregon Trail in 1852. We were pleased to welcome the Meiers in the home town of their ancestors.

DURHAM GROUP

Bill Lamb

We must apologise for the gremlins which attacked the text of the Group report in the last issue of the Journal; our meetings are of course held on the third Monday of each month, not the third Wednesday as stated in the report. We are sorry for any inconvenience which members may have suffered as a result of the error.

The gremlins were also busy sowing confusion between ourselves and our speaker at the April meeting, Mr. John Smith. We had announced a talk on 'Wills and Documents', but in the event Mr. Smith spoke on 'Some Aspects of the Census'. The meeting was well attended, and those present enjoyed an interesting and thought-provoking discussion of the use of the Census, not only in genealogy but in the study of demography and local history. Attention was particularly drawn to the scale of industrial population migration into the North-East, especially from Ireland and Cornwall.

Our May meeting was simply an informal get-together, and again there was a good turnout of members who appeared to have plenty of topics for earnest discussion in small ad hoc groups. Our first meeting after the recess, on Monday 16 September, will be a 'Beginners' Evening', when our guest will be Society Chairman Bill Rounce. We hope for a good attendance, both of beginners in search of advice and of experienced members willing to provide it!

After a period of exile in a corner of the lounge-bar, we are once again meeting in the Private Functions Room, now superbly renovated and re-furnished. The Salutation Inn now compares favourably with anything to be found in the Durham area, and the combination of excellent surroundings and friendly and helpful management should prove to be a recipe for success, for which we add our own sincere good wishes.

SOUTH TYNESIDE GROUP

Bill Butterley

The South Tyneside Group celebrated its second anniversary in June, and though our first two years have been marked by a series of migrations round the hostels of South Shields in search of a permanent meeting place - which we hope we have now found! - we have gathered together a solid nucleus of enthusiastic family historians, and we look forward with confidence to another successful season.

The anniversary was marked by completion of our Marriage Index for St. Hilda's Parish, the oldest in South Shields. Similar Indexes have already been completed for various other parishes, and more are in the pipeline. Copies of the completed Indexes have been deposited in the Society's Library, and details can be found in the Library Catalogue distributed with this issue of the Journal.

On a more social note, we were entertained at our April meeting by Mr. Chipchase, the secretary of a local historical society, who presented a selection of slides of bygone Tyneside, whilst our May meeting at the LDS Library in Sunderland was so well attended that the library's various resources were at full stretch for the entire evening. Those with particularly social inclinations will be interested to know that some of our members intend to start a purely social monthly gathering on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Plough Inn at Kibblesworth; anyone who fancies a drink and an earful of family history in pleasant company and surroundings can be assured of a welcome at the Plough on 26 September.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE OF MAIN SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday, 4 September 1985. *South Shields, 8.00 p. m.*
South Tyneside Group Meeting. Illustrated talk on subjects of local interest. Speaker: Mr. Fletcher.

Tuesday, 10 September 1985. *Gateshead, 7.15 p. m.*
Members' Evening: Bring along your projects and problems - new members and beginners are especially welcome.

Monday, 16 September 1985. *Durham, 7.30 p. m.*
Durham Group Meeting. Beginners' Evening, with advice and guidance from Society Chairman Bill Rounce.

Wednesday, 2 October 1985. *South Shields, 8.00 p. m.*
South Tyneside Group Meeting.

Tuesday, 8 October 1985. *Gateshead, 7.15 p. m.*
Talk: 'Captain Smith and the Tale of Two Ships'. Speaker: Mr. Balmer.

Monday, 21 October 1985. *Durham, 7.30 p. m.*
Durham Group Meeting. Introduction to the International Genealogical Index. The Society's Microfiche will be available for beginners to find out how it works and for old hands to seek out long-lost ancestors.

Wednesday, 6 November 1985. *South Shields, 8.00 p. m.*
South Tyneside Group Meeting.

Tuesday, 12 November 1985. *Gateshead, 7.15 p. m.*
Talk: 'Stephen's Hall: The History of a Building and its Owners'. Speaker: Geoff Nicholson.

Monday, 18 November 1985. *Durham, 7.30 p. m.*
Durham Group Meeting. Two short talks on Monumental Inscriptions and Pedigree Charts. Speakers: Roger Tankerville and Yvonne Armstrong.

Wednesday, 4 December 1985. *South Shields, 8.00 p. m.*
South Tyneside Group Meeting.

Tuesday, 10 December 1985. *Gateshead, 7.15 p. m.*
Christmas Social Evening. Full details in the next issue of the Journal.

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

Gateshead:	Washington Suite, Five Bridges Hotel, High West Street.
Durham:	Salutation Inn, Framwellgate Moor.
South Shields:	Black Prince Hotel, The Nook, Prince Edward Road.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 1985/86

Subscriptions for 1985/86 are due on or before 1 November 1985; as in previous years for reasons of economy no receipts will be issued, but delivery of the Spring 1986 Journal may be taken as confirmation that your subscription has been received. Subscription rates, which have been held at their present level for the fourth successive year, are as follows:

United Kingdom (including all BFPO addresses)	£4.00
Overseas (Surface Mail)	£5.00
Overseas (Airmail)	£8.00
Family Membership (Each additional family member)	£1.00

Members in Western Europe should subscribe at the Overseas (Surface Mail) rate.

If you have completed a Banker's Order, you need of course do nothing; no renewal documents will be enclosed with this Journal, but please don't forget to tell the Treasurer if you have changed address.

If you haven't already completed a Banker's Order, please consider doing so, using the enclosed form, as this is the greatest single contribution you can make to the smooth running of the Society. Orders may be cancelled at any time, but while they are in operation they vastly reduce the time we have to spend in administering our membership records. If therefore you have an account with any United Kingdom bank (including National Girobank) please pay future subscriptions by this method if at all possible. Please note that the Banker's Order form is designed to come into effect in Autumn 1986; your 1985/86 subscription should be paid by cheque as usual.

If you are a United Kingdom taxpayer, please also consider entering into a deed of covenant with the Society; this will cost you nothing, but will increase the value of your subscription to the family Society by 43%! Covenants should be witnessed by someone outside of your immediate family, and should not be completed unless future subscriptions are to be paid by Banker's Order.

Overseas members are asked to make payments in Sterling if at all possible. If you are unable to do so, you may pay in local currency - e.g. US Dollars - but please add an extra £1 to the rates shown to cover the cost of currency conversion at our bank. Your own bank should be able to tell you how many dollars to send according to the current exchange rate. If you do need to pay in dollars, your ordinary cheque is acceptable - you do not need to obtain a special international cheque from your bank.

All remittances should be made payable to 'NDFHS' and should be sent together with the renewal card to the Membership Secretary, whose address is shown on the card.

One final fervent plea! Please renew early if possible, but in any event not later than 1 November. Late renewals, particularly those received after the Spring issue of the Journal has been distributed, cause a good deal of extra and unproductive work and place an unfair burden on the small bank of unpaid volunteers by whom your Society is administered.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As can be seen from the statement of account which follows, the finances of the Society at 31 October 1984 were healthier than at any time in our history, and I am therefore pleased to recommend that the subscription rates for 1985/86 should remain at present levels for the fourth successive year.

I should however make it clear that we are not accumulating funds indiscriminately. Part of the surplus will be invested for the express purpose of postponing any increase in subscription rates for as long as possible; this is not only a desirable object in itself, but will correspondingly delay the expense and inconvenience of obtaining amended banker's orders from the several hundred members who pay by this method. A further and fairly substantial part of the surplus will be applied to the production of the third edition of our Directory, which we hope will be available early in 1986.

The Society continues to grow at a rate which is either encouraging or alarming, depending upon how closely one is involved in its administration; our active membership increased by over 20% in the year to October 1984, and the total at that date has increased by a further 11% in the first six months of the current year. This growth has proportionately increased the demand for space in the Members' Interests section of the Journal, so that in order to maintain a reasonable balance of contents we have been obliged to increase the number of pages per normal issue from 24 to 28. Whilst this gives you better value for your subscription, it will increase our basic printing costs by about £300 per year. Similarly, attendances at our main meetings in Newcastle are fast reaching the capacity of our present meeting place, and your committee is recommending a move to the Five Bridges Hotel in Gateshead as from September 1985. Again, this will provide us with much improved facilities but will add around £250 to our annual expenditure. On the whole, therefore, it can be seen that we are trying to use our resources to ensure that the Society gets better as it gets bigger!

Turning to the accounts themselves, there are two items which call for comment. Firstly, the huge increase in miscellaneous publication sales, from £34 in 1983 to £1222 in 1984, is almost wholly due to the handling of Colin Rogers' book 'The Family Tree Detective' which we offered at a discount in the Autumn of 1983. Observant members making a comparison with the miscellaneous publication purchases figure of £1109 will detect an apparent profit of £113, but this is largely illusory as the selling price was inclusive of postage and packaging, the cost of which is included under those headings. Secondly, the substantial rise in the cost of packaging and envelopes arises from a bulk purchase of about five years' supply of the polythene envelopes in which your Journal is delivered, and is reflected in the stocks reported at Note 2 to the accounts. Most other changes are attributable to the combined effects of inflation and our increasing membership, but it is pleasing to note that we have doubled our receipts from sales of back issues of the Journal. This is in no small measure due to the advertising skills of our indefatigable Membership Secretary, Greta Varty!

Looking to the future, the local groups of the Society meeting at South Shields and at Durham are now firmly established, and we hope in the not-too-distant future to form a third group in the Wansbeck area to cater for members living in Ashington, Blyth, Cramlington, Morpeth and the surrounding villages. Any member interested in starting further groups elsewhere in the area may be assured of our fullest support; in particular there would seem to be both need and potential in the Sunderland and Darlington/South Durham areas. Our publishing ambitions have long been frustrated by shortages of time and money, but the Register of the Presbyterian Chapel at Ireshopeburn in Upper Weardale has at last been transcribed, indexed and typeset and should be on sale within the next few weeks; hopefully, other publications will follow. Finally, our second Annual Conference at Beamish Hall promises to be a memorable day, and we hope that it will be supported as enthusiastically as was our first attempt at Lumley Castle last Summer.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 31 OCTOBER 1984

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 OCTOBER 1984

CURRENT ASSETS			1983	
Sundry Debtors	538		377	
Payments in Advance			472	
Officers' Accounts	70		140	
Bank Deposit Account	4100		3600	
Bank Current Account	1382		563	
Cash in Hand	240	6330	20	5172
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Sundry Creditors	33		826	
Subscriptions in Advance	3798		2226	
Other Receipts in Advance		3831	895	3947
NET CURRENT ASSETS		2499		1225
FIXED ASSETS				
Microfiche Reader	67		90	
Microfiche Software	288		480	
Tape Recorder	11		15	
Typewriter	131	497		585
TOTAL NET ASSETS		2996		1810
MICROFICHE REPLACEMENT RESERVE				
Brought Forward	1			
Search Fees Received	258		6	
	259		6	
Depreciation of Software	192	67	5	1
PUBLICATIONS RESERVE				
Brought Forward	723		300	
Provision for Year	360		300	
Sales: Kirknewton Transcripts	2		1	
Sales: Directories	149		122	
	1234		723	
Publishing Costs	5	1229		723
ACCUMULATED GENERAL RESERVE				
Brought Forward	1086		338	
Surplus for Year	614	1700	748	1086
TOTAL OF RESERVES		2996		1810

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 OCTOBER 1984

INCOME			1983
Subscriptions and Donations	6222		5010
Journal Sales	834		414
Miscellaneous Publication Sales	1222		34
Bank Interest	179		119
	8457		5577
EXPENDITURE			
Journal Production & Reprints	2473		2155
Printing of Forms etc	525		414
Postage	1789		1379
Packaging & Envelopes	881		100
General Stationery	276		173
Telephone	58		27
Travelling	60		46
Meeting Expenses	147		109
FFHS Affiliation	10		8
Miscellaneous Publications	1109		14
Library Additions	7		8
Bank Charges	46		15
Currency Conversion Charges	18		31
Insurance	13		13
Publications Reserve	360		300
Depreciation	71	7843	37 4829
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	614		748

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. FIXED ASSETS

	Tape Recorder	Fiche Reader	Fiche Software	Type- Writer	TOTAL
At Cost	27	122	485		634
Depreciation to 1983	12	32	5		49
BOOK VALUE 1983	15	90	480		585
Additions at Cost				175	175
	15	90	480	175	760
Depreciation 1984	4	23	192	44	263
BOOK VALUE 1984	11	67	288	131	497

2. STOCKS

In accordance with Society policy, stocks of publications and packaging materials are excluded from these accounts. The total cost of stock so excluded was £1598 (1983: £791)

3. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

Included in the total credit of £6222 (1983: £5010) are donations of £171 (1983: £106) and recoverable income tax of £476 (1983: £297) arising from subscriptions under Deeds of Covenant.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the foregoing Income and Expenditure account and Balance Sheet together with the relevant Books of Account, Bank Statements and Vouchers and certify them to be in accordance therewith.

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15 April 1985

Hon. Auditor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Some you win.....

Mr. K.J. S. Wood, of 9 Brooklyn Gardens, CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire GL51 8LP writes:

"Further to recent correspondence in this column under the heading 'Are our Members Interested', of two letters I have written, one has not been answered, but the other found a family of third cousins when I thought I had none.

Having just joined the Society, I could not believe my eyes when I opened the Journal and saw the familiar names of my great-grandfather John C.W. Wood, his brothers and sister, Christopher, George, Henry, William and Ann, together with their parents Rev. George Wood (Curate at Ingram 1830-47) and Barbara (nee Weallans).

These two third cousins were researching the ancestry of their grandmother's father, Henry Maltby Wood, who settled in the Swansea area. (Reference: Vol. 7, No. 3, Page 76; 'Second Time Around'; Mrs. S. Osborn).

With our joint information we have moved back in time from Demesne Farm, Edlingham, where George Wood's father John Wood the younger, grandfather John Wood the elder and the elder John's brother Thomas were tenants from 1778 to 1827, to Fallowlees East Farm where John the elder and Thomas lived at Dodd House. Thomas Wood was a joint tenant with William Green Senior for the years 1758 to 1779.

Having found one branch of our family, it is intriguing to speculate about who may be left in the 'Woodpile'!"

Mrs J Howe, of Plot 34, The Willows, Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE, West Midlands DY8 writes:

"I should like to add my comments to those of your other members who have written in response to Mr Mellanby's experience (Journal Vol. 10, No. 1) concerning lack of replies to his offers of help.

As a result of five overseas members writing to me for information I have now established a firm friendship with them all, corresponding regularly with each one throughout the year and even receiving a box of kiwi fruit in thanks from a New Zealand member.

I am grateful to your Society for these friends I have made and am hoping that my contact in Ontario will stay with us on his visit to this country next year. May I wish you and your Committee members every success for the future and my grateful thanks for the hard work put into the Society by you all".

ON THE LIBRARY TRAIL

Doreen Tait

May I thank those members who sent me their notes on 'Wrong Trails'. Please keep sending them in to me. I know you will say 'but I haven't finished' but are we ever finished? Any family tree with four or more generations, for which you have no further use, will find a good home in our new index. Who knows, it may help other members and perhaps as the index expands it may help you to find one of your own missing ancestors. Please help me to build up our Library so that all of our members may benefit.

THE LAINGS OF TWEEDMOUTH: A POSTSCRIPT

Readers of Joan Anderson's article in the previous issue of the Journal (Vol. 10, No. 2, Page 37) will recollect her concern at the discovery that her great-uncle, William Laing, had died in Newcastle Lunatic Asylum in 1905 at the age of 31, and her frustration at the need to wait until the centenary of his death to obtain access to the relevant medical records. Since the article was written, the period of confidentiality for such records has been reduced to 75 years, and Mrs. Anderson has discovered that William was admitted to the asylum as a result of severe depression following the early death of his sister Francis Isabel, to whom he was very close. He never fully recovered, and died some two-and-a-half years after his admission. A poignant ending to a sad story.

THE VIRTUES OF CORRESPONDENCE

R.M.B. Longridge

Investigating one's antecedents produces constant surprises. That is part of the fascination. So far my research has uncovered a wealth of details, mainly of a pleasant kind - the skeletons are yet to be revealed! By far the most rewarding source of information has been old letters - but more of that later. First, a background summary.

I spent most of my childhood in the South of England, but was brought up in the knowledge that my roots were in Newcastle and Northumberland. The earliest family record is from the parish register of Newburn-on-Tyne, where William, son of Michael Longridge, was baptised on 7 May 1682. Michael leased five farms from the Duke & Duchess of Somerset, but he was not a native of Newburn and had evidently settled there on or just before his marriage. Despite the connections which he must have had to obtain the farms, his birthplace and parentage remain a tantalising mystery.

That was the Newcastle link. But the most interesting descendants of Michael's, at least from my perspective, are the Longridges of Bedlington. Another Michael, born on 5 September 1785, went to that village in 1809 to manage the ironworks in the Blyth Dene for the then owners Gordon & Biddulph. He later became proprietor himself. The story of the growth and decline of this industrial enterprise is told in Evan Martin's booklet "*Bedlington Iron & Engine Works*", published by Frank Graham.

Now that much I had always known. Then in 1978 two events occurred which were to reawaken my interest in family history. I obtained employment in County Durham and almost simultaneously inherited a tin trunk full of family papers. This trunk was stamped with the magic word 'Bedlington'. It was some time before I was able to start looking through the pile of envelopes, but the more I delved the more excited I became, for apart from the wills & conveyances - going back in some cases to the 18th century - I found a large number of letters written by members of the Bedlington Longridges, describing various adventures and events which gave a fascinating insight into the life of the family, mainly between 1820 and 1850. As Michael Longridge had been a close friend and business associate of George Stephenson and had himself started an engine manufactory in 1836, the interest was that much the greater. I can only give a flavour of this correspondence in a short article, but one or two extracts will give you some idea of the range of subject matter:

1826 Northumberland Election: Michael to his wife -

"My dear Mary,

The political ferment which has so greatly agitated Northumberland is subsiding, and in a few days will be at an end. On Saturday, the Numbers were Liddell 1458, Bell 1313, Beaumont 1201, Howick 952. Beaumont's party still asserts that he has as many voters to bring up as will enable him to pass Bell - of this, I have many doubts. He gave Lambton the lie upon the Hustings on Friday afternoon which produced a challenge & a duel was fought between them on Saturday; it fortunately ended without bloodshed, and has given to each of them an opportunity of shewing to the Public, how perfectly regardless they are both of the Laws of God & Man! - the natural inference from which is, that they are "fit and proper Persons" to make Laws for us!! - when shall common sense prevail?

Your affectionate husband

Mich. Longridge

Firm of Solicitors representing the Garnkirk Railway Company, to Michael Longridge in 1832:

"Our object in writing you now is to call attention to a Bill now before Parliament entitled 'A Bill for repealing the duties on Stage Carriages etc.' but notwithstanding that very seductive title it is a bill for taxing carriages, particularly on Railways. In the first place, all carriages whether hauled or impelled by steam or otherwise are to be considered "stage carriages". All carriages hitherto hauled by steam have been free, but by the bill for every stage carriage a Licence of £5 is to be paid and if licensed for carrying 20 passengers is to pay 4d per mile - 23 passengers to pay 4½d - 26 passengers 5d per mile and so on increasing ½d for every three passengers - so that every carriage licensed for 23 passengers must pay 4/- for every 10 miles whether that number of passengers are carried or not. The total number of passengers carried on the Dundee & Dalkeith Railway since it opened on 16th December is 13,866, giving an average of 2132 per month. Of this number not one in twenty ever travelled previously, except on Shanks nagie; Raise the fares to meet the tax and instantly you diminish the number; so that if Ministers shall persist in their foolish scheme of taxing an infant improvement I hope they will meet the fate of Huskisson and be crushed to death by an indignant Locomotion!"

Robert Longridge aged 12 1/2 to his Father: Plymouth 12th June 1833 (on board ship)

"I was rather sick the first day but soon recovered from it, I do not like this town very much the houses are very badly built, there is no good sandstone, it is all a kind of marble. Tell Mama that I have to make the puddings for our dinner we have plenty of good cider here and will bring some home if we do not run short. We were at Mount Edgumbe, and saw about a thousand deer, and some wild Turkeys. We have seen orre of the largest men of war that there is, called the St. Joseph. There are nearly a hundred men of war here. Please to tell me when you write if the pidgeon that was nearly killed is living or not. We unite in love to you all.

I am your affectionate son,
R.B. Longridge"

A day at school in Sunderland: 22nd August 1833

"As you desired us to give you an account of all the particulars of what we are doing both in school and out of it I will first give an account of what I have been doing today (Thursday). I rose at 1/2 past 6 o'clock got breakfast about 1/a past seven and got to school at 8 o'clock did Arithmetic till nine Greek till ten drawing till eleven and French till one came back till two while I got my dinner and returned at two drilled till three Geography till four Greek till five Euclid till six came home got tea at seven went to Uncle and went with him to see old Mrs. W sat down to write and am now going (to) get my supper then I will learn some Greek as Mr Cowans desires me do it until I get through the Grammer that I may the sooner be able to go on with a Class."

William aged 14 1/2

A Year Later:

"Three of the boys at the school ran away last week, one of the masters was sleeping in the same room, they got their clothes and went downstairs and dressed and ran off to Newcastle but Mr Cowans went after them, one of the boys gave him a push and knocked him down at last they were taken and brought back, one of them told me about it, one day there was a battle between Johnassohn and Spence in the St. Spence struck him with his stick then he took the stick from Spence and hit him, well, I have no more news, I remain your affectionate son

R.B. Longridge" (aged 13 3/4)

R.B.L. to his brother William: 4th July 1836

"Mr John Warwick has given me a beautiful little pointer, it is christened Drappo. I'll take care it shan't be so mischievous as Lynx, who went up into Farm's room the other day and go her best bonnet, and tore it most all to pieces. I lost my cap one day and four days after found it beside the cowfield - that was another of Lynx's tricks, and there are so many more that it would take more than this this sheet to hold them all. Let it satisfy you to know that he is quite well.;Mr. Blenkinsop took more than 3 weeks to get married, but got the ceremony finished at last. We - that is Charles and I called on them on Saturday night but they had no Bride Cake, I suppose it is all finished and you won't get any. She is a very decent sort of body neither tall nor little but middling, has got dark hair & a reddish face & is very shy. She has never gone past yet so Mama has not seen her."

James aged 21 to his 19 year old brother William: 2nd May 1838

"You may thank the North Midlands Railway that you have not had a good scolding from me some time ago. Having been kept so busy with sundry and divers things and having been out all day and wet throught the skin or very nearly so twice in the course of it I consider myself entitled to some rest this evening and by way of easing my mind - which is always more to be considered than the body - I take the liberty of informing you that your long silence is unaccountable, unheard of and unbearable - I am strongly tempted to believe that you have turned a literary character and busy yourself in musty folios - at all events your pursuits engross too much of your attention, and whether it be as I have surmised or that perhaps your thoroughbred chestnut is your idol or that you have fallen in love or anything else - I must inform you that unless you write to me many a time & oft in future I shall victimize you by means of the postman, till you find it a matter of necessity to send me word to stop - so write regularly and often or look to your exchequer."

Apart from the contents, the address on one of the letters caught my eye: "Dinsdale Spa Hotel, Darlington". By this time I had bought a house in Low Dinsdale, quite unaware that my great-great-great-grandparents had stayed in a building, which I can see from my garden, some 150 years ago. They had come to 'take the waters', which were known for their medicinal properties.

The last coincidence to relate occurred in the Spring of 1984. A member of the Darlington Philatelic Society, knowing of my interest in family history, noticed in a 'letters for sale' circular a reference to a Michael Longridge of Sunderland. As I knew that the Bedlington Michael's father - also named Michael - had lived at Hunter's Hall, Sunderland, I was convinced that the letter involved him as it was dated 1797. I was fortunate enough to be able to purchase it, and it now forms not only my earliest letter but my only example of this Michael's handwriting.

For me, the tin trunk proved to be a treasure chest, and endless hours of pleasure lie ahead in following up various references and learning more about the history of the times. And what of my descendants in 150 years? Will they receive such a gift? As it happens, I have kept a trunk of letters from my parents and relatives - and the best of luck to whoever tries to decipher some of the handwriting!

THE BAMLETT AND BAMLING FAMILIES

Douglas Burdon

The name Bamlett, often spelt Bamlet and sometimes Bamblett or Bamblet, is an uncommon one. With only a few exceptions, it has been possible to trace the descent of every person of this name who is found in the records of County Durham and North Yorkshire from one or other of two marriages which took place more than two and a half centuries ago. These were the marriage of Peter Bamlet and Elizabeth Smith at Great Stainton in 1719, and that of Robert Bamlet and Mary Harker at Durham Cathedral in 1723. From the above two couples there were 49 known descendants living in North Yorkshire and the southern part of County Durham in 1851. Most were farmers, but there were also butchers, an innkeeper, a blacksmith, and a painter. The painter was George Bamlet who lived in Sunderland and employed 7 men in 1851. His business prospered, and on 28th October 1879 it was reported in the *Sunderland Echo* that the firm now under the control of his sons Thomas and Robert had just completed the painting of the Tay Bridge. This bridge was just over two miles in length, and 70 men were employed for 16 weeks to complete the work. Another successful business man was Carlisle Bamlett who manufactured agricultural implements near Thirsk.

The only Bamlett to achieve a wider fame did so under an assumed name. Known to millions as Wee Georgie Wood, his real name was George Bamlett. He was born over a pawnbroker's shop at Jarrow in 1896, and was a grandson of George the painter. Described as the last of the great music-hall comedians, he was just 4 feet 9 inches in height, a characteristic which he exploited in his act. His career took him on many foreign tours which included such diverse places as Hollywood, Australia, China and Japan. He retained, however, a particular affection for Wearside, and was a regular correspondent to the *Sunderland Echo*, a life governor of Sunderland Royal Infirmary, and president of Sunderland Empire Theatre Society. Georgie Wood died on 26 March 1979 at the age of 83 years.

Turning next to the name Bamling raises an intriguing topic because although Bamlett and Bamling sound quite different, they are apparently variants of the same name. Evidence for this is provided by records of one of the branches of the Bamlett family, in which the name Bamling is used in circumstances where it quite clearly relates to a person more usually known as Bamlet or Bamlett. The family in question lived at Kirby Ravensworth in North Yorkshire in the eighteenth century, where the parish registers describe them as "of Dunsabank". The first entry is the baptism of Mary daughter of George Bamling, in February 1764, followed two days later by a similar entry recording her burial. Fourteen months later another Mary is baptised, but this time her father is George Bamlet. In July 1766, Jane daughter of widow Bamling is baptised. Six months before this George Bamlet was buried. His widow Jane Bamlet married in 1769, and his posthumous daughter Jane Bamlet married in 1784. In the preamble to his will, he gives his name as George Bamlet, but then proceeds to appoint his brother Robert Bamling as one of the trustees. At the end of the will he appoints the said trustee, now named Robert Bamlet, as joint executor, and finally signs his name George Bamlet.

There was however one family who consistently used the name Bamling, except that it was sometimes spelt Bambling, in the same way that Bamlett sometimes appears as Bamblett. Other rare variations were Bamlinge, Bamlin and Bamlem. The first records of this family were at Ryton with the marriage of Elizabeth Bamling to George Walker in 1670, and the baptism of John son of John Bamling in 1686. The younger John settled at Pelton, where his many descendants lived for the next hundred year or so, gradually spreading to neighbouring parishes to the North, and into Northumberland. Their distribution differed therefore from the Bamletts, who until the middle of the nineteenth century were scattered across the southern part of County Durham and North Yorkshire. It is perhaps this separation which allowed the two distinct forms, of what I believe was originally a single family name, to become established. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to prove a common origin for the two Bamlett lines and the Bamlings, because of a gap in the records which have been found for the seventeenth century. Peter and Robert Bamlett were however possibly brothers, because at Redmarshall, Peter son of Peter Bamlocke and Ann daughter of Peter Bamlet were baptised in 1693 and 1694 respectively, and at Aycliffe, Robert son of Peter Bamlett was baptised in 1700. Peter Bamlet senior and junior, Robert and Ann are all mentioned in the Eggleciffe parish records between 1719 and 1728, which suggests that the above baptisms might all refer to the same family despite the various spellings of their name.

The only other early records found in parish registers are the marriage of Robert Bamlett and Agnes Bell in 1625 at Barnard Castle, and the baptism of Robert son of Robert Bamlerd or Bamrud in 1637 in the same parish. The protestation oath returns of 1642 reveal Robert Bamlet living at Barnard Castle as the sole representative of the family in County Durham. If Robert Bamlett of Barnard Castle, was the first person to bear his family name in the North-East, then he must have been an immigrant from elsewhere, unless his name had been newly invented. To examine this

possibility, I searched the International Genealogical Index for- all the counties of England, and for Scotland and Wales. The number of entries found are shown in the table, there being no entries for the counties which are not listed.

	BAMLETT			
	Pre 1625	1625- 1699	1700 - 1799	Post 1800
Devon	43	33	3	0
Durham	0	3	57	44
Kent	10	0	0	0
Lancashire	0	0	0	2
London	6	4	1	6
Surrey	9	8	12	12
Sussex	3	0	0	0
Worcestershire	0	0	1	0
Yorkshire	0	0	18	30
Scotland	0	0	0	1
Wales	0	0	0	1
BAMLING				
Durham	0	2	43	9
Northumberland	0	0	10	6

Clearly, the name of Bamlett was well established in Devon, and in London and the neighbouring counties, long before it first appeared in the North-East. While it is unsafe to attach too much significance to the numbers recorded in different counties because of variation in the extent of coverage of parishes, the figures in the table point towards Devon as the original home of the Bamletts. The families in London and the South-East probably represent the natural drift towards the capital of persons seeking to improve their fortune. The individual or individuals who migrated to Durham may have come from any of these places. The simultaneous decline of the family, ~~in~~ — Devon and increase in Durham and Yorkshire might indicate a mass migration. ~ However, the proven descent of the northern Bamletts from only one or two persons disproves this. Certainly the disappearance of the family from Devon is curious, unless they had simply moved to parishes which do not yet appear in the Mormon index. However, Boyd's marriage index for Devon shows the same trend, with 7 marriages before 1625 and only 5 after 1625, the last being in 1646.

It is interesting that there are several examples of the spelling Bamblett amongst the many Bamletts in Devon, but the nearest to Bamling is Bamleun. The name Bamling appears therefore to be a northern invention first mentioned at Ryton, but becoming firmly established as a distinct name at Pelton. The origin of this name as offshoot of the Bamlett family must of course remain a theory unless more records for the period before 1700 can be found. I would be pleased to hear from anyone who knows of such records.

I wish to thank Mr. Fred G. Bamlett of Willowdale, Ontario, Canada for the information about the Sunderland Bamletts and Wee Georgie Wood.

BIRMINGHAM STRAYS

Marriages

Thomas Henry BIRCH, aged 29, bachelor, stocktaker of Thomaby, Durham, son of Thomas, gentleman, and Ellen MITCHELL, aged 28, spinster of this parish, daughter of John, a shingler; 2 April 1888. Witnesses John MITCHELL, Mary Ann MITCHELL. (*St Gabriel, Pickford Street, Digbeth*)

Richard DRURY of All Saints, Newcastle on Tyne, Northumberland, and Mary Ann CHANTRY, spinster of this parish; 22 August 1818, by Licence. Witnesses Jos CHANTRY, Mary SHILCOCK, A E BEDFORD, Alizabeth DRURY. (*St Martin*)

Daniel McALLUM of Tynemouth, Northumberland, widower, and Mary Kiilingsley TAFT, spinster of this parish; 10 March 1823, by Licence. Witnesses W TAFT, MD and Mary RAWLINSON. (*St Martin*)

Alfred Francis ROBINSON, full age, chemist of Darlington, son of Thomas, chemist, and Elizabeth Ratcliffe Bentley RATCLIFFE, full age, daughter of William, deceased, currier, of Colmore Lodge, Brearley Street West; 15 January 1874. (*St Matthias, Wheeler Street*)

Henry Embleton TROTTER, aged 41, bachelor, watchmaker of Alnwick, Northumberland, son of Henry, watchmaker, and Martha Ellen DUNBAR, aged 33, spinster of Saltley, daughter of James, deceased, a Wesleyan Minister; 4 October 1862. Witnesses Joseph BAILEY and Hepzibah DUNBAR. (*St. Saviour, Saltley*)

Charles YEOMANS, full age, forgerman of Branspeth, Durham, son of William, forgerman, and Mary COX, full age, spinster of this parish, daughter of John, a collarman 16 May 1867. Witnesses John COX and Elizabeth COX. (*St. Thomas, Bath Row*)

WHERE THERE'S A WILL...

Brian Pears

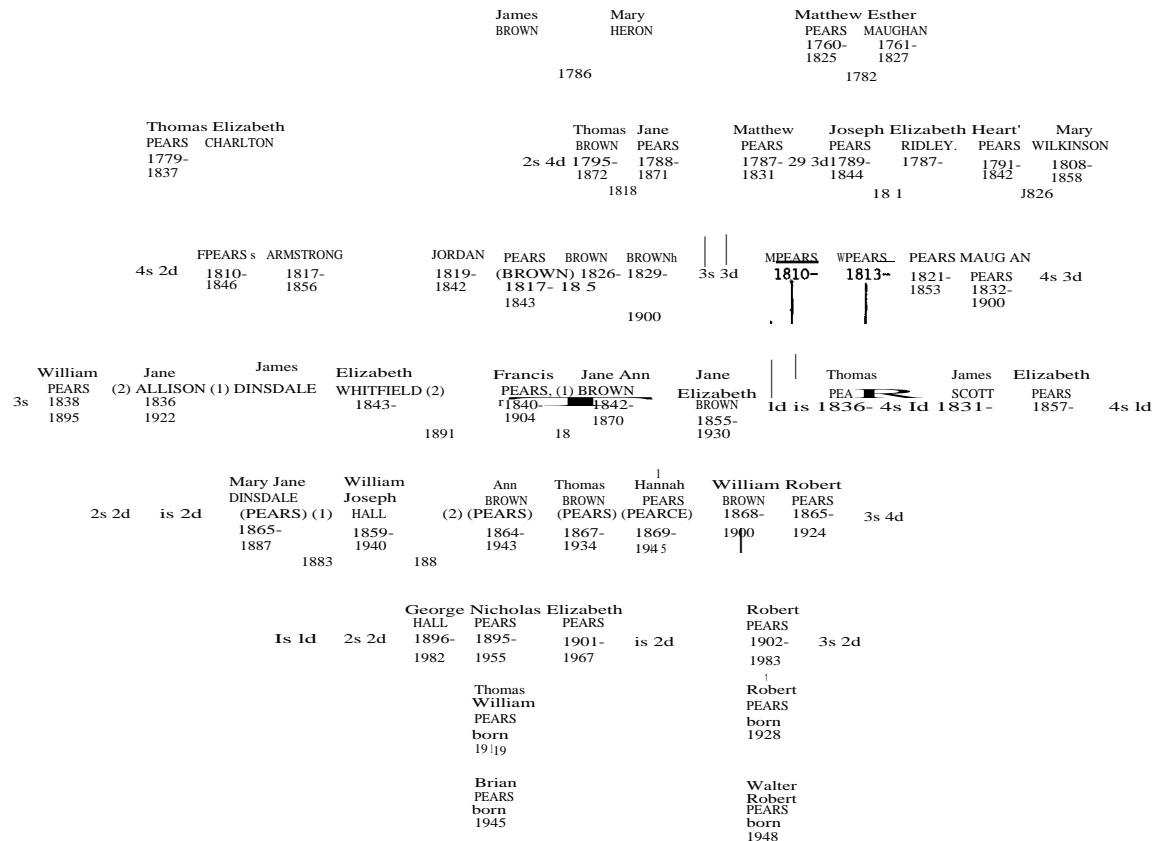
"Do you know anything about Aunt Lizzie's will?" This question was put to me a few weeks ago by the wife of one of my father's cousins. She went on to explain that she had been told that her daughter and myself were beneficiaries in the Will of our great-aunt, Elizabeth Pears, who died in 1967. Her daughter had not received anything and she clearly thought that something was amiss. I knew absolutely nothing about the Will; to be honest I was rather surprised that Lizzie had taken the trouble to make one, and even more surprised to learn that I was a beneficiary. It took only a few days to obtain a copy of the Will and the cause of the misunderstanding became clear. My second cousin and myself were certainly mentioned in the Will but we would only have benefitted if another relative had died before Lizzie, and this had not been the case.

This recent example illustrates a phenomenon which must be quite common - suspicion, usually unfounded, that the affairs of a dead relative have not been handled fairly. There have been several such cases involving my own relatives and I propose to describe two more, both on the Pears side of the family.

Back in 1968, when I was just beginning to take an interest in genealogy, I met George Hall, one of my late grandfather's few surviving cousins. Now George had an obsession which he was keen to share with me. He was convinced that his mother, Ann Pears, my great-grandfather Thomas Pears, and their sister Hannah had been cheated out of their share of a 'fortune' by their uncles and aunts. For years George had religiously checked the 'Unclaimed Money' section in the *News of the World* in the vain hope that some lawyer would belatedly discover the error and advertise for the rightful heirs. His story was that Ann, Thomas and Hannah had lost their mother, Jane Ann Pears, formerly Brown, when they were very young. Their father became an alcoholic and neglected the children. This state of affairs was unacceptable to Jane Ann's relations and the children were soon taken off to Rookhope, County Durham, where they were brought up by their mother's brothers. Ann went to live with her uncle Joe Brown and, when she was about thirteen (1877), Joe had a visitor. This visitor, presumably a lawyer, told Joe that an old army officer called James Heron had died in India leaving a large sum of money to Joe's father. As the father was dead the money was to be divided among his children. Joe and his surviving brothers and sisters received their shares as did the two children of Joe's late brother James Brown, but Jane Ann's three children never received a penny.

Spurred on by George's fascinating story I eventually (that word conceals six years work) managed to piece together a fairly comprehensive history of my Pears and Brown ancestors spanning eight generations. I used the usual genealogical sources but in addition I was lucky enough to come across a set of 25 letters written to Ann Pears over the period 1883 to 1888. Of these, all but five were from her father, the rest from her brother, sister and a cousin. These letters provided lots of little anecdotes and insights not usually accessible to the genealogist.

Before returning to George's story it is perhaps worthwhile having a more general look at the tree as it illustrates some of the complexities which can cause nightmares for the family historian. George had mentioned to me that somewhere along the line a Pears had married another Pears. He was wrong - it was much more intriguing than that. There were really three most unlikely, but nonetheless fully documented, coincidences. Firstly, George and I both descend from two Pears lines which may be quite distinct. There is a possible link but it is so tenuous that I have never dared commit it to paper. Secondly, my great-great-great-grandmother Jane Pears had an illegitimate son, Thomas Pears, who became Thomas Brown on his mother's subsequent marriage; then Thomas' daughter, Jane Ann Brown, had two illegitimate children, Ann and Thomas Brown, who became Ann and Thomas Pears when their mother married. Incidentally, Jane Pears' illegitimate son was almost certainly the son of the man she married; she took him to court on a charge of 'bastardy' (Northumberland Quarter Sessions, 17 July 1817) and their marriage took place within a year. Likewise Jane Ann Brown's two illegitimate children seem to have been the children of Francis Pears - they were both baptized at Rookhope Church as children of Francis and Jane Ann Pears on 20 December 1868, the day after their parents' marriage. Finally, Ann Pears married widower William Joseph Hall on 2 February 1889. William's first wife had been, believe it or not, Mary Jane Pears. The children of both marriages thought that Ann and Mary Jane were cousins - Mary Jane being the daughter of William Pears, brother of Francis. However it turns out that Mary Jane was William's stepdaughter, and until her widowed mother married William she had been Mary Jane Dinsdale.



George's account of his mother's childhood turned out to be quite accurate, but there was one crucial error to which I will return later. What follows is my corrected and amplified version of George's tale. Jane Ann Brown, the first and only child of Thomas and Hannah Brown, was born at Rookhope on 14 July 1842. Before her first birthday both of her parents were dead, and she was raised by her grandparents Thomas and Jane Brown. Jane Ann had two illegitimate children; Ann born 11 June 1864, and Thomas born 13 August 1867. On 19 December 1868 she married the children's father, Francis Pears, at Durham Register Office, and next day the children were baptized. The family moved to Iveston, near Leadgate, where Francis was working as a coal miner and their third child Hannah was born there, on 23 November 1869. A smallpox epidemic broke out in the area and sadly Jane Ann was one of its early victims. She died on 22 March 1870 and was buried next day at St. Ives Church at Leadgate. On the very day of her mother's funeral and at the same church, baby Hannah was baptized. Francis was overcome with grief at his wife's horrible death and on one occasion was found lying on her grave in a distraught condition wishing himself dead. He turned to drink to drown his sorrows and even drank away the money provided by Jane Ann's relations for a headstone. When one of these relations, her uncle John Brown, visited Francis and the children soon afterwards he, found them living in absolute squalor and he took the two elder children back to Rookhope with him. John and his wife took Thomas into their family and Ann went to live with her great-grandparents, Thomas and Jane. This latter arrangement did not last long as both Thomas and Jane were dead by mid 1872 and Ann spent the remainder of her childhood with her great-uncle Joseph Brown. Inexplicably four-month-old Hannah had stayed with her father at Iveston but they spent much of the next decade in Lanchester Union Workhouse. Eventually Hannah was taken in by her mother's second-cousin Elizabeth who, with her husband James Scott, ran the Robin Hood Inn at Hexham. Francis was temporarily 'saved' by the Salvation Army around 1883; an article in the magazine 'War Cry' dated 14 April 1883 vividly describes the events immediately following his wife's death and his recent conquest of the 'demon drink'. (One of Francis' letters to his daughter mentioned the article and the Salvation Army kindly found it for me.) He even married his 'Army' colleague and landlady, Bessy Whitfield, and re-established contact with his daughter Ann. His other two children would have nothing to do with him; Thomas, and later his family too, used the surname Brown until around 1910 when they reverted to Pears; Hannah changed her name to Pearce and later, another remarkable coincidence, she married a William Brown. The respite in Francis' tragic life was not to last long; I can only assume that he must have returned to drinking, for he spent much of his last eight years back in Lanchester Workhouse where he died on 2 October 1904 aged 64.

Back to the supposed fortune. There is a Heron in the family but I have not succeeded in establishing any link with a James Heron and an extensive search of military records has failed to reveal any officer of that name who served in India. Nonetheless if we proceed on the assumption that

someone left some money posthumously to Thomas Brown, husband of Jane, there is one simple fact which explains why Ann, Thomas and Hannah did not share any of it; perhaps the reader has spotted it already. Thomas, the eldest son of Thomas and Jane, was illegitimate and, as the law then stood (in fact it was only changed very recently), he was not entitled to inherit from his father. If Thomas had no claim then neither did his daughter, Jane Ann, nor his grandchildren Ann, Thomas and Hannah. It is clear from George's account that he and his mother thought that Jane Ann was the youngest daughter of Thomas and Jane, not their orphaned granddaughter. In view of the age at which she lost her parents it is even possible that Jane Ann herself had the same idea. I had proved to my own satisfaction that nobody had been cheated but I never did convince George. I would not be at all surprised if he continued to check the *News of the World* until his death in 1982.

Editor's Note: This article will be continued in the next issue of the Journal.

THE RATE FOR THE JOB!

Keith Lovet Watson

The following item is taken from the 1851 Census Return for All Hallows, Barking, City of London.

"The enumeration of this district was undertaken by me in the belief that I should be fairly paid for my services. I was not aware that all the particulars were to be entered by the enumerator in a book, the work without that being ample for the sum paid, nor had I any idea of the unreasonable amount of labour imposed. The distribution, collection, etc of the schedules, together with the copying of the same, occupied from two to three hours for every 60 persons enumerated, and for this - the equivalent is - ONE SHILLING!!!

What man possessing the intelligence and business habits necessary for the undertaking would be found to accept it, if aware of the labour involved? How then can a correct return of the population be expected?



FILLING UP THE CENSUS PAPER

Wife of his Bosom. "Upon my word, Mr. Peewitt! Is this the way you fill up your Census? So you call yourself the 'Head of the Family' - Do you- and me a 'Female'?"

He who proposed the scale of remuneration, should in justice be compelled to enumerate a large district such as this upon the terms he has himself fixed."

The above takes up one entire page of the enumeration schedule!

ANCESTORS

*If you could see your ancestors
All standing in a row,
Would you be proud of them, or not,
Or don't you really know?
Some strange discoveries are made
In climbing family trees
And some of them, you know, do not
Particularly please.*

*If you could see your ancestors
All standing in a row,
There might be some of them, perhaps,
You wouldn't care to know.
But there's another question, which
Requires a different view
If you could meet your ancestors -
Would they be proud of you?*

Anonymous.

FAMILY TALES - FACT OR FICTION?

Dorothy Morris

As a child I was intrigued by my grandfather Hogarth's past. Not that he was romantic, far from it. He died when I was six and he was 82 and I remember that he doled out his sweets at very infrequent intervals. The tin with the picture of the ship on the lid would be firmly closed and put back in the dark recesses of the cupboard not to reappear for hours. He was still a figure of authority to my mother. When my father died grandfather advised my mother to sell the car. She learned to drive it instead, so every time we went to see grandfather we had to go through an elaborate charade. He insisted on seeing us off at the bus stop, but we would get off at the next one where the car was parked, not so conveniently but out of sight!

My grandfather told me no tales, but my mother did: tales told to her by my great-grandmother Hogarth who lived in Manchester with her son and daughter-in-law for the last 20 years of her life. She was born in Gateshead in 1837 and died in 1927 a few days short of her 90th birthday. She talked of Bell's Close and Scotswood upon Tyne in her young days; of Turkey Bett who sold 'cla' gum' along the Scotswood Road and used to beg passing carriages to 'throo a ha'p'ny oot'; of boarding the train for her honeymoon and her embarrassment at catching her crinoline in the narrow doorway of the carriage; of the mill at Scotswood where her husband made blue sugar bags, and of the works with the chimney beside the Tyne where her cousin made firebricks and ornamental urns.

When I was older I used to pore over the photographs in the family album, fascinated by the Victorian dresses. Those of my great-grandmother look fresh and alive. She managed to avoid the stern and frozen pose so characteristic of many portraits of that era. Among the photographs is one of a woman in her fifties with a small boy standing beside her chair. He is dressed in an embroidered frock and pantaloons and is staring intently at the camera, frowning slightly. It is my grandfather and Aunt Harriman, and I have seen that look in my own immediate family!

After a trip to Northumberland with an old school friend, when I discovered just how beautiful the county is, I decided to obtain from my mother details of all the names of people and places that she could remember hearing her grandmother mention. She is the only descendant left and the only one who married, and if I did not catch up the threads then nobody would. My mother, thank goodness is a hoarder. Among her papers were family letters and a 1911 copy of her grandmother's marriage certificate of 1866, tattered and dog-eared, but readable. Her maiden name, Margaret Graham, was already known; her father's name was on the certificate as John Graham and his occupation was given as Chemist. Posterity has not been very kind to John Graham, perhaps deservedly. Grandfather had smiled a little when he said that he was an unfrocked clergyman. As to great-great grandmother, nothing at all was passed on about her, though an Uncle and Aunt Harriman, both unmarried, featured in family stories. There was the photograph of Aunt Harriman and William Harriman was one of the witnesses on the marriage certificate. But why the silence about the Grahams, and who was the cousin who made ornamental urns? My mother remembers that Dene House in Scotswood, where her father was born, was decorated with tiles made at his factory. Perhaps great-great grandmother Graham was a Harriman before her marriage and Uncle and Aunt Harriman were her brother and sister? I wrote to Newcastle Record Office asking if they had any record of a paper mill in Scotswood owned by a William Hogarth. They wrote back saying there was no trace of William Hogarth nor of any Harrimans on the 1861 census for Scotswood but they enclosed a photocopy of the 1860 OS map of the area. I began to wonder if all the family stories were fabrication. It was the map that reassured me, as even though Dene House was not shown (it must have been built a few years later) there were a couple of paper mills and firebrick works and there was the Dene with the stream running through. Later I wrote to the Public Record Office in London and they confirmed that the page covering Bell's Close in the 1861 census appeared to be missing.

So, at the end of last Summer, I drove to Newcastle via Scotswood Road, passing through what was once Bell's Close. Bell's Close Wesleyan Chapel is still there although it is no longer used as a chapel. My grandfather was in chapel one Sunday in February 1881 when he had an urgent summons to return home. His father was dying. My grandfather was the eldest and only fourteen.

In the record office next day I picked up the Hogarths and Harrimans very easily in the census before and after 1861. One reason why my great-grandmother spoke of her uncle and aunt rather than her parents soon became obvious; they brought her up. Aunt Harriman was her mother's twin sister and great-grandmother was living at the house of her widowed grandfather as early as 1841 even though her parents were alive and presumably well, as there were seven younger brothers and sisters born between 1839 and 1854. They were all surely under one roof between these dates but I have not traced them yet. All the children except the last were born in the Newcastle/Gateshead area,

according to the census, though the family obviously moved around a lot and lived near Bell's Close early in the 1840's. Perhaps my great-great-grandmother came home to give birth to some of her children. When they were older her daughters have been located at various family addresses discovered from directories and wills, and she herself appeared as a widow in 1871 and 1881, once in her own home in Blaydon and once at the home of her newly bereaved daughter - my great grandmother. Of John Graham there is no trace, not even a marriage. Newburn was the family church and the registers have yielded births, marriages and deaths of the Harriman family but not the marriage of Rachel Harriman and John Graham. That Rachel and her husband were financially incapable there is little doubt. In her father's will of 1847 Rachel is treated differently from her sisters and the dry legal language bristles with disapproval. I had begun to doubt even the existence of John Graham, so it was a relief to find him referred to as Rachel's husband in the will and distinguished by the middle name Knight! I think there must be some truth in the old family story about him. I hope it was my great-great grandmother he ran off with, and not the the Church Plate!

The Harrimans proved much more straight-forward. They kept a grocer's shop in Bell's Close and were engaged in the manufacture of drainage pipes and ornamental urns. It must have been a good business during the 1800's when the City Council was installing piped water and laying drains after the cholera epidemics. The business passed from the first William Harriman, born 1784, to his son, another William Harriman and the Uncle Harriman of the family tales. The latter never married and on his death the business passed to his nephew, my great-grandmother's cousin, and was eventually sold to Adams Sanitary Ware manufacturers early this century.

The Harriman trail leads to Cumberland. I could not believe my luck when a conscientious clerk had written Brigham as the place of birth of the original Harriman on the 1841 census but it was borne out in the Newburn marriage entry of 1808 - William Harriman, bachelor of the parish of Brigham, Cumberland. It's a change of scene for me next year!

MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERESTS

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Welcome to all of our new members.

1354 Mrs I.M. BLACKBURN, 11 Blackdene, ASHINGTON, Northumberland NE63 8TL.

Seeking the birth/baptism of George Dawson, son of Joseph Dawson, born 1810/12, possibly in Earsdon or Longbenton. He married Anne Pattison and was living in Willow Bridge, Bedlington by 1835. Also trying to trace his second wife, Mary Jobson (father William Jobson) who was born about 1828 in Northumberland. Also seeking the marriage of Thomas Straughan/Strachan/Strahane and Frances Hawke. They were in Greencroft, Durham in 1855 but later moved to Blyth. Any information about this family welcomed. Frances is said to have emigrated to Ohio, USA, with two of her sons. Seeking the marriage of William Bell (born Windy Nook c.1832) and Mary Rossiter (born New York c.1835). Interested in Main family, especially if called Ignatius or Charles Storey Main. They were a Roman Catholic family from Lowick/Ancroft area. Also trying to find the following people from Yorkshire. Would reciprocate by searching for information in Northumberland CRO. Names are: James Cadman (born c.1852), father Enoch. Jane Bennet (born c.1858) lived in Ellerby Lane, Leeds for a while. Edward Spence (born 13 March 1819 in Yorkshire).

1428 Miss M. COATES, 3 Briar Glen, Murton, SEAHAM, County Durham SR7 9SQ.

Seeking information and research into Prentice ancestry, Sunderland/Newcastle. Harriat Jane Prentice (formerly Noble). Robert Prentice died at sea sometime before 1932 and was a steam-ship stoker. Margaret "Peggy" Prentice, married name Thurwell or Thurlwell, was a sister to Annie Sumner Prentice. Also research into the William Coates ancestry, Murton. Robert Coates; Elizabeth Coates (formerly Gee); William Coates; Mary Coates (formerly Clews); George and John Coates; Mary Coates.

- 1892 Mrs V. WAINHOUSE, 179 East 129th Street, TACOMA, WASHINGTON 98445, UNITED STATES.
Researching the descendants of John Lowther, b. 4 May 1806, married Ann Foster b. 27 April 1815. They had 13 children of which one was great grandmother Ann b. 25 July 1837. She married James Wilson, b. 21 January 1835. He was killed in 1876 by a steam threshing machine. He had been a tailor in Ferry Hill as had been his father, when he had to change occupation for his health. He was in partnership with a brother. Would like to hear from anyone with information on either the Wilsons or the Lowthers. ,
- 1929 Mr G.I. ALLAN, 7 Beechcroft Avenue, North Harrow, HARROW, Middlesex HA2 7JD.
('801-868-4755) Seeking information on the following: Thomas Allan, Gamekeeper, and wife Elizabeth Allan (nee Robson), parents of William Ingles Allan, b.1869 at Harelaw Paston (?), Ford (?) area of Northumberland.
- 1946 Mrs P.A. CUSACK, 24 Bramshaw Rise, NEW MALDEN, Surrey KT3 5JU.
('W 01-942-0716) Researching ancestors of John Webb, born 18 March 1897, 44 Albion Street, Murton Colliery, Easington. Only child of William Henry Webb, miner, born 1875/76, East Murton, Easington, and Jane Ann Wilson (born November, 1875, Trimdon). William Henry Webb had a younger sister, Emma Jane (1879/80), their parents John Webb and Fanny (nee Holman) came from Devon between 1871 and his birth. He married on 31 October 1896, and died in 1897. Jane Ann Wilson was the daughter of Robert Wilson, miner (born 1850/51, East Hartlepool) and Margaret (nee Horsley, born 21 August 1851, East Hartlepool). Other children Anthony, 1871; George, 1873; Christopher, 1877; Elizabeth, 1879; and Robert, 1880. In 1881, the Webbs and Wilsons were living in Alfred Street. Robert Wilson and Margaret Horsley married on 21 March 1870 at Holy Trinity Church, Hartlepool. Robert Wilson had brothers Matthew (1857) and Christopher. At the time of his marriage, he was a sailor, like his father Anthony. Margaret Horsley was the daughter of George Horsley, fisherman (born 1821, Hartlepool) and Isabella (nee Robinson, born 1825). Other children May/Mary, 1848; John, 1855; Elizabeth, 1857; George Henry, 1859 and William, 1860. In 1861, they were living in John Street, Hartlepool and by 1871 they were living in N' Wheatsheaf Yard, Hartlepool. Isabella had by this time died, Margaret married and neither May/Mary nor Elizabeth were there. Census entry for Isabella's birth place is difficult to read but could be Dotton/Shotton(?).
- 1989 Mrs D. GIBSON, Hunter's Hill Farm, Little Crakehall, BEDALE, North Yorkshire DL81LA.
('& Bedale 22863) Researching: Bolam, Green, Taylor (Lanchester, Collierley/Dipton district). Great grandmother was Barbara Bolam, b.1839 and the above are her forbears. Stabler (Haughton le Skerne & Darlington). Pallister (Darlington). Watson (Cotherstone/Romaldkirk/Weardale area).
- 2009 Mrs G.M. GRIGG, 22 Olympiad Crescent, BOX HILT NORTH, VICTORIA 3129, AUSTRALIA.
Researching: Hope, Turner and Oliver of Sunderland, Monkwearmouth and South Shields. Seeking birthplaces and any descendants of great grandparents, William Hope, b.1835 (son of James Hope and Agnes Galbraith, Longformacus, Berwick) and Christian Watson, b.1849 (daughter of William Watson and Christian Rae) who were married at Langton, Berwick in 1867 and migrated to Monkwearmouth, Durham shortly after to work in a brewery. Also seeking any descendants of great grandparents, John Turner b.1848, Monkwearmouth (son of James Turner and Sarah Hunt) and Sarah Oliver (daughter of Michael Oliver and Jane Donald) b.1851 at Southwick, Sunderland. Daughters of John and Sarah Turner married into Hope, Buttleman and Parker families. Any information on any of these families would be greatly appreciated.
- 2023 Mr J. STEPHENSON, Stephenson House, Smillie Close, PETERLEE, County Durham SR8 5JH.
('8 Peterlee 861338) Researching: Stephenson, Blenkin and Stockdale. All were miners from communities in the Durham area. Any information about "Joint Stock Row", Coxhoe, early 1800's. Seeking -Mary Ann (nee ?), born Broomside, 1851, wife of William Fletcher Stephenson, born in Coxhoe in 1849. Also their marriage date and the place, and names of Mary Ann's parents. They had, from Census and parish records, 8 children, Thomas, born Coxhoe, Elizabeth, born Shildon, Rebecca, Joseph, Margaret, William, Alice, Mary, all born in Binchester. Also seeking the parents of William Fletcher Stephenson. Joseph Stephenson, born 1821 at Morpeth, and his wife Elizabeth (nee ?, probably Fletcher) born in Jarrow, 1823. They had 8 children, Richard, the oldest, followed by Jane, Edward M.T, William (great-grandfather), George J., Joseph, Elizabeth and Mary H. Information required on Mathew Blenkin and his wife Sarah Stockdale, married during last quarter of 1873 in Auckland registration district, the parents of Margaret Blenkin, grandmother, and another family member known who signed as a witness at Margaret's wedding, Elizabeth A. Blenkin. Also researching: (Aberdeen/Edinburgh) John Allan, and wife Jessie Kieth and family, 1840's-1860's; James Liddel(1) and wife Hellen Dow Leitch and family (same period) and from the early 1800's, James Allan and wife Elizabeth Smith and family, George Kieth and wife Jessie Lawrence and family, Peter Liddell and wife Mary McIntosh (Mackintosh) and family, Andrew Leitch and wife Margaret Dow and family. All help welcomed.
- 2037 Mr J.E. ELLIS, Willow Cottage, Hoo, WOODBRIDGE, Suffolk IP13 7QU.
('S Charsfield 362) Main interests are in the Brewis, Errington and Swan families. Would like to trace the family of Samuel Brewis (of Netherwitton) prior to his marriage with Isabella Swan (of Mitford) in 1806 and to learn particulars of the deaths of Robert Brewis and Elizabeth Brewis (nee Errington); they married in 1868; Robert farmed at North Carter Moor (Ponteland) and was probably alive in 1868; Elizabeth went to live in London in 1875/80 and bought a house in Brownswood Park, Finsbury Park. Would also like to learn the date of death of Thomas Errington and to trace his family prior to his marriage with Elizabeth Burrow, in Haltwhistle in 1771. (He may possibly have come from the Lanercost area, in Cumberland). Also to trace the family of John Swan and Isabella (of Mitford) prior to their marriage in about 1770/5. They had 8 children between 1770 and 1800; the eldest Isabella, must have died in childhood; the second Jane was born in 1781, and the Isabella who married Samuel Brewis above, in 1787. Any help appreciated and postage refunded.

- 2054** Miss A.M. DICK, Henderson Hall, Redhall Drive, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE7 7UY.
Elizabeth Dick (born c.1845, in Newcastle?), daughter of James Dick, a joiner and Ann. She had an illegitimate son, John William, who was born c.1869 in Newcastle (?). She married John Goldsmith at the Newcastle Register Office in 1878. They had at least 2 daughters, Ruth and Mary A. John William Dick married Janet Beattie in 1893 in Newcastle. Their children were George Goldsmith Dick (grandfather), Jack and Beatrice. Janet Beattie's father was Thomas, a shoemaker. Where and when was she born? Cornelius Baggaley, born c.1827, probably Tunstall in Staffs. He was a potter, as was his father, Joeb/Joel. Cornelius married Hannah Jones in Tunstall in 1849; her father William Jones was a bricklayer. They were living in Newcastle by 1861. Their son, Frederick Baggaley, born c.1853, married Elizabeth Hepplewhite, daughter of Thomas, an engineer in Newcastle in 1876. She married without her parents' consent, giving her age as 21, though she was only 17. Where was she born? Their daughter Elizabeth Baggaley, born c.1895 (where?) married Thomas (William?) Johnson, in Newcastle in 1920. Thomas was born 1893-95 in Co. Mayo? or Newcastle? He is said to have been a Newcastle pitman by the age of 14. He had 3 siblings, lack, Mary and Bridget. Their father was William Johnson. Elizabeth Baggaley died in 1952, and Thomas Johnson later remarried. John Hart (born when? where?), son of John Hart (ditto), married Lydia Speakman in St. Joseph's R.C. church, Gateshead in 1888. Their children were Jack, Joe, Lilly and Ellen (born 1894). Lydia died in 1920. What about John? Did he die in May 1920, one month before she did?
- 2079** Mr G.E. CHARLTON, 15 Weardale Avenue, Forest Hall, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE12 OHX.
(M Tyneside 266 1581) Researching: Charlton (Coxlodge 1854. Pelton Fell 1874). Holmes (Coxlodge 1850). Harrison (Fatfield 1850). White, Hunter, Harvey and Rippon (all South Shields in 1800's). Scholey, Bellhouse, Buckley, Horn (all Grimsby in 1800's).
- 2080** Mrs L. BULMAN, 43 Station Road, NORTH FERRIBY, North Humberside HU14 3DG.
- 2081** Mr E. HUNTLEY, 5 Moorbank Close, SHEFFIELD, South Yorkshire S10 5TP.
(IS Sheffield 301092) Main interest is in the Huntley family at Acklington, 18 & 19C, and at Morpeth in 18C. Particularly interested in locating a record of the marriage (c.1820) of William Huntley of Acklington, wheelwright, born 1798. His wife's name was Dorothy, possibly Dorothy Hindmarsh. Also interested in the Bainbridge family, South Shields, 1860 onwards, and the Griffiths family, Spennymoor, 19C.
- 2082** Miss D.C. O'NEILL, 1 Grampian Grove, West Boldon, EAST BOLDON, Tyne and Wear NE36 ONJ.
- 2083** Mrs J. ELLIS, 12 Tamar Street, MERRICKVILLE, NEW SOUTH WALES 2204, AUSTRALIA.
Seeking information on Thomas Stoker and Mary Dixon family. 1841 Census lists some of the family as Stokoe, others Stoker. First Thomas, Mary and then 3rd child William, Bible states born 29 October 1829. His marriage certificate (B), County Down, Ireland. All other children born Hedley, Lamesley, Gateshead. John born 1831, married Mary Eliza Fenwick 4 July 1858, Durham; Robert born 1833 married Frances Moat 20 February 1859; Joseph, 1836 Hedley. Ann born 1838, married (?). Edward born 1844, christened 1 June 1845; James christened 1 June 1845. Jane born 4 September 1844, christened 1 June 1845, married (?). Hannah born 1848 married William Pow, died 1870. Migrated to N.S.W., Australia, Joseph 1856, William 1858. John and Mary 1859, Robert and Frances and six children 1876. Were Thomas and Mary the first two children, born Ireland or Durham? Frances Moat born Newcastle upon Tyne, 1838, father James Moat, plasterer, mother Elizabeth Brown. Any information on Stoker or Moat family welcomed.
- 2084** Mr W. MERRIMAN, 48 Towers Road, LIVERPOOL L16 8NY.
(IS 051-722-7621)
- 2085** Mrs C.L. MATTHEWS, 55 Westgarth, Whorlton Grange, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE5 4NT.
- 2086** Mrs L. HUNT, 10 Mill Lane, Camblesforth, SELBY, North Yorkshire YO8 8HW.
- 2087** Rev. N.W. TAYLOR, 1 Osborne Terrace, SEAHOUSES, Northumberland NE68 7UH.
(IS Seahouses 720723)
- 2088** Mrs S.T. TAYLOR, 1 Osborne Terrace, SEAHOUSES, Northumberland NE68 7UH.
- 2089** Mrs J.R. MULLEN, Wyngate Road, Cheadle Hulme, CHEADLE, Cheshire SK8 6ER.
(IS 061-485-6765)
- 2090** Mr J.A. BURLISON, 23 Kethel Road, CHELTENHAM, NEW SOUTH WALES 2119, AUSTRALIA.
Main interest is the Burlison family. Nicholas Burlison, born c.1818 at Heddon-on-the-Wall, son of John Burlison, a gardener. In 1848, 4 June, Nicholas Burlison married Sarah Bolton at St. Mary's Parish Church, Gateshead. Address given for both, High Street. Sarah Bolton was the daughter of John Bolton, a Blacksmith. Sarah was born c.1816 at North Shields. Witnesses at the wedding were James Burlison (possibly a brother of Nicholas) and Jane Boutflour. Nicholas and Sarah had a son, John, born at Chirton on 28 February, 1852. Shortly afterwards, they sailed for Australia and settled at Forest Creek, Victoria where Nicholas was a carpenter. Can find no shipping records of arrival in Australia. Would there be any records in England? Possibly sailed from Newcastle. As Nicholas was a joiner, would there be any apprenticeship records available? Where? Seeks further information on family of Nicholas and Sarah. Any help, advice or suggestions on further avenues of research would be appreciated. Is interested in all Burlison families as there could be connections. Postage will be reimbursed for any information.
- 2091** Mr M.L. RUSSELL, 15 Green Walk, Norwood Green, SOUTHALL, Middlesex UB2 5QX.
(W 01-571-2226)
- 2092** Mrs D.M. RUSSELL, 15 Green Walk, Norwood Green, SOUTHALL, Middlesex UB2 5QX.
Researching: James Russell. He was a weaver and lived in Allendale. He is possibly the James Russell mentioned in the "Account of Money paid to the Out and In Paupers of Allendale Parish 1824-25" as the

- recipient of money for postage. His son George was born in Allendale 11 November 1813. George married Elizabeth Howey in Warden 9 July 1840. He was an itinerant tailor, living first in Haydon Bridge and then in Catton Gate where he was also the postmaster. His family attended Catton Primitive Methodist Chapel. Perhaps James was also a Primitive Methodist. Any help to find information concerning James and his family, and the baptism of his son George would be greatly appreciated.
- 2093 Mr N.N. RUSH**, 19 Larkspur, Beacon Lough, GATESHEAD, Tyne and Wear NE 9 6SA
(☎ Tyneside 482 6313) Researching: Rush family of Newcastle c.1860, London c.1840, Warley, Essex c.1800. Davison family of Newcastle c.1800. Nixon family of Bellingham/Simonburn, c.1840; Halliday/Punshon - George Halliday married Sarah Punshon 23 September 1826 at St. John's, Newcastle. Any information regarding this marriage welcomed.
- 2094 Mrs J.D. WAUGH**, 7 Darnay Rise, CHELMSFORD, Essex CM1 4XA.
(☎ Chelmsford 441698)
- 2095 Mrs H. GERRARD**, 27 Strathaird Street, STRATHMORE, VICTORIA 3041, AUSTRALIA.
Researching the Dodds family in Stamfordham until c.1800, then in Newburn; especially parents of Jeremiah Dodds, baptised c.1796, and parents of Jeremiah Dodds, baptised 29 January 1703 at Stamfordham. There was a Jeremiah Dodds in each generation of the family so I would welcome any knowledge of the name. Also the Rain family of Whitley Chapel from c.1740 - 1840, and also in Hexham from c.1800. Other interests include Fawcett, Forster of Corbridge, Robson of Heddon on the Wall, Selby Robson, b. 1754 of Stamfordham, Robert Henderson married Mary Elliott in 1826, in Penshaw, Durham and Elliott of Alston, Cumberland.
- 2096 Mrs R.E. IRONS**, The Bungalow, Dollins Lane, WAREHAM, Dorset BH20 4HD.
(☎ Wareham 2778) Interests: Luke Minto Bird who served in the navy. His father and grandfather, Henry and Richard Bird were also mariners from Bishopwearmouth. Would like to find out about their careers. Grandmother was Elizabeth Jane Minto of Tynemouth, and her mother was Ann Hutton of Houghton-le-Spring. Any help with these families appreciated.
- 2097 Mrs M. AMER**, 20 Five Acres, Northgate, CRAWLEY, West Sussex RH10 2HJ.
Researching: Robert Moralee, birthplace unknown, married Margaret Murrell 1 July 1882 at Chester-le-Street. William and Margaret Welsh both born Ireland, lived Seahouses 1848. William and Elizabeth (Durrant) George married West Somerton, Norfolk. Fathers, Edward George, Robert Durrant. Henry Amer married Minnie Swain at Lambeth in London. Father was Charles Amos Amer.
- 2098 Miss P. CANNING**, 7375 Stave Lake Street, MISSION, BRITISH COLUMBIA V2V 4E5, CANADA.
- 2099 Ms E. WARD**, 12 Ridsdale Square, ASHINGTON, Northumberland NE63 8AJ.
- 2100 Mrs S. SHAW**, 8 Park House Road, Merry Oaks, DURHAM DH1 3QF.
- 2101 Miss A. THOMPSON**, 77 Wood Lane, FERRYHILL, County Durham DL17 8QQ.
- 2102 Mr D.E. PENNINGTON**, 910 East Fortieth Avenue, VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA V5W 1M3, CANADA.
Researching Pennington, Dodd, Clarkson and Lockey. Father Frederick William Pennington, was born 3 July 1905 in Durham. His father was George Frederick Pennington, born 2 April 1872 in Gateshead. He was the son of a joiner, Simeon Pennington and his wife Mary Clarkson. George Frederick was a master grocer in Durham before emigrating to Canada in 1911. Grandmother, Adelaide Dodd was born 29 September, 1878 in Castle Eden. Her parents were William Dodd, innkeeper and Jane Lockey. The Dodds moved at some later time to Durham. Grandfather George Frederick Pennington, had two brothers and two sisters. His brothers emigrated in 1911/12, Richard to Australia and John William to Canada. His sisters, Francis and Lilian Mary Pennington, remained in England. Lilian was a school mistress in Durham and in later years moved to Darlington where she died around 1958 at her last residence, 167 Coniscliffe Road. Any information on the above families welcomed.
- 2103 Mrs D.K. PENNINGTON**, 910 East Fortieth Avenue, VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA V5W 1M3, CANADA.
- 2104 Mrs G. CALLAGHAN**, Upper Camp Mountain Road, SAMFORD, QUEENSLAND 4520, AUSTRALIA.
Researching: Charlton; Easson; Fisher; Dixon; Hindmarsh; Lishman; Kay; Graham; Harrison and Proudlock.
- 2105 Mr A. REED**, Tyn-y-Cwm Fach, Sylen Road, Pontyberem, LLANELLI, Dyfed SA15 5NW.
(☎ Pontyberem 870947)
- 2106 Mrs G. BOYNTON**, 72 Muriel Street, REDCAR, Cleveland TS10 3JB.
- 2107 Mrs E.G. MEIER**, 3680 Potosi Avenue, STUDIO CITY, CALIFORNIA 91604, UNITED STATES.
- 2108 Mr T.S. JONES**, 41 Ellen Wilkinson Court, HEBBURN, Tyne and Wear NE31 1SE.
(☎ Hebburn 838023) Interested in descendants of Thomas Jones who died in Redcar in 1896 and left family of five. Also family of Charles Frederick Thompson. Two sons David Henry Thompson and Thomas Thompson who were last recorded in "The Drive", Four-Lane-Ends in 1938.
- 2109 Mr A. REED**, 80 Barleyhill Road, Garforth, LEEDS, West Yorkshire LS25 1AU.
(☎ Leeds 865962)
- 2110 Miss J.M. REED**, 80 Barleyhill Road, Garforth, LEEDS, West Yorkshire LS25 1AU.

- 2111 Dr. K. HEATHERINGTON, 8 St. Peter's Close, Burnham, SLOUGH, Berkshire SL I 7HT.
(IS Burnham 3907) Researching the families of Heatherington, Hewitson, Slack and Ritson (all from the Weardale area, and all involved in lead mining); Johnson, Gill and Gibbon (all from the Crook area, and all involved in coal-mining); Gray (farmers from Brancepeth) and Robson (farmers from Witton-le-Wear).
- 2112 Mrs K.R. HEATHERINGTON, 8 St. Peter's Close, Burnham, SLOUGH, Berkshire SL I 7HT.
- 2113 Mr A .J. TAYLOR, Grove Thorpe, Brockden, DISS, Norfolk IP21 4JE.
(R Hoxne 305)
- 2114 Mr E.J. WILLITS, 32 Blythe Avenue, Meir Heath, STOKE-ON-TRENT, Staffordshire ST3 7JY.
(IN Stoke-on-Trent 392703)
- 2115 Mr H.W. TAYLOR, 13 Roachburn Road, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE5 5NB.
(IS Tyneside 267 7058)
- 2116 Mrs C.M. DAVIES, Dunmore House, Airth, FALKIRK, Stirlingshire FK2 8LS.
Researching the Proctor family of Byker, Newcastle. How was Charles Proctor (born 1820-1830), a sailmaker, related to William Broadsword Proctor, sailcloth manufacturer, also of Byker? Also seeking information on Pittilla family, believed to be immigrants to Newcastle from Italy. Cunningham family of Byker. There were two Cunningham sisters called Ellen, the younger one, born c.1851, named after the older sister who was burnt to death when her hair caught fire.
- 2117 Mrs P. GIBSON, 37 Park Lane, HAYES, Middlesex UB4 8AB.
- 2118 Mrs B. HOWARD, 38 Heathcote Avenue, HATFIELD, Hertfordshire AL10 ORH:
(IS Hatfield 67711)
- 2119 Miss J. HOWARD, 38 Heathcote Avenue, HATFIELD, Hertfordshire AL10 ORH.
- 2120 Mrs J.E. INGHAM, 8 Sydall's Way, Catterick Village, RICHMOND, North Yorkshire DL10 7ND.
Researching four families - Coleby, Summerson, Stibbard and Quinn (or Queen). William Bennet Coleby (joiner), son of William Barton Coleby (gardener) was married 30 May 1858 at the Wesleyan Chapel, Bishop Auckland to Catherine Summerson, daughter of John Summerson (joiner). Bride and groom were resident in Old Shildon. Henry Stibbard (horse driver), son of James Stibbard (horse keeper) was married 9 June 1860 at St. Nicholas Church, Newcastle upon Tyne to Elizabeth Queen, daughter of Thomas Queen (labourer). In later years Elizabeth's maiden name is given as Quinn. Both couples moved later; the Coleby's to Middlesbrough and the Stibbards to Stillington, near Stockton, then to Middlesbrough. Any information regarding these families would be appreciated.
- 2121 Ms K. WILLIS, 18 Ollgar Close, Shepherds Bush, LONDON W12 ONE
- 2122 Mrs H.M. MILLION, 1A Berryedge Road, CONSETT, County Durham DH8 5DS.
(IS Consett 507471) Researching: Helen Rose Mason/Macon who was born on Holy Island, Lindisfarne. Her father acted as Excise Officer. She married Robert Dodds Wright, whose was a Stoker for the Railway, and became a driver of the London to Edinburgh Express.
- 2123 Mrs D.M. KILNER, 13 Woodside View, Holmfirth, HUDDERSFIELD, West Yorkshire HD71PT.
Interests: Coates of North Shields and Felton; Kirsop of Newcastle.
- 2124 Mrs I. FORD, 93 St. Ann's Close, Battlefield, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE12QU.
(IS Newcastle 610261)
- 2125 Mr K. ORANGE, 47 Canberra Road, Marton-in-Cleveland, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland TS7 8ES.
Interests: Orange family of Northumberland and in particular Walter baptised in 1840 at Lucker; John baptised 1793 at Newham; Thomas baptised 1751 at Alnwick and Thomas, married 1739 at Alnwick. Any information related to these, or any Orange, welcomed.
- 2126 Mr M. FAWCETT, 1 Church Mead, Ringmer, LEWES, East Sussex BN8 5HB.
(8 Lewes 812982) Would like to hear from anyone researching the Fawcett family in Chester-le-Street area up to 1870, and in Tanfield from 1870 to date.
- 2127 Mrs M. HAMILTON, Box 3165, OLDS, ALBERTA T0M 1P0, CANADA.
Researching William Hamilton, born c.1874 possibly at Workington, and his sister, Elizabeth, possibly born in Carlisle. Other family were Edward, Rachel, Peggy, Lily and Elinor (may be others). William Hamilton's wife may have died in Newcastle and been buried in Byker c.1919-1921. Elizabeth Hamilton married a Roberts; Rachel married a Clark and lived in Carlisle; Peggy married a Todd and lived in Newcastle; Elinor married a Roussel and lived in France; Lillian lived in Darlington, after her marriage.
- 2128 Mrs P. SIDGWICK, 11 Elmwood Road, Eaglescliffe, STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Cleveland TS16 0AQ.
- 2129 Mrs J.M. LLOYD, 21 Dover Road, SHEFFIELD, South Yorkshire S1 18RH.
(8 Sheffield 667310)
- 2130 Mr K. ILDERTON, Whiteshell P O, WEST HAWK LAKE, MANITOBA R0E 2H0, CANADA.
Interests: Ilderton from Northumberland/Durham. Seeking birth of George Ilderton, c.1794, who married Dorothy (?). Two children of the marriage were Nicholas Johnson Ilderton, baptised 28 December 1823 and great-grandfather George Johnson Ilderton, baptised 3 February 1830. George Ilderton senior was a mariner and a partial address Daf-ick St., North Shields was known to exist in 1823. Dorothy was buried 18 February 1849 aged 55 years having died on 14 February 1849 of Asthma; she was buried in Tynemouth General Cemetery.
- 2131 Mrs M. ILDERTON, Whiteshell P O, WEST HAWK LAKE, MANITOBA R0E 2H0, CANADA.

- 2132 Mr C.E. COUPLAND, 4372 Fielding Lane., NORCROSS, GEORGIA 30092, UNITED STATES.
Would appreciate any information on Coupland family.
- 2133 Ms J. COUPLAND, 4372 Fielding Lane, NORCROSS, GEORGIA 30092, UNITED STATES.
- 2134 Mrs H.M. SOUTHEN, 6 Braco Place, CHRISTCHURCH 4, NEW ZEALAND.
Joseph Thirlwell/Thirlaway, born Tanfield, Durham, married Mary Crozier, Whickham, 1796. First daughter Sarah was born 1800 in Whickham and fourth son Thomas was born 1804 in Whickham. Where were first 3 sons born? Were there any other daughters? Joseph was described as a waggon way agent and a waggon way wright at above baptisms. What profession was this in early 1800's? Sarah Thirlwell (above) married Robert Dixon, shipwright, in 1822 in Monkwearmouth and had about seven children. Daughter Sarah b. 1832 Monkwearmouth, married John Beilby Barker, b. 1831 Bridlington, York in 1851 in Sunderland. They emigrated to Banks Peninsula, New Zealand in 1858. Sarah Barker's brothers, Robert Dixon, b. 1824, Joseph Thirlwell Dixon, b. 1823 and William Dixon b.c. 1834 also emigrated to New Zealand in 1859. Two of them were shipbuilders. Contact wanted with anyone researching these names or with descendants of family remaining in Durham. All replies answered and postage refunded.
- 2135 Mrs J. CULLEN, "Charteris", Dalton's Fen, Pitsea, BASILDON, Essex SS131JF.
(g Basildon 727765) Information sought on Thomas Cooke, father of John Cooke, born South Shields (?) in 1881. Both were miners at Whitburn Colliery. John Cooke married Elizabeth Snelgrove in 1906 in South Shields. Brothers and sisters: Maryha, Edward, Frank and William. Also seeking information on Jane Wilson, nee Douglas, bom 1843 who married William Snelgrove in South Shields. In 1883 they lived in John Williamson Street.
- 2136 Mrs P. JENKINS, 11 Hawkswood, Covingham Park, SWINDON, Wiltshire SN3 5AH.
(0 Swindon 24260) Interested in any further information on the following families: Thomas Black married Phoebe Henry on 5 August 1878 at Newcastle; daughter Isabella bom 31 March 1881 at Hebburn Quay. Matthew Anderson married Mary Gray; their son ?Mathew born 29 March 1858, married Mary Henderson 31 January 1881. Their son William Henry Anderson married Isabella Black.
- 2137 Mrs L.E. JOHNSTON, 56 Harton House Road, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE34 6ED.
(IS South Shields 564219) Interests include Johnston and Ross.
- 2138 Mr G.S. PRINGLE, 5 Piccadilly Close, Scotforth, LANCASTER LA14PY.
(IN Lancaster 66548) Interested in the development of Lord Armstrong's estate at Craggside, near Rothbury. Great-grandfather Richard Pringle was Head Gardener there in late 1800's. Seeking any information on the history of Richard Pringle. Information sought on Lord Armstrong's engineering and shipbuilding enterprises on the Tyne. Grandfather George Pringle was manager of the Walker Naval Yard during the early 1900's. Paternal grandmother, Margaret Pringle, nee Surtees, was born c.1874 in Washington, Co. Durham. Her aunt may have been Bessie Surtees.
- 2139 Mrs J. TATFERSALL, P.O. Box 85, GLENEVIS, ALBERTA T0E 0X0, CANADA.
- 2140 Mrs A.E. WILSON, 13 Challoner Square, HARTLEPOOL, Cleveland ST24 8HP.
Researching: Teasdale (Cockfield and Staindrop); Foster (same area?); Gibson (Egglesstone, all c.1790); John F. Teasdale of Auckland St. Andrew, 1858 and Elizabeth Crozier of Longbenton, 1826. Family christian names: William, Joseph, John, Frederick; middle names: Foster and Gibson.
- 2141 Mr D. ARROWSMITH, 8 Goldings, BISHOP'S STORTFORD, Hertfordshire CM23 5EH.
(12 Bishop's Stortford 503047)
- 2142 Mr C. BARRASS, 9 Sheldrake Gardens, Hordle, LYMINGTON, Hampshire S04 0FJ.
(S New Milton 612048)
- 2143 Miss B. GRAY, 16 Durham Road, Wolviston, BILLINGHAM, Cleveland TS22 5LP.
(a Wolviston 324)
- 2144 Mr N. J. DEXTER, 7 Byne Road, Sydenham, LONDON SE26 5JF.
(8 01-659-8423)
- 2145 Mr E. FERRIS-BROWN, 77 Everton Road, Pottton, SANDY, Bedfordshire SG19 2PD.
(S Pottton 260674) Researching: Brown of Brandon & Byshottles (New Brancepeth); Howarth (possibly Easington); Welch (of Willington); Lee of several parishes in Lancs. and Durham (Pittington, Durham, Hallgarth 1879 and Thornley, Easington, 1884). This is the same family as Peter Lee. Bartley (of Wingate); Ferris (of Wingate and previously Cornwall); Thompson (of Thornley); Dunlevy/Richardson/Wilkinson/Sword/Gibson/Nixon/Simpson (of Page Bank); White (Willington); Rothwell (Ferryhill); Edesforth/Edesforth/Ford/Drysdale/Harwood (Wingate); Winter (New Brancepeth/Ushaw Moor); Clark (Ushaw Moor); Hughes (Wheatley Hill/Trimdon); Robinson (New Brancepeth); Yates (Lancashire); Smith (New Brancepeth/Broom Park); Cutty (Littleburn/Bearpark); Edwards (Wingate); Lynn (Thornley); Taylor (Wingate); Barnes (Wingate); Parkinson (Shotton/Blackhall). Can tentatively trace Lee to 1782 in Lancashire.
- 2146 Mr R.J. CLARKE, 70a St. Mary's Road, POOLE, Dorset BH15 2LL.
(a Poole 687012)
- 2147 Mrs R. CLARKE, 70a St Mary's Road, POOLE, Dorset BH15 2LL.
- 2148 Acquisitions Serials, Genealogical Society, 50 East North Temple Street, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84150, UNITED STATES.

- 2149** Mrs E. JOHNSON, 60 Calbourne Road, Balham, LONDON SW 12 8LR.
Researching Johnson/Stobart families of Allendale, especially date of marriage of Joseph Johnson (born 19 August 1838) to Isabella Stobart. Stobarts fanned at Keenley, Hayleazes and Burn Tongues and were buried near Keenley Chapel. Would appreciate information from gravestones.
- 2150** Mr B. WAUGH, 1 Rollingdales Close, Maltby, ROTHERHAM, South Yorkshire S66 8EJ.
('S Rotherham 816490)
- 2151** Mrs L. WAUGH, 1 Rollingdales Close, Maltby, ROTHERHAM, South Yorkshire S66 8EJ.
- 2152** Mr C.H. MEEKE, Pinfold Farm, Smallwood, SANDBACH, Cheshire CW11 OXF.
Seeking the marriage of Ann Armstrong to John Johnson (brick manufacturer, born 1836, died 1884, buried Jesmond cemetery). Their daughter, Hannah Johnson, was born in 1862, married John Rabone Harvey at St. Cuthbert's, Gateshead in 1880 and died 1933 in Birmingham. John Rabone Harvey was 19 at time of marriage, and was working on the laying of water pipes from Newcastle to Whittle Dean. His uncle's Birmingham firm gained the contract for this. The address on John Johnson's death certificate is 19 (or 17) Ivy Street, Newcastle, and Grainger Street for the St. Cuthbert's wedding. Also interested in the Barnard family who emigrated to New Zealand (well before the First World War),
- 2153** Mrs C.D. MYCOCK, Keepers Cottage, Peddles Lane, Chariton Mackrell, SOMERTON, Somerset TA116AQ.
- 2154** Mrs M. MARK, 64 Church Street, Amble, MORPETH, Northumberland NE65 ODY.
(IS Alnwick 710079) Researching the name of Marr in North Shields c.1800. Particular interest in William Mart, a Tailor or Sailor, who died between 1830 and 1841. He had a son called James Robert Marr (born 1832-3) and left a widow, Mary Marr, who later remarried a Robert Bolam of Alnwick/North Shields/Newcastle. Also Dewsnap of Abbeytown, Cumbria, c.1830-40, John and Anne Dewsnap in particular, but would be interested in Dewsnaps in general coming from the surrounding areas of Maryport, Aspatria and Blennerhasset.
- 2155** Mr J.D. PICKERING, 4 Hounslow Gardens, Hedworth Lane, JARROW, Tyne and Wear NE32 4LS.
(IS Boldon 361062)
- 2156** Mrs S. PICKERING, 4 Hounslow Gardens, Hedworth Lane, JARROW, Tyne and Wear NE32 4LS.
- 2157** Mrs M. BALL, 38 Fenwick Avenue, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE34 9AJ.
- 2158** Mrs H. RAMSHAW, 59 Whitby Crescent, HASTINGS, NEW ZEALAND.
Researching: Frosdick/Edmunds/JacksonNose and Ramshaw.
- 2159** Mr R.G. BURN, 36 Birling Road, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, Kent TN2 5LY.
(\$Tunbridge Wells 30552) Interests: Burn - William (1840-1915) and Margery (1848-1912) of Corbridge and Newcastle. Also brother Thomas Burn (1854-1930) of Wall and Acomb, and sister Margaret Jane Craigie. Hails - William (1800-1864) and Isabella (?). A miller and flour dealer of Bath Lane, Newcastle. Harrison - George (born 1785) in Whickham, Co. Durham, son of Richard and Mary Harrison. Wife Margaret Harrison, nee Salkeld, born 1789 at Kibblesworth, Co. Durham, daughter of Michael and Margaret Salkeld.
- 2160** Mrs M. BURN, 36 Biding Road, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, Kent TN2 5LY.
- 2161** Mrs B .J. BATEY, 1 Balintore Park, Balintore, FEARN, Ross-shire IV201XZ.
(W Fearn 2470)
- 2162** Mrs L. WEBSTER, 6841 Glendale Avenue, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44512, UNITED STATES.
- 2163** Mr R.H. JEWITT, 8 Manor Grove, Great Broughton, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland TS9 7EJ.
(IS Stokesley 712461)
- 2164** Mrs A. FAWCETT, The Anchorage, Lakeside, Baumber, HORNCastle, Lincolnshire LN9 5NW.
(IS Baumber 330) Researching: Fawcett (Tanfield/Lanchester, any dates); Heslop (Tanfield/Lan.) pre-1880. Down (from Cornwall to Tanfield/Lan.) married Mary Anne (?), and had Alice in 1892, and at least three other children. Any help appreciated. Charles Holmes (Master Cloggef) came from Lancashire to Co. Durham, married Lavinia Kealy and had at least 8 children (one child registered in Jarrow, 1889). Does anyone have any clue to him or his wife. She was registered in Gateshead in 1849, parents Thomas Keely and Catherine Jane (?). Glanville (Cleator Moor, Cumberland or elsewhere), any dates and Elizabeth Hunter (from Cumberland to Durham) who married Oliver Glanville (supposedly in Durham). Birth of child recorded in Lanchester Parish in 1891. Milburn (Tanfield/Lan.) after c.1845, prior to that believed to have been a Northumberland family (possibly Bellingham). Gales/Gales (Tanfield/Lan.) pre-1875; Gair (Tanfield/Lanchester/Northumberland) pre-1875 and Witton Gilbert Bearpark after 1850. Dawson (Lanchester/Witton Gilbert) pre-1880. White (from London via Felling to Lanchester) 1870-1880. White (Greencroft) 1900-1910 had 2 sons Tony and Emie. Great-Grandfather, name Bantock, came from London to Lanchester in 1870-80. Would like to trace any of his family, any dates. He had two full cousins, both girls named Buckley, and one of them married a Rumney (Co. Durham). Any help at all would be appreciated.
- 2165** Mr G. BROWN, 69 Holt Farm Rise, LEEDS, West Yorkshire LS16 7SB.
(' & Leeds 611919) Interests: Durham, 17-19C.: Brown/Carr of St. Margaret's, Crossgate, Durham City; Royal of Seaham Harbour/Dalton-le-Dale/Sunderland; Forster/Forester of Sunderland; Gibbons of Sunderland/Appleby/Westmorland. Northumberland, 19-19C.: Shields of Walker/South Shields; Revely/Reavely of Walker and Wallsend.

- 2166 Mrs J.H. McGINN, 6 Horsley Terrace, Tynemouth, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE30 2RT.
(IS North Shields 584935) Seeking information on the following families: Tait, William, born in Hartburn c.1824, was colliery policeman at West Cramlington Colliery in 1851 (Census return shows name as Tate); his wife Ruth (nee Robson) born at Tynemouth c.1820; Hall and Allon, farmers/cattle-dealers in Northumberland, 1830's; Hartshorne, Francis and his wife Elizabeth moved from Shropshire to Shankhouse near Cramlington c.1830; also Ellison, Cuthbert and Elizabeth of Shankhouse whose daughter Elizabeth married Edward Hartshorne c. 1860's.
- 2167 Ms L.P. DOWN, 25 Mazoe Road, BISHOPS STORTFORD, Hertfordshire CM23 3JS.
- 2168 Mr S.C. HAZON, 25 Mazoe Road, BISHOPS STORTFORD, Hertfordshire CM23 3JS.
- 2169 Mr W.A.W. CUMMINGS, 57 St. Denis Road, Selly Oak, BIRMINGHAM B29 4.1 Y.
(021-475-1340)
- 2170 Mrs S.R. CUMMINGS, 57 St. Denis Road, Selly Oak, BIRMINGHAM B29 4JY.
- 2171 Mrs I. MARLBOROUGH, I Makbrar's Neuk, Calside, DUMFRIES DG14XB.
Particularly interested in any Marlboroughs anywhere. Especially seeking the whereabouts of Hillery Marlborough in 1861 (for Census). His children were baptised in Stockton in 1856 and 1858 but he may later have been in Seabam Harbour working at the Bottle Works. Would also like any information on Westmorlands in Northumberland and Durham. Seeking the marriage of Robert Westmorland and Isabella Robson of Marley Hill Colliery after 1851 but (presumably) before the birth of their son Matthew William in 1853. Would also like information on Matthew Westmoreland born in South Shields c.1824 who became a miner at Marley Hill in 1861. Other interests include Allen/Laws marriage pre-1879, Sunnybrow; Meek/Toward marriage pre-1881, Ferryhill; birth of Mary Ann Copeland c.1884, father John, a fireman.
- 2172 Mrs M.T. LYNCH, 31 Towers Avenue, Jesmond, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE2 30E.
- 2173 Mr .A.C. STOREY, 288 West Coast Highway, SCARBOROUGH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA 6(119. AUSTRALIA.
(\$ Perth (WA) 341-7258)
- 2174 Mrs E.M. RHYS-HUGHES, 42 Kilmore, Ilsham Marine Drive, TORQUAY, Devon TQ 12HU.
(12 Torquay 215122) Main interest in the name Maxwell.
- 2175 Mr E.N. GALL, 39 Edward Road, Oldbury, WARLEY, West Midlands B68 OLZ.
(IS 021-422-3503)
- 2176 Mrs J. RUTTER, 17 Rothbury Road, Newton Hall, DURHAM CITY DH 1 5PG.
(IN Durham 67255)
- 2177 Mrs J. STYLES, 35 Grey Towers Drive, Nunthorpe, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland TS7 OLT.
(IS Middlesbrough 311247)
- 2178 Mr P.W. DUXFIELD, Ainsby, Knutsford Road, Antrobus, NORTHWICH, Cheshire CW9 6NH.
(IS Comberbach 891322) Researching Duxfield in Northumberland area (Joseph Duxfield of Earsdon died 16 August 1826 aged 90 years) in 18 & 19C. and connection with Duxfield in Lancashire; Sutcliffe in Yorkshire, Lancashire, London 17 & 18C. and connection with Crofts, London, 18C. Particularly interested in parents and relations of Jonathan Sutcliffe, Woollen Manufacturer of Hebble End, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire who settled at Rawtenstall, Lancashire - lease dated 1693, Will dated 20 1736, died 1736. Also interested in Blundell. Mr Duxfield has quite a lot of records on the Sutcliffe family of Lancashire /Yorkshire border back to early 18th Century, and also prominent Sutcliffes of 17C.; Also has a printed genealogical history on Buckley family of Saddleworth in Lancashire.
- 2179 Ms C. USHER, 24 Oliver Street, Linthorpe, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland TS5 3JH.
Would be very interested to hear from people researching Gilhome, particularly in North Northumberland: family reputed to be butchers in Embleton. Also interested in Porter of Cley, Norfolk; Cullum of Brooke. Norfolk; McGarr of Penrith (?); Armstrong of Carlisle; and Usher of Blyth, Northumberland. Would Also be interested in connections between Swinburn and Usher or possibly Robinson, probably in Cowpen or Blyth.
- 2180 Lt Cdr H. PAGE, 166 Stamford Road, Lees, OLDHAM, Lancashire OL4 3ND.
Particularly interested in Charles Peter Page, Mariner, born 1834/5, married 27 October 1860 to Elizabeth Whittle, address then 18 Ravensworth Street, Bishopwearmouth. He sailed on a voyage to South Africa c.1874, his address then was Charles Street, Monkwearmouth. On completing the voyage he fell ill and died and was buried in South Africa, possibly in Natal. He left a widow and several sons at the Charles Street address. Seeking the name of the ship in which he sailed, and details of the crew of that ship, if am are known, and any other details would be welcomed.

SECOND TIME AROUND

- 0028 Mr P.R.D. DAVISON, 27 Fryup Crescent, Kemplah Park, GUISBOROUGH, Cleveland TS 14 8LG.
Seeking baptism of Robert Bell, born Gateshead Fell, c.1814; also the marriage of Ralph Dixon of Spital to Ann Elliot pre-1811. William Dixon married Elizabeth Younger at Norham on 19 June 1770. He was a Yeoman. Origin and occupation sought. Seeking the baptism of George Smith of Oxnam, Roxburghshire.

and marriage to Phillis Rose of Middleton Parish. They were in Penshaw in 1804. Marriage and baptism sought of William Oliver of Ferryhill. He was in Merrington in 1729. Any information sought on John George Smith of Spennymoor (1891-1943). He was a footballer for Spennymoor Weds. and worked at Tyler's Shoe Shop and pre World War I as a chock drawer in the local mines. Also interested in Noble Brown/Dawson/Featherstone in the Weardale area, 18 & 19C. (Annie Brown had a private school in Waterhouses, Esh in 1890's and any information would be welcomed.

0170 Miss G. CHAMBERS, 3 Rhoda Terrace, Ryhope Road, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR2 9SY.

Researching: Chambers and Proudlock. William Chambers, shoemaker, father of Andrew and Joseph. The latter was an engineer at Bedlington Iron Works and married Margaret Bonner from there. Grandfather Ralph William Wilkinson Chambers was also an engineer, and was named after William Chambers' wife Mary Wilkinson, whose father was a shipbuilder in Sunderland and his brother was the post-master in Morpeth.

0370 Mr K.L. BOCOCK, 128 Hampton Road, Redland, BRISTOL BS6 6JE.

Would members please note a correction to Mr Bocock's interests shown on page 54 of Summer '85 edition: Researching Lakeland 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/baptism record for Lawrence Lakeland, a glassmaker who married Elisabeth March at St. Nicholas', N/castle on 10 Feb. 1683-4.

0614 Mr E.S. MILLIGAN, 4827 Franconia Road, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22310, U.S.A.

Researching: Milligan (Wigtownshire; Ayr; Durham and Northumberland); Scott/Ward (Durham and Northumberland); McQueen (Edinburgh and Ayr); Davidson (Edinburgh). Also interested in the Scottish units in the British Territorial or militia units in the Far East; Shanghi Volunteer Corps; Calcutta Scottish; Bombay Scottish; Rangoon Scottish and Hong Kong Scottish. Mr Milligan collects sweetheart brooches of Scottish units and would be pleased to contact others who share such an interest.

0885 Mrs A. JOHNSON, 25 Jewel Walk, Bewbush, CRAWLEY, West Sussex RH11 8BG.

Looking for: Thomas Parker, blacksmith of Villiers Street, Bishopwearmouth, c.1856; William Murrell, Miller, of George Street, Deptford, Bishopwearmouth, c.1856 (no trace of Wm. Murrell on 1851 or 1861 Census). Thomas Murrell, Colliery Engineman, married Jane Parker at Flag Lane Primitive Methodist Chapel on 23 November 1856. Their children were Martha, born 1861, William born 1859, Thomas, born 1857, Margaret born 1865. Robert Moralee married, at age 21, in 1882 in Chester-le-Street. Seeking his birth. Also Luke/CuthbertsonBurridge/George, all married to Welsh sisters.

0921 Mr J. RUSSELL IVES, 802 Arthur Street, ROLFE, IOWA 50581, U.S.A.

Would like to correspond with anyone having Watson lineage which fits with the following: Ben Watson married (?) Downs in So. Scotland/ No. England c.1820. Two sons born there were named William and Thomas. The family moved to Ulster where Ben is said to have been a member of the Scotch mounted police. These Watson boys and two more brothers emigrated to the States during the 1840's. Thomas is great-grandfather.

0925 Mr I. APPELGARTH, 59 Happy Valley Caravan Park, HARTLEPOOL, Cleveland TS24 9RF.

Wanted: marriage of Mark Applegarth to Margaret (?). Possibly Houghton-le-Spring area. One daughter baptised there December 1788. Also the baptism of Mary Bulmer c.1760 who married John Applegarth at Chester-le-Street, 1780. Also the baptism of Margaret Robson, c.1780, who married Peter Applegarth at Chester-le-Street in 1810. Also the baptism of Mary Parmerley, c.1745, who married Richard Applegarth at Washington, Co. Durham in 1775. Names of parents unknown in all cases of baptism.

0977 Mrs J.M. COMPER, Elm Tree Farm, Eastgate, Cawston, NORWICH NR10 4HQ.

Researching: Atkinson (Ponteland, 18C); Baxter/Dixon/Nicholson/Wright (Staindrop, 17 & 18C); Beattie (Castleton, 18-19C); Cairns (Co. Durham, 19C); Douglas (Cavers, 17-18C); Greener (Newborn, 18C); Gair/Jakes (Bedlington, 18C); Purdom (Liddesdale, 18-19C).

0990 Mrs S. CLARKE, 21 Follett Drive, ABBOTS LANGLEY, Hertfordshire WD5 0LP.

Researching: Wood- Hylton, 18-19C, especially Thomas b.1791, his wife Mary (nee ?) b. 1781, Shields. Stewart/Stuart - Monkwearmouth, 19C. and Derbyshire 18-19C. Thomas b. 1824 Codnor Park, Derby moved to Monkwearmouth and married Sarah Wood (b.1822, Hylton). His father was William Stewart (place and date of birth unknown). Would like any details on William or his wife. Thomas and Sarah had 7 children all born Monkwearmouth: Sarah Ann (b.1852), Thomas (b.1854), Elizabeth ((b.1857), Stephen W. (b.1864), Mary Jane (b.1850), Elenor (b.1861) & John William (b.1868). The last three emigrated to Durban, South Africa. Pell - Monkwearmouth and Boston, Lincs. 19C. Mary Jane (married Stephen Stewart) - she was born 1866, Boston, moved to Sunderland 1878/80 and lived/worked at Rectory House, Sunderland. Her mother, Sarah Ann Van Ham (nee Pell) and stepfather, Andres Van Ham (Antwerp fisherman) also moved to Sunderland. Sarah was blind and drowned in the River Wear c.1901. Has anyone details of the Rectory House, High Street, Sunderland? The Empire Theatre was built on its site. Brown of BedlingtonBarrington, 19C. Robert, 6.1860 (specific date, place and parents unknown); his wife Martha, nee Harland (date and place of birth unknown). Their children were: Mary Harland, Alice Brown, Fred, Ethel, Matthew (grandfather) and Isabella. Any information gratefully received.

1024 Mr T. HEWITT, 63 Bede Burn View, Oakdale Estate, JARROW, Tyne and Wear NE32 5PQ.

Seeking a marriage c.1820 between John Edwards and Mary Hope in Northumberland. Information sought on Rutter family of Stamfordham. Marriage sought of Edward Quigley and Mary Branagan, c.1852. Their first child was born in Consett. Both parents Irish. Information wanted on Morton and Fenwick families of Berwick-on-Tweed, Mitchell and Edwards family in Northumberland. Also the baptism of William Ogan, c.1816/7 and marriage c.1836 to Mary Edwards.

- 1117 Mr A. DURKIN, 30 Yeadon Court, Kenton Bank Foot, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE3 2XE.
(M Tyneside 286 3965) Seeking help/suggestions in tracing baptism of Anthony Thompson born 1739. Living Winlaton, parish of Ryton on Tyne, in 1767 and having lived there since age of 13 years. (House of Lords MSS return of RC). Married Ann Parkes of Winlaton in 1765. Family naming tradition indicates that father would be called John and mother would be called Isabella. Roman Catholic Mission of Stonecroft and Hexham registers show a marriage of John Thompson C. to Isabella Kirsop H. in March 1728 who had a daughter Elizabeth baptised there 5 July 1731. No further children of John and Isabella appear in these registers.
- 1517 Mr I.C. STABLER, 39 Newlands, NORTHALLERTON, North Yorkshire DL61SJ.
Searching for the birth/baptism of John and George Stabler. John married Mary Emmerson 8 Feb. 1785 at St. Michael, Bishopwearmouth. George married Ann Dickey 8 Sept. 1792 at St. Peter, Monkwearmouth as far as is known, John had 6 children and George 5 children. On the baptism records of their children, both men give their occupations as mariners of Bowes, Yorkshire. There was a family of Stablers at Bowes, but dates don't tally. John b. 9 July 1724 married Mary Bewick on 9 Nov. 1753 at Bowes; George b. 15 Dec. 1721, married Joan Thompson 12 June 1748 at Bowes. They also had another brother William Stabler b. 19 July 1719. Cannot find any information between the two sets of marriage dates. Any help welcomed.
- 1630 Miss M. O'FLYNN, 18 Stanley Street, HACKETT, A.C.T. 2602, AUSTRALIA.
Interests: Gibson - Would like to contact descendants of Samuel Gibson and Sarah Lock, married at Ovingham, Northumberland on 1 February 1785. Lived at Lennon House (location unknown, probably near Ponteland) in 1799. Children included Thomas (baptised 1785); Sarah (baptised 1790) both at Ovingham; William (born Urpeth, baptised Chester-le-Street, 1792); George (born Birtley, baptised Chester-le-Street 1795); Samuel (baptised Ponteland 1799). Samuel moved to Murton and married Mary Turnbull of Whickham in 1826. Their son Thomas (great-grandfather) came to Australia in 1857. Thomas and William Gibson of Preston (Parsons and White's Gazetteers 1828) may be Samuel's brothers. Would also appreciate information on Turnbull family of Whickham (Thomas Turnbull, farmer, married Mary Hales); children included Gilbert (1797); Thomas (1798); Thomas (1805); William (1807); Peter (1810). Little - Searching for death of Robert Henderson Little, tin plate worker of Newcastle upon Tyne. Born Carlisle, Cumberland c.1808. Married Ann Hunter. Children include: John (1829); James (c.1832); Ann (1834); Mary (1837); Robert (1840); Esther (1843). All 3 daughters went to Australia. Any information on sons welcomed.
- 1720 Mr E. BELL, 3051 Country Club Drive, NANAIMO, BRITISH COLUMBIA V9T 3G6, CANADA.
Seeking marriage and other information on great-grandparents Joseph Bell, baptised 31 August 1823 at Cockfield, Co. Durham and his wife Sarah Chapman, baptised 8 February 1829 at Cockfield. Joseph was the son of William Bell, lead carrier of Woodland, near Cockfield, and his wife, Dorothy. Sarah was the daughter of William Chapman and Elizabeth Moses. Joseph and Sarah's children were William b.c.1860 and employed over 20 years at Down's Foundry, Barnard Castle until his death in June 1903 due to an industrial accident; he married Mary Ann King; Edward, born 17 August 1865 at which time the family lived in Baliol Street, Barnard Castle and Joseph was a shoemaker; Edward married Phoebe Gowland on 14 June 1890 at Hartlepool; Elizabeth (?) married a Mr Thornburgh and subsequently emigrated to South Africa residing at 18 Green Street, Capetown. There is also a Polly and George, a watchmaker, who in January, 1890, lived at 11 Hanover Square, Pimlico, London. Also seeking marriage and other information about maternal great-grandparents, Ferguson Gowland, mariner and his wife Isabella Musgrove, who lived at Regent Square, Hartlepool on 6 February 1869 when their daughter Phoebe was born. Any information on any of the above welcomed.
- 1818 Mr J.R. COULSON, 12 Dilston Avenue, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear NE25 8QG.
Researching Coulson in the whole of Durham County, 1700-1850.
- 1822 Mr R. DAVISON, 22 Ferndale Avenue, EAST BOLDON, Tyne and Wear NE36 OTQ.
Seeking the marriage of Richard Davison and Mary (?), c.1815/16, living Wallsend, 1817. Also the marriage of Robert Davison to Elizabeth Ogle, 1835/6, living South Shields 1841. The marriage of Ralph Haggerson Reed and Clara Elizabeth Hedley 1886/7, Morpeth (?), Northumberland. Seeking information on Walter Hall, and his son Ernest (born 5 February 1886) who were living in Hull, Yorkshire. Also would like to contact any relations of the following: Isacc Elbrow who died 4 December 1913; his wife Sarah Ann Hamm, born 1852, died 14 November 1930; originally from Bristol, moved to Hull, Yorkshire and then returned to Bristol. Also any information on Amelia Ann Hamm, (mother of above Sarah Ann Hamm) born 1812, died 7 August 1914 in Bristol. Seeking marriage and any siblings/offspring.
- 1845 Ms R. LISLE, 10 Roccliffe Street, Islington, LONDON N18DT.
Ms Lisle is a member of the Society of Genealogists and would be prepared to do reciprocal research for an_v help in the Berwick area.
- 1858 Mrs K.M. TIMINEY, 227 Warning Tongue Lane, Cantley, DONCASTER, South Yorkshire DN4 6TT.
Help required, please, with the following: Any Hartburns from 1851 Census for Norton, near Stockton. William Hartburn's family at Kelloe Laws Farm, Kelloe Winning, Thornley from 1871 and 1881 Census. Baptisms of his children in the Thornley Circuit of the Wesleyan Methodists from 1871. Any Hunters from 1851 Census for Merrington, Co. Durham. Looking for marriage of John Westmorland to Alice (?). c.1810(?). Alice born Heighington, Co. Durham in 1783. Also looking for baptisms of their children, John c.1812, William 1814 and Mary 1815. Search of Heighington parish registers would be appreciated. Also researching the names Timiney, Timney and Timieney, any place, any time. Can search Doncaster archives and West Riding Census in return, except in school holidays.

1922 Mr B.G. HODGSON, 8 Little Rock Drive, SCARBOROUGH, ONTARIO M1M 3N6, CANADA.

Raby Castle is just outside Staindrop, Co. Durham. At one of the entrances to Raby Park is a gate-house known as Old Lodge. Here lived the family of George Hodgson and Margaret (Arrowsmith), married Staindrop, 24 August 1784. Their children: Elizabeth, 4 Nov. 1785; Margaret, 2 Jan. 1789; Ralph, 15 Jan 1798; William, 18 May 1803; and George, 4 Nov. 1803. Dates are baptisms. William's is likely to be a delayed baptism. He was probably born in 1802. The father George is [gt.gt.grandfather](#). His 4th child, William, is gt.gt.grandfather. Staindrop Marriage Register: 12 April 1834 William Hodgson of Staindrop and Elizabeth Westall of Staindrop, married by licence. Witnesses Ralph Bellwood and Elizabeth Hodgson. The bride signed her name as Wastell. (Parish Records give the birth of Elizabeth as 27 Aug. 1811, Stockton-on-Tees, Durham, and her christening as 26 Sept. 1811). As newlyweds, they came to Toronto, Canada. In Feb. 1835, they had their first Canadian child, Margaret. This child succumbed to remitting fever at 6 years, 9 months, buried 26 Nov. 1841 in Toronto. There were three more children: Caroline, born 1 Aug. 1838(?); Elizabeth; and William, born 7 Mar. 1844. This boy became very successful and influential in early Toronto, and had a public school named after him. (Great-grandfather). The Bellwood connection: Note the witness Ralph Bellwood in the above marriage. (The witness Elizabeth is the sister of the groom William). The Staindrop Marriage Register shows another marriage which occurred 23 years before the William Hodgson/Elizabeth Westall marriage of 1834. It reads: John Bellwood (Farmer) and Margaret Hodgson, both of this parish married Staindrop on 16 April 1811. Witnesses: Jane Wilkinson; Jane Bellwood, Elizabeth Bellwood, George Hodgson, Ralph Bellwood. The bride Margaret is the sister of the William who married in 1834. The witness George Hodgson is the father (see first para.) Surmising on possible parents of the George Hodgson who married Margaret Arrowsmith in 1784: IGI Records show a George Hodgson, christened 11 May 1751, parents George Hodgson and Elizabeth (?). The Rounce index of Marriages for Staindrop shows a George Hodgson and Elizabeth Sidgwick, married 6 July 1735. Might these be [gt.gt.gt.grandparents](#)? Would be very pleased to hear from all Hodgson members, and others interested in the names Hodgson, Sidgwick, Arrowsmith, Westall/Wastell, and Bellwood. All replies and enquiries will be answered.

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Interests - Crowe, John born 5 Feb. 1775, Haltwhistle, married Ann Bell on 3 May 1800. Their son Joseph Crowe born 4 March 1819 in Haltwhistle, married Hannah Robson on 1 September 1844, Haltwhistle. Hannah born 5 August 1821, Haltwhistle. Parents were George Robson, born 1781 and Elizabeth Teasdale, born 1783, both Haltwhistle. Any information would be appreciated.

HELP WANTED

1239 Mrs D. TAIT, 26 Beechwood Avenue, Low Fell, GATESHEAD, Tyne & Wear NE9 6PP.

Mrs Tait has been trying to fill out the bare bones of her Grandfather's life at sea and has eventually located records listing the names of his ships and the dates he sailed on them, in the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich. To her dismay she found that photocopies of the items could not be sent, although the documents could be viewed at the Museum. Could any member living in the vicinity of Greenwich call, extract and forward information from two particular Ships' Agreements on her behalf? She will reimburse any fares etc, and will reciprocate with research at Durham Record Office if required. (Doreen is our Librarian and has done a tremendous amount of work reorganising our Library; we hope someone can help her).

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