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EDITORIAL

As the new editor I would first of all like to thank my predecessor June Watson for the magnificent work she has done in editing the Journal for the last two and a half years. Unfortunately she moved away from this area a year or so ago, and the long lines of communication have made production of the Journal more difficult. In spite of this she has continued in the job until now, and we owe her a debt of gratitude for the very high standard she has maintained. I look to you to assist me in keeping up this standard: the interest and usefulness of the Journal depends to a very large extent upon the contributions received from members. Please address them to me, Alan Angus, at the address given on the previous page (not to my wife as indicated in the last issue: she has received several interesting looking letters and been disappointed to find they were intended for me). The series of articles entitled 'Know Your Parish', started by Geoff Nicholson in 1979, was a regular feature of the Journal for some years, but has recently only appeared intermittently. There is plenty of scope for more as only 17 parishes (Medomsley, Heddon-on-the-Wall, Throckington, Chollerton, Cramlington, Simonburn, Gosforth, Heworth, Hexham, Elsdon, Ovingham, Chester-le-Street, Rothbury, Washington, Tanfield, Hetton-le-Hole and Tynemouth) have so far been covered. How about an article on your parish? Other articles on subjects relevant to genealogical research or family history would also be welcome.

May I remind you to enclose a stamped addressed envelope and to give your membership number when writing to officers of the Society?

NEWS IN BRIEF

History of a Border Family

Mr. A.J. Coulthard has informed us that an updated re-issue of his family history entitled "A Coulthard! One family's seven hundred years of Border History" is to be published early in 1986. Anyone interested should write to Mr. Coulthard at Colescote, Piddletrenthide, DORCHESTER DT2 7QP.

1851 Census Index for East Surrey

Volume I (Godstone Registration District) of the above Census Index has now been published. It covers the following East Surrey parishes: Bletchingley, Caterham, Chelsham, Crowhurst, Farleigh, Godstone, Home, Limpsfield, Oxted, Tandridge, Titsey, Tatsfield, Warlingham and Woldingham. Copies may be obtained on application to Mrs Jean Tooke, 1 Woodside Close, CATERHAM, Surrey CR3 6AU, price £2.70 each + 25p postage (UK) and + £2 airmail postage (overseas) (Sterling cheques or Postal Orders only - payable to E.S.F.H.S.)

The Domesday Project

The BBC is making a documentary series about British history, presented by Michael Wood, to celebrate the 900th anniversary of the Domesday Book in 1986. The producer is interested in locating families whose ancestry can be traced back to those times, and asks that anyone who can help should write to her at the following address:
Sandra Gregory, Producer, "The Domesday Project", BBC TV, Wood Lane, LONDON W12 7RJ.

Lobb Reunion

The second World-Wide Reunion of Lobbs will take place on 7 April 1986 (Easter Monday) at the Royal Ancient Order of Foresters' Hall, The Leets, Truro, Cornwall.

For further information send a large SAE or two IRCs to Lobb Genealogical Records, 1A Rosewin Row, TRURO, Cornwall TR1 1HG.

Annual General Meeting 1986

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Northumberland and Durham Family History Society will be held in the Washington Suite, Five Bridges Hotel, High West Street, Gateshead, on Tuesday 13 May 1986, commencing at 7.15 p.m.

THE AUTUMN MEETINGS

September

The September meeting was held at our new venue at the Five Bridges Hotel, Gateshead, and as usual with the first gathering after the holiday break was an informal event. There was a good turn out including several new members, and the "older" hands did their best to answer some of the problems they had encountered. An enjoyable evening was had by all in very pleasant surroundings.

October

In October Mr Balmer gave a talk about William Smith from Blyth - a common name for a very uncommon gentleman. He was first to sight, in 1818, that part of Antarctica now known as the Trinity Peninsula, as well as several offshore islands which he named the South Shetlands. Although not honoured in his own time and not well known today, Mr Balmer has been able to compile a very interesting and informative account of this northern mariner.

After coffee, for the second half of the evening, Mr Balmer told a tale of two ships built in the same Blyth yard in the same year. One was the "Williams", a 46 foot sailing ship that William Smith sailed to South America and Antarctica. This vessel had several owners after Smith, and sailed the seas for about 70 years. The second ship was the "William and Ann". By great good fortune Mr Balmer had obtained half of the original log book from this ship, and it gave an interesting account of the period during which it was engaged in transporting munitions and stores to Spain. This vessel had a much shorter life than the "Williams".

Mr Balmer also answered many questions about shipping registers and customs and excise records and proved to be a very helpful and well-informed source of information.

November

At the November meeting Mr Geoff Nicholson gave a very interesting talk about a house he knew as a boy. Stephen's Hall, near Ryton, although obviously a very old building, was not mentioned in the local history books, but Mr Nicholson decided to see what he could find out about the house and its occupants. His starting point was a shield on the wall with the date 1635 and the initials S.C. From this limited piece of information he was eventually able to construct a full life of the Stephen Coulson who had lived there, and of his descendants. It was encouraging to hear just how much could be learnt about the seventeenth century from tithe maps, wills, estate records, Surtees Society books and local histories, as well as old church records. At the end of the meeting the spontaneous applause showed how thoroughly the audience had enjoyed this talk.

DURHAM GROUP

Maurice Handcock

The very comfortable upstairs lounge of the Salutation Inn, Framwellgate Moor, has proved an ideal place for our meetings. We started the Group in September 1983, when about twelve of us sat in a corner of the downstairs lounge to discuss our genealogical problems. Now in this large room we are able to invite a speaker, and the attendance for our three Autumn meetings has been excellent, reaching an all-time 'high' in November with 47 members.

Bill Rounce, our Chairman, gave an introductory talk on records on general, then in the following month one of our members kindly brought along the I.G.I. microfiche so that anyone unfamiliar with this source could become acquainted with it. Mr Tankerville spoke a few words of caution, stressing that although the I.G.I. can be very helpful it is advisable to go back to the parish registers for conformation of entries.

In November there were two speakers. Roger Tankerville gave a talk on Monumental Inscriptions and emphasised the importance of recording the information on tombstones before they are removed or become illegible. Yvonne Armstrong, who collates all the "Members' Interests" and analyses the Pedigree Charts, pointed out that some members were using the charts for two families, their own and that of their spouse. One family's history only should be entered. She then introduced us to another source of information for the family historian, namely school attendance books, which give not only the particulars of the pupil, but also the father's trade or profession, and the address.

In December about twenty two of us assembled to enjoy a very good Christmas dinner, and research problems were even discussed between courses.

SOUTH TYNESIDE GROUP

Bill Butterley

The South Tyneside Group was well supported throughout 1985. The June meeting was devoted to a members' evening, and in July members took full advantage of an opportunity to view the Society's I.G.I. Microfiche.

After the summer break we resumed in September with a "Problems Night", and in October Mr Fletcher of Boldon, a local historian, showed slides of the area both past and present. At the November meeting a talk on our library was given by Doreen Tait, and Bill Rounce summarized what had been achieved by our members in indexing the marriages of South Tyneside. These indexes are now almost complete for Anglican Churches, and the fact that this has been accomplished in only 2 ½ years shows what can be done by an enthusiastic group. In December we explored some of the more unusual avenues of research - away from the well-trodden path of parish registers.

It is pleasing to look back over 1985 and to note how many casual visitors to our meetings have joined the Society. Anyone requiring further information about the South Tyneside Group should contact me by telephone on Tyneside 455 0430.

FORMATION OF NEW GROUP

It is hoped to form a new Group to cater for members in the Wansbeck district of Northumberland, and by the time you read this inaugural meeting should already have taken place at the Phoenix Theatre, Blyth, on 21 January 1986. Anyone interested in joining this Group should contact Mrs E. Lyall, 9 Hareside, CRAMLINGTON, Northumberland NE23 6BH.

DATA PROTECTION ACT 1984

Bob Vine

This legislation is intended to provide protection for individuals in relation to personal details which are the subject of automatic processing. It is relevant to the Society because we keep particulars of our membership on computer; for example, I maintain a computer file of the names and current addresses of all of our members for the purpose of printing the address labels used for distribution of the Journal. A Society such as ours is not however required to register under the Act provided that data processing is carried out with the full mutual consent of its members.

Your Committee has considered the implications of the Act, and proposes the following action. Membership application forms will shortly be revised to incorporate a specific assent to computer processing of relevant personal details, so there will be no problem with future members. As regards present members, we are however obliged to offer an opportunity for individuals to object to retention of their personal details in our computer record. Any member who wishes to make such an objection should notify their objection in writing to our Secretary as soon as possible; we will remove details of all such members from our computer file as from 31 October 1986, the end of the current membership year. If you do not lodge an objection, it will be assumed that you are happy with the existing arrangements and consent to processing of your personal details in the future.

Your Committee is of the opinion that no reasonable member should have cause to object, since the processing is carried out solely for the benefit of the Society and its members, and the need to isolate and deal manually with the records of even a small proportion of our membership would place an unnecessary and unfair additional burden on the unpaid and already overworked officers of the Society. At the Annual General Meeting later this year members will accordingly be invited to approve an amendment to our Constitution to incorporate the following additional article:

"The Society shall maintain such records of the names, addresses, family interests and other particulars of its members as may be necessary or desirable for the purposes of its administration or for the pursuit of its objects as stated herein. Such records may be maintained in an automatic retrieval system, and any application for membership or for renewal of membership of the Society shall imply consent to the maintenance of such records by this means."

If such a resolution is approved, acceptance of the existing arrangements would become a condition of membership with effect from the 1986/87 subscription year.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 5 March 1986.

South Tyneside Group Meeting. Members' Evening.

South Shields, 8.00 p. m.

Tuesday, 11 March 1986.

Mr Bill Butterley, our Projects Organiser, will speak on current projects of the Society, and a film, 'I will make you a name' by the War Graves Commission, will be shown.

Gateshead, 7.15 p. m.

Monday, 17 March 1986.

Durham Group Meeting.

Durham, 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 2 April 1986.

South Tyneside Group Meeting. Talk by Bill Rounce on 'The Workhouse and its Inmates'.

South Shields, 8.00 p. m.

Tuesday, 8 April 1986.

Mr Neville Armstrong will present the Armstrong Trust's film 'The Armstrong Heritage'.

Gateshead 7.15 p. m.

Monday, 21 April 1986.

Durham Group Meeting.

Durham, 7.30p.m.

Wednesday, 7 May 1986.

South Tyneside Group Meeting. 'Less Well-known Records'.

South Shields, 8.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 13 May 1986.

Annual General Meeting, followed by:

Talk by Mr W.A. Campbell on 'The Chemical Workers of Tyneside'.

Gateshead, 7.15 p.m.

Monday, 19 May 1986.

Durham Group Meeting.

Durham, 7.30 p. m.

Wednesday, 4 June 1986.

South Tyneside Group Meeting.

South Shields, 8.00 p. m.

Tuesday, 10 June 1986.

Mr A.D. Walton, Consultant Librarian to West Newcastle Local Studies Collection, will speak on 'Living and Working in Elswick'.

Gateshead, 7.15 p. m.

Monday, 16 June 1986.

Durham Group Meeting.

Durham, 7.30 p. m.

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.

FOLLOWING THE TRAIL

In response to her note "On the Library Trail" in the Autumn 1985 issue of the Journal, our Librarian Doreen Tait has received a letter from Mr F. Green of 286 Mersea Road, COLCHESTER, Essex C02 8QY, enclosing copies of two family trees on which he has been working.

Mr Green goes on to say that during his researches he has written many letters to others with similar interests, and has been agreeably surprised at the information and friendly replies he has received. He has also found "Members' Interests" and "Letters to the Editor" of great help. He concludes by asking whether an index to the Society's collection of family trees will be published in a future Journal, and how they will be made available to those who show interest.

The answer to Mr Green's queries is that it is intended to publish an index in a future Journal, and to make the 'trees' available through the library service. A good deal of work is involved, however, and it may be some time before this can be done.

CONFERENCE NEWS

You will have seen in the last Journal the report on the 1985 Day Conference at Beamish Hall, and realised what a successful day we had. As a Society we are only learners in the organisation of such events, so the committee invited criticisms of '85 and suggestions for '86. Thankfully we got both.

Using a venue with historical associations was thought to be a good idea, and we were congratulated on the high standard of speakers - but - the timetable was too crowded, not giving enough time for members to talk to one another. Family historians are interested in people. Members had come from all over the country, from Essex and Dorset to Strathclyde and Grampian, and they had difficulty in locating the people they wanted to talk to. We did not have name tags, so be ready to be labelled in future! After two venues in Durham, requests were made for one in Northumberland. So in 1986, here we come.

Join us in Redesdale Reiving Country at Otterburn Hall, on the site of 1388 Battle of Otterburn, where the A696 joins the A68 on the road to Carter Bar and the Border. We are offering a weekend conference from the evening of Friday, September 26th to the afternoon of Sunday, September 28th, 1986, so there will be time for good listening and good talking, with accommodation for up to 120 people. Facilities are available for snooker, squash, tennis, croquet, putting, boating and river swimming if you get mental indigestion from too much family history, and a resident chef is there to prevent the culinary sort. A Northumbrian entertainment is being planned for the Saturday evening. The price is not yet finalised, but should be approximately £35 for the whole weekend, but if you can only manage one day, join us at the appropriate day rate. If you can only stay one night, and not two, we are hoping to make the booking arrangements flexible, and the prices to match. If there is the demand, we should be able to arrange transport from and to Newcastle, although the bus service to **Otterburn is reasonable as it is on the main route to Edinburgh and Glasgow.** The full details and booking form will be in the May Journal. We are taking a step into the unknown in trying this venture, so we are giving you plenty of time to save the pennies. We cannot promise you a "moonlight night and a hot trot" but we might manage a "hot shoe shuffle" with Northumbrian Pipers!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Explosion at Blaydon Colliery

Mrs. A. C. Petersen, of 9926 NE 144th Lane, No. 306, BOTHELL, WASHINGTON 98011, UNITED STATES, writes:

"I received in the mail the other day a Death Certificate for my great-great-grandfather, one Patrick Allen, who died of "burns received in an explosion of gas at Blaydon Colliery" on 6 May 1865. It does not state when the explosion took place, but I am vastly intrigued by this piece of local history and wondered whether any of the Journal readers have any information about this accident, or would be willing to check contemporary accounts in the local newspapers for me. I don't know if humble miners received such things as obituaries, but I would be interested in copies of any material that could be found on the subject.

I have been a member of NDFHS for a year now, and enjoy the Journal immensely each time it arrives. Thank you to all those dedicated volunteers who put forth so much time and effort to bring it to us. Those of us far removed from Durham and Northumberland appreciate it."

Jottings of a Miner

Mrs June Styles, of 35 Grey Towers Drive, Nunthorpe, MIDDLESBOROUGH, Cleveland TS7 0LT writes:

"My great grandfather, Robert Reay, born 12 December 1844, was a miner in Bedlington, Northumberland. I am fortunate to possess a notebook which belonged to him. Its main use was for him to calculate the value of the amount of coal hewn by his team after deductions for the cost of powder, candles, picks, union and doctor, and to apportion the amounts due to the team members: Robert himself, his brother William, Joseph Hogg and George and William Hindmarsh.

In addition, he noted items which might be of interest to other members and I detail some of them below - using his own spelling!

"Ancient Order of Forsters bought its new hearse and morning in May 1869. Andrew Fairbairn was the first to use the morning for a child on 27 May, 1869."

"Thomas Cullen and Leaman Crags were both killed by drawing a big Jud at the Drum East Flat in the Dr pit on 20 September 1878. Ja Schofield and George Brown were in the place at the time and Schofield had a narrow escape."

"John Burton was killed by a fall of stone in the far south flat in the Doctor pit on the 15 January, 1880, the day being Thursday Reckoning day."

"John and Isabella Wonders left Bedlington for Australia on 21 July in the year 1858."

There are several accounts of crimes in the area: the following one particularly intrigues me:

"George Hunter was hanged at Morpeth for the murder of William Wood by shooting him for throwing a snowball at him on 28 March 1876."

Josiah Thomas, Herbalist

Mr R.H. Houston, of 32 Linton House, 11 Holland Park Avenue, LONDON W11 3RL, writes:

"I am researching a book on the life and trial of the herbalist Josiah Thomas (1820-1879), who for the last thirty years of his life practised botanic medicine at his home in Hinde Street, Newcastle. I wonder if any of my fellow members can help me on a number of points.

I would be most interested to hear from anybody who has come across any reference, however slight, to this Josiah Thomas in their own research. He lived with his wife Elizabeth and their daughter Frances at 7 Hinde Street (later renumbered 115 Scotswood Road). As well as being a medical reformer he was involved in several social and political reforming movements in Newcastle, including the Northern Reform League, the Liberal party, and the Sons of Temperance. He was a member of St. Paul's Congregational Church, and in the 1870s served on the Board of Guardians for Elswick, and on the Burial Board.

Because of Thomas' medical work and his involvement in the radical life of the town he was quite widely known, but he won unwelcome notoriety when in February 1867 he was tried at the Newcastle Assizes for manslaughter, and was acquitted. Any reference to this trial - other than in the newspapers of the day - would be particularly welcome."

Mr. Houston is also seeking information about a family named Walker who in 1867 lived at 51 Elswick East Terrace, and about the following individuals:-

Mrs Grace Wrightson, midwife, 41 Hinde Street
Dr George Young Hood, 14 Westgate Street
Dr Thomas Frederick May, 35 Hinde Street
Dr Richard Ellis, 36 Elswick West Terrace, Rye Hill
Dr Septimus Rayne, Police Surgeon, 61 Westgate Street
George Brewis, solicitor, of Maples, Maples and Pearse
John Theodore Hoyle, the Coroner, 33 Mosely Street
John and William Findley, the Registrars for Westgate and Elswick district
John Sabbage, the Chief Constable
Police Inspector Walter Scott and Police Sergeant Alexander Tunnah of B Division, Westgate Street
Alderman Nichol
Luke Seddon, previously Josiah Thomas' partner

-all of whom were living in Newcastle in the late 1860s.

Correction

With reference to Mrs J. Grisedale's letter in the Winter 1985 issue - "Why so Many Irish Stonemasons?" - the place mentioned at the end of the second paragraph should read Longhoughton, not Longbenton. We apologise for the error.

OUR ANCESTORS

CONCEPTIONS, MISCONCEPTIONS AND A PARADOX

Brian Pears

Do you ever wonder what part your distant ancestors played in the events we read about in history books? I do, frequently. In fact I find it almost impossible to read of past events without such speculation. Did any of my ancestors patrol Hadrian's Wall or gaze across the North Sea at the approaching Vikings or fight against the Normans or die of the plague? Of course there is no chance whatsoever of even identifying such remote forebears, never mind documenting particular episodes in their lives, but still it's fun to speculate.

There are those who do claim genealogies extending to the Norman Conquest or earlier, often on the flimsiest of evidence, but I am always very sceptical of such claims. The male line, which is almost always the one traced, is of necessity the least certain. Just one act of infidelity on the part of the wife of any member of this line and the line could be severed. There is always room for doubt about the identity of a father; never, or hardly ever, about the mother. The male line, which contains the most fathers, must therefore be the least certain. And more generally, in any line, the more males the less certainty. Even our own paltry efforts spanning only a handful of generations must be looked at with a certain caution. Just because a certain pink piece of paper purchased at a considerable expense from St. Catherine's House states that great-great-grandfather was so-and-so does not guarantee that he was. Great-great-grandfather might be the proverbial milkman. Only great-great-grandmother would know - and she wouldn't be telling, would she? Such uncertainties, and the chance of simple error, increase with every generation, so what price a claimed descent from that Norman knight or Saxon Earl? Stark truths perhaps, but we may be sure that even the well-attested and much published Royal pedigrees contain an 'error' or two here and there.



At this point I suspect that many readers will be looking rather closely at their father's photographs on the sideboard, so perhaps I'd better change the subject quickly. Suppose you could trace your ancestry to some specific person who lived say a thousand years ago (a nobleman of course; it always seems to be a nobleman, doesn't it?) So what? Well, you might say, that person has contributed a certain proportion of his 'blood' to me; a part, albeit a small part, of my physical makeup perhaps even of my character must come from him. If you are mathematically inclined, you might even feel you could calculate just what that proportion is. But you couldn't you know! There is no such way that such a calculation could be made. His contribution to you could well be absolutely nothing at all.

"Nonsense", I hear you say; but it is true. Let us come much closer to home. What proportion of your makeup - your genes, to be more scientific - came from, say, your paternal grandmother? That's easy; a quarter, of course. Wrong! You don't know. All you can say for certain is that half of your genes came from each of your parents. Of course, they got half of their genes from each of *their* parents, but the point is that your parents effectively mixed the genes which they inherited before

passing them on to you. Suppose your father's parents had genes ABCD and EFGH and your mother's parents had genes IJKL and MNOP (we really have millions of genes not just four). Your father might then have genes AFCH and your mother IJOP, and you could well inherit IJCH. Everyone has inherited half of each parents' genes, but look where your genes have come from. One of your grandparents has contributed precisely nothing.

In practice it is extremely unlikely that an ancestor as close as a grandparent would have contributed none of his millions of genes to you but you certainly cannot say that each grandparent provided a quarter. There is just no way of knowing what their contribution was. So if you ever hear anyone say, "I'm a quarter Tahitian and three-quarters Eskimo", you can reply, "Says who?". With every generation the uncertainty grows, as does the probability that any given ancestor's contribution was precisely zero. In another sense, however, there is something we owe to each and every one of our ancestors in equal measure - our very existence. For without all them we would not be here.

Thinking of our ancestors in the dim and distant past raises the question of numbers. Let us go back about 900 years to the time when a certain Bishop of Durham upset his flock and was brutally cut to pieces by the inhabitants of Gateshead. How many of our forefathers were around then? It's a simple calculation! We all have two parents, four grandparents, eight great grand-parents, and so on. The number just doubles at every step. But how many generations will fit into 900 years? How long is one generations for that matter? I can only take an average value, of course, and in the absence of more general figures I will use data on 60 or so of my own ancestors. My "average ancestor" was born to parents aged 30.4 years, let us say 30 years. With such a generation length we can conclude that around 30 generations have elapsed since the demise of poor Bishop Walcher. So how many ancestors? You won't believe this but, if you start with 1 and double it 30 times, you get the startling figure of 1,073,741,824 ancestors!

One thousand million! I said you wouldn't believe it, and I must admit that there is a certain problem with this figure. Although the population of our island at that time is not known very accurately it has been estimated as being between $1\frac{1}{2}$ and $2\frac{1}{2}$ million, and that of our entire planet as being rather less than 100 million. So where were our missing ancestors? Perhaps I'm being too ambitious. Let us move forward to 1385, 600 years or 20 generations ago, when, coincidentally, the then bishop of Durham was having problems in Gateshead too. This time however it was only a legal battle with Newcastle Corporation over ownership of the Tyne Bridge and shipping rights on the river. Does this calculation give more credible figures? It does, but only just. It seems that 20 generations ago we would expect some 1,048,576 ancestors. At this time the population is estimated to have been about four million. Enough people, but can I really believe that while Bishop Fordham fought to regain his third of the bridge, one quarter of the entire population of the country were my ancestors? Of course not. If I believed that I would have to believe that everyone was my ancestor less than two generations earlier!

~~I would imagine that many of you will already believe you have hit upon the solution to this paradox? You will probably be saying to yourself something like "People marry relatives from time to time and the progeny of these unions will have fewer ancestors than the simple doubling procedure would suggest. Everyone has some such marriages in their ancestry and their cumulative effect is to reduce the expected number of ancestors considerably". Indeed this is the explanation usually given, but does it really resolve the problem? It would if we followed the practise of the Pharaohs, who usually married their sisters (this was to resolve the problem referred to earlier; even if their wives were unfaithful the 'Royal blood' was still passed on). If everyone married a brother or sister then the number of ancestors in every generation would be exactly two. The problem would also be resolved if everyone married a first cousin, for then the number of ancestors would only increase by two with every generation instead of doubling (60 ancestors 30 generations ago). But if we are talking about anything less than first-cousin marriages all round then the paradox is far from resolved.~~

I'm certain that incredulity will be the order of the day once again. Surely the effect of second-cousin marriages can't be that much less than that of first-cousin marriages. It can. If every single marriage was between second cousins then 30 generations ago we would all have needed exactly 4,356,616 ancestors. Incredible isn't it? Even if all marriage partners in every generation were second cousins there would not be enough people around to be our ancestors just 30 generations ago. Marriages between third, fourth and more distant cousins have progressively less effect on the number of ancestors. In fact this effect is so small by the time we reach fifth-cousin marriages that we might as well regard the partners as unrelated.

Returning to reality. In this country about six in every thousand marriages are between first cousins and about one in every thousand are between second cousins. The effect of these proportions of such marriages on the number of ancestors is absolutely negligible (1,031,082 ancestors 20 generations ago instead of the 1,048,576 obtained by the doubling procedure). Perhaps cousin marriages were more common in the past. Once more I'll look at an extreme case. If, out of every ten

marriages; one was between first cousins and the remaining nine were between second cousins, we would still run out of ancestors within 30 generations (30 generation figure: 2,910.160). No one would believe anything like such high proportions of first and second-cousin marriages, of course. So do marriages between relatives resolve the paradox? Decidedly not.

What is the alternative? Well, I'm afraid that we are forced to a seemingly absurd conclusion, one that I touched upon earlier and rejected. With any credible proportions of marriages between relatives of various degrees, the number of ancestors in any generation will be little different from that obtained by our simple doubling scheme. So each of us must indeed descend from virtually the whole population of the country in the not too distant past. I would estimate that it could be as recent as 1300, just 23 generations ago. I'd better repeat that, if only to convince myself. We, each and every one of us, must descend from almost everyone who was alive on this island in 1300. (But probably not from the then Bishop of Durham who, predictably, was having a spot of bother, this time with his 'convent'. This dispute was mediated by no less a person than the King). Of course, in earlier generations almost everyone would be our ancestor too, but some would head not one, but many lines of descent to each of us.

Surely this is all a little fanciful; there must be a flaw in the argument somewhere. Well, if there is I haven't found it. One suggested formula is perhaps worth mentioning. Could it be that most marriage partners are distantly related many times over, and these multiple relationships together reduce the required number of ancestors significantly. A nice idea, but it doesn't work, as I will illustrate by mentioning the remarkable pedigree of my great-grandmother Margaret Pears, nee **Philipson**. **What was remarkable was that both of her parents, and three of her grandparents, were** also born with the surname Philipson. Her paternal grandparents were first cousins once removed and her parents were both third cousins and second cousins once removed. There can't be many folks whose ancestors were more interrelated than Margaret's, yet the net effect of her much convoluted pedigree is virtually identical to the case of a single second-cousin marriage. ('Virtually' because the concept of generation breaks down when there are cross-generation marriages). Even if everyone had a pedigree like Margaret's, my proposition would still be valid, but it would apply to circa 1100 instead of 1300.

By way of a final corroboration, let us look at the problem from the opposite end, as it were. Instead of asking how many ancestors we should have, let us ask how many descendants a typical citizen of 1300 might have today. For family size I'll use the present average of 2.2, although this is certainly an underestimate for all but the last 60 years or so. How many descendants would he have today if his children, grandchildren and so on for 23 generations all had 2.2 children? The answer is 75,114,133 people, in other words, all of us - with a few left over for the colonies. What applies to my 'typical citizen', would equally well apply to virtually anyone alive in 1300.

Perhaps we should all put up a few British history books beside our family history papers, since everything and everyone in them, up to the reign of the first Edward at least, will be as much a part of our family history as great-grandfather's last will and testament. The implications are quite staggering. I said earlier that we owe our very existence to all our ancestors. Just think what could have happened if just one more soldier had died in some accident or if some Viking had done just a little more looting instead of ravishing, or even if someone somewhere had decided to have just one more headache!

I would like to thank two of my colleagues from Redwood School, Newcastle, Mr L. Hudson and Mr J. Proud for respectively checking the sums and drawing the cartoon. Also my first cousin twice removed, the late Mr W.N. Philipson (member no. 0131), who did much of the work on the Philipson pedigree, and my third cousin, Miss A. Lee, for the use of her computer.

A LADY WITH NO SENSE OF ADVENTURE!

At Killingworth, near Newcastle, Mrs Elizabeth Gascoigne died on 15 April, in the 86th year of her age. Though the Great North Road is not 3 miles distance she never saw it in her life. She was the youngest of a large family and died in the same part of the house and in the same bed in which she was born. She was the mother, grandmother and great-grandmother of numerous progeny.

Source: Local *Records*: Sykes

KILROY WAS NOT HERE!

The Temple of Poseidon, Cape Sounian, Greece, is littered with inscriptions. Kilroy didn't make it but three Shields lads did: William Hall, North Shields (S.S. *Brunel*), July 1893; Buff Kerrigan, North Shields, 1895; and T. Alman, (S.S. *Whitburn*), South Shields 188(?).

THE CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE

W Veitch

The following excerpts are from a book '*Honour the Light Brigade*' by Canon William Murrell Lummis, M.C., and Kenneth G. Wynn. Published in 1973 by J.B. Haywood & Son, it consists of a listing of men who were serving with the Light Brigade in the Crimea and particularly identifies those who rode in the charge. They quote "It was impossible to compile an accurate roll of those who rode in the Charge as apparently no nominal roll was made out on parade that morning. The book records, in brief, the individual services of some 2,000 officers and men of the five Light Cavalry Regiments who served in the Crimea 1854 - 56 with particular emphasis upon verifying those who were confirmed as having ridden in the Charge - many who did not ride but were present later apparently claimed the honour. "

The following are those who are listed as having 'Northern affiliations' It should be noted that only a limited number of entries quote the place of birth or later settlement after discharge. The number quoted with each name is the Regimental Number.

FOURTH LIGHT DRAGOONS

1330 Corporal JOHN BURGHERSH FORBES

Born 1819. Enlisted 1847. Rode as a Private in the Charge 25 October 1854. Promoted to Corporal after the battle 25 October 1854. Promoted to Sergeant 26 February 1855. Promoted to Troop Sergeant Major 22 July 1855. Died 31 August 1895 and buried in St Andrew's Cemetery, Newcastle. Lived at the Riding School, Newcastle.

1353 Private WILLIAM PEARSON

Born at Penrith, Cumberland, 2 October 1826, son of John Pearson of Townhead Parish - a leather dresser prior to his enlistment on 21 February 1848. Rode in the Charge 25 October 1854. Discharged 16 October 1855. Died 31 July 1909 at Church View, Aynam Road, Kendal, Westmorland.

EIGHTH HUSSARS

1027 Private ROBERT NICHOL

Born c. 1833. Enlisted 1847. Embarked for the Crimea in the H. T. *Medora* 27 April 1854. Rode in the Charge 25 October 1854. Died June 1897 at 13 Charlotte Street, Newcastle. Buried 20 June 1897 in Elswick Cemetery, Newcastle.

ELEVENTH HUSSARS

Captain WILLIAM GILFRED BAKER CRESSWELL

Born 1829, third son of Addison John Baker Cresswell, M.P. for North Northumberland 1841-47. Cornet 5 April 1844. Lieutenant 10 July 1846. Captain 25 July 1851. Embarked for the Crimea in the P. T. *Trent*, May 1854. Died 19 September 1854 of cholera on the Black Sea. He was accompanied to the Crimea by his wife.

THIRTEENTH LIGHT DRAGOONS

1623 Private HENRY HALL

Born at St Nicholas, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. A blacksmith prior to his enlistment on 29 Aug 1854. Deserted 8 Jan 1856 from Scutari.

Although he was not from the North of England there is an interesting description of Lieutenant Percy Shawe SMITH which quotes "Smith rode unarmed in the Charge. His right hand had been maimed in a shooting accident, but he was accepted for active service. Although he could only cheer his men on he charged through the Russian guns and escaped with only a slight wound. He normally wore an iron guard on his maimed arm, presented by his brother officers, but it was mislaid on the morning of 25 October 1854 and he rode without it". His horse was one of only two that were unwounded.

SEVENTEENTH LANCERS

Captain AUGUSTUS FREDERICK CAVENDISH WEBB

Born c. 1832, younger son of Frederick Webb of Westwick near Barnard Castle. Cornet 22 December 1848. Lieutenant 15 March 1850. Captain 28 May 1852. Sick on board ship 17 September 1854. ~~Severely wounded in the~~ Charge 25 October 1854. Died 6 November 1854 at Scutari of wounds. Buried at Scutari (Grave No. 31) "After ~~falling wounded Webb was attended by Corporal John Berryman and Sergeant John Farrell of the 17th and~~ Corporal Joseph Malone of the 13th. All three men were awarded the Victoria Cross." There is a memorial to Webb in the North Transept of Salisbury Cathedral and a mural tablet under the tower of St Mary's Parish Church, Barnard Castle.

1034 Private JAMES COPE

Born at Beltingham, Northumberland. Enlisted c. 1850/1. Rode in the Charge 25 October 1854. Promoted to Corporal 16 November 1855. Died 16 March 1859 at Soojawalpore, India (as Sergeant).

969 Private ROBERT EDGE

Born at Newcastle. A labourer prior to his enlistment on 1 July 1848. Wounded and taken prisoner in the Charge 25 October 1854. Died in captivity.

NAME DROPPING IN NEW ZEALAND

Les Harle

I have been researching the Harle surname for some time, and while looking through Allendale churchyard I found a gravestone which included a reference to a George Harle who died in New Zealand. As I have a niece in New Zealand, I asked her to obtain a Death Certificate, which she duly did. Later she wrote to say that through her work as a nurse she had met a patient named Harle, whose father John Ellis Harle was interested in tracing his ancestors. I lost no time in writing to him and soon established that the George on the stone at Allendale was the brother of his grandfather. Fortunately, he had obtained from George's grandson George Dickenson Harle (1886-1972) an interesting document which records the early life of the settlers and their families in New Zealand. Below is a short extract from this interesting document which mentions many other families who joined the Harles in the pioneer days.

"In 1865 the sailing ship '*Dauntless*' left London for Port Chalmers, New Zealand. Among the passengers emigrating was a family named Harle: George, his wife Sarah Ann, and their youngest son George (George Dickenson Harle's father) - leaving their eldest son Jonathan at home. This family had lived at Allendale, Northumberland, yeomen farmers on a small holding named Wooley Burn Foot, so named after a stream below the farm. My grandfather served as a grocer in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, where he married Sarah Ann Little whose parents kept an inn in 'The Close'. I do not know much of my grandmother's early life. She often spoke of her brother Ralph and mentioned the names of Davidson, Jeffcoat and Harbutt - claiming some relationship with the latter family. Also she mentioned sea trips on a small vessel to Whitby, North Yorkshire.

The voyage on the '*Dauntless*' took four months before making landfall in New Zealand. Landing at Dunedin the family lived around the Stafford Street area for about a year. Later my grandfather took up a block of land in the Catlins River district. Transport there was by a small steamer or sailing vessel crossing the bar into the Catlins River then up the Owaka River, tying up at what was known as the 'Little Mill Landing', the 'Big Mill Landing' being on the Catlins River.

My grandmother claimed to have been the first white woman in the district. It must have been rather primitive in those days although earlier male settlers had arrived before them; Saunders, Duttons, Peays, McPhees, Logans, Lattas and several others came later on. The first house my grandparents built was a wattle and daub affair followed by a four-roomed wooden house to which many years later two extra rooms were added. In 1968 this house is still there, although somewhat dilapidated, and is now occupied by the Meek Brothers.

About my grandfather I know very little, except that he had an operation in the Dunedin hospital for a very rare disease. He later died and was buried at Purewa.

Next door to us lived the Reay family: Bob and Lizzie by Mr Reay's first wife and Willie, Bon, Mary and Ernie by the second Mrs Reay. Willie married Annie Green and lived for some time at Glenavy; later they owned a sheep station in the Milton district. Mary married Mr Woodley who farmed in the Tatuani district. Ernie farmed at Waerenga. He was killed in France in the First World War. The Reay farm was a good one. It was sold by them to the Stoddarts who later sold it to the Gault brothers, who still farm it at Owaka. The Duttons who lived near the Owaka Bridge were also among the early settlers. Mr Dutton was a very tall man and his wife a tiny woman. They had three daughters, Sarah, who married Dave Wratten, Effie who taught music, and Miss Carrie who lived to be over 100 years old. The Logans were also early settlers. Glasgow, the father, a native of Northern Ireland, was a great character and many interesting stories were told about him. There were five in the family. The three daughters married and went away but the two sons Jack and Jim never left the district and died there well up in years.

The McPhees had a farm overlooking the Owaka River. Mr McPhee was a shipwright and built several ships in the early days. A line of Australian gums on the road to Pounawea marks the spot where they were built. The '*Owaka Belle*' and the '*Catlins*' were two I remember. The bridge over the Owaka River was built by him. The family consisted of two sons and three daughters. Willie farmed at Katea; Ted went to the Klondike gold rush, but unfortunately was too late to make a fortune. He returned to New Zealand and joined the Department of Agriculture. One daughter, Jeannie, married Mr Whitelaw, a nephew of Thomas Brown the big man of the village who lived up the Owaka Valley. The two Whitelaw daughters are Lonnie and Beth now residing at Dunedin. Thomas Brown had a daughter Bessie who married Canon Coates. Their son is Athol Coates, well known in Auckland for his theatrical and radio work. The other two McPhee girls never married and both died a few years ago.

Another early family were the Saunders. Captain Saunders, a .master mariner, was lost in the China Sea. There were three sons, Alex, well known for his work in the Clutha County Council; William, who left Owaka to become a teacher in the North Island, and Henry, who went to live in Dunedin. Other old residents were Frank and Liza Less, Bradfields, Elser, Osborne, McIntyre, Falconers, Moncurs, Tobins, and the Meders.

The first school was started in 1870 in a small one-roomed shed near Dabinette & Young's store in the old township known as 'Owake'; the first teacher was Mr Thomas Thomson, followed by Mr Hungerford, an Irish aristocrat, who lived at Hungerford Point on the Catlins River just beyond Pounaweia.

Catlins River was discovered by Captain Catlins before 1840. He negotiated with two Maori chiefs for a large tract of land in 1840 when the boundaries of New South Wales were extended to include the Crown Colony of New Zealand. The claim of Catlin was considered by the Land Commissioners, who later granted him two hundred and twenty seven acres know afterwards as Catlins Reserve, and as far as I know the holding passed to Adam Paterson who lived by the 'Little Landing'. Little is known of Catlins until 1854 when Mr Brug? (probably Bruge) took over what was then called Wisp Hill Station. In 1863 Brug and Thompson began the first sawmill and in 1865 there sailed up the Catlins River the first ship, the schooner '*Nora*' under Captain Hayward.

The Miller family were among the early settlers and they farmed a block of land between the Catlins River and Jack's Bay. Mr J T Bryant, headmaster of Owaka School retired to his home near Jack's Bay where he died 17 November 1933. I have a copy of his volume of nature lyrics entitled '*Woodland Echoes*'.

Other settlers on that side were the Finlaters, with a family of twenty three, and the Smith family. In the early days sawmilling was carried out at the Big Mill on the Catlins and the Little Mill on the Owaka near to the landing. The Catlins Lake which was tidal was about two miles from Owaka - Ratanui being on the opposite side - and here was a village housing the following settlers - Crewe, Robinson, Neil Molloy, Eph. Savill, Bill York, The McLaughlins, Budleys, Aysons, Burringtons, Fraser and 'Bosun' McIntyre the curator of the local cemetery. This position was later taken over by Mr Bird of Hunts Road.

Several other families lived around Lake Ratanui - Callaghans, Howards, Ned White, Ashmores and Tubman. There is a memorial in the Owaka cemetery to Lt. Tubman and one of the Ashmore boys who were killed in the Boer War. The Waldies also lived there. Mr Waldie joined the Klondike rush in 1898, but like many others failed to strike rich. There was also the Scadden family who joined the Latter Day Saints, sold up their farm, and departed for Utah, U.S.A.

In 1880 the ship '*Dunedin*' (Capt Whitson) arrived with passengers after a three month voyage from England. Ellen Templeton aged 19 from Kircubbin, County Down, Ireland was on board and was met by an uncle Mr McIntyre who lived near the railway station. She lived with this family for a year or more. My father met her and romance bloomed. Shortly afterwards they were married and went to live with my grandmother. Their family consisted of Will, Elizabeth, George (myself), Robert and John - the latter being drowned at Pounaweia in his sixteenth year.

So the years passed, the settlers busy on their farms, clearing off the bush, burning them off, logging and fencing. A hard life but most of them toiled on, glad to know that they were carving out a home in a new country for themselves and their families. Gradually cattle and other stock was introduced into the district and as more land was opened up more settlers came."

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A SUNDERLAND SOLDIER

If any member is researching the Ellis family in the area of Sunderland, they may be interested to know of the existence of a photograph of a young soldier of the Royal Scots Guards which belongs to one of our members. The inscription on the photograph reads: M. Ellis, *H.M.S. Tiger, U6* Royal Scots, Killed 21 September, 1916 at La Barrie, aged 19 years. The photograph was taken by W. Stocks, 21 Holmside, Sunderland.

Anyone with an interest in this photograph would be very welcome to see it and if it belonged to their ancestor they could keep it. Please write for details to Julie Coxon, 157 Howden Hall Drive, EDINBURGH EH16 6YF.

PUTTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

Geraldine Robson

My husband and I started to be interested in family history when, several years after my father-in-law's death, we realized that he had been married twice and that my husband had two half-brothers.

We knew nothing of the family's history, not even where my father-in-law was born. The search was spasmodic and long. We located one half-brother through the marriage certificate of the first marriage in 1926; luckily, the minister of the church concerned knew a relative of my father-in-law's first wife, so we obtained the address almost by return of post. The marriage took place in Chatham, and my 'new' half brother-in-law lives in Scarborough. We have since met and happily get on very well.

These discoveries whetted our appetite especially when we discovered that my father-in-law was born in Huddersfield; we had thought he was born in London. His surname was Robson, quite uncommon here in Dorset. We backtracked to Gateshead and found that Robson to Gateshead is like 'Coals to Newcastle'. Panic set in! We found a cousin, the daughter of my father-in-law's only brother. Sadly, we missed her father by two years and he had been very keen on the family's history and knew much which is now forgotten or distorted by time. One story tells of my husband's great-grandfather being drowned when his ship sank on the Tyne. His wife stood on the shore with grandfather (William Henry Robson Jnr) in her arms and witnessed the whole tragic accident.

How could we dismiss such drama? We found grandfather's birth certificate at St. Catherine's House. He was born on 8 October 1863 at Cromwell Street, Gateshead. Diligently we searched for his father's death but to no avail. We later learned that deaths at sea were listed at St. Catherine's, not Alexandra House, but still found nothing. Was the story untrue? Back to Alexandra House, but still nothing. By now we had his marriage certificate. He married Mary Ann Hindmarsh on 5 August 1859 at Gateshead.

We then turned to census returns, and from the 1871 and 1881 returns for Gateshead we discovered that the family lived at 42 Ellison Villas. This shattered the story, as in 1871 grandfather was aged 7 - no babe in arms - and in 1881 he was a 17 year old engraver's apprentice, with five brothers and sisters and with a father who was still very much alive! We started to dismiss the story until we realised that *we* still did not know how or when great-grandfather died. After returning to London we searched 'Deaths at Sea' again, this time knowing that William was alive in 1881 - long after his son was grown up. We found a likely entry. In 1892 a William Robson was drowned when the steam ship '**Holmrook**' sank off Holy Island. He was first engineer. We applied for the certificates, still not sure if we had found the right entry, and then went to Somerset House to see if there was a will to confirm our find.

Indeed there was a will, written on 23 March 1872 at 42 Ellison Villas, the address on the census returns. He had however moved 'to 6 Abbey Terrace, Gateshead by the time he died in 1892 on '26th day of March at Sea.' The death certificate duly arrived and it was 'our' William Henry Robson but the date was given 26 March 1891, exactly one year before the date shown on the will!. We immediately wrote to St Catherine's House who replied "Every certificate issued from this office must be a true copy of or extract from the relevant entry in the records kept at this office. The Marine Register from which the certificate in question was issued is compiled from copies of returns sent here by the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen at Cardiff. We have in fact been in touch with the latter office who have confirmed that whilst still holding the records relating to the wreck of the S. S. **Holmrock** they no longer have the records from which the above mentioned returns were compiled and which refer to individual deaths. I regret, therefore, that we are unable to make any addition or amendment to our record relating to the death of William Henry Robson in the absence of any written confirmation from the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen".

So poor great-grandfather seemed destined to be recorded as having died at sea a whole year before his ship went down. By this time we felt a very strong affinity to William, so my husband wrote to Cardiff to explain that the will at Somerset House proved the date of death. Finally, on 14 July 1984, we received a letter from the Department of Transport advising that "the discrepancy in the records held both here and at the General Register Office concerning the date of Mr William Henry Robson's death had been corrected".

Last August we visited Melton Park and found that William was buried on 30 March 1892 on Holy Island. He was "claimed by friends but not removed". He may not have been removed but he was to be `claimed again 92 years later by his great-grandson and the records set straight. We also found a very moving account of how the S.S. *Holmrook* sank in a snow storm, drowning all hands but one, but that is another story.

COMEDIANS AND HECKLERS

G.A.W. Heppell

In 1974 I joined the staff of York University and met two colleagues who shared my surname. A query as to whether or not we were related set me off on an attempt to link the numerous Heppell clan *in* York. Fortunately my father's sister and cousin were still alive so I was able to establish my own line for a hundred years, but since then I have spent many hours looking through published and unpublished parish register transcripts. I have been stuck for three years with my own direct line, seeking the birth of John Heppell (about 1760), his marriage to Mary, and the birth of a son William (about 1785). I have the feeling that they were in the Sunderland area.

The Borthwick Institute of Historical Research in York is under the aegis of the University of York, and I have systematically examined 28 parish registers housed in St. Anthony's Hall, covering the old city of York and many of the surrounding villages. Fellow researchers will know how easy it is to become intrigued by peculiar entries and to be diverted from the main purpose of the search. I became curious about the occupations of fathers in the registers of baptism, as I thought it strange that there were so many translators in the City. The mystery was solved when the Oxford English Dictionary showed that he was a man who made shoes or boots out of the remains of old ones; he in fact `translated' old into new. I started to make a note of occupations or trades noted in York between 1750 and 1810 and readers may be interested in the following:-

ALE-DRAPER	An ale-house keeper (a jocular allusion to linen-draper, similar to our current beer-boutique).
CALENDAR-MAN	The pressing of paper or cloth between rollers, during production.
CHAIRMAN	Two men needed to carry a sedan-chair.
CLOGGER	A maker of clogs or wooden soles for shoes.
CORDWAINER	A shoe-maker, originally a person who dealt or worked in Cordova (Spanish) leather.
COMEDIAN	A stage-player, an actor in comedies.
CURRIER	The dressing and colouring of leather after it is tanned.
DANCING-MASTER	A professional teacher of dancing.
DATALMAN	A labourer paid by the day.
DRAPER	A retailer of linen, cloth, etc.
FENTIMAN	A dealer in remnants of cloth or bindings.
GIRDLER	A maker of belts to hold garments and/or carry a weapon or purse.
GUARD ON THE HIGH FLYER COACH	A stage-coach from London to York and Newcastle. 130 horses were kept at the Black Swan, Coney Street, York.
GUARD ON THE PAUL JONES COACH	Daily from the Golden Lion, York, to Leeds and on to Manchester.
HECKLER	A dresser of flax or hemp.
INK-STAND MAKER	Made redundant by the fountain pen.
LANTHORN MAKER	Lantern-maker.
LININER	A Linen-draper or shirt-maker.
LIMNER	An illuminator of manuscripts, or portrait-painter.
MERCER	A dealer in textile fabrics, especially silk, velvet and other costly materials.
OPORTO MERCHANT	Wine merchant
OSTLER/OASTLER/HOSTLER	A man who attends to horses in an inn.
POWDER-FLASK MAKER	A case for carrying gun-powder, usually of horn, later of leather or metal, used by soldiers and sportsmen.
RAFT MERCHANT	A dealer in foreign timber, usually deal.
SAPPER AND MINER	A worker with a spade, particularly building fortifications or fieldworks.
SADDLE-TREE MAKER	The framework which forms the foundation of a saddle.
STAY-MAKER	A corset-maker.
SHALOON-WEAVER	A closely-woven material chiefly used for bindings. Used also as a decorative wig-tie.
WRITER IN THE SPIRIT COURT	Can anyone help with this one?

THE FARREY FAMILY IN NORTH AMERICA

Loren Farrey

Word spread rapidly around the mining centres of England in the early 1850's about the riches to be found in America. The rumours spoke of fortunes to be made in the gold fields of California, where gold was available just for the picking. More importantly, the word around County Durham was of a more immediate and believable nature - there was a section of the United States that was rich in a mineral that they knew about: Lead - tons of it - and a market that was paying 10 cents per pound. One could make a small fortune in just a week. Letters from former neighbours confirmed the rumours and many who had barely been able to survive in the rapidly dwindling leadmines of Durham got ready to move to the land of promise.

One of those who decided to move was Henry Brown and his wife Jane. Henry (?-1855) was probably a miner in Durham and apparently financed the move. With him he brought his wife Jane (?-1853), his daughter Elizabeth Brown Farrey (1831-1869), her husband William Farrey (circa 1828-1872), and their children Henry (1851-1916), and Jane Ann (1852-1916), as well as several more of Henry and Jane Brown's children; one mentioned later is a Stephen Brown.

The year of their arrival in the United States is fixed at 1853, and they travelled to the booming town of New Diggings, Wisconsin, just north of the Illinois-Wisconsin border and at the time one of the richest mining centres in the whole United States. They took over a 'diggings' in Coon Branch, which is located between New Diggings and Hardscrabble (now Hazel Green), Wisconsin. Apparently they found a rich range of lead which had been worked since the early 1830's. The restless miners who began the mines soon tired of them and with the news of the gold rush in California were soon off to new adventure and riches. That, together with the cholera epidemic of the early 1850's, left plenty of diggings which could be had for a little money and a lot of hard work.

It seems that the wheel of fortune allowed Henry Brown to make money and a new life in southwestern Wisconsin. That same wheel dealt some cruel blows too. In 1853 his wife Jane Brown died and in 1855, as he was coming back from the store in New Diggings one blustery November night, Henry Brown was set upon by thieves and brutally murdered. So far as we are aware, the murderers were never found. Little is known about the family in the next few years; we do know that William and Elizabeth Brown Farrey raised a large family including Mary Ellen (1854-1924), Elizabeth (1855-1917), William (1856-1926), Thomas (1858-1926), Robert (185?-1924), and Louisa (1861-1930), but we do not know where William and his family lived.

With the outbreak of war in 1861 came a call for volunteers, and many from the lead-mining region enlisted. The war became 'sticky' and more volunteers were sought. On 15 August 1862 William Farrey responded to the call and enlisted in the regiment of Robert Nash of Hazel Green - the Company of the 25th Wisconsin Infantry. Probably because of his age - he was 33 - he was inducted as a corporal. His enlistment papers indicate that he had blue eyes, light hair, light complexion, and was 5 feet 7 inches tall and a miner by occupation.

The 25th Infantry was inducted into service in LaCrosse and proceeded up river to the infant city of St. Paul to assist in the quelling of an Indian uprising. After brief duty there they were reassigned to Camp Randall in Madison, Wisconsin and then to 'home base' at Cairo, Illinois. Later they went by a roundabout way to take up picket duty in the siege of Vicksburg. Their position was extremely unhealthy and they were moved at such a rapid pace that almost all of the regiment found themselves in the hospital.

After the stint in hospital, the regiment was attached to General Sherman's Meridian expedition and participated in the infamous 'Sherman's march to the Sea'. One purpose of this campaign was to bring the war to the heartland of the South and help speed its conclusion. The force worked its way down to Atlanta, where they took the city. They then fought on to Georgia and on Christmas Day of 1864 they took Savannah, Georgia; Sherman telegraphed the President to tell him that he was presenting Savannah to him for his Christmas present.

The war ended as the 25th was marching towards Richmond, Virginia; they marched on to Washington D.C. to participate in the grand review of Sherman's Army. It is said that each regiment spent a day just marching around Washington in a grand parade. They were mustered out on 7 June 1865 and arrived home in Madison on 11 June.

Sherman's march to the sea was to leave bitter hatred between the North and the South for years. It was a brutal and senseless march in some ways. The men would be instructed to forage - to obtain food for the army. They were often ruthless in their methods of obtaining food and lodging;

tales are told of beautiful mansions being taken over by troops and completely ruined. Sherman literally burned his path to the sea and he ignited a hatred that took a hundred years to heal.

William Farrey took part in the march. He was involved in all the engagements of the Atlanta campaign. Family members say that he brought home a silver goblet from which he made rings for each of the children in his family. A large family picture of his children when grown shows the ring on each child's finger, a spoil of war that was proudly displayed.

My great-grandfather, John Brown Farrey (1863-1929), the last of William Farrey's family, was born as his father was off to war. His father returned in the summer of 1865 to enjoy four brief years of family life, brought to an end by the death of Elizabeth Brown Farrey in 1869. She was only 37 and left her husband with nine children, the youngest only six. Life carried on. William visited his friends and relatives, and on one visit to his wife's brother, Steven Brown, in Jamestown he met a woman who two years later was to become his second wife. The wheel of fortune was again spinning.

In August of 1872, William Farrey died. It is suspected that he was overcome by either sulphur fumes or lead poisoning at the smelter where he worked. In any event, he was laid to rest at the Shawnee Cemetery in New Diggings. His new wife tried to collect an army pension as the widow of an army veteran and decided that his children were of no use nor connection to her. 'Old Baldy' as she was known to the children (apparently she wore a wig) dumped the children in an Old Soldiers Home and Orphanage in Madison. Here they remained until Jane Ann Farrey Ewing was able to get them out and place them in farm jobs around the area.

The youngest child, John Brown Farrey, married Susanna Miller (?-1930) and to this union was born Roy (1884-1963), Delbert (?), Benjamin (1899-1969) and Oliver (1907-?). John Brown Farrey grew up in the leadmining area of Wisconsin and was a miner all his life. He never had a lot of worldly goods and seemed to work hard for all that he had. He died in Madison hospital in 1930 as the Depression raged on. His life was not easy for he had lost a mother at the age of six and a father at the age of nine, and was placed in an orphanage and then put to work on a farm. His most important legacy however was his four sons.

Today we are several generations removed from Henry Brown and his children, seeking a new life in a wild and hostile country, but the Farrey name is still synonymous with honesty, helpfulness and hard work.

EMIGRANT MARRIAGES

From the registers of All Saints Cathedral, Bathurst, New South Wales, Australia:

George BELL, bachelor, born Northumberland, labourer, full age, lived Bathurst, son of George BELL and Mary Ann LACKENBY; married 10 January 1876 to Mary Hannah HUGHES and Ann PERRIGRINE. Witnesses Hugh HUGHES and Jane HUGHES. Minister Rev. T. Smith.

John SEAMAN, bachelor, born Durham, England, carpenter, 23 years, lived Bathurst, son of Joseph SEAMAN and Margaret COATES; married 22 March 1883 to Eliza YATES, spinster, born Staffordshire, 18 years, lived Raglan, daughter of Richard YATES and (blank). Witnesses Thomas BOLAM and Mary BOLAM. Minister Rev. John Marriott.

Thomas WILSON, bachelor, born Durham, England, miner, 29 years, lived Bathurst, son of John Wilson, miner and Phebe ROWELL; married 13 April 1885 to Mary Ann LAYCOCK, spinster, born Durham, 25 years, lived Bathurst, daughter of Thomas LAYCOCK and Jane PARKER. Witnesses George Coates SEAMAN and Eliza SEAMAN. Minister Rev. John Marriott.

Thomas RAW, bachelor, born Shotley Bridge, Durham, civil engineer, 26 years, lived Sydney, son of William RAW and Margaret MOFFATT; married 9 January 1889 to Alice Elvina CUTCLIFFE, spinster, born Yass, New South Wales, 27 years, daughter of Charles CUTCLIFFE, police Magistrate, and Mary Jane POIGNDESTRE. Witnesses Clarence STUART and Ernest GUILLE. Minister Rev. J. Marriott.

Thomas Marmaduke RODHAM, bachelor, born Durham, England, miner, 28 years, lived Lithgow, son of Thomas RODHAM, miner, and Jane JONES; married 13 April 1903 to Elizabeth Hannah LAYCOCK, spinster, born Durham, 26 years, lived Bathurst, daughter of Thomas LAYCOCK, machinist, and Jane PARKER. Witnesses Joseph William LAYCOCK and Cora Susannah LAYCOCK. Minister Rev. John Marriott.

John LEWIS, bachelor, born South Shields, England, railway employee, 34 years, lived Bathurst, son of John LEWIS, deceased, ship Chandler, and Annie LEWIS; married 31 May 1915 to Florence Mildred ROBERTS, spinster, born Rockley, New South Wales, dressmaker, 25 years, lived Bathurst, daughter of James ROBERTS, deceased, farm~fi, and Amelia Agnes WILLIAMS. Witnesses Bertie Edward ROBERTS and Amelia Agnes ROBERTS. Minister Rev John Forster.

NORTHUMBERLAND HEARTH TAX: PART VII

Our seventh selection of extracts from Doug Smith's transcript of the 1664 Hearth Tax Returns covers the coastal strip from the River Wansbeck to the River Coquet. As before, the first column shows the persons chargeable in each township, followed by the number of hearths in respect of which each was assessed. The second column shows the persons who were not liable to pay the tax; it should however be remembered that wholly exempt persons such as occupiers of property with an annual value of less than £1 were not named in the Hearth Tax records.

CRESSWELL

Ephraim Crasswell	1	Ran. Pigg
Wm. Crasswell	1	Ja. Lucker
Jane Craswell	1	Rog. Swan
John Singleton	1	Tho. Armstrong
Henry Browne	1	Jo. Armstrong
Wm. Browne	1	Jo. Armstrong
Widdow Browne	1	Randall Purves
		Wm. Patterson
		John Armstrong
		Jo. Neasbitt
		Tho. Cowtard
		Jo. Cornehill
		Rob. Henderson
		Wm. Albony
		John Moore
		Step. Humphrey
		Tho. Humphrey
		Arth. Browne
		John Taylor
		Jo. Humphrey
		Roger Swan

ELINGTON

Tho. Ridley	2	Ralph Earsden
Cuth. Hearon	1	Tho. Corby
Wm. Turner	1	Tho. Blackburne
Thomas Craister	1	John Spoore
Cuth. Railston	1	John Potts
John Humphry	1	Cuth. Bittleson
Wm. Swann	1	Michael Gray
Thomas Richardson	1	George Lawson
Tho. Walker	1	Edw. Blackburne
Wm. Browne	1	
Henry Watson	1	
Wm. Potts	1	
George Humble	1	
Martin Stenson	3	
Wm. Taylor	3	
Rbt. Rea	1	
Rbt. Walker	1	
George Todd	1	
George Stott	1	

SOUTHSTEADS

Rbt. Emelton	1	None
Widdow Embleton	1	
John Wanlis	1	
Roger Browell	1	
George Walker	1	
Widdow Pott	1	

NORTH STEADS

John Humphrey	1	
Edw. Humphry	1	
Tho. Craister	1	
Wm. Gray	1	

WIDDRINGTON

The Lord Widdrington	21	
(?Henry) Gordon	1	
Robert Jackson	1	
William Younger	1	
Robt Cooksonn	1	

CHIBBURNE

Mr George Burrell	5	
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HAUXLEY

Rbt. Widdrington	4
Mr. Wm. Carr	4
Wm. Kerton	2
John Hallson	1
John Clarke	1
Widdow Cooke	1
Robert Clarke	1

EAST THIRSTON

James Gallet	1
Robert Story	1
Robert Pearson	1
Tho. Leming	1
Margt. Lawson	1
Robt. Pearson Jnr	1

WARKE WORTH

Tho. Cooke	2	Ellin Lawson
Widd. Wilson	1	Matt. Stott
John Dinin	3	Mr. Browne
John Saint	1	Tho. Anderson
John Lawson	1	Wm. Elder
Robert Nicholson	1	Jo. Hutson
Steph. Forster	3	George James
Mr. Ric. Lisle	3	Tho. Clinch
Matthew Newton	1	John Beard
Bryent Hodgham	1	Ed. Young
Henry James	1	John Cooke
Mr. John Heaslehead	2	Tho. Mills
		Tho. Beard
		Tho. Robinson
		Tho. Dinin
		Tho. Bullen
		Tho. Clarke
		Roger Simpson
		John Huntley
		Tho. Browell
		Tho. Warwicke
		Wm. Mills
		Wm. Finch
		Jane Beard
		Tho. Elder
		John Collingwood
		Wm. Elder
		Geo. Shalton
		George Cooke
		Wm. Smith
		Jane Elldor
		Wm. Nicholson
		Edw. Lumley
		Lyo. Lawson
		Alice Hall
		Wm. Armerer
		Hen. James
		Tho. Dinin
		Henry Anderson
		George Atkinson
		Cuth. Taylor
		Jam. Scruggs
		Widd. Lawson
		Ric. Taylor
		Ms. Lum
		Mich. Hogg
		Tho. Harrison
		Cuth Anderson
		Jam. Linlow

MORRICKE			AKELINGTON		
Wm Cramlington	2		George Hunter	1	Widd. Wardell
..... Horsley	1		Wm. Lee	1	Widd. James
EAST ELINGTON			Wm. Appleby	1	Jo. Clow
Thomas Browne	3	None	Robert Musan	1	Geo. Patteson
Robert Coward	1		Roger Staper	1	Widd. Wood
John Browne	1		Bartey Wreight	1	Widd. Anderson
DRURIGE			Tho. Wreight	1	Tho. Anderson
Thomas Taylor	1		Wm. Robinson	2	Tho. Smalls
Wm. Taylor	1		John Taylor	2	Ric. Parker
John Smith	1		Johan James	1	Wm. Patteson
OUGHAM AND THE GRAINGE					James Letshed
Mr. Ric. Wilson	4	Tho. Hedley			Jo. Hunter
Edw. Gray	1	Henry Young			Tho. Stanton
Widdow Gray	1	Ed. Gray			Rbt. Garnett
George Leward	1	Robert Burnett			Geo. Hunter
Tho. Barbar	1	Mathew Bradewicke			Wm. Taylor
Tho. Potts	2	Ed. Bulman			Wm. Hartkes
Hen. Watson	1	Cuth. Robinson			Widd. Sann
Robt. Pass	1	Wm. Cart			Henry Gray
Mary Mitford	1	John Garnett			Widd. James
Thomas Gray	1	Thomas Mitford			Widd. Patterson
Wm. Dobson	1	James Taylor			Jo. Barker
Ralph Fenwick	2	Mathew Waeight			Wm. Johnson
		Jo. Marshall			Wm. Richards
		Jo. Orde			Robert Dowson
		Rbt. Humphry			Tho. Small
		Ral. Douglas			Edw. Mussum
		Rich. Robinson			Henry Gray
		Tho. Items			John Barker
		And. Douglas			
AMBELL			NEWBEGIN		
Mr. Nicho. Lewin	5		Christo. Patteson	2	Tho. Leighton
Edw. Cooke	5		Robert Gray	1	Reginald Taylor
Wm. Gibson	1		Ephra. Johnson	2	Robert Leighton
Wm. Reed	1		Tho. Dawson	3	Reginald Forster
John Taylor	1		Richard Watt	3	
Edw. Browell	1		Edw. Watt	4	
Wm. Smith	1		Tho. Johnson	1	
ESHINGTON			George Collingwood	1	
Ralph Lowrison	1		Micha. Meoleing	1	
Martin Thompson	1		Wm. Reedford	1	
John Chapman	1		Mathew Frizell	1	
John Killam	1				
Richard Hall	1				
GLOYSTERHILL					
Mr. John Palfray	2				

AUSTRALIAN STRAYS

The following extracts are taken from "*The Bendigonian*" - a weekly newspaper published in Bendigo, Victoria, Australia. These extracts are abbreviated versions for the year 1911 only; most entries have a fuller description including that of the funeral.

Catherine CARTY, widow of Robert, of Honeysuckle St, Bendigo, died 30 March 1911 aged 84 years. Native of South Shields. Buried Church of England section, Bendigo cemetery.

Isaac VICKERS, died 18 May 1911 aged 82 years. Native of Weardale, County Durham. Arrived here 1854. Leaves a widow and four adult offspring. Buried Bendigo cemetery. Photo and further details available.

Mrs. Ann CLOUGH, widow of T., died 5 June 1911 aged 81 years. Born North of England, came in 1856. Leaves three sons and one daughter. Buried Eaglehawk cemetery.

Robert DALE, died July 1911 aged 66 years. Native of Sunderland. Arrived over 50 years ago. Leaves a widow and ten adult offspring.

Robert LISLE, died July 1911 aged 90 years. Native of Northumberland. Arrived in 1854. Wife died 8 - 9 years previously, no children. Buried Methodist section, Bendigo cemetery. Photo and long obituary.

Negatives, costing 20 cents and photographs cost \$4 are available from the State Library of Victoria, Swanston St., MELBOURNE, VICTORIA 3000, AUSTRALIA.

THE LEAD MINERS OF MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE

Helen Allinson

In Barnard Castle Library is an 1861 Census analysis which was compiled by Durham University Extra Mural Studies Group. It makes interesting reading and from it I was able to learn much about the life of the lead miners of Middleton, among whom were several of my husband's ancestors.

There were 263 lead miners in 1861 out of a total of 683 adult males, but many others were involved in the industry; there were for example 76 lead ore washers. The washers were mainly children and teenagers who separated the lead ore from the waste. This job was done outside to take advantage of daylight and to save the expense of building sheds. During the winter months the London Lead Company, which operated the mines, sent the boys back to school. Three-quarters of Middleton miners were under 40 years of age, and if a lead miner managed to live to 50 he was considered an old man. Many suffered from lung diseases. The company had a pension scheme but few lived to collect five shillings a week at 65. In Middleton in 1861 there were only three retired miners over 65. The population had shot up since 1851 but there was only one doctor. Most children under 14 attended the company school started in 1819. Parents were fined by the Company if they didn't send their children to school. It was law-abiding population with petty theft almost unknown; the local policeman had a beat of about 16 square miles and it was considered an easy job.

The London Lead Company was a paternalistic Quaker firm which over the years built houses, a library and baths for their workers. The accident record was also good, for between 1800 and 1865 only 21 men were killed out of a workforce of 1,000 employees.

Another useful source of information on the lead mining industry is '*Two Centuries of Industrial Welfare - The London (Quaker) Lead Company, 1692- 1905*' by Arthur Raistrick, 1938.

MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERESTS

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

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

Any inaccuracies in the addresses shown in these columns should be notified at once to the Treasurer at the address shown on the Contents Page.

Welcome to all of our new members.

1692 Mr J.E. BINNS, 22 Denbeigh Place, Benton, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE12 8DE.

(☎ Newcastle 663811) Researching Rewcastle. Particular interest in the marriage of Aaron Rewcastle, Millwright of Walker, to Elizabeth (?) c.1818. Also marriage of John Binns to Elizabeth Scargill, c.1875 in Yorkshire, possibly Leeds.

1823 Mrs C.S. DAVISON, 22 Ferndale Avenue, EAST BOLDON, Tyne and Wear NE36 OTQ.

(☎ Boldon 361692) Would like to contact anyone researching the name Mackreath, or variations of the same. James Mackreath, born Felling Shore 1824/25, living South Hylton in 1851 Census. He had two sons and two daughters, all of whom were living in South Hylton in 1890's. Would like to contact any descendants of same, or of eldest daughter Christina, born 1845/6 who married (1) William Armstrong in 1865, also of South Hylton. They had three children, Mary Jane, born Nov. 1865, James William, born July 1867 and Margaret, born 7 January 1871. She married (2) John Hall of Berstone, Gloucester on 25 December 1880 in Sunderland Registry Office. He had four sons by a previous marriage; William, born 1865 Jarrow; Thomas, born Stockton; John, born Darlington; Henry, born Darlington. Also interested in Rankin of Sunderland, 19C. and Edward Rowland, living Brundell, Norfolk 19 C.

2008 Miss N.R. WEVELL, 5 Terrace Street, PALMERSTON NORTH, NEW ZEALAND.

Researching the families of Baker, Cheetham (old spelling Cheatham), Longstaff/Langstaff and Rosenbohm. Does anyone have knowledge of the following:- Isabella Rosenbohm who married Thomas

Baker at Gateshead on 29 June 1836, or of a William Rosenbohm, who in 1854 did a pencil sketch of two ladies in profile. This drawing is in Miss Wevell's possession. All four families were from County Durham.

2010 Mr G.G. DAVISON, 23 Eastfield Road, PICKERING, North Yorkshire YO18 7HU.

(☎ Pickering 73635) Researching Davison family. James and wife Ann living in Earsdon in 1830 onwards. James was born in Fenton near Wooler in 1800, the son of Adam Davison and Mary Robson, married at Doddington 20 May 1798. John Davison, the son of James, born Earsdon 1840, was married to Margaret Deans in 1863. She was born in Windy Nook 1841, daughter of James Deans and Rebecca. Also researching Toward family living at Team Colliery in 1850 onwards. George Toward was born 1827 at Tanfield. Also Gregson family. Andrew Gregson was born in Fishburn in 1810 and married Sarah Younghusband in 1838. He was the village Schoolmaster and died in 1847. His father, James Gregson was married in 1809 to Elizabeth Johnson (born 1783 Beamish). Seeking the marriage of grandfather, John Gregson, born 1845 in Fishburn, to Mary Ellen Taylor (or Ellen Taylor) born 1856. The marriage probably took place between 1881 and 1883.

2082 Miss D.C. O'NEILL, 1 Grampian Grove, West Boldon, EAST BOLDON, Tyne and Wear NE36 ONJ.

Seeking the marriage, between 1881 and 1884, of James Alexander Annett of Cockfield and Mary Jane Stephenson, said to be one of the Railway Stephensons by her daughters Jane and Eliza. Also any Dakers in Willington, Co. Durham. Jane Dakers was married there in 1872 to James Lovenberry, although her place of birth is given as America c.1854. In 1872 her father Thomas was deceased.

2088 Mrs S.T. TAYLOR, 1 Osborne Terrace, SEAHOUSES, Northumberland NE68 7UH.

(☎ Seahouses 720723) Researching Dixon family, especially Robert Dixon, boat-builder at Gateshead on Tyne, and married to Martha (?). Robert was probably born c.1789. Their children were: George, b.1816, Elizabeth, b.1818, Robert, b.1822, James, b.1830. Another Elizabeth is recorded b.1826 so possibly first Elizabeth died in infancy. George Dixon, great-grandfather, was the owner of Dixon & Corbitt Rope Works (now British Ropes) from 1850-c.1880. He married Jane Miller at Lamesley in 1839. They had six children: Martha, b.1847, Mary Elizabeth, b.1851, Hannah Maria, b.1853, George Ralph Thomas, b.1857, Caroline A., b.1860, Alfred Albert, b.1863. Hannah Maria became Knox and had a daughter Margaret b.1874. In 1881 Census Hannah Maria is listed a widow. Any information gratefully received, especially of Robert and his parentage. Would love to hear from any families of George and Jane.

2099 Ms E. WARD, 12 Ridsdale Square, ASHINGTON, Northumberland NE63 8AJ.

Researching the families of Thomas Stark, whose children were born at Heworth, Co. Durham 1770/80's. John Clark, who was born in Nenagh, Ireland in 18C. and his son John Clark (1807-1853), an oil cloth manufacturer of Pilgrim Street, Newcastle. Ralph Ward, born at Lanchester in 1812, a lead ore smelter at Castleside, Co. Durham, who married Martha Dixon in 1836 at Lanchester. Robert Browell, b.1790, a tailor of Morpeth and the Browells of Netherton and Bedlington, Northumberland, 19C. John Hindmarsh, a miner, born 1795 at Ford or Hartley, and his children born in the Bedlington area, 19C. Roger Hall, farmer, of Beaumont House, 'Chollerton, Northumberland. His son Joseph Hall, who married Sarah Stokoe in 1803, was a farm worker in the Ovingham, Whalton and Stamfordham area in 19C.

2157 Mrs M. BALL, 38 Fenwick Avenue, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE34 9AJ.

(☎ Tyneside 455 3104) Researching John Coates Anderson, born 1861, from Burntisland, Fife, Scotland. Seeking parents' marriage. He came to Brandon, Durham and married Sarah Elizabeth Middleton in 18(?). His son, John William Anderson married Elizabeth in 1907 at Durham. Also researching "Thomas William Hankin, born 1865 Haltwhistle. He married Harriet Dent (from Birmingham) somewhere in Newcastle, then went to live in South Shields. His parents William and Elizabeth Hankin (nee Ridley) married in 1857 at Haltwhistle. William was born in 1837 to John and Jane Hankin. Need this marriage. Any help welcomed on this marriage of John William Ball and Alice Matilda of North Shields, possibly 1900.

2177 Mrs J. STYLES, 35 Grey Towers Drive, Nunthorpe, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland TS7 0LT.

(☎ Middlesbrough 311247) Researching Bolam (Seaton Delaval); Kerr and Robinson (Thornley, Co. Durham); Langlands (Bedlington, Blyth, North Shields); Purvis (Seaton Delaval) and Reay (Bedlington, Bolam and Galashiels).

2197 Mrs S.M. TYRELL, 11 Overstrand, Aston Clinton, AYLESBURY, Buckinghamshire HP22 5NA.

(☎ Aylesbury 631100) Seeking the births/baptisms of John Turnbull and Mary Ann Humble. They married on 29 May 1858 at the United Accession Church, Alnwick. Mary gave her age as 28 (born 1830?), and her father's name as Edward Humble, a master tailor. John gave his age as 27 (born 1831?) and his father's name as Thomas Turnbull, an agricultural labourer. In 1861 John and Mary were living in Jarrow with their children, Thomas aged 2 and Edward Humble aged 4 months. On the Census, John's birthplace is Alnwick and Mary and Thomas were born in Embleton. Any information on the above would be welcomed.

2211 Mrs K. DAVISON, 33 Calderwood Crescent, Low Fell, GATESHEAD, Tyne and Wear NE9 6PH.

Researching: Shreeve - Charles John, master mariner born 1861; Caroline born Feb. 1863; George, innkeeper born 1813; John, carpenter, born 1790; Isaac John, fisherman born 1865; James, woodman; all Norfolk area. Youngs - Naomi born 1868; Mary Ann born 1864; Harriet born 1866; Rosanna born 1839; Charles born 1823, farm worker; John born 1805; Charlotte born 1825; all Norfolk area. Haywood - Elizabeth born 1828; Robert born 1807; also of Norfolk. Allan/Allen - William of Carlisle (?) and his wife Margaret S. Wilson, married c.1867. Also Elizabeth Kerr of Annan, Dumfries, 1870.

2213 Mrs E.j. VINSOME, 5 Oban Avenue, WALLSEND, Tyne and Wear NE28 OPU.

Looking for place of birth/baptism of Charles Foster/Fosster, born 1856/7. Census birthplace 1891 shows North Woolwich but no trace in Register. He was married at St. Mary's, Gateshead on 29 January 1887 to Frances Wild. He was then a ship's fireman; his father's name was William, whose trade was engine driver. Father of Frances Wild was also engine driver. Also seeking the marriage date of William Foster, engine

driver, and Mary Ann. They had 2 sons baptised at St. Mary's, Gateshead, 7 April 1886 William Ewart Gladstone Foster and 2 November 1887 Arthur Llewellyn Foster. The address was the same as that for the marriage of Charles Foster and Frances Wild - Greensfield Terrace. Was this William the father or brother of Charles? Also seeking the marriage record of James Cockburn, farm labourer, and Margaret Faa or Faa/Blythe c.1830 in Yetholm region.

- 2230 Mrs E. MULHOLLAND, "Greyswood", 26 Cambridge Grove, OTLEY, West Yorkshire LS21 1DH.
 (☎ Otley 462243) Main interests are Mowatt/Mouat/Mouatt, Gregory and Nisbet families with Newcastle/Whitley Bay connections. John Hugh Mouat was born in the parish of St. George, Grenada, Windward Islands c.1797. He was a British subject and in 1812 joined the 5th. Dragoon Guards at Canterbury, Kent. In 1818, whilst stationed at Fulford Barracks, York, he married a local girl, Ann Gregory. His several children included William and James, born 1831 and 1835 respectively in York. These sons changed the spelling of their surname to Mowatt. After his army career, John Hugh Mowatt became a Station Master at Woodlesford, Yorkshire, and died there in 1856. William was a railway clerk at York in 1851, the year of his marriage to his first cousin, Ann Gregory of York. In 1855 William and his family were living at 3 West St., Newcastle, he still a railway clerk; by 1861 he had moved to 12 Simpson St., Newcastle. Also in 1861 his brother, James Mowatt, also a railway clerk, was living at 37 Kent St., Newcastle with his wife and son, John Hugh Mowatt. William and his family moved back to York in 1860's and he became a successful businessman as a Coal, Coke and Lime Agent. In 1880's he returned to Newcastle, living variously at Lovaine Place, Portland Road and Chillingham Road. His daughters were milliners at Portland Road. He died in 1896 at 82 Chillingham Road and was returned to York for burial. His wife Ann is not buried in the same cemetery. Did she stay in Newcastle? Did she predecease him, and what became of their children? They were Eliza Annie, William Arthur, Emma Louise (Nisbet), Clara Beatrice, Walter and Charles Edward. William's brother-in-law (and his own first cousin), Reuben Gregory was a fruiterer and hay dealer at 3 Clayton St. West, residence Gowan Villas, Shieldfield, in 1880's; his wife was Emma. He died on 19 June 1902 and was buried at St. Paul's, Whitley. Would be pleased to hear from any descendants.
- 2231 Mrs A. McCARTY, 70 Hithermoor Road, Stanwell Moor, STAINES, Middlesex TW 19 6AT.
 Researching the name Mowbray. Seeking information on Thomas Mowbray who married Jane Taylor at Witton Gilbert on 9 January 1753. Seeking father's name and where they were born. The following are names of the females who married into the Mowbrays: Stephenson, Pickering, Reay, Whitfield and Barter. Also require information on Thomas Hinter Smith who married Sarah Mowbray. There was a child, born August 1849, who died October 1849 at Brandling Yard, Monkwearmouth. Father's occupation at this time was Lifeguard. Any information on this couple welcomed.
- 2236 Mr W.D. CRIBBS, 100 Dartnell Park Road, West Byfleet, WEYBRIDGE, Surrey KT14 6QD.
 (☎ Byfleet 47459) Interested in the Cribbs family and connections. Robert Cribbs was a potter and originally from Glasgow. His wife Elizabeth, nee Young, was the daughter of a potter and after Robert's death in Byker in 1869 married John Stephenson, also a potter. They had at least one child, Sarah Stephenson. The eldest son of Robert and Elizabeth, William Cribbs, also became a potter. He married Jane Douglas Pringle, youngest daughter of George Pringle, Quarryman, who came to Newcastle from Berwick in early 1850's and was born in Scotland. William and Jane had a fairly large family, the third son, also William and a potter, being Mr Cribb's grandfather. This William married Emily Ann Meddes, and they appear to have been resident in Sunderland for at least two generations prior to moving to Newcastle. Their son, Albert Edward Cribbs (Mr Cribb's father) married Lillian Alice Stubley, descended from a Yorkshire family originally from Dewsbury and resident in South Shields before [moving to](#) Byker just prior to World War One. The Stubleys were connected with the Oran/Oren family of North and South Shields and with the Griffins of North Shields. Any help welcomed.
- 2237 Mrs M. COOPER, 33 Cross End, Wavendon, MILTON KEYNES, Buckinghamshire MK17 8AQ.
 Seeking information on the following: Caroline Sutheson, who had an illegitimate child, James John Francis Lewis Sutheson born 27 March 1878 and baptised in the parish of Hebburn, Co. Durham on 21 April 1878, when Caroline was living at Hood Street, Hebburn Quay. James J. F.L. Sutheson was adopted by James Cooper and his wife Elizabeth Cleave, and his birth wasn't registered. The above information come from a copy of a baptism certificate. Any information welcomed on Caroline Sutheson, who isn't shown on IGI for Durham or 1871/81 Census for Hood Street.
- 2238 Dr. C.E. FISHER, 14 Batterdale, HATFIELD, Hertfordshire AL9 5JF.
 (☎ Hatfield 69730)
- 2239 Miss V.A. LENNOX, 96 Tenth Avenue, HOME HILL, QUEENSLAND 4806, AUSTRALIA.
- 2240 Miss M. ROBINSON, 44 Chillingham Road, Newton Hall, DURHAM DH 1 5NA.
- 2241 Mr D. FIDIAM, Tees Bank House, 337 Coniscliffe Road, DARLINGTON, County Durham DL3 8AH.
- 2242 Mr R.A. DALRYMPLE, 7 Blacksmiths Lane, Hockley Heath, SOLIHULL, West Midlands B94 6QP.
 Would like to hear of any Dalrymple not included in the 1984 IGI, particularly a Phyllis Dalrymple buried at Bamburgh who could have been sister or mother to William Dalrymple, who is buried at Lucker and was married on 23 April 1732 at Bamburgh. He was probably employed by the Forster family, and came from Bellshill or Adderstone. If anyone knows of Forster records going back that far, I would like to hear from them and also where the originals for Lucker are held, as the copies are rather difficult to read.
- 2243 Miss H. BROWN, 8 Ollerton Gardens, GATESHEAD, Tyne and Wear NE 10 9RT.
- 2244 Mr M. LOWERY, 44 High Street, Marske-by-the-Sea, REDCAR, Cleveland TS 1 17BE.
 (☎ Redcar 483716)
- 2245 Mrs D.S. TELFORD, 17 Woollerton Drive, GATESHEAD, Tyne and Wear NEW 9RQ.

2246 Mr D. FARROW, 73 Buxton Street, DEAKIN, A C T 2600, AUSTRALIA.

Researching great-grandfather, William Farrow. He was a master mariner and shipowner, who married Mary Ann Purdy. They had five children: Emma, William, Robert and Mary Ann, who were born in Sunderland, and also George. Would like any information of William Farrow Snr's date/place of birth, marriage and place/date of burial. He may have lived in Cleadon, perhaps in the middle 190. His son William's second marriage was to Hannah Denton in 1879, in Sunderland, and the only child, as far as is known, was Oswyn Denton Farrow (Mr Farrow's father). When he went to Australia in 1904 he stayed with a Mr J.J. Denton in Melbourne, who may have been the son of one of Hannah Denton's brothers. Have been unable to find information on a Denton going out to Melbourne.

2247 Mrs S.L. WHITWORTH, 16 Porchester Drive, CRAMLINGTON, Northumberland NE23 9QA.

(☎ Cramlington 737567)

2248 Miss E.A. JONES, 18 Kingsley Road, CHESTER CH3 5RS.

2249 Mrs J.R. HEDLEY, 6 Musgrave Road, Low Fell, GATESHEAD, Tyne and Wear NE9 5TA.

(☎ Tyneside 487 7684)

2250 Mrs V. LOWERY, 44 High Street, Marske-by-the-Sea, REDCAR, Cleveland TS 11 7BE.

(☎ Redcar 483716)

2251 Miss S.D. HAWKINS, 15 Hartington Road, Bramhall, STOCKPORT, Cheshire SK7 2DZ.

2252 Mrs J.M. WOODS, 22 Beadnell Place, Shieldfield, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE2 1YD.

2253 Ms K.H. THOMAS, 16 Cleveland Street, Brooklyn, WELLINGTON 2, NEW ZEALAND.

Researching Carr and Smith, Tanfield area, Co. Durham, 19C; also Borthwick, Haswell, Jordan, Purves and Robertson, Berwick-on-Tweed, 18-19C. Seeking ancestors of grand-father William Edward Carr, born 1886 in Pelton. He was the son of Thomas Carr (born c.1850-51) and Sarah, nee Smith (born c.1851), who married on 20 April 1872 at Chester-le-Street Registry Office whilst resident in West Pelton. Their fathers were Thomas Carr and William Smith. All four men were coalminers.

2254 Mr R. MACFARLANE, 32 Fairfield Crescent, Oakwood, HEXHAM, Northumberland NE46 4LH.

(☎ Hexham 605267) Interested in the Newton family of Hexham, hatters and weavers, especially James Newton who married Mary Taylor of Slaley at Hexham Abbey in 1760. Seeking both of their births. Also John Smith, who lived at Spring House, Slaley, 1902-10. Robert Brown, born Bamburgh, married Margaret Johnson 1847 at Lamberton Toll. Thomas Davison of Errington Red House; son William born 1811. William Thompson, who married Jane Straughan 1814 at Long Horsley. Ann Watson, hawker, born Wigton 1790, son James, a tinsmith born 1840 at Brampton. Towers of Acklam. Smith, ship providers at Sunderland. In Scotland, McFarlane of Greenock; Hogg of Orwell, Kinross; Morrison of Dingwall; Ballentine of Caputh.

2255 Mrs M. WALTON, 16 Embleton Drive, Newsham, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 4QJ.

(☎ Blyth 354338) Interests include: Brason of Gateshead; Rutherford of Stanhope; Taylor of Hartley; Munton of Sunderland; Errington of Hebburn and Towers of Sunderland/Haydon Bridge, all 19C.

2256 Mrs J.E. ARROWSMITH, 8 Goldings, BISHOP'S STORTFORD, Hertfordshire CM23 5EH.

(☎ Bishop's Stortford 503047)

2257 Mr O. OXLEY, 16 Sherborne Crescent, COVENTRY, West Midlands CV5 8LE.

(☎ Coventry 596594) Seeks information on Ann Robson, born 8 July 1849 at Bellingham, Northumberland. Married 22 December 1873 at Slaley/Haley, Northumberland, to Thomas Reynoldson of Eivehurst Heath, Dipton, born 29 October 1848. His father was Thomas Reynoldson, born/married (?), killed 11 January 1849 while working for the railway at Crich, buried at Derby. Also Thomas Oxley, born/married (?), possibly married to a Goodfellow from Stanhope, and his son Robert, born 28 July 1885 at Tanfield, who married at Leazes, Burnopfield to Katherine Ann Rodham, possibly of Tanfield or Leazes. She had a sister Hannah and a brother John, and their father was John Winship Rodham (born/died ?). Also Elizabeth Jane Dawe, born 28 August 1874, possibly at Moore Pit, Harelaw, Co. Durham. She was married (when?) to Thomas Reynoldson, born 16 May 1878 at Dipton, Co. Durham, and died 1 July 1949.

2258 Dr. V.E. MACKAY, 5 North Lodge, CHESTER-LE-STREET, County Durham DH3 4BN.

(☎ Chester-le-Street 880117)

2259 Mr I. GOTTS, 21 Salisbury Avenue, ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire AL14UB.

(☎ St. Albans 31622) Interests include: Gott/Gotts; Rogerson; Reah; Northumberland/Durham/Tyne and Wear.

2260 Mrs J.M. PRINGLE, 7 Monkseaton Road, Wellfield, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear NE25 9JJ.

(☎ Tyneside 251 1312)

2261 Miss M. STACEY, 34 Ambleside Close, Thingwall, WIRRAL, Merseyside L61 3XQ.

(☎ 051-648 4554)

2262 Miss F.E.M. NEWTON, 11 Manor Place, Benton, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE7 7XR.

2263 Mrs M.I.M. MACKENZIE, Tigh na H'ath, Dulnain Bridge, GRANTOWN-ON-SPEY, Morayshire PH26 3NU.

(☎ Dulnain Bridge 266) Interests: Moffatt (pre-1890) of Newcastle/Tynemouth/North Shields; Surtees of North Shields/Gateshead; Todd (pre-1809) of North Shields; Heron (post-1850) of North Shields; Piot/Poats (18/190.).

- 2264** Mrs M.E. ELLIOTT, 24 Acorn Close, Sacriston, DURHAM DH7 6AQ.
(☎ Durham 710953)
- 2265** Lt-Col. Miss M. STEPHENSON, 4 Four Acre Close, Ashton Keynes, SWINDON, Wiltshire SN6 6PJ.
- 2266** Mr J.E. KERR, 27 Cedarwood Grove, Tunstall, SUNDERLAND SR2 9SJ.
(☎ Sunderland 288712)
- 2267** Mr E.S. ROBSON, 2407 Dickens Road, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23230, UNITED STATES.
- 2268** Mr M. BROWN, 36 St. Michaels Way, Burley in Wharfedale, ILKLEY, West Yorkshire LS29 7PP.
- 2269** Mrs W.J. HELLENS, 8 Westcroft Road, Forest Hall, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE12 9JS.
- 2270** Miss T.M.T. MISQUITTA, 605 Upper Richmond Road West, RICHMOND, Surrey TW 10 5DU.
- 2271** Mr D.R. CAISLEY, 9 Dene View East, BEDLINGTON, Northumberland NE22 5NN.
(☎ Bedlington 825151)
- 2272** Miss C.A. CALCUTT, 17 The Close, Montreal Park, SEVENOAKS, Kent TN13 2HE.
(☎ Sevenoaks 453501)
- 2273** Mrs I. DAVISON, 12 Seaton Avenue, Newsham, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 4AN.
- 2274** Mrs M.J. McEWAN, 90 Aldebaran Street, Inala, BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND 4077, AUSTRALIA.
Researching: Foster of Chirton; Coulsey of Tynemouth/North Shields; Allcott of Poplar and area, all 17-19C.
- 2275** Mrs D.J. ROWLAND, 4 Woodthorpe Drive, BEWDLEY, Worcestershire DY12 2RH.
(☎ Bewdley 0881) Researching: John Rowland, ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~carman~~, possibly from Hexham, born c.1821, and his wife Isabella Lightburn, born c.1812 in Clifton, Westmorland; also their parents. Also Robert Kyle, father of Marv Elizabeth, possibly from Durham. Ma2nus Gaudie, ship's carpenter, probably living in Sunderland in 1853, but originally from Shetland, and his wife Frances (?) and their parents. Also the parents of Jane Ritson Irvine from Sunderland.
- 2276** Mr E.G. ELDER, 1 Esk Road, Lowryhill, CARLISLE, Cumbria CA3 0HN.
(☎ Carlisle 29491) Interests: Elder and Miller, 17-19C. of Newcastle; Straughan of Hexham, 17-19C.; Fairbairn of Kyle, 17-19C.
- 2277** Mrs A. ELDER, 1 Esk Close, Lowryhill, CARLISLE, Cumbria CA3 0HN.
(☎ Carlisle 29491) Researching: Davison/Merelies (Moraleez/Moraly)/Clark/Wrath of Swalwell, Co. Durham, all 17-19C.; Bell/Riddle of Bellingham, Northumberland 17-19C.; Lovat of Simonburn, Northumberland, 17-19C.; Chilton of Newburn, Northumberland, and Ryton, Durham; Carr of Scotswood, Northumberland and Blaydon, Durham; Jeavons of Winalton, Durham; all 17-19C.
- 2278** Mr D. HAY, 186 Shirehall Road, SHEFFIELD, South Yorkshire S5 0GP.
Researching the family of George Hay, coastguard at Berwick from 1845 to 1860 at least, particularly his first wife, Ann Goulson, born c.1809 at Rofsley, Leics., and his second wife, Jane Watson Muir, married at Berwick in 1857.
- 2279** Mr R. COOK, 37 Churchburn Drive, MORPETH, Northumberland NE612BZ.
(☎ Morpeth 513499)
- 2280** Mr C.E. SMITH, 59 Jesmond Park West, High Heaton, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE7 7BX.
(☎ Tyneside 281 3391)
- 2281** Mr S. ROSS, 9/30 Guinea Street, KOGARAH, NEW SOUTH WALES 2217, AUSTRALIA.
Researching: Ross of Ferryhill, Co. Durham and Cockermouth/Abbey Holme, Cumbria; Wallace of Spennymoor/Pelton Fell/Thornley, Co. Durham; Wignall of Ferryhill/Chilton, Co. Durham; Waggett of Ferryhill, Co. Durham; Kyle of Sunderland, Co. Durham; Watchman of Spennymoor/Eldon, Co. Durham; Grant of Eldon, Co. Durham; Swalwell/Horner of Spennymoor, Co. Durham.
- 2282** Mr. E. MIDDLETON, 26 Thornton Avenue, Redhill, NOTTINGHAM NG5 8PA.
(☎ Nottingham 268513)
- 2283** Mr K. SHIELD, 46 Norman Road, ROWLANDS GILL, Tyne and Wear NE39 1JS.
- 2284** Mrs A. SHIELD, 46 Norman Road, ROWLANDS GILL, Tyne and Wear NE391JS.
- 2285** Mrs J.I. BICE, 17 Lyndhurst Road, Peverell, PLYMOUTH, Devon PL2 3DJ.
(☎ Plymouth 562144) Researching grandmother Elizabeth Tucker, who married Thomas Roberts, a ptiman, in Wingate Parish Church in 1872. They had 2 children, Thomas, and Mary Elizabeth (Pollie), born 1874. Seeking Elizabeth's birthplace, which may have been Bovey Tracey, Devon. She died in 1901, aged 45, in St. Austell, Cornwall and her parents were John and Sarah Tucker; Sarah died in 1889 in St. Austell, and John, who also died in 1889, but at Hetton Downs, Co. Durham and is buried in Hetton-le-Hole churchyard. Would like to hear from anyone researching these families.
- 2286** Mr R. PEACOCK, 7 Brookside, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, Tyne and Wear DH5 9NW.
- 2287** Mrs M. PEACOCK, 7 Brookside, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, Tyne and Wear DH5 9NW.
- 2288** Mrs L. KNAPTON, Flat 3, 299 Abbeydale Road South, Dore, SHEFFIELD, South Yorkshire S17 3LF.
(☎ Sheffield 352103) Interests: Stonehouse/Woodhouse of South Shields, Co. Durham, pre-1930.
- 2289** Mr N. CROSBY, 38 Cartington Road, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE29 7BL.
(☎ North Shields 574450)

- 2290 **Mr F.C. NICHOLS**, "Cooper's Hall", Highertown, Portscatho, TRURO, Cornwall TR2 5HP.
(☎ Portscatho 597)
- 2291 **Miss M.E. SOULSBY**, P.O. Box 1296, PALMERSTON NORTH, NEW ZEALAND.
Researching the following families, all 18-20C.: Soulsby/Wilkinson of Sunderland, and Knight/Johns/Leslie of South Shields, Co. Durham. Would like to contact anyone with similar interests.
- 2292 **Mrs S. HUGHES**, Fron Ednyfed, Ednyfed Hill, Amlwch Port, AMLWCH, Gwynedd LL68 9HW.
(☎ Amlwch 831683)
- 2293 **Miss C.J. TOMS**, 73 Leighton Road, Toddington, DUNSTABLE, Bedfordshire LU5 6AL.
Interests: Atkinson/Renwick/Taylor/Devlin/Gray/Steven/Cook of Gateshead, Co. Durham; Gray of Backworth, Northumberland; Cook of Morpeth, Northumberland; Sigsworth of Co. Durham.
- 2294 **Miss L. DIXON**, 10 Comiston Terrace, EDINBURGH EH10 6AH.
(☎ 031-447 4121)
- 2295 **Mr B. JOHNSON**, 2 Eversley Place, Rosehill, WALLSEND, Tyne and Wear NE28 7BD.
(☎ Tyneside 263 2376) Interests: Cook of Lamesley; Pearson of Birtley; Sarginson of Wrekenton; Fenwick of Houghton, all County Durham; Johnson of Hunslet, Yorks; Elliott of Morpeth, Northumberland.
- 2296 **Mrs L.M. JOHNSON**, 2 Eversley Place, Rosehill, WALLSEND, Tyne and Wear NE28 7BD.
(☎ Tyneside 263 2376)
- 2297 **Mr C.H. SMITH**, 123 Royal Oak Road, Wythenshawe, MANCHESTER M23 8DZ.
(☎ 061-998 9308) Seeking the birth and parents of John Seaburn, born c.1775 at "Tinemouth", and also his marriage and family.
- 2298 **Mrs D. LEDERMAN**, 16 Lamberhurst Road, MAIDSTONE, Kent ME16 0NS.
(☎ Maidstone 63096) Researching: Lilley/Thompson/Martin/Matthews of South Shields, Co. Durham. Also Parker.
- 2299 **Mr B. CALLADINE**, 50 Marondale Avenue, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE4 4HJ.
- 2300 **Mr A.A. RAILTON**, "Moor Lea", Barningham, RICHMOND, North Yorkshire DL11 7DU.
(☎ Teesdale 21377)
- 2301 **Mrs D. RAILTON**, "Moor Lea", Barningham, RICHMOND, North Yorkshire DL11 7DU.
(☎ Teesdale 21377)
- 2302 **Mr N.B. ATKINSON**, 101 Dorridge Road, Dorridge, SOLIHULL, West Midlands B93 8BS.
(☎ Knowle 3204)
- 2303 **Mrs L. ROSS**, 9 Brookvale Avenue, Binley, COVENTRY, West Midlands CV3 2DG.
- 2304 **Mrs M. POULTON**, 102 Straight Road, Old Windsor, WINDSOR, Berkshire SL4 2SB.
- 2305 **Dr. R.S. CAMERON**, 101 Adelaide Parade, WOOLLAHRA, NEW SOUTH WALES 2025, AUSTRALIA.
Researching Cameron and Marshall families of Berwick on Tweed, 1773-1798. Coulson of Bellingham, particularly the children of David and Hannah, born 1784-1799. Vaux family of Sedgfield, 1700-1850.
- 2306 **Dr. W.H.T. DAVISON**, 81 Little Sutton Road, Four Oaks, SUTTON COLDFIELD, West Midlands B75 6PT.
- 2307 **Mrs P. CARIS**, "High Close", Leazes Lane, HEXHAM, Northumberland NE46 3AZ.
(☎ Hexham 604663)
- 2308 **Mrs C. DREWETT**, "Tall Storeys", Wrington, BRISTOL BS18 7NW.
- 2309 **Mr D. HARDING**, 12 Birches Nook Road, STOCKSFIELD, Northumberland NE43 7PA.
(☎ Stocksfield 843170) Researching: Harding/Clark/Wallace of Ryton, Co. Durham; Harding of Kirklington/Lanercost/Bewcastle, Cumbria; Laurie/Rutherford of Dalton-le-Dale, Co. Durham; Laurie of Norham, Northumberland, and Scotland.
- 2310 **Mr A. ABBOTT**, 22 Glenleigh Drive, Grindon, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR4 9HA.
- 2311 **Mrs K. ABBOTT**, 22 Glenleigh Drive, Grindon, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR4 9HA.
- 2312 **Mr A.W. NAIRN**, 4 Bowfell Avenue, Montagu, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE5 3XD.
- 2313 **Mr D.W. WORTHY**, 34 Arundel Terrace, LONDON SW13 9DS.
(☎ 01-748-3765) Researching Worthy and Ellison families of Durham City, Croxdale, Coxhoe and area, 18C. and before. They were Catholics.
- 2314 **Mr G. LAW**, 179 St. Cuthberts Drive, Heworth, GATESHEAD, Tyne and Wear NE10 9AD.
(☎ Tyneside 469 2284)
- 2315 **Miss M.A. LAW**, 179 St. Cuthberts Drive, Heworth, GATESHEAD, Tyne and Wear NE10 9AD.
(☎ Tyneside 469 2284)
- 2316 **Mrs M.A. HARDING**, 33 Elder Square, ASHINGTON, Northumberland NE63 0QQ.
(☎ Ashington 852523) Interests include: Fletcher from Durham, originating in Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk in mid-19C. Kirkup, Bruce and Lamb in Pelton area of Durham and Petch from Edmondsley.
- 2317 **Mr J. CHOWN**, 1 Sherwood Close, Shotley Bridge, CONSETT, County Durham DH8 0TX.

- 2318** Mrs J.E. CHOWN, 1 Sherwood Close, Shotley Bridge, CONSETT, County Durham DH8 OTX.
- 2319** Mrs G.M. LAST, 51 Nickstream Lane, DARLINGTON, County Durham DL3 ODQ.
(☎ Darlington 469817)
- 2320** Mr C. CESSFORD, 14 Boundary Road, LUTTERWORTH, Leicestershire LE 17 4DS.
(☎ Lutterworth 4975)
- 2321** Mr R MEWBURN, 31 Grassington Drive, Chipping Sodbury, BRISTOL BS17 6HW.
(☎ Chipping Sodbury 322376)
- 2322** Mr W. MONEY, 7 The Kylins, MORPETH, Northumberland NE612DJ.
(☎ Morpeth 511490)
- 2323** Mrs M. MONEY, 7 The Kylins, MORPETH, Northumberland NE61 2DJ.
(☎ Morpeth 511490)
- 2324** Mr R.A. HAY, 3618 Ligon Road, ELLICOTT CITY, MARYLAND 21043, UNITED STATES.
- 2325** Mrs J.I. CLARKE, 43 Back Lane, WYMONDHAM, Norfolk NR18 OLB.
Interested in corresponding with members researching Hilton.
- 2326** Mrs E. MARSHALL, 21 Cooksey Avenue, HARBORD, NEW SOUTH WALES 2096, AUSTRALIA.
Interests: Bell/Hanlon/Frieck(Freak/Freek) of Medomsley, Co. Durham; Elliott of Chopwell, Co. Durham; Oliver/ Frieck(Freak/Freek) of Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham; Waugh of Alston and Co. Durham; Bulman of Brampton, Cumberland; Robertson of Co. Durham; Cheesman of Brancepeth, Co. Durham; Garthwaite of All Saints, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Lewis of Shap, Westmorland/Penrith, Cumberland.

CORRECTION

- 2189** Miss J.C. ARCHBOLD, 53 Marina Drive, West Monkseaton, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear NE25 9PD.
We apologise to Miss Archbold for printing her surname incorrectly in the Winter 1985 edition of the Journal. The correct spelling is as shown above.

SECOND TIME AROUND

- 0856** Mrs P. MITCHELL 19 Woodlands Way, Barton, PRESTON, Lancashire PR3 5DU.
Seeking information on the following families: Hume of Long Horsley, pre-1766; Winters of Hexham, pre-1766; Wheatley of Stella or Ryton, pre-1820's.
- 0925** Mr I. APPLGARTH, 59, Happy Valley Caravan Park, HARTLEPOOL, Cleveland TS24 9RF.
Mr Applegarth has been corresponding with a lady from New Zealand and seeks information on the Robinson family of Monkwearmouth, especially on Mary Robinson, formerly Tollington, baptised c.1810 and died 1886 aged 76. If anyone can help with the above, could they write to Mrs M.M. PAGE, 170 Hinemoa Street, BIRKENHEAD, AUCKLAND 10, NEW ZEALAND.
- 0994** Mrs M.J. RENWICK, 31 Dalton Avenue, Lynemouth, MORPETH, Northumberland NE615TE.
Seeks information on George Cram, born c.1787, died of cholera 6 October 1853 at Jarrow; married Martha Beard, born c.1805, from Sunderland; she later married John Coulson. Also does anyone know why two of George's sons, Martin and James, added an E to their name making it Crame. George's nephew, also named George W. Cram, born 1816, was killed in a pit explosion at Jarrow in 1845. He left two sons aged 4 and 1 1/2 years. Does anyone know their names or what became of them?
- 1041** Mrs M. COATES, 3 Ashdowne Close, Little Crakehall, BEDALE, North Yorkshire D L8 1LF.
Parish or County sought of the baptism of Charles Coat, born 9 April 1793, one of seven sons and two daughters born to Ralph and Sarah Coat, somewhere in the North of England below the Scottish borders. James and George were two of the brothers' names and the sisters were Mary and Sarah Anne. Ralph died of smallpox and his widow Sarah remarried, but her new name is unknown. With her new husband and her children still within the family unit she moved to Exeter, Devon. In 1812, Charles, with his brothers James and George, emigrated to Newfoundland. Also would like to buy (or borrow) a copy of "The Vale of Charlton (North Tyne)", in the Vagabond series. All letters answered and postage refunded.
- 1288** Dr. H.S. STOKER, 765 Ben Lomond Avenue, OGDEN, UTAH 83403, UNITED STATES.
Would be grateful to any member who could supply information about the location of burial places in Gosforth parish, Northumberland, in use prior to 1860. Is particularly interested in the current condition of these burial places and the existence and whereabouts of any monumental inscription transcripts. Is trying to locate burial places for the following: William and Elizabeth (nee Smiles) Browell. He died c.1858 and she c.1829. Also would appreciate any information concerning the use of the designation Kirkmerton as a geographical location. Is this a variation of Kirk Merrington or is it another separate location? Fourth great-grandmother is said to have been born on 14 September 1753 in Kirkmerton.
- 1726** Mr A LAWSON, I Harwood Close, Tewin, WELWYN, Hertfordshire AL6 OLF.
(☎ Tewin 7256) Seeking birth/baptism of John Lawson, born c.1752-54, son of Mark and Dorothy Lawson, possibly in the Alnwick area, but other parts of Northumberland, Durham and Yorkshire are possible. Seeking also the marriage of Mark Lawson to Dorothy (?) c.1750. Mark Lawson was a shopkeeper in Clayport, Alnwick at the time of his wife Dorothy's burial in Alnwick on 10 September 1772. Any information on these or other members of the Lawson families of Northumberland, Durham and Yorkshire would be welcomed.

1733 Mrs F.S. GIBBS, Thornyford House, Kirkley, Ponteland, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE20 OAJ.

Researching the Aitcheson family of Roxburgh in the Borders, who lived and worked there in the 1870's. Which family history society serves this area? Particular interest in George Aitcheson, born 1757, died 8 September 1823 in Roxburgh; married Isobel Armstrong, born 1761, died September 1816 in Roxburgh. Their daughter, Margaret Aitcheson, was born 16 November 1787, died 18 June 1846, and was married on 28 September 1810 to Thompson Jeffrey, blacksmith, from where?

1748 Mrs D.L. WARD, 1 The Gables, Longfield, DARTFORD, Kent DA3 7LR.

(☎ Longfield 5773) Researching the Worthington family of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, who from 1860 onwards had a shop on Scotswood Road, or that area. Could be a connection with the London and Newcastle Tea Company. Cruddas family of Gateshead: William Cruddas, papermaker, 1850 and had 2 daughters at least. Sarah (Sally) and Margaret born c.1860. Margaret married (1) Peter Thompson and (2) John Ross, builder, Gateshead. Kelly family of Felton Village, 1840-1960. Rush and Lawson of North Biddick Hall, near Washington, Co. Durham. This firm were contractors on the High Level Bridge, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

1796 Mrs C. YOUNG, 21 Leighton Terrace, Birtley, CHESTER-LE-STREET, County Durham DH3 1JN.
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(☎ Tyneside 410 6708) Jointly researching: Garrett/Garratt. Barzillai born 1851 Dudley, Staffordshire. Lucy born 1853/4. Parents William John Garrett and Mary (formerly Hingley). Married 26 December 1831 at Tipton Parish Church in County of Stafford. Seeking births and baptisms of other children between 1831-51. Barzillai left home between 1871-81 and was living at Byker, Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 1881. Did he have relations living there? Also researching Zillah Dixon, born c.1850/51, possibly in Yorkshire, died 1889 at Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham. Likely parents were Thomas Dixon, who was a joiner born c.1825 U.S.A., a British subject. He married Mary (?) who was born in Malton, Yorkshire. Other children were: John, born c.1853 at Stillington, Yorkshire, Charlotte born c.1855 at Holmsby, Yorkshire, Melia or Julia, born 1859 at Holmsby, William C. born 1866 Durham, Bowden Close.

1806 Mr J.S. WATSON, Avenida Piemonte, Lote Na5, 4o-C, 2765 MONTE ESTORIL, PORTUGAL.

Is most interested in contacting anyone having information on the Watsons who farmed Easton, Bowness Parish, Cumberland from 16C to 1920's. Cumbrian ancestors may have been related to William Watson, probably of Warenford and Budle, Northumberland. His son, Captain John Watson, born 1760 of Warn House, Bamburgh, married Dorothy Henrietta, nee Grey, on 11 August 1795. Father and son were direct ancestors of Baron (Watson) Armstrong of Bamburgh and Cragside whose Watson crest is a variant on: "An arm embowed in armour, holding in the gauntlet a palm branch vert", used by [gt.gt.grandfather Rev.](#) Thomas Watson (born at Marsh House, Easton 1796, died 1880) and his descendants. Captain John Watson is recorded in Burke and Boase as dying in 1798 and 1811 respectively, but no will has been traced for him. Perhaps he died intestate. His father William may have been alive in 1810, obviously at an advanced age. Does anyone have probate years for their wills and/or know of kinship between the Watsons of Bamburgh, Northumberland, and the Watsons of Easton, Cumberland?

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

Seeks information on George Morton, b.1822, and Jane Green Morton and daughter, Eleanor (Anne) Morton, b.1847, of Heckley House, Alnwick. Was Jane, his first wife, of Broom House? When did she die and where? Looking for a record of a second marriage of George Morton to Ann Dawson, born 1821. Did George have a brother or cousin, Harry T. Morton? When did they emigrate to the United States?

2012 Mrs M.E. BASSETT, 249 Burrage Road, Plumstead, LONDON SE 18 7JW.

(☎ 01-854-7870) The baptism is sought of grandfather, Joseph McGuigan, born 1835 at Prestbury, near Macclesfield. He married at Plymouth to Elizabeth Mary Coase in 1863. They had the following children: Charles 1863, Albert 1866, Florence, Bell, Rose 1872. He retired from the army in Dublin in 1874. Father was born in Dublin in 1876 but whilst on the birth certificate his father's name is shown as Joseph McGuigan, his mother is shown as Elizabeth Mary Cole. On all certificates, father Joseph is shown as silk weaver. What happened between 1872 and 1876. Cannot trace a marriage, and Joseph and a few of the family settled in Woolwich where Joseph died.

2158 Mrs H. RAMSHAW, 59 Whitby Crescent, HASTINGS, NEW ZEALAND.

Mrs Ramshaw's maiden name is Edmunds, and she was brought up in Consett, and would like to correspond with anyone who could research parish and cemetery records. Would like to buy a copy of "The Consett Story" published in 1963 by the Consett Lions Club. Researching: Frosdick in Consett, but believes the family to originate in Norfolk. Also researching Edmunds (Leeds); Jane, James and Robert McHarry or Maharry, born 1878-1882 in Workington. Jane McFadden, mother of Charles and William McFadden, born 1866 and 1868 in Ireland; seeking Jane's maiden name. Thomas Henry Jackson, butcher of Winlaton in 1880's; had seven children. Thomas Vose, who married Ellen Leigh; children Martha b.1894, Florence, Mary and Samuel; the last named went to Canada c. 1920's. Would like to hear from anyone with Vose connections. Ramshaw, especially Henry Thomas Waugh Ramshaw, marine engineer, married Sarah Bartle Hill in Fleetwood early this century, but name believed to originate in Durham. John Middleton, commercial traveller, of Manchester; married Kate Furness/Furniss and had several children including John and Sarah c. 1870's. John Twigley born 1831 in Wakefield; married Jane Kitchen, born 1831, from Northallerton; Albert Ellis, born 1854 in Halifax; father John Ellis, stonemason.

2227 Mrs E. SUTCLIFFE, 18 Derwent Drive, LITTLEBOROUGH, Lancashire OL 15 OBT.

Researching maiden name of O'Connell, also Smith and Elliot, all of the Elswick area; great grandfather O'Connell was originally from Limerick, Ireland. Other interests: Matthew Hall, innkeeper, who married Esther Cummr(ings at Old Seaham in 1855; George Hall and Isabella Whittle, (father James), who married at Easington Lane; Thompson family of County Durham. Mrs Sutcliffe has in her possession, handed down, a glass engraved "Elizabeth Wallace, born 1825, Lord Clyde Hotel, Hart-le-pool."

OFFER OF HELP

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Mrs Rawlinson offers help with searches in West Yorkshire Archives of WMDC Libraries Local History provided the requests are non-urgent.

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(☎ Baumber 330) Mrs Fawcett seeks help from any member who is willing to check entries at Northumberland Record Office or Durham County Record Office. In return she is able to offer reciprocal research at Lincoln Archives, which cover Lincolnshire and most of Humberside.

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We regret to report the deaths of members 0270 Fr. W. Vincent-Smith of Lanchester, 0802 Rev. D.J. Bulman of North Ferriby, 1171 Mr J.E. Watson of Norwich, 1325 [Mr J.L.M. Stonehouse](#) of Holmes Chapel and 1729 Mr S. Chariton of Chopwell. We extend our sympathy to their respective families.