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EDITORIAL

Another year has come and gone, and we trust that 1989 will be a happy and prosperous one for all our members.

If our Society is to continue to flourish, however, it is essential that more members should play an active part in running its affairs. Ken Brown, our Secretary since 1983 (and acting Programme Organiser for the last year), is resigning at the Annual General Meeting in May, and Irene Blackburn, who is responsible for the Members' Interests and Second Time Around sections of the Journal, will be giving up her position as Research Editor later in the year. We are very grateful to them both for all the work they have done on our behalf. In addition to these two posts, we are still short of a Programme Organiser. If you know of anyone who might be willing to take on any of these jobs please let Ken Brown know as soon as possible - otherwise the Society may come to a grinding halt.

One of the most important events of 1988 as far as the Society was concerned was the publication of the long-awaited Directory of Members' Interests. Its production entailed a great deal of hard work on the part of those responsible, and it also placed a severe strain on the Society's finances. In view of the fact that it was initially offered free to members (only the cost of postage and packing being charged), the demand for copies was disappointingly small. Copies are still available, and although now priced £2.75 each (post free to addresses in the U.K.), they are very good value. Orders should be sent to Publication Sales (address opposite).

NEWS IN BRIEF

Elizabeth Simpson Award

The Federation of Family History Societies has announced that the Elizabeth Simpson Award, previously made to the Society judged to have produced the best journal in the year, will in future be awarded for the best *article* published in a society's journal.

Articles for consideration should ideally be between 500 and 1500 words in length, and may only be submitted with the knowledge and approval of the author. Each article will be judged on two simple criteria, namely:-

1. It is readable (over the whole spectrum of journal readers).
2. It contributes to our knowledge of *sources* or *methods of research* (at either local, national or international levels).

Each society may submit up to two articles, and it is hoped that members of our society will respond to the challenge by producing articles worthy of submission.

Durham Marriage Registers

During the last year Mr. I. Applegarth, of 59 Ash Vale Homes & Holiday Park, HARTLEPOOL, Cleveland TS24 9RF, has been indexing the marriage registers for the following churches in Durham City:-

St Margaret: 23 July 1837 - 14 February 1900
St Cuthbert: September 1863 - April 1914
St Giles: 17 July 1837 - 5 September 1926
St Nicholas: 17 July 1837 - 31 October 1923
St Mary the Less: November 1837 - June 1964
St Mary le Bow: 21 September 1837 - 7 September 1968
St Oswald: in progress.

If any members have names they would like checked, Mr Applegarth has kindly offered to supply whatever information is available on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

Genealogical Software

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has informed us that as a result of publicity in our Journal they have received many orders for their Genealogical Software. They wish to point out that the software supplied by them is not suitable for use with the Amstrad PCW, but that Kintech Computers, of St Tudy, BODMIN, Cornwall PL30 3NH, are currently marketing a suitable package.

The Border Library

The Border Library, housed in the historic Moot Hall at Hexham, forms a unique collection of music, poetry, ballads, legends and folklore material of the Borders. It was collected by the late Bill Butler, former director of the Northumbria Tourist Board, and has now been handed over to the Border Library Trust.

It is hoped to develop the Library as an important centre for research and study of our Border heritage. It should be of particular interest to the descendants of those Border families who emigrated abroad.

For further information contact: Border Library, Moothall, Market Place, HEXHAM, Northumberland, England.

THE AUTUMN MEETINGS

September

Our first meeting of the new session was held in the Durant Hall, Newcastle, and was very well attended with many new faces making a first appearance. The talk by Mr Branfoot dealt with his treatment of his own family tree by working down to the present day from his great grandfather rather than up from the present to the past. The obvious bonus of tracing in that way is the number of living relatives one can contact, especially if the surname is an uncommon one. Some of us who only trace back to the past may now consider working in the opposite direction.

October

An excellent talk by Mrs Joan Brusey about the Nevills of Raby was the basis of our October meeting. After distributing two family trees, one of the Vanes and one of the Nevills, Mrs Brusey proceeded to lead us through their very complicated family history.

The Nevills were probably once the most important and influential family in England and were based at Raby Castle. There has been a castle there since the time of King Cnut, and the 11th century Bulmer's Tower is said to stand on the site of Cnut's mansion. The Nevills forfeited all their estates to the Crown following their support of the Rising of the North in 1569, and for 43 years the castle remained Crown property. In 1626 Sir Henry Vane purchased Raby and Barnard Castle.

The Vanes and the Nevills are related twice through the female line, so although the direct Nevill line has died out Raby is still connected with the Nevills today.

November

The normal monthly meeting was not held in November, but instead the Society took part in a family and local history day entitled "It's Your Past" organised by Tyne and Wear Archives Service and Durham County Record Office. This took place on Saturday 12 November at the Civic Centre, Newcastle, and was a great success. There were displays by many of the region's local history and other societies, as well as a series of interesting talks. Our Society ran a bookstall which did steady business throughout the day.

SOUTH TYNESIDE GROUP

At our October meeting we had a film show on "Cookson Country" and "The Tall Ships". The November meeting was completely different: Mr Form gave a talk on "The Dead Sea Scrolls", illustrated with slides, and not even Bill Rounce could get that far back!

An informal Christmas social evening was arranged for December, and the plentiful supply of food and drink was enjoyed by all. The news that Mr and Mrs Ashburner had completed the 'monumental' task of recording the MIs in Westoe Cemetery, the largest yet undertaken by the Society, brought the last meeting of the year to a fitting conclusion.

DURHAM GROUP

In September Mr Whitaker gave a very interesting talk on the founding and first 60 years of the "Tyne Lifeboat Institution" which became the inspiration for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. The Institution will be celebrating the 200th anniversary of its foundation in 1989, and with such a long and interesting history Mr Whitaker had to return in November to tell us about the last 140 years.

At the October meeting Mr Hinkley gave a talk on the "History of Surnames". He made this personally interesting to those present by giving examples of the derivation of names they were researching.

SOUTH-EAST NORTHUMBERLAND GROUP

The Autumn session opened in September with a talk by Mr Fenwick Davison on "The Resources Available at Sunderland Genealogy Library".

Mr Davison first explained the belief of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the sacred and eternal nature of family relationships, and went on to describe how this had led to the expenditure of vast sums of money on genealogical research. The Genealogical Library at Salt Lake City, Utah, holds a collection of more than a million rolls of microfilmed records, as well as many thousands of bound volumes and manuscripts, and there are more than seventy million names on microfiche in the International Genealogical Index. Most of these records are available to the public either at Salt Lake City or through the branch libraries which have been established in many countries, and of which Sunderland is one.

Mr Davison also described how master copies of the microfilmed records are stored for safe keeping in the Granite Mountain Records Vault - huge caverns excavated out of solid rock. The scale of the whole enterprise is breath-taking, and Mr Davison's account of it was fascinating.

In October Dr Tom Manners, the Chairman of our Group, gave an interesting talk about his own family history. While not claiming any direct connection, he also described how the present Duke of Rutland is descended from the Manners who came over with William the Conqueror and was given land in the north of Northumberland, where their arms can still be seen above the gateway to Etal Castle.

The November meeting took the form of a Members' Evening, during which members' problems were discussed informally. The Society's copy of the IGI microfiche and microfiche reader were available throughout the evening, and there was a bookstall selling a wide range of genealogical publications.

SUNDERLAND AND DISTRICT GROUP

Mr Bill Rounce, our Society Chairman, came to our September meeting and told us about his own very interesting family history and how he got started. For our October meeting we invited Mr Billy Bell who, with screen and projector, showed us part of his enormous collection of photographs of "Old Sunderland". Some of our members actually recognised some of their forebears!

Due to the coincidence with the "It's Your Past" family and local history day at Newcastle we held no meeting in November, but in December we had our usual Christmas 'do' when we brought a wee morsel to eat and generally exchanged experiences.

LONDON GROUP

As Dr Christopher Watts quite rightly pointed out in his talk to our meeting on Saturday 12 November 1988, mainland Britain has almost 2500 miles of coastline and the chances are that most British families have some connection with the sea, not least those researching Northumberland and Durham families. Dr Watts gave those present a most interesting and detailed talk on how to trace a merchant seaman.

The speaker at our next meeting on Saturday 11 March 1989 at 10.30 a.m. will be Sally Fincher on "Keeping your records in order, and how to compile a pedigree", which will include audience participation.

THE OTTERBURN CONFERENCE

Our fifth Annual Conference, which was actually our third residential weekend conference, was held once again at Otterburn Hall. Otterburn is only 10 miles from the border at Carter Bar, a mere hamlet on the A696 in the foothills of the Cheviots. The hall within its own grounds of many acres of expansive lawns and woodlands is enhanced by the surrounding trees in their various autumn hues. The accommodation is comfortable and the food good.

About 100 members attended, some from as far away as Wiltshire and Kent, and even one from the U.S.A.. We were also pleased to welcome Mr Richard Moore, Chairman of the Federation of Family History Societies, and his wife.

After settling in our first speaker was one with a true Northumbrian name, Mrs Beryl Charlton, who told us of the Battle of Otterburn, fought in August 1388 between forces led on the one side by the Northumbrian hero Harry Hotspur Percy and on the other by the Scottish Earl Douglas. Yes, we admit it, the Northumbrians were defeated.

Another excellent talk was given on Saturday by Dr Scrimton, Archivist at Alnwick to the Duke of Northumberland. His subject was one of Hotspur's descendants, Elizabeth, the first Duchess of Northumberland, Baron Percy, and heiress of Jocelyn, the 11th Earl, who died without male issue. In the afternoon our talk was to have been given by Mr Hewitson on the Fighting Fifth, - the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers. This had to be cancelled at short notice as Mr Hewitson had to go into hospital - we wish him well. Don Mason, a founder member of the Society stepped into the breach and gave an interesting talk illustrated by slides, on tracing the ancestors of a prominent Hexham man. Unfortunately the projector jammed, but Don gallantly carried on with the help of our young 79 year old Chairman, Bill Rounce.

Entertainment in the evening was provided by soloist Johnnie Handle of Haydon Bridge in the Tyne valley; composer, musician and comic, whose dialogue was in the broad Northumbrian dialect (not to be confused with Geordie), he had everyone laughing, even those members from the south who thought he speaking a foreign language. The programme did say entertainment with a local flavour, and that it certainly was.

On Sunday morning there was a new venture - an informal questions and answers session in which we all joined. It was such a success that it was extended after coffee break. Last, but by no means least, was a talk by Northumberland County Archivist Mrs Annette Burton, who gave us a very enlightening and interesting account of the functioning of the County Records and its branch at Berwick on Tweed. The Society greatly appreciates the service given to our members by Mrs Burton and her staff, who are always so helpful and obliging.

The Conference closed with a final address by our Chairman, Bill Rounce, and a vote of thanks was passed by Mr Richard Moore of the Federation, who expressed appreciation of our style of running a conference which is based on informality, friendliness, and a strong local flavour.

A PLEA FROM THE LIBRARIAN

Would all Members please return borrowed items as soon as ever possible. I am preparing a new Library Catalogue and need to check the stock. Quite a number of items were borrowed at the Conference at Otterburn, and I would ask everyone to make sure they have not overlooked the return of any item from our Library.

I hope to resume the postal service quite soon, and when the new Catalogue is printed I will be ready to deal with your requests as usual.

Doreen Tait

LOST MARRIAGE LINES

Any person who can produce the Register of the Marriage of Henry Curly, of Netherwitton Pits, to Ann Lisle, daughter of Thomas Lisle, of Weldon, shall be paid £10 for their Trouble, on applying to William Wilkinson, Union Mill, near Newcastle, and shall have a further reward afterwards. The marriage took place between 1680 and 1708.

Newcastle Courant, 12 March 1814

FUTURE PROGRAMME

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

Thursday, 2 March 1989 *Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.*
 Northumberland and Durham Family History Society Meeting. Talk by Dr Malcolm Smith on "Census Returns and Parish Registers".

Thursday, 9 March 1989 *Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.*
 Sunderland and District Group Meeting. Talk by Mr Branfoot on "The Old Hetton Railway".

Saturday, 11 March 1989 *London, 10.30 a.m.*
 London Group Meeting. Talk by Sally Fincher on "How to keep your records in order, and how to compile a Pedigree".

Monday, 20 March 1989 *Durham, 7.30 p.m.*
 Durham Group Meeting. "Family Heirlooms".

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

Wednesday, 5 April 1989 *South Shields, 8.00 p.m.*
 South Tyneside Group Meeting.

Thursday, 6 April 1989 *Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.*
 Northumberland and Durham Family History Society Meeting. Talk, with slides, by Mr G. Coates on "Aspects of Rural Northumberland".

Thursday, 13 April 1989 *Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.*
 Sunderland and District Group Meeting.

Monday, 17 April 1989 *Durham, 7.30 p.m.*
 Durham Group Meeting. Mr Bill Rounce will give a talk, illustrated with slides, on "Northumberland and Durham Pioneers in the Australian Goldfields".

Tuesday, 18 April 1989 *Blyth, 7.30 p.m.*
 South-East Northumberland Group Meeting.

Wednesday, 3 May 1989 *South Shields, 8.00 p.m.*
 South Tyneside Group Meeting.

Thursday, 4 May 1989 *Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.*
 Northumberland and Durham Family History Annual General Meeting, followed by a talk by Mr John Grundy on "Northumberland Family Homes", illustrated with slides.

Thursday, 11 May 1989 *Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.*
 Sunderland and District Group Meeting.

Monday, 15 May 1989 *Durham, 7.30 p.m.*
 Durham Group Meeting.

Tuesday, 16 May 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.
London:	Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1.

LETTERS TO, THE EDITOR

Catholic Ancestors

Mr J.W. Horsley, of 2 Northlands Gardens, SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire SO1 2NL, writes:

"Further to Irene Brown's excellent article in the Summer 1988 issue of the Journal on Catholic Ancestors, members may like to note that Miss R. Rendel, Secretary of the Catholic Record Society, now lives at 43 Lansdowne Road, LONDON W 11 2LQ.

The catalogue of the Society's publications *is* available from Mr L. Gooch, 12 Melbourne Place, WOLSINGHAM, County Durham DL13 3EH, price £1.50."

Register of Civilian War Dead

1939 - 1945

Mrs J.E. Walker, of 1 Garden Place, Church Hill, CROOK, County Durham DL15 9DR, writes:

"The editorial in the Winter 1988 edition of the Journal contained a request for information about lesser known sources for family history research. I wonder whether the following would be of interest.

Many members will, like myself, have lost relatives in the 1939-1945 war. Those killed in the armed forces are normally *well* documented, but few people are aware that there is also a Register of Civilian War Dead, compiled originally by the Imperial War Graves Commission. As can be seen from the photocopies enclosed, the register is quite detailed and, in the case of some families, provides a clear, if somewhat heartrending history, covering two or three generations.

These particular entries are for an area in London, but, as the introduction to the registers explains, the records do cover the whole country. They are arranged according to place, not date, so one needs to know only the surname and the town or district in which the death occurred.

Photocopies of pages can be obtained, price 25p each, from: The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, 2 Marlow Road, MAIDENHEAD, SL6 7DX.

Incidentally, the Anderson entry shown refers to my father; he was, I believe, the only person killed at the Tower of London, when it was bombed in 1940."

Editor's Note: The photocopies enclosed by Mrs Walker include the Introduction to the Roll of Honour, which describes how people from all walks of life and of all ages, from places as far apart as the Orkney Islands and the Scilly Isles, lost their lives through enemy action during the 1939-1945 War. The Roll of Honour lists approximately 60,000 names. Also enclosed are copies of two pages of the register relating to the Metropolitan Borough of Stepney, including the entry referred to by Mrs Walker. This reads as follows:-

ANDERSON, Thomas Norman Percy, age 42; of 127 Longfellow Road, Walthamstow, Essex. Son of John George and Nancy Anderson, of 75 Bruce Avenue, Middlesbrough, Yorkshire; husband of Margaret Anderson. 8 December 1940, at Tower of London.

Recording Information

Mrs J. Edge, of 25 Blossom Grove, Castle Bromwich, BIRMINGHAM B36 8PG, writes:

"A *News in Brief* item in the Winter 1988 Journal has inspired me with an idea that might be useful to other members.

I now belong to several family history societies, and as I read through the current journals of each I mark certain passages, usually concerning the whereabouts or existence of various records. Often many weeks later, with a vague recollection of having seen something referring to this or that, I go hunting through a dozen or more editions to find the article I need.

Now reading of the Index to Shropshire Monumental Inscriptions, I have decided that the most sensible way of having *an* easy reference to these many sources would be to start a card index system, using 6" x 4" cards *in* a small box card file, using one card to record each item with reference address. The back of the card could record dates applied to the source together with reply dates, or areas covered.

My first card is ready for the typewriter. No prizes for guessing the subject!"

New Diggings

Mr Bill Rounce, of 40 Salcombe Avenue, JARROW, Tyne and Wear NE32 3SY, writes:

"A book reprinted in 1984 that I have read recently entitled *New Diggings on the Fever River* contains lists of names (at least 650 surnames) of the occupants of New Diggings in the period 1824-1864. New Diggings is a lead mining area, east of the Mississippi in Lafayette County, U.S.A., and is very largely populated by the descendants of folk who emigrated there in the 1840s from Yorkshire, Cumberland and Durham.

Our lead mining areas appear to have supplied a good proportion of these. The names of all the individuals listed have been extracted and are now in the hands of Mrs Doreen Tait, our Librarian."

SCOTTISH BAPTISMAL RECORDS

Arthur A. Brack

Mrs Gooder's letter in the Winter 1988 Journal under the heading *Multiple Baptisms* complained of the difficulty caused when children born in 1826, 1828 and 1830 were entered together in 1836 in the Aberdeen parish register. There are many such examples in Scottish parish registers. The cause lies not in multiple baptisms but in delayed registration.

When a child was baptised in the Presbyterian Church of Scotland there was divided responsibility. The Minister baptised the child but the register was kept by the Clerk to the Kirk Session and few Ministers paid much attention to the register. After the baptism it was the duty of the parents to seek out the Session Clerk, pay a fee and have the event recorded but registration was not compulsory and was easy to neglect or avoid. In 1783 the government, to help pay for the war with France, imposed a tax of three pence on every entry in a parish register. The tax was unpopular and was resented and it was so easy to evade that the number of baptismal entries dropped sharply. In 1794 the tax was repealed, but by then the bad habit of not registering was well established and it went on growing in the next century. After the repeal efforts were made in some parishes to have baptisms not recorded between 1783 and 1794 entered retrospectively. This was partly successful and many registers from about 1795 have a jumble of entries of irregular dates.

In 1816 the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland declared its displeasure at the deficiencies of parish registers and recommended a new system which included an annual inspection of registers. This resulted in the introduction of new registers in 1820 which were better kept than before but the inspectors could check only what was included in the registers. Their efforts had no effect on the growing proportion of baptisms which were not entered. No one knows the extent of the deficiency, but towards the middle of the century figures produced from censuses and a birth rate which civil registration had thrown up in England enabled estimates to be made. The birth rate in England was 1 birth for every 31 living persons. Assuming that the birth rate in Scotland would not be very different, by applying it to Glasgow which had a population in 1842 of 270,000 the number of expected births would be 8,700. The number of births recorded in the Glasgow parish totalled 2,400 or about 27%. Figures for the other cities, Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Dundee, produced 27% also. The percentages for rural areas are higher but still below 50%.

After 1820 belated entries in registers of baptisms appear from time to time as the result of application by parents or a drive by the Kirk Session or a conscientious Session Clerk. Immediately before civil registration began in 1855 most parishes seem to have had such a drive. In Dumfries, for example, the register of baptisms for 1854 contains almost 200 entries for previous years going back as far as 1816.

The moral of all this is that if you do not find a birth where it should be in a Scottish parish register keep on looking even for another 30 years. And if you do not find it at all be consoled that many other people will have the same experience.

Editor's Note: Mr Brack's address is 17 Lockharton Gardens, EDINBURGH EH14 1AU.

AVOIDING THE PRESS

29 March 1786. James, son of John and Jane McKenzie, labouring man - born in the Parish of Gateside and baptized by the Rev. Doct. Davison. P.S. The above James changed his name to Williams - to avoid being Pressed.

Castle Garth Register of Baptisms

A CAPTAIN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Brian Clouston

My own branch of The Family Clouston is descended from Captain Robert Clouston (1709-82). Captain Robert's second son Joseph (1754-1814) married Jane Barclay at All Saints Church, Newcastle upon Tyne, in 1776. Joseph, a Captain with the East India Company, returned to Orkney upon the death of his father to inherit an extensive farmland estate. His elder brother Thomas Clouston, a sea captain, left Orkney and settled in Newburyport, Massachusetts. A recent visit to the United States allowed me time to research something of the career of this extraordinary mariner who was living at Newburyport in the American Colonies at the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

In order to redress the imbalance of naval power somewhat and to help distract the British Navy blockade, the Revolutionary Congress commissioned numerous privateer ships. Privateering was extensively engaged in by the shipowners and mariners of Newburyport. They were commissioned under the Act of Provincial Legislature - "an act for encouraging the fitting out of armed vessels to defend the sea coast of America" - passed in November 1775. The first privateer fitted out and commissioned sailed from Newburyport late in 1775. It was owned by Nathaniel Tracy. Almost a year later the brigantine *Dalton* was commissioned, the ship being owned by a prominent Newburyport shipowner, Tristram Dalton. Thomas volunteered as a crewman to serve in her under the command of Captain Eleazer Johnson. The *Dalton* sailed from Newburyport on 15 November 1776 and was captured by *HMS Reasonable*, a sixty-four gun ship-of-war, on 24 December of that year.

Her forty-five officers and crew were taken to Plymouth and confined in the Old Mill Prison. Their trials and hardships are described in the diaries of Charles Herbert published in 1854 and of Charles Cutler published in 1878. Both men served in *Dalton*. The majority of the *Dalton's* crew were released in 1779, a number joining John Paul Jones in the *Bon Homme Richard* on his famous cruise around the shores of England.

Thomas Clouston and Captain Johnson were evidently resourceful men. They not only escaped from prison but found their way back across the Atlantic to Newburyport. A description of conditions encountered at Mill Prison follows:-

"Mill prison was a massive stone building in the centre of an extensive court. The court was surrounded by a high wall and twenty feet beyond there was another wall, parallel to the first, completely surrounding it. The only apertures in these walls were a gate in each, the inner one being formed with massive iron bars eight feet high. The outer gate during the day usually was left open so as to allow free communication between the keepers and their dwellings which were placed just outside the outer wall. Between eight o'clock in the morning and sunset the prisoners were allowed the privilege of the inner court, but at night they were securely locked in the prison house. Many sentinels were stationed among the prisoners in the inner court and in the prison itself, besides the regular patrols in the two encircling walls and at the gates."

Thomas Clouston was an accomplished marine artist, and a painting of his, depicting the loss of the privateer *Hero*, which went down with all hands off Boston in July 1777, can be seen in the Newburyport Historic Society collection. The picture is thought to have been painted in 1777 shortly after *Hero* went down. His painting is "In memory of Jacob Knap, aged 20". Lt. Anthony Knapp - probably a relative - was an officer in the *Dalton* who is also recorded as having escaped from Mill Prison. *Hero's* master was Capt. James Tracy, who may well have been related to Nathaniel Tracy, owner of the first Newburyport privateer. It is clear that Thomas made an early escape from Old Mill Prison. The voyage from America to Plymouth would take up to four weeks, and the return probably longer. This suggests that his time in prison was short.

On 24 October 1781 Thomas was appointed to the command of the privateer brig *Antelope*, a ship owned by Tristram Dalton, and in her captured a number of prizes. When the Revolutionary War ended he remained in Newburyport, working as a shipmaster and as a lecturer on navigation. He died on Monday evening 10 August 1795 aged 52. His pupils erected a tombstone in his memory. The slate headstone is beautifully lettered and has a sextant carved in relief. The stone bears the following inscription:-

Sacred to the Memory
 of that Valuable Instructor
 Captain Thomas Clouston
 who is the midst of great usefulness
 took his departure
 on Monday evening Aug 10 1795
 AET 52
 Happy the Seaman who his compass knows
 And steers to heaven thro' storm and tempest blows
 His Admirals signal quickly he saw fly
 Which bid his bank to sail beyond the sky
 His sail he trimmed and took his leave of all
 Knowing it right to obey his Admiral's call.
 Erected by his late pupils.z

Thomas Clauston had five children by his wife Ann: Anna (22 Sczttemhez L779);,..Iohn_Cnaxa.Q.11, November 1781); Margaret (16 August 1774); Robert (28 October 1782); Thomas (1 October 1781). 3

In 1776 Robert Clouston settled his property on his two younger sons Joseph and Edward. Joseph married on Tyneside and was a Quartermaster in His Majesty's service with the East India Company. He seldom visited Orkney, but in 1784 he brought an action there against Joshua Johnson, seeking to make him exhibit the title to a property to which Joseph claimed inheritance. He sued, claiming that he was the nearest apparent heir. From this it would seem that he did not know - or did not care to acknowledge - that his elder brother Thomas was still alive.

Edward Clouston, who became known as "Governor Clouston" in the Orkneys at the time, made his career in the service of the Hudson Bay Company. He was a bachelor. On his death in 1810 his property went first to his brother Joseph, and upon Joseph's death to his nephew Robert Clouston. Robert's brother George, also a mariner, remained on Tyneside. My own branch of the family is descended from him.

Captain Thomas Clouston remains one of the most fascinating characters among this ancient Orkney family whose line goes back to 1036. Clearly he was a man who put conscience above inheritance and became greatly loved in his adopted country.

1. *History of American Privateers*, Edgar S. McKay, p. 152
2. Tombstone inscription, Newburyport, Massachusetts, USA
3. Newburyport Vital Records

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GEORGE WASHINGTON'S NIECE

Last week, an aged female, (a widow) who resides at North Shields, applied to the officers of St John's parish, in this town, for relief. Some doubts being entertained respecting her claim, an investigation took place, when it was clearly ascertained that her last service was in that parish, and that she is actually *a niece of the celebrated General Washington!*

Newcastle Courant, 24 September 1814

BOOK REVIEW

How to Write a Family History
 by Terrick V.H. Fitzhugh

Anyone wishing to write a family history will find many useful suggestions in this book.

It gives general advice on research and methods of record keeping, but is mainly devoted to showing how, by the use of information from a wide variety of sources, the bare facts about the lives of one's ancestors may be brought to life and presented in permanent form as an interesting narrative.

The book is available from Alphabooks, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 3LU, price £12.95 post free.

THE HOMESTEAD

Jean Bradshaw

Little did I realise when I ventured into the world of family history research that some three years later a newly found cousin once removed, Vera Newman, all of 89 years young and five feet nothing, would be sitting in my living room telling me stories of her life from the age of 10 in the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia.

In 1910 Vera's eldest brother Fenwick Farbridge was fired with enthusiasm to go to Canada to fulfil a dream to be a farmer dealing with horses. Rather than see the family splitting up their mother Emily (nee Graham) decided they should all emigrate with him. Father, Richard Brown Farbridge (sculptor of the William Wouldhave Memorial in Ocean Road, South Shields), a man of quiet nature and only too happy to please his family, sold their home in Harton and wound up the family monumental mason business in Westoe which had been founded in 1856 by his father (my great grandfather) Joshua Blenk Farbridge. They stayed with my grandparents, Joseph Edward Farbridge and Emma Louise (nee Swinburne) while furniture and belongings were packed and tickets bought for the long journey across the Atlantic.

At Montreal, Father, Mother, Fenwick, Joshua, Helena and Vera all boarded the crowded train for the long slow journey across Canada to Provost in the Province of Alberta (Alberta was only made a Province five years before) to be greeted with "No room at the Inn". But as there was no other hotel for miles the family were accommodated in makeshift beds for the night in the hotel corridors. After a few months there the family moved to Calgary, leaving Fenwick employed on a farm outside Provost. They lived a few years in Calgary, then a new town built around Fort Calgary which itself was only erected 35 years before in 1875. Their father had to turn his hand to any job as there was no real call for monumental sculptors, although he did later have one or two commissions: one was in Calgary, and another in Fernie when that town was rebuilt largely in stone after a series of disastrous fires demolished the old wooden town in the early 1900s. Father Richard carved the British Columbia coat of arms over the then new Court House entrance.

Calgary is known to most people because of the annual Calgary Stampede - Vera saw the very first one!

Later Fenwick went in for a Homestead near Provost, and in order to qualify one had to live and farm the Homestead for six months in each year for three years. Whilst he continued his job at the farm the family agreed to move from Calgary to the Homestead. Once again furniture was piled into the horse-drawn cart, father riding in the back to steady the old piano while the cart trundled its way out of the town across the prairie to the Homestead. This turned out to be no more than a wooden shack with a mud floor. In the centre of the room was a hole - a future cellar being dug - and across this stood a large bed. Vera recalled that her mother sat fully clothed on the bed all night weeping at the thought of what might lie ahead! By the morning she had decided that they would make the best of things and stay. She donned hat, best suit, long white gloves and with the two girls walked several miles to the next farm for provisions and to meet her new neighbours. The land around the Homestead was very stoney and of poor quality. It took a great deal of effort to scratch a living.

Brother Joshua remained in Calgary, lodging with the local Vicar who had earlier befriended the family. From time to time he visited them at the Homestead and during one visit at Christmas tried unsuccessfully to persuade them to return to Calgary. With temperatures down to 40° below he stopped at lodgings overnight. The landlady asked him to prime a frozen pump, and having done this he re-entered the house, collapsed over the stove and died. He was only 18 years old. Years later when Vera was in her early 80s she drove from her home in Vancouver to collect Florence, widow of Fenwick, at Edmonton and together they travelled to Provost in order to make arrangements for a headstone to be erected on young Joshua's grave, something the family could not afford to do at the time time he died. Satisfied that this had been accomplished she returned home to Vancouver, a round trip of some 1200 miles!

When first at the Homestead Vera still needed schooling and was given an old steady horse to get her to Provost some miles away. It was so 'steady' that with much pushing and shoving they arrived at school late in the afternoon! Clearly this was not on, so another brisker beast was found which could get her to school on time. She recalled that while returning early one evening on horseback she was chased by a pack of coyotes and galloped home in fear for her life.

Years later Fenwick married and had a family and went to a better farm in Edmonton, and the rest of the family followed. Helena became Postmistress and Vera her assistant. Helena and Vera both married and Vera continued her life in Vancouver through the war years to the present time. She has a daughter Ruth who also came to visit me with her mother.

I feel I have been most fortunate to learn so much of one of the branches of my family and to hear at first hand how the 'west was won' as far as they were concerned, and at what cost!

AFTERMATH OF A TRAGEDY AT SEA

Catherine I. Southern

On 4th November 1765 at least eighteen fishermen from the village of Spittal, *in* the parish of Tweedmouth, were lost at sea and as a result eighteen widows and forty-five orphans were created. A fortnight later a special vestry or meeting of the Chapelry of Tweedmouth was held to enquire into the settlement of these widows and orphans, the principal object being to off-load as many as possible of these unfortunates on to other parishes rather than have them become a charge on the Tweedmouth poor rates.

Settlement in a particular parish was primarily by virtue of having been born there, but there were other means of gaining settlement, some of which are indicated at the foot of the following table. Wives and children took the husband's/father's parish of settlement. The results of the enquiry held by the Tweedmouth Vestry were as follows:-

FISHERMAN'S NAME	WIDOW Christian Name	Approx. Age	CHILDREN Christian Names	Approx. Ages	FISHERMAN'S PARISH OF SETTLEMENT
Thomas Ross	*Margaret	34	John Alexander Philip	14, yrs. 11 yrs. 9 yrs.	Boomer'
James Swinhoe	Jane	51	John William Hannah Thomas	16 yrs. 12 yrs. 10 yrs. 7 yrs.	Tweedmouth ²
Thomas Shell b. Holy Island	Margaret	35	Thomas Margaret Mary Barbara	8 yrs. 5 yrs. 2 yrs. 2 mos.	Billingsgate London'
Henry Stawart b. Holy Island	Jane	29	Elizabeth	1 yr.	Billingsgate London'
Thomas Stawart	Mary	38	Isabel Eleanor Jane Hannah Andrew Isaac	15 yrs. 14 yrs. 12 yrs. 11 yrs. 5 yrs. 2 yrs.	Tweedmouth ¹
Andrew Stawart	Margaret	62	—	—	Tweedmouth ^o
- Patterson	Isabel	43	Alexander James Henry Elizabeth	12 yrs. 8 yrs. 5 yrs. 2 yrs.	Holy Island
Prideaux Patterson b. Holy Island	Mary	59	—	—	Holy Island
George Hasgar b. Holy Island	Elizabeth	35	John	6 mos.	Holy Island
George White b. Tweedmouth	** Margaret	27	Golesbury	1 yr.	Tweedmouth
Hector White	Alison	29	Simon Robert William	6 yrs. 3 yrs. 7 wks.	Tweedmouth ¹
William Trotter	Eleanor	36	John Isabel Richard James	9 yrs. 6 yrs. 5 yrs. 1 yr.	Tweedmouth ¹

Joseph Kennedy	Mary	29	Elizabeth	2 yrs.	Tweedmouth ¹
			*** (Ann	11 yrs.	
			*** (Mary	8 yrs.	
John Trotter	Jane	65	—	—	Tweedmouth ¹
Thomas Turnbull b. Eyemouth Scotland	Mary	42	—	—	Tweedmouth ¹
William Taylor b. Tweedmouth	Isabel	23	—	—	Tweedmouth ¹
William Mitchelson b. Tweedmouth	Frances	50	Ann William Mary Alexander	20 yrs. 14 yrs. 12 yrs. 7 yrs.	Tweedmouth ¹
William Wilson b. Tweedmouth	Ann	32	James *** Thomas	2 yrs. 11 yrs.	Tweedmouth ¹

* Margaret Ross stated that she had three other orphans, the children of John Bennett, deceased, viz. Andrew aged 8 years, James aged 5 years, and Isabel aged 15 months, their father's parish of settlement being Tweedmouth¹. What her relationship was to these children is not clear.

There were also two orphans by Margaret White's previous marriage to John Elliott, deceased, a collier, whose parish of settlement was Felkington, viz. Elizabeth aged 7 years and John aged 5 years.

Husband's children by a former wife.

N.B. The spellings of place names and surnames are those used in the original document.

Settlement claimed on the strength of:-

- 1 having made his last year's service in the parish
- 2 having served as a constable or other parish officer in the parish
- 3 having served an apprenticeship by indentures at the sea to a resident of the parish (in both these cases to Mr John Kittermaster)
- 4 having paid rates in the parish.

It would be interesting to know whether Margaret Shell and Jane Stawart and their children were shipped off to Billingsgate and whether John Elliot's children were separated from their mother, they going to Felkington and she to Boulmer, and indeed the ultimate fate of the rest of the sad little band of widows and orphans. However, some comfort can be taken from the following entry in the Tweedmouth Vestry Minutes dated 22nd July 1776:-

Ordered that the Overseers of the Poor pay into the hands of Mr James Main Twenty pounds to be by him applied as an aid to the Charity of Berwick for Support of the Widows and Families of the poor Fishermen of Spittle that was lately drowned, for this year".

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BACK FROM THE DEAD

"We are informed, that a few days ago, Mr Tho. Swinhoe, of this town, was found drowned in the river Ghoree in Holland."

Newcastle Chronicle, 19 August 1775

"The paragraph in this and some other papers on 19th ult. respecting the death of Mr Thomas Swinhoe, in Holland, is not true."

Newcastle Chronicle, 2 September 1775

THE LANDLESS - MACGREGOR CONNECTION

J. W. & N. Ewart

When on the 16th November 1806 our great great grandfather John Landless was born at Waren Mill, near Belford, Northumberland, King George 111, the first English-born Hanoverian king, was in the 46th year of his reign. The monarchy was being called into question in the wake of the successful revolt of the American colonies, and the bloodbath in which the Bourbon king perished in France. The fear in ruling circles of Jacobinism was even more pervasive than the fear of Communism in the modern world.

Waren Mill stands in isolation in a beautiful and picturesque part of rural Northumberland. The present mill was largely erected in 1783 by the Admiralty, on the site of an earlier mill, and in response to farmers' requests for an outlet for their wheat. In pre-Norman times it was connected with the royal Saxon city of Bamburgh, and is historically mentioned in 1187.

A week after his birth John's parents George and Elizabeth Landles (note the spelling of the surname as it was actually recorded) took their son to the Belford Scotch Church for baptism as a Presbyterian. The choice is interesting for Landless is strongly believed to be one of the aliases adopted by the MacGregor clan when their name was proscribed by an act of the Privy Council of 1603 under which they were compelled, on pain of death, to adopt another surname. Much research has been done by Gladys Whittaker on the link between the Landless name and that of Rob Roy's clan and is contained in her book *The Family of Landless*. She encountered some difficulty with the Northumberland line of that name, and did not locate the entries relating to John Landless in the Belford Scotch Church registers.

John Landless married comparatively late, at the age of 32. His bride was Isabella, the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Common. Perhaps he waited until his business was firmly established before he took on the responsibilities of marriage and parenthood. After the conclusive victory in 1815 at Waterloo there would be less scope for exercising any of the war-like tendencies of his Scottish ancestors, even if he were so inclined.

Belford does not appear to have changed very much since the early 1800s. It is still a fairly plain and typical Northumbrian market town yet with an attractiveness all of its own. The beautiful parish church of St. Mary, parts of which date back to 1615, when the church was rebuilt on the site of a former stone church dating from circa 1200, is a prominent feature of the town. John Dobson (of Dobson and Grainger fame in Newcastle) completed some restoration work on the church in 1828. There are little signs of intrusion into the solid worth of the stone-built terrace houses in the old town, although modern building has taken place outside the perimeter of the old town. Until the recent by-pass the town stood on the main A1 trunk road. The old Blue Bell Inn offers solace and sustenance to the weary traveller. Nearby is Belford Hall, partly remodelled by John Dobson in 1818.

John and Isabella's first child George William was born on the 25th February 1838 at 14, High Street, Belford, where John had set up in business as a plumber and glazier. His business, at the very least, must have provided him with a livelihood, for he continued to live there until 1851, and it was there that six children of the marriage were born: George William in 1838, Eleanor in 1842, Elizabeth in 1846, Isabella in 1847, and William in 1849. The first three were baptised as Presbyterians at the Belford Scotch Church, and since Eleanor was recorded as the third child and second daughter, it appears that another daughter, unrecorded in the Scotch Church register or the Parish Church register, was born between 1838 and 1842. This other daughter also appears to have been named Elizabeth and is included in the 1851 Census Return along with the rest of the family. By this time another 's' had been added to the surname, a spelling that has continued in use on all official documentation so far encountered.

John and his family moved to the Bedlington area of Northumberland sometime during late 1851 or early 1852, and here, in May 1852, their last child John junior was born. Perhaps John senior had found a place for his skills in the coal-mining industry, or perhaps at Bedlington Iron Works, which produced the first rolled iron rails for George Stephenson's railway. At all events it was here that Isabella Landless, the youngest daughter of John and Isabella, met, was courted by, and married George Thomas Davison, our great grandfather. George Thomas was destined to become (according to his obituary notice in the *Evening Chronicle*) "one of the best and most respected commercial travellers in the North of England", and was also noted as having served on the staff of the *Express*. The marriage took place at the Bedlington Parish Church in the 9th April 1865. For the historically minded, on the day on which Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Grant at the Appomattox, Isabella Landless surrendered to George Thomas Davison.

It is not known how long John Landless lived at Bedlington. Taking a leap in time (as many family histories are prone to do), we next find old John Landless in Gateshead in 1881, living with his daughter and son-in-law. The census enumerator made no record of his wife Isabella; either she was elsewhere on the night of the census, or she had predeceased her husband. Now some 75 years of age, in the twilight of his years, old John Landless could no doubt be found sitting in some warm corner of the home, his head full of memories, and ready enough to relate them to anyone willing to listen.

Mrs Whittaker maintains that the Landlesses are descended from James, one of the sons of Rob Roy MacGregor. This James, who served the Young Pretender in the field, and valiantly so by all accounts, was present at the Battle of Culloden. Like the Prince he served he too became an exile in France, where he died in penury circa 1754. Since John Landless was born in 1806, scarcely two generations later than James MacGregor, it seems highly probable that he would be well aware of his MacGregor ancestry. Sadly, possibly because our grandfather William Davison, son of George Thomas Davison and Isabella Landless, was killed in an accident in Berlin at an early age, there was no tradition of the "MacGregor" connection in our family. The recent discovery of the baptisms of John Landless's children into the Presbyterian faith in the Scotch Church at Belford gives added credence to the large amount of evidence Mrs Whittaker has collected to suggest the Landless - MacGregor link, although in some ways the two need to be reconciled.

This account has been written in the hope that it will be of some help to those Landlesses who are still trying to establish their MacGregor - Landless descent, and also the hope that it will not be without interest to the general reader.

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JOB APPLICATION.

The following letter, addressed to Mr James MacLellan, Sleekburn Cottage, Near Bedlington, was found by Mr R.M.B. Longridge amongst some family papers. Mr Longridge has no knowledge of either the writer of the recipient, but thought it might be of interest to readers of the Journal.

Fenwick February 7th 1824

Sir

I see advertised in the papers that you want a Man & Wife to take the charge of a dairy my Wife can take charge of both dairy & Brewing I can say my Wife is allmost one of the first Women in Northumberland either for dairy or house keeping or cooking or anything that belongs to house keeping which can be proving, you may apply to T. Foster Esq Adderston House, nigh Belford, Northumberland, which can give you a parfit account both of my self & Wife & likewise my Wife lived 4 years with Mr Elder Alnwick Wine & Spirit Marchant where my Wife browed all his ale & table beer for the ouse of the house you may enquire to both these two Gentlemen if you please for our Charater will bear the strickest enquiry.

As for myself I can take the charge of the horses for I have been acustomed to horsess all my life & will assist my Wife with the browing till I perfetly understand it myself, we will have no objects of engadging with you if we can agree for wages, Sir for to save trouble of coming to see you, I will give you a proper account of us both, Im a middle sised man about 5 feet 5 inches high and a little above 40 years of age my wife is betwixt 30 & 40 years of age we have a family, but our family will be no hindrance to my wife for we keep a girl to take care of the childring. Our engaging must be by letters for I cannot win myself at that distance for the distance will be about 40 miles, after you git our character from T. Forster Esq. you will wright immedatly what wages you will give. I allways keep a cow of my own &, if we engage you will have to be at the half of the expense, of removing, if you think it proper you will give me your letter with the particulars & the wages, and I will answer your's as soon as possible;

We are Sir your humble servants:

James & Jane Cuthbertson

Sir before my Wife was Married her Name was Jane Carr-

N.B. Sir you will dirick your letter thus-

James Cuthbertson

Fenwick Nigh Belford

Northumberland

Sir I likewise lived 8 years as land stewart with Greve Smith Esq. Budle nigh Bambrough, so you may enquire at any of these gentlemen, as you plesse. T. Forster Esq. was the last place my wife lived at when single-you will plesse to make no delay in wrighting, for I have another place in view, if we do not agree.

Editor's Note: Mr Longridge's address is The Old Rectory, Low Dinsdale, DARLINGTON DL2 1PN.

TRANSPORTED TO AUSTRALIA

FS. Hindmarsh

The list of transportations from Newcastle Quarter Sessions transcribed by Mrs M. Furness in the Summer 1988 issue of the Journal included one Joseph Hindmarsh. Joseph was sentenced on 18 October 1848 to seven years for "Larceny from a person" after a previous conviction of Felony. I was recently fortunate enough to spend a few days in Perth, Western Australia, where I visited the History House in the nearby town of Armadale. In their reference library I found the following entry in a book entitled *Dictionary of Western Australia 1829 - 1914* by Rice Erickson:-

"Joseph Hindmarsh 1827-Unmarried miner, semi literate, Prot. conv. Newcastle on Tyne 1857, prev. conv. 4 years. Arr. 'Sultana' 19.8.1859 (5502). Ticket of Leave 3.2.1860. Conditional Pardon [2.2.1861. Exp. June 1861](#) Perth."

As a result of this chance find I made a special visit to the Library of Western Australia where I found the research facilities most impressive. After mentioning my interest in convicts I was introduced to a fellow researcher, Mrs Sheryl Milentis, who by a lucky coincidence also happened to be a prominent member of the Convict Historical and Research Group of the Western Australian Genealogical Society. Within the space of one hour Mrs Milentis managed to obtain a complete run-down on convict Joseph Hindmarsh for me. I was informed that soon after arrival in Australia the convicts were given a number which was entered on a list together with other personal details. Joseph Hindmarsh was given the number 5502 and the following details were recorded:-

"Name: Joseph Hindmarsh. Age: 32. Height: 5'31/2". Hair: light brown. Eyes: grey. Visage: oval. Complexion: swarthy. Appearance: thin. Marks: Hannah, Ellen, Mary, Joseph. MPEJMBJPBP (indistinct P) Hand anchor on left arm. B*H on right arm. Occupation: miner. Married or single: single. Children: none."

On a second document some additional information was recorded:-

"Age at time of conviction: 30. M or S: single. Reads/writes: illiterate. Religion: P. Conduct in Prison: 2nd Class - Good. P.W. (Prisoner waiting transportation ?) V.G. Voyage: Good."

His personal record completed after his arrival in Australia contains the same description, but also gives a complete history of his life as a convict together with details of any subsequent punishments:-

"Ship: 'Sultana'. Where imprisoned: Chatham (presumably in one of the convict hulks on the River Thames). Character: Very Good. When and where convicted: 26th June 1857, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Offence: Larceny after previous conviction of Felony. Sentence: 7 years P.S. Number, name and age of children: -. Read and Write: -. Received a Ticket of Leave: 2nd Feb 1860. Conditional Pardon: 2nd Feb 1861. How disposed of: Expired June 1861. Date of Conviction (in Australia): -. By whom convicted: -. Offence: -. Sentence: -. Remarks: -. Date of Assignment (in Australia): -. Occupation: -. Rate of wages: -. District: -. Employer: -. Residence: -. Remarks: -. "

Other records show that after receiving his ticket of leave Joseph Hindmarsh worked from 21 February 1860 for a George White of Perth, and later with a Mr Hislopp. The next 48 years of his life are a blank, but the records indicate that he never married or returned to Northumberland. He died at Claremont, a suburb of Perth, on 9 September 1908, aged 84 (although if he was born in 1827 this would have made him 81). There was no mention of his death in the Perth newspapers, and he was buried in a pauper's grave at Karrakatta near Freemantle. I later visited the Karrakatta cemetery where, according to their computer, Joseph Hindmarsh was buried in the Anglican Section CC in Plot 32, a free grave. I was able to locate the area from the map supplied by the Board, but it is now grassed over and is unmarked.

Several questions remain unanswered. If Joseph Hindmarsh was convicted at Newcastle-on-Tyne on 26 June 1857 aged 30, and arrived in Western Australia on 19 August 1859 aged 32, then he received his conditional pardon less than three years and eight months after his conviction, and only one year and six months after arriving in Australia! Also, are the names tattooed on his arm those of his brothers and sisters!-The anchor could indicate that he may have been a seaman at one time, but what do all the other letters stand for?

Another puzzle concerns the date of his conviction. Was he sentenced on 18 October 1848 and again on 26 June 1857? And what was the date of his previous conviction? The Quarter Session order book (TWAS 540/9) is said to give the date of sentence as 18 October 1848, so where was he between 1848 and 1857? The entry in the order book reads:-

"Joseph Hindmarsh having been indicated and convicted of Larceny from the person after a previous conviction of Felony it is ordered that he be transported beyond the seas for the term of seven years. And it is further ordered that the Treasurer of the said Borough do pay unto Sir Thomas Sharp Knight the prosecutor the sum of twelve pounds five shillings and four pence for his loss of time trouble and expences in carrying on the said prosecution."

Between 1850 and 1868 forty-three ships containing approximately 10,000 convicts arrived in Western Australia. Most of the convicts were put to work on nearby farms as there was nowhere to keep them. Mrs Sheryl Milentis would welcome any information members may have about convicts in Western Australia. Her address is 14 Smallman Crescent, Greenwood 6024, Western Australia.

Editor's Note: In his covering letter Mr Hindmarsh mentions that the earliest Hindmarsh traced to date lived in Mitford (where I live now). In 1285 Agnes de Benerigg, widow of Walter Hindmers, took out an action against a group of men who had taken refuge in her house in Mitford during a dispute. The house had then been besieged and destroyed (Rot. Par. 1, 120,124). Mr Hindmarsh's address is 12 Roy Street, Tawa, New Zealand.

THE MYSTERY OF THE PLAQUE

A.W. Jackson

One day, some years ago, my wife and I had occasion to visit an old farmstead off the beaten track in North Yorkshire whilst researching the Jackson family history. The lady of the house, a keen local historian, made us welcome and was able to furnish us with valuable information concerning our research, and was able to confirm that the Jacksons had lived and farmed there in the early 1800s.



The present owners had renovated the property in the style of that age, especially in the kitchen, where the revolving spit before the old fireplace showed the results of their labour! The lady then told us that the house contained a puzzling feature which we should see. We were shown into a room where a brown stone plaque or tablet had been cemented into the white stone wall. The plaque, looking rather like the ones to be seen in churches, was about 20 inches high by 16 inches wide. At the top was a carving of a young child's face flanked by the letters L and N. Underneath were inscribed the words: "Unworthy tho I be for me a blood bought free reward A golden harp for me." We were told that it was known locally as their "Rosetta Stone". The script seems to be of an old style, there is no date, and the letters L and N have not been recognised as belonging to any former occupiers of the property.

About twelve years ago the house was entered and the plaque was removed from the wall. Informing the police and advertisements in the press brought no response, but after some weeks an anonymous message revealed its whereabouts in a quarry. It was recovered, carefully wrapped and undamaged, and was restored to its original position in the house.

No-one knows its origins. What does it mean? To whom does it refer? Why is it inside a private dwelling? Why should anyone steal it? All suggestions to explain its meaning will be appreciated. Perhaps the words come from a hymn or poem. Perhaps it refers to a birth of death!

Any reader who can throw light on the problem - please share your thoughts.

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MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS OF ST JUDES, SHIELDFIELD

P.R. G. Thirkell

The Parish of St Jude, Shieldfield, Newcastle, was created in 1880 from part of Christ Church Parish. The original temporary building was replaced by a new church whose foundation stone was laid 3 July 1890 and consecrated 2 August 1891. By the early 1970s St Judes had become redundant mainly because of the redevelopment of the Shieldfield and Sandyford areas and the congregation transferred to the nearby St Barnabas Church.

Since 1975 the church building has been occupied by a firm of picture framers, but the original monumental tablets are still in place on the walls. Of particular interest is the Roll of Honour of those members of the congregation and the parish who lost their lives in the First World War. Not only does the list give names and ranks but also regiments.

I have transcribed the Monumental Inscriptions as follows:-

1. To the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Carr, Churchwarden, who died on the 9th February 1901 in his 70th year. This tablet is erected by his wife.
2. To the glory of God and in memory of Mary Ann Rowell, many years a member of this church, who died March 11th 1904 in her 88th year. Lord I have loved the habitation of thy house and the place where thine honour dwelleth. Psl. 26 Ch, 8th Ver.
3. To the glory of God and in loving memory of William Myatt Towers, journalist, 29 years on the staff of the Evening Chronicle. Born Jan 8th 1847. Died Dec 11th 1915. 'Now the labourer's work is o'er.' Erected by his sister Mrs A.E. Thompson.
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Maj Forret PD	NF	Pte Armstrong THB	NF
Capt West HMP	NF	Pte Ballantyne T	NF
2nd Lt Arthur AMC, MM	NF	Pte Baird W	NF
2nd Lt Paxton ST	DLI	Pte Beat WD	NF
2nd Lt Phillips F	NF	Pte Bell W	NF
Sgt Blackburn T	DLI	Pte Bianchi JE	NF
Sgt Brooks S	NF	Pte Blackburn C	DLI
Sgt Graham WmF	LF	Pte Carter FH	WYks
Sgt Renner FT	NF	Pte Child D	KOSB
Sgt Waters GR	SR	Pte Craig J	DLI
Sgt Willans JWDCM	NF	Pte Douglass R	WYks
Cpl Catherall T	NF	Pte Fenton RH	NF
Cpl Davy JA	KRR	Pte Finneran J	EYks
Cpl Fairley R	NF	Pte Foggo S	NF
Cpl Hall JE	DLI	Pte Gardner E	DLI
Cpl Hindhaugh WJ	DLI	Pte Gibson W	KOSB
Cpl Page R	RFA	Pte Gilroy W	NF
Cpl Renforth RR	DLI	Pte Graham T	NH
Cpl Wright W	NF	Pte Hay RW	NF
L/Cpl Bidmead JF	KOYLI	Pte Henderson TH	SL
L/Cpl Fairley R	MCC	Pte Knight PU	SS
L/Cpl Hay JC	NF	Pte Laidler JL	NF
L/Cpl Holland WS	NF	Pte Lauderdale S	NF
L/Cpl Moore J	DLI	Pte Little T	NF
L/Cpl Noble WT	NF	Pte Lyons FA	MCC
L/Cpl Waters JA	NF	Pte McLeod C	NF
L/Cpl Williams A	CC	Pte Mowat GC	NF
Sigr Longstaff JH	RND	Pte Mennell E	NF
AB Crone W	RND	Pte Messenger WB	MCC
AB Gee RT	RN	Pte Muriss J	KOYI
SRA Gilbert G	SBR	Pte Murray HOK	ASC
RFI Adams T	KRR	Pte Outhwaite W	RFA
RFI Barrass JW	KRR	Pte Prince L	SS
RFI Beavis GG	KRR	Pte Pyper J	LF
RFI Scott JM	KRR	Pte Rackham C	NF
Gnr Catherall W	RFA	Pte Robson TB	NF
Gnr Corby A	RFA	Pte Rose J	NF
Gnr Gallon AMcC	RCA	Pte Shale JR	NF
Gnr Gibson E	RFA	Pte Simpson JD	HLI
Gnr McDonald JM	RFA	Pte Sinyard WA	Y&L
Gnr Roberts T	RFA	Pte Skingley S	WYks

Gnr Weatherburn DP	RFA	Pte Slight DS	NF
Dvr Craigs W	RE	Pte Stafford R	DLI
Dvr Gallon DMcC	ASC	Pte Stappard J	HLI
Dvr Goodwill JW	RFA	Pte Stobbs J	NF
Dvr Grant WC	SWB	Pte Stott AE	NF
Dvr Wheatley JC	RFA	Pte Tait JC	DLI
Pte Adams J	NF	Pte Thompson FS	NF
Pte Adams R	NF	Pte Thompson T	KOSB
Pte Alexander A	NF	Pte Walls R	NF
Pte Archbold T	NF	Pte Wilson G	NF
Pte Armstrong J	DLI	Pte Wilkinson E	NF
Pte Armstrong JGB	SR		

To the glory of God and in loving and grateful memory of these members of the congregation and parishoners who gave their lives for King and country during the Great War 1914 - 1919.

- To the glory of God and in loving memory of Alexander Aikman one of our little choristers who met with an accident at So Shields on 3rd May 1905 aged 13 years. 'Oft in danger'.
- In loving memory of John William Bell born 14th Feby 1832 died 30th April 1897. Sometime leading chorister in this church. 'I will sing and give praise'.

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A LONG WAY TO TUGHALL

N. Ewart

After many months of searching for the birthplace of my great great grandmother I found a reference in a non-conformist register which noted that she had been baptised at Tipple in 1812. The entry had been made by someone with very poor handwriting, and the place name was virtually indecipherable. A fellow researcher, however, confirmed my interpretation of the spelling, but, as always in such cases, I entered the name into my notes with a question mark beside it.

Using my Ordnance Survey maps, I conducted a search of the counties of Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland and the Scottish borders without any trace of such a place being found, and I was consequently unable to proceed on that particular line of research. Some weeks later at the Northumberland Record Office, whilst examining parish registers pertaining to the Netherwitton area, I came across an entry in the Rothbury parish registers for someone who was married at Rothbury but whose Parish was recorded as being Tuggle. Bells started ringing, and I realised that Tuggle and Tipple (as I had interpreted it) were probably one and the same place. The incumbent with the poor handwriting was posthumously reprimanded, and I carried on. It was not until I found another reference to Tuggle, to which entry had been added the words "Parish of Bamburgh", that I was finally able to find the correct place name of Tughall.

I have written this simply to illustrate to those persons not aware of the Northumbrian pronunciation of many words, just how difficult it must have been for incumbents of northern churches to decide on how to enter a name spoken by a native of this area who was not himself literate. With hindsight it is easy to see how the local pronunciation for "Tughall" could lead to "Tuggle" being written down. I am a Northumbrian born and bred and have problems in understanding some of the northern dialect. How much more confusing must it be for someone who is a stranger to the area? As a final comment I add **that the dialect of this area is considered** by many to be almost a language in itself, and I for one do not wish to see any change brought about which would alter such opinion.

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BETTER LATE

Dec. 17 1787 - James Brown, son of the late Thomas Brown, upholsterer, being doubtful whether he was ever baptized, was very desirous of being satisfied therein, Therefore in Order to the quieting of his Conscience and avoiding all Scruples and Doubtfulness He was baptized this 17th Day of Decr. 1787 by me Geo. Stephenson, minister of All Saints.

N.B. James Brown believes he was born Feb. 1 1759.

EAST SUSSEX STRAYS

A series of indexes to the 1851 Census of East Sussex is being compiled by Ms C. June Barnes. Those completed so far are as follows:-

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Volume 7	H0107/1636	Folios 255-524 (end)
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Ms Barnes has kindly abstracted from the above volumes the names and other particulars of all those whose birthplace is given as Northumberland or Durham. Details are given in the lists below. The two right hand columns give the Volume and Folio numbers.

Anyone wishing to obtain more information about the indexes should write to C. June Barnes, 50 St Helens Park Road, HASTINGS, East Sussex TN34 2DN.

AIRD, Margaret	WI M 42		DUR	3	78
ANDERSON, Margaret	SV U 28	Ladies Maid	NBL	5	611
ANSTRUTHER, Georgiana	WI M 39		DUR Sedgefield	5	537
AYLWARD, Anne	GD U 1m		NBL Tynemouth	2	546
BECK, Martha	WI M 29		NBL Newbottle	5	508
BELL, Robert B.	NP U 7		DUR South Shields	4	372
BOLTON, Mary	SV U 66	House Servant	NBL	4	429
BOOTH, Elizabeth	WI M 66		DUR Durham	3	94
BOURNER, Emma	WI M 54		DUR Darlington	2	614
BRITT, John	HD M 31	Bargeman	NBL North Shields	1	273
BROWN, Rachel	WI M 40		DUR Stockton-on-Tees	3	77
BURTON, Charlotte	WI M 42		DUR Durham	5	537
CANE, John	HD W 70	Farmer 173 acres	NBL Carham	12	404
CAREY, Isabella	SV U 30	Ladies Maid	NBL Newcastle-on-Tyne	5	551
CHADWICK, Elizabeth	SV U 25	Nurse, Visitor's Servant	NBL Haltwhistle	2	546
CLARK, William	LG U 19	Rail Lab.	DUR West Halton	7	260
CLEMENT, Margaret	WI M 49		NBL Blyth	5	494
CLIKHAM? Mary	SV U 39	General Servant	DUR Chester-le-Street	4	369
COLES, Margaret	VR M 74		DUR Tamsolk	4	371
COLES, Martha	HK U 44	Housekeeper	DUR Chester-le-Street	4	371
COOK, James	LG U 50	Railway Lab.	DUR Sunderland	3	80
DAVIS, John	LG U 22	Labourer	DUR Durham	1	344
DICKSON, Isabella	WI U 53		NBL Wooler	4	367
DITON, John	VR U 61		DUR Stanhope	5	489
DODSON, John	BR U 26	Rail Lab.	DUR Norton	7	259
EASTON, Mary	WI M 35		DUR Stockton-on-Tees	4	382
EATON, Elizabeth	HD M 57	Auctioneers Wife	DUR Weardale	4	425
EDWARDS, Sarah Abbot	WI M 42		DUR Durham	4	462
EVANS, Jane	SV W 39	Upper Nurse	NBL Newcastle-on-Tyne	4	372
FERRAND, Sarah	W 67	Landed Proprietor	DUR Barnard Castle	5	505
GIBSON, John	HD M 21	Master of National School	DUR Ryton	5	531
GILLE, John	HD M 42	Engine Driver	DUR Durham	5	649
GOOCH, Ruthanna	VR M 37	Civil Engineer's Wife	NBL Newcastle-upon-Tyne	5	609
GREGSON, George	VR U 21	Fireman	NBL Newcastle-on-Tyne	5	483
NAME, John	HD M 38	Coachmaker	NBL North Shields	4	383
HARRAGAN, Dorothy	WI M 60		NBL Long Houghton	2	633
HARRISON, Edward	VR U 25	Civil Engineer	DUR Tanfield	12	364
HARVEY, Mary Ann	WI M 30		DUR Sunderland	1	295
HARVEY, Robert Surtees	SO U 10		DUR Sunderland	1	295
HENZELL, Ann	HD W 61	Dressmaker	DUR Shields	3	219
HEPPEL, Robert	HD W 31	Iron Founder	NBL Newcastle	4	262
HEURELL?, John H.	HD M 40	Surveyor of Taxes	DUR Boldon	3	181
HILL, Charles	HD M 60	Cordwainer	DUR Barnard Castle	2	610
HINKLY, Jane	VR U 13		NBL Newton	1	217
HODGSON, Edward	VR U 25	Land Agent	DUR	7	514
HODGSON, Mary	WI M 38		DUR Durham St?	7	514
HODGSON, Robert	HD M 40	Land Agent	DUR Durham St. Margarets	7	514

HODSON, R.	HD M 64	Manchester Merchant	DUR Gainford	5	547
HOGARTH, Alice	SV U 26	Cook, Visitor's Servant	NBL Berwick	2	546
HOLMES, John	HD M 38	Shipbuilder	DUR Sunderland	1	312
HOPE, Katherine	HD U 59		DUR Staindrop	4	417
HUTCHINGS, Caroline	DA U 31	Ret. Dressmaker	NBL Hambilton	1	301
HUTCHINGS, Margaret	DA U 24	Dressmaker	NBL Aylmouth	1	301
HUTCHINGS, Nicholas	SO U 20	Shipwright	NBL Aylmouth	1	301
ISHELDON? Isabel	CI U 27	Companion	DUR Chester	4	365
JACKSON, George	HD M 65	Propr. of Houses	NBL Lowick	3	139
LAMB, George	HD W \$&	Labourer	NBL Wooler	5	588
LEE, Mary	WI M 45	Hawker	NBL Newcastle-on-Tyne	6	46
LUCK, Elizabeth	SV U 19	General Servant	DUR Stockton-on-Tees	4	373
LUCKEY, Isabella	SV U 52	House Servant	DUR Chester-le-Street	4	468
LYNISS, Adah	SV U 48	Cook	DUR Durham	4	423
MANN, Catherine	VR U 15		NBL Newcastle-on-Tyne	5	483
MARSDON, William	LG U 26	Engineer	DUR Bishop Auckland	4	443
McGREGOR, Sarah Lang	DA U 11		NBL	2	602
McLEOD, Joseph Addison	HD M 51	Solicitor	DUR Gateshead	5	505
McLEOD, Mary	WI M49		DUR Gateshead	5	505
MILLER, Robert	LG U 26	Rail Labourer	DUR Durham	7	425
MORTIMER, Charles	SV U 24	Under Butler	DUR Darlington	5	506
NEVES, James	HD M 44	Ag. Labourer	NBL North Shields	2	641
NEWTON, John	HD M 39	Railway Contractor	DUR Stanhope	5	513
OGLE, Bertram S.	SO U 4		DUR Durham, The Cottage	5	613
PAYNE, James	NP U 13	Scholar	NBL Newcastle-on-Tyne	5	561
PEACOCK, George	HD M 39	Dean Ely Rector Wentworth	DUR Denton	4	370
PEGGE, Edward M.	LG U 34	Estate Agent	NBL Simonburn	4	359
PLUMMER, Alfred	SO U 10	Scholar at Home	DUR Heworth	5	508
PLUMMER, Emma	DA U 6	Scholar	DUR Heworth	5	508
PLUMMER, Francis	SO U 8	Scholar	DUR Heworth	5	508
POTTER, James	HD M 44	Coast Guard	NBL Newcastle	5	653
RICHARDSON, William	SV U 20	Footman	DUR Tanfield	4	365
ROBINSON, Elizabeth J.	GD U 19	Dressmaker	DUR Sunderland	4	302
ROBSON, George	HD M 38	Railway Contractor's Clerk	NBL Longbenton	5	511
ROWLE, Emily	VR U 19		DUR Cackfield	6	138
ST. PAUL, Ann	LG U 40	Countess, Holy Roman Empire	NBL Wooler	5	550
SALMON, Maria	WI M40		DUR Sunderland	4	293
SAWYERS, James	HD M 30	Engine Driver	NBL Newcastle-on-Tyne	5	483
SAWYERS, Mary	WI M 21	Dressmaker	NBL Newcastle-on-Tyne	5	483
SHERATON, Thomas	HD M 39	Teacher Drawing	DUR Stockton-on-Tees	5	487B
SMALL, Thomas	SO U 18	Bricklayer	DUR Stockton	4	345
SMITH	HD M 37	Railway Contractor	DUR Stanhope	5	589
SMITH, Maria	SV U 39	House Servant	DUR Durham	3	99
SMITH, William	LG U 22	Engine Driver	DUR Medomsley	5	650
SNAITH, John	HD M 76	Market Gardener	DUR Heighington	3	147
SNOWDON, A.H.	GD U 8		DUR Shields	3	219
SNOWDON, C.	DA M 39	Dressmaker	DUR Shields	3	219
SNOWDON, C.W.	GS U 6		DUR Shields	3	219
SOWLER, George	HD M 82	Retired Surgeon	DUR Durham	5	528
SPENCER, Margaret	HD W 41	Land and Mines Proprietor	DUR Chester	4	365
THOMPSON, Agnes	WI M29		NBL Berwick-on-Tweed	3	65
TURNER, Elizabeth	DA U 15	Scholar	NBL Newcastle	4	344
TURNER, George	HD M 38	Engine Driver	DUR Jarrow	4	344
TURNER, Isabella	WI M36		NBL Newcastle	4	344
TURNER, Margaret	DA U 17	Dressmaker	NBL Earsdon	4	344
TWEEDY, Elizabeth	HD U 69	Lady	NBL	4	410
TWEEDY, Jane	CI U 67	Lady	NBL	4	410
TWEEDY, Sarah	CI U 57	Lady	NBL	4	410
VASEY, William	VR U 23	Mason	NBL Hexham	5	573
WALKER, Richard	HD M 43	Miner	DUR Lamesley	5	573
WALLACE, Jane	WI M42		DUR Spittal	3	12
WALLACE, John	HD M 45	Boatman, Coast Guard Service	NBL Berwick-on-Tweed	3	12
WATSON, William	VR U 24	Rail Road Contractor	DUR Sunderland	7	407
WEBSTER, Mary	WI M30		NBL Berwick-on-Tweed	3	53
WEBSTER, William	HD M 42	Lieut. R.N. Coast Guard Service	DUR Bishopwearmouth	3	53
WILSON, James	SV M 36	Valet	NBL Ashington	5	608

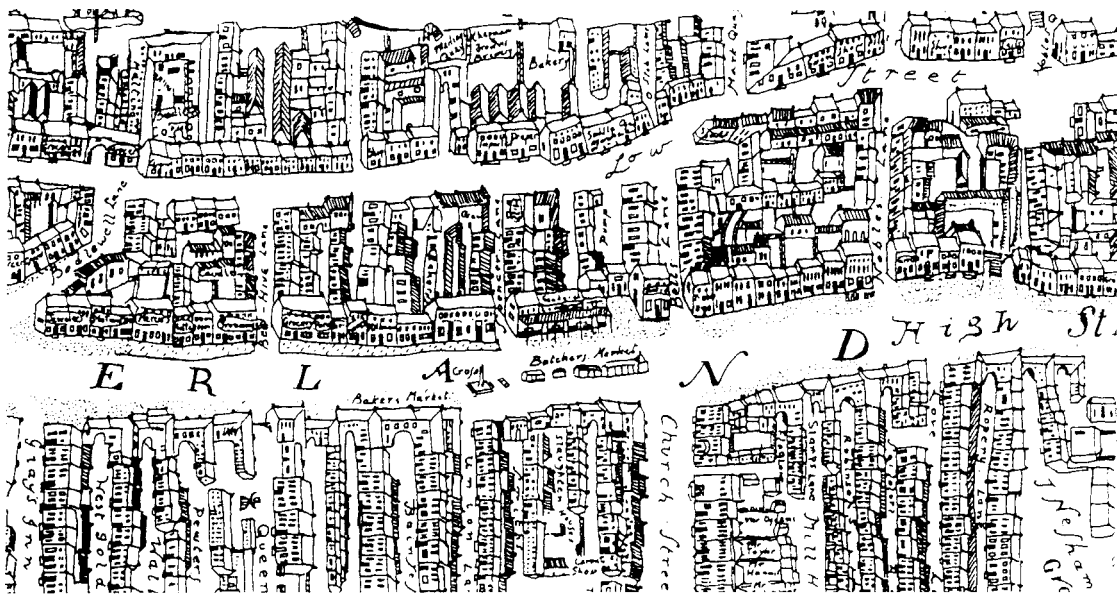
18th CENTURY SUNDERLAND

Judy Ross

Has anyone an ancestor who was in trade in Sunderland in the latter half of the 18th Century? My four times great grandfather William Robson gave his occupation as mercer at his marriage in 1772 at Sunderland, but his Will, proved 30 years later, shows that he had obviously been an extremely capable businessman. Out of general interest I obtained a copy of the book *An eye plan of Sunderland and Bishopwearmouth 1785-1790* by John Rain reproduced and edited by Michael Clay, Geoffrey Milburn and Stuart Miller, 1984, and suddenly there lay the whole of the town in glorious detail. But where exactly had William lived and worked?

It is now possible to see Sunderland Rate Books and Corder's Manuscripts on microfilm at the Family History Centres of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. From the Corder Series I ordered *Families of High Street East*, *Pedigrees of Sunderland* and *Shipbuilders of the River Wear*, and only had to wait five weeks for the films to arrive. By using them in conjunction with the Rate Books, Rain's Eye-Plan and a modern street map it has been possible to build up a picture of William's life in enormous detail.

He was first mentioned on 14 December 1765 as a draper whose shop was in High Street East opposite Church Lane. The address was given in 1771 as No. 160, which he rented from a Mr Hunstrode. Four years later, in 1775, Edward Watson sold Nos. 176 and 177 High Street East, shown as two shops and a dwelling house, to William for £990. William let out No. 177 to Ford & Chimmoner, milliners, and traded as a mercer at No. 176 and lived above both shops. Corder described them as very good premises with a stable, on the north side of the street. There was then a gap of eleven years, but by 1786 William was letting out No. 177 to a grocer, Robert Short, and 176 to C.J. Kay, draper. Finally in 1792 he sold the whole property to Christopher John Kay for £1430.



Amongst many others, Corder drew a map of the two blocks from 167 on the corner of Spencer Lane to 177 next to Bee-hive Lane, and 178 up to Bodlewell Lane, numbered all the shops and said they formed the best business centre in the street. On his Eye-Plan Rain marked 177 *Grocer* and 176 *Mercer*, and drew them three stories high. He gave the two shops bow windows (glazed I imagine with bottle glassy., marked a pavement in front. By counting down the street from Church Street, just as described in 1765. No. 160 was not in such a good position, being the other side of a row of Butchers' shops, all shown on the Eye-Plan with awnings up to protect the meat from the sun. It was two stories high and the windows were ordinary sash ones. High Street East had served as a market area for many years, market day being on Friday. The Market Cross and stocks were half way between Nos. 176 and 160, and the whole area must have been a very busy, noisy and exciting place to live and work in.

In 1786 William moved to a newly built house at No. 129 High Street West and changed his trade to coalfitter (an agent who conducts the sale of coal to shippers). Rain's Eye-Plan shows this a good late Georgian house on the corner of William Street, three stories high, with a courtyard with wrought iron railings in front and a walled garden at the back. William added shipbuilding to his interests, his first venture being a three-masted ship called *Albion*, 336 tons, which he sold to H.M. Government as a sloop of war with 22 guns. It carried a crew of 80 men. He then ran his own small dock, the *Jackdaw*, which turned out one brig each year which he usually kept for shipping coal.

I knew from family tales that William's son had lost all his money, although exactly how was not known; my elderly aunts merely muttered darkly about the evils of gambling on horses. In any case he became bankrupt seven years after William's death when the Jackdaw Dock failed.

I find it amazing that all this could be discovered within walking distance of my house, which is at the other end of the country from Sunderland. I feel sure it would be possible to build up a complete picture of High Street, Low Street, and all the intervening lanes, together with the names of the occupants for most of the 18th Century, and I would be pleased to discuss this more fully with anyone who may be interested.

Does anybody know when these particular shops in High Street East were demolished, and whether any photographs were ever taken of the area?

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MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERESTS

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

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

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

0498 Mr M. McGREGOR, 49 Telegraph Lane, Claygate, ESHER, Surrey KT10 0DT

Doing research for biographies of all commissioned officers of the Durham Light Infantry and its predecessor units which include, for the Regular Army 68th and 106th Foot, and Indian Army 2nd Bombay European Regiment; together with the Durham Militia units from their reconstitution in 1760, and all the various Durham Rifle Volunteer Corps from 1860 through their many changes and amalgamations from Volunteer Battalions to Territorial Infantry Battalions. The aim is for publication in due course, probably in two volumes, one covering regular officers (almost completed) and the second for all others.

Mr McGregor would be glad of any biographical information, especially parentage, marriage, profession and death, particularly for those who served as officers in the Militia and volunteers. He is happy to give details of Military careers as recorded by him.

1500 Mr K.F. GAIR, 72 Coombe Avenue, BOURNEMOUTH, Dorset BH10 5AE.

Seeking the marriage of Wilson Laws to Mary Alexander, native of Blyth. Their first child was born at Hetton-le-Hole 1826. Also the marriage of William Pinkney to Elizabeth Wilkins, native of Darlington; son Thomas Newick Pinkney, born 1830 at Shiney Row.

Baptism of Jane Bach (born circa 1830), daughter of Joshua Tilt Bach, seaman, at St Peters Quay. Also baptism of Jane (born about 1807), daughter of Henry Miller, a keelmaker on the Tyne and a Non-Conformist. The family are believed to have lived in Jarrow/Wallsend area.

2270 Miss T. MISQUITTA, 605 Upper Richmond Road West, RICHMOND, Surrey TW10 5DU.

Researching Paxton, especially James, George (both tailors), Constance, Frederick James, Julia Fox, George William and Frederick. Also Mackintosh/McIntosh (John, Archibald) of Etal, Glanton, Alnwick, Belford, Newcastle. Both families may have originated in Scotland - but where? Family members seem to have moved around a lot and not just in areas specified.

Also seeking the parents and birth of Henry Stephenson, a painter/glazier of Carlisle, born about 1797 in Preston, Lancashire according to 1851 census. He married Sarah Storrow in 1828.

2304 Mrs M.H. POULTON, 102 Straight Road, OLD WINDSOR, Berkshire SL4 2SB.

Researching the family of Henry Maddison, upholsterer, and son of John Maddison, upholsterer. He lived in Newcastle in the 1840s and 1850s. His sons William and Michael became glass silverers in London in the 1870s. Would welcome any information, especially about 1853-1872 and 1877-1897. Would also like to hear from anyone tracing Gibson or Usher families if they have any connections with the glass industry, as Maddisons married into these families.

2907 Ms D.H. HIDROGO, 1909 Wooten Road, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO 80915, UNITED STATES.

Seeking information about William Cook, born 23 May 1828 in County Durham. He went to Dubuque County, Iowa, U.S.A. in 1835. He is believed to be the eldest son of Thomas and Jane Cook. They may have had another son called Joseph, born 15 July 1830. Any information will be gratefully received.

- 3002 Mrs J. WALLER, 44 Gander Green Lane, SUTTON, Surrey SM1 2EJ.
(Tel. 661 9895) Seeking the marriage of Anthony Wilson (b.1806, Sunderland) and Jane Robinson (born circa 1815, Bishop Middleham). They lived in Hartlepool for much of their lives and their children included Matthew, Robert, James and Anthony. Also seeking the birth of Isabella Robinson about 1825 in Dalton le Dale. She married George Herring Horsley in Hartlepool in 1845.
Also, would welcome any information about Calvert family of Kirk Merrington or Darlington. Jane Calvert married John Lamb in Ormesby, Yorkshire. Census returns give her place of birth as Whitehall, Yorks (does not exist) and Longcott, Berks (not in baptism records). However, the man believed to be her brother was born in Durham. Any ideas?
- 3027 Mrs S.F. PASSANT, 18 Ninesprings Way, HITCHIN, Hertfordshire SG4 9NN.
Researching John Kipping, mariner of North Shields, who married Anne Hullock 18 August 1774. Following children baptised at Tynemouth: John 1777, John 1783, Tyzock 1781. Also William Kipping, Lieutenant in Sussex Militia, who married Elizabeth Coppin at Jarrow in 1806, - was he related? Also Robert Kipping (grandson of John born 1783), a sailmaker who married Isabella Nicholson in 1840 at St John's Newcastle. Their daughter Isabella married Horatio William Gowdy, a painter and son of William Gowdy a portrait painter. Would welcome any information.
- 3065 Mr D.G. BRODIE, 3 High Park, MORPETH, Northumberland NE61 2SS.
Researching the following: John Brodie, born 9 January 1838 at Darlington, County Durham; Richard Kay, born 1821, died 23 March 1881 at Scorton, Yorkshire; George Guthrie of Hillgate, Gateshead on Tyne, whose son George was born in Gateshead 2nd July 1854.
- 3092 Mrs B. SANDERS, Town Yeat, High Nibthwaite, ULVERSTON, Cumbria LA12 8DF,
Researching Collingwood. John Collingwood of Lambourne, Essex, born in Northumberland in 1660 according to family records. A John Collingwood and his sister were baptised at Newcastle All Saints on 1st November 1660, son of John Collingwood, a joyner. Baptisms of other children of the joyner are also recorded. However, family records suggest that John of Lamborne was the youngest son of Cuthbert Colling
here is no documentary proof
of this so far. Can anyone help?.
- 3105 Mrs N. PATTISON, 38 Calder Drive, Rainhill, PRESCOTT, Merseyside L35 0NW.
Seeking information on David Patterson, a ships carpenter, who married Elizabeth Wilson around 1850. They lived at Welch's Buildings, Amble, where a son William was born on 23 April 1852. William became a shipwright, probably at Berwick upon Tweed. He moved to Liverpool where he died in 1933 aged 81 years.
- 3137 Mrs R.S.H. CROWTHER, 4 Agar Meadows, Carnon Downs, TRURO, Cornwall TR3 6HS.
Seeking help with research in 1871 census of Parish of St. John in Newcastle upon Tyne, for further information about John Best, cordwainer and his son James Best, domestic coachman/groom, aged 21+ that year. Also Robert Trewick, a currier, and his daughter Alice (aged 21+ at that time). What were the exact ages of these people and where were they born? Also was there a leather tannery, shoemaker or similar business in the parish? James Best and Alice Trewick married on 16 October 1871 and had a son, Robert, who was also a domestic coachman/groom, employed at Holey Hall, Wylam and later at Belsay Hall until World War II. Any information greatly appreciated and any costs will be promptly reimbursed.
- 3158 Miss B. SCHUMER, Flat 1, Manor Gate, 12 St John's Avenue, LONDON SW15 2AD.
Looking for marriage, birthplace and ancestry of Benjamin Dunn, pitman, who died at Shincliff Colliery in 1846 aged 47. His wife Ursula Isabella Lazenby. Three of their sons, William, Richard Lazenby and Benjamin went out to the Bendigo goldfields in Australia. The fourth son, John, a sea-going engineer, was with his father-in-law John Smith, stationmaster at Shincliffe, in 1871. The youngest son, Robert Dunn, was a provision merchant at 50 High Street, Sunderland in 1879. Would like to contact any descendants of these two men.
- 3177 Mrs C.A.M. WILLIS, 44 Blind Lane, CHESTER-LE-STREET, County Durham DH3 4AG.
Seeking birthplace and ancestors of Joseph Metcalfe, born 1770 (he may have had a sister, Elizabeth). He married Hannah Fleck (daughter of Thomas Fleck, Master Mariner of Marske) at St Martins Church, Seamer, in 1799. At the time of his marriage he was land agent for Lord Ravensworth of Ravensworth Castle near Lamesley, and remained so until his death in December 1825; he was buried at Lamesley. His son Joseph died in Ireland in 1846 and his daughters were: Mary (married Paul Glenton, surgeon, of Newcastle), Elizabeth (married Lake), Jane (married Rutherford), Hannah (married Hickman) and Charlotte (married Pyburn).
- 3191 Mr K. RAILTON, 61 Styvechale Avenue, COVENTRY, West Midlands CV5 6DW.
(Tel. 0202 76742) Researching Railton in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Northumberland and in Westmorland pre 1850. Also Turberfield in Newcastle pre 1900, in Staffordshire pre 1940 and in Worcestershire pre 1900. Also interested in Keith of Barrow-in-Furness and Lancashire pre 1920 and of Joliet, Illinois, U.S.A. after 1900; Dent pre 1940 in Barrow-in-Furness, Burton-in-Kendal, Carnforth and Warton; Colligan in Paisley/Kilbirnie in Ayrshire, Scotland, pre 1870. Also Edwin Brown of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, pre 1850. Would like to hear from anyone with similar interests.
- 3196 Mr R.G. SHARPE, 22 Sandelswood End, BEACONSFIELD, Buckinghamshire HP9 2AE.
(Tel. Beaconsfield 674765) Seeking information on the parents of both John Sharp and Thomasin Farrow who were married at Red Marshall on 10 May 1768. Also seeking the parents of Mary Watson who married Paul Sharp in Red Marshall on 18 February 1800. According to the 1861 census Mary Watson was born at Rainton Pit House in 1779.

- 3242 Mrs G.D. MASSAM, 568 Victoria Avenue, VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA V8S 4M6, CANADA
Would like to hear from anyone researching Herberts or Harberts of Durham City and vicinity. Also the name Hind of Tow Law, Merrington and Kirkby Ravensworth (Yorkshire). Seeking birth and parents of Anna Isabella Thompson, daughter of Samuel Thompson, born in Ireland (place unknown) on 5th August 1838. She married John Hind at Chester-le-Street on 20 November 1858; her place of residence was Lumley. John and Anna Hind lived at Tow Law for many years and were innkeepers. The Inkerman, Market, Weardale and Royal pubs were associated with them. Anna died on 2nd May 1932, aged 93.
- 3264 Mrs A.M. LAITHWAITE, 28 Heaviley Grove, Horwich, BOLTON, Lancashire BL6 7QG.
Researching Noble Jackson, son of Michael Jackson, shoemaker, born in Newcastle in 1698. His mother was called Agnes (Noble?). Has anyone come across a book about the Noble family of Walton, Yorkshire which mentions Noble Jackson pre 1740. He was descended from Anthony Jackson, weaver of Newcastle, who was born at Hexham in 1662 and later married Alice.
- 3265 Miss C. THOMPSON, 80 Ladykirk Road, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE4 8AH.
(Tel. Tyneside 272 1966)
- 3266 Mr A. RUDDY, 17 Kingsley Place, Highgate, LONDON N6 5EA.
(Tel. 01 348 2685) Researching Augustine Ruddy, born at Middridge Colliery (which one?) near Bishop Auckland on 19 January. His father, Augustine (Austin), Ruddy 1847-1897, was a mine sinker; he married Ann Grace (nee Benson), the widow of John S. Grace, on 21 March 1876 at Tynemouth. She was the daughter of Michael Benson, printer of Newcastle. Also interested in Patrick Ruddy and his sister Ellen Ruddy who emigrated to St Louis, U.S.A. around the turn of the century. Would welcome anything on Ruddy, Benson, Grace or Fellows/Fellis of Greenside, Durham.
- 3267 Mrs A.M. POSKITT, 7 Willowmead Gardens, MARLOW, Buckinghamshire SL7 1HW.
- 3270 Mrs S. WARD, 14 Banks Walk, BURY ST EDMUNDS, Suffolk IP33 2PA.
- 3271 MR B. WILMOT, 8 Northumberland Avenue, Forest Hall, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE12 9NR
(Tel. Tyneside 266 2506)
- 3273 Mr S.C. HUGHES, 108 South Meadow, CROWTHORNE, Berkshire RG11 7HP
(Tel. Crowthorne 776805) Willing to exchange information about the family of Robert Todd (circa 1735) and his wife Mary Allison and their children: Christopher (1757), Robert (1760), John (1760), Anne (1761), Mary (1764), William (1766), Margaret (1767) and Martha (1769), all of 'Nuttty Hagg' near Byers Green, County Durham. Would like any information about 'Nuttty Hagg'.
- 3274 Mr W.L. HEDLEY, 199 Tilbury Road, Thorney Close, SUNDERLAND, Tyne & Wear SR3 4NN.
(Tel. Wearside 520 1264)
- 3275 Mr F.W. HEIGHINGTON, 190 Tindale Green, NEWTON AYCLIFFE, County Durham DL5 7HQ.
(Tel. Aycliffe 316331)
- 3276 Mr A. ROCHESTER, 24 Shibdon Crescent, BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, Tyne & Wear NE21 5AY.
(Tel. Tyneside 414 8566)
- 3277 Mr D.B. KIRKLEY, 26 Beatrice Street, KEIGHLEY, West Yorkshire BD20 6AL
- 3279 Mr D.M. COPELAND, 22 Ridgeway, Acomb, YORK YO2 5BZ
(Tel. York 791139)
- 3280 Mrs A.D. SMITH, 1 Putnams Drive, Aston Clinton, AYLESBURY, Buckinghamshire HP22 5HH
- 3281 Mrs Y. HUGHES, Applecroft, Meavy Bourne, YELVERTON, Devon PL20 6AR
(Tel. Yelverton 854496)
- 3282 Mr D.A. BERRY, 38 Ormonde Sreet, JARROW, Tyne & Wear NE32 3PB
(Tel. Tyneside 489 1797)
- 3283 Mr S.L. ANGUS, Prospect Cottage, Medburn, Ponteland, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE20 0JD
(Tel. Ponteland 25230)
- 3284 Mr D. HECKELS, 45 Haydn Road, Chaddesden, DERBY DE2 4HS.
(Tel. Derby 670002)
- 3285 Mrs J. HECKELS, 45 Haydn Road, Chaddesden, DERBY DE2 4HS.
(Tel. Derby 670002)
- 3286 Mrs E.E. WOOD, 39 Main Street, Hornby, LANCASTER LA2 8JT.
- 3287 Mrs C.E. RANDLE, 105 Towers Street, Ascot, BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND 4007, AUSTRALIA
Researching Bell and Railton of Haltwhistle. Members of the Bell family owned several properties in the area, including the Tythe Barn, a row of cottages on Castle Hill and a farm called Comb Hill and a pub called the Spotted Cow. The rents were collected by Charlie Bell who used to do the rounds on horseback until one rent day when he was murdered and robbed of the money he had collected. Such an event may have appeared in the local papers but the date is not known, but probably after 1860. There was a stone by the side of the Great North Road to mark the spot. Harry Bell had a Chemist's shop in Haltwhistle and used to sell 'Bells Northumberland Cough Cure'. The shop was sold about 1942. Grandmother Mary Alice Bell (nee Railton) was a gifted artist who took lessons from three spinster ladies of Ridley Hall, Bardon Mill, daughters of Hon. Francis Bowes-Lyon. Great-grandfather Joseph Railton was a local blacksmith whose hobby was taxidermy.
Also does anyone know of a Haltwhistle Local History Society?

- 3288** Mrs A.J. WATTS, 315-7055 Wilma Street, BURNABY, BRITISH COLUMBIA V5E 4B1, CANADA
- 3289** Mrs S.J. PARSONS, 15 The Heights, Wallington, FAREHAM, Hampshire P016 8TL
- 3290** Mrs H.A. WASLEY, 86 Chesterfield Road, ASHFORD, Middlesex TW 15 2ND
(Tel. Ashford 244491)
- 3291** Mrs M. RIDLEY, 66 Birch Crescent, Burnopfield, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE16 6JJ
(Tel. Burnopfield 71437) Researching Coxon/Cockson of Stanley and Lanchester. Seeking the birth of Francis Cockson of Middles (Farm?) Lanchester about 1660. He had a daughter Catherine born 29 March 1691 and a son Thomas born 18 October 1696. Also seeking the birth of William Mathew Malcolm, born 1849 at Burnopfield. Other interests include Fowler of Liverpool c1900 and Donald, Dearham, Cumbria 1729 to 1895.
- 3292** Dr J.R. ELLIS, 30 Leon Avenue, Bletchley, MILTON KEYNES, Buckinghamshire MK2 2HL
- 3293** Mr R.J. COTTRELL, 19 Bellevue Road, BEXLEYHEATH, Kent DA6 8ND
(Tel. 01 303 7000)
- 3294** Mr M.J. MILLER, Sunnyside Cottage, Moorhouse, NEWARK, Nottinghamshire NG23 6LX.
(Tel. Newark 821233)
- 3295** Mrs Z.E. MILLER, Sunnyside Cottage, Moorhouse, NEWARK, Nottinghamshire NG23 6LX
(Tel. Newark 821233)
- 3296** Mr D.A. LEATHARD, 3 Birch Grove, Oughtibridge, SHEFFIELD, South Yorkshire S30 3FG
(Tel. Oughtibridge 2525)
- 3297** Mrs J.E. WALKER, 1 Garden Place, Church Hill, CROOK, County Durham DL15 9DR
(Tel. Bishop Auckland 766518)
- 3299** Miss S.C. ADAMSON, 6 Bowling Street, SANDWICH, Kent CT13 9HA.
(Tel. Sandwich 612693) Researching the Adamson family of Eldon and Shildon in the parish of St Andrews, Auckland, County Durham. Particularly interested in George Adamson, a farmer, son of Samuel and Ann (Nanny) Adamson of Shildon, born 21 June 1807, died 16 May 1856. Any information about this family, particularly before 1800, would be welcome.
- 3300** Mrs S. WILLIAMS, 42 Sturges Road, WOKINGHAM, Berkshire RG11 2HE.
- 3301** Mr R.B. CLAYBURN, 4 Winnham Drive, FAREHAM, Hampshire P016 8QE.
- 3302** Mr R.M. DODDS, 30 The Meadows, West Rainton, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, Tyne & Wear, DH4 6NP.
(Tel. Wearside 584 0322) Would like to hear from anyone who has come across the Wear family in Northumberland. Robert Lewis Weare, (son of Robert Weare born before 1807) married Mary Wardle at Dinnington on 20 May 1849. They were both resident in Dinnington at the time and Robert was a farm labourer. Their son Thomas Henry Wear was born in Murton in 1859. The 1841 census shows no Wear family in Dinnington, but Mary Wardle was there. In 1851 she was living with her parents but her husband was not there. He may have been travelling the county, looking for work.
- 3303** Mrs S.E. DODDS, 30 The Meadows, West Rainton, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, Tyne & Wear DH4 6NP.
(Tel. Wearside 584 0322)
- 3304** Mrs J.M. TAYLOR, 5 Limestone Way, Burniston, SCARBOROUGH, North Yorkshire YO13 ODQ.
(Tel. Scarborough 870544)
- 3305** Mrs C. HUNTLEY, 30 Waterloo Road, Freemantle, SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire SO1 3AR.
(Tel. Southampton 335608) Seeking information about the Thompson family who lived in Howick Street, Monkwearmouth, in 1849 when her great grandfather Charles William Absalom Thompson was born. He was the son of John Thompson, shipwright, and his wife Mary Ann (nee Orchard). Charles, a ship carpenter, married a Durham girl, Isabella Clark, and they moved to Southampton about 1879.
- 3306** Mr M. HULL, 30 Waterloo Road, Freemantle, SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire SO1 3AR
(Tel. Southampton 335608)
- 3307** Mr M.J. PARKER, 44 Lime Tree Avenue, Bilton, RUGBY, Warwickshire CV22 7QT.
(Tel. Rugby 813369) Researching the Parker family of Muggleswick in the 17th and 18th centuries. Family then moved to Stanhope, Durham City and the Staffordshire potteries from the mid 19th century. Can anyone offer advice on how to find a burial record (approx 1800)? All obvious local parish registers have been searched. Also how do you find the position of an unmarked plot in a graveyard? Is it possible to find out where exactly in a village someone lived in 1707?
- 3308** Mr D.I. ARMSTRONG, 30 Pensford Court, Stockwood, BRISTOL BS14 8EQ
- 3309** Mrs E. GOLIGHTLY-RUSK, 14614 Walnut Creek Road, MIDLOTHIAN, VIRGINIA 23112, UNITED STATES
Seeking any information about the family of Benjamin Golightly (mariner 1819-1868, South Shields), son of William Golightly, mariner. Benjamin's second wife, Sarah Tomkinson (1824-1893), daughter of Joseph Tomkinson, shoemaker, was born in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Her second husband was Mark White. Their son, William Joseph Golightly (glassmaker 1860-1929) and his wife Isabella Adams Sims emigrated to America in the 1890s. Isabella Sims (born South Shields 1859-1916) was the daughter of Thomas Sims

(mariner, born 1827 London) and Isabella Adams (born South Shields 1827-1865). She was the daughter of Joseph Adams (shipwright, born 1784 Sunderland) and Mary who was born at Bellsblose? Northumberland in 1784.

- 3310 Mrs N. CROMARTY, 108 Raby Road, DURHAM DH1 5NH
- 3311 Dr T.L.C. DALE, White Rose Cottage, Lumley Lane, Kirkby Fleetham, NORTHALLERTON, North Yorkshire DL7 OSJ.
- 3312 Mrs M.B. SCHOFIELD, 90 Stapleton Road, Tooting, LONDON SW17 8AX.
(Tel. 01 672 9490)
- 3313 Mr H. HOULT, 70 Sixth Avenue, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 2SU
- 3314 Mrs C. ELSON, 1B Ferndale Road, LICHFIELD, Staffordshire WS13 7DJ
(Tel. Lichfield 264127)
- 3315 Miss G.A. MACKENZIE, 4 Grantham Drive, Low Fell, GATESHEAD, Tyne & Wear NE9 6HQ
- 3316 Mr R.T. STROPHAIR, 11 Baswich Crest, STAFFORD, ST17 OHL.
(Tel. Stafford 49164)
- 3317 Mr R.H. MORTON, 623 West Bel Air Avenue, ABERDEEN, MARYLAND 21001, UNITED STATES
Would like to contact descendants of his immigrant ancestor and namesake Richard Morton, who was born in County Durham on 3rd July 1749 and emigrated to America prior to 1770. He may have been the son of Joseph Morton, born 1709 and Agnes Woodson, born 1711, both of whom also emigrated to America.
- 3318 Mr P. CONNON, 40 Dorchester Court, New Hartley, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne & Wear NE25 OSS.
(Tel. Tyneside 237 4188)
- 3319 Ms P.F. GARNHAM, 11 Bascroft Way, Godmanchester, HUNTINGDON, Cambridgeshire PE18 8EG
(Tel. Huntington 53502)
- 3320 Miss D. MEW, 67 Dalton Lane, BARROW-IN-FURNESS, Cumbria LA14 4LB
- 3321 Mrs S. CURRY, 17 Elwick Avenue, NEWTON AYCLIFFE, County Durham DL5 7HZ
(Tel. Aycliffe 319934)
- 3322 Mrs A.L. FRYER, 5 Richmond Villas, Station Road, ILFRACOMBE, Devon EX34 8DF
(Tel. Ilfracombe 64023) Interested in Thomas Pamerley, labourer, who married Edith Smith at Kirk Merrington on 13 April 1800. Children were: Alice, born 30 May 1801, baptised 8 June 1801 at Kirk Merrington, both parents native of Chilton. George, born 10 February 1804, baptised 12 February 1804 at Kirk Merrington, father, labourer, native of St Andrew Auckland, mother native of Chilton. George died in 1869 and is buried at Chepstow. The following children were baptised at Bishop Middleham: Edith (1807-1853), William (1810-1895), Joseph (1814-1896 Walthamstow), Thomas (1816-1854), married Elizabeth Baker at Stanground, Peterborough on 8 October 1851, occupation Engine Driver.
- 3323 Mrs D. BROWN, Park View, Springhill Road, PEEBLES EH45 9ER
(Tel. Peebles 20817)
- 3324 Mr A. ROBSON, 11 Exeter Drive, Haughton, DARLINGTON, County Durham DL 1 2SE
- 3325 Mrs J. DAWSON, 7 High Road, Bishop Middleham, FERRYHILL, County Durham DL17 9BB
- 3326 Mrs L. TOCHER, 11 Coranto Street, ABBOTSFORD, NEW SOUTH WALES 2046, AUSTRALIA
- 3327 Mrs V. HESTER, 85 Badshot Road, Badshot Lea, FARNHAM, Surrey GU9 9NE
(Tel. Aldershot 310135) Seeking help tracing a property somewhere in New Zealand where an ancestor James Wheatley, also known as Charlie Fawcett, farmed sheep. **He died on holiday in Sydney, Australia, between 1910-1920; his age would have been close to 85 years.** His death was not registered in New South Wales. Would welcome any information about his sheep farm.
- 3328 Mrs C. COUPER, 35 Beaconsfield Road, Low Fell, GATESHEAD, Tyne & Wear NE9 5EU
(Tel. Tyneside 487 3926)
- 3329 Miss A.T. RUSH, 313 Sunderland Road, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne & Wear NE34 8PT
- 3330 Mr F.J. WILLIAMS, 14 Eastwick Row, Adeyfield, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire HP2 4JF
(Tel. Hemel Hempstead 53055)
- 3331 Mr K.M. WILSON, 363 Burlington Crescent, LONDON, ONTARIO N5Z 3G9, CANADA
- 3332 Mrs B. MUIR, 15 Reading Road, Woodley, READING, Berkshire RG5 3DA.
- 3333 Mr I.D. LAUDERDALE, 330 Horsley Road, Barmston, WASHINGTON, Tyne & Wear NE38 8HU
- 3334 Miss R.M. MANSFIELD, 3 Camilla Road, Heddon-on-the-Wall, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE 15 OED
- 3335 Mr A.E. MANNING, 24 Wetherill Street, Croydon, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES 2132, AUSTRALIA
Would like to contact any descendants of John Gardner who married Susannah Hopkins at Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 1850. Children were Robert, John, James, Hamlet, Henry and William. They were living in Byker in 1860, Pity Me in 1871 and Byker in 1881. Their son James emigrated to Australia in 1879. Susannah may have married a second time in 1881 to John Calbreath.
- 3336 Mr T.A. RAY, 2 Netherclose, Duffield, DERBY DE6 4DR
Researching Thomas Ray, believed to have been born in the Alnwick area around 1790. He married Margaret Stark, date and place unknown. Their son Thomas was born in Sunderland on 12 February 1818.

SECOND TIME AROUND

- 0028 Mr P.R.D. DAVISON, 27 Fryup Crescent, Kemplah Park, GUISBOROUGH, Cleveland TS 14 8LG.
Trying to confirm descent from John Davison and Isabel Nixon who were married at Ryton in 1771. They lived at Tanfield. A John Davison senior was buried in Tanfield in 1817 aged 82. Could it be the same person? John and Isabel's descendants included at least four generations of railwaymen; their grandson George may have worked with George Stephenson at Killingworth. The family lived at Chirton for a time before working on the Londonderry railway between 3eanam and 3undertand. Atso seekmg information about a collateral ancestor called Patterson who was said to have built Newcastle Railway Station; his wife is buried at Pitington.
- 1212 Mrs T.M. JANSEN, 93 Inyala, 62 Bushland Road, Fynnland, DURBAN 4052, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.
Researching the families of John Beal, Master of the sailing ship Loo Choo, and John Shotton Snaith who married Catherine Rosamund Harker of Yorkshire and Reverend John Snaith who married Miss Shotton? Also the Davies family. William Davies (Mariner) son John Davies born circa 1842 South Wales, (Master Mariner T.G. Hutton,) married Elizabeth Embleton, daughter of Thomas Embleton, blacksmith, on 15 November 1863 at St Thomas, Bishopwearmouth. Children: Edward Davies, ships fitter, born 21 November 1866 at Bishopwearmouth, died 8 May 1907 at Kolomo, Rhodesia. John Davies junior, officer, born about 1869, died 11 August 1915 at Sedgfield, married Frances Maria Walker. Caroline Jane Davies, born 4 December 1870 at Sunderland, married Stephen Shotton of Gloucestershire 9 June 1894. He died 12 July 1915 at Aden. Elizabeth Mary Davies, born 5 January 1874, married Alfred E. Gibson, mariner, who died 'Lost off Cape Trafalgar' on 16 **February 1912** on the S.S. Maroa.
- 1338 Mr M.A. LINCOLN, 8 Reay Gardens, Westerhope, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE5 2NB
Calling all Armstrongs! A family tree of all Armstrongs from the Halwhistle area is being compiled. Would like to hear from descendants of the following: Robert Armstrong of Whitfeld (d.1785), David of Knarsdale (d. 1772), Robert of Hot Bank (d.1859), Robert of Hopealone (married 1799 to Jane of Hindley Steel), Alexander of Cockmont Hill (d.1851), Robert of Wylsike (1710-1800), William of Longsyke (d.1802), James of Horseholm (born c1723), William of Low Starward (d.1825) and Francis of Haltwhistle (circa 1725). The Armstrongs of Allendale are not yet included in this project but I would like to hear from them too, as well as any Haltwhistle Armstrongs missed out.
- 2059 Mr H.W. ANDERSON, 155 Broomhill, DOWNHAM MARKET, Norfolk PE38 9QU
Seeking information on baptism, marriage or death of Thomas Anderson, waggoner, and his wife Margaret, maiden name unknown. Their son John was baptised on 16 August 1820 at St Cuthberts Church, Darlington. Also Michael Bainbridge of Yarm who married Miriam. He was born in Hutton, Yorkshire in 1785. Also seeking baptism, marriage or death of Robert Armstrong, miner, whose son Thomas was baptised at [13ranrinn in 147-1- Also Joseph. Lawson, labourer, whose daughter, Margaret, was baptised at Lanchester in 1830.](#)
- 2267 Mr E.S. ROBSON, 4101 West End Drive, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23229, UNITED STATES
Margaret Robson (born 28 July 1855) married Henry Gamble Wilson in the late 1870s or early 1880s in the Longbenton area of Northumberland. They had five children: Edwin S. Wilson, Ada S. Wilson (who married Mr Hawkins), A.H.B. (Sam) Wilson, M.J.E. (Maggie - Ethel) Wilson and Arthur C.D. Wilson (who had a daughter named Joyce).
Edwin had two sons, Douglas and Leslie. M.J.E. (Maggie, Ethel) Wilson lived at Forest Hall then in County Londonderry in the 1930s and 1940s. Can anyone offer any information about this branch of the family?
- 2292 Mrs S. HUGHES, Fron Ednyfed, Ednyfed Hill, AMLWCH PORT, Gwynedd LL68 9HW
Looking for the birth and marriage of Mathew Turnbull, born in 1750, possibly in Washington. Also the birth and death of a William Turnbull who married Jane Thornton on 27 January 1742 in Washington.
- 2631 Mr J.B. WEATHERILL, 6 Wetherby Road, Grangetown, SUNDERLAND SR2 9SW.
Seeking the following marriages: Edward Blackwood and Jane Graham c1840-1844. Edmund Weatherill and Sarah(?) Blackwood c1850-1860. Both marriages may have taken place in Ireland or Scotland. Also seeking baptisms of Letitia Davidson c1860, perhaps in Ballyasc, County Kildare, Ireland, and of George Henry Lepine, master mariner (born 16 September 1816 at Dover, Kent but no record of his baptism there). He may have been baptised at Canterbury; his father was John Lepine, a joiner.
- 2733 Mrs Z.H. SILVERLOCK, 65 Ozone Terrace, KALAMUNDA 6076, WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Seeking information on George Arnott of Tweedmouth and his wife Jane Ridpath of Ormiston. Their daughter Mary Arnott was born 3 May 1805; she had a twin brother, Andrew. George was a pitman and may have moved to Longbenton, where Mary later married Thomas Hughes. Also interested in Andrew Gilroy, whose daughter Jane was baptised 4 February 1816 at North Shields Wesleyan Methodist Church.
- 2837 Mrs M. JOHNSON, 36 Gurnells Road, Seer Green, BEACONSFIELD, Buckinghamshire HP9 2XJ
Researching Yearle family. The following four marriages took place in Sunderland and I am trying to find out whether there was any relationship between the Yearles and if possible where they came from. A copy of Corder's records for this name has been consulted but there are no baptisms to match the names. Any suggestions?
1763 November 27, John Yearl married Ann Simpson
1771 September 1, Elizabeth Yearl married Francis Carr
1775 December 28, Eleanor Yearle married Anthony Pringle
1781 September 3, Alexander Yearle married Elizabeth Milburn

- 3013 Mr R.A. BROOKE, 26 Oaklands Avenue, Cheadle Hulme, CHEADLE, Cheshire SK8 5DE
Interested in John Charles Pearson who married Isabella Pickering at York on 30 May 1874 by special license; both were 21 years old. They had a son, Thomas Pearson, born in 1875. On the 1881 census he was a six year old scholar, staying with his grandmother (Isabella Pickering age 64) at Great Lumley. John Charles Pearson and his family moved to Australia. His elder brother, Joseph Bland Pearson (a pawnbroker in 1871) went to South Africa.
Does anyone know of a marriage between a Pearson and a Miss Seymour?

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- 0277 Miss M.O. REVELY, 3 Horton House, Cardiff Road, Llandaff, CARDIFF, South Glamorgan CF5 2DL.
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0851 Mrs C.K. SKILLING, 30 Pine Close, Brantham, MANNINGTREE, Essex COI 1 1TP.
0880 Mrs W. BENNETT, 16 Greyshott Laurels, Lindford, BORDON, Hampshire GU35 OQB.
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0925 Mr. I. APLEGARTH, 59 Ash Vale Homes and Holiday Park, Easington Road, HARTLEPOOL, Cleveland **TS24 9RF**.
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2295 Mr B. JOHNSON, 2 Bamburgh Drive, Rosehill, WALLSEND, Tyne and Wear NE28 6JX.
2296 Mrs L.M. JOHNSON, 2 Bamburgh Drive, Rosehill, WALLSEND, Tyne and Wear NE28 6JX.
2365 Mr S.A. BELL, 44 Fennel Grove, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE34 8TJ.
2366 Mrs K. BELL, 44 Fennel Grove, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE34 8TJ.
2376 Mr. M.R. HINDMARSH, 2/29 View Road, Mount Eden, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND.
2534 Mr N. BEACH, 19 Rowley Drive, Ushaw Moor, DURHAM DH7 7QR.
2549 Mrs I.A. MORLEY, Cranberry Cottage, Money Hills, Beamish, STANLEY, County Durham DH9 ORY.
2679 Mrs. S. HERRINGTON, 1 Sheringham Close, Blackeney Wood, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear **SR3 2NH**.
2989 Mr J. TEMPERLEY, 1 Stockdale Place, Westfield Road, Edgbaston, BIRMINGHAM B15 3XH.
3009 Mrs I.M. MUNRO, Brick Barn, Coram Street, Hadleigh, IPSWICH, Suffolk IP7 5NS.
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3052 Mrs K.S. MAINELLI, 6616 Rolling Vista Drive, DALLAS, TEXAS 75248, UNITED STATES.

We regret to report the deaths of members 1674 Mr T. W. Grieve of Reigate and 2900 Mrs O. Green of Darlington. We extend our deepest sympathy to their respective families.