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## EDITORIAL

The long winter evenings provide an ideal opportunity for writing up the results of your research, and I look forward to receiving a good supply of articles for the Journal. I would particularly like to see more articles giving information about the lesser known sources for family history - where they can be found, and how they may be used. Most of us eventually reach a point in our research where the better-known sources such as parish registers are of no further use, and suggestions as to how to proceed are always welcome. If you do write, please remember to enclose a stamped addressed envelope if you expect a reply.

As was indicated in the Autumn Journal, the venue for the Society's meetings has again been changed, and from 1 December 1988 until further notice meetings will be held at the British Legion Club, Lonsdale Terrace, West Jesmond (close to West Jesmond Metro station). Please note also that future meetings will normally take place in the first Thursday in the month.

Up to the time of writing no-one has come forward to take on the job of Programme Organiser, and we must thank our Secretary Ken Brown for making the arrangements for recent meetings. Ken has many other commitments, and should be relieved of this additional responsibility as soon as possible. Anyone willing to help please contact Ken - his address is given on the inside front cover.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### *Dublin Ancestors*

A book entitled "A Guide to Tracing your Dublin Ancestors" by James G. Ryan has been published by the Flyleaf Press, 4 Spencer Villas, Glenageary, County Dublin. It sets out in simple terms how ancestors can be traced from the records available on Dublin's past. It describes each of the types of record available, what information they can provide, where each can be found, and who can help in the searching process.

It is available from the publishers, price IM5.95 plus postage and packing.

### *Shropshire Monumental Inscriptions*

Mr Michael J. Hulme, of 19 Brook Road, Bomere Heath, SHREWSBURY, SY4 3PU, a member of the Shropshire Family History Society, has compiled an index on computer of all the surnames which appear in the transcripts of Shropshire MIs held by the Society. The index includes nearly 17,000 entries with over 4,600 unique surname spellings.

For a fee of £1.00 to members of the Shropshire F.H.S. (£2.00 to non-members) Mr Hulme will provide a computer printout of all entries for up to five surnames with the following information:-

Surname, Name of each churchyard it appears in, Grave number for each.

### *Forster Family Bible*

Mr J. Forster, of 33 Brieryfield Road, Maudland, PRESTON, Lancashire PR 1 8SR, is looking for an owner for a small Forster family bible which he rescued recently. It contains the following information:-

Joseph Forster and Jane Strong were married at St Oswald's Church,  
New Elvet Street, Durham, on 14 January 1830.  
Adelaide Forster born 9 March 1831.  
Samuel Strong Forster born 9 November 1832.  
Elizabeth Forster born 30 November 1834.  
Thomas Creighton born 7 April 1838.  
Isabella Forster born 24 February 1841 and died 31 January 1842.  
Ann Forster born 5 December 1842.  
Geo. Graham Forster born 10 July 1845.

The last entry is in a different handwriting, and the fact that Joseph, a Maltster, Common Brewer, Wine and Spirit Merchant, made his will on 7 April 1844 indicates that George may have been born after his father's demise.

If any descendants of the above get in touch with Mr Forster he will be pleased to return the bible to them.

## SOUTH TYNESIDE GROUP

There was no meeting in July, but an informal get-together was held in August. The Autumn session commenced in September with an interesting talk by Mr Edwards on "The Pipe-Makers of Gateshead."

## SUNDERLAND AND DISTRICT GROUP

The July meeting took the form of a long over-due visit to Bishopwearmouth Church, the second oldest church in Sunderland, where members were particularly interested in the many fine Monumental Inscriptions.

Because of the Summer holidays there was no meeting in August.

## SOUTH-EAST NORTHUMBERLAND GROUP

At the Annual General Meeting of the Group held in June the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer were all re-elected. The new venue at Blyth Cricket Club has proved popular, and by making a small charge for tea and coffee a fund is being built up towards the purchase of books etc. for the use of members.

No formal meetings were held in July and August, but work on the 1851 Census of Northumberland is continuing, and a section covering the Woodhorn and Ashington area, and another covering Morpeth parish are ready for publishing.

Recording of MIs at Horton is almost complete, and is now in hand at Blyth Links Cemetery.

## LONDON GROUP

Mr Robin Gard, formerly County Archivist at Northumberland County Record Office, kindly travelled to London on 9 July to speak to the Group on "NonParochial Sources in Northumberland and Durham for Research into Family History."

Dates for next years meetings have been fixed as follows:-

Saturday, 11 March 1989 at 10.30 a.m.  
Saturday, 15 July 1989 at 2.00 p.m.  
Saturday, 11 November 1989 at 10.30 a.m.

## WEST DURHAM DATABASE

This Database, held on computer files, consists of nearly 50,000 records - mainly from parish registers (baptisms, marriages and burials) and the 1851 Census returns.

It was set up by Mr R. Nubley to record information for a social study of an area roughly bounded by Tyne and Wear to the north; the parishes of Tanfield and Witton Gilbert to the east; the parishes of Wolsingham and Stanhope to the south; and by Northumberland to the west. Mr Nubley is now in a position to offer a limited service to members who may have an interest in this area. Enquiries must be restricted to a simple search on one individual on *one* of the following four occasions:-

Where and when was AN OTHER (1) baptised? (2) married? (3) buried? or (4) where was AN OTHER living in 1851?

The coverage of the database is as follows (unless otherwise stated all registers include baptisms, marriages and burials up to 31 December 1851).

- |                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A. Parish Registers: | Lanchester, Esh, Medomsley, Satley, Ebchester, Dipton (Colliery), Benfieldside, Edmundbyers, Muggleswick and Hunstanworth.                                                                                                                               |
| B. Other Registers:  | Rowley Baptists (births only to 1836); Primitive Methodists - Shotley Bridge Circuit (baptisms only to 1846); Wesleyan Methodists - Shotley Bridge Circuit (baptisms only); Pontop - Catholics (to 1800); Esh Laude - Catholics (baptisms only to 1839). |

C. Census Returns 1851: Covering the whole area of the above registers.

The enquiry should be accompanied by as much background information as possible, and sent with a stamped addressed reply envelope (or 2 I.R.C.s) to Mr R. Nubley, 66 Alderside Crescent, LANCHESTER, Durham DH7 OPZ.

## FUTURE PROGRAMME

*Thursday, 1 December 1988* *Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.*  
Northumberland and Durham Family History Society Meeting. Dr A. Heeson will talk on "The Londonderry Family."

*Wednesday, 7 December 1988* *South Shields, 8.00 p.m.*  
South Tyneside Group Christmas Social.

*Thursday, 8 December 1988* *Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.*  
Sunderland and District Group Christmas Social and Member's Night.

*Monday, 12 December 1988* *Durham, [7.30 p.m.](#)*  
[Durham](#) Group Christmas Party.

*Tuesday, 20 December 1988* *Blyth, 7.30 p.m.*  
South-East Northumberland Group Meeting.

*Wednesday, 4 January 1989* *South Shields, 8.00 p.m.*  
South Tyneside Group Meeting.

*Thursday, 5 January 1989* *Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.*  
Northumberland and Durham Family History Society Meeting. Mr D.M.V. Branfoot will give a talk on "North-East Methodists and their Records."

*Thursday, 12 January 1989* *Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.*  
Sunderland and District Group Meeting. Talk by Mr C. Wesencraft on "The Battle of Otterburn."

*Monday, 16 January 1989* *Durham, 7.30 p.m.*  
Durham Group Meeting.

*Tuesday, 17 January 1989* *Blyth, 7.30 p.m.*  
South-East Northumberland Group Meeting.

*Wednesday, 1 February 1989* *South Shields, 8.00 p.m.*  
South Tyneside Group Meeting.

*Thursday, 2 February 1989* *Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.*  
Northumberland and Durham Family History Society Meeting. Mr Bill Rounce will give a talk illustrated with slides on "Northumberland and Durham Pioneers in the Australian Goldfields."

*Thursday, 9 February 1989* *Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.*  
Sunderland and District Group Meeting. Talk by Mr Gregson on "North-East Shipping."

*Monday, 20 February 1989* *Durham, 7.30 p.m.*  
Durham Group Meeting.

*Tuesday, 21 February 1989* *Blyth, 7.30 p.m.*  
South-East Northumberland Group Meeting.

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

Newcastle:	British Legion Club, Lonsdale Terrace, West Jesmond.
Durham:	Salutation Inn, Framwellgate Moor.
South Shields:	Black Prince Hotel, The Nook, Prince Edward Road.
Blyth:	Blyth Cricket Club, Plessey Road, Blyth.
Sunderland:	RAFA Headquarters, Murton Street.

Please note the change of venue for the main meetings of the Society - see Editorial.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

## *Shornecliffe Barracks Convict Station*

Mrs M. Criddle, (Editor, Folkestone and District Family History Society), 22 Church Road, Cheriton, FOLKESTONE, Kent CT20 3LQ, writes:

"Our Society has recently discovered a Convict Station in the 1851 Census at Shornecliffe Camp. As well as the Governor and his family, the staff and a contingent of Private Soldiers (who were mainly Irish), there were 148 prisoners. These were all male and from a variety of places and following various occupations.

I append the extracted details which may be of interest to your members, and would be grateful if anyone can shed light on to why they were in prison in our area, what they were convicted of, or other details about those mentioned.

### *1851 Census - Cheriton, Folkestone Shornecliffe Barracks, Convict Station*

*Robert Yellowly/Clerk/Un/33/Office Clerk and Cabinet Maker/Berwick-on-Tweed John Walker/  
Prisoner/S/25/Ship Carpenter (Journeyman)/Newcastle-upon-Tyne."*

## *Multiple Baptisms*

Mrs M. Gooder, of 165 Park Lane, Knypersley, STOKE-ON-TRENT, Staffordshire ST8 7PN, writes:

"On reading Mrs McFadden's article in the Spring 1988 Journal I wondered how many of us had come across this habit of baptising several children at one time. I had a similar experience when I was looking for my great-grandfather's birth/baptism around 1832. I tried the usual sources, but seemed unable to find any of the family until, when looking for something else, I found the family in the 1851 census. My great-grandfather John was not there, but a brother and sister were - born in Aberdeen.

From information supplied by Aberdeen Library I was able to find that my great-grandfather John Alexander Shaftoe was born 5 February 1832 and baptised 23 February 1832. A younger brother, William Brown Shaftoe, was born 5 February 1835 and baptised 25 March 1835. On 10 October 1836 their father must have decided it was time to baptise the girls: Susannah Elizabeth, born 23 June 1828; Ellen Shaw, born 20 April 1826; and Mary Frances, born 7 February 1830. Now why wait all that time to baptise the girls, all born before the two boys? Particularly when Ellen was a witness at the elder boy's baptism.

I have come up with no solution to this problem. Whatever the reason, it is a nuisance for the family historian."

## *The Value of Wills*

Mr J. Forster, of 33 Brieryfield Road, Maudland, PRESTON, Lancashire PR1 8SR writes:

"As a *follow-up* to the article by Mr F.J. Vaughan in the Spring 1988 issue of the Journal I enclose an excerpt from my cousin Winifred Suddes' Will:-

I GIVE to my Trustees the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED POUNDS (£800) to be used for masses as follows and the mass offering in each and every case to be determined by The President of Ushaw College, Durham.

- (a) One hundred pounds for myself R.I.P.
- (b) One hundred pounds for my sister the said Mabel Florence Suddes at her death.
- (c) One hundred pounds for my brother William James Suddes R.I.P.
- (d) One hundred pounds for my sister Clare Suddes R.I.P.
- (e) One hundred pounds for my brother Cyril Suddes R.I.P.
- (f) One hundred pounds for my sister Adelaide Whitfield R.I.P. and her daughter Edna Whitfield R.I.P.
- (g) One hundred pounds for my mother Jane Suddes R.I.P.
- (h) One hundred pounds for my father William Suddes R.I.P.

This proves how worthwhile it is to obtain a copy of a Will, which can be done for about 50p, for she names her whole family in it."

# LIBRARY NOTES

Copies of the following Wills from the Department of Palaeography and Diplomatic, Durham University, have been donated to the library by Mrs J.R. Elliott:-

Gerrard Dodd of Bellingham, 1624  
 John Robson, 1650  
 William Stokoe of Bellingham, 1627  
 Peter Latimore of Bellingham, 1630  
 Anne Hooper of Billingham, County Durham  
 George Bradley of North Shields, 1701  
 William Bradley of Redmarshall, County Durham, 1732  
 James Bradley of Newcastle, 1760, and his widow Elizabeth Bradley, 1760  
 John Lee of Softley, Knarsdale, 1713  
 Thomas Hetherington of Alston 1812

Also a Marriage Bond for William Bradley of Sedgfield, 1752

Please quote Ref. No. 6.066 when requesting any of the above items.

The library now has transcriptions of M.Ls from more than a hundred locations in Northumberland and Durham. When requesting these, members are asked to quote Ref. No. 3.030, and also to specify the particular churchyard or graveyard required. Some of the transcripts are showing signs of wear and tear, and our Librarian Doreen Tait would be pleased to hear from any typist (with typewriter) who would be prepared to help out.

There was a good response to the request for Family Trees in the Spring 1988 issue of the Journal, and it has proved quite a job to catalogue and index them. The following list is restricted to those relating to Northumberland and Durham. Those marked with an asterisk are not available by post.

The conditions for borrowing from the library are printed at the beginning of the Library Catalogue, namely postage cost + 10p packing in stamps to be included when items are returned. Please return all items as quickly as possible.

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## A VISIT TO THE MORMON LIBRARY

*Valerie Ciukaj*

During my recent travels in the United States I managed to stop at Salt Lake City, Utah for a few days. I was able to visit - briefly - the world famous Mormon Genealogical Library. If any readers are thinking of visiting that area of America I would strongly recommend a visit to the Library.

The collection is spread over several floors; initially, to the first time visitor, it looks rather daunting, but the various books, microfilms etc, are excellently arranged - and of course there are ample staff to help acquaint and advise.

My ancestry is half Polish, so I was searching the self-service microfilm cabinets for those parish records. There are numerous readers and I never found the building crowded. There were many American families who were spending a short holiday researching their ancestry. Of great help are the opening hours: Saturday 7.30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday 7.30 a.m. - 6 p.m., and, from Tuesday - Friday 7.30 a.m. - 10 p.m.! The Library is closed for all the traditional holidays and the American ones (i.e. Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving) but also Pioneer Day which is July 24th.

I was most intrigued by the U.S. Census Records - if only Britain would follow suit. Each State is printed up in a proper book which lists surnames of all those appearing in that census alphabetically. The name is followed by the county and town of abode, which in turn is followed by a reference number that directs you to the correct microfilm. I only had a short time to search these unfortunately, but I did manage to discover a few names of interest. They also have here something called the Soundex Index which arranges various similar sounding surnames from the censuses phonetically. The U.S. Census (depending on the state) ranges from the late 18th century to 1900 - a simple way to hunt strays!

Salt Lake City itself is a very pleasant city, ideal for a relaxing holiday or touring. We stayed at Howard Johnson's which is immediately next door to the Library, but there are several other hotels nearby including the Temple Square Hotel and two Travelodges - not to mention numerous motels. Most rooms cost from \$32 per night, but are excellent value for their size, facilities and location (I think I should apply for a position in the Utah tourist bureau don't you think?!)

One last thing, if you do decide to go, make a point of visiting the fascinating Pioneer Museum opposite the State Capitol Building. We were enthralled by their enormous collection of artifacts for over four hours - but still missed a portion of the museum due to closing time! There are many articles from Britain and the study of the owners surnames alone is very interesting.

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## KNOW YOUR PARISH: XXIV KIRKHARLE

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The parish of Kirkharle, one of the smallest in the country, is bordered by the parishes of Hartburn, Kirkwhelpington, Throckrington and Kirkheaton. It consists of two separate and detached townships, Kirkharle, which includes the hamlet of Great Law, and the small settlement of Hawick, about four miles distant. Kirkharle hamlet consists of four large imposing farm houses, the old vicarage, and a few houses and cottages set amidst rich agricultural pasture with thick wooded plantations of oak, ash, beech and sycamore.

In 1821 there were only 32 families in Kirkharle township, and only 22 persons living in Hawick. The name Kirkharle was in all probability derived from the name "Herla". Walter de Bolbeck, founder of the Abbey at Blanchland, in 1175 received revenue from the Church of Herla, Herla meaning boundary or line between West or Little Harle. The name is still preserved in the name of Harelaw. In 1359 the parish was named or spelt Kirkharll; in 1456 Kirkherell; in 1578 Kirkharlowe; until it eventually became Kirkharle.

Although the Bolbecks were originally of Blanchland, they owned the Kirkharle estates which eventually, through marriage, passed to the de Harles in 1365, and afterwards became the property of the Strothers of Glendale. On the marriage of Joanna Strother, who had inherited the estates, the property was conveyed to William Loraine, whose ancestor Robert had come over with William the Conqueror. A little to the south-west of the church is a stone pillar bearing the following inscription:-

"This new stone was set up in place of an old stone by Sir William Loraine, Bart, in 1728. In memory of Robert Loraine his ancestor who was barbarously murdered in this place by the Scots in 1483; for his good services to his country against their thefts and robbery, as he was returning from the church alone, where he had been at his private devotions."

The Loraines were of Eystones in Essex in 1268, and had related branches in Roxburghshire and East Lothian. James Loreyn, who had vast Scottish estates, was awarded an annuity by the English King Edward III for his allegiance. Sir Neil Loraine was a knight of the Garter in 1349.

Although many of the Loraines were baronets and the family minor nobility, it was a Kirkharle boy whose family were of yeoman stock who gained international repute as the greatest English landscape gardener. William Brown of Ravenscleugh Farm, Elsdon, was to father three sons, all born at Kirkharle. John, a land surveyor and a Loraine tenant at Great Laws, married Jane, daughter of Sir William Loraine in 1743. In his "Evidence of Bacon Gray Pedigree" of 1903 Sir Lambton Loraine refers to this marriage of his related ancestor Jane, daughter of Sir William, to plain Mr John Brown, as this "strange marriage." Young Lancelot, on leaving school, gained employment as an assistant gardener to Sir William, who himself was responsible for planting thousands of trees and restoring the church. Developing his gifts through his mentor Sir William, Lancelot later entered the service of the famous Northumbrian family the Shaftoes (remembered in the Tyneside song "Bobby Shaftoe"), and in 1739, at the age of 23, left his native county to work for Lord Cobham at Stowe. Soon afterwards he was appointed head gardener at Windsor and Hampton Court. Sir Lambton Loraine's ancestor, Sir Charles, son of Sir William, became High Sheriff of Northumberland, and then only a few years later Lancelot "Capability" Brown was High Sheriff of Huntingdon and Cambridgeshire.

The church at Kirkharle is dedicated to St. Wilfred, who was buried at Hexham Abbey. The masonry of the oldest part of the church is good, and does not seem to be earlier than the time of Henry IV. About that time it is said to have been in a state of great decay and to have been repaired under the instructions of Joanna, the Strother heiress who married William Loraine. Thomas Loraine, on being advanced to the dignity of a baronet by Charles II, newly timbered his church with Irish oak and covered it with lead. The vicarage, in the patronage of the Loraines, was noted in Pope Nicholas's taxation in 1291 at £5-9-6d a year. In the list of Vicars John de Kirkeby is named as the first in 1350.

There are many Loraines buried within the compact little church, and there are also other Loraine memorial tablets. Some of the inscriptions are very informative, for example:-

"Here lyes the body of Richard Loraine, Esq., who was a proper handsome man of good sense and behaviour: he dyed a bachelor of an apoplexy walking in a green field near London, October 26th 1733, in the 38 year of his age."

On another grave Dame Ann, second wife of Sir William, buried 24 September 1756, is described as "a comely person of good aspect and stature, a neat and prudent housekeeper." A memorial tablet to 'Capability' Brown was unveiled in the church on 9th July 1983, the bi-centenary year of his death. In the churchyard there is a headstone to John Harle, buried 1887, no doubt a descendant of the de Harles of the 13th and 14th centuries.

# SEARCH FOR AN IDENTITY

*Barbara Botterill*

My father, named Bertie Powell, can remember only four names of significance from his childhood in the United Kingdom. They are Dorney, Beatrice, Durham and Sargent. I used to ask him if he could remember more than this, but unfortunately he has no recollections of the first eight years of his life, from 1919 to 1927, and he has no birth certificate to prove who he is. He was a child migrant, sent out under the Kingsley Fairbridge Child Emigration Scheme, who arrived in Western Australia on 30 January 1928 along with a party of thirteen other orphaned children aged between 7 and 11 years. They were described as "selected civilians" on the ship's passenger list. My father was about eight years old.

He grew up at the Farm School established by Kingsley Fairbridge, the Rhodes scholar, and lived with 13 or 14 other boys together with a "cottage mother". At the age of 14 he was cooking for four men, as well as labouring, on an isolated farm where he had a straw mattress in a shed for accommodation. When he was 21 he hitchhiked across Australia to Victoria and joined the Australian Army. He served in the Middle East and also fought in the campaign in New Guinea during the Second World War.

Throughout his young life, and indeed even as a adult, he made numerous enquiries to the authorities in Australia and in London in an effort to discover details of his parents and/or guardians, and more importantly to secure details of his birth. It was not until I began my own research four years ago that we discovered much more, and some questions were finally answered.

We found that my father was the son of a maid who had been in service firstly with a Lady Selbourne (Palmer) and later Mrs Beatrice Headlam (wife of Sir Cuthbert Morley Headlam, P.C., D.S.O., U.B.E.) in London in the early 1920s. His mother disappeared, and Mrs Headlam took my father in; he had jaundice, and was not expected to live. At the age of three weeks, it is believed, Mrs Headlam placed my father in a private children's orphanage at Dorney House (within the Dorney Court Estate belonging to the family of Palmers) called the Dorney Children's Home, Dorney, near Windsor. This orphanage also housed children of domestic servants at Eton College, and was financially supported by a Mr and Mrs Walker. The matron, Mrs Mary K. Ferguson, was in liaison with the Fairbridge Society under Mrs Headlam's instructions, and took my father to London for his interview there one month before his departure on 23 December 1927. The Home, which was originally located at Burbage, near Marlborough, Wiltshire (end of the First World War), was closed in 1928.

Mrs Headlam, acting as my father's guardian, signed the Child Emigration documents and paid the five pounds required to cover the purchase of an overcoat and suit for his trip to Australia. She never made contact with him again in her lifetime, and even though she and the Fairbridge Society authorities corresponded and discussed details about my father over the following years, neither one informed him about the details of his early life.

Half yearly progress reports on my father from 1928 until the mid 1930s were regularly sent from the farm School in Australia to the Society in London, and passed on to Lady Headlam. She died in 1968, predeceased by her husband in 1964. She left no details of my father's mother or any other personal information about him. She was a regular financial donor to the Fairbridge Society for many years after my father's emigration.

I have ascertained that the Headlams moved to Durham in 1924 when Sir Cuthbert won the Parliamentary seat at Barnard Castle. I expect my father holidayed with them there, hence his remembering the area. In 1929 Lady Headlam was given the CBE (Civil Division) for political and public services in Durham, and was honoured for her valuable work for unemployed women and girls in Durham through her agency, the United Service Employment Scheme.

My father had a friend from his childhood in the United Kingdom named Les Sargent, and they used to correspond regularly during the war years. Les Sargent was in the 582 (Kent) Army Field Company, Royal Engineers, and in July 1945 was stationed at Dusseldorf in Germany. However, when the war was over and my father returned to Australia they lost touch and my father has always wondered what happened to him. Mr Sargent seemed to consider my father a good friend, and we believe he is a vital link with my father's early years.

My father is now nearing 70 years of age and still wonders about his family, his mother, his father, his birth, and asks why he was ever sent away without explanation. We will continue to search whatever records are available and hope we can give him an identity in his autumn years, as well as comfort him with the knowledge of where his ancestors lie.

# A NORTHUMBRIAN'S IMPRESSIONS OF LONDON

*The following letter was found among family papers by Mr John Dixon of 75 Teevan Road, Addiscombe, CROYDON, Surrey CRO 6RQ. It was written in 1794 by his great-grandfather, also named John Dixon, who was in London on business for the Charltons of Hesleyside, for whom he was agent. John Dixon was born in 1748, the second son of George Dixon of Sewingshields, from 1780 until his death, in 1826 he lived at Mantle Hill, Bellingham. His wife Jane, to whom the letter is addressed, was the daughter of William Todd of Dilston, born in 1750. She died in 1799. The "Neddy Potts" mentioned in the letter was related to Jane by marriage (her cousin Edward Todd married Jane Potts of Warden 18 January 1794). "Mr Garret" was the founder of Garrett's Coffee House. "Brecon" was possibly Mrs Brecon, the wife of the Bellingham carrier. The "Bull's Mouth Inn" (or more correctly "The Bull and Mouth Inn" was a large coaching inn at St Martin's-le-Grand, demolished at the end of the 19th century.*

Bulls Mouth Inn, London, July 1st 1794

My Dear Wife,

My last letter was wrote in such hurry to save the Post that I dare say you would hardly be able to understand it. Having a little time upon hand I have sat down to write this. Thank God I am in good health. (He had been taken ill in York on a business trip in 1789, and taken to a Dr Fenwick's in Newcastle, where he remained, seriously ill and unable to travel for four months. He was apparently still having to watch his health). London seems to agree well with me, but I think it is more on account of the exercise, as every night I am so tired with walking that I sleep like a top. I am generally upon my legs for 8 hours in a day. In the morning I go to Mr Wilson's (a lawyer of Northumbrian family living in London, acting on behalf of the Charltons of Hesleyside) and he has his rounds to go every day to all the Houses of Law and public places and I regularly attend him. Indeed he is one of the pleasantest men I ever saw. I have been to Doctor's Commons, King's Bench, Chancery, Gray's Inn, Lincoln's Inn, Lloyds, The Temple, The Royal Exchange, The Bank of England, Coal Exchanges, etc., etc. You can form no idea of the hurry and business of this place. Every public street (and the streets are without number) are as crowded as Hexham is upon a Summer Fair day. London resembles an ant-hill most of anything to which I can compare it.

I am perfectly well acquainted with London now and can pilot myself to any place I wish to be at, after I lost my companion which came greatest part of the road with me, and the first day I came went along with me to the places I wished to be at. I bought a map of London, and in the morning, before I set out, I consult my map, examine it for the place I wish to be at and then follow the most public street until I come nearly opposite the place, and often go straight to the place without ever having to make enquiry although it be three or four miles from the place from whence I set out in the morning. It was about 9 o'clock yesterday evening before Mr W and I finished our rounds, when we agreed to go in at half price to Drury Lane Playhouse - one of the elegantest Playhouses in the world. All the Playhouses and plays I have seen acted before seem only as a burlesque upon playing, nay indeed, I believe I shall soon be of Neddy Potts' way of thinking in regard to London, that no other place is worth notice.

I have met with nothing but civility since I came. Everyone here seem to vie with each other who to be the most forward to oblige. If I make enquiry for any place, whoever I have made enquiry of has with the greatest cheerfulness given me the best directions. I have seen no rioting nor confusion since I came, except that day I dined at Mr Garret's. Not far from his house there was a Boxing Match, but even that was conducted with the greatest order. A ring was made and two tryers appointed, and not the least foul play offered. We saw as much of the battle as we chose, distinctly from Mr Garret's Dining Room.

I cannot fix any time for my return as the business on which I came to London was entirely at a stand for want of Mrs Williamson's answer not being given. I have done and will do everything in my power to forward it, but despair of hearing a final determination this journey, but hope to have it so put in way that it will not be long before matters are satisfactorily concluded.

I made enquiry at Lloyds but there are no accounts of the names of the common men killed in the late action (presumably a naval action) but I hope Brecon has received good news from her son as I saw a letter directed to her at the Post that day I left home.

May God bless you and the dear young family. I am my Dear,  
Your loving husband John Dixon.

# PROUD AS A PEACOCK

Greta varty

While most family historians spend hours and hours studying old parish registers, census returns and other generally known records, many researchers ignore the possibility of an ancestor having left a Will; and yet we can probably learn more about a person from a Will than from most of the other genealogical aids. I recently discovered the importance of such a document when reading through a copy of the Will of a great-great-great uncle in whom I developed a particular interest. His name was mentioned in a similar document, a Scottish Sheriff's Inventory, which lists the value of a deceased person's estate - in this case that of my great-great grandfather Thomas Whitton of Inverbervie in Kincardineshire, who died in 1876.

The Inventory mentioned a legacy from his late uncle, Walter Anderson Peacock, brother of Thomas's mother Johan Peacock. Walter's address was given as 'formerly of Arbroath, late of 6, Bath Place, Dalston, Middlesex & 161, Bishopgate Street Without the City of London.' With the minimum of expense - a few stamped addressed envelopes - my first enquiry to the City of London Library produced a copy of the 1871 Census returns showing Mary Peacock, a widow aged 82, residing at 161 Bishopsgate Street. Enquiries to the Guildhall Library revealed that Walter was listed in the London Trade Directories from 1804 to 1859 as a bread baker. Records of the Guild of the Bakers' Company provided further information about Walter's membership, offices held and duties in the Livery of the Bakers' Guild, and London Corporation records gave details of his activities as Common Councilman for the Bishopsgate Ward, and later as Deputy Councilman - a position which I learned was the equivalent of Alderman in any other city.

Born in Forfar in 1779, the son of James Peacock, a shoemaker, Walter was 21 when admitted to the Bakers' Guild. From 1804 to 1824 he progressed to the highest office in the Company, and he eventually owned the two bread bakeries and adjacent residences in which he was first employed. He was listed on the Register of Electors and allowed to vote in respect of each property he owned. In these circumstances I felt that he must have made a Will, and so applied to Somerset House, suggesting his death to have been between 1859 and 1871. A search of the first five years, costing £2.50, produced a Will which gave the date of his death as 22 September 1863; so for a fraction of the cost of a death certificate I gained a valuable insight into the nature and lifestyle of Walter A. Peacock. The document consisted of five A4 sheets, and included several Codicils. The following is a condensed version:-

## *The Last Will & Testament of Walter Anderson Peacock 1779- 1863*

*Date of Will: 25 October 1853*

*To my dear wife Mary, immediately upon my death, ONEHUNDRED PO UNDS for her own immediate use absolutely. To my friend James Reeve of Broad Street Buildings in the City of London and William Goodman of Compton Street, my grandson Walter Peacock Simpson, all Executors of my Will, I give FIFTY PO UNDS to each free of legacy duty for the trouble they may have. To my wife, my leaseholdhouse & premises for which I hold the Deeds, at Upper Clapton and all my household furniture and effects plus linen, printed books & prints. She should have the Silver Waiter presented to me by the Bakers' Company and the picture representing the passing of the Reform Bill and also my picture of John Knox when he was preaching, also the Minutes of Votes of Thanks, for the rest of her life after which I bequeath the same to my grandson provided he resides in Great Britain, otherwise they shall be held temporarily by the Wardens & Master of the Bakers' Company for their use. A gold ring to be given immediately upon my death to my friend Alderman Copeland, my son in law Henry Simpson, my cousin in Arbroath David Peacock, and to my old friends, James Rowland Carr the older of Liverpool Street, Richard Marshall Phillipps & Edward Clarke of Bishopsgate, Clerk to solicitor. To my old servant Colin Jarvis, NINETEEN POUNDS NINETEEN SHILLINGS and to my servant Ann Evans, TEN POUNDS if they are in my employ at my time of death. To my Executors Heave all my other premises and residences, bakehouses and tenement shop with fixtures fittings and utensils therein to sell at their discretion at an advantageous price as they think proper. NINETEEN POUNDS NINETEEN SHILLINGS to each of the following: The School in the Ward of Bishopsgate, The School of the Blind now at Saint George's circus Southwick, The Asylum for Idiots, The Asylum for Deaf & Dumb in the Old Kent Road, The New Gravel Pit, Chapel Street School and the same to each of my cousins, also the daughter of my other relative and Mr Whitton of Arbroath (my ancestor). ONE THOUSAND POUNDS to the Bakers' Company Almshouse at Barking for its upkeep, the interest to be shared between the inmates on the first Monday in January each year. Same amount to the Bishopsgate Ward Deputy Councilman for the Almsman of the Parish of Saint Botolph Bishopsgate, to be shared equally annually between ten poor persons for a period of five years provided they have never received parochial relief in that parish and have been householders there.*

*CODICIL 28 August 1855*

*Grandson now in Australia is now revoked as Trustee and my cousin David Peacock in Arbroath appointed instead.*

*CODICIL 9 July 1857*

*To Rowland Marshall Philipps, a silver cup presented to me by the Common Councilmen; As a token of my respect, I give them each a gold ring in remembrance of me. To the Alderman and Councilmen FIVE HUNDRED PO UNDS EACH to be held in trust for each such charitable object declared by my wife. I wish my friends the Trustees to give each of my wife's and my own nephews and nieces TEN PO UNDS after my wife's death. To James Rowland Carr the younger all copyhold and Leasehold property to hold in trust.*

*CODICIL 7 March 1859*

*Rowland Carr the older has recently died, now it is my relative David Peacock of London a shipbroker (or stockbroker?) who shall be substitute.*

Double probate was granted to David Peacock at Mary's death in 1876. I wonder what become of Walter's grandson in Australia, whose mother must have died young.

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## WILLIAM MORALEY OF MORALEY

*The following narrative, transcribed by Mr F.J. Vaughan, is taken from a pamphlet printed at Newcastle in 1743 entitled "The Unfortunate: or The Voyage and Adventures of William Moraley of Moraley in the County of Northumberland, Gent, written by himself."*

*William Moraley, the author, was buried in the churchyard of St Nicholas, Newcastle, on 19 January 1762. He was the grandson of Ridley Moraley of Latterford, Yeoman, who was buried in the churchyard of Simonburn on 11 February 1682/3.*

London is the place of my nativity which was in the year 1698. My parents were of no mean account and in good circumstances, my father being the third and youngest son of a gentleman, Chief of an ancient family and considerable estate, being descended from the barons Morley of Swanton Morley in Norfolk. By Charter of King Edward I he held lands in Northumberland bearing his name, which was increased by purchase; and in the last century were argumented by two marriages, first by William Moraley, my great great Grandfather, with Elizabeth, daughter to Nicolas Ridley of Willemoteswick, in comm Northum' Esq., and secondly, by Agnes, daughter of Alexander Ridley of Whitsheals, third brother of the said Nicolas Ridley, to Thomas Moraley, son of the above William Moraley. By this alliance, large possessions were added to the Paternal Estate; which passing from the family by the extravagance of my father's elder brother, he was obliged to seek his fortune and became a Citizen of London .....

In my infancy, such care was taken of me, by an Education suitable to the circumstances, as laid the foundation of all the Evils that have since befallen me, by the over Indulgence of my parents. In a more advanced age, I was taught the Latin Tongue, with Arithmatick, besides Musick and Dancing. I had likewise an opportunity of convening with the Royal Society and by that means have gone through several Courses of Natural Philosophy, by which I might have preferr'd myself, but being of too lively a disposition, I neglected to improve my Talents, always preferring the present time to the future; so that all these advantages were bestowed on me to no purpose.

At 15 years of age, my father bound me clerk to an eminent Attorney in the Lord Mayor's Court, where I continued near two years; but my father, not liking the Profession of the law, by reason of the many quirks and shifts used by the Gentlemen Practitioners, with the advice of Henry May Esq., Recorder of the City of Chichester, formerly a Spanish Merchant, join'd to that of William Carr Esq., a Commissioner of the Excise, and Member of Parliament for Newcastle, took me from my employ, and learnt me the Trade of Watchmaking. In my Clerkship, I did little else but vapour about the streets, with my sword by my side .....

About this time, the world run mad after the South Sea Bubble. My father was bit to the tune of 8001 which somewhat impaired his fortune; and being advanced in years, proposed to my mother to

settle at Newcastle, where he had many friends. She declin'd this proposal for some years but at last agreed to it, by my giving a good account of the place, where I had been some years before. We arrived at Newcastle after two days sail and settled for about two years, meeting with encouragement in business from the generous inhabitants. In the meantime, my father having notice of the death of his brother, left us in order to secure his effects, but unfortunately died at Harwich, in his passage home from London in the year 1725 .....

*(The narrative continues with the author's travels in America; on his return he takes ship from Ireland to Workington in Cumberland about June 1733)*

..... there being a collier bound to Workington in Cumberland, which was to sail the next morning ..... the mate sent four hands with me in the boat to the ship named the "Leviathon", Capt Steel, where I had a hearty welcome from the generous Commander. I observed the two nights I was with him both morning and evening he read prayers to the crew. It was the only ship I was ever in, where there was no Swearing or prophane talking. We set sail at seven in the morning with a constant fair wind and after seven hours sailing, we passed the Isle of Man and reached Workington. The next day about eight in the morning, a Custom Officer, named Lowther, boarded us, and, pitying my Condition, gave me a note directed to Mr Senhouse of Nether Hall. I got two drams before my Departure, took my leave of the ship, and set my foot upon English Ground, after three years and eight months absence.

I was drest in the following trim. I had a shirt on above fourteen or fifteen weeks, a miserable pair of breeches, adorn'd with many living companions, two torn waistcoats, no coat, a coarse loasy Woolen Cap, an old hat given me in Ireland, a pair of torn stockings, a bad pair of shoes supported by packthread, no Handkerchief; so I looked not unlike the picture of Robinson Crusoe.

With these disadvantages I was to travel about fourscore miles before I reached Newcastle, through a country where I was not known and at the time of year, it being the day after Christmas Day, and so rainy, that for the nine days I was tramporsing home, there was scarce any intermission, which very much discouraged me; but making a virtue of neccessity I comforted myself with the prospect of getting home, where I did not doubt of having the fatted calf killed for me.

I entered the town of Workington, at that time very dirty, which being a specimen of the Terribleness of the remaining part of my journey, I was uneasy, for I had not one farthing about me. So walking about town, musing on ways and means how I should get intelligence of the right road, a grave Quaker, sitting at his door, ask'd me where I was bound. I readily acquies'd with his demand and he gave me two pence, the first money I had fingered since I left America.

So leaving him, I repaired to Workington Hall, the seat of the Curwens, but not meeting with Encouragement, I remembered Mr Lowther's note to Mr Senhouse, and endeavoured to inform myself of his abode. So leaving the dirty town, I met with two gentlemen servants, who told me they were going a merry making, and said if I would accompany them, they would direct me in the road to Nether Hall. I readily agreed to follow them, hoping by their means I should have an opportunity to exercise my grinders, being hungry; and my desire was accomplish'd, for we had not travelled long before an alehouse presented itself to our view, when I gladly heard them propose to bait. So we entered the house, where we drank two quarts of Ale, and being sharp set, desir'd something to eat. Accordingly a plate of Goose pie was brought, which I soon dispatch'd.

The reckning being paid, we proceeded forward, when one of the persons looked stedfastly at me, said he knew me, then told me he was one of those who carried my mother and Mr Brown in a boat to Jarrow to be married. This I was a stranger to, as was Mr Brown's marriage with her; tho' I knew at Philadelphia she was married to a Justice of the Peace, which in some measure occasion'd me to come home.

Passing from these two men, I travell'd I know what where, to find out Nether Hall; but not meeting with any body to give me information, I rambled till it began to grow dark; when as good luck would have it, I discover'd a new house, which I made up to, and perceiving a good look'd man, he invited me in, gave me two pints of good Ale, directed me to Nether Hall. So steering from thence, after much difficulty, through dirt and water, I discover'd an old castle at a good distance and made up to it; but several Water Places intervening, I was obliged to wade through them, up to the waist before I could get to the castle, when I discovered a light.

After passing a small bridge, before a garden adorn'd with Leaden images, I enter'd the kitchen, wherein were an old lady turning a beef stake with a pair of Beef Tongs attended by the Household Steward and his wife, a good pretty woman, and housekeeper to the family. Upon my first approach I asked for Mr Senhouse, and stepping forward, the lady asked me whence I came, and where bound; which having answered to effect, she demanded what trade I followed; to which I answered, Clock and Watchmaking was my business. Says she, You look more like a Chimney Sweeper. Madam, answered I,

it is no wonder, I should make such an appearance, considering the hardships I have undergone in my voyage.

She was going on when Mr Senhouse came downstairs into the kitchen and demanded my business; so producing my Credentials from Mr Lowther, he bade me sit down. Then surveying my external Edifice, he asked me where I intended to lye that night. I answered, Where God's good Providence directed me. Well, he said, for that Expression you shall not be exposed to the Inclemency of the weather: I will provide for you tonight, and tomorrow will give you such security as will carry you home.

Then he asked me, if I knew any body at Newcastle. To which I answered, I knew almost every body. He said, Do you know the Recorder? Yes, Sir, said I, I have reason to know him. Why, who is he? What is his name, says he? To which I replied, His name is Isaacson; his brother Capt. Charles Isaacson, married my mother. Thus making myself known, had a good effect; for he, in the first place, ordered a brown toast, and a tankard of Supper to be given to me. Then ordered his Steward to get me some Necessaries. The Steward brought me an old coat, about half a yard too long for me, an old wig, an old pair of hose, and a good shirt worth about ten shillings. The footman was ordered to shave me, which he did, and bereaved me of a troublesome Companion in so doing, for he had been my chum for above 14 weeks.

Mr Senhouse coming in soon after I was renovated, asked me pleasantly which of his maids I liked best. To which I replied, They were so agreeable, that I could not prefer the one to the other. After some merry discourse had pass'd, I went to bed and slept for the first time in a bed since I left Philadelphia. In the morning the Servant awaked me, and said his master desired me to come to him. He was in the kitchen waiting for me, when he gave me four half Crowns, and a recommendatory letter to divers Gentlemen on the road. And told me, he expected me to write to him when I got home, otherwise he should not think I was the same person I said I was.

After promising him that I would write to him when I arrived at Newcastle, I proceeded towards a little town near the sea called Crosby: At my first enterence, I perceived a Parson smoking a Pipe; by his appearance he seemed the Curate. He accosted me in a civil Manner and invited me to his house, which was a neat place, indifferently furnished; the best of his goods being a handsome brown Wife, dress'd in a clean brown gown, and a blue Topknot. Here I drank two pints of good Ale and smoaked a pipe. It is a hundred to one if the Vicar would have regaled me so well; for men in plentiful Circumstances, seldom or never consider the wants of the Needy.

He directed me to one Harriman, a Clock-maker, living at the Upper-end of the Town, who was very civil to me, and invited me to stay with him for two or three days, till I had recovered the Fatigues of my Voyage, which I did, and assisted him in two or three Jobs in my way, and departed from him towards Tallontire Hall, the seat of Mr Partis, where I arrived about eleven in the morning, and entered the kitchen, where Mrs Partis was making White Puddings. Upon my making myself known, she caused to be brought in a quart of as good Beer as I ever drank in my life, and I eat the best part of the ribs of a Quarter of Lamb.

Then leaving her, I marched towards Hayton Castle, the seat of the late Sir Richard Musgrave, Bart. and on Saturday in the evening reached the town; when hearing the Tooting of a Bag-pipe, I fancied it was an Ale-house, and was not deceived in my conjecture. The first thing I said here was, If I could have lodging. The Landlady said, Have you any money? Yes, said I, and put half a crown between my teeth. Sir, says the old Bedlam, you are welcome; will you have anything to eat. To which I answered, With all my heart. She set before me a Plate charged with Goose Pie; the intellects were good enough, but the external frame was as brown as the Parson's Wife's face, spoken of before.

After I had finished my meal, a man in the Chimney Corner called me by name, and desired me to do as he did. There were three men with him, they drank brandy and Ale, to the Tune of four Quarts, which made me so merry, that I danced with the piper. Afterwards the Company paid their Reckoning and departed, and I went to bed. The next morning I drank a quart of Ale, paid for it, and proceeded to the Castle of Sir Richard Musgrave. In the kitchen were three or four of his Servants, who I begg'd to tell their master I desired to speak with him. He appeared, and ordered me a Horn of Drink, which was given me, with three shillings.

Then I passed through a road between Hayton and Sparetree, and baited at the sign of the Blue Anchor, which was occupied by a handsome young Landlady, who gave me some Goose Pie and two pots of Ale. From thence about eleven, I arrived at Sparetree, a pitiful hole, having a church. Passing thro', I perceived a Coach with a Gentleman in it, which was our Collector Lawson's son, preceded by the Family Steward, who with a surly tone ask'd me where I was bound. But I not regarding him nor his demand went directly to Brighton Hall, the seat of Gilfred Lawson, Esq., who was walking in his kitchen garden, in a Scotch Plad Night Gown. He very civilly ask'd me where I was going; which having

been resolved, he ordered me two Horns of Ale, and a new three Half-penny Brick, with some Potted Beef, and gave me two shillings. Afterwards he gave me another shilling, and directed me to Wigton, about seven miles from his house.

Here, after four hours Travel, over hills and dales, thro' Rain and Dirt, I discovered the church when almost dark and entered the town, a small place, and every other house in it an Ale-house; so consequently, they had no trade but on the Market Days. I quartered at the George; but having considered I had a long journey home, I got up the next morning by four o'clock, taking my route to Carlisle, which I reached at three that afternoon and took up my residence at the Royal Oak. Here I got acquainted with a Watch-maker, and did a job, for which I got a shilling and a good drink, and retired to my quarters, where the civil Landlord gave me some Goose Pie, and some frigacied Rabbit .....

Leaving Carlisle, I directed my course next towards Corby Castle, the seat of a Gentleman named Howard. In the Midway lies a Town belonging to the Earl of Carlisle called Torkat. I lodged there all night at an Ale-house and had to supper Goose Pie and hot Rice Milk. In the morning about eleven or twelve o'clock, I discovered Corby Castle, seated near the banks of the River Eden. Adjoining to it are several fields with many Relicks of Religious Worship, and in an Out Building an exceeding fine Chapel, the Altar adorn'd with several curious ornaments.

I afterwards went into the kitchen, where, by the Fire-side, I saw all sorts of the best delicacies, such as Ducks, Gees, Pies, Puddings, Chickens, Jellies; in short, they put me in mind of the old English Hospitality. A young lady, Daughter to Mr Howard appeared and asked my business; to which I answer'd, that being distress'd by Shipwreck, I was necessitated to ask Charity of well disposed Christians. She immediately went to her father, who sent me Half a Crown.

But the Lady calling out for Mr Ridley, the Butler, to bring in more wine, I took an opportunity of changing my name; and the Butler discharging his duty, came back, and asked me my name, which I said was Ridley. He hearing this, ask'd me of what family I deriv'd my Pedigree; to which I replied, from Willemoteswick, and deduced my descent from these marriages spoken of before. I likewise told him, that being of the Romish Religion, my parents discarded me, which obliged me to seek my fortune. The Design taking, he gave me a Half Crown, and two glasses of White Wine; so I left him to chew on the Cud and departed.

The next place I visited was Warwick Hall, the seat of a family so called; but the Gentleman being abroad, I was disappointed, and went towards Haltwhistle, and passed over Coal Fell, a dismal place, where I met with no one person to inform me how to proceed. This barren place put me in mind of Mount Atlas and Causacus; for look the way you will, you shall see nothing but Hill over Hill. After three hours I discovered Haltwhistle, and arrived at a little lone house near the Boundaries of the two Counties, where I was known, and treated with Goose Pie, and Wheaton Bannock and Milk.

From thence I went to Haltwhistle, and quartered at Barbara Bell's, and next morning went to Crowhall, formerly the seat of the Ridleys, where I was known; from which I had a sight of Willemoteswick Castle. I left Crow Hall and pass'd over Haydon Bridge, and so towards Hexham; but about two miles from it, I was belated and lost in a fell. It rain'd, and the wind blew terribly hard. Here I thought my Condition was as bad as in America; but I soon discovered an old house, which I made up to and desir'd Admittance. The people observing the badness of my attire, did not readily comply with my request; but a man asking my Name, which having told him, he said he would admit me, because he had once a friend of that Name, whom I soon persuaded him was my father's brother. I had some milk and bread for Supper, but for a bed I was obliged to lie with the Cows in the byre under the House, upon a little straw, and with a shabby Coverlid.

In the morning he rous'd me up, and conducted me through a wood, opposite to Sandoe, to Hexham, where I left him, and enquired for Mr John Ridley, brother to the Chief of that family. He lived at Battle Hill. I knocked at the door, which his wife open'd, and I ask'd if her husband was at home? Her answer was, What business have you with him! Tell him, Madam, said I, I am a relation to him. You a relation to him! said she, and so shut to the door, and I was forced to trudge forward on my journey.

From thence I passed over Corbridge, and baited at the Golden Angel; then went through Ovingham, then Wylam, and at length got to Newburn, where my feet began to bleed. But remembering I had an old friend, Mrs Capstack, I met with a handsome reception; and so marched towards home. I was ever looking for St Nicolas Steeple with the greatest impatience, but did not discover till I came to the Quarry House. So passing my father's house, it being shut up, I went to Mr Moraley's, who lived then in the Bigg-Market, where I met with a very kind Reception, and continued there three weeks; after which I lived with my mother till her death, which happened about three years and some months after



# THE AMERICAN CONNECTION

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A copy of a letter from America was printed in the Winter 1987 issue of the Journal. It was dated 1841, and was from George Short, of Madrid, St Lawrence, New York State, to Andrew Armstrong, of High Blakehope, near Alnham, Northumberland. The copy of this letter was given to me by a Northumbrian cousin.

I felt sure there would be descendants in the United States who would be interested in the letter, which gives a vivid insight into the lives of immigrants, and I sent a copy to the Northern New York American-Canadian Genealogical Society in Plattsburg, New York, the nearest Family History Society I could find to Madrid. They printed the letter, together with details of my distant connection with the family. My family connection with George Short is as follows:-

My great great grandfather was James Armstrong (1799-1874), born at High Blakehope, the elder brother of Andrew Armstrong. Their parents were George Armstrong and Jane Oliver. Jane's sister Isabella Oliver married James Short at Whittingham on 30 May 1799, and they were the parents of George Short the letter writer. Thus the Armstrongs and the Shorts were cousins!

I was most interested to receive a letter from Mrs Audrey Troemner of De Forest, Wisconsin, who filled in further details of this Short family. It seems that the Shorts sailed from Leith in 1819 with their 10 children (Mrs Troemner descends from James Short, the sixth child - baptised at Branton), and they first settled in Waddington, New York State. There is a "History of Waddington" which has a land poster dated 1819 in which James Short's parish is given as Kidland, but we have discovered that although he lived and worked in Kidland he originated in Bamburgh (born 1771).

Isabella Oliver was one of a large family of Olivers, the daughter of Andrew Oliver and his wife Alice of Shilmore and Milkhope, Kidland. Other members of the family were James, born 1781, Euphemia 1783, John 1787, Janet 1789 and Thomas 1790. In the USA James and Isabella had another daughter named Euphemia born 1821, and named after her Aunt Euphemia! The following details from Audrey Troemner complete the picture of the Short family, or rather some of them! James Short junior left New York State about 1844 with his wife Betsy Richie and their five children and settled in Jefferson County, in the township of Oakland near Cambridge. Five more children were born there. In 1871 James bought 40 acres of land joining his farm to that of his brother Thomas Short (7th child of James and Isabella, baptised 1X1"3 at Wooler - West - Presbyterian Chapel) and his wife Ellen Hadley, which he bought from President Polkfort, 51 years before Wisconsin became a State. On the 1871 census James had 5 horses, 5 milkcows, 3 sheep and 6 swine; he raised Indian corn and potatoes; he had 160 acres, valued at 4,000 dollars, and must have been a prosperous farmer.

James and Betsy were founder members of the first Presbyterian Church in Jefferson County in 1849. They are buried at Lake Ripley cemetery beside the lake, about a mile from their homestead. Three of their sons served in the Civil War. The children eventually moved about 1877 to Clark County; four of the sons homesteaded land in the area called Shortville after the Shorts, and it is still known by that name.

It seems that in the Madrid area quite a few of the settlers were from Northumberland or Scotland. I think other members will recognize the name of the partners of the Short family: Alice or Elsie married Thomas Fife, who could have been the son of George and Isabella Fife baptised 10 April 1785 at Harbottle Presbyterian, or the son of John and Mary Fife baptised 12 September 1797 at Harbottle Presbyterian; no doubt they knew each other. Alice, or Elsie as she was known, was baptised at Branton on 3 March 1800, and would have been 19 years old when the family left for America. George married a Scot, daughter of the Scotch minister; William married Jane Elliott, and Jane married John Turnbull - famous border names! Euphemia married Lymas Sparrowhawk - I do not recognize that name as Northumbrian!

I live at 10 minutes away from a Mormon Library, and checked the IGI for New York. I copied a few names that I knew were Northumbrian or Scots as follows:- Andrew Fife married Euphemia Veitch 1855 Waddington; Adam, Annie, Harriet and Helen, daughters of Wm. J. Rutherford and Isabel Veitch of Waddington; Andrew, son of John R. Rutherford and Agnes Scott; Wm. J. Rutherford, son of Robert Rutherford and Ann Porteus of Madrid; Nancy, daughter of William and Ellen Turnbull; Adina, Alfred, Andrew, Calvin, David, Harriet, Hiram, Janet and John, children of John Porteus and his wife Janet Veitch, who married in Waddington in 1854.

I expect many other members may well have cousins in America and do not know of their existence! Since the letter was printed in the Journal I have received a letter from another member, Mr W. Mitchell of Cornwall, Ontario, to whom the letter was of special interest, for as he writes, across the St Lawrence river is Madrid, and many names mentioned in the letter are still to be found in the telephone directory.

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## WHERE DO ORANGES COME FROM?

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orange: Evergreen tree bearing fragrant white flowers and large roundish many-celled juicy acid or sweet fruit enclosed in bright reddish-yellow tough rind. Middle English from Old French *orange*, ultimately from Arabian *naranj* from Persian *narang*. (Concise Oxford Dictionary, 1976)

The OF *orange* is perhaps caused by the French city of Orange, through which the fruit must have passed on its passage to the north; the change from *naranja* to *aranga* was caused by the confusion of the *-n* of the indefinite article *un*, *un naranja* becoming *un aranja*. (Partridge, 1983)

My mother was Mary Elizabeth Orange from Bedlington, descended from a Thomas Orange born about 1715, place unknown, who married Isabel Forster at Ovingham in 1739. But I knew nothing of that when in the 1960s one of my small daughters asked me: "Where do we come from?" She was not asking about babies but about my parents' parents' parents, etc. Some 25 years later I have a sort of answer, but no direct links to any Orange before 1715.

A family ancestral story is that we are related to William of Orange, and that our ancestors came from the Netherlands with him. William was a descendant of the House of Orange-Nassau (the family that ruled the Principality of Orange, France, before being driven out in the Religious Wars) who became William III of England. In 1986 I met Ken Orange from Middlesbrough, who has the same story in his family - the other Northumbrian Orange line (Edlingham/Belford); we thought the coincidence might imply that the Northumberland Oranges were all part of one family. But then I found this same story in the family history manuscript of the Orange family of Edwards County, Illinois, USA, which is traceable back to Jean Baptiste Orange and Hertfordshire in 1785. This raised some suspicion about the validity of the family legend, and on looking into it more closely the story falls apart, because

Felton Parish Records show Isabel Orange was buried in 1678, Shipwright's Guild Records show that Thomas, son of William Orange, a turner of Edlingham, became an apprentice shipwright in Newcastle in 1686.

As William of Orange landed in England in 1688, there clearly were Oranges in Northumberland before he arrived! A check of the IGI for the Netherlands shows no Oranges in the 1680s, but I am not sure how complete this part of the index is.

The Society of Genealogists told Ken Orange that 'Orange' was a French Huguenot name. This started me on another search, to find if they came from France. The city of Orange, France, lies about 20 kilometers north of Avignon and a short distance east of the River Rhone, a main trade route north from the Mediterranean into northwest Europe. Orange existed before the Romans arrived in Gaul, and had an earlier name of Arausio, derived from the River Aigues on which it stands. The Principality itself was created in the 12th Century by the Countess Tiburge. But the county of Orange was apparently set up by Charlemagne in the 8th Century (the first William of Orange was a close confidant of the Emperor). For the last two centuries of the Middle Ages Orange was a political and strategic reality, but suffered considerably in the Hundred Years War; it was ultimately absorbed into the Kingdom of France by Louis XIV in 1703 (Gasparri, 1985). Partridge (1983) relates the name change to the city's being on the northward trade route of the fruit, but this seems questionable, as the orange seems not to have appeared in northern Europe until the 16th Century.

It is a reasonable proposition that people whose name is derived from a place-name should ultimately be traceable back there, so the surname Orange should trace back to the City or the principality of Orange. Notarial archives for Orange for the period 1310 to 1507 exist in the Vatican Library in Rome (Gasparri, 1985). These include lists of surnames of male inhabitants of Orange for 2 April 1338 (before the Black Death of 1348), and of heads of families for 2 December 1354; the total

population was about 10,000, but the name Orange does not appear. Nor can it be found in a list of taxable inhabitants for 1396. Perhaps this is not completely surprising, as the surname would first be used in the form d'Orange, as in Peter from Orange, for example; so the name would likely develop in locations other than Orange. The few IGI records available for France show the name Orange in the 1600s in three provinces - from the Loire valley in the west to Haute Savoie on the Swiss border in the east. But as less than 5% of all French parish records are in this index, no real distribution pattern can be seen.

As early as the reign of Edward III (14th Century), artisans from Europe were being encouraged to settle in England; immigrants were mainly Flemings at first, but many French (Huguenot) immigrants came to England in the 16th and 17th Centuries. Although these people were invited, the English Government still felt it necessary to gather information on their location and status, partly due to resentment of the local populace about perceived unfair advantage given to these new arrivals. Huguenot Society information (Kirk and Kirk, 1900) on London shows: for 1582-Peter Oryng, Pynker, in Faringdon Within Ward; for 1585 - *Peter de Orange, myllener, borne under the obedience of the Frenche Kinge, and his wife, came to gett their lyvinge, and are of the Frenche churche-denison xlviiiij yeares*. If Peter thus came in 1536, some of the earlier records likely refer to the same man: *Peter Oren* in 1543, *Peter de Orengra* in 1544, and *Peter Osanna* in 1549 and 1550. The 1593 records tell us where he came from: *Peter Orange, Frenchman of Poitiers*. Records also show a *John Oryns* in 1549; *Johannes Osanna* in 1563, *John Osanna* in 1567, and in 1571: *John Osanna, Frenchman, joyner, Katheryne his wife, came into this realme for religion about xij years past. John Oueringe, Frenchman, Gentleman, is listed in 1583*. The range of spellings of the name is notable!

The first French Protestant martyrs were in the early 1500s (Exbrayat, 1985), well before the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685. Huguenots were settling in Canada by 1553, French refugees were arriving in Geneva in 1541, so the arrivals of Peter Orange in London in the 1530s and John in the 1550s are consistent with a Protestant migration from France. There are other early Oranges, too: the IGI lists the baptism of children of Robert Orange at Carshalton, Surrey, in 1539, and of Thomas Orange at Knowstone, Devon, in 1541, dates that coincide well with the start of those parish records - both 1538. Both locations are villages 10 or more miles inland, suggesting that the parents were not new arrivals in England.

Could there have been Oranges in England even earlier? The answer is clear from 13th Century records: *Orengia* and *Horenga* (Curia Regis Rolls, Oxfordshire), *Orenga* (Feet of Fines, Essex), *Oreng* (Assize Rolls, Bedfordshire and Sussex), and *Orrynge* (Subsidy Rolls, Worcestershire) (Reaney, 1976).

I now have a modified proposition: "Although 'Orange' is a French Huguenot name, not all 'Oranges' in England were French Huguenot refugees."

Back to my basic question: "Where did the Northumberland Oranges come from and when?" As most of us searching Northumberland parish registers know, only 50% of records go back as far as 1680 and less than 30% to 1660. So even if all baptisms, marriages and burials are contained in those registers, I still have less than a 50% chance of finding all Oranges living there before 1680. But earlier sources are interesting because of what they do not show. The 1336 Subsidy Roll for Edlingham has no Oranges; nor does the Inquisition of 1359-60; the Northumberland Muster Rolls of 1539 and 1595 have no names resembling Orange in any way. In short, I find no evidence of Orange before 1600.

In parish registers the name Orange appears in Felton in 1678, in Belford in 1706 and in Edlingham only in 1712. But the apprenticeship records of the Shipwrights' Guild of Newcastle show a William Orange as being in Edlingham at least as early as 1686. Did the Orange have no baptisms, marriages or deaths in the Edlingham area for over 25 years? Doubtful, especially as even if they did not have their children baptised, they would still have to be buried in the churchyard. So what other options are there?

Two names similar to Orange have an interesting distribution, "Orrish" is found in the Edlingham registers nine times between 1660 and 1690, then once again in 1716. It appears nowhere else in Northumberland. "Orridge" appears three times in the Felton registers between 1669 and 1712, and once at Belford (Bamburgh registers, 1680), as well as in Newcastle in 1642 and 1643. If these are earlier forms of Orange, then the family appeared in mid-Northumberland after 1595 and before 1660. Exactly when is uncertain, as parish registers started between 1645 and 1658 in Alnwick, Bamburgh, Edlingham, Felton and Rothbury (Cromwell's influence?). The Newcastle registers start about 1600, so if they come close to including all baptisms, we can postulate that Oranges arrived in Newcastle shortly before 1642. Accepting the Orange = Orrish = Orridge proposition leaves fewer loose ends than rejecting it, as it lets me fit (generally) the Belford/Bamburgh and the Edlingham Oranges/Orrishes/Orridges into one family group. Nevertheless the question still remains: "From where might the earliest Orange have come?" ,

The July 1984 version of the IGI lists the name Orange in 14 English counties for dates earlier than 1660; in 3 more the first record is between 1660 and 1700, and in 7 others the first records are after 1700. For 14 other counties the name Orange is absent (but in 6 of these counties the IGI covers under 50% of parishes). The earliest records (1530s and 1540s) are in Surrey, Devon and Middlesex; by 1595 there were Oranges in Lincolnshire, and by 1648 in Yorkshire. Although there is no general pattern of northward migration, it is clear that the first Orange records are in southern England and that overtime there was a general northward spread, perhaps into Newcastle before 1642, and into mid-Northumberland soon after. An intriguing point in the distribution is that all early Northumberland records are in towns and villages on or close to the "Great North Road" - more circumstantial evidence supporting the concept of a migration from the south.

This scenerio does not fail if "Orrish" and "Orridge" are not other versions of Orange; but the dates change and the proposition is weaker. On the other hand, if I accept that "Orrish" and "Orridge" are other forms of Orange, immediately there is a problem as to where to draw the boundary of the name. For instance, the early records show:-

Orange (Felton, 1678)	Orrig (Newcastle, 1642)
Orrans (Shilbottle, 1716)	Orridge (Felton, 1669)
Urrans (Shilbottle, 1735)	Orrish (Edlingham, 1660)
Urrins (Rothbury, 1701)	Orrin (Stannington, 1740)
Urrin (Howick, 1724)	Oram (Ovingham, 1726)

At present I would exclude "Urrin", "Orrin" and "Gram", giving significance to the similarity of the sound of "s" and "g". Yet I recognize the uncertainty of the whole question, particularly when one looks at marriage and baptismal information from three adjacent Durham parishes, whose records show:-

- Nickell Orans mar. Elizabeth Johnson (Chester-le-Street, 1717)
- 2. William Orrans (Chester-le-Street, 1719)
- 3. John Oran (Chester-le-Street, 1722)
- 4. Richard Orran (Chester-le-Street, 1728)
- 3. John Oron mar. Margery Outterside (Tanfield, 1747)
- 5. William Oron (Tanfield, 1753)
- 6. Nicholas Oron (Tanfield, 1759)
- 6. Nicholas Orins mar. Ann Robson (Lanchester, 1789)
- 7. William Oron (Tanfield, 1791)
- 8. Mary Orange (Tanfield, 1793)
- 9. Ann Orrange (Tanfield, 1796)
- 10. Annabella Orange (Tanfield, 1801)

Thus in three generations of the same family their recorded name changed from Orans to Oron to Orins to Orange. And this in the 1700s. The responsibility for the change probably lies with the parish clerks or the vicar, so there is a key question: "What was the original name?"

In conclusion, it seems likely that the Northumberland Oranges were of French descent, perhaps Huguenot, but it is also possible that they derived from a local family whose name was changed to Orange by partially literate parish clerks, or by the interpretation of the local vicar who had problems with the northern dialects.

But I like the "Oranges come from France" answer best!

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Welcome to all our new members.

- 2300 Mr A. RAILTON, Moor Lea, Barningham, RICHMOND, North Yorkshire DL11 7DU.  
Researching Bousfield of Swaledale, Teesdale, and Milton, Ontario. Also trying to connect 18th century Railton of Teesdale to Railton of Newcastle upon Tyne.
- 2321 Mrs M.W. MEWBURN, The Nails, Horseshoe Lane, Chipping Sodbury, BRISTOL BS17 6EP.  
Seeking the date and place of death of Anne Ives, nee Mewburn, born 13 August 1814 of John Willan and Margaret Mewburn of Peterborough. She married Rev. William Ives, nephew of the Prince Bishop of Durham, in 1859. William was then Vicar of Haltwhistle in Northumberland. Later they moved to Witton-le-Wear, County Durham where William died in 1875. We have further information about Anne.
- 2680 Mrs M. PATTERSON, 112 Edwards Road, Kennington, BENDIGO, VICTORIA 3550, AUSTRALIA.  
Seeking descendants of Susan Scott, nee Dryden, born c1813. Known children were William Scott (c1836), John Scott (c1838) and Mary Scott (born Shilbottle c1844). On 1841 census John and William were with their maternal grandparents John and Margaret Dryden of Newham High Hill Farm. In 1851 Mary was with the grandparents. In 1883 Susan Scott received £150 share of the estate of Thomas Dryden of Tasmania - her father's brother. Susan had brothers and sisters Edward, John, Thomas and Mary Dryden - all of whom emigrated to Australia - and James and Isabella who stayed in Northumberland like Susan. Any help would be welcome.  
Mrs Patterson has births, deaths and marriages of Victoria, Australia and would be glad to search these for other members.
- 2774 Mr J.G. SCOTT, 432 Avondale Avenue, OTTAWA, ONTARIO K2A OS3, CANADA.  
Tracing ancestors of John Bell 1777-1864, and his wife Ann Cairns. Also parents of Robert Telfer born about 1750, his wife Elizabeth Baty who died about 1793, and their son Adam, born 14 April 1792. Also John Hedley born 1792. They were all residents of Great Bavington, Northumberland between 1791 and 1813.
- 2888 Mrs E.J. JONES, 74 McLeod Road, TE ATATU SOUTH, AUCKLAND 8, NEW ZEALAND.  
Interested in the Cooper and Burnham families. William Cooper, son of Francis Cooper of Sunderland, married Emma Rebecca Burnham in 1897. They were both born in Sunderland and lived there all their lives. Nothing more is known about Francis. Would like information about Jane Olie and John Alfred Levy who also lived in Sunderland all their lives.
- 2954 Mrs B.L. WOODLEY, 46 Churchill Road, Padstow Heights, NEW SOUTH WALES 2211, AUSTRALIA.  
Researching McArdle, Gudmunson, Douglas, Stevenson, Mitchell, Wright, Hepple or Heppell of South Shields and nearby areas. Seeking the marriage of Ann Hepple/Heppell to Septimus Charlton, probably in Newcastle some years after the illegitimate birth in Newcastle of Jane Elizabeth Hepple in 1874. Also the death of Ann Charlton (nee Hepple), aged 51 years, prior to 1913. Seeking information on Jane Elizabeth Hepple, thought to have been brought up in Bristol by an uncle or grandfather, prior to attendance at Dame Allens School in Newcastle, which led to employment as a nanny to the Sinclair family. Have tried St Catherine's records with no success.
- 3005 Mrs S. TULIP, 6 Leyland Close, Bowburn, DURHAM DH6 5DD.  
(Tel. Durham 377 1493) Seeking birth place of Joseph Howdon. He was born in Haxhamshire about 1810 according to the census. He married Maria Smiles in 1832. In 1841 they lived at Elswick and in 1851 at Marley Hill. They later moved to Brandon. Found the banns for their marriage at Whickham but have not found the marriage. Can anyone help?
- 3013 Mr R.A. BROOKE, 26 Oaklands Avenue, Cheadle Hulme, CHEADLE, Cheshire SK8 5DE.  
Researching Richard Pickering, widower, a grocer and draper, married Isabella Robson of Shore Township, Sunderland at Monkwearmouth in 1847. She was the daughter of Thomas Robson, miller, of Bellingham. 1841 Census shows Thomas and Mary Robson of Countess Park farm on the North Tyne with 7 children - but no Isabella. However, at Broomhope farm there was a John and Ann Robson with Isabella aged 25 and another 7 children. Were the heads of the two families brothers? If so Isabella could have been visiting her uncle. Between 1861 and 1864 Isabella's son Thomas Robson Pickering attended school at Hawick. In 1871 Richard and Isabella lived at 72 Front Street, Great Lumley, aged 85 and 52 respectively (in business as grocers). Their son was aged 22 and they had a daughter Isabella aged 16. Also interested in the Pearson family.

- 3026 Mrs J.A. SMITH, Hillside, Lowes Barn Bank, DL'R IIAM DH 1 3QJ.  
Researching Nathan Race who married Jane Dent about 1855 and lived in Westgate. Seeking information on their son Anthony.
- 3039 Mr T.R.W. HEPPEL, 84 South Park Road, Wimbledon, LONDON SW 19 8SZ.  
Looking for the marriage of George Heppel to Caroline (surname unknown). Their three sons were baptised at Chester-le-Street: John Heppel 18 March 1764, William Heppell (sic) 12 May 1765 and George Stoker Heppel 22 June 1766. Their daughter Mary Proctor Heppell (sic) was baptised at St Margarets Durham 19 August 1770. Her christian names suggest a connection with the Heppels of Burnopfield. A John Heppel of Burnopfield married Mary Proctor of Lintz Ford at Tanfield on 11 August 1746. Any information welcome.
- 3046 Ms A. JACKSON, 26 Bovingdon Crescent, Garston, WATFORD, Hertfordshire WD2 6RA.  
Seeking any information about Codling of Northumberland in the last century, particularly in Matfen and Kirkwhelpington. Also having trouble tracing Joseph Edward Jackson born 2 April 1882 but not listed at St Catherine's House. Also any information on Thompson, Dodds and Forster of Winlaton 1850-1890 and Hepple and Hudspith or Hudspeth of Morpeth 1820-1880 would be welcome.
- 3082 Mr D.M. RAMSAY, 5 Katterns Close, CHRISTCHURCH, Dorset BH23 2NS.  
Researching family of Thomas Ramsay of Hartburn. He married Jane Carr (born 1781) of the parish of Newcastle All Saints on 24 August 1809 at Horton by Blyth. They had 8 children born at Cowpen. Some members of the family are listed in the 1841 census for Thornle-y, Durham. Details of Thomas Ramsay's death are needed to confirm whether or not he was born at Hartburn 1778, the son of Thomas Ramsay (born High Angerton 1742) and Anne Smith (born 1731?). In 1741 Richard Ramsay (Hartburn) married Eleanor Smith at Howick. Their children were Thomas (1742), Jane (1744), Joseph (1745), Eleanor (1750) and Margaret (1756). Possible marriages are Jane to John Gleghorn (Earsdon) 1766 and Margaret to Thomas Monalle 1782. Information is sought to eliminate uncertainty. Anything pre 1741 would also be welcome.
- 3086 Mrs L. BOYLE, 41 Craigview, Sauchie, ALLOA, Clackmannanshire FK10 3HE.  
(Tel. 0259 721502) Interested in William Brownbridge, baptised 25 March 1792 at Cockfield, County Durham. He married Jane Simpson of Middridge, County Durham. He was a Grocer, Flour Dealer and Miller living at 1, West Mill, Bishop Auckland in 1851. His family: Ann, Christopher and William had left home by 1861. William (junior) born 1832 married Elizabeth Ann Bygate and they lived at 29 Bondgate where they ran a Grocery business. Their son William (born 1867) married Eleanor Quail Ismay of Camerton, Cumberland. Her parents were John Ismay and Ann Quail. Would welcome any help, especially prior to 1792.
- 3113 Miss S.E. WILES, 169 Broad Oak Way, Up Hatherley, CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire GL51 5LN.  
Researching the family of Richard Wiles of Byker, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, who kept a fruit shop. No details of his birth, marriage or death, but one of his sons, John William Wiles was born c1865. Also interested in the Bell family who were farming at Lumley Law, Edlingham 1830s-1900 and Longhorsley pre 1850. Also, the Thorburn/Thorborn family. Mark Thorburn was a detective in Newcastle in the 1860s. The Thorburn family were at Woodhall, near Bolton in the 1800s.
- 3115 Mrs A.M. LIBEAU, 24 Rutherford Street, TAURANGA, NEW ZEALAND  
Seeking baptism of Sibbit Landells c1822 near Alnwick. Searches to date of Alnwick registers and I G I have been fruitless. His father was Gavin Landells and his mother may have been Alice Laidler or Esther Hamilton. He married Elizabeth Foreman (born 1824? Felling) in South Shields 1843.  
Would also like to contact descendants of Thoma Oliver Johnson and his wife Mary Elizabeth Edmondson who lived in Durham (Stanley, Washington) around 1880. Their children were Emily, Robert, James, and Elizabeth (or Isabella). Robert had a daughter Mary and a son William.
- 3128 Mr S. COOK, 42 Atkinson Road, CHESTER-LE-STRLET, County Durham DH3 3RU.  
Seeking parents and researching the descendants of Thomas Cook, blacksmith of Durham City. Probably born 1785, he married Mary Stout on 20 May 1819 at St Mary the Less, Durham City. He died 1849, as did his wife.
- 3138 Mr T.J. HUDSON, 30 Knights Drive, GLEN WAVERLEY, VICTORIA 3150, AUSTRALIA  
Seeking information about Mary Hutchinson who was born around 1818-1821 in Cumberland, possible the daughter of John Hutchinson. Would also like details of her marriage to Michael Hudson in Cumberland about 1841. Would also appreciate photocopies of any articles which explain why people from Cumberland and Northumberland left for Australia 1855-1865.  
Postage costs will be repaid - Sea Mail will do fine thank you.
- 3144 Mrs C.M. KERBY, 197 Sandringham Road, WATFORD, Hertfordshire WD2 4BH.  
Seeking information about the Hughes family of Pity Me, County Durham around 1870-1890 and information about Isabella Graham, daughter of John and Ann Graham, born in Gateshead about 1835. She married Thomas Thornton on 30 March 1868 by which time she was a widow called Isabella Holmes. Would like details of her first marriage. Also interested in Thomas and Mary Brown who lived in Tottenham/Leetholme area, near Coundon at the turn of this century. Their children were Rose, Gilbert. Thomas, George, John and Annie. Annie married John Burns at St Wilfrids, Bishop Auckland on 27 September 1902. Would welcome any information, especially Mary Brown's maiden name.
- 3152 Mr P. HENZELL-THOMAS, 4 Henbury House, Claverton Down Road, BATH, Avon BA2 6DN.  
Is researching the history of various glasshouses along the Tyne (circa 1620-1820) with particular interest in the Henzell (also known as Hensey), TN zack and l'ittery families. These names have several French variations including Thysac, Tisic etc. The glassmakers were spread all over Durham and Northumberland but were mainly in Newcastle All Saints parish and Ilowden Pans.

- 3161 Mr M.K. OLIVER, C/o Outward Bag Room, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, King Charles Street, LONDON SW1A 2AH.  
Interested in the Oliver family of Sunderland and Bishopwearmouth, especially seeking marriage of John Oliver and Henrietta Holmes between 1812 and 1837.
- 3162 Mr D. MILLER, 8 Elford Close, Lower Earley, READING, Berkshire RG6 4EG.  
Interested in any details concerning Dorothy Elizabeth Brock who married John George Miller of South Shields 7 March 1896, aged 26. Her father was James Brock. There is some doubt about her age and place of origin which she claimed was Arbroath. No birth certificate has been found and nothing is known about where or when she met her husband.
- 3164 Mr E. SKIPSEY, 5 Canny Croft, PENRITH, Cumbria CA1 9HA.  
(Tel. Penrith 62833)
- 3166 Mr T.R. HAYWARD, 26 Lilydale Grove, EAST HAWTHORN, VICTORIA 3123, AUSTRALIA.
- 3167 Mrs K. COURTS, P.O. Box 315, MAREEBA, QUEENSLAND 4880, AUSTRALIA.
- 3168 Ms M. MILLS, 47 Euree Street, Reid, CANBERRA, A C T 2601, AUSTRALIA.
- 3169 Mr S.W. HARVEY, 56 Cornmoor Road, Whickham, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE16 4PY.  
(Tel. Tyneside 488 7293)
- 3170 Mrs A.J.M. McKEOWN, 38 Stansted Road, CHORLEY, Lancashire PR7 2QY.  
(Tel. Chorley 78362)
- 3171 Mr H. McKEOWN, 38 Stansted Road, CHORLEY, Lancashire PR7 2QY.  
(Tel. Chorley 78362)
- 3173 Mrs S.M. WILD, Dalegarth, Dawson Place, Allendale, HEXHAM, Northumberland NE47 9PP.  
(Tel. Allendale 569)
- 3175 Miss J.W. FRAWLEY, 6 Elmstead Court, 3 St Johns Avenue, Putney, LONDON SW15 2AH.
- 3176 Miss B.E. FRAWLEY, 6 Elmstead Court, 3 St Johns Avenue, Putney, LONDON SW15 2AH.
- 3177 Mrs C.A.M. WILLIS, 44 Blind Lane, CHESTER-LE-STREET, County Durham DH3 4AG.
- 3178 Mr A. WILLIS, 44 Blind Lane, CHESTER-LE-STREET, County Durham DH3 4AG.
- 3179 Mr S. ROGERS, 1 Esk Gardens, WETHERBY, West Yorkshire LS22 4UR.  
(Tel. Wetherby 65693)
- 3180 Mrs J.M.T. EDGE, 25 Blossom Grove, Castle Bromwich, BIRMINGHAM B36 8PG.  
(Tel. 021 747 6824) Researching Place and Helgason-Walker anywhere. Seeking birth of Alexander Place, Attorney's Clerk, who married Mary Brown, daughter of George Borown tailor of Halifax, at Halifax St John the Baptist in 1817. No record of his baptism has been found in or around Halifax. Also Thomas Helgason-Walker, sailmaker, married Mary Ann Coleman-Snape in 1854 at St George in the East, Middlesex (London), age 37. Works record and death certificate give a possible date of birth 1815 or 1819. According to 1861 Census he was born in Oslo, Norway and claimed to be naturalised, but no record of this has been found. His father's name was Helgason, a farmer. When and why did he start using the name Walker? He worked as a Lock Gatesman 1857-1886 [P.L.A. London, Al](#) letters will be answered and postage refunded.
- 3181 Mrs S. BATCHELOR, 135 Unicorn Avenue, Eastern Green, COVENTRY, West Midlands CV5 71713.  
Seeking information on the following. Peter Ludvig Olsen, a mariner at Newcastle upon Tyne who died before 1906. Seeking parents of William Straughan, born Kirknewton 4 December 1809, and parents of Elizabeth Trotter born at Cornhill-on-Tweed 21 September 1817/1819. Also the Matfin family and any links with the Straughan and Olsen families.
- 3182 Mrs M.C. EVERITT, 3 Daska House, 234 Kings Road, LONDON SW3 5UA.  
(Tel. 01-352 6913)
- 3184 Mr C.L. PATTISON, 57 Clarence Road, Moseley, BIRMINGHAM B13 9UH.  
(Tel. 021-449 6302)
- 3185 Miss I.P. MISKELL, Flat 2/2, 40 Kerr Street, Kirkintilloch, GLASGOW G66 IJZ.  
Seeking ancestors and descendants of Joseph Vickers and Mary Hetherington who were married on 26th May 1850, in the parish of St Andrews, Auckland. Both were baptised in St Johns Chapel on 14 June 1822 and 26 May 1827 respectively. Joseph died at Escomb in January 1892 and Mary at Bishop Auckland in July 1898/99. They had five children, all born at Escomb:- Elizabeth, Joseph William, Jane, Isaac and Thomas. Thomas married a Maria Land or Lang and moved to Bolton, Lancashire, where he had a tailors business. Trying to find Thomas's marriage and any other information about the family.
- 3186 Mr J.J. BARTLE, 14 Marx Crescent, South Stanley, STANLEY, County Durham DH9 6JZ.  
(Tel. Stanley 233260)
- 3187 Mr W. SAINT, 69 Elemore Lane, Easington Lane, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, Tyne & Wear DH5 OQB.  
(Tel. Wearside 526 6023)
- 3188 Mrs S. SAINT, 69 Elemore Lane, Easington Lane, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, Tyne & Wear DH5 OQB.  
(Tel. Wearside 526 6023)
- 3189 Mrs C.M.E. WHITE, 228 Goldington Road, BEDFORD MK20 3EB.  
(Tel. Bedford 53388)
- 3191 Mr K. RAILTON, 61 Styvechale Avenue, COVENTRY, West Midlands CV5 6DW.  
(Tel. 0202 76742) Researching Railton of Newcastle and Keith family of Cumberland.

- 3194 Miss S.M. PATTINSON, 57 Park Avenue, Gosforth, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE3 2HL.  
(Tel. Tyneside 285 8335)
- 3195 Mr J. ROCHESTER, 6 Kingsdown Mount, Wollaton, NOTTINGHAM NG8 2RQ.  
(Tel. Nottingham 285973)
- 3196 Mr R.G. SHARPE, 22 Sandelswood End, BEACONSFIELD, Buckinghamshire HP9 2AE.  
(Tel. Beaconsfield 4765)
- 3197 Mrs B. POOLE, 20 West End Terrace, WINCHESTER, Hampshire SO2 2EN.  
(Tel. Winchester 53642) Would like to hear from anyone researching Howourth. John William Howourth of Consett (son of Robert Howourth, deceased) married Elizabeth Ann Wear also of Consett at Lanchester Register Office in 1885. A survey of St Catherines Indexes suggests their children may have included the following: Lily, an infant died 1887 registered Lanchester; Pheobe Hannah born 1889 Lanchester; Herbert Henry born 1890 Hartlepool (married Miss Edgar, Gateshead 1912; daughter Mary died infant 1913, son Herbert H. born 1914, married Miss Cummings, Gateshead 1935); John Robert born 1891 Auckland (married Miss Blench, Gateshead 1923); Harry born 1893 Auckland. Other Howourth entries include Rachel (married 1920) and Christine (married 1926) both of Gateshead, both married a Mr Douglas; Frederick John born 1908 Gateshead; Lilian A. born 1920 Gateshead. Can anyone confirm or disprove any of these supposed relationships?
- 3198 Mrs C.S. WOOD, 10 Northern Avenue, POLEGATE, East Sussex BN26 6HQ.  
(Tel. Polegate 5373) Interested in the following families in the 19th and 20th centuries: Whitmarch of County Durham, particularly Coundon and Spennymoor. Carr of Tudhoe and Spennymoor. Campbell of Willington, Durham. Also Payne and Craven of West Yorkshire and Hesling of Wakefield, West Yorkshire, 18th-20th centuries.
- 3199 Mr J.B. COLPITTS, 18 Ladykirk Way, Beaconhill Grange, CRAMLINGTON, Northumberland NE23 8DU.  
(Tel. Cramlington 715337)
- 3200 Mrs M. COLPITTS, 18 Ladykirk Way, Beaconhill Grange, CRAMLINGTON, Northumberland NE23 8DU.  
(Tel. Cramlington 715337)
- 3201 Mr C.M. DAGLEISH, 5 Northmoor Road, OXFORD OX2 6UW  
(Tel. Oxford 58007)
- 3202 Mrs R.M. ROBSON, 36 Kinross Drive, East Stanley, STANLEY, County Durham DH9 6UT.  
(Tel. Stanley 236806)
- 3203 Mr D.W. ROBSON, 36 Kinross Drive, East Stanley, STANLEY, County Durham DH9 6UT.  
(Tel. Stanley 236806)
- 3204 Mrs N. MAGEE, 16 Hopgarth Gardens, CHESTER-LE-STREET, County Durham DH3 3RJ.  
(Tel. Durham 388 4494)
- 3205 Mr J. MAGEE, 16 Hopgarth Gardens, CHESTER-LE-STREET, County Durham DH3 3RJ.  
(Tel. Durham 388 4494)
- 3206 Miss P. MAGEE, 16 Hopgarth Gardens, CHESTER-LE-STREET, County Durham DH3 3RJ.  
(Tel. Durham 388 4494)
- 3207 Mrs D. WALKER, 8 Rowlandson Terrace, Hendon, SUNDERLAND, Tyne & Wear SR2 7SU.  
(Tel. Wearside 567 2770)
- 3208 Mrs J.M. ROBSON, 44 Denewell Avenue, High Heaton, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE7 7YB.  
(Tel. Tyneside 281 4678)
- 3209 Mrs J. McKENZIE, 66 Grosvenor Road, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne & Wear NE33 3QU.  
(Tel. Tyneside 455 3883)
- 3210 Mr I.R. McKENZIE, 66 Grosvenor Road, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne & Wear NE33 3QU.  
(Tel. Tyneside 455 3883)
- 3211 Mrs M.J. CAMPBELL, 40 Southfield Road, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne & Wear NE34 6HL.
- 3212 Mrs J.C. BARTRAM, 31 Cause End Road, Wootton, BEDFORD MK43 9DA.
- 3213 Mr R. ANDERSON, 22 Slingsby Gardens, Cochrane Park, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE7 7RX.
- 3214 Mrs A.B. ANDERSON, 22 Slingsby Gardens, Cochrane Park, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE7 7RX.
- 3215 Mr J. PROCTOR, 5 Wiltshire Road, Harnham, SALISBURY, Wiltshire SP2 8HS.  
(Tel. Salisbury 412283) Researching the Proctor family in the Tyneside area, especially Charlotte Proctor who had a son Timothy born in 1873 at No. 1 Halls Court, Newgate Street, Newcastle. She later married William Wood of Gateshead and had a daughter Margaret. Also the Lamb family; Grandmother Sarah Lamb married Timothy Proctor in 1895.
- 3216 Mrs D.M. EARL, 11 Longwestgate, SCARBOROUGH, North Yorkshire YO1 1RQ.
- 3217 Mr J.W. HODGSON, 47A Princes Road, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland TS1 4BG.  
Seeking marriage of John and Lucy Hodgson around 1750 in the Wolsingham area. John was baptised 2 August 1724 in Wolsingham Parish, son of Robert Hodgson. Also seeking marriage of William Hodgson and Margaret Wylam in 1871 in either Chester-le-Street or Lanchester. Would also like to trace the parents of



Jane Sutherland who married Robert Hodgson at Seaham 7 November 1836. 1841 and 1851 census records James and Jane who probably came **to Wearmouth from Kent in the early 19th century, originally** thought to have come from the Orkneys. Also interested in links between Hodgson, Anderson, Baker, Lawson and Wilkinson families in County Durham.

- 3218 Mr D.W. WINDLOW, 20 Koolkuna Avenue, DONCASTER, VICTORIA 3108, AUSTRALIA.
- 3219 Mr D.T. RIDGE, 44 Darlington Road, Hartburn, STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Cleveland TS18 5BH.
- 3220 Miss L. RIDGE, 44 Darlington Road, Hartburn, STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Cleveland TS18 5BH.
- 3221 Mrs A. ENGLISH, 181 Victoria Road West, HEBBURN, Tyne and Wear NE31 IUJ.
- 3222 Mr L. ENGLISH, 181 Victoria Road West, HEBBURN, Tyne and Wear NE31 IUJ.
- 3223 Mr R. LAWRIE, 31 Wansbeck Road, ASHINGTON, Northumberland NE63 8JE.  
(Tel. Ashington 855764)
- 3224 Mrs J. LAWRIE, 31 Wansbeck Road, ASHINGTON, Northumberland NE63 8JE.  
(Tel. Ashington 855764)
- 3225 Miss L. ROCHESTER, 14 Long Grove, Baughurst, BASINGSTOKE, Hampshire RG26 5NY.  
(Tel. Tadley 5673)
- 3226 Mrs M. COLBECK, Lochanhead Gardens, Lochanhead, DUMFRIES DG2 8JB.  
(Tel. Lochfoot 360)
- 3227 Mr A.M. MENNIM, Croft Cottage, Sutton-on-the-Forest, YORK YO6 1DP.  
(Tel. Easingwold 870345)
- 3228 Mr S. FUTERS, 7 Andermans, WINDSOR, Berkshire SL4 5RN.  
(Tel. Windsor 865837)
- 3229 Mr A. FUTERS, 7 Andermans, WINDSOR, Berkshire SL4 5RN.  
(Tel. Windsor 865837)
- 3230 Mrs M.R. CHARLTON, 18 Burdon Crescent, SEAHAM, County Durham SR7 OJQ.  
(Tel. Wearside 581 3239)
- 3231 Mr C.T. CHARLTON, 18 Burdon Crescent, SEAHAM, County Durham SR7 OJQ.  
(Tel. Wearside 581 3239)
- 3232 Mrs J. WILKINSON, 85 Stoddart Street, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne & Wear NE34 OJS.  
(Tel. 091 454 6667) Interested in the Angus and Foster families of Newcastle, Robson of Lumley and Cowie, Roughhead, and Arnott families of Falkirk. Also the Milburn family of Cumbria who may have some connection with Milburn Forest in Penrith. Any information regarding these names would be welcome.
- 3233 Mr R.J. GROMMOND, 7/19 Cross Street, PORT MACQUARIE, NEW SOUTH WALES 2444, AUSTRALIA.  
Researching Peacock from Durham and Ramshaw and Croudace.
- 3234 Mrs N. TAYLOR-BERNIER, 19 Sunny Acres, BAIE D'URFE, QUEBEC H9X 3137, CANADA.  
Researching Harbottle and Brewis of Woodhorn, Taylor of Newbiggin and North Seaton in Northumberland. In particular seeking parents of Thomas Taylor, born North Seaton 1779. They may have been William and Mary? Taylor. Also parents of John Harbottle who married Mary Brewis at Woodhorn 1775. Other interests include Brack and Stephenson of Northumberland.
- 3235 Mr W. HAY, 55 Beverley Avenue, Poulton-le-Fylde, BLACKPOOL, Lancashire FY6 8BN.
- 3236 Mrs J.E. HAY, 55 Beverley Avenue, Poulton-le-Fylde, BLACKPOOL, Lancashire FY6 8BN.
- 3237 Mrs A.J. IREDALE, Box 79, Post Office, CARINA, QUEENSLAND 4152, AUSTRALIA.  
Researching Swinhoe, Edgar, Bourke, Homes and Young. Alexander Edgar (occupation in 1890 was Barman) and Alice Swinhoe had four children including Joseph Edgar, born 11 February 1890 at the Vulcan Inn, Alexander Street, Newcastle. Some Edgars went to Bendigo and Ballarat in Victoria, Australia. Also interested in the families of Leon Goldwater, Auctioneer, and Bertha Louise Butcher, parents of Mary Lily (or May Lillian) born 25 May 1908 in Newcastle.  
Can anyone tell me in which Parishes the following places were: Alexander Street and Barnborough Street in Newcastle; White Street and Church Street in Walker; Gordon Road, Byker; Jesmond Terrace, Whitley Bay.
- 3238 Mrs G. CHERNS, 219 Stoke Lane, Westbury-on-Trym, BRISTOL BS9 3RX  
(Tel. Bristol 683585)
- 3239 Mr D.T. MADISON, 11230 Old Frederick Road, THURMONT, MARYLAND 21701, UNITED STATES.
- 3240 Mr C.E. MADISON, 11230 Old Frederick Road, THURMONT, MARYLAND 21701, UNITED STATES.
- 3241 Miss Y. GRUNSON, 42 Berkely Close, The Cotswolds, BOLDON, Tyne & Wear NE35 9LQ.
- 3242 Mrs G.D. MASSAM, 568 Victoria Avenue, VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA V8S 4M6, CANADA.  
Researching Massam of Hartlepool, Hind in Towlaw and Merrington and Herbert of Durham City and the surrounding area.
- 3243 Ms B.M. PURVIS, 91 Gainsborough Road, Kew, RICHMOND, Surrey TW9 2ET.
- 3244 Mr G. DOWNIE, RR 2, ELMIRA, ONTARIO N3B 2Z2, CANADA.
- 3245 Mr L. WOLF, 14 Cleveland Avenue, Winstanley, WIGAN, Lancashire WN3 6DT.  
(Tel. Wigan 216212)

- 3246 Mr M.D. BREWER, Stuart House, High Street, Handcross, HAYWARDS HEATH, West Sussex RH17 6BL.  
(Tel. Handcross 400737)
- 3247 Mrs E.M. WALKER, 12 Hastings Close, Nunthorpe, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland TS7 0AW.  
(Tel. Middlesbrough 315373)
- 3248 Mr J. NOBLE, 12 Sherwood Crescent, Woodhatch, REIGATE, Surrey RI-12 7QL.  
(Tel. Reigate 248732)
- 3249 Mrs J.C. NOBLE, 12 Sherwood Crescent, Woodhatch, REIGATE, Surrey RI-12 7QL.  
(Tel. Reigate 248732)
- 3250 Miss S. HAMILTON, 15 Limefields Way, East Hunsbury, NORTHAMPTON NN4 0SA.  
Seeking information about Florence Hamilton, born 1885-1895 in South Shields, daughter of John Thomas and Hannah Charlotte Morton, nee Sawkill. Also researching the Sawkill family. Also any information about the Brass Bands of St Hilda's colliery and Boldon Colliery around 1910.
- 3251 Mrs J. ROBSON, 2 Reedside, RYTON, Tyne & Wear NE40 3DB.
- 3252 Mr A.M. ROBSON, 2 Reedside, RYTON, Tyne & Wear NE40 3DB.
- 3253 Mrs M.E. CABBAN, Box 124, NAIRNE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA 5252, AUSTRALIA.  
Seeking information about William Dixon, mariner, who married Mary Scrafton or Scragton? Their son William or William Nicholas was born about 1830 at South Shields; he was also a mariner. He married Mary Ann Laity at Warnambool, Victoria, Australia in 1867. Any information about any of these families would be greatly appreciated.
- 3254 Mr N. GRAY, 15 Wharton Street, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 4PU.  
(Tel. Blyth 353534)
- 3255 Mrs S. GRAY, 15 Wharton Street, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 4PU.  
(Tel. Blyth 353534)
- 3256 Mrs B. DE RIDDER, Totara Glen, Woodside Road, Greytown, WAIRARAPA, NEW ZEALAND.  
Seeking any information regarding William and Elizabeth (daughter of Matthew Heron, Master Mariner) de Redder who married at St Hildas, South Shields on 4th July 1837. William and his father Frederick de Redder, were also Master Mariners. William and Elizabeth lived in Saville Street, Westoe, South Shields between 1857 and 1881. They had a son William (junior) living at 43 Woodbine Street, Westoe in 1881. Also seeking any descendants or information about Matthew Heron and Elizabeth Swallow (of Bedlington) who were married at St Hilda's, South Shields on 16 May 1815.
- 3257 Dr. N. MOORE, 7 Wealdway, CATERHAM, Surrey CR3 6EL.  
(Tel. Caterham 42191)
- 3258 Mrs E. SMITH, 3 Southwark Walk, Aldwick Park, BOGNOR REGIS, West Sussex PO21 3RR.
- 3259 Mrs J. MURTON, 9 Gloucester Close, Great Lumley, CHESTER-LE-STREET, County Durham DH3 4LH.  
(Tel. Durham 388 9323) Researching the Masterman family. John Masterman (a potter) was born about 1803. In 1826 he married Margaret Anderson at All Saints Newcastle and lived in the Ouseburn area of Newcastle upon Tyne. Their children included Henry, Thomas and William, the latter two were also potters. They moved to the St Anthonys part of Walker, presumably to work in the Potteries. Any information would be much appreciated.
- 3260 Mrs G.M. OTTER, Laburnum Cottage, Lowdham Road, Gunthorpe, NOTTINGHAM NG14 7ES.  
Main interest is Mason but is also researching Davison, Dawson, Bell, Giles, Swain and Lises. Researching James Mason (born 4 May 1823, baptised Wooperton 20 July 1823), illegitimate son of Thomas Mason and Dorothy Davison, a millers daughter. No record of their marriage has been found. Seeking marriage of James to Ann Dawson who was born 1822 at Burradon Coltpark? according to 1861 census. Children were Mary (1845), Dorothy (1847), Thomas (1849), Ann (1852), George (1854), Philis (1855), Isabella (1857) and James (1859-1937). Seeking marriage of James junior to Elizabeth Giles (1864-1911, buried at Cowpen). Their daughter was Sarah Elizabeth Mason (1894-1958, buried Blyth) did they have any other children? James had a daughter Mary Ellen Mason (1885-1947) by his first wife, nee Swain.
- 3261 Mr C. WANLESS, 15 Hillcrest, North Seaton, ASHINGTON, Northumberland NE63 9SH.
- 3262 Mr K. WANLESS, 15 Hillcrest, North Seaton, ASHINGTON, Northumberland NE63 9SH.
- 3263 Mr D. LUMLEY, 11 Prestland, Market Deeping, PETERBOROUGH, Cambridgeshire PE6 8DT.  
Would like to learn more about the ancestors and descendants of Marmaduke Lumley (son of Richard Lumley, tailor) and Sarah Muras Gibson (daughter of Archibald Gibson, cordwainer) who married in the Parish Church of St Johns, Newcastle upon Tyne in 1857. Sometime after 1881 the family arrived in Ilkeston, Derbyshire where their son John married in 1887. Sarah died aged 54 in Ilkeston in 1894 and a year later Marmaduke remarried. He died in 1922, aged 85 in Ilkeston. His occupation varied between plumber/glazier/journeyman gas fitter.
- 3264 Mrs A.M. LAITHWAITE, 28 Heaviley Grove, Horwich, BOLTON, Lancashire BL6 7QG.
- 3268 Mrs. J. WILBY, 52 Temple Avenue, LEEDS LS15 0JT.  
(Tel. Leeds 606746) Researching Thomas Watson and Ann Snowball who married at Wallsend in 1819. Thomas was the son of Thomas and Jane, the only possible marriage found so far is of Thomas Watson and Jane Eltringham at Wallsend 23.12.1786. According to family legend Ann Watson fell in the Tyne (from a ferry?) carrying E600 and a silver - topped umbrella. Has anyone come across a story like this in an old newspaper. In 1851 Thomas was a keelman and they lived at Keelmans Row, Willington Quay.

- 3269** Mrs A.E. SEARLE, 4 Cross Street, LETCHWORTH, Herfordshire SA6 4UD.  
(Tel. Letchworth 685904) Researching the Athey family in Monkwearmouth, Sunderland and surrounding areas.
- 3272** Miss L.A. WALES, 15 Wood Lane, PRESCOT, Merseyside L34 1LN.  
Researching Thomas Scott of Berwick-on-Tweed, my grandfather's uncle, who painted miniatures. These were in the possession of my aunt Mrs W. Turner (nee Wales) who was born 30 December 1878 and died in June 1960. She lived at 26 Sefton Avenue, Heaton, Newcastle, before moving to Seahouses. She is believed to have left them to her doctor who lived at Seahouses. Also researching the Wales family. Thomas Wales married Anderina Woods on 14 February 1865.
- 3278** Mrs M.J. SURTEES, Flat 2B, Hanbury Hall, DROITWICH, Worcestershire WR9 7EA.  
Mrs Surtees' grandfather Jack Davis was a stonemason and grandfather Buckham was a publican at the Speculation Inn, Washington. Can anyone help with information about their names, dates and places of birth? Also researching Mary Stevinson from Heaton - her mother was named Ayston from Hexham. Family legend says an ancestress called Atkinson was drowned as a witch 400 years ago.
- 3298** Mr A.J. BROWN, 40 Valette Road, Moordown, BOURNEMOUTH BH9 3JD.  
Seeking information about Joseph Benjamin Brown, born c1843 at Barnard Castle, son of Joseph Brown, shoemaker. Also Ralph Gibson, born 2 June 1849 at Newbiggin, son of William Gibson, stonemason and Jane Burn. Ralph married Jane Smith at Horton on 28 December 1875, she was born c1855 at Seaton Delaval, daughter of Francis Smith a miner. Ralph and Jane had a daughter Margaret, born 8 April 1882 at Brandling village.

## SECOND TIME AROUND

- 0028** Mr P.R.D. DAVISON, 27 Fryup Crescent, Kemplah Park, GUISBOROUGH, Cleveland TS 14 8LG.  
Seeking information on Oliver family who were tailors in Merrington in the 19th century. Stuck at William Oliver "of Ferryhill" in Merrington register for 1729. Also seeking baptism of Mary Ann Hunter born Haswell, Easington circa 1820. Probably the daughter of Robert and Hannah Jane, she may have been the sister of Isabella who married Fred Quilter pre 1836.
- 0169** Miss J.V. LISLE, 15 Edwin Avenue South, Forest Hall, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE12 9AX.  
Interested in any information about (Isaac) John Ellwood, appointed to Newcastle Police Force in 1892; retired 1921; a native of Egremont, Cumberland. In 1898 he was living outside barracks at 139 Warwick Street, Newcastle. He was later known to be living in Bury, Lancashire. Grateful for help regarding date of birth, parents, etc.
- 0651** Miss M.A. STEWART, Airlie Cottage, 7A Hawkcraig Road, ABERDOUR, Fife KY3 OXB.  
Seeking information on behalf of a 'cousin' in Australia, Mrs Marion Braun, regarding the descendants of the family of Corbet Stewart, a stone mason/builder who lived at Easington Lane from around 1862 until his death in 1895. He and his wife Margaret Bradley had eight children living there, namely: 1. Elizabeth Ann (b. 1847, Durham), married David Hunter. 2. John, married 1st Ann Lamb and 2nd Hannah Hopper. He went to Australia and was the ancestor of Mrs Braun. 3. Jane (b. 1850, Durham), married 1st Anthony Lamb and 2nd (-) Turnbull. 4. Joseph Walton (b. 1855, Seaham Harbour), also went to Australia. 5. Robert Thompson (b. 1857, Seaham Harbour), married Sarah Dover in 1884 and continued as a mason/builder in the district. 6. Hannah (b. 1859, Seaham Harbour), married John Stevenson. 7. Corbet Page (b. 1863, Heaton-le-Hole), married Ada Mary Fairclough from Sunderland (the descent here is known). 8. George (b. 1865, Heaton-le-Hole), married Ann Rafter and continued in the business of his father.
- 1088** Mr J. PRESTON, 38 Coniston Avenue, Jesmond, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE2 3HA.  
Researching Carter of Redcar to 1860 and South Shields from 1823. Particularly family of William Carter, a grandson of Captain Cook's sister Margaret. Also Wylie family; John Wylie married Mary Cockburn 1796 at Bishopwearmouth, they were both "of Coppersmith, Scotland". Robert Wylie married Elizabeth Barkas, 25 December 1826 at Newcastle St Johns. Other interests are Redshaw of Newcastle 19th century and Shotley Bridge 18th century, Cargey of Newburn 1700-1800, Simpson of Hamsterley, Ryton and Bradley Hall and Young of Ryton. Elizabeth Young married Joseph Anderson in 1819. Her brother Robert (died 1865) is commemorated by the Robert Young Memorial Chapel at Crawcrook.
- 1240** Mrs K.M. SANDERS, 161 Cromwell Road, WARE, Hertfordshire SG12 7LH.  
(Tel. 0920 4460) Can anyone suggest an area of Ireland where the name Babe may have originated? Researching Brian (Barney) Babe. In 1881 he was 45 years old, living in Ryton. He and his sister Mary were born in Ireland and they were Roman Catholics. He was a mine sinker. Also interested in Francis Stevens who married Maria Tynan - perhaps from Inverurie. They lived in Newcastle in the 1890s and early 1900s but later moved to Whitley Bay where they died in the 1940s. They were also Catholics and are believed to have relatives in Ponteland and others called Dale and Tynan in Jarrow.
- 1292** Mr K.C.S. THOMPSON, 6 Briar Lane, CARSHALTON, Surrey SM5 4PX.  
(Tel. 01 647 4916) Researching the following families: Bowmer of Whickham, County Durham; Hedley of Hedley on the Hill, Northumberland, and Smith of Rochester, Northumberland, early 19th century. Also the following Quaker families of County Durham: Hunter of Medomsley 17-18th centuries, Richardson of Sunderland and Shotley Bridge and Robson of Darlington and Sunderland in 18th-19th centuries.
- 1329** Mr F. NOBLE, 63 Musters Road, Ruddington, NOTTINGHAM NG11 6JB.  
Seeking parents and birthplace of Jeremiah Noble, born 1789, died 1836, buried at Hesketh churchyard, Cumbria. He married Mary Birkbeck circa 1811. Their children were Mary (b. Raughton Head c1811), Elizabeth (b. Clifton, 1812-1865), Esther (1814-1820 Morland), John (1816 b. Morland), Margaret (b. Morland 1818), Isaac (1823-1829).

- 1828 Mrs L.A. GALLAGHER, 21 Glenn Crescent, Marton-in-Cleveland, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland TS76 8ED.  
Researching the Fothergill family of Newcastle upon Tyne.
- 2242 Mr R.A. DALRYMPLE, Hornby Castle, 7 Blacksmiths Lane, Hockley Heath, SOLIHULL, West Midlands B94 6QP.  
Researching Dalrymple. IGI and Boyds have been researched and over 200 Dalrymples have been noted in Durham and Northumberland. St Catherine's index of births and marriages have been covered from 1837-1900 and deaths to 1918. Would appreciate any entries or notes on the name from other sources. Many trees late 1700s to early 1800s are incomplete. Can anyone help. Would welcome notes from those who emigrated.
- 2520 Mrs M. HURFORD-JONES, 1 Overcliff Rise, SOUTHAMPTON SO1 7BY.  
Seeking baptism of George Watson Purdy, possibly North Shields circa 1815, and his death which we believe was in a paddle steamer accident between 1861 and 1871. Also seeking his marriage (circa 1835) to Elizabeth Crack who was born 7 May 1815 at East Harling, Norfolk. Also seeking the marriage of their youngest child Mary Purdy (born 31 May 1852 North Shields) to Thomas Williams (born 3 January 1851 South Shields) which may have been in Canada/America around 1875. The name Watson was carried through the male line for four generations and on the IGI there is a marriage of George Purdy to Elizabeth Watson at Ryton in 1764.
- 2631 Mr J.B. WEATHERILL, 6 Wetherby Road, Grangetown, Sunderland SR2 9SW.  
Researching parents of George Henry Weatherill, born Killymoon Castle, Cookstown, Ireland on 23 May 1859, son of Edmund Weatherill, confectioner. At the time of his marriage he was a farrier and lived at Tullylaggan Desertcreat. He married Letitia Florence Davidson at Belfast Register Office in 1882; she was the daughter of Edward John Davidson, a nurseryman, and one of the witnesses was Hugh Davidson who may have been her brother. Her address was 6 St Andrews Square Belfast. The Davidsons were believed to have originated in Kent.  
Also trying to find connection between Weatherill and Blackwood and Berry. Both these names have been used as middle names. James Graham Blackwood born at Pembroke Dock, Wales, was an uncle or great-uncle of my father; he and his wife Isobel Jane were living in Bower Street, Fulwell, Sunderland at the time of his death in 1909. A lady my father called Granny Berry was employed as a seamstress at Killymoon Castle early this century.
- 2679 Mrs S. HERRINGTON, 114 Vicarage Close, New Silksworth, SUNDERLAND SR3 1JE.  
Seeking the date and place of birth of Thomas Forster who married Elizabeth Myres, the daughter of Samuel Myres, on 13 October 1798 at Stanhope. Also researching the Carlaw family of Newcastle and Gateshead, particularly John Carlaw. Also interested in Septimus Green, born Skipton 8 February 1842, son of Thomas and Betty Benson.
- 2703 Mr F.S. PORRITT, 29 Stooperdale Avenue, DARLINGTON, County Durham DL3 0UH.  
(Tel. Darlington 52758) Researching Barbbon. Sarah Barbbon married Thomas Reay, waterman, 3 December 1880; they were both of Blaydon, Winlaton. Also does anyone know of a family tree of Admiral Collingwood and where a copy of it may be found.
- 2744 Mrs J. HYSLOP, 323 Aberdeen Avenue, HAMILTON, ONTARIO, L8P 2R6, CANADA.  
Researching Best family of Heighington and Aycliffe 1750-1840. Also seeking information on Hall family of Cleasby; Mason of Heighington pre-1800; Charlton of Teesdale; Boothroyd/Bothroyd of Darlington, Ferryhill and West Hartlepool; Pyott of Richmond and Stockton. All letters will be answered.
- 2837 Mrs M. JOHNSON, 36 Gurnells Road, Seer Green, BEACONSFIELD, Buckinghamshire HP9 2XJ.  
The following marriages took place at Monkwearmouth in 1834: 20 April George James Bowhill married Mary Gibson: 18 December Ann Bowhill married Francis Carr - witnesses were George James Bowhill and Mary Bowhill. Were Ann and George James Bowhill siblings? John Smith Bowhill and Ann Mitchell had a daughter Ann baptised at Bishopwearmouth 1 May 1808, but did they also have a son George James? Alternatively, Thomas Bowhill and Sarah Johnson were married 23 October 1809 at Monkwearmouth; did they produce Ann and George James? Anne's death has not been found yet so her date of birth cannot be calculated, but her husband was born in 1807 so this seems a likely period to search.
- 2841 Mrs P. HAYWARD, 17 Sturton Way, Long Sutton, SPALDING, Lincolnshire PE12 9BZ.  
(Tel. 0406 362907) Researching John Brammer, born 29 January 1792 Heworth, Gateshead, Pot Painter. Married 12 August 1816 to Ann? Children were John (1823), Ann (1826) and William (1829). He died in 1858 at Windy Nook, Heworth. Also researching Richard Stawpart, born Ryton 1775. Siblings were: Isabel Stawpart (1761), Barbara Stawpart (1762), Thomas Stawpart (1765), Margaret Stawpart (1768), Ann Stawpart (1770), Grace Stawpart (1773). Notice the different spellings. Interested in any spelling of this name. They may have moved to Wallsend or Tynemouth. Richard was a waterman and married Margaret Pearson.
- 2994 Mr T.W. THOMPSON, Ty Gwyn, Newport Road, Llantarnam, CWMBRAN, Gwent NP44 3DJ.  
Seeking the birth and parents of George Thompson who married Isabel Nesbit at Tweedmouth 26.6.1735. George was believed to have been born about 1710.
- 3015 Mrs C.E. ATKINSON, Auckland House, 15 Low Flatts Road, CHESTER-LE-STREET, County Durham DH3 4AW.  
Seeking information on Marley family. George Marley started a confectionery and wholesale business at The Side, Newcastle, about 1860. The business seems to have closed between 1928-30. In 1871 he was living at 37 The Side, Newcastle, with the wife Martha and sons Robert, Alfred, and Ernest Joseph, Margaret Robinson who was a daughter-in-law, and Jane Chisholm, niece. In 1881 his wife Martha was not there and Jane seems to have become his wife. Any information on any Marley would be welcome.

3030 Ms H. MELDRUM, 26 Morse Close, Plaistow, LONDON E13

Interested in the following names: Venus, Carling and Neil of Sunderland, Hume and Cuthbertson of Berwick. Also seeking birth of William Arthur Taylor in Spalding, Lincolnshire, in the 1850s, and the birth of Joanne Coiling in London, late 18th century.

## HELP WANTED

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

Has a mariner ancestor born in Sussex. The IGI gives the baptism of Robert Perris, son of Robert Perris and Martha, on 13 January 1811 at Rumboldswyke (Chichester) Sussex. Could anyone please check this entry against the Parish Register? Willing to carry out reciprocal research at Durham County Record Office.

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## CORRECTION

- 0696 [Mr J.C. ATKINSON](#) In the Spring 1988 issue of the Journal Mr. Atkinson's telephone number was given incorrectly. It should read Tyneside 258 0551. We apologise for any inconvenience.