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EDITORIAL

By the time you read this our Conference will be over, and the Autumn session of meetings will be well under way. The Society continues to grow, and the various local groups are all flourishing. Various projects such as Census Indexing and M.I. Recording are proceeding, but more volunteers to assist in the work are always welcome.

As mentioned in the last issue of the Journal, our Treasurer John Scott is retiring from the job after a stint of eight years, and in recognition of his long and devoted service he is to be made an Honorary Life Member of the Society. We were worried about finding a successor to take over from John, but fortunately a volunteer, Miss Cindy Winters, has come forward, and we wish her well in her new position. Liz Lyall, the prime mover in the organisation of our Annual Conferences, is also retiring, and we take this opportunity of thanking her for all the work she has put in to make our Conferences so successful.

I trust that members will continue to submit articles and other items of interest for publication in the Journal. It is time we had a Durham parish in the 'Know Your Parish' series: there have only been six (Medomsley, Heworth, Chester-le-Street, Washington, Tanfield and Hetton-le-Hole) since the series started more than eight years ago! So how about it, you Durham folk?

NEWS IN BRIEF

We Should've Listened to Grandma

Dr Noeline Kyle, of the Faculty of Education, University of Wollongong, P.O. Box 1144, WOLLONGONG 2500, AUSTRALIA, is writing a book to be entitled *We Should've Listened to Grandma: Tracing Women Ancestors*. The book will focus on problems family historians encounter when attempting to trace women ancestors, and Dr Kyle is seeking information regarding the following:-

1. Any special guides, lists or rolls for women's names held in the United Kingdom that have developed as an aid to researching women ancestors.
2. Any special advice for researchers of women ancestors.
3. Any pioneer registers or biographies of particular use.
4. Published or unpublished material held by family history or other societies that is useful in tracing women ancestors.
5. Published family histories containing good information about women members of the families concerned.

Anyone who can help should write to Dr Kyle at the above address.

Missing Persons

An index of missing live persons has been started for the Society of Genealogists and is being run by Mrs S.A. Dyson on their behalf. This includes notices from various newspapers, in particular solicitors' advertisements, and requests in local Family History Societies' magazines for missing relatives. All contributions welcome (preferably on 5" x 3" slips), especially copies of advertisements from local newspapers which might otherwise be missed. Any relevant material to the Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, LONDON EC1M 7BA.

First International Congress on Family History

The First International Congress on Family History will be held in Sydney, Australia, from 18 to 23 October 1988 - Australia's Bi-Centenary Year - and the Society of Australian Genealogists as hosts have asked Mrs Elizabeth Simpson of the Federation of Family History Societies to act as liaison officer mustering those wishing to travel from the United Kingdom to Australia to attend. For further details write to Mrs Elizabeth Simpson, 2 Stella Grove, TOLLERTON, Notts NG 12 4EY, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

York Marriage Index

To try and discover an ancestor's marriage which may have taken place within York's city walls is no easy task. Marriages were solemnized in 23 ancient parishes! (From 1754, York Minster did not have its own register, any marriages held there were recorded at St. Michael le Belfrey.)

Being the county town of England's largest county, York attracted visitors from all walks of life, and the marriage registers include many people who did not normally reside in the town. To help overcome the difficulties of a time-consuming search, York Family History Society have been compiling an index of all marriages recorded in York prior to 1837, arranged alphabetically by grooms' surnames. For each marriage the date, parish and bride's name is also given.

Part I, January 1801-December 1837 is now available on microfiche, and lists approximately 9,000 marriages. It may be obtained, price £5.00 including postage, from York Family History Society, Mrs B. Grantham, The Birches, 26 Moor Lane, Strensall, YORK YO3 8UQ.

Researching Rayment

If there is anyone out there researching the name Rayment, they are advised that Ms Michele Snook and her friends have indexed all the Raymentes from St Catherine's House, and from Wills indexed to 1929. Further information may be obtained by writing to Ms Snook, Sandy House, Sandy Cross, HEATHFIELD, East Sussex TN21 8BS.

20, 000 Lobbs Around the World

A summary in alphabetical order of all the Lobbs appearing in the GRO Registers at St Catherine's House is being compiled by Lobb Genealogical Records. Anyone interested can obtain further details from Mr D.R.V. Lobb, la Rosewin Row, TRURO, Cornwall TR1 1 HG.

THE SUMMER MEETING

June

At short notice, Mr Bill Dumble addressed our June meeting with a talk about the history and development of the English parish from its origins in Anglo-Saxon times to the present day. Because of the lack of control by central government the Church became responsible for organisation and discipline in small areas of population throughout the country. In the time of Henry VIII government legislation began to work its way into the parish, and the Church was legally obliged to keep records of baptisms, marriages and burials, as well as maintain the highways, give poor relief, and generally be responsible for all the community within the parish boundaries. These boundaries were very well defined, for no parish wished to lose tithes or parish rates from lost land, or to be responsible for the poor of another parish.

Parish notebooks were often kept, and these may provide a more complete insight into the life of the parish than the more formal registers. After the Civil War, during the years of the Commonwealth from 1649 to 1660, much reform took place: more detailed records were kept, and for the first time civil marriage was introduced. Although secular, these records were often kept in the parish chest. Many of these records can now be found at the Public Record Office or at Lambeth Palace, where some indexes and catalogues to these Ecclesiastical Records of the Commonwealth may be seen. By this time the populations of some parishes had grown tremendously, while others had shrunk and were no longer viable, so that boundaries had to be redrawn.

After the end of the Commonwealth Charles II let the parishes revert to their 1642 status, and it was not until the 18th and 19th centuries that significant changes took place. By the 19th century the country was governed by central government, and records also became centralized. Ironically, the less the local records were needed the more accurate they became. Central government took over responsibility for the roads and for the needs of the poor, and the parish became more of a civil administration area as it is today.

Mr. Dumble was an excellent speaker, and his talk was much appreciated.

SOUTH TYNESIDE GROUP

There was a large attendance at our July meeting for the launch of our latest and most ambitious project - the recording of the post-1852 MIs in Westoe Cemetery, the burial place of many prominent Victorians.

Informal meetings were also held in June, July and August, when the MIs of St Paul's, Jarrow, and St Stephens, South Shields, were completed. With St Hilda's and Holy Trinity coming to light, all churchyards in the area have been completed in a very short time.

The September meeting took the form of a social to start the new season.

DURHAM GROUP

At the June meeting, the last before the summer break, Mrs Copeland, Local History Archivist at Darlington Library, gave a much appreciated talk on the library's holdings of material of interest to family historians.

Mr Maurice Handcock, who has been Chairman of the Durham Group since it was formed some four years ago, is to resign. We extend our thanks to him for all the work he has done over the years. and we welcome Mr Ted Shaw who has agreed to become our new Chairman.

SOUTH-EAST NORTHUMBERLAND GROUP

In June we held the first Annual General Meeting of the Group, at which additional committee members were elected.

A group of members enjoyed an evening visit to Newcastle City Library and found the staff there most helpful. However a visit arranged to index monumental inscriptions at Horton had to be abandoned because the ground was waterlogged!

SUNDERLAND AND DISTRICT GROUP

At the June meeting Mr Randle Oliver, a professional calligrapher, gave a short talk on the history of calligraphy, and went on to demonstrate how it could be used to present the results of research in an attractive and striking manner.

The July meeting took the form of a visit to St Peter's Church, Monkwearmouth. A guided tour of the church, including the Saxon tower, was followed by a slide show in the Chapter House and a cup of tea. Evidence of the Codex Amiatinus was also produced.

There was no meeting in August, but the new session began in September with a slide show and talk by Mrs Vera Stevens, Secretary of the Sunderland Antiquarians' Society, on the colliery village of Silksworth. She described the establishment of the village in 1870, and its support by the various churches. She showed numerous slides of old families, and told how some immigrants to Silksworth came from as far away as Spain.

LONDON GROUP

We welcome members to our next meeting at the Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, London EC1M 7BA, on Saturday, 5 March 1988, 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. (charge 50p). Speaker: Mr Peter Bennett on "Further Sources in London for Research into Northumberland and Durham Family History".

Those who have not yet managed to visit the Society of Genealogists and have read Mr Lawson Edwards' article in the Autumn 1987 Journal may be interested to know the Society's search fees for non-members: £2 for 1 hour, £5 for 3 1/2 hours. Why not come to our meeting and spend the afternoon doing some more research?

FUTURE PROGRAMME

<i>Tuesday, 1 December 1987</i> Durham Group Meeting.	<i>Durham, 7.30 p. m.</i>
<i>Wednesday, 2 December 1987</i> South Tyneside Group Meeting.	<i>South Shields, 8.00 p. m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, 8 December 1987</i> Christmas Social.	<i>Gateshead, 7.15 p. m.</i>
<i>Thursday, 10 December 1987</i> Sunderland and District Group Christmas Social.	<i>Sunderland, 7.15 p. m.</i>
<i>*Monday, 14 December 1987</i> South-East Northumberland Group Christmas Social.	<i>Blyth, 7.30 p.m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, 5 January 1988</i> Durham Group Meeting.	<i>Durham, 7.30 p. m.</i>
<i>Wednesday, 6 January 1988</i> South Tyneside Group Christmas Social. Please note that this date may be subject to alteration.	<i>South Shields, 8.00 p. m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, 12 January 1988</i> Speaker to be arranged.	<i>Gateshead, 7.15 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday, 14 January 1988</i> Sunderland and District Group Meeting. Talk by Mrs V. Stevens on 'The Low Street Area of Sunderland.' Also Microfiche Night.	<i>Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, 19 January 1988</i> South-East Northumberland Group Meeting.	<i>Blyth, 7.30 p. m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, 2 February 1988</i> Durham Group Meeting.	<i>Durham, 7.30 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday, 3 February 1988</i> South Tyneside Group Meeting.	<i>South Shields, 8.00 p. m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, 9 February 1988</i> Speaker to be arranged.	<i>Gateshead, 7.15 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday, 11 February 1988</i> Sunderland and District Group Meeting. Talk by Alan Heesom., of the Department of History., gurtiam University, on 'i7ie fntluence ofthe Londonderry Family on the North-East.'	<i>Sunderland, 7.15 p. m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, 16 February 1988</i> South-East Northumberland Group Meeting.	<i>Blyth, 7.30 p. m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, 1 March 1988</i> Durham Group Meeting.	<i>Durham, 7.30 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday, 2 March 1988</i> South Tyneside Group Meeting.	<i>South Shields, 8.00 p.m.</i>
<i>Saturday, 5 March 1988</i> London Group Meeting	<i>London, 10. 30 a. m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, 8 March 1988</i> Speaker to be arranged.	<i>Gateshead, 7.15 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday, 10 March 1988</i> Sunderland and District Group Meeting. Talk by Mr K. Richardson entitled 'A Walk along the Wear.'	<i>Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.</i>

Tuesday, 15 March 1988
South-East Northumberland Group Meeting.

Blyth; 7.30 p. m.

* Please note change in date from that shown in the Autumn Journal.

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

Gateshead:	Washington Suite, Swallow Hotel, High West Street.
Durham:	Salutation Inn, Framwellgate Moor.
South Shields:	Black Prince Hotel, The Nook, Prince Edward Road.
Blyth:	Pheonix Theatre, Beaconsfield Street.
Sunderland:	RAFA Headquarters, Murton Street.
London:	Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC 1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Small World

Mr K. Lilley, of 27 Forber Crescent, Gorton, MANCHESTER M18 7PU, writes:

"Having moved to Manchester from the North-East, the quest into various aspects of our family tree became intriguing as I delved into records at libraries and the usual source references.

A cousin of mine had been lost in the war along with other members of his crew near Burma in Catalina aircraft JX338. Subsequent information from R.A.F. records helped to complete some details. It occurred to me that after forty years there might be some serviceman who could fill in the details of events at that time.

A recent letter to a Manchester Evening News postbag was to produce a startling result. The respondent had recognised the surname, and went on to give details concerning the last known events in the life of my cousin, the late Flight Lieutenant Edward Wilson Lilley. They had been comrades together before "Ted" was lost after a special mission.

Ted had two sons who never saw their father, and are probably in their forties now. Born respectively in 1943 and 1944, their 'Dad' was presumed lost in October 1944. One recognises of course that time, privacy, and other changes alter situations. I like to think that through research one helps to preserve and perpetuate the memory of those who gave their lives on our behalf.... Should any descendants of Ted like to contact me I would be honoured to provide records that I have.

After all these years - another time and another place - it is indeed a coincidence that a letter from one of Ted's comrades should turn up the way it did."

A Chronological Table

Mrs Wendy Bennett, of 10 Bolley Avenue, BORDON, Hampshire GU35 9HQ, writes:

"I wonder if there are any members, like me, who would welcome the availability of a chronicle of historical events in Northumberland and Durham in order to 'bring to life' one's family tree. Perhaps one has been done in the Journal already - or maybe you know of a local historian who would be pleased to put one together for us?

What I have in mind is 5 columns:

1. The Sovereign's name.
2. The year. I suggest 1660 to the present day, roughly every five years, moveable according to events, e.g. 1660, 1665, 1670 etc.
3. National and/or World [event](#).
4. [County/local](#) event.
5. Blank for researcher to complete own personal 'event'.

This could then be referred to in conjunction with one's family tree to relate it to contemporary events."

An Old Family Tree

Mrs K. Willans, of 9 The Ridge Way, Kenton, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE3 4LP, writes:-

Recently a friend of mine, Mrs Olwyn Vallely, came across details of a family tree, written in 1828 and going back to 1714. The families concerned were mainly Thompsons and Kirtons living in the Bishopwearmouth area. Mrs Vallely will be pleased to supply anyone interested with details. A stamped addressed envelope, please, to Mrs O. Vallely, 25 Greylands Avenue, NORTON-ON-TEES, Cleveland TS20 2NX."

Tait Family Gravestones

Mrs Doreen Tait, of 26 Beechwood Avenue, Low Fell, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear NE9 6PP, writes:

"I have a number of colour photographs of Tait Family gravestones, mainly in Norham, Northumberland. They are not mine, and I will gladly give them to members who may recognise their ancestors on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope (6" x 4").

Robert and Ann Tait (1800 c)
James and Christianna Tait (1800 c)
John and Mary Tait of Horncliffe (1800 c)
John and Christina Tait (1900 c)
Robert and Elizabeth Tait (1800 c)
William and Mary Tait (1800 c)
John (Saddler), George and Hannah Tait (18110 c)
Andrew and Margaret Tait (1900 c)
William, Eleanor and John Tait (1800 c)
John and Jane Tait (1800 c)
William and Mary Ann Tait (1900 c)
Adam Tait (1900 c)
Walter and Jane Tait (1800 c)
George and Mary Ann Tait (1900 c)
Robert and Jemima Tait (1800 c)
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John and Elizabeth Tait (1901) -c,l S.wirltfin flkutrcbvarri
William and Janet Tait (1900 c) Leitholm Churchyard."

Vintage Carrs

Mrs M. Johnson, of 36 Gurnells Road, Seer Grren, BEACONSFIELD, Buckinghamshire HP9 2XJ, writes:

"In the course of my search for vintage Carrs the following sad little tale came to light:

Sunderland Parish Church - Baptisms

24 Nov. 1772 - Frances and Jane, twins, to Francis and Elizabeth Carr, 10 weeks old.

St Nicholas', Durham City

10 May 1789 - Francis Carr of Sunderland objects as father to banns of Jane with Ralph Hobson.

Sunderland Parish Church - Burials

17 Sept. 1789 - Jane, dau. of Francis Carr

"Newcastle Courant", 19 Sept. 1789

"Died on Tuesday morning last at Sunderland, Miss Jane Carr, daughter of Mr Francis Carr."

I wonder if anyone in the Society knows the whole story."

THREE HANDED WRITING

"David Halcro and John Tait Parishioners of St Olav with our handis twitching the pen of ye notar under subscryveand at our commandis becaus we cannot wrytte ourselffs."

The following article is No. 1 of a series published in 1872 in the Newcastle Weekly Chronicle entitled "Our Colliery Villages." It gives a vivid picture of the conditions in which miners and their families lived a little more than a century ago.

I. SEGHILL

The social life of this country is so many sided; the extremes of wealth and poverty are so far apart, the means by which men earn their bread so various and diverse, and the nature and condition of the houses in which they dwell so widely different, that it is extremely difficult to realise, except by actual experience, anything like the full force of the truth conveyed in the thought "that one half the world knows not how the other half lives." Much has been done of late years to improve the condition of the people, and within the last twelve months special commissioners have laid bare to the world the deplorable condition in which the agricultural labourers of the midland and southern counties were living. Honest Hodge became for a time the cynosure of all eyes, and there can be no doubt that the flood of light let in upon his social and sanitary condition will have the effect of greatly improving his position.

What has been done by the press for the agricultural labourer we wish to do for the Northumberland miner. We have sympathised with the peasants of Warwickshire, but at the same time we have somewhat overlooked the fact, that almost at our very door we have someone equally entitled to our sympathy, in the person of the pitman. We wish, if possible, to bring the weight of public opinion to bear upon some of the wealthy coal owners of this district, who have the men who produce their wealth living in hovels which, in this age of sanitary progress and reform, are blots upon the face of our civilisation, and thus induce them to take steps for the better lodging of their work people. For an object like this there is no time like the present, for within the last twelve months coal mines and gold mines have been almost synonymous terms, and the fortunate possessors of them were never better able than now to commence the work of sanitary reform among our pit villages.

We who live in towns are very apt to idealise when talking or thinking of life in the country. We draw pleasant pictures of rural felicity. We are sometimes even tempted, when passing some of our pit villages at a distance, to envy the pitman his snug rent-free house, his unlimited coal, and his useful kitchen garden. "All is not gold that glitters," however, and since I, myself drew fancy pictures of the pitman's blessedness, I have gone through the process of disillusion.

All colliery villages, fortunately, do not rest upon the same low level of wretchedness. There are good and bad, and upon the principle that he who ails little stands less in need of attention than he who is desperately ill, we will go on with the worst first. It is somewhat difficult to determine whether Burradon, West Moor, or Seghill is the worst; but we stick to first impressions, and give the palm of blindness to Seghill.

Seghill is situated about seven miles to the north east of Newcastle, and is an old and extensive colliery; so old, in fact, that it was some time before I could find an inhabitant venerable enough to remember its commencement. Operations were commenced in 1824, and since then, I suppose, it has been a fairly productive mine. Upon entering the village from Newcastle turnpike, the attention is forcibly arrested by the ruinous appearance of three thatched houses not far from the roadside. At some time or other there have been four, but the fourth one has evidently suffered from the effects of fire, and for years now the bare ruined walls and charred roof timbers have stood as a monument to the antiquated folly of some lord or lady of the manor who prefers the picturesque and ancient appearance of thatch to the comfort of more modern coverings. Uninviting as is the exterior of these old houses, it is almost better than the inside. They contain but a single moderate-sized room, and one of them is the abode of a man, his wife, and two children. The floor is of what might be termed the composite order, half wood and half brick and stone, the bricks very uneven, and in places worn into great hollows. I am asked to look into a closet, and can see right up through a hole in the thatch of about a foot in diameter. The good-wife, evidently thinking I was sent by the owners to institute repairs, points out numerous defects in her dwelling, and earnestly assures me that it is the worst in the place, an assertion which I find contradicted in every house that I enter, the good-wife in every case seeming anxious to lay claim to the doubtful honour of living in the worst house in the colliery. I may here remark that in my passage through many of the houses my attention is called to the state of the pantry, which in nearly every case is a damp, unwholesome sort of back offshoot from the main building, and seems to have been added by the owners during the sudden and transient outbreak of a spirit of reckless generosity, and desire for improvement at all hazards, save the hazard of spending money, an operation to which they seem to have been wonderfully averse. I was shown several of these pantries and needed no assurance to convince me that they were unfit to keep anything in. I could see through the numerous holes in the roof, and the pelting rains of the last few weeks had left their traces on the white washed walls, and on the damp, unwholesome brick floors. Some of them are in such a ruinous state as to be practically useless for the purpose for which they were intended, for the rats ran riot in them, and neither board nor bed is safe from their ravages.

Bad as is the condition of these houses at the entrance of the village, a far worse state of things is disclosed further on, when we get down to what may be termed the centre of population. Most pit villages have their houses built in rows, or "raws", as the pitmen call them; but in Seghill everything is different. If the place ever had a designer (and it could scarcely be the work of chance), he must have revelled in the working out of all sorts of strange geometrical problems, for you have the houses arranged in straight lines, squares, and parallelograms of various size. You have the "Aad Square, the New Square, and the Ould Fad," and another square without any particular name. Two of these squares are of good size, and there does seem a possibility of the winds of heaven blowing through them occasionally; but more horrible or unwholesome places for men, women, and children to live in than the small squares or "fads" it is difficult to imagine. They are only about forty or fifty yards square, and the accumulated ashes and refuse of apparent months is heaped up in the centre of the square, extending to within a few feet of the doors of the houses. In windy weather these loose ashes are blown about by the wind, and as the houses are on every side, the dust is sure to be blown from the middle into some of them. The only appearance of drainage is to be found in the corner of the square, close up to the very doors of two of the houses, in the shape of a large sink down which dirty water, &c., may be thrown into a drain which runs through underneath the rough brick floor of one of the ad pinin%houses.,makin% more f_crul_the_atmnsr2bnr_e_whinh.ar_ui.PabJ.is-aJr_Pari;rajDte_J_Oth.the tir"h. of the crowded sleepers. With a few exceptions the houses in these squares are all of one description. One of the most notable exceptions is an old farm house, which, as might be expected from its antecedents, is of a robust build, and stands head and shoulders taller than its fellows. Fallen from its high estate, it is now what is called a double house; that is, it is occupied by two families, one upstairs and one down, and it is really hard to tell whether the upstairs or the downstairs tenant has more reason to be discontented with his lot. In fact, such is the condition of the inside of the house that one can easily imagine the tenant who has the choice of the upper and lower storey to be influenced in his decision by the settlement, in his own mind, of the knotty point whether it is nobler to fall or to be fallen upon, such is the condition of the floor. Certainly the upstairs part of the house can lay claim to the dignity of possession of the only legitimate staircase in the square, for the upper storey can only be reached by the perilous ascent of some steps which, by much treading upon, are worn into the shape of semicircles, and are dangerous traps for the unwary or tipsy; and unfortunately, there are many tipsy characters in Seghill. This house might be one of the best in the place; as it is at present, however, it is a disgrace, the downstairs rooms being really unfit, in their present strife for human habitation. There are holes in the floor below, and holes in the ceiling above; damp walls, and damper floors, without means of drainage or ventilation. One of the rooms indeed, is so damp and ruinous that it cannot be used, it literally stinks with mouldering decay.

The ordinary houses in Seghill are easily described. You have one room on the ground floor, and the usual damp, stinking pantry, clinging as it were to the back side of the house and testifying by the state of its walls and floor to the inability of the badly-tiled roof to keep out the rain. Above you have the attic or loft, which I suppose, was originally intended by the colliery owners, and, doubtless, considered by them to be a very snug and comfortable sleeping apartment. One man, who had several times attempted to sleep in his garret during the winter told me that he frequently awakened under the impression that his arm had become paralysed owing to the intense cold. This is not to be wondered at; for these garrets are so near the tiles, and the tiles are the only ceiling; that in the winter you feel in them the sharpest nipping of the frost, while in summer you have a degree of heat that makes these places like ovens. Although a heavy man, I mustered courage to make an inspection of one of these garrets; but what with the terrors of the steep ascent up an almost perpendicular ladder, and the bending and shaking of the uncertain joists, I was glad when I again reached terra firma. From what I saw of the roofs these houses I was quite convinced that it was no impossibility for any of the miners who might be astronomically inclined, to read the stars as they lay in bed through the chinks and crevices of the badly pointed tiles. In the upstairs room of one tenemented house that I visited my hat brushed against the low ceiling, while the floor bent and shook at every footfall. In one house, the room being about 15 or 16 feet square, I found a family of ten living, and in a place destitute of drainage or ventilation, the effect of such crowding can be easily imagined. In many places I was shown how the house had been flooded during the recent rains, and told that buckets had to be placed all over the house to catch the water as it fell from above. In some places where a desperate fight was being made by the housewife to keep up appearances the aid of paper had been called in and although in many cases it served to somewhat hide the broken-down condition of the walls and ceilings, in others it was unequal to the task of holding things together. Many were the instances where housewifely skill seemed to triumph for a while over all the difficulties of the situation; but in nine cases out of ten the apathy consequent upon a hopeless struggle against decay was apparent, and there was but little attempt made to work wonders with such poor materials. Whole families, ranging in number from two up to ten, have no choice but to leave the colliery, or live in these crowded dens. If any one in a family be sick, he or she cannot lie in the attic, for it is unfit for the resting place of a sick person, and the patient must perforce lie in the one generally useful room of the house - in short, its only place that can by any stretch of courtesy be called a room. In these confined places must whole families be cooped up, and the opposite sexes have no other alternative than to perform all the operations of nature within eyesight or earshot of each other. If decency or morality or health can exist

in abodes such as I have described, it must be in spite of the surroundings of the place, for at present it is pregnant with every influence that can debase the physical, moral, and intellectual nature of man or woman. Privies are here almost unknown; the little patch of kitchen garden is absent from the front or back of the houses, and its place is supplied by the filthy ash heap.

At one time, wages ruled a little higher at Seghill than at many other places, and I was told of numerous instances of men tempted to the place by the prospect of better wages but driven away again in disgust by the inferior nature and condition of the colliery houses. In many of the colliery villages of the district, the prosperity of the past twelve months has told its tale upon the furnishing of the pitmen's houses; it has been a brave time for the tidy housewife who delights in furniture and ornaments, a brave time for the auctioneer, the broker, and the dealer in fancy goods, for in many places, although their condition is not all that could be desired, the houses are good enough to induce their inmates to take pride in them and to fill them with good furniture. This is not the case, however, at Seghill; good furniture would only spoil in the dark and dingy rooms, and there is no desire felt to deck with fancy blinds the 3ft. square windows of the lower rooms or the 18 inch square windows of the garrets. As to water supply, there are several wells, and there is a fair quantity of water to be got from them; the quality, however, is indifferent and the wells are badly kept. While in one house I hazarded a question about baths or washhouses, and the question was received with a burst of laughter, as though it was something ridiculous; yet I know of nothing more necessary, nothing which would be more conducive to health and personal cleanliness among the miners than the existence of washhouses, where, with plenty of water, they might wash the coal dust from their grimy bodies. As it is, the operation of washing the body has to be performed in the middle of the floor, and in full view of the whole family.

It must be plain from these facts that the sanitary condition of the houses of the Seghill pitmen is wretched in the extreme. It is not, therefore, to be wondered at that the social position of villagers is extremely low. Seghill, as I have before said, is a large colliery, and employs about 500 men and about 200 boys, so that if we allow the usual proportion for wives and families, we get a population of about 1,800 or 2,000. With a population like this one would naturally expect to find places of amusement, or of recreation, or instruction, yet there is not a news-room or Mechanics' Institute in the place. More wonderful still, there is no sign of a co-operative store in the place. There is an Established Church and two Methodist chapels, all of which are poorly attended; but there are two public houses, which are well attended. There is a school for boys and a school for girls. At the boys' school there is an average daily attendance of about 80, which will fall in a few weeks to about 50. These schools are kept up partly by the owners; each married man having to pay towards them sixpence per fortnight, each single man threepence. These schools and chapels are the redeeming points in the miserable social life of the place; but the construction and condition of the miners' dwellings give the public-house a great pull over them. At home, the miner only has his one room; if he is a reading man, the noise of the children or the household work of his wife disturbs him. There is no reading room where he can get to, but the two best houses in the place are open to him, where he can read the paper and have his glass of beer. So he goes there, and perhaps stays too long. Such as I have just sketched is the condition of the miner in too many of the villages of this district. Sump-holes, and cesspools and middens contribute their quota to the surface drainage, which in wet weather contributes most of the water to the various wells. As to the miner himself, the tenant at will in one of the miserable brick cribs I have described - though his lot now is much better than it used to be - his position is anything but enviable. He is down in the mine by day, doing the dangerous work, which is all the coalowner requires from him and at night he takes his rest in places almost as unfit for human habitation as the seam in which he has been employed. Much has been said of late of planting houses "out in the clear;" but if cabins are to be planted out in the clear as at Seghill, the less we have of it the better.

A CHRISTIAN CONVERT

"Wm. MacDonald was born 1st October 1792 and baptised 4th May 1816 by James Dunkerley.

Memorandum: Wm. MacDonald is first son of Wm. MacDonald, clerk of Mr John Jarratt's Plantation, Kent Estate, County of St James, Jamaica, by Frances daughter of John Agee, a slave at Mr Reed's Plantation, Kent Estate, County of St James, Jamaica. He left Jamaica and landed at Blackwall, London, in July 1813, and shortly after this came to Sunderland and by attending worship at God of Zion Chapel, he became convinced of the truth of the Christian Religion and accordingly was baptised as above stated."

Baptismal Register, Zion Chapel, Sunderland.

THE NEW GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY IN SALT LAKE CITY

Paul Smart

At the World Conference on Records held in August 1980 at Salt Lake City, Utah, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (sometimes called the Mormons) announced the construction of a new genealogical library. The former one was bursting at the seams not only with patrons but also with the materials housed in it. It was only 8 years earlier that the library had moved into these premises, which were now inadequate. The first library was established in 1894, in a one-room attic. After 90 years and several moves, for the first time the genealogical library would have its own building - not just any building but one which was actually designed as a library.

Construction of the new library began in May 1983 at an estimated cost of \$8 million. It took 2½ years to complete at a final cost of \$8.5 million. The new library is the largest, most modern, and best equipped library of its kind in the world. It has 4 public floors, one administration floor, and the capacity to add 3 additional floors in the future. On each floor is found an information counter where patrons can seek advice on their research problems; a copy centre complete with coin changers, coin-op copiers for printed materials, microfilm and microfiche, typewriters, and computer printers for copies from an on-line catalogue system; lockers; classrooms for instruction; and microrooms, published materials and microform readers for those using the library.

When the library opened to the public on 25 October 1985 some referred to it as a modern miracle. The old library closed its doors for the last time on October 12. During the next 9 working days, nearly 170,000 published volumes, 1.4 million microfilms in 1600 microfilm cabinets, 150 computer terminals and printers, over 1000 units of shelving, 224 employees, 177 volunteers, 150 work stations, and a considerable amount of office furnishings, were moved and installed.

The new building has been designed for genealogical research. It consists of 5 floors, 2 of which are below ground. There are 136,000 square feet of floor space plus 6,000 square feet of underground, high density, storage for 'little used' records. The in-floor electronic distribution systems make it quite convenient to add electrical, computer and telephone units as needed. The modular walls are readily moveable, making for simplified remodelling and changes as needed. Lighting and heating are all computer controlled. Staff modular work stations are designed to provide the maximum comfort and efficiency. An orientation area and two theatres are conveniently near the main entrance. The theatres are equipped with slide, sound and video presentations to introduce the library to first-time visitors. Indeed, the building is functional.

The library collection has microfilms from nearly 100 countries, ranging from approximately 450,000 films for the United States to 16 films for Czechoslovakia. Some of our most heavily-used collections and the approximate number of films in each are:

United States	-	450,000	Netherlands	-	80,000
Mexico	-	131,000	Denmark	-	75,000
France	-	103,000	Sweden	-	68,000
Germany	-	95,000	Belgium	-	58,000
Great Britain	-	90,000			

All others have under 30,000 rolls of microfilm.

Specific help can be obtained in the library for most countries throughout the world. On the 2nd floor reference help is available for all states and provinces in the USA and Canada. On the main floor are records about members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons). The first lower level contains records that relate to central Europe, the Scandinavian countries, and other countries of the world except North America and the British Isles. Finally we come to the second lower level which houses the British collection.

Like all reference areas in the library, the British area has a counter staffed by employees and volunteers prepared to offer advice on how to go about tracing a person's ancestry. While the library offers advice, it does not do the work of tracing a person's ancestry. Like other areas there is a collection of maps and atlases, microfiche, microfilms, and printed materials. There are approximately 35,000 volumes in the British collection. This floor is equipped with 100 microfilm readers, 16 microfiche readers, copy centre with a machine for copying printed materials, 3 machines for making paper copies from microfilms, and 1 machine for making paper copies from microfiche.

The British collection consists of records from England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. The available records for these countries most often requested are as follows:

ENGLAND AND WALES

1. **CIVIL REGISTRATION:** Birth, marriage and death indexes for 1837-1980. The original certificates are at St Catherine's House in London.
2. **CENSUS RECORDS:** 1841-1881 (censuses taken every 10 years). Street address indexes for major cities for '41-'81 censuses. Surname indexes for many counties prepared largely by British FHSs.
3. **PARISH REGISTERS:** 1538-1875 approx. for 'Established Church of England' (Anglican/Episcopalian). Approx. 35% of the original registers of christenings, marriages and burials, as well as many copies of registers in printed and manuscript form, are available.
4. **BISHOPS' TRANSCRIPTS:** 1598-1875 approx. (varies greatly). These are copies of PRs sent to the Bishop of each diocese. Approx. 60% of these records are available in the British collection.
5. **NONCONFORMIST RECORDS:** 1600s to 1837, the majority of collection from PRO, London.
6. **PROBATE RECORDS (WILLS):** 1858 to 1957, only indexes are available.
7. **PROBATE RECORDS (WILLS):** 1300s to 1857. About 95% of wills and indexes are available. A special index of those wills from 1812-1857, often referred to as the 'Estate Duty Will Indexes', is also available.
8. **MAJOR GENEALOGICAL COLLECTIONS:** Inland Revenue Apprenticeship Records, Boyd's Citizens of London Index, Gibson's Oxfordshire Index, Boyd's Marriage Index, George Frederick Tudor Sherwood Collection, William Harold Challen Collection, John Owen Collection, Essex CRO's General Index of Personal Names from 1500, Isle of Wight's card index to all CMB before 1837, Bennett & Dale Collections for Cheshire, Bloom Collection for the Midlands, Wagner Collection of Huguenot pedigrees, Isham Longden Collection for Northampton, Dwelly's Manuscripts for Somerset, Wessex Collection for Hampshire, Farrer Manuscripts for Lancashire, Prattinson Collection for Worcester, Sykes & Ince's Collection for Yorkshire, are a few of the more popular ones available.

SCOTLAND

1. **CIVIL REGISTRATION:** BMD indexes for 1855-1955; certificates for 1855-75, 1881 and 1891.
2. **CENSUS RECORDS:** 1841 to 1891 (censuses taken every 10 years). Street address indexes for major cities for '41-'91 censuses.
3. **CHURCH RECORDS:** 1558-1854 for the 'Established Church of Scotland' (Presbyterian). Most records start about 1700.
4. **PROBATE RECORDS (TESTAMENTS):**
 - a. 1514-1823 records and indexes.
 - b. 1823-1875: some copies of testaments and inventories from about 1824-1876. Five volume set of printed indexes called *Index to the Inventories of the Personal Estates of Defuncts 1827-1867*.
 - c. 1876-1936 indexes only.
5. **LAND RECORDS:**
 - a. Sasines. 1617-1868 with partial indexes.
 - b. Deeds. 1542-1851, minute books only with some sporadic indexes.
 - c. Services of Heirs. 1544-1959, documents and indexes; special published indexes 1700+.

IRELAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND

1. **CIVIL REGISTRATION:** BMD indexes 1864-1959; certificates for 1864-80 (with gaps), 1900-13 (births only), 1930-55 (Republic of Ireland births only), 1922-59 (Northern Ireland, all records). Civil recording of protestant marriages from 1845-63 with indexes.
2. **CENSUS RECORDS:** 1821-51, 1901, 1911 (taken every 10 years). Fragments only 1821 to 1851. Most censuses destroyed in 1922. The first complete census is 1901. Part of 1911 census for Antrim is available here; all of it is available in Ireland. Census 'substitutes' such as tax lists, pension applications and abstracts, and valuation lists which give information similar to that included in the census are here.
3. **CHURCH RECORDS:** approx. 1700 to approx. 1880. Transcript copies of some, though few Church of Ireland & Presbyterian. Roman Catholic records for several, but not all, dioceses.
4. **LAND RECORDS:** 1708-1959. Memorials, marriage settlements, and parts of probate actions involving land are included in deeds. Surname indexes (grantor, groom, bride etc.) and county indexes (by town, townland or street).
5. **TITHE APPLLOTMENT BOOKS:** 1832-38. Land tax lists which give the lessor and/or occupier or tenant of the land. Special surname (only) index prepared by the National Library of Ireland, often referred to as the "*Householder's Index*", is available.
6. **GRIFFITH'S VALUATION:** 1848-64. Land tax lists which give the lessor and/or occupier or tenant of the land. Surname index as 5 available.

7. PROBATE RECORDS (WILLS): early to 1857. Many probates were destroyed in 1922. Extant probates of both diocesan and prerogative courts have been filmed. Wills abstracts and pedigrees ~trttlrti~r'itrt -i~5tf=ioiUlfy·dtrtiz'eof~iita~rt: r~~trrt~u~arrclrltaYruscrt~tlitu~xesr6r iSSb=i~s'34s;
8. PROBATE RECORDS (WILLS): 1858 to 1920. General index to wills and administrations. Most original wills before 1904 were destroyed, especially from the Principal Registry in Dublin. Will copies for the 11 district registries, 1858 to about 1890, are at the Genealogical Library.
9. MAJOR GENEALOGICAL MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS: often include transcripts of records no longer extant. Collections are from some of the following repositories: Genealogical Office of Arms, Trinity College, Royal Irish Academy, and the Public Record Offices of Belfast and Dublin.

A mammoth collection awaits family historians, genealogists, and others at the Genealogical Library. One of the library's chief purposes is to make this material more readily accessible to the public. Several key projects are preparing the way.

- * Genealogical Library Catalogue (GLC) - a computer-produced microfiche list (about 1600 microfiche) that describes the records of the main library in Salt Lake City. There are nearly 1.5 million entries in the catalogue.

- * International Genealogical Index (IGI) - a computer-produced microfiche list (approx. 6,700 microfiche) of an estimated 88 million deceased individuals (of which approx. 45 million are British entries) designed to verify Latter-day Saint ordinances, to avoid duplication of research efforts, and to identify those doing research on the same families.

- * Old Parochial Register Index of Scotland (OPR) - a special computer-produced microfiche index of christenings and marriages from the old parochial or parish registers of the Church of Scotland (in progress). For many counties, indexes exist arranged by both surname and given (Christian) name.

- * Family Registry - a new service designed to help patrons co-ordinate their genealogical research efforts and thereby avoid unnecessary duplication of time and expense. Active researchers and family organisations can register information about their genealogical research activities. Others searching the file can co-ordinate their activities on 388 (approx. 150,000 entries) microfiche.

- * Personal Ancestral File (PAF) - genealogical software on program diskettes with an easy-to-use operation manual. It offers: (1) a lineage-linked subsystem that enables assembly of one's pedigree with virtually unlimited genealogical and historical information and (2) a utility to help manage large volumes of original research data. All information entered into the system can be printed out. The program can print blank or completed Pedigree Charts and Family Group Records in letter or legal size. Available for the MS-DOS and most compatibles (such as IBM PC), Apple 11 family, and CP/M80 (specifically for the Kaypro).

- * Ancestral File (expected in late 1980s) - a computerized system to (1) preserve and disseminate lineage-linked genealogies submitted to the library, (2) provide new users with a starting point for their research by showing them what has already been done on their ancestral lines, (3) reduce duplicate genealogical research effort and expense, and (4) establish a registry of family organizations to help users co-ordinate their research with one another.

- * Genealogical Data Communications program (GEDCOM) - available on PAF, making transfer of information possible between home computers using PAF software. Eventually, it will also allow transfer of information to the library, genealogical societies, etc. who have the GEDCOM sending and receiving program.

- * Library publications - the library shares the expertise of its staff by way of written handouts, research papers, registers, indexes and other aids. Publications are updated periodically to ensure accurate and helpful information. Such publications can help make a visit to the Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City more productive and can help you research at home or at another genealogical facility.

All of the above-mentioned resources and more await those who are interested in tracing their family histories at the Genealogical Library, 35 North West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150. For more information write to the library. If you cannot get to Salt Lake City, you may want to visit one of the 650 local branch libraries throughout the world. A list of these is available by writing to the main library. The use and services of a branch genealogical library will be explained in a future article.

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THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF UTAH

The following is a summary of records microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah in the second half of 1986:-

REPOSITORY	RECORD TYPE	COVERING YEARS
Lancashire CRO	BTs, Diocese of Liverpool BTs, Diocese of Blackburn	
Guildhall Library	Various Guild Records	Pre-1900
West Sussex CRO	BTs, Diocese of Chichester Various Non-Conformist Registers	Pre-1900
Somerset House	Wills	1858-1900
Wiltshire CRO	Various Non-Conformist Registers Marriage License Application Records	Pre-1900 Pre-1900
C. of E. Parish of Claverton (nr. Bath)	Register 'Parish Chest' Records	Pre-1900 Pre-1900
Victoria Library (Westminster City Libraries)	C. of E. Parish Registers (various London Parishes)	Pre-1900
Public Record Office (by purchase)	Chancery Proceeding and Indexes	Pre-1900
Northumberland CRO	Electoral Registers C. of E. Parish Registers	Pre-1900 Pre-1900
	Name Index	
Sunderland Central Library	Card Index to Durham Marriage Bonds	
Lambeth Palace Library	BTs of the Peculiar Deanery of the Arches	
Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies	Index to East Sussex Births Modern Transcripts of East Sussex C. of E. Parish Registers	
Mr John Brooks	'Brooks' Index to Berkshire Marriages	Pre-1837
Oxfordshire CRO	Index to Oxfordshire Marriages	Pre-1837
Devon CRO	Card File of Exeter Wills	Pre-1858
Surrey CRO	Quarter Sessions Papers Quarter Sessions Order Books	
	Electoral Registers	Pre-1900
Staffordshire CRO	Land Tax Returns	Pre-1831

Further details may be obtained from the Genealogical Society of Utah, 751 Warwick Road, SOLIHULL, West Midlands B913DQ.

THE MINERS' STRIKE

4 April 1831 - Monday, another large meeting of pitmen was held at Shaden's hill, Black Fell, on which occasion immense numbers of them marched through Gateshead in military order, with banners flying, inscribed with appropriate mottos. This meeting ended, like those preceding it, without coming to any determination. The following are the heads of what they demanded:- 1. Not to be turned out of their houses at the expiration of their hiring, according to their bond, but to let the law have its regular process. 2. To have eleven days per fortnight, at three shillings per day, which would leave about twenty nine shillings, after every deduction. 3. The time of working to be henceforth twelve hours per day. 4. Fines for laid-out corves to be only the loss of the price of the corf; and corves deficient in measure to be sent out at the crane. 5. Corves to be adjusted when thought to be too large. 6. The annual binding to be at the usual time. The annual period of servitude of the colliers of the Tyne and Wear having expired on the 5th of April, most of them refused to enter into fresh engagements with their employers until the differences between them were adjusted. The latter, it was said, had agreed that the boys should in future work only twelve hours a day, and that the workmen should be paid their wages in money, and have power to buy goods where they pleased; but the men continued to insist upon other conditions.

LETTER FROM AMERICA

The following letter was found among some family papers by Mrs Valerie Corno, a descendant of the Armstrong family of High Blakehope, near Whittingham, Northumberland.

Madria,
N.Y.

March 20 184 1

To Andrew Armstrong, High Blakehope

Dear Cousin,

I take this opportunity of writing a few lines to you to let you know that we are all well. Hoping this will find you and our friends in the same. We have great reason to thank the giver of all good to us all. You will doubtless think I have been very long in writing you - indeed I cannot make an excuse for myself but I hope you will forgive me for I have not forgot you. I shall now give you some account of all of our friends beginning with myself. I bought a farm about sixteen years ago. I upon this farm and boarded with my sister Ealinor about six years. She is married to a Scotsman George Walker. They have a farm just beside mine. I then thought I would take a wife. I married just ten years ago last July. I have now six children. I married a Scotswoman. Her father was a minister in the Scots settlement here. My farm is about one hundred and eighty acres. I have got it all paid for. I built a new house this last year. A house such as I built cost about six hundred dollars or about £150. We build very few stone houses here as many like the wood ones better. The wood is all sawn and put up in boards and looks very handsome. The length is thirty eight by twenty seven feet. My cellar below ground is the same length and breadth.

My father is still in good health but he is now fallen off by old age. My mother has been these ten years in but a weak state of health but she is just much but no worse. I built a stone house about nine years My eldest sister has now and one boy. They have also a good farm and stone house. Andrew is married but has no children. He also has a farm. Elener has six children. They also have a farm. James has four children, they also have Thomas has two children, they also have a farm. John has also has a farm.

We have very long winters here. To keep part of our farms in hay we sow wheat, oats, barley and some indian corn. We have good mills for all kinds of grain. My farm is all clear except a few acres we keep for firewood and fences. We keep two horses and ten cows, twelve young cattle. We kill about six or eight a year. We have about thirty sheep. The wheat crops has not been good these some years past, warm as our summer is and cold as our winters is and all the many difficulties in wood cutting we have to encounter I would not change with any shepherd I know about the Cheviot Hills. I shall now give you some account of John Middlemist and family. He is well but my aunt has been but poorly these few weeks past as she has had some trouble in the family. Her son George this fall he was just married seven weeks until he died on the 24th February last. He had taken up a farm and got some of it paid for. John is married about three years ago. He has two children they both died young. He has a farm. Alison is married and has two children. They also have a farm. Andrew and Jennet is at home. Andrews health has not been very good this some time past - the old mans farm is about half a mile from me. He has about 140 acres. One hundred is paid for. He now lives quite independent. He has a twenty head of cattle with other things belonging to farming. My uncle Mathew and family is all well. Three of his family is married. They are all very well. My old uncle George is still alive and stops on a farm himself. He is not married but keeping up cash. Uncle John Oliver has got a farm about ten miles from here. He is also making a good living. William Young has got a farm about I mile from here. He has two hundred and eight acres all his own. He is quite independent. We don't count independence in cash here for it is still very scarce - what we call independence here is when we can live comfortably on our own farms and not be obliged to one person - James Young has a farm and is doing well. John Young is married but has no family. He has got a farm but I don't know how things stands with him but he is living and healthy. was very glad to hear from Thomas Young. I saw from him to Ralph Pringle - you will be so good as to let him know this but you may also tell him he may stop in Britan all his days and never do as well as his brother William no not if he should live out the present Gentry on a small farm. - but give my respects to him and say I will be glad to hear from him at any time, only I would like much better to see him here. If he could bring about£200 here he might do well as that sum would go far at present.

Tell Alison she will surely believe me what I wish about all my friends. Robert Granston lives about one mile from me. I saw him a few days ago. He is well. Thomas Oliver is well but his wife is unwell indeed. They don't expect her to get better. Again he lives about eight miles from here - the state of New York is divided into counties and townships. This is the county of St Lawrence, township of Madria. A township is sometimes about ten miles square here - there is a large Scots settlement here.

We have a meeting house and a good minister - there is about three hundred members in church mostly all Scotch. They give the minister five hundred dollars yearly beside a good house. We are building a new meeting house this year about four miles from the present one to accommodate the outskirts of the congregation. That the minister may preach in it every other Sunday when we have aimed to double since he came here until this last season when the meaiels has come in amongst us and cut the numbers indeed. This winter there has been a number of deaths of different troubles but we hope by the blessing of God the worst is past as a great number is now better.

When we hire a man for one year it costs us about one hundred and twenty dollars, bed and board. A dollar is about 4/2d. The young girls get about one dollar Mostly all the Scots about this place is doing well indeed. A man can do well here - I hope you will write when you get this and give us an account of Wilhemina Thompson and family and how they are all doing and also all our friends and acquaintances in the old country. Don't neglect anything you can remember and excuse my long neglect as I now promise to write again when I can write with a quill from the wing of my goose. We are now going to begin to make our own sugar in a few days. We make all our own soap and candles. My mistress sends her kind respects to you all. She is just now sitting beside me mending a pair of breeches of mine for a little fellow for they are sturdy boys. Direct to me County of St Lawrence St. New York. Give my respects to all enquiring friends and acquaintances, no more remains, yours truly,
George Short Second

Give my regards to Robt. Rutherford and wife, tell him Thomas and family as well when you write direct to me.

Editor's Note: Mrs Corno's address is 1 I Flectway, Thorpe, EGHAM, Surrey TW20 8UA.

OMAN WHAT A LIFE!

Avril Steward

Do your husband/wife and children yawn about your enthusiasm for the old family tree? No problem, I've found the answer to get their attention. Find an ancestor who died in an asylum!!

I had found all the relevant details of great grandfather James Orman, a ship's carpenter, of Sunderland, on my initial search into my family history, via an imposing gravestone which was surrounded by a magnificent rhododendron bush, then in full bloom, at Mere Knolle Cemetery, Sunderland. His age and date of death, 13 September 1899, soon led me to his birth certificate which showed that he was born 8 November 1849 at Monkwearmouth, to James Orman and his wife Barbara nee Lowes, and subsequently to the entry in the Marriage Indexes at St Catherine's House and his marriage to fifteen year old Jane Corner in 1871. I thought all my notes on great grandfather James were complete, as I knew through relatives that the couple had three children, Barbara, Ethel and Lillie (my grandmother). I was far more interested in finding details of the two James Ormans before him, his father who was a mate mariner, and his grandfather, an agent.

Having attended a short course on family history held locally, I became friendly with a like-minded student and we decided to keep in touch. Eventually we arranged to meet in "The Wills" at Birmingham Reference Library, a quiet galleried top floor room which houses the parish records for Birmingham City and the National Indexes of Wills. Sue was seated by the indexes for the year 1899, in which James had died, so allowing for a few months delay in granting probate I pulled out the index for 1900. I casually flicked over the pages, not dreaming for one moment he'd have made a will (up till then my ancestors had been carters, pitmen, engine drivers, brakesmen, labourers, cordwainers, mariners, painters, etc., etc. Some must have lived very hard lives, many dying in their 40s and even 30s), when to my amazement, there jumping out of the page before me was -

Orman, James of IS Charles St. Monkwearmouth, Sunderland, joiner, died 13.9 1899 at Sunderland Borough Lunatic Asylum, Ryhope. Proved Durham 9.6.1900 to Jane Orman and Charles Robert Walker, solicitor, £46130s.Od.

At last, someone interesting! I couldn't put pen to paper fast enough: letters to Sunderland Registrar for his death certificate, enumerable letters to Somerset House for his will (surely there must be a more cost effective method, when they are presented with all the relevant details on the initial enquiry). The death certificate, which arrived by return of post, showed that an inquest into his death had been held on 16 September 1899. There followed several letters in search of the coroner's report, to Durham Record Office, Peterlee and Sunderland District Registrars, Kew, and finally to the Coroner at Durham Constabulary Headquarters, all drawing complete blanks.

Thwarted by the lack of a coroner's report, I then wrote to Sunderland Central Library (where I once worked briefly back in the 1960s - why oh why didn't I take up genealogy then instead of buying Beatle records! Never mind winning the Pools, my idea of heaven is a whole week delving into the local archives there; couldn't Jim fix it?) asking if they could spare time to look for a report on the coroner's inquest in old copies of the Sunderland Daily Echo. Within a few days a photo-copy came through the post - my husband being more interested in the adjacent report of the match between Sunderland Football Club and Burnley at the new Roker Park ground. Lost again, I'm afraid!

My daughter Julie, who looks remarkably like James's daughter Lillie, went into a long dialogue about how insanity can jump generations and then reappear unexpectedly, while her brother Ben quipped "Now we know who you take after, Mum!"

The report was as follows:-

INQUEST AT THE RYHOPE ASYLUM

This afternoon, an inquest was held at the Sunderland Borough Asylum, Ryhope, on the body of James Orman, of Sunderland, who was in detention in the institution.

Thomas Noble, an attendant, said he had most to do with Orman since the 13th August, a day or two after his admission. At that time he had some slight bruises on the legs. He suffered from the general paralysis of the insane. He was restless noisy and indistinct in his speech and unsteady in his gait. No force was necessary to restrain him except just to keep him in bed. On August 14th he had a fall which caused a slight scalp wound. On the 1st September he had another fall when an inmate named Sanderson shoved him, and he received a large wound lower down than the previous one. He was stunned for a minute or two but he then seemed alright, and was at once medically attended.

The Coroner said the jury and he were satisfied there were no marks of grievous violence.

Dr. Yates explained that a post mortem examination showed that the wounds were superficial, and none of them had penetrated internally. The body was healthy internally except the brain, which was generally diseased. The cause of death was paralysis of the brain, probably accelerated by diarrhoea, from which he had been suffering. The wounds would have no effect upon the cause of death. There had been no complaints as to the attendants.

A verdict was returned accordingly.

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All these facts were reported to my father's younger brother Freddie, living in Washington, who shares my enthusiasm for family history, though unfortunately because of ill health cannot pursue it himself. He immediately got in touch with his elder sister Lily, born the year her grandfather died, and now living at East Herrington. Lily knew James had died at Ryhope, but had no knowledge of his "being loopy". She had been told by her mother Lillie that he had been to sea in his capacity as a ship's carpenter, and had had a tragic accident aboard ship in 1899.

Could this be the reason for his detention in the Asylum, having sustained a brain injury, or was this a story the family invented as a cover-up? My hopes of finding a copy of the coroner's report which might throw light on the cause of his original detention in the Asylum seem dim, and because of the fact that the records of seamen for that year are dispersed far and wide I may never find the whole truth.

My search continues. I afterwards found from the 1851 Census of Monkwearmouth that James's father, the mate mariner, had died when James was only a baby, probably at sea, as there is no entry for him in the indexes at Alexandra House.

The photo-copy, now duly framed, holds pride of place on our study wall. My husband, curiosity now awakened, even accompanied me to Nottingham Record Office in my search for his ancestors! He had the unnerving ability to home in to the ancestral tombstones in each of the unfamiliar churchyards we subsequently visited.

I suppose the moral of this tale is 'Don't be content with dates on a gravestone - dig deeper!'

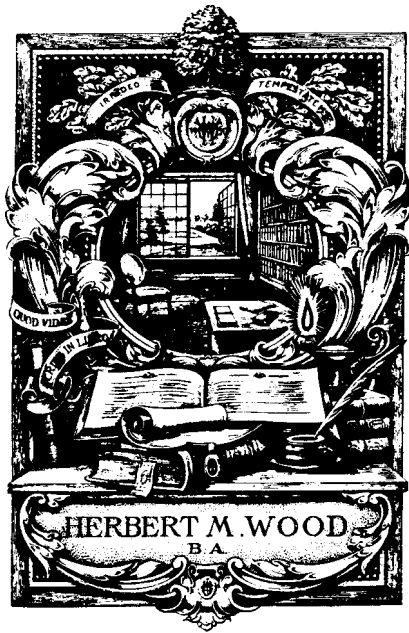
EX LIBRIS

Doug Smith

Research into family history means that sooner or later you will have made a collection of books. The reference books, the general guides to genealogy, works about the areas and jobs associated with your family, the county guides and the many reprints of early historians so the collection grows. If it is to be a respectable one the bookcase should begin to groan during the hours of darkness and ominous cracks appear in the plaster of the ceiling below. As they increase, so does the value, for books are fast becoming luxury items.

And with that generosity of spirit which characterises genealogists always willing to share their enthusiasm with newcomers, you will begin to loan out these precious volumes. With the best will in the world you hope they will be returned with equal courtesy. As it happens, of course, since they lack

the instinct of the North-East pigeon, those precious works of reference can go astray. Nor can you recollect every time just who borrowed them.



For centuries the simple device of the book-plate has ensured that some, at least, return to their native shelf. So what about designing one for yourself? A personal book plate to enhance your collection and, more to the point, ensure that even the most flustered and profuse apologies are avoided when you no longer have to track down the erring friend. And if you already possess old volumes so marked, don't remove the plate: it shows the provenance and adds to the value. A small amount of art work; some design to allude to your family name - perhaps a punning one - or your job or arms. A small outlay with a local fast printing firm who will reproduce or reduce it on to gummed paper, and there you are! Any number you require!

Some good examples are to be found illustrated in the older Encyclopaedia Britannica if you need guidance. The one illustrated here is that of Herbert Maxwell Wood - surely an appropriate one for the Society to show, for which of us has not had reason to be grateful for his stupendous transcripts in Newcastle Library. Many of the tail-pieces of

Thomas Bewick make attractive designs with simple lettering added. Indeed, they need not be elaborate - the royal book-plate is *"The Queen's Book"* written in calligraphy white upon black. Unlike that of Queen Alexandra who insisted that hers should incorporate all her treasured items much as her drawing room contained knick-knacks considered indispensable to an Edwardian house. The printer was informed it must include her favourite pieces of music, her favourite books, her dogs, pictures of Windsor Castle and the Royal Palace in Copenhagen, plus a strip of music showing her favourite song. He protested: it was impossible to have so many things portrayed at once. But the lady whose habitual unpunctuality had once caused her to delay the entire railway timetables of Central Europe was not to be defeated by such a minor consideration. It was done, and she showed it with

ODD ENTRIES

Longbenton Parish Baptisms:

"Feb. 14th 1779. George, son of John & Dorothy Routledge of Longbenton, baptised. This child has six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot."

Rothbury Parish Burials:

"29th May 1761. William, son of a stroller who conceals his name."

Allendale Parish Burials:

"William, son of Hannah Armstrong, born when his father Joseph Armstrong was a corpse in the house and baptised on his father's burial day at Low Horsley on 28th August 1765."

Longhoughton Parish Burials:

"10th September 1725. George Heymers (a tergiveress janus whig) herd of Little Houghton buried."

NORTHUMBERLAND HEARTH TAX: PART X

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

THE PARISH OF THOCKERINGTON

Michael Cooke	1	Patrick Scott
Cuth. Cooke	1	Andrew Warwicke
Mich. Cowman	1	
Fran. Widdrington	1	

CARRECOATS

Mr Char. Shaftoe	4	Walter Smith
Richard Forster	1	

LITTLE BAVINGTON

Mr Wm. Shaftoe	5	Widdow Patteson
John Browne	1	Ralph Spoore
Wm. Tower	1	George English
Randell Frizell	1	Antho. Shaftoe
Henry Robson	1	Wm. Booland
George Strange	1	Francis Forster
Widd. Robson	1	
John Bell	2	

THOCKERINGTON

Richard Sharpe	1	None
Christo. Bell	1	
Edw. Ramsey	1	
Widdow Shaftoe	1	
Tho. Steale	1	
George Hall	1	
Wm. Henderson	1	
Tho. Robson	1	
Ralph Shaftoe	1	
Lyonell Robson	1	
Cuthbt. Ramsey	1	

CHOLLERTON

Mr Robt. Edemson	1	Wm. Robson
Tho. Hearon	1	Geo. Davison
Robert Wilson	1	Widd. Robson
Thomas Chattoe	1	John Trumble
Edw. Reed	1	John Yardly
Wm. Robson	1	Cuth. Charlton
Anthy. Bell	1	John Rowell
		James Lee
		Hum. Robson

CREATE SWINBURNE

Rohr. Weare	6	Nicholas Redd
Ralph Coane	1	Jerrard Forster
		Arthur Charleton
		Randell Stokoe

BARRASFORD

John Smith	1	Thomas Shipley
John Story	1	Wm. Hunter
George Nicholson	1	Wm. Nicholson
John Kell	1	John Carat
John Orser	1	George Benitt
Robt. Shipley	1	Widdow Beates
Wm. Nicholson	1	George Wilson
Thomas Hutchinson	1	Widd. Nicholson
John Cante	1	Richard Bulmer
George Colson	1	Widdow Dodd
		John Shipley
		Richard Urwen
		Walter Pickrin
		Widd. Gibson
		Cuth. Atkinson
		Widd. Joblin

COLWELL

Cuth. Richardley	1	Cuth. Reede
Nicholas Fenwicke	3	Henry Pickering
Roger Hunter	1	Wm. Atkinson
John Denom	1	John Milbume
		David Hutchinson
		Wm. Browne
		Symond Wilson

BIRKLEY

Mr George Hearon	3	John Thompson
John Robson	1	George Oliver
Randall Milburne	1	Reginald Charleton
Wm. Oliver	1	Thomas Robson
Edmond Robson	1	John Wilkinson
John Hedley	1	Humphrey Robson
		Richard Browne
		Tho. Hockell
		Nicho. Oliver
		Robert Smith
		William Blackcocke
		Mary Bewicke
		John Ree
		John Hedley
		Edw. Robson
		Reginald Hedley
		James Milburne
		Wm. Hedley
		Tho. Milbume

THE LIBERTIE OF THE TWO BOOTLANDS

Mr Wm. Widdrington	3	None
James Browne	1	
Wm. Robson	1	
Ann Wilkinson	1	

STIDLEY HILL

Thomas Cogson	1	James Forster
Widdow Forster	1	Nicholas Staning
John Grame	1	Mabell Pott
John Forster	1	John Hay
Michaill Forster	1	Mathew Coxon
Jarrard Forster	1	Jane Forster
Robert Forster	1	Wm. Forster
Jasper Hall	1	Eliz. Forster
Luke Forster	1	John Scott
Marke Forster	1	
Wm. Cooke	1	
John Forster	1	
Thomas Forster	1	
Bartho. Robson	1	
Widdow Reed	1	
Christo. Ratcheghe	1	
John Worsley	1	
Henry Reed	1	
James Wann	1	

CHESTERRUPP

Wm. Hall	1	Robert Warm
John Charlton	1	James Hall
George Forster	1	Kathren Reed
John Forster	1	Henry Robson
Wm. Forster	1	Cath. Jameson
Cho. Reed	1	Margaret Reed
George Reed	1	Janet Reed
James Mackdowell	1	Jannet Robson
Edw. Oliver	1	Edw. Hall
Edw. Forster	1	
James Shortreade	1	
Jasper Hall	1	
James Coate	1	
Edward Oliver	1	

COWLE TOWNE

Arthur Browne	1	John Winlease
John Browne	1	Margarett Brown
Antho. Browne	1	Dorothy Reed
Wm. Reed	1	Ann Fowler
Tho. Reed	1	Tho. Forster
John Scott	1	Issabel Read
Xpofer. Reed	1	Elinor Forster
George Robson	1	John Stoker
Thomas Reed	1	Jenet Henderson
Edw. Reed	1	Jennet Forster
Ralph Forster	1	Eliz. Cambell
Antho. Milburne	1	Peter Hedley
Robt. Forster	1	Wm. Oliver
Tho. Forster	1	
Henry Forster	1	

GUNNERTON

Wm. Denome	1	Tho. Browne
Wm. Magdowell	1	Roger Barron
Richard Story	1	Wm. Usher
Wm. Dodd	1	Rich. Hearon
Bartho. Cooke	1	The. Wood
Edw. Oliver	1	Jo. Stoker
Widdow Chicken	1	Ly. Woodman
Wid. Richarley	1	Albo. Bell
George Oliver	1	The. Atkinson
Cuth. Hearon	1	Anti. Shaftor
		Edw. Colson
		John Magdowell
		John Shaftor
		Ann Brown
		Christo. Oliver
		Alex. Taylor
		Mark Trumble
		Wid. Atkinson
		Widdow Bird
		James Oliver
		Andrew Mackdowell
		Wm. Usher
		Mary Elder
		The. Smith
		Low. Armstrong

BROOMEHOPP

Michell Bell	1	None
Randell Cranston	1	
George Hatherington	1	
Ralph Stoker	1	
George Milburne	1	
William Milburne	1	
Edw. Chatter	1	

MICKLE BAVINGTON

Mr Ralph Fenwick	d	John Jefferson
Mr Curb. Ogle	3	John Atkinson
Arth. Charlton	1	Geo. Cooke
Mathew Stopitt	1	Sara Robinson
Edw. English	1	Isabell Pott
		Wm. Browne
		Cuth. Smith
		Rowland Rutherford

LITTLE SWINBURNE

Mr Tho. Rowland	2	Jarre. Forster
Widdow Chattoe	1	The. Smart
		Renald S..b..
		Arth. Charleton
		David Caldwin
		Robt. Caldwin
		Edw. Anderson
		Tho-wicke
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		Tho-wicke
		David Parker
		James Little

WEST WHELPINGTON

Thomas Hogg	1	Geo. Atkinson
William Hymers	1	William Forster
Mathew Newton	1	Robt. Hymers
George Harle	1	An. Ayderson
Andrew Oliver	1	
Thomas Forster	1	
George Ree	1	

STRAYS INDEXES

Moir and Fred Furness, the Society's Strays Co-ordinators, have compiled two volumes containing thousands of names of folk from Durham and Northumberland who left the area for other parts.

Copies of 'Stray Marriages - Volume 11' have been deposited with Newcastle Central Library, Darlington Branch Library, Tyne and Wear Archives Department, and our own library. Copies of 'Stray Burials - Volume 1' have been deposited with Newcastle Central Library and Tyne and Wear Archives Department, and will shortly be available at Darlington Branch Library and our own library. Copies of both volumes have also been deposited with the Society of Genealogists in London.

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

The following is a list of some recent additions to the Society's library. We thank all those who have donated books or other material.

- 3.061 PARISH REGISTERS OF MUGGLESWICK 1784-1812. J. W. Fawcett (1906) 41 pp. Typescript. *Collated and typed by R. W. Davison.*
- 5.073 LIST OF PUBLICATIONS BY THE BORTHWICK INSTITUTE. Borthwick Institute. 3 pp. *List and prices.*
- 5.074 SCOTTISH FAMILY HISTORIES. Joan P.S. Ferguson (National Library of Scotland, 1986), 254 pp.
- 5.075 READING OLD HANDWRITING. Eve McLaughlin (Federation of Family History Societies, 1987), 20 pp.
- 6.057 STRAYS FROM GENERAL HISTORY OF MACON COUNTY, MISSOURI. K. Kelso (1986). 14 pp. Photocopy. *Photocopies of brief biographical sketches of North-East men.*
- 1.116 THE CHANTRY, MORPETH. Morpeth Antiquarian Society (1987), 1 p.
- 1.117 LOCAL CATALOGUE, CENTRAL LIBRARY, NEWCASTLE. Basil Anderton (Andrew Reid & Company Ltd., 1932). 626 pp.
- 2.095 MONTGOMERY CLAN SOCIETY. Floyd Montgomery, 92 pp. Photocopy.
- 2.096 THE ANDERSON FAMILY. David J. Anderson (1987), 217 pp. Photocopy. A *Brief History, 1578-1981.*
- 3.062 SUBSCRIPTION LIST FOR 1811 HISTORY OF NORTHUMBERLAND. (Mackenzie & Dent, 1811), 8 pp.
- 5.076 PAMPHLETS PRESERVED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PALAEOGRAPHY & DIPLOMATIC, UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM. (Dept. of Palaeography & Diplomatic, 1987), 55 pp. *Indexed.*
- 5.077 FAMILY HISTORY FROM NEWSPAPERS. Eve McLaughlin (Federation of Family History Societies, 1987), 16 pp.
- 5.078 WHERE TO FIND THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE & INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEXES. Jeremy Gibson (Federation of Family History Societies, 1987), 36 pp.
- 5.079 RECORD OFFICES: HOW TO FIND THEM. Jeremy Gibson and Pamela Peskett (Federation of Family History Societies, 1987), 56 pp.
- 6.058 LONDON GROUP OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY. (1987). 1 p. Photocopy. *Dates of Meetings, 1987.*
- 6.059 CANTERBURY BELL (2). Gen. Group and Canterbury Library. 18 pp. Photocopy. *Australian Journal donated by a new member.*
- 6.060 THE ST GEORGE'S SOCIETY OF TORONTO. Anne Storey (Generation Press of Toronto, 1987), 131 pp. *History of Society formed to support English settlers in Toronto.*

The following MIs have also been added to the collection in our library: -

Ponteland
 St Cuthbert's, Etherley, Bishop Auckland
 Ryton
 Muggleswick
 " St Hilda's, South Shields
 Holy Trinity, South Shields
 St Simon's, South Shields
 St Stephen's, South Shields
 St Paul's, Jarrow

The last batch reflects the hard work and enthusiasm of the South Tyneside Group. They have also completed the indexing of all marriages in Church of England churches in South Shields.

Please note that items marked with an asterisk are not available to postal borrowers. It would be appreciated if members wishing to borrow books from the Library would follow the procedure described at the beginning of the Library Catalogue.

MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERESTS

Items for this and the "Second Time Around" column should be sent to Mrs Irene Blackburn, 11 Blackdene, ASHINGTON, Northumberland NE63 8TL.

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

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

Welcome to all our new members.

1973 Mr B. TOFT, 76 Glenluce.Birtlev., CHESTER LE STREET, Durham -DWi -2H Y.

Researching Daniel Toft who was married in Bishopwearmouth in 1816 and was a master mariner. His family consisted of Mary his wife, and children Daniel, Mary, Thomas and Jane. Any information would be most welcome.

2329 Mrs R.M. WATERMAN, 7 Packham Street, SHEPPARTON, VICTORIA 3630, AUSTRALIA.

Interested in Alexander Sinclair, mariner, and his wife (Margaret?), parents of William Cooper Sinclair who was born about 1827 in North Shields. He married Mary Scott Robertson, daughter of William Scott Robertson in 1847 at Tynemouth. Their daughter, Elizabeth Robertson Sinclair (born 1857) married Robert Robson around 1877, their children were Thomas (1879), William Sinclair (1881), Hannah Charlton (1884) and John (1889). Thomas and William emigrated to Australia in 1910 and 1912 respectively. Elizabeth died in North Shields in 1911.

2475 Mr E.M. PLEWS, 229 Kersey Crescent, Speen, NEWBURY, Berkshire RG 13 1 SX.

(a 0635 30308) Researching Pluse in the Washington area. John William Pluse born 1875 Cooks l-errace, Usworth worked as a blacksmith but is believed to have been an athlete and footballer. Does anyone know of any local clubs he may have played for in Washington, Shields or Sunderland areas. He married Jennet Hall in 1897.

Also William Pluse born 1845 in Bishopwearmouth North; he married Elizabeth Braban in 186-1. John Pluse married Jane Shovels 1839 at Houghton le Spring. They lived in or near Philadelphia. Also John Pluse senior his father. Any Information appreciated.

2554 Mr R.W. BAKER, 48 Church Street, Yeadon, LEEDS, West Yorkshire LS 19 7SB.

Seeking Bakers of Durham, especially Edward (born about 1797) and his wife Ann. Date and place of marriage unknown. Their children were Margaret (1820?), William (1829) and Samuel (about 1837). William was baptised at Auckland St Andrews but there is no mention of the other two on the I.G.I. Margaret Baker married Thomas Hunter in 1859 at Auckland and gave her age as 39 years but when she remarried in 1889 (to George Wilson) she gave her age as 63 years. William Baker married Mary Ann Blades of Etherley in 1851; they had twin sons Edward and Thomas baptised at Auckland St Andrews in 1868 and a daughter (name unknown) who married Mr Booth and emigrated to Magog, Quebec, Canada. Would like information about any of these, particularly marriages and families of Edward and Thomas.

2570 Mr P.G. OVERTON, 6 Walton Road, SHEFFIELD, South Yorkshire S 11 8RE.

Would like to compare notes with anyone tracing Reed/Read/Reede. Particularly interested in the Reeds of Fishburn in the 17th century, later of Yarm. Seeking information about Benjamin Reed, an attorney in Stockton some time between 17511 and 1790, and his son John Jonathan Reed who lived at Wolviston until the 1830's and who died at Tynemouth in 1844.

2624 Miss E.D. IRVING, 12 Park Avenue, HEXHAM, Northumberland NE46 3EN.

Interests in the North Tyne area of Northumberland arc: Shaftoe/Nicholson/Taylor/ Forster/Pigg/Lovat/ Charlton/ Maughan. Interests in Cumbria include Watson/ Abbott/ Irving/Wilson/ Guthrie/Gillespie.

2649 Mrs F.C. DONKIN, 47 Natley Avenue, EAST BOLDON, Tyne & Wear NE36 OLY.

Researching the following marriages: Francis McCann and Isabella Riddell in Sunderland 1859, Partrick Rafferty and Ann 1857, Robert Davison and Jane Knox, Sunderland 1849, William Higginbotham and Ellen Stockton 1866. Also interested in John Knox, a gamekeeper, possibly from Bewick on Tweed, and Thomas Ross, tailor of Parliament Street, Stockton, who married Elizabeth Wallis/Wallace from Drumachose, Limavady, N. Ireland.

2662 Mr B. CLOUSTON, Parkhill, Princes Street, DURHAM CITY DH 1 4RP.

Researching family of George Clouston born December 1788, believed to be the first member of the Clouston family to settle in Tyneside from Orkney. He was a master mariner and sailed from the Tyne for over 30 years. Sadly nothing is known of his career. Can anyone help?

2663 Mr W. CLOUSTON, Parkhill, Princes Street, DURHAM CITY DH 1 4RP.

Plans are underway to publish a short family history of the Tyneside branch of the Clouston family (which will link up with an already published work by J. Storer Clouston which takes the family back to 11136 in Orkney). Any references to Cloustons on Tyneside - in particular Tynemouth, North Shields and Gateshead - would be most welcome.

2739 Mr N. JOHNSON, 17 Linden Road, Forest Town, MANSFIELD, Nottinghamshire NG 19 OEL.

(W Mansfield 642052) Information wanted on Francis Johnson, journeyman tailor by trade, believed to be tailor at Shotley Bridge Co-op prior to his death in 1904 in the parish of Lanchester.

2740 Mrs J. JOHNSON, 17 Linden Road, Forest Town, MANSFIELD, Nottinghamshire NG 19 OEL.

(W Mansfield 642052) Seeking information on Thomas Simpson (supposedly born Thomas Wearmouth), born in 1869 at Birtley Northside. He married Mary Elizabeth Davison, daughter of George Hall Davison in 1891. They had two sons Thomas and John. Also interested in Mary Eames of Felling, born 1872, died 1906. She married Walter Clapperton of Flimby, Cumbria and had two daughters Mary and Elizabeth.

2767 Mr N.R. DODD, 14 Coniston Close, Connahs Quay, DEESIDE, Clwyd, Wales CH5 4UL.

Tracing the Dodd family of North Tynedale. Earliest known ancestor is John Dodd (born about 1728) a tenant farmer of Padaburn who married Jane Armstrong at Kirk Andrews upon Esk in 1758. John and other members of his family were buried at Castleton Cemetery just over the border in Scotland. Can anyone suggest a reason for this? Members of the Dodd family were still at Padaburn in 1898. Also seeking the marriage of Walter Dodd and Mary Bond of Alston, Cumberland around 1860-63. Their eldest son John Frederick was born in 1863. In 1881 Walter and his family were living in the parish of Belbank, Cumberland and John Frederick was a pupil teacher at Park Boarding School. Does anyone know where this school was?

2775 Mr G.C. RUTTER, 9 Sunnybanks, LANCHESTER, Durham DH7 0JW.

Searching for baptism and burial of Robert Rutter who was married in Stanhope parish in 1776. Would like to contact descendants of Robert Robinson Rutter, born between 1881 and 1894 in Shildon, County Durham. Also researching Dodds or Dodd of Crook and Byers Green, County Durham, before 18711. Do any descendants of Sarah and Robert Tinkler have portraits (paintings or photographs) of Robert and Margaret Rutter of Middleton-in-Teesdale; these were left to Sarah Tinkler (nee Rutter) in Roberts will in 1862.

2802 Mrs A. MASON, 69 Cutler Avenue, Cootamundra, NEW SOUTH WALES 2590, AUSTRALIA.

Researching John Laverick, shipwright, born about 1820 in South Sunderland, son of Thomas Laverick, 's-irpW~OtL, -lalaL'r«i's-tranre- urlknown. Mnn marre6Ntary Vlray at fne'OrionUnapel (unatile to read district on marriage certificate) on 2nd March 1850. Mary was born at Rangham, Northumberland in 1828, siaigbrrrszr-Ra~nbFxrav_mires; [andE Li](#)-ahPth.St~~ k'hic~.ma~sir ~~~iltstt:~r. .!,J&- John was living at Deptford ? in Bishopwearmouth and Mary at Albion Place, Bishopwearmouth. Their children were Thomas (1851), Ralph (1853) and Elizabeth (about 1855). The whole family emigrated to Australia along with Mary's parents. Mrs Mason would like more information about the Laverick family and would like to contact any Laverick descendants.

2803 Ms L. J. ERRINGTON, 11/73 Hawdon Street, Heidelberg 31184, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

Undertaking compilation of the overall Errington family history from the first mention of the name (1138) to present day. Would like to hear from anyone of Errington descent. My own line descends (to date) from William Errington, son of Robert and Ann, baptised at South Shields 17 September 1786. William married Ann Lawson in 1808 at South Shields. Their issue, all baptised at South Shields were Robert (1809); William (1814); Ann (1816); Margaret (1817) who married Thomas Thompson; Richard Lawson (1822) who emigrated to Australia in 1852; Mary Ann (1824). Would be delighted to hear from any descendants of any of these people.

2808 Mrs M. GOLIGHTLY, 35 Tynemouth Road, High Howdon, WALLSEND, Tyne & Wear NE28 0AA.

(IS Tyneside 262 0640) Researching the Applebys of Morpeth, Shilvington, Ogle, Whalton, Kirkley, Meldon, Bolam and Hartburn, particularly ancestors and family of Henry Appleby born 1834 at Morpeth. Also Hannah Gray of Killingworth, his wife (married 1861). Also interested in the Finch family of South Shields, particularly ancestors of Robert Edgely Finch (1851-1921) and the Nave family of Sunderland and Jarrow; Richard Woods Nave married Ann Thompson in 1847. Will be pleased to compare notes with anyone doing similar research.

2852 Mr J.P. MORRIS, 10 Cranbourne Grove, Tynemouth, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE30 3NB.

(IS Tyneside 252 9255) Interested in the Morris family of Jarrow, Windy Nook and Chester-le-Street, and the Jager or Tager family of Sunderland, Consett, South Shields, Goole and Bradford.

2863 Mr G. BROWN, 29 Cradley Drive, Brookfield, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland TS5 8HF

(' & 0642 590355) Researching William Moses, born Piercebridge 1792, son of William and Elizabeth Moses.

2864 Mrs M. BROWN, 29 Cradley Drive, Brookfield, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland TS5 8HF

(2 0642 590355) Researching Thomas Hedley (born at Dilston) who married Jane Wilthew at Hexham 1832. Also Thomas Gascoigne who married Susanna Abdell of Darlington 1819; they were still living in Darlington in 1843. Also seeking information on Willson of Deptford, London. Would like information about William Littlefair who married Margaret Alderson at Kirby Ravensworth, North Yorkshire in 1828.

2880 Mrs S.M. PUNSHON, 4409 Shannon Lakes Drive West, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32308, UNITED STATES

- 2883** Mrs H. TAYLOR, 1 1 The Stewarts, BISHOPS STORTFORD, Hertfordshire CM23 2NT
(IN Bishops Stortford 505201) Researching the Lishman family. Seeking baptism in Northumberland or Durham of Matthew Lishman who was buried at Kirby Wiske, North Yorkshire in March 179-1 aged 80. Also any Lishman marriages just prior to 1714 when it is presumed Matthew was born. If Matthew's parish of baptism is known, do any settlement certificates exist and have any MI's been done. Also interested in the family of W. Lishman from Northumberland or Durham who became a schoolmaster in Yorkshire from the 1920's until his death in the late 1940's.
- 2884** Mrs E.G. JONES, 5 Allt-y-Coed, CONWY, Gwynedd LL32 SVE.
Researching the Yelloly/Smart family of Berwick upon Tweed. Seeking the marriage of Robert Smart of Doddington and Mary Ann Yelloly; they had live children: John (1843), Robert (1845), Mary Jane (1846), Emma (1849) and Ada who was born after the 1851 census. Also seeking marriage of the above Mary Jane Smart to a Captain Scott (first name not known) between 1864 and 1870. Also seeking birth of Walter Gadie in either Angus or Aberdeenshire. Would like to know the name of his wife. He married in 175-1/55 in the Parish of Kirkden. He worked as a gardener in Middleton near Arbroath, Angus, Scotland.
- 2885** Mrs M.D. NOBLE, 6 Cecil Terrace, HEXHAM, Northumberland NE46 3PS.
- 2886** Miss D. HENDERSON, 31 Helmsdale Avenue, GATESHEAD, Tyne & Wear NE10 OJD.
- 2887** Mrs H.M. WILLIAMSON, 41 Fitzherbert Avenue, Massey, AUCKLAND 8, NEW ZEALAND.
Researching Rowntree, Orton and Kemp in the Bishopwearmouth area. In particular Stephenson Rowntree born 1820-21 in Bishopwearmouth or Sunderland, son of Thomas Rowntree, keelman. Stephenson married Maria Orton in 1849 at St Michaels and All Angels, Bishopwearmouth. He lived in Hopper Street prior to his marriage. 1851 Census shows Thomas Rowntree, his wife Mary and children Thomas and Margaret living at (Back) Hopper Street. Are these people Stephenson's family'? Would like to find Stephenson on 1841 census of Bishopwearmouth. If anyone is willing to check this please contact Mrs Williamson who is willing to pay any expenses incurred.
- 2888** Mrs E. J. JONES, 74 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, AUCKLAND 8, NEW ZEALAND.
- 2889** Mrs L. McLAREN, 38 Westerhope Road, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne & Wear NE34 6JT.
Researching Henry Rothery and Sarah Martindale of Maryport Cumbria, the parents of William Henry Rothery (born 1879) and others. Also interested in John Dixon and his wife Lucy Lemelle Hills (born 1873 at South Shields). daughter of Henry Hills, born Margate, Kent, about 1845 and Eliza (Bird'?) born Plaistow, Essex, about 1846. Also any information about John McLaren and Mary Young of North Shields, the parents of William John McLaren. The family were supposed to have come from the Shetlands.
- 2890** Mrs A. BROOKES, 2178 Gibson Street, PORT ALBERNI, BRITISH COLUMBIA, V9Y 1A7 CANADA.
Researching Boad/Nicholson/Laidler/Elliott. In particular William Boad who married Elizabeth Jane Elliott in 1856 in the Parish of St Hilda's. Does this parish still exist'? He remarried in 1886 Would like to hear from anyone who may have a family connection. William's father, George Laidler Boad (born 1803, dead by 1886) was a mason in a plate glass works. Does anyone know anything about plate glass works in South Shields in the late 1830's.
- 2891** ~~Mr J.B. BULMER~~, Kenyon Hall, Winwick Lane, Croft, WARRINGTON, Cheshire WA3 7ED.
(W Culcieth (1191 %6) 3161) Seeking parents of Ann Bird who married Thomas Bulman, butcher and Freeman of Durham, at Durham Cathedral in 17-18. She died in 1769 at Houghton-le-Spring. Also seeking the parents of Ann Hutchison whom married Robert Bulman (or Bulma) at Bishop Wearmouth in May 1708; she was buried at Quarrington (Kelloe) in 1732. Seeking parents of Jane Grevson and Lancelot Bulman who were married at Durham St Giles in 1681. Jane was buried at Bishopwearmouth in 1703. Also seeking marriage of John Bulman, excise officer, and Charlotte Rubens of Grantham in the early 1791's.
- 2892** Mrs M.M. BLODGETT, PO Box 94, WASHOUGAL, WASHINGTON 98671, UNITED STATES.
- 2893** Mrs V.A. SIMONDS, 24 Pickles Lane, Skelmanthorpe, HUDDERSFIELD, West Yorkshire HD8 9EJ.
- 2894** Mr G.H. PATTERSON, 19 Green Croft, BRAMPTON, Cumbria CA8 1 AX.
- 2895** Mrs DJ. PATTERSON, 19 Green Croft, BRAMPTON, Cumbria CA8 IAX.
- 2896** Mr W.C. WELSH, 62 Fawdon Lane, Gosforth, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE3 2AE.
- 2897** Mrs M. WELSH, 62 Fawdon Lane, Gosforth, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE3 2AE.
- 2898** Mr G. HIGGINS, 52 Devonshire Street, KEIGHLEY, West Yorkshire BD21 2BL.
- 2899** Mrs A. HIGGINS, 52 Devonshire Street, KEIGHLEY, West Yorkshire BD21 2BL.
- 2900** Mrs O. GREEN, Monk House, Monk End, Croft, DARLINGTON, County Durham DI-2 2SW.
- 2901** Mrs R.A. ALLEN, 15 Marion Way, ELTHAM, Victoria 31195, AUSTRALIA.
Researching Colightly of Stanhope and Hexham, Bell/Robson of Stamfordham, Richmond of Darlington and Laws of Allendale. Particularly interested in the Todd family of Escomb in the 1550s, more recently of Wolsingham, Bishop Auckland and Barnard Castle. Also researching the Clough family of Winlaton who appear to have been blacksmiths.
- 2902** Miss C.M. GREENING, 42 Valley Drive, KENDAL, Cumbria LA9 7AG.
('& Kendal 29152) Researching the Coyle and Dodds families of Annfield Plain, County Durham in the 19th century.

- 2903 Mr G. CURRIE**, 1 Inveraldie Farm Cottages, Tealing, DUNDEE, Angus DD4 0QL.
Seeking information about William Currie who married Annie Hughes in Dundee in 1919. His age was given as 21 years. His parents are listed as Thomas Currie and Margaret Clark, both deceased. William was born in the Alnwick area and his family were hawkers, however a search of the birth indexes of both England and Scotland 1888-1902 covering a variety of spellings, has failed to produce a birth certificate with the above parents. From searches of the 1881 census two possible family connections have been found:- Thomas son of Thomas and Frances Curry, hawkers of Seahouses, and Thomas son of William and Sarah, hawkers, of Amble. Can anyone offer any help?
- 2904 Mrs P. GEORGE**, PO Box 34, CEDARS, PENNSYLVANIA 19423, UNITED STATES.
- 2905 Mr T.A. MORPETH**, 59 Preston Avenue, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne & Wear NE30 2BN.
- 2906 Mr I. BERTRAM**, 16 Tynedale Avenue, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne & Wear NE26 3BA.
- 2907 Ms D.C. HIDROGO**, 1909 Wooten Road, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO 80915, UNITED STATES.
- 2908 Mr B.J.M. HARDYMAN**, 26 St Annes Drive, Coalpit Heath, BRISTOL BS17 2TH.
(☎ Winterbourne 773807) Interested in the names Groves, Tyzack, Henzy and Price who were all glassmakers in the North Eastern glasshouses. Also seeking information and particularly birth or baptism of Lawrence Southwick, a glassmaker of Kingswinford who went to America in the 1620's and was one of the earliest American glassblowers. Mr Hardyman is indexing the glassmakers and allied trades of the British Isles and would like to hear of any glassmakers in your family trees to extend the index which stands at around 20,000 persons at the moment from 1600-1900. He is willing to make a search in exchange for a s.a.c. or 2 IRC's from overseas members.
- 2909 Mr J.D. WOOD**, 160 Tarvin Road, Boughton, CHESTER CH3 5EE.
- 2910 Mrs A. WOOD**, 160 Tarvin Road, Boughton, CHESTER CH3 5EE.
- 2911 Mr N.P. WOOD**, 160 Tarvin Road, Boughton, CHESTER CH3 5EE.
- 2912 Mr J.R. PATTERSON**, 6 Fairway, Whitworth, ROCHDALE, Lancashire OL12 8UF.
- 2913 Mr J. BRADLEY**, 129 Eastcotes, Tile Hill, COVENTRY, West Midlands CV4 9AT.
- 2914 Mrs R. BRADFORD**, 25 Lake Road, BALCOLYN, NEW SOUTH WALES 2264, AUSTRALIA.
Seeking information on the following:- Sarah Annie Jacques, born 1870 Newcastle upon Tyne, daughter of Samuel Jacques. Her uncle Edward was Town Clerk of Newcastle. Sarah married Thomas Hedley Bryson in 1892. Also Thomas Wood, born Norham circa 1797, his wife Ann and their children Andrew, Thomas, William, George and Jane. Also seeking Robert Lamb, a weaver, who married Ann Reid (born 1793) at Monkwearmouth Bridge. Robert was born before 1800 and was dead by 1853.
- 2915 Ms E. QUIN**, 314 Coventry Lane, MANCHESTER, MISSOURI 63021, UNITED STATES.
Seeking baptism of Hodgson Colling, son of Matthew, born in Weardale in the late 1827-29, probably Methodist. Matthew lived in Southchurch in the 1830's at which time his children were baptised at Auckland St Andrews. Also seeking marriage of Ralph Gowland (also written Goaling, Gowlden), a papermaker, born in Long Newton 1781. His wife Elizabeth was born at Chester-le-Street about 1781. Their daughter Elizabeth was baptised at St Margaret's, Durham in 1815. Also researching the Jones family of Oldham, Lancashire and the Jordans of Newcastle.
- 2916 Mrs B.F. BAULD**, 707 Port Hacking Road, LILLI PILLI, New South Wales 2229, AUSTRALIA.
Seeking birth of Captain William John Elliot Barkus about 1870 at South Shields or Gateshead. He was the son of Robert Barkus a commercial traveller. Also seeking the birth of Elisabeth Armstrong about 1845, she was the daughter of Captain Nicholas Armstrong, a master mariner. Would like more information about John Hutchinson, Innkeeper of the Percy Arms. He married Hannah Teasdale in Sedgefield, November 1831.
- 2917 Mrs I. PRICE**, 62 Wakata Avenue, CHRISTCHURCH 8, NEW ZEALAND.
Interested in the Walker family in the Newcastle area, particularly John Walker, a tanner, who was born in Newcastle about 1786. John and his wife Isabella left Newcastle before 1817 and went to Yorkshire where they had three children; John, Sarah and William. As there were so many Walkers living in Newcastle there are several possibilities and Mrs Price would be grateful for any information.
- 2918 Mr D.E. CROMARTY**, 108 Raby Road, DURHAM DH1 5NH.
(☎ 091 3866770) Researching the ancestry of Edward Cromarty, born in Middlesbrough 1902. His mother was Mary Leonard, a Roman Catholic who died in 1915. His father, Edward, was born in Hartlepool, November 1866; his parents were Richard Cromarty (born Holy Island 1829) and Dorothy Scott of Sunderland. Their other children were Sarah (1853), Elizabeth (1857), James (1859), all born in Sunderland, and Richard (born Hartlepool 1870). Richard was the son of James Cromarty and Sarah Douglas, both of Holy Island, who married in December 1826. Their children were Richard and Margaret (twins 1829), William Douglas (1827) and James (1834).
- 2919 Dr G.R. COTTRELL**, 10 Hastings Avenue, Longbenton, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE12 9NX.
- 2920 Mrs J. McW. COTTRELL**, 10 Hastings Avenue, Longbenton, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE12 9NX.
- 2921 Mr C.A. FORSTER**, 4 Hillfield Gardens, SUNDERLAND, Tyne & Wear SR3 1LP.
- 2922 Mrs S. HALL**, 31 Byron Road, LONDON W5 3LL.
Seeking birth certificate of Annie Forster, born 1866, probably in Gateshead. Her father was John William Forster, a blacksmith. She lived in a windmill on the Windmill Hills as a child. At the time of her marriage in August 1887 in the parish of St Paul High Elswick she was living at Elswick East Terrace. Also trying to trace Mr Norval Forster, a Presbyterian minister in Newcastle; he would have been born in the 1860's. His daughter Felicia became a doctor.

- 2923 Mrs A. ATKINSON, 30A Waimumu Road, Massey, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND.
- 2924 Mrs J. NELSON, Old Hough, Chelford Road, Somerford, CONGLETON, Cheshire CW 12 4QD.
- 2925 Mr A. WILSON, 251 Chester Road, SUNDERLAND, Tyne & Wear SR4 7RQB.
- 2932 Mr E.C. COWELL, 3 Woodlands Close, Blackwater, CAMBERLEY, Surrey GU 17 9HZ.
(1& 0276 32315) Seeking marriage of Gawen Cowel to Ann Dryden, daughter of Robert and Sarah Dryden, which probably took place on Tyneside about 18211. Seeking birth and ancestors of Isabella Stephenson, born about 1857 at Birtley, daughter of William Stephenson, a miner. She married Edward Cowell, a miner, at Gateshead in November 1876. Also interested in Bridget Price, born about 1827 at Corbridge, daughter of Edward Price, pitman. She married Michael Cowell at Lamesley in 1847. Seeking birth of Christopher Gascoigne or Gascoyne, born about 1837 at Seghill, son of Humphrey Gascoyne, shipwright. Other interests include Bevcrs, Maymon, Summerscales in Dewsbury area of West Yorkshire and Cleasby, Lovibond, Yabsley in London.
- 2946 Mrs A. BELL, 66 Gypsey Lane, Nunthorpe, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland TS7 ODU.
Would like any information about the Mowbray family. Presently seeking place of birth of William Mowbray, born 6th October 1832.
- 2956 Mrs R.M. ERHARDT, Box 266, BASSANO, ALBERTA T0J OBO, CANADA.
Seeking information about Nicholas Morton, born 1781 Parish of Ford, Northumberland, daughter of Robert Morton and Margaret Thompson. Nicholas was married on 17 May 18117 at Ford to Richard Lillico (born 1783 at Coldstream, Scotland) son of James Archibald Lillico and Mary Wilson. They had two sons born in England: Richard (18111) and Archibald (1812).

SECOND TIME AROUND

- 0030 Mr J.R. GRIEVES, 21 Boyd Cresent, WALLSEND, Tyne & Wear NE28 7SG.
Interested in Mary Lermond/Lermand/Le Mont, wife of William Grieve of Woofer. She was born about 1850 in Scotland and is thought to have been a servant in a large house in Northumberland. No trace of marriage certificate. Also interested in the Hunter family of Castle Eden Colliery in the 1880 s.
- 00217 Mr P. CLOUGH, 73 Cecil Avenue, SALE, Chesire M33 5BG.
(W 061 973 7783) Researching the surname James and seeks all references 15511-1750 in County Durham and North Yorkshire. Earliest Parish register entry shows marriage of Abraham James and Ann Parker at Heighington in 1695. There are later family entries there and at Denton, recording him as "of Killerby". Other possibly related entries at Staindrop (1645-1660) and Gainford (1717-1766). North Yorkshire ancestry well documented 1728-1850 s, mainly in area west of Northallerton.
- 1116 Mrs J. PHIN, 25 Lord Roberts Street, BARROW IN FURNESS, Cumbria LA 14 3PW.
(*& 0229 41449) Seeking parents and marriage of Joseph Henderson and Frances Phitsu Henderson (formerly Henderson). They were in Cramlington in 1859 but not in 1861 Census. Their children were Roseby (b.1859), Ann (1862), Frances Phitsu and Joseph. Also seeking parents and marriage of Ralph Henderson and Frances Dryborough who were in Wallsend in 1802. They may have been the grandparents of the above Joseph and Frances Phitsu who may have been cousins.
- 1193 Mrs J. GRISDALE, 16 Van Dyck Avenue, NEW MALDEN, Surrey JT3 5NQ.
(IN 01 337 7907) Seeking George and Isabella Davison (nee Dixon?), 'parents of Margaret Davison born 1852-53. According to the census returns George was born in Whittingham and Margaret was probably born in West Chevington. Also interested in the James family who were farmers in or near Cramlington.
- 1900 Mr R. MUNRO, 3 Colburn Road, BROADSTAIRS, Kent CT 10 1SE.
Still searching for Jane Coulter born 1831-2 in Northumberland. There is no trace of her in I.G.I. Also her father Robert Coulter, brewer. She married Alfred David Slade on 21 February 1853 at St Giles in the Fields, Bloomsbury, Middlesex. Also interested in references to Chicken anywhere.
- 2019 Mr G.A. FENWICK, 15 Larch Drive, CHESTER, New Jersey, 07930, UNITED STATES.
Seeking information about Joseph Fenwick born about 1768 at Brinkheugh, Morpeth, died 1832 in Quebec. He was a ship's captain and made numerous voyages to Canada and the West Indies. He was captain and/or owner of the Adelaide, captured by the French in December 1807. He was taken to Arras, France, with his wife and child, where they were kept under house arrest for several years. He later returned to England and went to Canada to become harbour master of the Port of Quebec. Seeking some record of his birth or baptism and would be interested to hear from any other descendents.
- 2183 Mrs E. WHITEHEAD, 5 Mayfield Drive, Cleadon Village, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR6 7QN.
(IS Wearside 536 2041) Interested in Thomas Glease born 1863 in Wigan, Lancashire, or Stoke-on-Trent. He married Ann Hodson, born 1865 in either Wigan or Stoke-on-Trent. Thomas is buried in Chapwell, County Durham. His second wife was Mrs Fisher. Also seeking information on Ann Hall and Ann Wraith.
- 2238 Dr C.E. Fisher, 14 Batterdale, HATFIELD, Hertfordshire AL9 5JF.
(W Hatfield 69730) Interested in the Gardner family of Hartburn who later lived in Bebside and Bedlington, particularly Thomas Gardner, baptised in Hartburn 1789; he later lived at Bebside Mill Cottages and worked as a clerk at Bedlington Ironworks. He married Mary Singleton and their children were Thompson Stirling, Thomas (1822), Mary (1826), Margaret (baptised in Horton 1828) and Elizabeth (1831), George, Samuel, Eleanor (these three died young) and George (baptised 1795), who was the miller at Bebside Mill. His daughters married into the Bland, Latr_y and Stirling families. Also seeking descendents of Thompson Stirling who was a painter.

- 2285 Mrs J.I. BICE, 14 Lyndhurst Road, Peverell, PLYMOUTH, Devon PL2 3DJ.
(%~ Plymouth 562144) Seeking information on John Tucker and John Roberts who were living with their families in the Wingate area of County Durham in 1872 and probably worked as pitmen. John Tucker's wife was called Sarah Ann and their daughter Elizabeth married Thomas, the son of John Roberts in 1572 at Wingate Parish Church, one of the witnesses was William Roberts. Thomas and Elizabeth had two children Thomas and Mary Elizabeth (known as Polly). John Tucker died at Helton Downs in 12189 and is buried at Helton-le-Hole. Would like to know where both families came from.
- 2360 Mrs J. BASTON, 33 Hayes Park, CHESTER CHI 4AL.
Interested in Frances Fenwick born about 1843, daughter of Thomas Fenwick, gamekeeper. She married John Ellis at the Ebenezer Chapel, Blyth, in May 1867. Also Andrew Douglass born circa 18-16, son of Matthew Douglass, miner of Newsham. Andrew married Elizabeth Richardson at Earsdon Parish Church in 1868. Seeking information on Arthur Taylor born about 1856 Hanley, Staffordshire, son of Titus Taylor. He was a pavior in Sydney, Australia, by 1911 and lived in a bungalow called Tar-ee.
- 2368 Mrs E. UTERMÖHLEN, Moringveien 13, 4056 Tananger, NORWAY.
Seeking information on the children of Reuben Dales and Ann Beswick (both born in Yorkshire) who lived in Gateshead from 1850: Henry Dales (born 184-1 York) and his daughter Elizabeth; Ann Mary Dales (1847) who married George Gildroy and her son Robert; Eugenic (born in Gateshead 1855); and Charles Dales (1849) and his family, wife Elizabeth, children James, Eugenie and Edith. Would like to hear from any descendants.
- 2438 Mrs J. BRADSHAW, 10 Astral Avenue, Hipperholme, HALIFAX, West Yorkshire HX3 8NN.
(IN Halifax 201784) Seeking marriage of Joshua Farbridge, farmer, name of wife unknown. His eldest son Joseph was an engineer, born in Darlington in 1822; he married Isabella Theaker of Leadenham, Lincoln. They may have married in Deptford, Kent, where their daughters Sarah and Lilly were born 1855-57; other children Joseph, Louisa, Julia and Florence were born in Newcastle and South Shields. His second son Joshua Blenk Farbridge, a monumental mason, was born in Blanchland in 1824; unable to find any record of his baptism. He married Elizabeth Eleanor Brown in August 1856 at Tynemouth Parish Church. "Their children were Elizabeth (never married), Sarah (married Oswald Becke, a Norwegian marine engineer), Richard (born 1861, he married Emily Graham and they emigrated to Vancouver in 1910), Annie (born 1864 married Captain William Jones), Joshua (born 1865, married Florence ?), and Joseph Edward, a marine engineer, born 1869; he married Emma Louise Swinburne in 1901 at St Paul's, Jarrow.
- 2541 Mrs J. MALLETT, "Woodlands", 29 Abbey Road, West Moors, WINBORNE, Dorset BH22 0AX.
(& 0202 875122) Seeking information about the ancestors of Mary Stokoe who married Thomas Hopper, St Nicholas, Newcastle, by 1794. Also desperately seeking birth and burial of Moses Hopper who married Ann Barcus in 1702 at Ryton, Durham. Moses died of consumption and was buried at Ryton, probably around 1730, but no trace so far. He may not have been baptised Moses, but this name was handed down for four generations. Also interested in all spellings of Mallett and Hopper with a possibility of starting a One Name Study.
- 2585 Mr N. EWART, 55 Whinneyfield Road, Walker, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE6 4HU.
Seeking information on the Whittle family of Hallgarth, County Durham. Ralph Whittle was born in 183-1 and possibly married in Stockton in 1853. He died and was buried at Hallgarth in 1907 which is the resting place of many of his near relatives.
- 2591 Mr A. GLENDINNING, 1 Abbotsmount Farm, St John's Road, Helier, JERSEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS.
0534 72756) Seeking descendants of John Robert Richardson Glendinning (known as John Glendinning) who was born 1829 at Sheraton, County Durham, one of eight children of Spark and Elizabeth (Mason) Glendinning of Sheraton Hall. He married Sarah Rippon of Houghton le Spring at Chester le Street Register Office in 1859. He worked as an agricultural labourer and later as Dock Labourer/Warehouseman in West Hartlepool. Children were Elizabeth (born 1859 at Herraton, Chester le Street); George (born 1861, a butcher, married Mary and had children Elizabeth, Sarah, George); Henry (1864); Mary (1867); John Robert (born and died 1869); all born at 21 Thomas Street, West Hartlepool. Later a second John Robert was born in 1877 at 2 Mill Street, West Hartlepool. Mr Glendinning would also like to hear from anyone who is or was a resident of Monk Hesledon who would like to collaborate on an article about **the history of this almost disappeared English Village**. Does anyone have any stories or information about the village. All postage will be refunded and credit given when the article is published.
- 2631 Mr J.B. WEATHERILL, 6 Wetherby Road, Grangetown, SUNDERLAND SR2 9SW.
Seeking information about grandparents George Henry Wetherill and Leticia Davidson who married about 1878, possibly in Ireland as there is no trace in St Catherine's index. Also seeking birth of their eldest daughter Leticia Ada Wetherill born about 1878. The family lived at 62 Charles Street, Jarrow in 1883 and later moved to 7 Cobden Street, Jarrow. Still seeking his second marriage in the 1920's to Mary Agnes (possibly Davison). George Henry was a prominent member of the Gospel Hall, Gill Bridge Avenue, Sunderland, at **the time of his death in 1934**. Also seeking the birth of George Henry Lepine, son of John Lepine, a joiner, who was born in Deal or Dover, Kent about 1817. He married Margaret Ramsay in 1842.
- 2664 Mrs I. STEELE, 116 Middle Drive, Ponteland, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE20 9DW.
(& Ponteland 2-1748) Seeking birth of John Jerdan born in Scotland about 1817; he married Isabella Jackson (also born in Scotland) in 1837-38. They lived at Wark, Carham, Northumberland by 1861. Also seeking birth of Nicholas Taylor, born in Kirknewton about 1810; he married Elizabeth Ferguson (born in Carham 1813). They lived at Fenton East Hill, Northumberland in 1851. Information about their parentage would be welcome.

- 2680 Mrs M. PATTERSON,** 1 1/2 Edwards Road, Kennington, BEN DIGO 33311, VICTORIA AUSTRALIA.
Interested in the family of William and Susannah Dryden who were married in 1774 at Kyloe. Their daughter Mary married Robert Wilson in 1791, their children Susannah, Frances and Ann went to Van Diemens Land, Australia, and Mary went to Tobago. Other daughters were Isabella (married Tyler), Margaret (married Bennett), Elizabeth (married Phillips) and Hannah (married Sidey). Believed to have lived in Etal, Lowick, Tweedmouth and Durham.
- 2687 Ms V. ELSDON,** 3 Colomba Walk, Gosforth, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE3 1AY.
Researching Elsdon/Dixon/ Dobson. Thomas Elsdon, a grocer, married (Annie) Maria Hattam in 1871 in Gateshead. Maria was born in Kerley Kea, Truro in 1834; her parents were Johnson Hattam and Mary Davey. Elsdons were pipemakers in Gateshead during the 19th century. John Elsdon married Mary Robson in Tynemouth 1831; his father Thomas Elsdon married Isabella Harrison in Wallsend 1813. Thomas, born in Alnwick 1791, was the son of Michael Elsdon and Catherine Nicholson. Michael may have been born in Ovingham in 1737.
- 2691 Mrs J. HEDLEY,** 12 Mitford Close, High Shincliffe, DURHAM DH 1 2QE.
Seeking the birth of William Bell about 1824 in Aydon, Northumberland; also wants information about his father Ralph Bell, husbandman, and his wife. William Bell became an engine driver and married Jane Brunswick at South Shields on 9th June 1832. Also researching Pattinson or Pattison of Stanhope and Shildon, Johnson of Gateshead and Smith of Heworth, all 18th and 19th centuries.
- 2728 Mrs C. BRUNTON,** 409 Outwood Common Road, BILLERICAY, Essex CM1 1ET.
Seeking birth of Mary Jane Shields about 1839 in Sunderland. All likely birth certificates for this date have been bought but none are correct. Her brother Thomas Shields appears to have used the surname Rafferty sometimes. Can anyone offer any help?
- 2743 Mr S. BRUNTON,** 91 Bowden Park Road, Crown Hill, PLYMOUTH, Devon PL0 3NQ.
Interested in the Brunton family in the parish of Earsdon during the 18th century.
- 2760 Mr W.H. BOLAM,** 4 Deene Court, Westwood, PETERBOROUGH PE3 7AS.
(IN 11733 260136) Seeking information about Elizabeth Hall, daughter of Warwick Hall who lived in the area of Maiden Law, Stanley. She married Robert Taylor Bolam, a grocer and farmer, sometime in the 1870's and they later lived at Flint Hill.
- 2769 Mr C. PARKER,** 17 Norwood Road, BAYSWATER, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND.
Trying to trace any of the Parker and Whitfield families from the Edmundbyers area in general and Hunter House in particular. Both families were present in the 1640's. Would like to hear from anyone who has information about the families or the area.
- 2801 Mrs V. HARLAN,** 31138 Sheryl Avenue, FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS 72703, UNITED STATES.
Interested in George Summerson (born 1831), a miner and Primitive Methodist preacher from Murton Colliery; he was the son of Robert or Walter Summerson and Barbara Bennett. He married Frances Hutton in 1872 at Dalton le Dale. They had four daughters and came to America in 1880 with Frances' parents Thomas Hutton and Elizabeth Kears (born 1833). Thomas (born 1830) was the son of Ralph Hutton and Harriet Robson. Elizabeth's parents were George Kears and Ann Davidson. George Summerson is believed to have had a brother who went to Australia and a sister who stayed in England.
- 2837 Mrs M. JOHNSON,** 36 Gurnells Road, Seer Green, BEACONSFIELD, Buckinghamshire HP9 2XJ.
Interested in George Curry (born 1804), son of George Curry and Jane Emmerson who were married in December 1802. George married Ann Bland in July 1827; she was born in 1809 and was the daughter of John Bland and Mary Grieveson. Would welcome information on any of these families. In East Anglia searching for marriage of John White of Raydon and Anna Gould or Malley born about 1842 at Thorpe Morieux, both places in Suffolk. Their eldest son Henry was born in Tendring, Essex, in 1838.
- 2842 Mr R.T. TURKOVICH,** 716 McKean Avenue, DONARA, PENNSYLVANIA 13033, UNITED STATES.
Seeking information on Thomas Arkell who married Mary Laws in June 1736, both of South Blyth. Esther Manners (born 1777) daughter of John Manners and Mary Arkell of Blyth; in 1811 she married John Dolmahoy, pilot, native of Kings Lynn, Norfolk. In 1841 William Dolmahoy, pilot and master mariner married Ann Brown, daughter of William Brown, a mariner. Also Robert Erskine, a mariner, native of Edinburgh, who married Lydia Dolmahoy of Blyth in 1864. Would like to contact descendants or anyone wishing to share information on any of these names.
- 2487 Mrs P. HAYWARD,** 17 Sturton Way, Long Sutton, SPALDING, Lincolnshire PE 12 9BZ.
Researching John Brammer, a potter or earthenware painter, who was living in Malings Rig, Sunderland in 1831. His father was a potter too. He married Ann Nivens in 1816. Does Hugh Street Wesleyan Church, Gateshead, still exist? All letters will be answered.
- 2865 Mrs L.D. READ,** 19 Takes Avenue, Bridgemary, GOSPORT, Hampshire PO 13 0SA.
(1& Fareham 230160) Interested in the Stephens family who may have been connected with the Stephen shipyard family from Glasgow. Elizabeth Upham Stephens, daughter of Samuel Stephens, master mariner, married Thomas Renwick Dargue in August 1892 at Jesmond Presbyterian Church. Also Thomas Dargue and Esther Scott (married in 1834) and their children Joseph (born about 1837), Arthur Edward (1861), William Henry (1862). Anna and Edwin. William Henry Dargue was connected with the Dargue Acetylene company.

HELP WANTED

1771 Mrs M. ROELLINGER, Sun tide 409, 1_»7 North East Occan Boulevard, S I UAR I , FLORIDA 3499(., U.S.A.

Can anyone suggest the reason for a family naming a child "Barrowtord" 2 Mrs Rocllinger came across this name given to the forth son of Thomas and Martha Ayr (nec Robinson), born Chilton, County Durham in February 1847. All other children had what are normally accepted common names.

HELP OFFERED

1832 Mrs D .J. COSHING, 521-55 Ellerslie Avenue, NORTH YORK, ONTARIO M2N 1X9, CANADA.

Mrs Cushing is prepared to carry out genealogical research in Canada at reasonable cost for members requiring such a service. Further details may be obtained from Mrs Cushing.

2523 Mr K. LILLEY, 27 Forber Crescent, Gorton, MANCHESTER M 15 7PU.

Mr Lilley is willing to help members with enquiries in the Manchester area.

CORRECTIONS

2801 Mrs V. HARLAN, 3038 Sheryl Avenue, FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS 727113, UNITED STATES.

We apologise to Mrs Harlan for printing her name incorrectly in the Summer and Autumn 1987 issues of the Journal. The correct spelling is given above.

2822 Mrs G.D. DAVIES, Old Shelve Cottage, Lenham, MAIDSTONE, Kent ME 17 2D 1'.

The date given in the third paragraph of Mrs Davics' article, 'The Wrong Lord Hill', in the Autumn 1987 issue of the Journal, should have been 1500, not 1811(1. We apologise for the error.

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We regret to report the deaths of members 0039 Mr K. Young of Hetton-le-Hole, 1059 Mrs M. Mercer of Durham, 1710 Mrs M. Cooley of Winchester and 2291 Miss M.E. Soulsby of Palmerston North, New Zealand. We extend our deepest sympathy to their respective families.