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## EDITORIAL

The interest in family history continues unabated, and two new groups formed early this year to cater for members in South-East Northumberland and in Sunderland and District have attracted widespread support. We wish them every success.

One way in which it is hoped that the groups will contribute to the work of the Society is by undertaking projects such as transcribing and indexing parish registers, census indexing, and MI recording. As shown by Mr Fawcett's letter in this issue, members are ignorant as to how much (or how little) has been done in this line. And the truth is that it does not amount to a great deal. This is not to decry the sterling efforts of a few individuals, but it is clear that their work has been insufficiently publicised, and the Society as a whole has published almost nothing. It has been reported that the South Tyneside Group has almost finished indexing the marriages in Anglican Churches in that area, and some members of the South-East Northumberland Group are working on indexes to the 1851 Census for Cramlington and Morpeth districts. We hope to see the results soon. In the meantime anyone prepared to help with work of this kind should contact Bill Butterley (Projects Co-ordinator) or Roger Tankerville (MI Co-ordinator), whose addresses are given on the Contents page.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### *Our Annual Conference*

As announced in our Spring 1986 issue, a week-end conference is to be held at Otterburn Hall from the evening of Friday, 26th September, to the afternoon of Sunday, 28th September 1986. Full details and a booking form are enclosed with this Journal, and it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend.

### *Cleveland FHS Conference*

The Cleveland Family History Society is to hold a one-day conference at the Redcar Bowl, REDCAR, Cleveland, on Saturday 21 June 1986, the theme being 'On This Side of the Grave'.

The total cost will be £7.50 per person including lunch, morning coffee and afternoon tea and biscuits. Early application should be made to Mrs C. McLee, 3 The Green, Kirkclevington, YARM, Cleveland TS15 9NW, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope to receive a copy of the programme and other relevant information. Cheques should be made payable to Cleveland FHS.

## THE WINTER MEETINGS

### *December*

The December meeting at the Five Bridges Hotel was a very lively occasion devoted to Northumbrian music and dancing. The High Level Ranters, ably led by Johnny Handle, entertained us with songs and stories, while Jimmy Hall as 'caller' kept us on the right lines during the reels and dances. The buffet supper was excellent - a wonderful spread with plenty of choice - and all who attended this Christmas and 10th Anniversary get-together had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

### *January*

In spite of a wet night the January meeting was well attended. The talk by Mr E. Hollerton of Local Studies Centre at North Shields was about 'Genealogical Sources in North Tyneside': Mr Hollerton explained that they had not inherited much archival material and were still in the process of building up their collections. They do however possess many local history books, the census returns, electoral rolls and some parish records for the area. They have also compiled a card index of persons whose names have appeared in 'Shields Daily News'. One of the most interesting items is their collection of enquiry folders: these are the result of research by the staff into questions which have been submitted to them, and they are added to whenever fresh information is found. They include family and business histories, and are easily accessible at all times. Mr Hollerton and his staff are extremely helpful and undertake to answer any enquiry, although the research may take some time. Many members who have not visited the Local Studies Centre before may well do so thanks to this interesting talk.

## February

Icy weather did not prevent a good turn-out for the February meeting. Mr J. Stephenson, who has been asked by the Stead family to write the biography of W.T. Stead, gave a talk on "W. T. *Stead of the Northern Echo*". William Thomas Stead was born in Embleton in 1849, the eldest son of the Reverend William Stead, who was a staunch Christian and devoted family man. His childhood was spent in Howden where he was given a classical education by his father before going on to a private school. On leaving school he was apprenticed to a firm of Tyneside wine merchants, and at the age of twenty he began writing letters to the *Northern Echo* about the appalling social conditions and poverty of the people in the area. The *Northern Echo* was so impressed by his writing that in 1871 he was invited to become Editor although he had never seen a newspaper office before. He began to use the newspaper to expose evils and social inequalities, and an article entitled "*The Eastern Question or Bulgarian Atrocities*" made his name as a journalist.

He left the *Northern Echo* to set up his own paper, the *Pall Mall Gazette*, which he used to continue his crusades against vice and political intrigue, and he became an internationally recognized leader writer. He introduced many new techniques, improving the quality of print and pictorial illustration. He was the first man to use "the interview", and also the "gossip" column. He continued to campaign against public scandals including child slavery and poor housing conditions. William Stead was extremely keen on child education, and in 1895 commenced publication of cheap editions of books including the classics, fairy-tales, Shakespeare and poetry, thus making good literature available to all.

In 1912 he accepted an invitation to go to America to support the President in a World Peace campaign, and was aboard the ill-fated Titanic when it sank on 14 April 1912.

Tributes from all over the world were made to this outstanding journalist and compassionate man who had spent his life fighting to improve social conditions and expose evil practices. A truly great Northern Christian.

## DURHAM GROUP

About 35 members assembled for the January meeting, including visitors from South Shields and one or two new members. No speaker was arranged, and the evening centred round general discussion of problems and admiration of the work which some members brought with them.

In February Mr K Gregson delighted our members with his talk "Tracing a Sailor in your Family". About 35 were present, including five new members. Mr Gregson's male ancestors were mainly sea-farers, some sailing in the world's remotest parts. Altogether a very interesting and illuminating evening.

## SOUTH TYNESIDE GROUP

The January meeting took the form of a New Year Social, our third annual event of this kind. It was held at the Chameleon, South Shields, where dinner was followed by music, dancing and refreshments which continued until 12.30 a.m.

A new service for our members was introduced in February: books ordered in advance from the library will be brought to meetings by the librarian, thus saving a considerable amount of postage. Books can also be returned in the same way. The possibility of indexing the 1851 census was discussed, and it is proposed that this should be our next project.

As a result of recent press publicity there was a large influx of prospective members at our members' evening in March, and most of them have decided to join the Society.

## SOUTH-EAST NORTHUMBERLAND GROUP

A meeting held at the Phoenix Theatre, Blyth, on 21st January 1986 to sound out opinion about forming a local group was attended by 36 members and friends. Mrs Lyall explained the object of the meeting, and after some discussion it was agreed that a new group, to be known as the South-East Northumberland Group, should be formed. Dr T. Manners and Mrs M. Walton were elected as Chairman and Secretary respectively. Meetings are to be held at the Phoenix at 7.30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month (except July and August), and all members are welcome. Ramps are provided for wheel chairs so that disabled members can attend.

The first regular meeting was held on 18th February, when Mr Balmer gave a very interesting talk on the development of Blyth from early times when it consisted of only a few houses until the days when it was a thriving port. This was followed by some discussion about the organisation of the group and the form that future meetings should take. Mrs M. Graham (Treasurer) and Mrs E. Lyall agreed to serve on the Committee with the Chairman and Secretary, and Ken Brown volunteered to give a talk at the next meeting which would give some guidance to beginners. Details of other meetings are not yet available apart from the one in September, when Mr Alan Robinson will give a talk on the "Cornish Miners who settled in Cramlington"..Anyone requiring further information may contact the Secretary, Mrs M. Walton, on Blyth 354338.

## SUNDERLAND AND DISTRICT GROUP

Another new branch of the Society has been formed to cover Sunderland and district, the inaugural meeting being held at Sunderland Mormon Church in Alexandra Road on 13th February 1986. The NDFHS has some 40 members in the Sunderland and Washington areas, all of whom had been circulated with details of the meeting, and as there had also been some publicity via Sunderland Local Studies Library and the Mormon Church it was anticipated that some 20 to 30 people would attend. In the event 86 turned up, making a move to a larger room necessary even before the branch had been formed!

Doug Smith has been elected branch Chairman, and George Barton is Secretary. Meetings are to be held on the second Thursday of each month at 7.15 p.m. To start with, these will alternate between the Mormon Church in Alexandra Road and another venue - probably the Arts Centre on Stockton Road. The programme is intended, initially, to cater for beginners rather than experts, though several suggestions have been made for suitable Wearside-based indexing and transcribing projects. More details can be had from Doug Smith, George Barton or Geoff Nicholson.

Those involved in establishing the branch are conscious of the long-established tradition of family history research on Wearside. H.M. Wood, J.C. Corder and the NDFHS founder and first Chairman, C.P. Neat, were all Sunderland based. We have a lot to live up to: with the help of enthusiastic members we intend to be worthy of this tradition.

Editor's Note: The Secretary's address is Mr G. Barton, 16 Beresford Park, SUNDERLAND SR2 7JU.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### *Churchill Fellowship*

*Mr Norman Welch*, of Coldsides Cottage, Burtree Gate, Near Cockerton, DARLINGTON, County Durham DL2 2XX, writes:

"I have been privileged to be awarded a Churchill Fellowship to spend eight weeks in Australia investigating and researching genealogical and historical links between Australia and Britain, particularly in connection with the Australian Bicentenary to be celebrated in 1988.

I hope to be able to encourage greater contact between family historians in our two countries and to create a greater awareness by Australians of their British origins.

During my stay I shall try to advise Australian researchers on their investigations in Britain. On my return I hope to be able to offer advice to British researchers on the resources for family history in Australia.

Although the historical links with Australia are nationwide in Britain, they are particularly strong in certain parts of the North of England and I shall be grateful for information about these. Likewise, I shall be pleased to be told about North of England families with historical links in Australia.

Names and addresses for contacts in Australia will be very useful to me with the project.

One interesting aspect of the project might well be to discover particularly why Australian places were named from some of our regional places, such as Hexham (2 in Australia), Rothbury (1), North Shields (1), Morpeth (1), Blyth (1), Berwick (1), Seaham (1), Durham Ox (1), Durham Lead (1), Durham Downs (1), Richmond (5), Darlington (3), Stockton (1). There are many more and I shall be interested to be told the facts or the theory behind these and other Australian place-names - was it little more than nostalgia on the part of early settlers, transportees or free colonials?

I plan to travel to Australia in mid or late January 1987 but I shall appreciate having any information or advice in good time before then. I shall also welcome offers of hospitality I can pass on to Australian visitors to Britain."

### *Information Please*

*Mr M. Fawcett*, of 1 Church Mead, Ringmer, LEWES, East Sussex BN8 SHB writes:

"As a member of the Society who lives outside the two counties, I am very dependent on the help I can get in my family research from articles in the Journal and from contacts made through 'Members and their Interests'.

I understand from William Rounce that he has almost completed indexing the marriages for parishes in County Durham up to the year 1837; there is the work done by the Monumental Inscriptions and Strays Co-ordinators; and no doubt work has also been done on indexing the various censuses in certain areas.

I have not noticed all this research being publicised in recent editions of the Journal. I feel we ought to sing our praises, and it would be helpful to me and others who cannot easily visit the Record Offices and Libraries where I understand some of this material is deposited, to know what has been done. We could then get in touch with the researchers and for a fee if required ask for information about the parishes or areas we are specifically interested in".

**Editor's Note:** Many members share Mr Fawcett's views - see the Editorial in this issue. Bill Rounce tells me that he has deposited copies of all his marriage indexes (covering Durham up to 1837) at the Durham County Record Office, and at the Society of Genealogists in London. Most of them are also available at Newcastle Central Library. Some can also be seen at South Shields Library, and at the Tyne & Wear Archives, Blandford Street, Newcastle.

### *Water to Tyneside*

*Mrs Margaret Meeke*, of Pinfold Farm, Smallwood, SANDBACH, Cheshire CW110XF writes:

"After spending some time researching my own family tree I decided to try and piece together my husband's. Fortunately it has fallen together quite nicely so far - the family staying in the south Birmingham area for many years - but for one aspect: we found that his grandfather John Rabone Harvey had married at 19 a girl from the Newcastle-upon-Tyne area. My mother-in-law had quite a fair memory for a 92 year old (she died aged 92 three years ago) and she said that her father had had the chance to join his uncle's civil engineering firm, and possibly to inherit it as the uncle had no children. But what was he doing with this firm in Newcastle around 1878? Well, Newcastle Library advised me to read '*Water to Tyneside*' by R. W. Rennison, and I found that the contract for laying a 30-inch pumping main from Wylam to Whittle Dene had been awarded to James Harvey, grandfather's uncle.

Whilst working on this contract John Rabone Harvey met Hannah Johnson who, the family said, was living with two aunts who had an inn somewhere in the district. He fell in love with this 18 year-old, and their marriage certificate states that he was 19. Hannah's father was John Johnson, a brick manufacturer, who according to my mother-in-law never recovered from a mugging experienced when he was taking the wages to his men. I have his death certificate showing that he died aged 48 at 19 Ivy Street, Newcastle, in 1884.

I cannot find a marriage certificate for the Ann Armstrong who was most certainly John Johnson's wife. My mother-in-law always said that this Ann Armstrong was related to the famous Baron Armstrong of Craggside, but I have not been able to prove any connection. However, when the pipes were laid for water to Tyneside small diameter pipes were purchased from the firm of Glenfields, Simpsons and Armstrongs. In the Dictionary of National Biography it is stated that Sir William Armstrong's interest in the Whittle Dene Water Company continued throughout his life, and he was chairman of the company until 1867. I know that in this hobby of genealogy we are all looking for noble ancestors, but it would be nice to find that Ann Armstrong was related to a famous man.

And what happened to the happy couple, John and Hannah? Well, immediately on marriage John Rabone Harvey was given £2000 by his mother and gave up all ideas of being a civil engineer. He decided to be an artist, and was a successful one until his death at 72. His pictures are most sought after in the Birmingham area where he lived. Two of his nine children became professional artists, but the engineering finally came out in his grandson - my husband!"

## *The Royal Scots*

*Mr Paul Crate, of 33 Banbury Way, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 3TZ writes:*

"I thought that I would drop you a line concerning an ambiguity obviously printed in good faith in the Spring 1986 issue of the Journal.

Under the title '*A Sunderland Soldier*' the 1st/6th Royal Scots seem to be associated with the 'Royal' Scots Guards, an easy mistake which perhaps illustrates the difficulty encountered when researching through the British Regimental System. The Scots Guards (not Royal) are part of the Household Brigade, whereas the Royal Scots are still in existence as the premier infantry regiment of the Line (1st/6th in this case probably denotes a pre-war Territorial battalion). Until 1959 there was also a regiment called the Royal Scots Fusiliers, now amalgamated with the Highland ~Infantry to form the Royal Highland Fusiliers.

There is a very good, inexpensive book on the market for anyone wishing to identify army cap badges on any old photographs they may have. It is '*Military Badge Collecting*' by J. Caylor. Alternatively, if they contact me I will do my best to help."

## FUTURE PROGRAMME

*Wednesday, 7 May 1985. South Shields, 8.00 p. m.*  
South Tyneside Group Meeting. '*Less Well-known Records*'.

*Thursday, 8 May 1986. Sunderland, 7.15 p. m.*  
Sunderland & District Group Meeting.

*Tuesday, 13 May 1986. Gateshead, 7.15 p. m.*  
Annual General Meeting, followed by:  
Talk by Mr W.A. Campbell on '*The Chemical Workers of Tyneside*'.

*Monday, 19 May 1986. Durham, 7.30 p. m.*  
Durham Group Meeting.

*Tuesday, 20 May 1986. Blyth, 7.30 p. m.*  
South-East Northumberland Group Meeting.

*Wednesday, 4 June 1986. South Shields, 8.00 p.m.*  
South Tyneside Group Meeting

*Tuesday, 10 June 1986. Gateshead, 7.15 p. m.*  
Mr A.D. Walton, Consultant Librarian to West Newcastle Local Studies Collection, will speak on '*Living and Working in Elswick*'.

*Thursday, 12 June 1986. Sunderland, 7.15 p. m.*  
Sunderland & District Group Meeting.

*Monday, 16 June 1986. Durham, 7.30p.m.*  
Durham Group Meeting: Jennifer Gill will give a talk on '*Old Handwriting*'.

*Tuesday, 17 June 1986. Blyth, 7.30 p.m.*  
South-East Northumberland Group Meeting

### *Summer Recess: Meetings resume in September*

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

Gateshead:	Washington Suite, Five Bridges Hotel, High West Street.
Durham:	Salutation Inn, Framwellgate Moor.
South Shields:	Black Prince Hotel, The Nook, Prince Edward Road.
Blyth:	Phoenix Theatre, Beaconsfield Street.
Sunderland:	RAFA Headquarters, Murton Street.

## WILLIAM ROSSITER OF EARSDON (1748-1847) A NATIVE OF DEVON

*Nick and Anna Rossiter*

The excellent information contained in Durham Diocese registers for the period 1797-1812 must occasionally provide the priceless evidence that genealogists need to trace with certainty the origin of a family who have clearly arrived from out of the area. Such is the case with the name Rossiter which first occurs with any regularity in Northumberland from 1789 with the marriage of a William Rossiter and Mary Scott in Earsdon, both being recorded as of that parish. Eight children of the marriage are subsequently baptised in Earsdon from 1790-1803, namely, William (1790-1846), Thomas (1792-), Mary (1793-1793), Sarah (1794-), John (1796-), Mary (1798-), Luke (1800-) and Martha (1803-), and in each case the father is recorded as a tailor in the parish. However, for the last three baptisms, he is additionally recorded as a native of Cullomter or Columpton in Devon, obviously a Northumbrian approximation for the town Cullompton, and his wife is recorded as a native of Bamburgh.

The registers of Cullompton in Devon are, until 1773, not very informative, the names of the mothers are not given for baptisms or burials of children and no ages are provided for burials at all. The name Rossiter first appears on the register there in 1669 and continues through to at least 1788, and George Rossiter was recorded on marriage bonds as a tailor in the town in 1691 and 1707.

Two William Rossiters were baptised in Cullompton between 1740 and 1775 who might be the William who came to Earsdon; the first on May 30th 1748, the eldest son of John and Joan (Pring) Rossiter, the second on December 7th 1766, the base child of Fideliah Rossiter. Subsequently there is a marriage of a William who is probably the first one (Bp 1748) to Anne Wright on February 22nd 1775 and they had five children between 1776 and 1785, namely, Elizabeth (1776-), Jenny (1778-), Mary (-1778), John (1782-1785) and Ann (1785-). No children are recorded after 1785; indeed in the period from 1785-1799 no further mention is made of the family in the register. The second William (Bp 1766) was most likely the one apprenticed in 1775 to William Lewis of Cullompton as a husbandman and was then called William Rossiter alias Salter.

The search now returns to Northumberland to determine the age of William Rossiter of Earsdon. There is some conflicting information. He was recorded in the 1841 census as living at New York, Murton, aged 80, and not born outside Northumberland, but many old people were given this age in the 1841 census and his stated county of origin is clearly incorrect. His burial was recorded in the Earsdon parish registers on September 2nd 1847 and his age was given as 91. However, the most reliable information probably comes from civil registration where his death on August 31st 1847 was reported by Sarah Lambert. She was almost certainly his daughter as a Sarah Rossiter married a John Lambert in Earsdon in 1814, and she reported his age as 98, which would make his date of birth c1749.

This agreement on ages is strong circumstantial evidence that the William baptised in Cullompton in 1748 travelled to Earsdon. However, there are some puzzling features. How did William lose his family (wife and three surviving daughters) between 1785 and 1789 and why did he move so far from his native Devon? Did he settle in other areas temporarily before reaching Northumberland? Why did he clearly sign his name on the marriage register in Cullompton in 1775, use a mark on the Earsdon register in 1789, and yet sign various land deeds between 1801 and 1829? The answers to these problems are not clear, although a motive for moving to Northumberland from Devon would have been the greater prosperity of the North East compared to the South West at this time. His signatures in 1775 in Cullompton and in 1801 in Murton are compared below:

*William Rossiter*

Cullompton Marriage  
Register 22/2/1775  
Devon RO

*William Rossiter*

Murton Lease  
3/4/1801  
NRO 1147/B.23

It can be seen that there is a very strong similarity, the unusual R in Rossiter being particularly striking.

Whatever the difficulties experienced in 1785-89, William Rossiter prospered in Northumberland. He became a landowner in Murton, and was overseer of the poor in New York in



1828. Both his wife who died in 1842 and his eldest son William who died in 1846 predeceased him. Today there are descendants of his living in the North East who may find their Devonian ancestry a surprise.

**Editor's Note:** The National Index of Parish Registers, Vol. XI Part I, Durham and Northumberland, includes the following paragraph concerning the 'excellent information' referred to in the article: 'In 1798 the Bishop of Durham issued detailed instructions regarding the information to be included in baptismal and burial entries. The baptismal entries include such details as dates of birth and baptisms, order of children in the family, occupation and place of birth of the father, and the name, maiden surname and place of birth of the mother. In the case of burial entries the details given cover such items as dates of death and burial, age and cause of death, occupation, and, in the case of wives, the name and occupation of the husband, and in that of children, the name and occupation of the father. These forms of entries were included in all registers in the Diocese of Durham excluding those of Hexhamshire, Throckington and Berwick upon Tweed, for the period 1798-1812.'

## A TALE OF TILMOUTH

*James Tilmouth*

From an old place name dictionary I discovered the following reference to my name: "Tilmouth - a hamlet in the parish of Norham, Northumberland, situated at the confluence of the rivers Till and Tweed. Here are the ruins of an ancient chapel or cell dedicated to St Cuthbert. Near these ruins is a small chapel and an elegant mansion called Tilmouth House". Despite this entry I have been unable to prove that anyone ever lived there who was called Tilmouth which is most unusual because most place names have become surnames presumably because of their place of origin.

The *Domesday Book* of 1086 did not include Northumberland and Durham but the *Boldon Book* of 1183, a survey of the lands held by the Bishop of Durham, records that "Tilmouth does the service of half a knight". The present Tilmouth Park Hotel shares the same spelling as the river and also agrees with the 'elegant mansion' reference, but on the first one inch Ordnance Survey Map of 1865 the hamlet is clearly shown as 'Tilmouth'. Beatrix Potter in her Journal mentions a visit to Tilmouth in Northumberland during a holiday in the Border Country.

There is another River Till which runs into the Foss Dyke near Lincoln, but neither a hamlet nor even a farm in the area is called Tilmouth. So where did the name originate?

'Tilmouth' has always been the correct spelling of the name, any variations are errors. The first recorded Tilmouth birth in Northumberland is Robert Girling Tilmouth, born 14 May 1858, but he died aged 2, so the names were used again for his brother, my grandfather, born 3 Dec 1867. Their father was John Ayton Tilmouth, a Mariner who had moved North with other members of his family from Lowestoft about 1850. My grandfather Robert Girling Tilmouth was a Coast guard who managed to have each of his nine children born at different places around the coast. One of these was Brethat Tilmouth who was born at Osmington Mills in Dorset and who is the ancestor of almost all the Tilmouths living in the Blyth area.

'Brethat' is a rather unusual name, which crops up seven or eight times over the years from 1700 to 1898; I am told that it may be Scandinavian in origin, being derived from a word meaning 'strength'.

The family had been established at Lowestoft since 1655, when William Tilmouth, a soldier, married Margrett Fincham. As there is no mention of the name in the parish registers of St Margaret's, Lowestoft, in the preceding hundred years, it is reasonable to assume that as a soldier he had been posted there - but where had he come from?

One very interesting coincidence is that just south of Lowestoft there is a River Blyth, and when coastguard Robert Girling Tilmouth took his family to Northumberland he chose to settle at Blyth, Northumberland, which is where the main grouping of Tilmouths is to be found today.

My great-grandfather John Ayton Tilmouth married Hannah Elizabeth Manners, whose brother Charles subsequently married John's sister Phoebe Elizabeth Tilmouth, and there is a documentary evidence of other close ties between the two families. The Manners family are in all probability descended from the same ancestor as the Earls and Dukes of Rutland - Sir Robert Manners, Constable of Norham, who died in 1355 - so as you can see it would be even more interesting if I could prove that anyone called Tilmouth actually came from Tilmouth in the Parish of Norham. If anyone can throw any light on the Norham connection I would be delighted to hear from them.



# NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE NUMBERS

Colin D. Rogers

*(Dr. Rogers was unable to give his talk on adoption records to the conference at Beamish Hall on 23 June last. He has based the following article on examples of NHS numbers left by members at the conference, and invites any correspondence on the subject. More detail on this and other modern record systems will be in his book on tracing missing persons, due out this year.)*

Two of the main problems which bedevil genealogists trying to identify their ancestors are how to keep track of individuals whenever they change address, and how to distinguish between several individuals who have the same name as each other. Describing someone efficiently by using only one name died out in the middle ages; by the time of the industrial revolution one forename was often not enough, and in the twentieth century we have had to develop beyond this very primitive method of distinguishing people. It is now the practice for government departments to do this in their own separate ways, and some people even feel that their civil liberties are being threatened if one - the Department of Transport's vehicle licensing system, for example - is used also by another - the Home Office's Police National Computer.

Within the DHSS are several methods of giving individuals a unique number, but the two most comprehensive are the National Insurance number, going back to 1947, and the National Health Service number, which predates the NHS itself. It is clear why such accurate means of identifying people are necessary - benefits must go only to those who have paid contributions towards them; the medical records of two John Smiths from the same address must not be confused; and patients have to be on the NHS list of one GP at a time, for emolument purposes.

In the case of National Insurance, the number issued normally has no meaning outside its reference to an individual's file. It consists of two letters, six numbers, and a final letter. The NHS number, on the other hand, has a longer history, and contains a variety of data coded into it, so that one can only admire the skill with which it was devised almost fifty years ago. It started life as the National Identity Number, allocated to everyone alive in England, Wales and Scotland on the night of 29 September 1939 (Northern Ireland had a somewhat separate system). The scheme had been developed in case of war, and was intended to facilitate rationing, as well as national security. Everyone in Great Britain born after that date has been issued with a unique number at the time of the registration of his or her birth. This practise continued after the war; but just as identity cards were being abolished, the National Health Service came into being, and adopted the system for its own purpose. Registrars of birth still send the relevant information, with the number issued, to the NHS Central Register in Southport, where a card index is maintained for all persons, alive or dead, since 29 September, 1939. They are also notified of deaths. Unlike many NHS documents, this Central Register comes under section 2 of the Official Secrets Act, 1911, and is therefore not available for genealogical research!

An NHS number always consists of a sequence of letters followed by numbers, but unlike the National Insurance number, the length of each sequence can vary considerably. In most cases, the letters are based on a genealogical code, which pinpoints either where the person was living on 29 September, 1939, or the district (and sometimes even the subdistrict) of birth for those born in this country since. The earliest group also contain a reference to the position of the individual in the family, though in general, numbers have no meaning other than being a chronological issue within the letter code. Northern Ireland, Scotland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands have their own systems. The secrecy surrounding the start of this enterprise has, on the whole, been maintained since; relatively few people within the Health Service understand the system, or could recognise an 'impossible' number; the codes have never been published, and even the whereabouts of the 1939 enumeration on which it is founded is classified.

The way in which the characters are arranged, as well as the geographical codes, have changed from time to time. Hence, MJFD 136 and BQBPS 196 can both be births in Northallerton, but at two distinct time periods. The five-letter codes have been used entirely since 1965, the fourth letter being a year code, and the fifth a reference to the quarter-year in which the birth was registered. Because of the relative lack of information on the subject, it is quite common for people to have 'impossible' numbers on their medical card; I am fairly sure, for example, that the person known as FFDM 771 is older than this number would suggest, and that FHCN 86/4 is younger. It is also quite common for people to have forgotten, or not to know, where they were on 29 September, 1939. GBAJ 256/3 and GBAD 301/ think they were in Birmingham, but I'd have a small, or even large, wager that they were not too far from the River Tyne. Similarly, EKIL 60/10 was probably in Sussex rather than Battersea. Often, those who were children in 1939 forget that they were evacuated; others who were visiting friends or relatives, or doing any of the other things which took so many of our ancestors away from home on census night in the last century.

The subtleties of the system are very considerable. For example, the original identity card of YAGA 2097072 was lost while the holder was living in London, probably during the war, and a new one had to be issued. I suspect that NWR 3601834 served in the armed forces; NHS 2027745 has certainly lived abroad for some time. War refugees, vagrants, and seamen have all been separately identified at some periods, and so have those living in this country but not born here - but usually only if they use an NHS doctor. The NHS has also issued distinguishable replacement numbers to some, though by no means all, who have been adopted. In this they face a difficult choice - either a new number is issued which cannot have been given to anyone else; or the original number is kept, which is a direct reference to the original birth entry.

Why should genealogists be interested in all this? Well, I'm really making a plea on behalf of our descendants. One day, these vast data systems may be open to the public, and the way to reach the correct individual is far more certain of being accurate if the name is accompanied by a number. It can also be much quicker. Imagine how much easier our job of looking in the nineteenth century censuses would be if everyone had been numbered, and we knew our ancestor's number. Not only that - in finding an entry in a few minutes in the 1939 enumeration (in 2039, of course, which is only as far away from us as 1933 is), they will also have answered a question which no census before or since has asked!

Now for those born since 1939, the NHS number will be found on either the short or the long birth certificate. But for us ancients, alive in 1939, the number is virtually impossible to rediscover, once our medical cards have been returned to Southport after our death or emigration. Can I recommend that you find some means of preserving such numbers for posterity? I have.

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## GLOUCESTERSHIRE STRAYS

### *Burials*

Rt. Hon. Charles TALBOT, Lord Talbot Baron of Hensol, Lord High Chancellor, eldest son of the Rt. Hon. and Rt. Rev. William Talbot, Lord Bishop of Durham and Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of Durham. Baptised 21 December 1685; died at Barrington Park, 14 February 1737, aged 51. (*Great Barrington*)

Rev. William NOWELL, Rector of Wolsingham. Born 8 May 1714; died 2 January 1782. (*Shipton Moyne*)

Elizabeth NOWELL, relict of William N. Nowell, Rector of Wolsingham, Durham; last surviving heiress of the family of HODGES, Lords of this Manor. (*Shipton Moyne*)

Henry George SURTEES of Dinsdale, Durham, son of late Rev. John Surtees, Canon of Bristol. Died 1870 aged 61. (*Frenchay*)

Alfred Wright SURTEES of Dinsdale-on-Tees, Durham, son of the late Rev. John Surtees, Canon of Bristol. Died 11 November 1906 aged 86. (*Frenchay*)

Hannah Marie JONES, died 21 September 1873 aged 48, (...relict of?...) the late Nathaniel Arundell Jones of Newcastle-on-Tyne. (*Minchinhampton*)

Frances Ann BARLOW, died 19 December 1942 at Loanda, Wickwar, aged 87; widow of John William Barlow of South Shields. (*Wickwar*)

William K. ROCHESTER of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, died 6 June 1956. (*Syston*)

Dora JOBSON, died 7 February 1892 aged 62, buried at Ashchurch 11 February 1892. Only daughter of the late Foster Jobson of Newcastle-on-Tyne. (*Ashchurch*)

## A LONG WAY FROM HOME

From The Berwick Advertiser, Marriage Notices, 3 June 1848:

"At Lamberton Toll on 29 May 1848; Mr. Samuel Locker, Traveller, of Birmingham, to Miss Hannah Pinder of Liverpool."

# THE RETREAT TO CORUNNA

*Dorothea Teague*

I always knew about Samuel Silk. There, on the mantelpiece was his ugly, black, cast-iron tobacco-box, the lid decorated with an enchained negro slave. I knew that my grandmother, as a little girl, had dropped this 4-lb box on his foot - he was old then, her grandfather, and his feet were very painful. He swore at her and lashed out with his stick, and she never forgot it. So, she remembered him; a cross old man and one she felt embarrassed to be seen with, he wore such peculiar clothes. When she was older, after he was dead - he died in 1859, aged 81 years, when she was only 8 - she realised that his clothes had been those of a Chelsea Pensioner, and much of his story so impressed her that it came down to me, by word of mouth, with great clarity. To me, he was always a real individual; in fact, as I became aware of longer time-scales I was amazed to find that he had been dead for so long, and yet was so well remembered. A daguerreotype photograph of him is in my possession; faded and brown, but his still handsome features reveal a character of strength and assurance.

Broken down, the facts passed on to me were these:

1. Samuel Silk was originally a carpet weaver from either Wilton or Kidderminster.
2. He had been press-ganged to fight against Napoleon when young; he looked older than he was.
3. He had to look after horses.
4. He was tall and went into a Guards regiment.
5. He took part in the Peninsula Campaign, and was in the retreat to Corunna.
6. During this ordeal his feet were injured so badly that he was unable to return to active service.
7. He had assisted at the burial of Sir John Moore, whom he greatly revered.
8. He became a Chelsea Pensioner.

Tradition went on that after the wars he made medicinal pills in Fleet Street, married when comparatively old - about 40 years of age - and that his wife drank too much gin and died young; but then, I have a very large and solid wine glass from which he drank his daily dose of port!

Some years ago, when my daughter was in her teens, she, too, became intrigued with his story, and we decided to try to verify the facts. We wrote to Chelsea Hospital, giving the details we knew, and in answer they sent us copies of his army documents which confirmed that he was born in Kidderminster, Worcestershire, and was a carpet weaver by trade, and that he served in the Oxford Fencible Cavalry from 25th December 1795 until 19th October 1800. If he was press-ganged it is not recorded (perhaps it never was?); but if so, it was on Christmas Day, when he was in fact only 17 years old, not 18 as stated. (The Fencibles existed only between 1794 and 1802; they were regular troops with liability for home service only.)

On 10th August 1801, he `voluntary inlisted himself to serve His Majesty King George III in the First Regiment of Foot Guards (Grenadiers); swearing on oath that he was still a carpet weaver by trade', and that, among other things, he was not `troubled with Fits and had no Rupture'. He could not then write his name, so signed with an X.

Surgeon S.W. Watson stated on 17th August 1814 that `Samuel Silk hath served as a Private to the Regiment for the space of 13 years and 7 days, but in consequence of Rheumatism and bad feet, acquired during the Retreat in the North of Spain, 1808-1809, is considered unfit for further service.....' This is followed by a personal description, `To prevent any improper use being made of this Discharge by its falling into other Hands ... Samuel Silk is 37 years of age, and is 5 foot eleven inches tall, has dark hair and eyes, a ruddy complexion, and is by Trade a Baker.' On the 30th August 1814, he was awarded 1/- per day pension, and Discharged from Chelsea Hospital. He also received £6.6s.0d and by now could sign his name in receipt. He was admitted to `In Pension' again on 1st October 1854.

So, the story I had been told was true, but what about the burial of Sir John Moore? Elderly relatives had recited Charles Wolfe's poem to me so many times that I had almost come to know it by heart myself. I could almost believe the tradition that my great-great-grandfather had indeed been one of those who:

*"Buried him darkly at dead of night.  
The sods with our bayonets turning,  
By the struggling moonbeams misty light  
And the lanthorn dimly burning.*

The subtleties of the ANNUAL  
2097072 was lost while the holder was  
be issued. I suspect that NWR 360  
abroad for some time. War refugees.

Slowly and sadly we laid him down,  
From the field of his fame fresh and gory;  
We carved not a line, and we raised not a stone,  
But we left him alone in his glory."

From the confirmations concerning the life of Samuel Silk, I was stimulated to read authentic diaries and recollections of other fighting men of the Napoleonic era. Among others was a very little known work, *The Experiences of William Green of Lutterworth in the Napoleonic Wars*, which had been in the possession of an old aunt of mine for many years, although completely forgotten and found in a heap of papers just before her death in 1971. It is one of the few memoirs to contain a description of the retreat to Corunna, and Silk's experiences must have been exactly similar to those described by Green: for example, 'One moonlight night we were ordered under arms and marched about 8 miles, when we were met by a Spanish guide . . . and told that 50,000 Spanish troops had laid down their arms . . . we saw them cowardly dispersing, going over the mountains in droves. And this sad disaster was the cause of Sir John Moore's retreat to Corunna. So commenced this ever memorable retreat on 23rd December 1808 into the North of Spain. A great deal of snow had fallen . . . we had no tents; we marched from daylight into dark and had no shelter but the canopy of heaven. We had to seek wood and water before we could cook our victuals, but before we could do so, the order would be given to get on the march . . . They were long nights in the months of December and January . . . many days we had no bread, our spirits so low with hunger and fatigue that we often said we would die as soon as live . . . Our Colonel had orders for us to throw away our knapsacks, but to keep either a blanket or greatcoat . . . but then we had enough to carry; 50 round of ball cartridge, 30 loose balls in our waist belt, and a flask and horn of powder; and a rifle and sword - those two weighing 14lbs. These were plenty to carry with empty bellies, and the enemy close at our heels, thirsty for our blood!'

Various other diaries proved equally fascinating: but I was still searching for details of Sir John Moore's burial. I never found them; probably I never will. It is of no importance, who buries a great man, unless that person happens to be you; and then you never forget it. And I can still, so far, retain the possibility that Samuel Silk was involved in Sir John Moore's burial; after all, someone had to do it - and why make it up?

Carola Oman's book, *Sir John Moore*, gives vivid descriptions of the scene at Corunna: 'A young man limped past, his bare feet and legs swathed in strips of blanket' (p.577), and, 'On the night of January 9th (1809) the army began to drop down from the mountains to the coast (Corunna). Next morning a hideous spectacle, frost-bitten, shoeless, with bleeding feet . . . the British main body had nearly reached Corunna, and Moore had ridden ahead to see his army come in, which they began to do in failing light about 3 p.m. His eye detected one brigade striding towards him, with drums beating, the drum major still twirling his staff at their head, and the men managing to keep in step as if they were in their own barrack yard - he said, "They must be the Guards." ' (pp. 581, 582).

British warships were supposed to be waiting to take the exhausted soldiers, but owing to adverse weather, had not arrived. So the army of 14,000 men entrenched itself in Corunna and turned to fight the 70,000 French who had harried them for weeks across mountains. Tragically, in the midst of the final battle Moore was dreadfully injured by cannon shot. 'He was moved into a blanket by 6 men of the 42nd and Guards.' And so he died, but remarkably the British won, the French retreated, and belatedly the ships arrived to take on board what remained of the British army.

From the oral tradition concerning Samuel Silk then, we have been enabled, with comparative ease, to confirm, and discover in some detail, what he did up to 1814 - we even get an idea of his appearance. But between then and 1853, when he returned to Chelsea Hospital, what did he do, how did he live? And what have I learnt about the Silk family of Kidderminster? The parish registers are in the Archives Office there, and by spending a day searching I found his birth, 13th July 1778, son of Joseph and Mary Silk, and traced his family back to 1726. One could go back further, and there are wills too - one just needs time. There is a book by John Burton on the history of Kidderminster, which describes the beginning of the carpet trade there in the 18th century. It tells that the 'employees lived in houses often owned by the manufacturer and wove carpets in sheds and shops in the backyard, generally containing 4 looms.' In passing, I noted an article in *The Kidderminster Atheneum*, Vol.3, 1845, by one Joseph Silk (possibly a cousin of Samuel, not researched) entitled "Will England share the fate of Ancient Greece and Rome by Ultimately declining in the State of Nations?". I wonder what he would think today?

Samuel Silk's marriage is proving difficult to trace, and I know little, as yet, about his children, except my great-grandmother - and her life is another story altogether; but I think I have located the address in Fleet Street where he made pills - from Trades Directories at the Guildhall. Subsequently I discovered from a volume in the PRO that he was awarded the Military General Service Medal, with Corunna Bar, in 1849. They were awarded belatedly - Wellington didn't believe in medals!

Research on this family is proving stimulating and most rewarding, and I am glad it is not yet finished. For a long time now, I have planned a holiday in Northern Spain, travelling from Valladolid, via Astorga, to Corunna; but even as I write, I am overwhelmed by the differences in the circumstances of our being there. I, in comparative comfort, in quite warm weather, I hope - at least, not in mid-winter; well shod, well fed. Not walking more than a few miles voluntarily, and carrying, if possible, nothing at all. The urge to see it for myself is very strong; but it would never have occurred to Samuel Silk, as he sailed away from Spain, that more than 170 years later, his great-great-granddaughter would one day go there herself, to see where he had been. Because of the vivid way he had told his story, its impact is still great; and now a family oral tradition has become a verified historical record.

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## FORLORN AND FAR FROM HOME

An interesting letter in a member's postal history collection highlights the distance people were prepared to travel in the 19th century, and the effects of the 'Poor Law'. It is addressed to Mr Will Coote, Opposite the Horn Inn, Braintree, Essex, and reads as follows:

6 February 1824

Sir,

I received your letter yesterday enclosing a draught for £7.1s.0d., which is placed to your credit account. With respect to the reduction of Elizabeth Watty's payments that have at different times taken place since she came to reside in our township. I think they have for the most part been made by our own vestry here. The notice that induced them to do so was that as she resided at such a distance from you they considered it their duty to act towards her in the same manner as to one of their own paupers. I have Mr Johnson's letter by me wherein he thanked us for doing so, but I have one wherein he says "we have reduced all our paupers as money comes in very slow".

The last reduction was made in consequence of her eldest girl going to service and the mother was thought qualified to support herself - the previous reductions were in consequence of the low cost of provisions. I heard yesterday that she is very ill. I have not seen her but should the amount be correct as I make no doubt that it is it will be necessary to allow her something more. I think I cannot give you any further explanation on the subject. Your answer if necessary will oblige".

Yours respectfully, John Pearson, OVERSEER OF THE POOR.  
Chester-le-Street, County Durham.

## A RIGHT SEND-OFF

*From Bywell St Peter's Register:*

"Married Robert Surtees of Ryton parish and Hannah Angus of Raw House 9 Nov 1710. Memo that about an Hour after ye marriage of ye said Two Persons ye Leads were blown off ye South Side of our Parish Church by a sudden and violent Whirl-wind to ye Admiration and Astonishment of ye Beholders. (Signed) Francis Clement Vicar."

# THE EMERSON FAMILY

*R. C. R. Emmerson*

My father, John Ralph Emmerson, was born at Percy Main, Northumberland, on 30th July 1890, but it was not until I was about 39 and he was 75 that I learned that County Durham and not Northumberland was the 'seat' of the Emersons. I learned also that I had a cousin in Nottingham who had our grandfather's Bible. This gave a list of his children, his date of birth - 5th February 1851, his wife's name and, most important, his place of birth - Puddingthorn. No information was included about his parents, but I have since filled in most of the details.

My father suggested that if we wanted to track down the family we should start in Weardale - St John's Chapel in particular - for there we would find many friendly tribesmen. All this was in about 1965, and when on holiday in the North of England we diverted to St John's to make a start. When we entered the nice little town there were Emersons everywhere, but no one could tell us where we could find Puddingthorn. Armed with details from the bible, we had foolishly thought that we would leave the town with a lengthy list of my forebears.

The then Vicar of St Thomas's, Cowshill, where the Registers were kept, was a delightful chap from Norfolk, the Reverend Charles Smith, who ferreted out the Registers for the early 1700s and showed us literally dozens of Emersons. Many had the same Christian names, they were all described as smallholders, and to make matters worse Emersons from one side of the Wear had married Emersons from the other side. Mr Smith was no stranger to searching, for he had many correspondents from the New World keen to discover their forebears, and not a few hoping to establish a link with their great literary figure Ralph Waldo Emerson.

We had to return to our careers, and although we tried to get more information we did not really begin to get anywhere until we retired in 1981 and moved to my wife's home village in Scotland to enjoy the cold and the wet and the gales and the blizzards of this latitude.

My father gave so little information that one wonders why. My mother, whom he met and married in Oldham, Lancashire, knew very little of his family, and her usual reply when questioned was that there was insanity in the family and offered my father as proof of the fact. Grandfather, like most of his day, was a lead miner, but in his bible he says he is a Postmaster. We know that he was also a railway ticket collector and that in Kelly's Directory for 1902 he is listed as a professional photographer in Crook, County Durham. My father did say that at one time Grandad owned the notorious Red Barn in Polstead, Suffolk, which was burned down a few years ago in mysterious circumstances. Another cousin visited Polstead to try and get some detail as to when Grandfather was there, but she found the indigenous population very tight-lipped about the famous murder. Of course Grandad went there many years after it took place, but what an odd place to go. Indeed there is something of a mystery about Grandad: like so many others he left the Weardale area in about 1871 when the mining industry had all but finished, and he disappears until 1889 when he married Mary Ann Dack at the Congregational Church in Tynemouth (now, alas, 'The Land of Green Ginger' - a market).

Perhaps my mother had a point when she declared the family insane, for in the many books we have read lately there are references to William Emerson of Hurworth (1701-1782) who was the son of Hurworth's schoolmaster. He seems to have been quite a bright lad, mastering Latin and Greek, but totally unsuitable to follow his father as schoolmaster. His forte was mathematics and he wrote books for beginners which were of no use whatsoever, for it was said that the student required the same mathematical maturity as the author to make head or tail of them. He was also said to be rude, eccentric and sartorially out on his own. His poetry, written under the name 'Merones' (an anagram) was not much better than his instructional books, but he did write three major works - 'Mechanics', 'Method of Increment', and 'Doctrine of Fluxions' - and the Royal Society offered him a Fellowship. His reply, when refusing, was that a man should spend so many farthings on candles and then spend more simply to have FRS behind his name. We have not yet made a link with this great man, but my cousin in Nottingham has assessed him as a 'right nutter' and speculates that William's genes are much in evidence within the family in the 1980s.

This particular cousin was fortunate, on a recent visit to London, to see 'The Emersons of England' by P.H. Emerson, MB, BA. It seems that only 50 copies of this book were printed, and that they were for private circulation only. One is in St Andrew's University, so where are the other 48? Bishop Butler's 'Memorials of Stanhope' mention many Emersons who were Parkers, Foresters and Bailiffs, and says that in the Bishop's Parliament of 1380 three of the 24 strong assembly were

Emersons. One is left with the distinct impression that the family was powerful, influential and had substantial holdings of land and property. I wonder what went wrong, for as far as I can see none of these things have filtered down to me.

We have read that the name is derived from Aimeric, who was the Dean of Durham Cathedral in the year 1195. Whether he had qualifications for this job I do not know, but his uncle (or father) Philip of Poicton was the Bishop from 1195 to 1208. He was always at odds with his clergy and committed the cardinal error of backing King John when perhaps he should have been supporting Richard. At any rate he must have blotted his copybook in no uncertain manner, for on his death in 1208 he was buried in unconsecrated ground!

Our own researches have not taken us that far back - yet. We have a little problem at present with Great Great Grandfather Ralph (c. 1788), for the name Ralph is quite common in my line and there are two candidates for the post: both are about the right age, but we are fairly certain that my Ralph married Jane Race on 8th June at Stanhope. When we next visit the Archives it will be to establish Great Grandfather Thomas's baptism c. 1815 in the 'missing' Ireshopeburn Registers: in so doing we will know whether his mother was Jane Race or Hannah Sanderson.

Methodism seems to have had a great attraction for my ancestors and we have experienced some difficulty in tracking them down, not only because today's Methodist Ministers are never at home, but rather because they were fond of switching their allegiance between Methodist and Anglican. Possibly, like their Quaker cousins, they suffered for their religious convictions.

We have already received masses of information from our Canadian connection about Grandad's sister who married Matthew Robinson, and who were quite clearly responsible for a large part of British Columbia's population. It would be interesting and rewarding to hear from other Emersons about their families - we will respect your skeletons and turn a blind eye to your less 'compos' relatives - look at mine for heaven's sake - because there is a great family to be discovered.

Editor's Note: Mr Emmerson's address is 20, Neuk Crescent, HOUSTON, Renfrewshire PA 6 7DW. For another Emerson who emigrated from Wearside to Canada see A. Miller Peart's article in the Winter 1984 issue of this Journal (Vol.9, No.4, p.87). Puddingthorn Moor lies to the west of the B6295 road where it crosses the county boundary between Weardale and Allendale.

## LINCOLNSHIRE STRAYS

Thomas PINDER, widower, of Sunderland and Mary REYNOLDS, 8 September 1815, by Licence. (Boston).

Robert LINCOLN of Sunderland and Mary PARKER, 21 March 1813, by Licence. (Clee).

## BERWICK BODY-SNATCHERS!

*From Belford Parish Baptism Register, 4 August 1792;*

"There were riots at Berwick for some days past on account of several surgeons and others stealing several dead bodies out of the churchyard. One of the surgeons was imprisoned, a second gave bail and a third ran off. Their names were NESBIT, MILLER and YELLOWLY. Several dead bodies were found in Nesbit's house!"

## LETTING OFF STEAM!

*I've joined societies by the score  
Searched members interests, o'er and o'er  
But sad to say, nobody has even  
mentioned my family names.*

*Oh! What a pleasure it would be  
To find the family's not just ME!  
Why can't the members of my tree  
bestir themselves and search, like me.*

Mrs D P Goddard - Member 1319



# SOME CHAPMANS ON THE OREGON TRAIL

*Hans W. Meier*

A great benefit to be found on tracing one's family is a better understanding of the times during which those ancestors lived and worked. For example I have always known that some of my ancestors 'crossed the plains' in a covered wagon on the Oregon Trail, and for citizens of the United States that is a mark of being a really old family. From the time I was a small boy I had heard about how hard the journey was and how fortunate they had been to survive, but I had very little knowledge of what those times were like except for the Hollywood version seen in Western movies.

And then I discovered the journal of one Samuel N. Woodruff, married to one of my Chapman ancestors, reporting on difficulties encountered by the wagon train in which he and some of the Chapmans travelled that Oregon Trail. Here are a few excerpts:-

April 6, 1852: I left the beautiful village of Platteville and gave the hand in parting to parents, brothers, sisters, and friends, and proceeding to Blue River where I joined the company for Oregon.

April 13: We set out for that distant portion of Uncle Sam's dominions, travelled ten miles, and stopped for the night at a Mrs Heath's.

April 29: Crossed the Macuota River at Cascade, and stopped in an old house belonging to a cousin of Mrs Chapman, as one of the hands had pleurisy. (It appears the 'hand' was, in fact, 5 months old Charles Emerson Chapman, who died here and was buried beside the Oregon Trail).

May 8: Got ferried over the Iowa River, travelled eight miles, and camped in a grove without feed.

May 9: Having no feed, we travelled on, got onto a prairie, and camped without wood.

May 10: Travelled 18 miles across prairie all the way, camped on Sugar Creek. First good grass we saw.

May 22: Got ferried over the Nishanabotna River, came in sight of some singular looking bluffs. Passed through the village of Kanessville and camped on the banks of the Missouri at the ferry. We arrived here at Council Bluffs just 32 days from Wingville so far, having lain-by seven days and travelled 25 days.

May 27: Got out of the territory of the Omaha Indians and entered that of the Pawnees.

May 28: Travelled 17 miles. Were stopped by the Pawnee Indians who tried to get some of our cattle, but we took our guns and drove them off. Struck the Platte River. Stopped to camp but the Indians were so numerous and exhibited so hostile an appearance that we prepared our arms for a fight. We were 22 in number and the Indians were some hundreds, but three men armed themselves and came back from a camp six miles ahead to get us to go and camp with them. So we started, keeping out a vanguard and a rearguard. Some Indians followed and stole a shirt and pants from a wagon cover put there to dry. Got camped on a small lake about midnight. We were now in a train of 35 wagons.

May 29: Saw many Indians. Came to Shell Creek, where early immigrants had built a bridge. The Indians were in possession of the bridge now and were charging 25 cents toll on each wagon that passed over it. Some refused to pay toll, and the Indians tried to drive their cattle off the bridge which made much noise and confusion. At the same time an Indian threatened to kill Mrs Chapman because she would not give him more to eat, and he drew his knife. Enoch Chapman, seeing it, seized his gun and shot him. At the crack of the gun 70 or 80 Indians sprang up from the bush and started toward the wagons. We then opened a general fire upon them and three fell dead and six or eight wounded. The rest fled. We then went on about four miles and joined two other companies and camped near a marsh with the expectation that the Indians would be out for revenge before morning, but they did not molest us.

June 8: Crossed Elm Creek in the afternoon. Mr Griswold was taken with the cholera, so we camped on Buffalo Creek and did all we could for him.

June 9: Mr Griswold died at daylight. We buried him at sunrise rolled up in a blanket and a buffalo robe. Yoked our teams and rode on.

June 10: Travelled 20 miles and saw 50 new graves.

June 12: Camped at noon with a sick hand on Pawnee Swamp.

June 13: Lay by on Pawnee Swamp. The sick man had cholera but recovered.

June 15: Passed last timber. We now are on a space of 200 miles without wood. Saw two men going through with a hand cart.

June 17: It rained hard, and then began to hail. Had great difficulty in keeping our cattle from running off. We camped in hail six inches deep. Cold, cold, cold.

June 25: Came to timber, the first for 200 miles. Wild currants are plenty here.

July 3: Camped early to swim our cattle over the muddy Platte River to find feed. Before they got over, Mr Henderson went under and drowned before we could get help to him. We could not even find his body.

July 6: Heard that Henderson's body had been found and buried, six miles below where he was drowned.

July 19: Dreadful rough road. Went three miles to the left of the road for feed.

July 21: Travelled 19 miles over good road, but no feed. Drove our cattle 12 miles up the creek for feed (poor at that).

July 23: Arrived at Green River about 5.00 pm, our cattle and ourselves having undergone almost constant fatigue for 40 hours and having in that time travelled 70 miles without feed -- the last 50 of it without water.

September 9: I had a very bad boil on my great toe, so I could only go 15 miles. I lay on the road until near night, then crawled three miles toward Oregon and lay on the ground near a fire.

September 21: Came insight of the Cascade Mountains. Stayed overnight with four young ladies that were driving their own team through, their parents and brother having died on the road.

September 23: Found a family all sick and one dead. Dug a grave and got a man to help me and we buried the child.

September 28: Arrived at the steamboat landing on the Columbia River and got on board the Steamer Multnomah, bound for Portland about 60 miles down the stream.

And so ends his saga of five months and three weeks, full of hardships and hazards, all in the quest for a better life for this branch of the Chapmans at the end of the Oregon Trail. Incidentally, the Chapmans really did find the end of the rainbow there, too.

But reading this journal gives me a great feeling of having participated in that epic journey. I feel enriched by this personal glimpse into life among the pioneers of the American West, and I have a better understanding of the times during which those ancestors of mine lived and worked. To me, that is one of the great benefits to be found in tracing one's family history.

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# MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERESTS

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Welcome to all of our new members.

1019 Mrs W. GRADY, 25 Quarry Lane, HALESOWEN, West Midlands B63 4PB.

(IS 021-550 3635) Researching: Dauson, Mary, b. Biddick c.1800. Who were her parents? Seeking Parish Register entry of her marriage to Thomas Storey of Sunderland (in Durham Chronicle, 5 June 1830) at Pensher. Census gives birthplace of Thomas as Yorkshire, but where? Downey, Thomas, Salt Officer, died South Shields 1812, aged 81; possibly grandfather of James D. who married Ann Tate 1804. Who was Thomas' son, father of James? Tate, William, Parish Clerk of St Hilda's, father of Ann Tate. Any information, please. Hodson, Frances, widow of William H. of Salisbury. Family came to Sunderland, then Heworth, soon after marriage in London, 1797. What become of Frances after William's death in Sunderland, 1824? Also seeking death of Ellen Hodson (widow of William H., son of above, and daughter of John Craghead and Clarinda Ailing) born 1813, Sunderland. Ailing, Clarinda, widow, married John Craghead 1808 at Jarrow; seeking maiden name. Coates, John of Stockton, married Mary Ann Halton of Yarm 1833; seeking parents of both. Clark, Josias married Tamar Kell (or Cail) of Gateshead; later settled in Sunderland. Any information pre-1809. Also researching 19C. and before: Anderson (South Shields), Grady (Newcastle/Sunderland), Lamb, Lewis, Paisley, Sinclair, Wilson (Sunderland), Titlea (Alnwick), Wheeler (Newcastle).

1168 Mrs D.P. OAKES, 49 Shephall View, Bedwell, STEVENAGE, Hertfordshire SG11RW.

Would like to contact anyone researching/descended from Mary and Joseph Blackburn, married 1856 at Kirby Ravensworth, near Richmond. Their son Frederick was born 1863 at Newton Cap, Bishop Auckland, and may have moved to Easington. Also Dobson family of Bolton-on-Swale; Thomas Dobson married Elizabeth Tarran there, January 1797. Their granddaughter Mary Ann Dobson married Joseph Blackburn, see above. Also seeking birthplace of George Simple/Semple/Sample, who married Mary Donliester at Leake, North Yorkshire, November 1751, born c.1724, and any information on Mary Humble, baptised Alston, June 1807, who married Thomas Martin, probably at Alston; he was a Lead Miner.

1789 Mrs B. ELLIOTT, Cartwright Point, KINGSTON, ONTARIO K7K 5E2, CANADA.

Researching: Richard Lillico, born Coldstream, Berwickshire, Scotland 1783, son of James Lillico and Mary Wilson of Norham Parish. In 1807, Richard Lillico married Nicholas Morton (b.1781) at Ford Parish. Richard & Nicholas and their 4 children; Richard Jr. born 1810, Archibald born 1812, Mary born 1815, and James born 1820, emigrated to Canada to Cavan Township, Durham County, Ontario in 1821. Seeking information on Richard and Nicholas' families that remained in Northumberland. Also researching Graham, Hutchinson, Milburn, Haldon, all of the Alston Moor area in Cumberland, and Lambley, Northumberland.

1890 Mrs J. COLEMAN, 5 Aston Grove, Tyldesley, MANCHESTER M29 8WA.

Researching: Bewick, Sharp (both Newcastle); Hutton, Robson (South Shields); Hoggarth (North/South Shields); Curran, Rox (North Shields). In particular, Isaac and Isabella Bewick, parents of John, Elizabeth, Isabella, Isaac, Mary Ann, William, Margaret and Dorothea - all born 1847 to 1864; Elizabeth married John Sharp and had 2 sons, Harry and Fred who emigrated to Saskatchewan early 1900's. John Hutton (Mariner) married Elizabeth Hutchinson; their son John, born November 1852, married Mary Robson, daughter of Robert Robson (Sailor). Some connection with family named Langley who moved to Bradford. John Hoggarth, born North Shields 1830/31, married Sarah Ann Powell, born 1838/9, possibly in Yorkshire; she was his second wife. Any information at all on Michael Curran who married Annie Rox; they lived in North Shields but were born in Ireland. Michael was born between 1826 and 1839, and Annie between 1837 and 1841.

1990 Mrs J. SYRES, 18 Claremont Drive, HARTLEPOOL, Cleveland TS26 9PD.

(12 Hartlepool 60807) Researching Bradford of Northumberland. Seeking marriage between Richard Swan Bradford and Margaret Lillico, thought to be in Newcastle pre-1837. Also the marriage between Thomas Bradford and Ann Swan of Seahouses; their first child was born September 1804 and baptised in Bamburgh. Also birth of the above Thomas Bradford, thought to be at Shields Dyke in the parish of Alnwick, but possibly in one of the surrounding villages. Also Syres in any part of the country.

2060 Mr G.E. QUIN, Orchard Cottage, Church Hill, Earls Colne, COLCHESTER, Essex C06 2RG.

(IS Earls Colne 3828) Researching the Quin(n), Burn, Smith, Short and Walton families residing in the Tynemouth, Wallsend, Shields and Sunderland areas, 18/19 centuries. Would appreciate any information, however trivial, on any of the following: Edward Quin (gt.gt.grandfather) born c.1800, a Mariner. His son

Edward Quin (gt. grandfather), Master Mariner, (Certificate of Competence No. 21961, issued Sunderland 1863) born c.1833 probably in London, married Mary Burn (born 1835, North Shields) at St Peter's Church, Wallsend on 19 January 1859. Mary Burn's father, Edward Burn, born 1806, was also a Mariner. Edward and Mary had 7 surviving children (Edward Burn 1859, James Burn 1865, Elizabeth Grey 1869, Hannah Mary 1871, Robert 1872, William 1874 and Thomas 1878). The eldest son, Edward Burn Quin (grandfather), born 1859, died 1945, married Sarah Ann Smith (born 1858, died 1924) at parish church of Tynemouth Priory on 9 December 1882. Sarah Ann's father was John Smith, a Gardener. Edward and Sarah had 9 surviving children (William Smith, Elizabeth Burn, Cissy, James Burn, Robert, Edward Burn, Hannah Mary, Septimus and Thomas). James Burn Quin (father) born 1890, died 1976, married Janet Short (born 1891, died 1980) at St Luke's, Wallsend on 22 April 1916. George Short (maternal grandfather), born 1850, a Joiner, married Ann Caroline (Annie) Walton (born 1862, died 1931) at St Luke's, Pallion, Sunderland on 7 September 1884. George Short's father was also named George Short and was a joiner. Annie's father was John Walton, bottlemaker. They had 7 surviving children (Elizabeth Ann, Ernest, William, James, John George, Janet, Polly and Joseph).

**2117 Mrs P. GIBSON, 37 Park Lane, HAYES, Middlesex UB4 8AB.**

Researching: Bartholomew Redhead, blacksmith, lived Southwick, Sunderland c.1840. George Henderson, born 1811, Durham, lived in Coxgreen/Penshaw area 1850. Mary Duke, born c.1815 and Isabella Duke, born c.1821, lived Coxgreen/Pelton area 1850. Rachel Haddon, born 1849 Howtel/Kirknewton. Hume Family of Kirknewton area pre-1850. Pratt family, particularly Joseph Featherstone Pratt, lived in Bradford c.1880.

**2118 Mrs B. HOWARD, 38 Heathcote Avenue, HATFIELD, Hertfordshire AL10 0RH.**

(☎ Hatfield 67711) Researching (1) Temperley of Hexham district, Newcastle and Sunderland. Great-grandfather Robert Price Temperley had been married in Newcastle in 1866 to Hannah Walton who died in 1869; there were two daughters of this marriage, Mary Elizabeth and Annie. Robert remarried in 1872 but the children of his first marriage were totally unknown to his second family until their appearance at his funeral in 1900, and were apparently never heard of again. From Census returns it appears that Mary was brought up by her Temperley grandparents in Blanchland. Would be interested to hear from any descendants of Mary and Annie Temperley or any other Temperley connections. (2) Laidlaw. Seeking marriage of Thomas Laidlaw, born c.1825 at Chatton, to Maria Robinson, born c.1823 at Embleton; they were farm workers, living at Horton Grange, Dinington in 1851 where children George and Elizabeth were baptised. No trace on earlier or later Census returns. Where had they come from and where did they go before arriving in Sunderland in the 1870's where they (or at least George) settled?

**2119 Miss J. HOWARD, 38 Heathcote Avenue, HATFIELD, Hertfordshire AL10 0RH.**

(☎ Hatfield 67711) Researching Shotton. South Shields from at least 1768. Particularly seeking information of marriage of William Shotton (born 1832) to Isabella Thompson. Strong family opinion insists Isabella was a Jewess whose family disowned her on her marriage. No marriage appears in the indexes at St Catherine's House. Thompson is not a Jewish name; had she made an earlier marriage but used her maiden name again when marrying William? She did bring a 9-year-old daughter Rebecca Thompson with her when she 'married' William and appears to have been at least 6 years older than him. (Census returns 1861). Thompson appears as her maiden name on birth certificates of later children. Birth of Rebecca Thompson does not appear to be registered. The Jewish connection might account for William apparently breaking the long established family connection with St Hilda's Church.

**2183 Mrs E.E. WHITEHEAD, 5 Mayfield Drive, Cleadon, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR6 7QN.**

(☎ Boldon 362041) Seeking information on the following: Elliott, Joshua (miner) married Emily Bridgitte O'Brien or O'Ryan c.1860 at Chirton, North Shields. Children Jeremiah, Albert, Midge, Sarah. Glease, John (miner) born c.1887, Wigan, Lancashire, married Edith Alice Smith, South Shields. Glease, Thomas (miner), born c.1840 Stoke-on-Trent. Hodson, Ann born (?) Stoke on Trent 1840, married Thomas Glease. Smith, Bartholomew, born Wigan, Lancashire, married Mary Jane Ashcroft. Whitehead, William (wool merchant), Milnrow, Rochdale, Lancs.

**2189 Miss J.C. ARCHBOLD, 53 Marina Drive, West Monkseaton, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear NE25 9PD.**

Interested in tracing the ancestors of John Archbold (possibly the son of William) baptised 5 November 1745 at Howick, near Embleton, in Northumberland. John married Rachel Gilchrist at Embleton on 6 December 1772 and died on 18 December 1830. Miss Archbold has full details of his children and descendants up to herself. The family all lived in Craster for several generations, as far back as 1500's. In the *History of Northumberland*, Vol. 7, there is a family tree of the Archbolds of Alnwick and Acton commencing with William, born 1618, died 14 July 1700 aged 82. There could be a connections with this family tree, not yet proven; would like to find out if this William had any brothers as both families apparently lived in the same area of Northumberland. Any information welcomed.

**2209 Capt D.M. DIXON, 10 Macquarie Drive, PETRIE, QUEENSLAND 4502, AUSTRALIA.**

Interested in (1) Dippie of Etal, 1769, married Sarah Palmer 1788 at Ford, later lived at Berwick on Tweed. (2) Dixon of Rock, 1780, could have been from Scotland with the name spelt Dickson, later family lived at Whittingham and Rothbury. (3) Turnbull of Wooler and Glanton, 1780, Butcher by trade. (4) Carr of Wooler, 1754, Farmer and Corn Merchant. (5) Maxwell of Warkworth and Felton, 1789, later of 'Three Half Moons', Snitter. Could there be a connection with Holy Isle 1600's? (6) Any information on forebears and descendants of the above would be greatly appreciated.

**2218 Mrs K.E. CRAGGS, 2 Buckland Rise, PINNER, Middlesex HA5 3QR.**

(☎ 01-428-6070) Researching Young, Rowell, Elliott, Morgan, Noble, Noall, Carr. Robert Young, born Sunderland c.1815, river pilot, wife Jane(?), born Sunderland c.1816; seeks marriage date and place. Also Robert Young, father of above, waterman, born c.1789 in Sunderland. Birth and marriage of John Gibson

Rowell, father of Elizabeth Rowell, who was married to Robert Young at All Saints Church, Monkwearmouth in May 1879. Their children were Robert, John, George, Isaac, Ada, Ernest Albert, Elizabeth, Frederick. John Rowell's wife was probably Frances (born c.1831 in Sunderland), their children being Margaret (1853), John (1859), William (1861), Mary (1863). Cuthbert Elliott, born c.1802 Herrington/Coxgreen; place/date of marriage sought. Wife, Isabella (probably Thompson), born c.1803 in Sunderland; their children were William, Mary, James, Thompson, Cuthbert, Isabella, Caleb Thompson, Barbara. Isabella was probably the daughter of Caleb Thompson and Barbara of Sunderland; their marriage and births sought. John Morgan, sea captain, born Sunderland 1822, married Isabella Noall at the Union Chapel, Sunderland in 1848; their children Isabella (1851), John (1853), Elizabeth (1855), Jane Ann (1858), Samuel Noall (1860), Mary Carr (1864). The birth and marriage of John Morgan, father of above, mariner, sought. Isabella Noall was the daughter of Samuel Noall and Ann Carr. Samuel (born at St Ives in Cornwall, 1796, Coastguard) was married to Ann Carr at the Baptists Meeting House in Sunderland in 1826. Information needed on John Carr, father of Ann. She was born at Bishop Middleham in 1804 and John Carr was born at Long Newton in 1772. There seems to have been a strong Baptist connection in the Carr family. William and Mary Noble, both born in Sunderland (William 1813, labourer; Mary 1815) parents of Mary Jane who was married to Caleb Thompson Elliott. Need William and Mary's marriage.

- 2265** Lt-Col. Miss M. STEPHENSON, 4 Four Acre Close, Ashton Keynes, .SWINDON, Wiltshire SN6 6PJ.  
Researching Reveley of Reveley Manor, Northumberland, 14C. Thomas Reveley married Agnes Bullock; also Major William Reveley married Rosamund Wentworth, niece of the Earl of Stafford. William Reveley (died 1745) married Margaret Willey of Newby Wiske, whose daughter Philadelphia (b.1688?) married to Langdale Smithson, with some connection to Sir Hugh Smithson at Newby Wiske Manor. Cuthbert Reavely married Henrietta Wedderburn; son Thomas (born 1799, died 1872) married Anne Wilson Sands? Son Thomas Reavley, of Kinnersley Castle, married Johanna Steadfaster; son Thomas George Wood Reavely born 1852 at Kinnersley Castle. Reverend Matthew Reavley born Durham 1850; accepted into Ministry of Primitive Methodist Church in 1873. After some years in Whitby, South Shields, Sunderland, Grimsby and Hull, he emigrated to New South Wales, Australia. His first circuit was Balmain, then 8 years in Annandale, and on to Goulburn. He moved to Sydney (William Street), Gordon, Hornsby and Mosman. In 1915 he became Supernumary and went to reside in Waverley Circuit, finally moving to the Hurlstone Park Circuit. He died on 1 January 1937. Would be grateful for any information regarding relatives in Australia. John Dixon, Government Inspector of Collieries, New South Wales, resided at Merewether, near Newcastle, NSW : born in Durham, worked at Haswell Colliery with his father Jonathan Dixon. Moved to Australia in 1857; married 1866, wife died March 1899. Daughter Sarah born August 1874, son (? date of birth) Jonathan (married?) known to have 2 sons in April 1899. Jonathan Dixon, brother of John Dixon, also working in mines NSW, left Australia for New Zealand in April 1899 for employment as a coal valuer for the West Port Coal Company. Would be grateful for any information from any known relatives, please.
- 2269** Mrs W.J. HELLENS, 8 Westcroft Road, Forest Hall, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE12 9JS.  
(IS Tyneside 266 8185) Researching John Hellens, shipwright, born Whitehaven, Cumbria, 1826. Possibly married at Stockton, c.1844, to Mary Ann Gordon. Moved to Sunderland. Robert Moorhead, 1818-1859, Waiter, lived in Tynemouth. Married Sarah, but where? Christiana Marley, born 1817 in North Shields; baptism sought. Adam Carr married Margaret Farside, 1728 in Embleton; where born? Have considerable information on Cans in Benton, Westmoor and Killingworth of anyone is interested. Any help welcome and would be pleased to hear from descendants.
- 2273** Mrs I. DAVISON, 12 Seaton Avenue, Newsham, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 4AN.  
Researching Atchinson, Northumberland. John Atchinson, coal miner, married Sarah Armstrong at Longhorsley 1793. John is recorded as native of Lesbury but no birth record found. Their sons were William, born Rufflaw 1794; twins John & Edward born Netherwitton 1822; both were resident Linden East Farm at time of marriage. Interested in descendants of above. John found on 1841/51 Census, husbandman at Whitley, sons Robert, Fergus, William. Also interested in Joseph Wood, born Sheffield 1838, father William, mother Margaret Younge. He married Ann Shone of Longtown, Staffordshire; may have married at Haswell or Shotton Colliery, Co. Durham c.1863/4.
- 2282** Mr E. MIDDLETON, 26 Thornton Avenue, Redhill, NOTTINGHAM NG5 8PA.  
(1& Nottingham 268513) Seeks further information on (1) Thomas Davison, outdoor servant with Duke of Northumberland at Alnwick 1810; volunteered to serve as special constable on foot 1819. (2) Robert and Mary Gibson, parents of Isabella Gibson, baptised 3 March 1786 at Cheviot Street United Presbyterian Church, Wooler. (3) Roger Grey, father of William, baptised 19 January 1694 at Warkworth. (4) William Peacock of Warkworth who married Elizabeth Grey at Embleton, 11 June 1775. (5) William Richardson who married Mary Whitehead 4 October 1793 at Warkworth. (6) Henry Whitehead, father of Mary baptised 9 March 1777 at Warkworth.
- 2283** Mr K. SHIELD, 46 Norman Road, ROWLANDS GILL, Tyne and Wear NE39 1JS.  
Interests include Shield (Haydon Bridge, Northumberland 18C., and Whickham, Durham 19-20C.); Mothersdale (North-East Yorkshire 18-19C. and Tyneside 19-20C.).
- 2284** Mrs A. SHIELDS, 46 Norman Road, ROWLANDS GILL, Tyne and Wear NE39 1JS.  
Interests include Bruce (Wark, North Northumberland 18-19C. and Scottish Borders 19C.); Hudson (North Northumberland 18-19C.).
- 2289** Mr N. CROSBY, 38 Cartington Road, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE29 7BL.  
(12 North Shields 574450) Researching Crosby of Durham City, a family of lawyers in the 17C., Clerks of the Peace and farmers. Also any information concerning the baptism of Edward Crosby of Whitwell House,



- who married Elizabeth Arrowsmith (at Durham Cathedral) in 1702 and later married Ann Pruddas of Brancepeth (also at the Cathedral) in 1718/19. Also Crosbys of Tudhoe in 18C.
- 2310 Mr A. ABBOTT**, 22 Glenleigh Drive, Grindon, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR4 9HA.  
Would like to contact anyone researching the Thistlewaite and Taylor family from Wolsingham area; Robinsons of Scrutun Village, Yorkshire 1820's. Also the Hopkinson family believed to live in Bradford area of Yorkshire 1800 before moving to the North-East. The unusual Christian name of Wood is of interest. The Walsh family originating Enniskillen, Ireland, emigrating to Tynemouth and marrying into Hume family of Tynemouth area in 1800's. Mrs Abbott possesses a document of Old Hartley Stone Quarries, Old Hartley, Northumberland advertising stone for sale by Newby, Bruce, Bird & Co. Her maiden name is Bird and she has a photograph taken in Trotter Street, Blyth, of a Builders' Contractors, Phalp and Bird. Would welcome information on this as her family were concerned with building, stonemasonry and shipbuilding.
- 2327 Mr T.B. CUTLER**, 37 Campbell Street, BOOROWA, NEW SOUTH WALES 2586, AUSTRALIA.
- 2328 Mrs M.I. HAYNES**, 1 Holywell Close, Peachcroft Farm, ABINGDON, Oxfordshire OX14 2PU.  
(☎ Abingdon 23326) Researching: Vardy, Nicholls (Newcastle & Herrington c.1900); Elliott (Brandon Colliery from 1870); Swinburn, Smith (both Bishop Auckland area 19C.). Particularly interested in Grey of Longhorsley.
- 2329 Mrs R.M. WATERMAN**, 7 Packham Street, SHEPPARTON, VICTORIA 3630, AUSTRALIA.
- 2330 Dr R. CROSSLEY**, 45 Hazel Drive, Woodley, READING, Berkshire RG5 3SA.
- 2331 Mrs E.A. CROSSLEY**, 45 Hazel Drive, Woodley, READING, Berkshire RG5 3SA.
- 2332 Mrs H.L. FAIR**, RMB 259 Appleby Lane, TAMWORTH, NEW SOUTH WALES 2340, AUSTRALIA.
- 2333 Mrs D. GULLAND**, 19 Ladywell Gardens, Corstorphine, EDINBURGH EH12 7LQ.
- 2334 Miss C.M. LYNSEY**, 21 Anglesey Close, ASHFORD, Middlesex TW15 2JH.  
Researching John Swinburn (father William), born 1862, Northumberland, who married Mary, daughter of James Marshall, at St Michael's Church, South Westoe, Durham, 11 December 1886. Also James Lynsey and Isabella Jackson Hall, married 18 February 1902 St Robert's Catholic Church, Morpeth. James Lynsey came from Ireland, where his father James was a farmer in Co. Mayo. Also Thomas Wilson, married 1878, Durham, to Esther Snarey. All men were miners. Snarey and Marshall both have descendants in America. Any information on the above would be appreciated.
- 2335 Mr R.C.R. EMERSON**, 20 Neuk Crescent, Houston, JOHNSTONE, Renfrewshire PA6 7DW.  
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(☎ Bridge of Weir 690421)
- 2337 Mr T. CROZIER**, RR 1, AILSA CRAIG, ONTARIO N0M 1A0, CANADA.
- 2338 Mr N. CLEGHORN**, 14 Alfred Street, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE6 2RA.  
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- 2339 Mr R. GARRICK**, 6 Kingston Close, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear NE26 1JW.  
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(☎ 01-427-2192)
- 2341 Mrs J. BAINBRIDGE**, 1 Washington Crescent, NEWTON AYCLIFFE, County Durham DL5 4BW.  
(☎ Darlington 313606) Seeking marriage between John Cockburn (gardener) and Mary Jane Brown c.1867. Family:— Annie, George, Thomas and John Edward (born 1879). In 1879 the family lived at 8 Violet Cottages, Fulwell, Monkwearmouth, but they were not there in 1881; they lived in Silksworth and at Peases West. John Cockburn died in 1905, aged 58. Also marriage between Richard Parker (born Benfieldside, Lanchester) and Frances Hepburn (born Bishopwearmouth) c.1871. Family John Francis, Elizabeth, Jessie, Margaret Ann and Mary Ellen.
- 2342 Mr W. SIMPSON**, 20 Wearside Drive, DURHAM DH1 1LE.  
(☎ Durham 62837) Interests include Simpson (Chirton, Percy Main, Northumberland); Walton Parker (Chemist) of Sunderland; William Sinclair (Master Mariner) of Sunderland; William Chatwin (Master Mariner) of Scarborough; Purvis of Scarborough, all late 18 & 19C.
- 2243 Mr J. BAINBRIDGE**, 37 Moseley Wood Avenue, LEEDS, West Yorkshire LS16 7HL.  
(☎ Leeds 671940) Researching the families of William Bainbridge and Mary Clarke of Bishop Auckland from mid-18C.; of William Watson and Elizabeth Greenwell who were married at Wolsingham on 1 April 1809; of Robert and Elizabeth Frank whose children were baptised at Staindrop in the late 18C. and whose daughter Ann married John Bainbridge at Staindrop on 27 July 1806; and of Abraham Hall who died at Hexham on 17 May 1881 and of his wife Susannah, nee Cooper.
- 2344 Mr J. PERRY**, 14 Underwood Close, DAWLISH, Devon EX7 9RY.
- 2345 Miss K. PERRY**, 14 Underwood Close, DAWLISH, Devon EX7 9RY.
- 2346 Mrs S. HOPE**, 29 Nora Street, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE34 0RB.  
(☎ Tyneside 454 4236)

- 2347 Mrs P. ELLIOT, 74 Pontac Road, New Marske, REDCAR, Cleveland TS I 18AN.  
(IS Redcar 477144) Interests include Kidd (Teesdale); Elliot (Co. Durham); Boyle (Jarrow-on-Tyne).
- 2348 Mrs G. LEATHER, 26 Long Ashton Road, Long Ashton, BRISTOL BS 18 9LD.  
Researching Hatherick/Forrester/Fee of Blyth and Northumberland.
- 2349 Mrs J.M. DEANE, 3 Lighton Avenue, Frampton, BOSTON, Lincolnshire PE201BY.
- 2350 Mr E.B. TAYLOR, Box 1404, DEVON, ALBERTA T0C 1E0, CANADA.  
Gt.gi. grandfather George Gowland was baptised in Sunderland parish in 1777; he married Jane Cook in Kirby-in-Cleveland,, Yorkshire, in 1804. No trace yet of oldest 2 children but gt.grandfather (3rd child) lylalhew,Gowland, was baptised in Bishopwearmouth 1811, then the last 3 children were baptised back in Yorkshire at Kirby-in-Cleveland, before they all emigrated c.1826. Would appreciate any reasons for such moving around, or if anyone has any information on the Gowlands, would be prepared to reimburse any reasonable out-of-pocket expenses entailed in forwarding such information.
- 2351 Mrs M.G.13ARKER, Riverdale, Meadowfield Terrace; STOCKSFIELD, Northumberland NE43 7LJ.
- 2352 Mr A ; AYDON, 8 Dundee `Place, CHRISTCHURCH 2, NEW ZEALAND.  
Would like to make contact with anyone named Aydon who could help in giving any details on Aydon Castle, near Corbridge, and why it bears that name, and also any history to the Aydon Crest which has connections with the Castle: Also any details on Aydon White House; the home of Colonel Neil Speke, which has the date 1684 above tha; dpor: Any information welcomed.
- 2353 Mr N. TELFORD,, 11 Fareham Park Road, FAREHAM, Hampshire P015 6LA.  
(I Titch(ield 43275)
- 2354 Mrs A .J. BROOKS, 29 Beadnell Road, Newsham Farm, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 4QX.  
(IS Blyth 355123)
- 2355 Mr R. SELLARS, 20 Northc9mbe Road, Davenport; STOCKPORT, Cheshire SK3 8RD. .  
(I;001-4566721.),
- 2356 Mr's B: SELIARS `20 Northoombe Road, Davenport, STOCKPORT, Cheshire SK3 8RD.  
(2`061-4566721) , ,`
- 2357, Mr R. HALE, 88 Reading Road, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE33 4SF.
- 2358 Mrs M. HALE, 88 Reading Road; SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE33 4SF.
- 2359 Mrs D.K.M. THOMPSON,,8 Tudor Crescent, Otford; SEVENOAKS, Kent TN14 5QS.  
(12 Otford 2663) Wanted! Baptism of James Thompson (1817/18-1884); states in Census 1861/71/81 born Otterburn, married,Carlisle, Engineer; Father James Thompson, "Steward", died Swindon, Wiltshire (foreman at engine-shed, G.W.R.). Any information or reference more than gratefully received. Also wife Agnes Ward, born Scotland (?just over the border), father James Ward,' stonemason. Also can' anyone inform a "Southerner" what "Steward" would mean in 1840 Northumberland?
- 2360 Mrs J. BOSTON, "Honeywall", 33 Hayes Park, CHESTER CHI 4AL.  
(1& Chester 373721) Researching: Ellis/Douglas(s) of Newsham, Northumberland; Nixon/Henshall of Birtley, Durham; Taylor of Hanley, Staffs; Potts of Holmes Chapel, Cheshire; Bason/Basson/Baston of Knutsford; Goostrey of Nantwich, Crewe of Kermincham, Cheshire.
- 2361 Mr I.W. LOWTHER,10 Westcliffe Close, Easington Village, PETERLEE, County Durham SR8 3DD.  
(IS Easington 270416)
- 2362 Ms Z.R.G. MANSELL,119B Gardner Road, Portslade, BRIGHTON, East Sussex BN41PN.
- 2363,Mr G. GARNETT,119B Gardner Road, Portslade, BRIGHTON, East Sussex BN41PN.
- 2364 Ms J. GARNETT,119B Gardner Road, Portslade, BRIGHTON, East Sussex BN41PN.
- 2365, Mr S. BELL, 100 Fennel Grove, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE34 8TN.  
(IS Boldon 369105)
- 2366 Mrs K. BELL, 100 Fennel Grove, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE34 8TN.  
(IN Boldon 369105)
- 2367 Mr M. RUTTER,13 Grizedale; WASHINGTON, Tyne and Wear NE37 1TX.  
(12 Washington 417 4411)
- 2368 Mrs E.A. UTERMOHLEN, Moringveien 13,4056 TANANGER, NORWAY.
- 2369 Mrs R. JACKSON, 11 Benfield Grove, Seaton Sluice, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear NE26 4JP.
- 23,70 Mrs &M., WALFORD, 64 Marine Avenue,; NORTH FERRIBY, North Humberside HU14 3DS.  
(2 Hull 631033) Interested in- the following: Gt.grandmother Sarah Ann Jackson' (nee Lane) had a brother Richard (possibly a cooper by trade), whose children and grandchildren were in the Hartlepool area earlier this century; also at Castle Eden or Easington Colliery. The family moved to the Nottingham area, early 19C. Also Stephenson and Veitch families, Gt.grandfather was Jonathan Stephenson, silk,dryer, who, married Dorothy Veitch. Families possibly Wesleyan Methodists. Their eldest son, Joseph Veitch Stephenson was born 15 November 1857 at Newcastle-upon-Tyne; grandfather Robert Anthony, and' another son John Henry were born at York and the family moved to the Broughton area of Salford. From there grandfather and another brother James (born Newcastle?) moved back to the North, James-to Buddle



Road in Scotswood area of Newcastle, where he had a grocer's shop, and grandfather to Byker where he had a bakery. Gt.grandfather Gilbert Jardine and his son Robert had the Bakery in Scotswood Village. Also Elliot family going back to early 1840's through grandmother Jane/Jean Jardine (nee Elliot).

- 2372** Mr I.H. FYFE, 76 Totara Crescent, LOWER HUTT, NEW ZEALAND2  
Researching forebears of Friend Lamb Robson and Isabella Robson (nee Carney) who emigrated to New Zealand on the "Indiana" in 1858. F.L. Robson was baptised 9 February 1834 at Monkwearmouth, the son of Thomas Robson and Ann (nee Lamb). 1851 Census shows Thomas Lamb as ship-owner, 61. Isabella Carney was baptised 4 May 1840 at Middlesborough, the daughter of William and Isabella Carney, both of whom were born at Monkwearmouth and moved back there c.1850. Ann Lamb was baptised 12 February 1792 at Tanfield, the daughter of Matthew Lamb. William Carney was born 1810, son of William Carney and Jane Tindle. F.L. Robson was a carpenter, but later became a coal merchant in Christchurch, New Zealand, where he died in 1898. Several other Robson families went to New Zealand on the same ship, including George (a brother) and Matthew Lamb (probably another brother). What prompted this family migration? Mr Fyfe has an architectural plan prepared for Messrs. M. & M. Robson's proposed boatbuilding yards and shops adjoining Gonar's field, Back Street, Monkwearmouth, 28 April 1854. Architect William Ferrier(?), 3 Fawcett Street, Sunderland. Also forebears of Sarah Wilkinson, who married Thomas Armstrong at Jedburgh, Roxburghshire, 21 October 1803. in 1851 Census, Sarah Armstrong is shown as living at Chesters, Roxburghshire, a schoolmaster's widow, aged 68, born England. Both Jedburgh and Chesters are near the Northumberland border and she probably came from there.
- 2372** Dr J. REED, Willow Tree House, Westleigh Drive, BROMLEY, Kent BR12PN.  
(IN 01-467-1452)
- 2373** Mrs D.J. HALDANE, 22 Plessey Avenue, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 3JR.  
(IN Blyth 366444)
- 2374** Mrs C.N. HALDANE, 8 Hunter Avenue, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 3JT.
- 2375** Mrs M.I. MURRAY, Sewing Shields, Haydon Bridge, HEXHAM, Northumberland NE47 6NW.  
Researching: Armstrong of High Blakehope, Whittingham; Anderson of Milkhope, Kidland Lordship; Martha Story and Andrew Tully of Rothbury area, and Oliver of Alnham and Scotland.
- 2376** Mr M.R. HINDMARSH, 17 Longview Drive, NEW PLYMOUTH, NEW ZEALAND.  
Interests: Hindmarsh (parish of St John Lee, 1720-1850, Ovingham from 1830, Newborough 19C.); Robinson (Allendale 1800-1860, Edmundbyers 1880-1900); Milburn (Edmundbyers 19C.); Rayne (Winlaton 19C.); Reed (St John Lee/Haydon/Haltwhistle 19C.); Akenhead (Kirkharle 19C.); Rewcastle (St John Lee 18C.).
- 2377** Mr J.A. FORSTER, 19 Lorton Close, Fulwood, PRESTON, Lancashire PR2 4YS.
- 2378** Mr R.J. HAWKINS, 60 Holme Riggs Avenue, PENRITH, Cumbria CA 1 18NL.  
(IS Penrith 64340)
- 2379** Mrs E.E. HAWKINS, 60 Holme Riggs Avenue, PENRITH, Cumbria CA1 1 8NL.  
(IS Penrith 64340) Researching Christopher Stonehouse, probably born c.1851, son of Christopher. Married his second wife Mary Lowdon on 28 April 1877 at Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland. Mary died at Haltwhistle on 18 February 1883. He may have lived at Lintz Green, County Durham, at some time. Any information welcome, especially details of previous or subsequent marriages. Also interested in Walton of Alston.
- 2380** Mrs M.D. BURGESS, 4, Wykehurst Corner, Colwood Lane, Bolney, HAYWARDS HEATH, West Sussex RH 17 5QG.
- 2381** Mr R. MITCHELL, 6 Anscomb Gardens, High Heaton, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE7 7BB.  
(12 Tyneside 281 1528)
- 2382** Mrs J. MITCHELL, 6 Anscomb Gardens, High Heaton, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE7 7BB.  
(IR Tyneside 281 1528)
- 2383** Mr P.A. SMITH, Lilac Cottage, Westleton, SAXMUNDHAM, Suffolk IP 17 3AH.
- 2384** Mrs K. ANDERSON, 279 Knella Road, WELWYN GARDEN CITY, Hertfordshire AL7 3NS.  
(0 Welwyn Garden 329896)
- 2385** Mrs M.C. PILKINGTON, 7 Ladysteps, Broomfallen Road, Scotby, CARLISLE, Cumbria CA4 8DD.  
(IS Scotby 732) Researching (1) Marriage of George Walton and Dianna (Dinah) Lodge - their eldest child Ruth Lodge Walton was born 1836 in Hartlepool. Baptism of George c.1810 in North Shields and his sister Ann c.1807 North Shields. Their father was William Walton, mariner. (2) Marriage of Matthew Henry Liddle and Mary Cart pre-October 1854, likely to be in the Rainton/Hetton-le-Hole area. Baptism of Mary Cart c.1835, given as Downs, Hetton-le-Hole, in Census. (3) Any information on George Liddle (father of Matthew Henry), pitman, probably from Penrith area, died by 1851, and wife Mary Baxter, born c.1812. Pitt Hill (from 1851 Census). Unable to locate Pitt Hill - is this a misprint for Pittington?
- 2386** Mrs A. CLEASBY, 14 France Street, REDCAR, Cleveland TS 10 3HH.  
(IN Redcar 475729)
- 2387** Mr G.W. WARD, 31 Ashbourne Road, Hill Park, JARROW, Tyne & Wear NE32 5XS.
- 2388** Mrs M.E. WARD, 31 Ashbourne Road, Hill Park, JARROW, Tyne & Wear NE32 5X8.
- 2389** Mr F.H. HUGHES, 60 Potters Hill, Crockerton, WARMINSTER, Wiltshire BA 12 8AB.  
(E Warminster217526)

- 2390 Mr J.E. SKIPSEY, 137 Broadway, Tynemouth, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE30 3TA.  
(\* & Tyneside 2.57 0736)
- 2391 Mrs H. SKIPSEY, 137 Broadway, Tynemouth, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE30 3TA.  
(IS Tyneside 257 0736)
- 2392 Mrs R.E.A. RANSON, Byre Cottage, Low Warden, HEXHAM, Northumberland NE46 4SN.
- 2393 Mr D.J.C. CROMBIE, 7 Larch Green, Cranwell, SLEA FORD, Lincolnshire NG34 8EE.  
(IS Cranwell 61004)
- 2394 Mrs H.A. CROMBIE, 7 Larch Green, Cranwell, SLEAFORD, Lincolnshire NG34 8EE.  
(\* & Cranwell 61004)
- 2395 Mr J. McCABE, 32 Briarsyde Close, Whickham, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE16 5UQ.
- 2396 Mrs D. WILDISH, 14 Ropemakers Court, CHATHAM, Kent ME4 5JD.  
Researching: Broadwood/Kemp/Brown/Boan/Wilson/Purves/Jordan, all from Hexham area of Northumberland; Oldhamstocks of East Lothian, Scotland; Broadwood/Jordan from London and Kent.
- 2397 Mr D. REED, 36 Deepdale Road, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE30 3AN.  
(IS Tyneside 257 7199)
- 2398 Mrs J.E. REED, 36 Deepdale Road, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE30 3AN.  
(IS Tyneside 257 7199)
- 2399 Mrs S.A. GARDNER, Balder View, Cotherstone, BARNARD CASTLE, County Durham DL12 9NR.  
(IN Teesdale 50543)
- 2400 Mr G.A.S. WINGATE, 37 Seamead, Stubbington, FAREHAM, Hampshire P014 2NG.  
(\* & Stubbington 665267) Researching the Wingate family in Dalry, Ayrshire, Scotland, 1780-1840, and in Glasgow, 1720-1800, (in particular what happened to the sons of William Wingate, married Isabella Carrick; some names are John, William and Andrew). Also Haw and Rippeth families in Winlaton, parish of Ryton, County Durham 1770-1830. Also the Scott families in Warenford and Doddington, Northumberland 1750-1850. Are these two families related?
- 2401 Mrs M. GIRDWOOD, 46 Francis Street, Fulwell, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR6 9RQ.
- 2402 Mr J.W. STAFFORD, 2 Ashton Way, East Herrington, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR3 3RX.  
(V Sunderland 282084)
- 2403 Mrs J.W. STAFFORD, 2 Ashton Way, East Herrington, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR3 3RX.  
(\* & Sunderland 282084)
- 2404 Mr A.W. JACKSON, 49 Queen's Crescent, High Barnes, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR4 7JJ.
- 2405 Mrs J. JACKSON, 49 Queen's Crescent, High Barnes, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR4 7JJ.
- 2406 Mr R. FORSTER, 20 Garcia Terrace, Roker, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR6 9DY.  
(1 & Sunderland 484619)
- 2407 Mrs A.M. FORSTER, 20 Garcia Terrace, Roker, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR6 9DY.  
(IS Sunderland 484619)
- 2408 Miss I.D. BINKS, 41 Nursery Road, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR3 1NT.  
(IN Sunderland 282784)
- 2409 Miss F.M. BINKS, 41 Nursery Road, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR3 1NT.
- 2410 Mrs J. SHERLAW, 5 Olive Grove, Burton Joyce, NOTTINGHAM NG14 5FG.
- 2411 Miss O. SAWYER, MBE, 10 Shrewsbury Crescent, Humbledon, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR3 4AP.  
(IS Sunderland 283077)
- 2412 Mr R.G. WELSH, 8 Weardale Avenue, South Bents, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR6 8AS.  
(IS Sunderland 293128)
- 2413 Mrs M.E. WELSH, 8 Weardale Avenue, South Bents, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR6 8AS.  
(IS Sunderland 293128)
- 2414 Mr G.E. ENNEW, 21 Victoria Avenue, Grangetown, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR2 9PZ.  
(1 & Sunderland 44492)
- 2415 Mr J.E. BURKE, 29 Lofthill, College Burn Road, Moorside, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR3 1LB.  
(IS Sunderland 228027)
- 2416 Mrs E. DODDS, 37 Devon Drive, Silksworth, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR3 1 LB.  
(IS Sunderland 213255)
- 2417 Mr B. WILSON, 32 Farnham Terrace, High Barnes, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR4 7SB.  
(IS Sunderland 673623)
- 2418 Mr R. BALMER, 4 Marton Square, Cowpen Quay, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 1ER.

- 2419 Mr G.B. ANDERSON**, 41 Ridley Avenue, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 3BA.
- 2420 Mrs J. ANDERSON**, 41 Ridley Avenue, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 3BA.
- 2421 Mr M. HOGG**, 8 Deneview Drive, Cowpen, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 5PU.  
(☎ Blyth 360002)
- 2422 Mrs F.M. AYRES**, 7 Kilton Close, REDCAR, Cleveland TS10 2NH.
- 2423 Mr B. CHATER**, 36 Beaumaris, Bournmoor, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, Tyne and Wear DH4 6EB.
- 2424 Mr P.J. CHATER**, 36 Beaumaris, Bournmoor, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, Tyne and Wear DH4 6EB.
- 2425 Mr J.K. MOORE**, 24 Lodore Road, High West Jesmond, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE2 3NN.  
(☎ Tyneside 285 5068)
- 2426 Mrs E. MOORE**, 24 Lodore Road, High West Jesmond, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE2 3NN.  
(☎ Tyneside 285 5068)
- 2427 Mrs L.A. BERAN**, Merrybrook, Granville Road, WEYBRIDGE, Surrey KT13 0QQ.
- 2428 Mr K. LAWSON**, 62 Winterborne Road, ABINGDON, Oxfordshire OX14 1AL.  
Researching Lawson of Monkwearmouth: George William (1870) married Alice Maud Hudson; John (1848) married Margaret Ann Sennet; George Allison (1822) married Mary Hall Robson; John (1783) married Bridget Allison; George (1759) married Ann Ellery (widow); Thomas (1726) married Ruth Wilson. Mary Lawson married Robinson Harrison on 16 May 1801. John Lawson (1 July 1759), son of Thomas and Ruth, was mate to Shipmaster William Dixon, ship's owner Mrs Sarah Hedley. Wish to know more of two uncles - Private Ralph Herbert Lawson (born 28 August 1891) of the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards, died 28 September 1915, commemorated on the Loos memorial. Before the war believed to be a Constable at Trimdon Grange. Private Robert Lawson, 22nd Battalion Durham Light Infantry, died 24 July 1917 Zillebeke. The chaplain was G.B. Crossthwaite, and his letter to grandparents has survived.
- 2429 Miss D. MILLIKEN**, 6/79 Wellington Street, FLEMINGTON, VICTORIA 3031 AUSTRALIA.  
Would like to contact descendants of the following, still in the South Shields/Sunderland area: John Ewen, paper maker, married Elizabeth Hastie probably in Scotland. Family:- Eleanor\* c.1833; John c.1837; Elizabeth c.1842 (all born Scotland). Family moved to Durham and further children were born:- Robert 1846; James 21 September 1847 (born at Ford mill (paper mill), Township of Ford); William 1850; Margaret 1851 (born at Bishopwearmouth). \*Eleanor (gt.grandmother) married William Stobart 16 October 1854 at St Andrew's, Deptford, and they emigrated to Australia with daughter Elizabeth in 1856. Grandfather Thomas John Stobart was born Australia 1868. (2) John Stobart, glassfounder, married Margaret Bryden in 1803 at Chester-le-Street, County Durham.
- 2430 Mr R.W. ABBOT**, 6 Famata Avenue, CHARMHAVEN, NEW SOUTH WALES 2262, AUSTRALIA.  
Researching Abbot of Sunderland.
- 2431 Ms B.A. ESTHER**, 21 Bramble Road, Fern Park, STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Cleveland TS19 0NQ.
- 2432 Ms W.D. ESTHER**, 21 Bramble Road, Fern Park, STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Cleveland TS19 0NQ.
- 2433 Ms S. WHITWORTH**, 16 Porchester Drive, Eastfield Chase, CRAMLINGTON, Northumberland NE23 9QA.  
(☎ Cramlington 737567)
- 2434 Mr P. CRATE**, 33 Banbury Way, South Beach, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 3TZ.  
(☎ Blyth 369024)
- 2435 Mr B. THORNS**, 12 Towers Close, BEDLINGTON, Northumberland NE22 5ER.  
(☎ Bedlington 822757)
- 2436 Mrs J. THORNS**, 12 Towers Close, BEDLINGTON, Northumberland NE22 5ER.  
(☎ Bedlington 822757)
- 2437 Dr T.F. SMITH**, 10 Apsley Close, Bowden, ATRINCHAM, Cheshire WA14 3AJ.  
(☎ 061-928 5557)
- 2438 Mrs J. BRADSHAW**, 10 Astral Avenue, Hipperholme, HALIFAX, West Yorkshire HX3 8NN.  
(☎ Halifax 201784) Researching great great grandfather John Swinburne, a miner at Jarrow Grange c.1800's; had 4 daughters and 4 sons; their youngest son was James Swinburne, great grandfather, born 1840's. Family of Edward Farbridge and Sarah Mitchison married 26 May 1810 (Hexham). possible great great grandparents, great grandfather being Joshua Black Farbridge, born 1824 at Blanchland. Great great grandfather John Siddle - Weightman at Jarrow Grange c.1800's, father of Hannah Siddle b.1848. Great grandparents: John Douglass married Margaret Douthwaite c.1800's South Shields. Great grandparents George Urron & Annie Ritzema, South Shields c.1800's parents of Annie, Thomas, John and Sarah Ritzema c.1800's.
- 2439 Mr G.P. SUFFIELD**, 14 Barnes View, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR4 7PZ.  
(☎ Sunderland 226103)
- 2440 Mrs E. SUFFIELD**, 14 Barnes View, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR4 7PZ.  
(☎ Sunderland 226103)
- 2441 Miss A. MASTERSON**, 1A Chirton Green, Newsham Farm, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 4RA.  
(☎ Blyth 368890)

- 2442 Mr J. TAIT**, 7 Bamburgh Close, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 5EA.  
(☎ Blyth 353999) Researching families of Tait, Melville, McDougale, Turnbull, Grant, Dawson, Henderson and Telford. George Tait, said to be born at Elwick, Belford, c.1805, son of John Tait, blacksmith, native of Kirknewton, and Mary Winter, native of Realup, Ford. (Presbyterians). Anne Melville, wife of George Tait, born Bamburgh (Newstead? c.1802). Jane McDougale, born c.1832 at Ford, whose mother Jane, presumably widowed, later married Henry Aynsley, mason. Archibald Turnbull, born c.1818, probably at Jedburgh, and his wife Ann Marshall Grant, born 1825 at Berwick. Her parents John Sutherland Grant and Elizabeth Marshall married 1824 at Berwick. John Dawson, seaman, born 1789 at South Blyth, Earsdon and his wife Rebecca. George Henderson of Ovingham, shoemaker, born c.1784 at Aydon, Corbridge, and his wife Isobel. John and Ann Telford of Swalwell, parents of Hannah, born 1860.

## SECOND TIME AROUND

- 0190 Mr L.B. LANDER**, 195 St Patrick Street, Apartment 206, TORONTO, ONTARIO M5T 2Y8, CANADA.

Seeks marriage c.1820 and parentage of great great grandparents Cuthbert Nicholson and Hannah? He was born at Low Warden c.1791 and she was born at Hull, Yorkshire c.1796, according to 1861 Census. He was described in 1821 as a publican of Shincliff and as a miller of New Elvet in 1824-1833 in baptisms of children at St Oswald's, Durham.

- 0271 Mrs H. DUMPLETON**, 36 Partridge Close, Ayton Green, WASHINGTON, Tyne and Wear NE38 0ES.

John Wardle, born Framlington c.1793, lived in Newcastle from the 1830's. He was an architect who worked with Grainger and Dobson, designing buildings in Newcastle. His son John, and grandson William Winship Wardle, were also architects in Newcastle. Would like to contact any descendants of this family. Also searching the families of Gent of Whorlton and Darlington, Swalwell of Billingham and Hart, and Weatherburn of Hart and Egglecliffe, all 19C. Would also like to contact any descendants of the Dixon family who owned "Dixon's Steamboats" which operated from Stockton to Middlesbrough from 1851 onwards.

- 0296 Dr D.W. BURDON**, 186 Rosemary Hill Road, SUTTON COLDFIELD, West Midlands B74 4HP.

Would appreciate members who have records of Wills and Administrations to send details of any (except those of persons named Burdon) in which anyone named Burdon is mentioned as a beneficiary, witness, bondsman, etc. All Durham, Northumberland, North Yorkshire. Postage will be refunded.

- 0639 Mrs E.M. WOODTHORPE**, Newbank, Middleton Road, Sadberge, DARLINGTON DL2 1RP.

Help would be appreciated in tracing:- (1) Pre-1698 marriage of Robert Ellerson, weaver; first recorded child baptisms 1698 at Darlington. (2) 1715c. baptism of Mercy Croyser (Crozier?), married and died at Darlington. (3) 1753c. marriage of John Newton, farmer and Eleanor; they farmed at Hart and Heighington. (4) Baptism of Henry Hall, born 1826, son of John Hall, cordwainer of Houghton-le-Spring, and his wife Jane. (5) Reference to Jane Hartley in 1841 and 1851 Census. She was born at Summerhouse in 1827 and was probably employed as a servant.

- 1149 Mrs J.M. ROSS**, 10 Penlee Road, STOKE, Plymouth PL3 4AH.

Lost - two beautiful models of Chichester and Salisbury Cathedrals. They are approximately 3 feet high by 3 feet long by 18 inches wide and the wood is now a dirty yellow colour. Each stands in a glass case. Salisbury went to Canada with great uncle, Andrew Bartlett Uphill Robson, early this century. Chichester was placed in a sale in the grounds of Chichester Cathedral c.1956. Mrs Ross is desperately keen to know where they are now and to obtain photographs of them, as these truly superb models were made by her great great grandfather, William Robson, c.1850. Any help in tracing these family heirlooms would be greatly appreciated.

- 1153 Ms K.N. STOKES**, 673 Kilkenny Drive, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA R3T 3E2, CANADA.

Seeking information on the death of James Rooke. According to his master mariner's record, he was born in South Shields on 5 February 1810. On Christmas Day 1836, he married Annabella Winn of South Shields, in London. They settled in South Shields and had 3 children, born between 1838 and 1849. James never appeared on any Census as he was always away at sea. He was certified as a master mariner at London on 20 August 1851. Annabella disappears from the Census after 1861, and she is described in that as "wife of master mariner at sea". Then on 1 November 1863 she re-marries, and is listed as a widow on her marriage certificate. James must have died between the census and Annabella's re-marriage, but there is no record of his death at St Catherine's, in either the regular death records of those at sea. There may be several possibilities. He may have been missing at sea for some time and Annabella went to court to have him declared legally dead so that she could remarry. Where would the court records be? He may have died in a foreign country, so although the British files would hold no record, there may have been an item in the local newspaper of the time. Could anyone help by reading through the South Shields newspaper or offer any suggestions about the missing James? Ms Stokes would be prepared to do some work in Manitoba in exchange for checking the newspaper.

- 1370 Mr C.R. RIDDELL**, 98, Mount Road, High Barnes, SUNDERLAND SR4 7NN.

Mr Riddell would like to thank the following members for their help in reply to his request in the Winter 1985 issue of the Journal:- Mrs P. Jenkins (2136); Mr J.D. Sheen (1661) and Mrs N.M. McKinna of Cooktown, Australia (1598) for information sent.



**1433 Mr W. DONKIN**, 122 Vine Street, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE33 4RG.

Mr Donkin has received a letter for assistance from an Australian member. She is trying to trace the marriage of her great grandfather Thomas Chisholm to Margaret Clementson c.1870. Thomas was a check weighman in the mines, and Margaret was a schoolteacher. Thomas was also a member of the Shildon Band, where he played the big drum. Is this a railway band? Their son John Oliver Chisholm was born at Bishop Auckland and his daughter at West Cornforth, attending school at East Howle on Metal Bridge. John Oliver Chisholm was born in 1874, so his parents probably married c.1870. If anyone can help, could they please contact Mr Donkin or Mrs D Arthurs, 154 Kahibah Road, CHARLESTOWN, NEW SOUTH WALES 2290, AUSTRALIA.

**1517 Mr I.C. STABLER**, 39 Newlands, NORTHALLERTON, North Yorkshire DL6 1SJ.

(☎ Northallerton 71462) Seeking information on any member of the Stabler family in the area of Durham and Yorkshire including information on John Stabler Yarrow born 10 November 1803 in Darlington, son of Christopher Yarrow, farmer of Cockerton, and Isabella Stabler, native of Starford, Yorks. Also seeking marriage of Christopher Yarrow and Isabella and marriage of John Stabler, butcher of Bishop Auckland and Sarah Littlefair.

**1528 Mr B.J. SIMPSON**, The Red House, The Street, FOULSHAM, Norfolk NR20 5AD.

(☎ Foulsham 036-284 4133) Seeks help with Simpson ancestors. From the 1891 Census, great great grandfather Robert Simpson was 57 and his place of birth was Bishop Auckland; great grandfather Tom H. Simpson was 20 and his place of birth was Wallsend. This information led back to the 1871 Census where Robert Simpson is shown as Head of House aged 34, chimney sweep, born Stockton; wife Jane, aged 35, born West Auckland; son William aged 16, Prentice blacksmith, born Houghton; son John, aged 14, born Walker; son Allen, aged 10, born Hetton; son Joseph, aged 8, born Benton; daughter Hannah, aged 2, born Wallsend; son James Robert aged 8m. born Wallsend; Sarah Cuthbertson, servant aged 20, born Benton. The birth certificate of James Robert of Wallsend on 25 June 1870 shows Robert's occupation as Labourer at Chemical Works and mother Jane as formerly Cummings, address Glovers Houses, Wallsend. The marriage record of Robert and Jane is sought, and any other details on them.

**1550 Major W.A. SHEPHERD, TD.**, 9 Chesterfield Way, BARWELL, Leicester LE9 8BH.

Seeking the birth/baptism of John Shepherd somewhere near Penn, Buckinghamshire, between 1740/60 and the burials/death/Will of John Shepherd and Elizabeth Shepherd on Tyneside between 1786/1846.

**1679 Mrs M. FARNSWORTH**, PO Box 275, IRYMPLE 3498, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

Seeking dates and information on Thomas Holmes, master mariner, and Isabella Pinkney, both of Monkwearmouth Parish, married 5 April 1835. Family Henry Holmes born 7 August 1838, Hedworth Street, Monkwearmouth Shore; Elizabeth Holmes born 1841; Thomas Holmes born 1842. Isabella was a widow by 1850 as she married great grandfather John Abraham Page, master mariner. Isabella's father Thomas Pinkney, cabinet maker, died before 1850. Both sons were mariners in 1861 Census, and Isabella's age is given as 40, born in Sunderland. Any particulars appreciated and will refund postage.

**1842 Mr D.A. WHINHAM**, 7 The Beeches, Goddard Avenue, HULL, North Humberside HU5 2BG.

Researching Whinham family only, anywhere but particularly Thomas Whinham, tailor of Rothbury and Alnwick c.1710; Robert Whinham, tailor and innkeeper of Alnwick c.1710; Robert Whinham, market gardener of Morpeth, 1800; John Whinham of Ulgham, farmer, 1830-1880; Robert Whinham, clogger of Alwinton, 1780; Henry Whinham, servant at Biddlestone Hall and Calally Castle?, 1770-1810. Also any information regarding the family with large groupings around Alnwick (1740-1880), Morpeth (1770-1870), Whittingham (1752-1868), Warkworth (1707-1820), Hartburn (1785-1800) and any occurrence in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Sunderland between 1760 and the present time. Would also be grateful for information on the straying Whinham who went to Liverpool (West Derby), Salford, Stockton, Knaresborough, Leeds and Peterborough after 1820.

**1868 Mrs J. PAYNE**, 59 Carr Road, Walthamstow, LONDON E17 5ER.

Researching Ann Bravinder born Pickering, Yorkshire c.1809, mother of William McDonald. Her father Isaac. Widow when she married Michael (father of William) in 1845 at Scarborough. First married Ralph Hill, Allerston, North Yorkshire, 1826. Benjamin Wright, who married Elizabeth Grey 1798 at St Nicholas', Durham; he was a whitesmith and in 1799 was stated to be a soldier in the Berwickshire Light Horse Regiment and a native of Dudley, Worcestershire. She was the daughter of Anthony Grey/Gray of St Nicholas', Durham. Her mother was possibly Ann Bowman of Durham. Last 2 children born Gateshead, where the family settled in 19C. and all seemed to be chainmakers/blacksmiths etc. 1827 Directory for Durham City lists under Whitesmiths and Bellhangers, Benjamin Wright, Gilesgate; any connection with above Benjamin? Would also welcome any information of the origin of the Bravinder/Bravender/Braviner/Bravinor surname, which is very rare and mainly to be found in North Yorkshire. All seem to be connected in some way. Trying to trace why Benjamin, native of Dudley, came to be in Durham City and in the Berwickshire Light Horse Regiment there in 1799 when his son Thomas was born.

**2037 Mr J.E. ELLIS**, Willow Cottage, Hoo, WOODBRIDGE, Suffolk IP13 7QU.

Mr Ellis has details of all the descendants of great grandparents Robert Brewis and Elizabeth Errington. Four of Robert's sons, Thomas, Samuel, George and Errington, left the North c.1875 and started the Tyne Main Coal Company in London, which still exists today. Mr Ellis has more detailed information on his own branch, the descendants of Errington Brewis and Sarah Isabella Hall, and has researched the Errington branch of the family back to Anthony Errington, who must have been born at the beginning of the 17C. Is also starting research on the ancestors of great great grandfather Samuel Brewis and would be happy to exchange information with any interested member.

- 2211 Mrs K. DAVISON, 33 Calderwood Crescent, Low Fell, GATESHEAD, Tyne and Wear NE9 6PH.  
Researching William John Hardy, born 1887, iron worker. His father also William John, Gateshead. Catherine Edwards, born 1888, Gateshead; her father John Edwards, driller, living York Street, Gateshead in 190'. Robert McCaulay Wilson born 1878 (where?), worked on North-Eastern Railway; his father William.
- 2221 Mr L. BAKER, 3 Glanford Road, BRIGG, South Humberside DN20 8DJ.  
Would like to hear from any descendant of James and Agnes Baker (formerly Dentith) whose children were Jahn-, Henry., Fred., Agnes., James and Alfred., born in the Elswick area of Newcastle in 1829 to 1890. They originated in Staffordshire, at West Bromwich. James senior was an engine-fitter. Would also like to contact any descendants of William Ure and Mary Ann (McCleod), who found their way to Australia from the gold rush of 1897 in Canada, and are said to be David, William and Alexander. William Senior was a boiler-maker living in the Byker area of Newcastle. Also researching the Dalls of Tynemouth, especially Laurance Dall, master mariner 1850's, who married Mary Ann Dykes in 1850. Any help would be most welcome.

## HELP WANTED

- 2068 Mrs P. WRIGHT, 109 Bishopton Road, STOCKTON, Cleveland TS18 4PL.  
Mrs Wright is trying to build up a pictorial record of the places where her forebears lived and worked. If anyone can help by lending her photographs or old postcards, she would refund the cost of any postage involved. The villages in which she is interested are Silksworth (and Silksworth Colliery), Shotton, Bishop Wearmouth, Usworth, Burnopfield, Lamesley, Dunston and Newburn. Mrs Wright was also interested in June Watson's article on Hetton-le-Hole in the Spring 1985 issue of the Journal, as her great great great grandfather was blacksmith there. Does any reader know the location of the blacksmith's shop?
- 2135 Mrs J. CULLEN, 'Charteris', 30 Daltons Fen, Pitsea, BASILDON, Essex SS131JF.  
Mrs Cullen seeks help from any member who is willing to check entries at Durham Record Office or Northumberland Record Office, in return for reciprocal research in London.

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