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## EDITORIAL

The first meeting of the Society after the summer break will be held on 7 September at the British Legion Club, West Jesmond, and it is hoped there will be a good turn-out of members to get the autumn session off to a good start. This will be closely followed by the weekend Conference at Trevelyan College, Durham, on 22-24 September, at which some interesting talks are promised. These will be interspersed with "Question and Answer" sessions and other activities, and there will also be opportunities to meet other members of the Society, particularly those from further afield, in pleasant and enjoyable surroundings.

An order form for Volume 4 of the "Index to 1851 Census of Northumberland", covering Bedlington parish, is enclosed with this Journal. Work on these indexes is continuing, but there is a long way to go and any help would be appreciated. Unfortunately the rate at which they can be published is dependent on the rate at which they can be sold, so please place your orders as soon as possible. A nation-wide project to index the 1881 Census is also under way, and we are pleased to hear that several members of the London Group are taking part.

It came as a great shock to hear that Roger Tankerville, one of our most active members, had died in a motor-cycle accident. As well as acting as MI Co-ordinator for five years, Roger played a leading role in the organisation of our Annual Conferences and was a valued member of the committee. He will be sorely missed. We extend our sympathy to his family and friends.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### *Index of Paper Makers*

Mrs Jean Stirk, of Shode House, IGHTHAM, Kent TN15 9HP, has compiled an index of paper makers and their families in the British Isles (but mainly England). It includes details of Master Paper Makers, Journeymen and Apprentices, employers and employees derived from a wide range of sources. In conjunction with this index she is attempting to draw maps showing migration patterns of paper makers, from which additional information will be added when appropriate.

Mrs Stirk will be pleased to search for particular names in return for a stamped addressed envelope (or 3 IRCs), but would appreciate an additional 2nd class stamp to cover cost of cards, photocopies etc. Any details of paper makers and their families will be welcome, but please state source and reference if possible.

### *Family and Local History Day*

Following the success of the "Family and Local History Day" held at Newcastle Civic Centre in November last year, a similar though smaller scale event is being organized by Sunderland Libraries, Tyne and Wear Museums Service and Tyne and Wear Archives Service to be held in Sunderland Central Library, Museum and Art Gallery in Borough Road, Sunderland, on Saturday 21 October 1989.

It is intended to concentrate on the districts of South Tyneside, Gateshead, Sunderland and the north-east area of County Durham, rather than the Tweed to Tees area covered by the 1988 Fair, and our Society has accepted an invitation to take part.

### *News from the Archives*

Tyne and Wear Archives, Blandford Street, Newcastle now have a street index for all the censuses. This covers the Tyne and Wear area, and simplifies the search for the correct Piece Number provided the address is known.

### *Digging for Gold*

A book, *Digging for Gold*, by Helen Doxford Harris, gives a detailed look at the location and availability of records relating to goldfields research. It includes a localities guide, a listing of historical societies and their holdings in the Central Goldfields and a comprehensive name index. The book guides the reader to the location of records on desertions; illegitimacies; mining, court, hospital and asylum material; treatment of destitute families in the last century and newspapers.

It is available from Helen Doxford Harris, P.O. Box 92, FOREST HILL, VICTORIA 3131, AUSTRALIA, price \$15 plus \$3 postage (surface); \$9 (airmail).

## *The Larkman Index*

The rare surname LARKMAN originated in Norfolk in the 16th Century but has now spread round the English-speaking world. There now exists a Larkman Index containing over 2,000 names. Information is free to anyone interested, but a stamped addressed envelope would be appreciated. Contact Frank Randall, 69 First Avenue, Carlton, NOTTINGHAM NG4 1PH.

## THE SPRING MEETINGS

### *April*

At our April meeting Mr G. Coates gave a wonderful slide show on "Aspects of Rural Northumberland". The slides gave a series of pictures starting with a look at the beautiful scenery and views of the Northumberland landscape, followed by a group showing the diversity of rural buildings. There was then a ten-slide quiz to see if the audience knew its Northumberland, and finally a selection of slides showing the north-country throughout the changing seasons. Mr Coates is a man who certainly knows and loves the North Country, and his slides, embellished with anecdotes and tales of history, made a memorable evening.

### *May*

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on 4 May 1989, when the main business concerned the election of officers. It was confirmed that Mr J.A. Ashburner (assisted by his wife) had taken over from Ken Brown as Secretary, and that Mrs F.M. Carr had taken over from Irene Blackburn as Research Editor (responsible for the *Members' Interests* and *Second Time Around* sections of the Journal). It was also confirmed that John Scott, who notified us of his intention to resign as Treasurer two years ago, had finally handed over to Ms Cindy Winter; Cindy has been very much involved in the work during the last two years, but the amount of work involved, particularly in years when the subscription rates were changed, necessitated a prolonged handover period. Ken, Irene and John were all thanked for the invaluable work they had done for the Society. Irene has in the meantime taken on another job on a temporary basis - that of publicising the Society's publications.

Following the AGM a fascinating talk on "Northumberland Family Homes" was given by Mr John Grundy (known to many for his part in the BBC "Townscape" series). The talk, illustrated with a fine collection of slides, covered buildings of all types and periods and the families that lived in them. Although Mr Grundy professed to know little about family history he nevertheless had a good fund of stories about the people who built and occupied the castles, mansions and more humble dwellings with which Northumberland is blessed, and his enthusiasm for his subject kept his audience entertained and interested.

### *June*

The June meeting took the form of a "Questions and Answers" session at which members' problems were discussed and suggestions made for solving them.

## SOUTH TYNESIDE GROUP

As usual we had two meetings in January including the Christmas Dinner at the *Four Seasons Hotel* which attracted members from all areas. There was a good attendance in February to hear Geoff. Nicholson give an unusual talk on "Stargate", a small mining disaster.

There were two meetings in March because we have had to change our meeting date from the first Wednesday to the fourth Wednesday in the month. This was forced upon us by the change of the Newcastle meeting to the first Thursday, and it has caused us to lose some members. In March one of our members, Mrs Cox, gave a talk on a little known aspect of family history - "Adoption". After a talk on "Old Tyneside" with slides in April, Bill Dumble gave an interesting explanation of difficult handwriting with examples at the May meeting.

With more than 2,200 MIs from Westoe Cemetery and an index of Ships and Captains now available in the Library, our next project is to record the MIs at St Mary's at Heworth. This is being organised by Mr Ashburner.

## SOUTH-EAST NORTHUMBERLAND GROUP

At our March meeting we had a talk by Mr Tony Barrow about George Harrison, who was Blyth's first harbour-master from 1848 to 1870. The talk however was more concerned with Harrison's life before he settled in Blyth. He was born in Hartley in 1796, and after serving his apprenticeship on board a collier he became a famous captain of a whaler at a time when the whaling industry was of crucial importance in providing the oil used for lighting and in many industrial processes. Mr Barrow described the harsh life endured by the whaler crews - on one trip to the Davis Straits out of a crew of 50 only 25 survived. Harrison finally came back to Blyth and the comparatively quiet life of harbour-master. He died in 1870, and was buried in Blyth Links Cemetery. Mr Barrow's account of his life was very much appreciated.

In April Alan Angus gave a talk illustrated with slides on his great-great grandfather John Laws of Breckney Hill, who was one of Thomas Bewick's first pupils. Although much has been written about some of Bewick's apprentices there is no mention of John Laws apart from a brief reference to him in Bewick's own "Memoir". However by research into the Beilby/Bewick workshop records and other sources it has been possible to build up a comprehensive picture of John Laws' life first as an apprentice, and afterwards as a silver engraver, farmer and naturalist.

We were pleased to welcome Canon A.F. Donnelly, formerly Vicar at Hartburn, to our May meeting. His fine collection of slides and his fund of stories about the ancient church and the people associated with it kept his audience fascinated. It is clear that during his stay at Hartburn Canon Donnelly has examined and photographed almost every stone in the church and in the churchyard - not to mention the parish registers and other records - and his love of the place and its history was evident.

Work is continuing on the indexing of the 1851 Census, and it is hoped that a booklet covering the Bedlington area will be published in the near future.

## DURHAM GROUP

For our March meeting members were asked to bring along some family heirlooms; this resulted in an enjoyable evening as they had a chance to show off their favourite mementos and explain their origins.

In April Bill Rounce made a welcome return visit and talked about Northumberland and Durham pioneers in the Australian goldfields.

Unfortunately the speaker arranged for the May meeting failed to appear, and so an impromptu problem solving session was held. Eric Davy also recounted some of the highlights of his recent visit to Australia.

## LONDON GROUP

At the Spring meeting of the London Group 26 very enthusiastic members signed up to help with the "1881 Project", a nationwide effort to transcribe the 1881 Census. Much as we would like to help the Society with indexing etc. we "exiles" are too far away to be of practical use locally, so most of us see this Project as an opportunity to do our bit towards Family History Research. This work can be done at home, so if there is anyone reading this who, like us, is unable to join the local northern groups working on other projects, would they please get in touch with Mrs K.E. Craggs, 2 Buckland Rise, PINNER, Middlesex HA5 3QR, the Co-ordinator. The more people we can get to help, the more quickly the transcribing will be done.

The date of the next meeting is Saturday, 11 November 1989, at 10.30 a.m. when Mr John Williams from Romsey will speak on "Coal Mining and Records to Trace Coalminers". He will cover the following: the sources and value of mining accident records to the genealogist; a general outline of coal mining history in this country; the use of women and children in the pits; some statistics on mining disasters; some specific coverage of the Northumberland and Durham coalfields and major disasters.

On Saturday 3 March 1990 at the Society of Genealogists the London Group will hold its first One Day Conference on "Migration". The three speakers will be Mr Anthony Camp on "Migration in England and Wales", Mr William Rounce on "Migration to Tyneside", and Mrs Marnie Mason on "Anglo-Scottish Migration". All three speakers will then sit on a question and answer forum. The price will be £10, to include a two course buffet lunch and refreshments. Please send a stamped addressed envelope for booking form to Mrs Wendy Bennett, 16 Grayshott Laurels, LINDFORD, Hampshire GU35 0QB. Space is limited, so be sure to book your place as early as possible.

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Subscriptions for 1989/90 are due for payment on or before 1 November 1989; as in previous years, for reasons of economy, no receipts will be issued but delivery of the Spring 1990 issue of the Journal may be taken as confirmation that your subscription has been received. The rates, which are held at the same rate for the third consecutive year, are as follows:

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## PAYMENTS IN FOREIGN CURRENCY

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## PAYMENTS IN STERLING

All cheques should be made payable to 'NDFHS', and should be sent with your completed renewal card to our Membership Secretary, whose address is shown on card. As a result of the continuing growth of the Society, it is becoming increasingly difficult to handle the volume of cheque renewals, especially when they continue throughout the year. Please help by paying promptly, and ensure that your cheque is correctly completed and not postdated. In the past we have received a number of postdated cheques, which have a nuisance value far outweighing their cash value!

## MORE CANADIAN GEORDIES

A further list of folk from our two counties who emigrated to Nanaimo, Canada, has been sent to Bill Rounce by Mr Edward Bell. Details of any that might interest you can be obtained from Bill Rounce at 40 Salcombe Avenue, JARROW, Tyne and Wear NE32 3SY:

AKENHEAD, Thomas	Northumberland	DOBESON, Joseph Will	Gateshead
AKENHEAD, Walter	Durham County	FARRAR, Alice Ann	Newcastle
ATKINSON, Rose	Blyth	GODFREY, Mrs Mary	Sunderland
BEAUMONT, Rhoda	Longhirst	GREY, Mrs Margaret	Old Hartley
BURN, Story	Durham County	HAMER, Mrs Isabel	Northumberland
CAMPBELL, Mrs D.	Backworth	HINDMARSH, Mrs Doris	Northumberland
CLARK, James D.	Sunniside	HIRST, Olive G.	Barrington
COTTLE, John	Northumberland	WHITE, Robert E.	Hexham
DAVIS, Thomas			

## AN IRISH EPITAPH

Here lies the body of John Higley  
whose father and mother were drowned on their passage to America.  
Had they both lived they would have been buried here.

*Belturther churchyard, County Cavan.*

# NDFHS JOURNALS

## A BRIEF GUIDE TO THEIR CONTENTS

The following list gives an indication of the many topics covered by articles in previous issues of the Journal. Back numbers of the Journal are available from Mrs C. Davison, 22 Ferndale Avenue, EAST BOLDON, Tyne and Wear NE30 3JD, price £1.00 post free (U.K.), £1.25 (o/s surface) and £2.00 (o/s airmail).

### VOL NO

1	1	Presbyterian Records; Genealogical Sources in Durham Record Office including Church of England Parish Registers.
1	2	Tracing our Catholic Forefathers; Church of England Parish Registers in Northumberland County Record Office.
1	3	Bishops Transcripts at Durham University, Part I.
1	4	Bishops Transcripts at Durham University, Part II; Using Local Records; Genealogical Sources in Newcastle Central Library.
2	1	Genealogical Sources in Gateshead Central Library; Nineteenth Century Education Records of South Shields.
2	2	Methodist Records; Scottish Records; Genealogical Sources in Sunderland Public Library.
2	3	Genealogical Material in Tyne and Wear County Record Office; Palaeography; Some Notes on Wills; Catholics in Hexham in 1687.
2	4	Boyd's Marriage Index; Anglican Records of North Tyneside; Deaths at Sea; Merchant Adventurers of Newcastle upon Tyne.
3	1	Lesser Known Sources in Northumberland Record Office; Parliamentary Survey of County Durham 1647 (Surtees Society).
3	2	Military Records and Family History; Tombstones from the Napoleonic Wars; Cross Border Baptisms 1837-55; Catholics in Callaly, Cartington and Swinburne in 1687.
3	3	The Hearth Tax; The Origin of Surnames; The Muster Rolls of the Northumberland Volunteers.
3	4	Records of Ryton; The Poor of Bishopton, 1842; The Manor of Chester Deanery; Catholics in Newcastle in 1687; Thoughts of Parson Grice (survey of Whickham families, 1835).
4	1	The Tyne Iron Company; Durham Catholic Registers.
4	2	Methodist Records; Catholic Marriages in London.
4	3	Cemeteries; The Black Sheep - Inhabitants of Durham Gaol at the time of the 1851 Census - Part I.
4	4	Some Black Sheep were Blacker than Others- Inhabitants of Durham Gaol at the time of the 1851 Census - Part II.
5	1	Know Your Parish: Medomsley, County Durham; Runaway Marriage Registers at Haddington, 1763-1795.
5	2	Know Your Parish: Heddon-on-the-Wall; The Hexham Riot, 1761; How to Prevent Bodysnatching at Doddington.
5	3	Know Your Parish: Throckington; Graves of Two World Wars
5	4	Know Your Parish: Chollerton; The Lizzie Webber and the Emigrant (ships to Australia in 1852).
6	1	Know Your Parish: Cramlington, Northumberland.
6	2	Know Your Parish: Simonburn; List of Dead in the 1812 Felling Colliery Disaster; Starting from Scratch; Hexhamshire - a most Peculiar Peculiar.
6	3	Know Your Parish: Gosforth; Forgotten Quaker Burial Grounds; Records of Newcastle Freeman The Coming of the Irish to Jarrow and Hebburn.
6	4	Know Your Parish: Heworth; Border Descent; The Society of Genealogists -a guide for beginners.
7	1	Know Your Parish: Hexham; Agricultural Life in Glendale.
7	2	Know Your Parish: Elsdon; Presbyterian Problems.
7	3	Know Your Parish: Ovingham.
7	4	The 1862 Hartley Mining Disaster -names and families of those killed; The Durham Light Infantry at Touranga, New Zealand.
8	1	Know Your Parish: Chester-le-Street; An Introduction to the IGI; Collecting Strays.
8	2	Monkwearmouth - the Lost Registers; Northumberland and Durham Veterans of the 36th Foot.
8	3	Northumberland Hearth Tax, Part I; Research in Scotland; The Crew of the Brig 'Pacific', 1856-1874.
8	4	Local Sources for Research; The London Census Office: a Beginners Guide.
9	1	Know Your Parish: Rothbury; Cornish Miners in Durham; Marriages in Seaham Parish, 1652-1748.
9	2	Know Your Parish: Washington.
9	3	Know Your Parish: Tanfield.
9	4	Durham County Record Office; Student Records.
10	1	Know Your Parish: Hetton-le-Hole; University of Durham Department of Palaeography and Diplomatic - Lists of Holdings.
10	2	University of Durham Department of Palaeography and Diplomatic - Lists of Holdings (continued); Know Your Parish: Tynemouth; Emigration from Durham to Durban, 1820,1849-51.
10	3	The Story of Usworth Parish Registers.
10	4	Where There's a Will.
11	1	Our Ancestors - Conceptions and Misconceptions; Comedians and Hecklers - unusual trades; The Charge of the Light Brigade.

11	2	National Health Service Numbers.
11	3	Know Your Parish: Corsenside; the Corpse and the Sexton.
11	4	Some Borderline Presbyterians; Search for a Seaman (Seaman's Tickets issued in Sunderland 1844); A Platoon Roll Book, 1917 - Northumberland Fusiliers N.E. Railway Battalion.
12	1	Know Your Parish: Felton.
12	2	Burial Registers - A Neglected Source; Archives at Risk; Bombardment of Hartlepool, 1914; Founding of South Australia.
12	3	Know Your Parish: Alnham; An Elizabethan Pew List; Society of Genealogists Sources for Northumberland and Durham.
12	4	Description of Seghill in 1872; The New Genealogical Library at Salt Lake City.
13	1	Know Your Parish: Whittingham; Newcastle Apprenticeships, 1793-1795; An Alternative Method of Research (Distribution patterns).
13	2	Transportations from the Newcastle Quarter Sessions, 1836-55; Catholic Ancestors.
13	3	Know Your Parish: Ponteland; Newcastle Keelmen in the 18th Century.
13	4	Know Your Parish: Kirkharle; A Visit to the Mormon Library in Salt Lake City. Child Emigration to Australia.

## FUTURE PROGRAMME

*Wednesday, 23 August 1989*  
South Tyneside Group Meeting.

*South Shields, 8.00 p.m.*

*Thursday, 7 September 1989*  
Northumberland and Durham Family History Society Meeting. Mr W. Rounce will give a talk on "Immigration into Northumberland and Durham".

*Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.*

*Thursday, 14 September 1989*  
Sunderland and District Group meeting.

*Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.*

*Monday, 18 September 1989*  
Durham Group meeting.

*Durham, 7.30 p.m.*

*Tuesday, 19 September 1989*  
South-East Northumberland Group Meeting. "Beginner's Night", at which it is hoped to have the IGI microfiches and reader available.

*Blyth, 7.30 p.m.*

*Wednesday, 27 September 1989*  
South Tyneside Group Meeting. Mr John Landells will give a talk on "The Tyne Past and Present".

*South Shields, 8.00 p.m.*

*Thursday, 5 October 1989*  
Northumberland and Durham Family History Society Meeting. Mr W. Dumble will give a talk on "Parish Records".

*Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.*

*Thursday, 12 October 1989*  
Sunderland and District Group Meeting.

*Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.*

*Monday, 16 October 1989*  
Durham Group Meeting.

*Durham, 7.30 p.m.*

*Tuesday, 17 October 1989*  
South-East Northumberland Group Meeting.

*Blyth, 7.30 p.m.*

*Wednesday, 25 October 1989*  
South Tyneside Group Meeting.

*South Shields, 8.00 p.m.*

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.

## REMINDER FROM THE LIBRARIAN

I hope that members will be purchasing the new Library Catalogue and making use of our postal service. May I make a plea to them to read the 'Introduction' and notes on 'Using the Library', especially regarding postage and packing costs. Omitting to return the stamps means cost to the Library and so restricts further purchases of books.

*Doreen Tait, Librarian*

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## *Strays in Guernsey*

Mr Alex Glendinning, 34 Highlands Close, Maison St Louis, St Saviour, JERSEY, Channel Islands, writes:

"Whilst searching through microfilms of various marriage registers at the Priaulx Library in Guernsey recently, I came across the following entries which may be of interest to your readers:

*John Little of the town of West Chivington in the County of Northumberland in England, and Martha Le Vallet of St Peter Port, were married together on the 21st day of April 1748 in St Andrew's Parish Church.*

*Anthony Summers, born at Durham in England, and Susannah Huet of the Vale, were married together on the 3rd day of May 1748 in St Andrew's Parish Church.*

*Bartholomew Cock, formerly of Folkstone in Kent, now Guernsey, Mariner and Ann Hutching, formerly of Sheels \* in Northumberland have been married together on the 24th day of October 1759 in the Parish Church of St Peter Port.*

*Michael Thomas Green of Stockton in the Bishoprick of Durham and Grace Peenley of Exeter have been married together on the 22nd day of February 1761 in the Parish Church of St Peter Port.*

*Master Edward Short of Sunderland\*\* in England and Mistress Jane Marrett of St Peter Port have been married together on the 28th day of May 1761 in the Parish Church of St Peter Port.*

\* I expect this is a mis-spelling of Shields.

\*\* I have further details of this man's descendants as he is one of the people I am currently researching. If and interested parties would care to write to me I would be especially pleased to hear from them."

## *Photographs*

Mrs Dorothy K. Marshall, of 653 Patricia Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 3A8, CANADA, writes:

"My roots are in the Haltwhistle/Alston area, straddling the Northumberland/Cumberland border. Some of the old farmhouses there are being converted into holiday homes to be used at weekends by city people. A pile of old stones is all that remains of many an ancestral home. Even those occupied by the same family for generations are being modernised with picture-windows and glassed-in porches.

Please, those of you fortunate enough to be still resident in those country areas, photograph our old homes and churches before it is too late!"

## *1851 Census Indexes*

Mrs E.R. Reynolds, of 54 Parkhill Road, BEXLEY, Kent DA5 1HY, writes:-

"The Woolwich and District Family History Society has completed a surname index to the whole of the Woolwich 1851 Census (HO 107/1588 and 1589). This represents 32,000 people, and includes many from the North of England, particularly among the Dockyard workers. As well as general households, there are several barracks covered, as well as the convict hulks *Warrior, Hebe, Wye* and *Unite*.

Enquiries are welcomed in respect of ancestors thought to be in the area at the time. A list of up to 10 folio numbers of a given surname will be supplied if requests are accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope and a contribution of £1 to the Woolwich and District Family History Society's funds. Enquiries should be made to Mrs Reynolds at the above address.

A similar index covering East and West Greenwich (HO 107/1586 and 1587) has also been completed, but in this case enquiries should be addressed to E.W.L. Keymer, 1 Westbrook Road, LONDON SE3 ONS."



## Multiple Baptisms

Mr Ronald Leith, Administrator of the Family History Shop, 152 King Street, ABERDEEN AB2 3BD, writes:

"Further to Mrs Gooder's letter in the Winter 1988 Journal, and Mr Arthur Brack's article in the Spring 1989 Journal, I am surprised that neither of them mentioned using the indexes on micro-fiche of the pre-1855 baptisms and marriages of the Church of Scotland, known as the OPR (Old Parochial Register) index. Although this has not yet been made available for all Scottish counties, an index has been available for Aberdeen City and County for a number of years. The OPR index contains frame numbers (FR followed by, a number), against any entry which is out of chronological order in the original register. Thus Mrs Gooder's entries of 1826, 1828 and 1830 would all have been located easily by referring to this index. The FR number is located at the top right corner of each frame on the film of the parish register, and merely by winding on to the correct frame number the entry which is out of order can be found. The IGI does not have this information."

## SOME WENT MISSING

Bill Rounce

When we search for a missing member of our family about the middle of the 19th century the Australian Gold Rush period has obvious possibilities. A book by J. Melton *Ship Deserters 1852-1900*, published in 1986 by the Library of Australian History, offers great possibilities in this field, containing as it does 10,000 notified desertions, strays and stragglers from Her Majesty's ships. Although non-government vessels accounted for most of the desertions from 1852 until 1857, after this period Her Majesty's ships provided an increasingly large proportion and became almost dominant after 1864.

Before 1864 information on deserters was fairly scanty, but after this date the man's ships, age and birthplace were usually included, and frequently trades and tattoo marks also. Most deserters appear to have been born in the counties along the English Channel, but at least the following were from Northumberland and Durham.

Matthew Atkinson, 18 April 1861, *HMS Miranda*, born 1825 Shirtly (sic) Bridge, Durham  
Peter Atkinson, 24 February 1886, *HMS Dart*, born 1865 North Shields, Northumberland  
Joseph Bell, 16 February 1898, *HMS Pylades*, born 1876 Wallsend, Northumberland  
William Bell, 16 April 1882, *HMS Nelson*, born 1862 Northumberland  
William Hy. Geo. Burgess, 1 February 1899, *HMS Royalist*, born c. 1880 Gateshead  
Thomas Burton, 18 April 1882, *HMS Diamond*, born West Hartlepool  
John Forbes, 28 July 1880, *HMS Emerald*, born 18 August 1855 Sunderland  
William Fothergill, 7 September 1898, *HMS Royal Arthur*, born c. 1877 Northumberland  
William Fraser, 22 November 1882, *HMS Nelson*, born 1858 Durham  
John Grainger, 27 July 1881, *HMS Bacchante*, born 1862 Newcastle  
William Gray, 21 November 1886, *HMS Salamander*, born 1843 Durham  
George Haw, 21 November 1892, *HMS Rapid*, born 1863 Durham  
Charles Richard Hope, 26 February 1890, *HMS Egeria*, born 1871 Hexham, Northumberland  
Robert Johnson, 24 November 1859, *HMS Iris*, born 1836 North Shields, Northumberland  
William Johnson, 5 September 1900, *HMS Mildura*, born c. 1881 Newcastle upon Tyne  
(William Johnson was arrested and handed over to the Naval authorities)  
John Leadbeater, 8 August 1883, *HMS Diamond*, born 1852 Durham  
William John McDonald, 10 February 1886, *HMS Paluma*, born 1861 Westgate, Newcastle  
F.W. McQueen, 16 February 1887, *HMS Paluma*, born 1867 Stranton, Durham  
Thomas Morris, 10 January 1866, *HMS Salamander*, born Sunderland  
George Pattison, 12 April 1858, *HMS Megaera*, born 1835 South Shields, Durham  
William Stafford, 10 June 1859, *HMS Cordelia*, born 1831 Sunderland  
Alexander Stewart, 28 August 1893, *HMS Orlando*, born 1874 Hendon, Sunderland  
William Vickers, 8 September 1859, *HMS Niger*, born 1835 Newcastle  
Edward Watson, 25 August 1890, *HMS Mohican*, born April 1863 Darlington, Durham  
George Witney, 15 December 1869, *HMS Phoebe*, born 1846 Northumberland  
John Wood, 8 December 1897, *HMS Mildura*, born c. 1876 Durham  
John or Joseph Wicks, 15 April 1858, *HMS Megara*, born 1822 Hartlepool, Durham  
Joseph Wilkinson, 4 June 1862, *The Lady McDonald*, born 1840, North of England dialect

Various rewards were offered for the apprehension of these men, but as the offer was limited in time maybe the only satisfaction will come from finding one of yours.

# PRISONERS DISCHARGED IN VICTORIA

The following information regarding prisoners discharged from penal establishments in Victoria in the period 1868-1881 has been taken from the Victoria Police Gazette by Ms Helen Harris (a previous list covering 1871 and 1873 was published in the Spring 1988 Journal).

The first place mentioned is the gaol in which the sentence was served, the second the venue of the trial. The last date mentioned is the week in which the prisoner was released. Physical characteristics have not been included, but are available in the documents.

1868 LYNN, John. Ararat, Ararat, 9 months for larceny, native of Durham, England, blacksmith born 1811, first conviction, arrived 'Covenanter' 1855. 21st January.

WILSON, Mary. Ballarat, Ballarat East, 3 months for indecent behaviour, native of Newcastle on Tyne, England, prostitute born 1843, one previous conviction, arrived 'Theresa' 1863. 11th February.

BLACKETT, John Henry. Ballarat, Ballarat West, 6 months for stealing a watch value £4, native of Durham, chemist born 1848. First conviction, but has been reserved since for lunacy, arrived 'Sir Roger De Coverly' 1865. 31st March.

BRYANT, Richard. Melbourne, Melbourne, 1 year, 2 years and 1 year cumulative for receiving stolen property, two charges; also burglary and stealing, native of Newcastle on Tyne, England, moulder born 1846, arrived 'Suffolk' 1865, free. 28th April.

FOSTER, Fanny, Ballarat, Ballarat East, 3 months for stealing apparel from the Female Refuge, native of Newcastle, England, widow born 1841, several previous convictions, arrived 'Bombay' 1858. 5th May.

WATSON, Joseph. Ballarat, Buninyong, 3 months for aggravated assault, native of Durham, England, miner born 1835, arrived 'Shakespeare' 1858. 30th June.

CHARLTON, Edward. Ballarat, Ballarat West, 3 months for stealing a shirt value 6/6d, native of Shields, England, labourer born 1843, 5 previous convictions, arrived 'Clifton' 1849. 7th July.

LEE, Joseph. Ararat, Ararat, 2 months for indecent conduct, native of Northumberland, England, labourer born 1831, first conviction here, arrived 'Great Britain' 1854. 29th September.

HANNA, Elizabeth. Beechworth, Rutherglen, 5 months for larceny, native of North of England, servant born 1853, received 7 days imprisonment for larceny Beechworth 10th April 1868, year and ship of arrival not given. 27th October.

1869 OGILVEY, William. Ballarat, Ballarat East, 14 days for gambling at cards, native of Northumberland, miner born 1828, arrived 'Nimrod' 1865. A stranger to this gaol. 5th January.

LIDDLE, Mary Ann. Ballarat, Smythesdale, 3 months for vagrancy, native of Durham, prostitute born 1851, arrived 'Young America' 1857, one previous conviction. 9th March.

WILSON, Thomas. Ballarat, Ballarat East, 3 months for assault, native of Durham, miner born 1828, arrived 'Mendora' 1856, not previously known at this gaol. 20th April.

LIDDLE, Mary Ann. Ballarat, Smythesdale, 6 months for vagrancy, born Durham, prostitute born 1851, arrived 'Young America', two previous convictions. 20th December.

1870 FLETCHER, Thomas. Ballarat, Ballarat East, 3 months for obstructing a constable on duty, native of Durham, miner born 1832, arrived 'Arcadia' 1857, not previously known at this gaol. 21st February.

TAYLOR, George, alias THOMPSON. Melbourne, Melbourne, 3 months for vagrancy, native of Newcastle on Tyne, labourer born 1800, arrived 'Red Jacket' 1857, seven previous convictions. 4th July.

FORREST, Richard. Ballarat, Ballarat West, 1 month for stealing 1/6 from a dwelling, native of Durham, gasfitter born 1853, arrived 'Sussex' 1869, no previous convictions. 11th July.

DAFTER, James. Ballarat, Ballarat East, 3 months for stealing a bottle of sherry, native of Durham, Labourer born 1842, arrived 'Stebonheath' 1851, several previous convictions. 11th July.

1872 ELLIOTT, John. Melbourne, Pentridge, 5 years for housebreaking and stealing, born 1818 Durham, stonemason, arrived 'Asia', bond. Discharged week ending 25th March.

HART, Joseph. Geelong, Geelong, 3 months for false pretences, born 1833 Sunderland, cook arrived 'General Hewish' to Adelaide 1865. Discharged week ending 15th July 1872.

HENDERSON, John. Ballarat East and Ballarat, 14 days for stealing a picture, born 1804 Northumberland, painter, arrived 'John Scotia' 1870. Discharged week ending 23rd September 1872.

COOPER, James. Smythesdale, Ballarat, 6 weeks for assault, born 1810 Northumberland, labourer, arrived 'Morning Light' 1854. Discharged week ending.

- 1874 WILSON, Thomas, Ballarat East, Ballarat, occupier of a house of ill fame, 3 months, native of Durham, miner born 1823, first conviction. Discharged week ending 26th January 1874.
- SMITH, Elizabeth. Ballarat East, Ballarat, Habitual drunkard, 2 months, native of Newcastle on Tyne, servant born 1854, fourth conviction. Discharged week ending 23rd March 1874.
- CRAIG, James. Port Melbourne, Melbourne, larceny, 6 weeks, native of Newcastle on Tyne, fisherman born 1830. Discharged week ending 25th May 1874.
- ROBINSON, Mary Ann. Ballarat East, Ballarat, drunkenness, 3 months, native of Newcastle upon Tyne, widow born 1801, second conviction. Discharged week ending 29th June 1874.
- NICHOLSON, William, alias YARMANS, tried Melbourne, Pentridge, receiving stolen property, 4 years, native of Sunderland, sweep born 1833, see Police Gazette list 6.2.1871 (called YANNAMS). Discharged week ending 13th July 1874.
- 1875 BECKETT, Elizabeth. Bendigo, Bendigo, larceny, 2 months, born 1854 Durham, servant, arrived 'Empire of Peace' 1861. Discharged week ending 12th April 1875.
- CRAWFORD, George. Kyneton, Kyneton, threatening language, 6 months in default of finding bail to keep the peace, born 1823 Northumberland, quarryman, first conviction. Bail found- on- 16th, discharged week ending 28th August 1875.
- RYDER, Michael, alias Thomas SMITH, Melbourne, Pentridge, receiving stolen property, 4 years and 8 months, born 1841 Newcastle on Tyne, shoemaker, arrived 'Indian Queen' no date. See [V.P.G. 12.6.1871 Discharged](#) week ending 5th July 1875.
- DAVIS, George, alias Christopher WALLACE alias Chinaman Jack. Melbourne, Pentridge, 3 charges of larceny, 2 years and 6 months, born 1833 Sunderland, equestrian, see [V.P.G. 14.4.1868 Discharged](#) week ending 23rd August 1875.
- 1876 CRAWFORD, George. Kyneton, Kyneton, insulting language - 10 days; threatening language - 12 months in default of bail, born 1823 Northumberland, contractor, 1 previous conviction. Found bail on 21st December. Discharged week ending 3rd January 1876.
- CARR, Thomas. Echuca, Pentridge, inflicting bodily harm, 2 years, born 1846 Northumberland, labourer, arrived 'Greyhound' no date. Discharged week ending 7th February 1876.
- BURDEN, Hannah. Ballarat East, Ballarat, habitual drunkard, 3 months, married, born 1838 Newcastle, arrived 'Persia' 1852, several previous convictions for drunkenness. Discharged week ending 14th February 1876.
- FOSTER, Richard, alias FORREST, Melbourne, Pentridge, burglary, 2 years, born 1852 Sunderland, gasfitter and tailor, see [V.P.G. 12.6.1871 Discharged](#) week ending 17th July 1876.
- LEWIS, George, Heathcote, Bendigo, larceny, 14 days, born 1818 Sunderland, miner, 'Spray of the Ocean' 1854, free. 1 previous conviction in this gaol. Discharged week ending 6th November 1876.
- 1877 ROBINSON, Mary A., Ballarat East, Ballarat, habitual drunkenness, 1 month, born 1801 Newcastle on Tyne, widow, arrived 'Covenanter' 1854, several previous convictions. Discharged week ending 19th March 1877.
- RYAN, Michael, alias RYDER. Melbourne, Pentridge, vagrancy, 6 months, born 1841 Newcastle on Tyne, discharged from Pentridge 21.9.1876 as Ryder. Discharged week ending 16th July 1877.
- CORR, Thomas, alias CARR, Echuca, Sandhurst, intent to commit a felony, 6 months, born 1845 Newcastle on Tyne. Two previous convictions, see 7.2.1865. Discharged week ending 1st October 1877.
- 1878 ROBINSON, William, alias STRAHAN, Climes, Ballarat, larceny, 3 months, born 1845 Northumberland, miner. Discharged week ending 31st December 1877.
- ANDERSON, John, Ballarat East, Ballarat, larceny, 1 month, born 1805 Newcastle on Tyne, painter. Discharged week ending 4th March 1878.
- RYDER, Michael, alias Michael RYAN, alias Thomas SMITH, Melbourne, Pentridge, larceny, 12 months, born 1830 Newcastle on Tyne, discharged July 1877 as Michael Ryan. Discharged week ending 1st July 1878.
- STRACHAN, William, alias ROBINSON, Ballarat City, Ballarat, larceny, 3 months, born 1845 Northumberland, miner, 3 previous convictions. Discharged week ending 22nd July 1878 (Note Strachan/Strahan).
- MOSS, Richard, Sandridge, Pentridge, assault, 1 month, born 1849 Northumberland, seaman. Discharged week ending 25th November 1878.

ARCHER, Robert J., Oakleigh, Pentridge, larceny, 1 month, born 1846 Newcastle on Tyne, engine fitter, deaf and dumb. Discharged week ending 30th December 1878.

1879 STRACHAN, William, Melbourne, Pentridge, larceny, 2 months, born 1845 Sunderland, labourer, one previous conviction. Discharged week ending 27th January 1879.

PLOUGH, George, Melbourne, Pentridge, insulting behaviour, 14 days or fine, born 1853 North Shields. Discharged week ending 10th February 1879.

DOWSEY, Richard, Kerang, Sandhurst, stealing a hogshead of ale, 3 months, born 1849 Durham, not previously known here. Discharged week ending 1st April 1879.

STRACHAN, William, Melbourne, Pentridge, larceny, 14 days, born 1845 Sunderland; see previous entry. Discharged week ending 14th April 1879.

COSER, Philip, Emerald Hill, Pentridge, vagrancy, 3 months, born 1810 Sunderland, 2 previous convictions. Discharged week ending 23rd June 1879.

YARMANS, William, Melbourne, Pentridge, larceny, 3 months, born 1832 Sunderland, boatbuilder, discharged from Penal Establishment Pentridge 9.8.1879 as William Crosby. Discharged week ending 24th November 1879.

1880 HENDRY, Robert, Melbourne, Pentridge, larceny, 1 month, born 1850 Newcastle on Tyne, engine fitter, first conviction. Discharged week ending 29th March 1880.

ADAMSON, Robert, Sandhurst, Pentridge, false representation, 2 years, born 1852 Newcastle on Tyne, clerk, arrived 'Swiftsure', first conviction. Discharged week ending 24th May 1880.

STEEL, James, Sandhurst, Pentridge, unlawfully wounding, 3 years, born 1832 Northumberland, wheelwright, one previous conviction. Discharged week ending 21st June 1880.

ALEXANDER, Jacob, Melbourne, Pentridge, larceny as a bailee, 2 years, born 1849 Newcastle on Tyne, painter and glazier, 'Samuel Plimsoll' to Sydney, no date. Discharged week ending 12th July 1880.

BARNFATHER, Fenwick, Ballarat, Maryborough, indecent assault, 12 months, born 1828 Durham, miner. Discharged week ending 20th September 1880.

McDEE, Arthur, Bransholme, Portland, no visible or lawful means of support, 6 weeks, born 1813 Northumberland. Discharged week ending 20th December 1880.

1881 WALLACE, John B., alias George DAVIS, Melbourne, Pentridge, housebreaking 4 years, receiving 3 years cumulative, born 1833 Sunderland, labourer; discharged from Pentridge 20.5.1877 as George Davis. Discharged week ending 18th April 1881.

BLACKETT, John H., alias John HURST, Beechworth, Pentridge, horsetealing 3 years, stealing watch and chain 18 months, stealing in dwelling 7 years, cumulative, born Durham 1849, chemist. Discharged week ending 23rd May 1881.

GOULD, Cornelius, Melbourne, Pentridge, 3 charges larceny, 12 months, 6 months, 6 months, cumulative, born 1858 Newcastle on Tyne, boilermaker. Discharged week ending 23rd May 1881.

RYDER, Michael, Collingwood, Melbourne, 3 months for larceny, born 1841 Newcastle on Tyne, shoemaker, 8 previous convictions. Discharged week ending 6th June 1881.

BATES, James, Rochester, Sandhurst, 1 month stealing bacon, born 1842 Newcastle on Tyne, baker. Discharged week ending 29th August 1881.

FENNEY, Samuel, Sandhurst, Sandhurst, 7 days or fine for stealing a growing plant, born 1838 Newcastle on Tyne, gardener. Discharged week ending 12th September 1881.

A photostat copy of the information in the Gazette is obtainable from the Police Historical Unit, Russell Street Garage, Russell Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000, Australia. A donation to the Police Historical Society is requested, as well as a stamped self-addressed envelope. Further information, sometimes including a photograph, is available from the Public Record Office, but a researcher would have to be hired as the PRO does not undertake research. The criminal registers are held at the PRO, not at the Police Historical Unit. Ms. Harris is willing to undertake research at the PRO, but as each visit entails two hours travelling time, and all material has to be copied by hand (no photocopying is permitted), she asks for \$20 per person to cover expenses. Her address is 20 Abelia Street, Nunawading, Victoria 3131, Australia.

# KNOW YOUR PARISH: XXV

## FORD

*J K. Brown*

Two of the most delightful and picturesque villages in the whole of Northumberland are in the northern parish of Ford. Ford and Etal are only two miles apart, and both are steeped in history and have royal connections.

It was at nearby Flodden that on 9 September 1513 the last and most ferocious battle between the two kingdoms was fought. Scotland's gallant and most loved King James IV fell, hacked to pieces amid the bodies of thirty of his nobles including twelve earls and his natural son Alexander Stuart. Nine thousand Scotsmen were killed, and there is scarcely a Scottish family of eminence that does not have an ancestor slain at Flodden.

Ford village, amongst tall and sturdy trees, is pleasantly situated on a gentle slope of a hillside near the river Till, a tributary of the Tweed. The gates at the entrance to the 13th century castle are at the west end of a wide avenue of stone-built houses amongst which are the former schoolhouse and the idyllic little post office cum general store. Squirrels may sometimes be seen playing on the wide grass verge bordering the avenue which runs through the village from east to west. The building which until 1957 was the schoolhouse was built by Louisa, Marchioness of Waterford, and inside are murals painted by her. Lady Louisa, a bridesmaid to Queen Victoria, was a descendant of the Delavals; widowed at 40, she came to live at Ford Castle in 1859, and decided to decorate her new school with paintings of scenes from the bible. Most of the characters were drawn from villagers and school children who would sit for her in her studio in the castle. The Marchioness is recognised as an accomplished Victorian artist, and some of her works are in the Tate Gallery.

Ford Castle was originally built about 1282 by Odinal de Ford. Through marriage and failure of the male line it has in turn passed from the Fords to the Herons, in whose family it remained until mid-16th century, and to the Carrs, the Winkles, the Blakes, the Delavals and so to the Marchioness of Waterford. **Finally it passed to the ancestors of the present owners, the Joiceys.** It is now a residential college run by Northumberland County Council.

In 1385 the castle was destroyed by the Scots, and it was again badly damaged by James IV before the battle of Flodden. In 1549 a party of Scots led by a French general attacked the castle, but in spite of a severe pounding the defenders held out in one tower. It was largely restored when occupied by Sir John Delaval in 1761, and again a century later by Louisa, the widow of Henry, 3rd Marquis of Waterford.

The parish church of St Michael, despite much restoration, is an ancient structure dating from the 13th century. In 1314 it was burned down by the Scots (not them again!), but was restored then and again in 1598. By 1663 the building was in a bad state: the chancel was in ruins and without a roof, the nave was not a great deal better, and during services if it rained no-one could remain dry. Dr George Chalmers, who came to Ford in 1690 as rector, did much in the way of restoration, and by 1725 the church was described as being regular and neat. The Delavals restored the chancel.

The long list of Rectors starts with Henry, parson of Ford in 1241. He was followed by Walter Heron in 1248, and later there is Robert Heron, 1291-1314, Roger Heron 1326, and another in 1346. In 1496 Lawrence Heron was ordained as sub-deacon. The church registers date from 1683, and an interesting entry is that of 22 June 1868:

"The R. Hon. Adelbert Wellington Brownlow Cust, Earl of Brownlow, Belton, Lincs, married Adelaide Talbot, daughter of R. Hon. Earl of Shrewsbury, by special licence."

Adelbert, the 3rd Earl, Viscount Alford, Baron Brownlow, died in 1921, and Adelaide, the youngest daughter of the 18th Earl of Shrewsbury, died in 1917. They died without issue and the Earldom became extinct. At the time of the wedding they would be staying at Ford Castle with Louisa, the widow of the 3rd Marquis of Waterford, to whose family Earl Brownlow was related.

Within three miles of Ford is the equally delightful village of Etal, with its ruined castle at the west end of the village and Etal Manor or Hall, occupied by Lord Joicey, at the east end. As at Ford the main avenue runs along the length of the village. The cottages on both sides are not as handsome as those at Ford, but the old 'pub', the Black Bull, with its thatched roof, so unusual in Northumberland, certainly adds to its charms.

The castle was built by Robert Manners in 1341, only a few years after the Herons were given licence to fortify their manor house at Ford. Robert Manners was Lord of Etal in 1232. In about 1460 Sir Robert Manners married Eleanor, sister and co-heir of Edmund Lord Roos. He brought the barony of Roos into his family, and his grandson, Thomas Manners, Lord Roos, was created Earl of Rutland in 1525. The Earl did not live in Etal, and in 1547 exchanged his Northumberland estates for lands elsewhere; Etal became the property of the crown, and was tenanted by a branch of the illustrious family of Collingwood. After the Union of the two crowns Etal was granted to George Hume, later the Earl of Dunbar; he died without male issue in 1611 after transferring his property to Lord Howard de Walden, who later became Earl of Suffolk. In 1636 it was purchased by the Ker/Cans of Roxburgh. Sir William Carr was the last of the name to possess Etal as his only son had died as an infant and the property went to his daughter who in 1762 married the Earl of Erroll. Eventually through early deaths, failure of male issue and marriage of female heirs, the estate passed to Augusta, heir to the 4th Earl of Glasgow and widow of Lord Frederick Fitzclarence. On her death the estate passed to William George, 17th Earl of Errol, whose son sold it to Laing of Sunderland. He in turn sold it to the Joicey family, who are still in possession.

The royal connection is that Lord Frederick Fitzclarence was the illegitimate son of King William IV and Mrs Jordan. Lord and Lady Fitzclarence made their home at Etal, and when his Lordship died as Commander in Chief of the Army in Bombay in 1855 his body was interred at Ford. Their only child, Frederica, died the following year, and Lady Fitzclarence had a chapel built in the grounds of Etal Manor where father and daughter lie together. This beautiful chapel is only 18 feet long and able to seat only 100 persons, and here today Etal villagers and the Lords of the Manor, the Joiceys, worship.

As in other border parishes, Presbyterianism was very strong, and they founded their own churches at Etal in 1697 and at Crookham in 1732.

## GEORGE FOX'S BUTTERFLIES

*Peter Hendra*

When the founder of the Religious Society of Friends visited Newcastle in 1657 he sought out Alderman Thomas Ledgard who had remarked that "the Quakers will not come into any great towns, but live in the Fells like butterflies." Fox presented himself and demanded "Who are the butterflies now?" He noted in his Journal that "only this Ledger and one other" could "be spoken to withal." Not allowed to hold a meeting, Fox went on to the "Friends and friendly people of Gateshead" and then to Durham.

The movement Fox started and which was initially spread by his "valiant sixty" left a swarm of butterflies, and there are brief biographies of half-a-dozen Northumberland and Durham Quakers in Field, J. (Ed: 1812) *Piety Promoted in a Collection of Dying Sayings of many of the People called Quakers with some Memorials of their virtuous lives*. Parts 6 (Raylton, T:1723), 8 (Wagstaffe, T:1774), 9 (Wagstaffe, T:1795), Phillips London.

Briefly, they are:

1. *Anne Dixon* of Streatlam" (1691-1718), daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth Dixon, and elder sister of Joseph; she was "much delighted in reading of good books" and died of "the small-pox."
2. *Grace Chambers* (1677-1762), born at "Munckhelsden" and "had considerable skill in surgery." She died at Sedgwick near Kendal, and was buried at the Friends' burial ground at "Preston-Patrick."
3. *Sara March* (1730-1774), born London, buried at Friends' burial ground, Durham City.
4. *Cuthbert Wigham* (1703-1780), of Cornwood, Northumberland, "convinced" 1734, walked into Scotland 1753, buried at Cornwood.
5. *Elizabeth Holme* (1704-1781), daughter of Anthony and Dorothy Wilson, born at Highwray, near Hawkshead, Lancashire; visited Ireland and Scotland: married Reginald Holme; buried at Friends' burial ground, Newcastle.
6. *Ralph Baimbridge* (1729-1793), "member of Newcastle meeting", visited Scotland and London. "His last illness was tedious and painful."

Members who would like the full entry of any of the above should let me know.

# EYE COLOUR AND GENEALOGY

Julia G. Coxon

It is generally accepted in genealogy that those with royal or aristocratic connections are more likely to be able to know what their ancestors looked like. A glance at the portraits lining the walls of a stately home can enable family members to recognise resemblances. But what of lesser mortals? Photographs are one source, and a very useful one at that; I have been able to name great-grandparents by comparing their photographs with those of my respective grandparents. However my special interest is in eye colour, and I decided to try and gather as much information as possible about family eye-colouring.

Eye colour has been something which has figured largely in our lives as a family. Five out of seven of my parents' brood had brown eyes, and I have a feeling that my grey-eyed grandmother was somewhat bemused by so many brown-eyed babies. Initially it appeared that the brown colour was passed on by my father who had attractive large dark eyes.

Upon setting out to draw a genetic chart of eye colour I had to recall information from the 'oral tradition' of the family - those long chats I used to have with my mother who is now dead. In retrospect, eye colour was something which certainly must have impressed her, as she spoke of it often. Her father, Grandad Russell, had "piercing blue eyes", and a colour portrait testifies to that statement. Her mother, Grandma Russell or Glen (as readers will be aware, Scottish women were often known by their maiden names even after marriage) had light hazel eyes. However my mother's observations did not stop there, as she told me "Granny Coxon had pale blue eyes with a large dark iris (she meant pupil) rather like the eye of a fish." My mother was not too fond of her mother-in-law!

This was an interesting fact to me because the pale blue eyes belonged to my father's mother. So his brown eye colour must have been passed on by his father. However, some years later I found out that the sisters of my grandmother with the pale blue "fish eyes" had brown eyes too. Confusion reigned, so I decided to study the matter further and draw up a line chart of eye colour.

The first thing I had to do was go round the relatives and gather evidence. Easier said than done. The female members of the clan had much better recall than the males among whom there was much scratching of heads and stroking of chins in a perplexed manner. At the risk of sounding sexist it would appear that men do not pay much attention to such detail. However, I did manage to find out about the various relatives' eye colour. The next thing was to examine all documents in my possession, and it was the army documents which provided the vital information in the case of my paternal great-great-grandfather. A "final description" issued on his discharge from the army on medical grounds of ill health read as follows:-

## FINAL DESCRIPTION

Of	Staff Serj. John Davis
Of the	Invalid Depot Staff when discharged the service at Chatham
This	25 day February 1845
Age	39 years
Height	5 feet 9 inches
Hair	Dark brown
Complexion	Sallow
Trade	Labourer

It never ceases to thrill me when I get such detailed information about an ancestor. From a full set of army data I was able to get a comprehensive picture of John Davis as he had been in the army for 19 years.

The next task I took on was to scrutinise photographs of ancestors with a jeweller's eye glass. By this method I was able in a number of cases to determine if eye colour was pale or dark. This is quite tricky, because I examined a photo of my grandmother to test the method and I would have been unsure whether the eyes were pale or not (they were actually blue). However in some photographs the eyes were unmistakably pale or dark, so that much at least I could determine. I was ready to draw up my eye colour chart.

The chart indicates that brown is indeed dominant and in the case of my own original family all of the latest generation have dark brown eyes. It was an interesting exercise and it will be valuable information stored for prospective genealogists in the family. Perhaps in the year 2050 a descendant will be able to chart the re-emergence of more blues or greys, but one suspects that the brown will remain dominant, depending of course on the choice of spouse - but that is another story .....

The genetic transmission involved in eye colour is very complex, and although we know that brown is usually dominant it would be an over-simplification to accept this without question. When both parents have brown eyes it is possible that they may have offspring with blue eyes, although this is comparatively rare. The eye colour itself is determined by the amount of melanin pigment in the iris,

and except for albinos no one is without some eye colour. Those with least pigment have eyes that appear blue, those with the most have eyes that appear brown or black. In order of increasing amounts of melanin pigment eyes can be identified as light blue, medium blue, dark blue, grey, green, hazel, light brown, medium brown and dark brown. It is an interesting study, and is another aspect of family history which can give satisfaction.

## EYE COLOUR CHART

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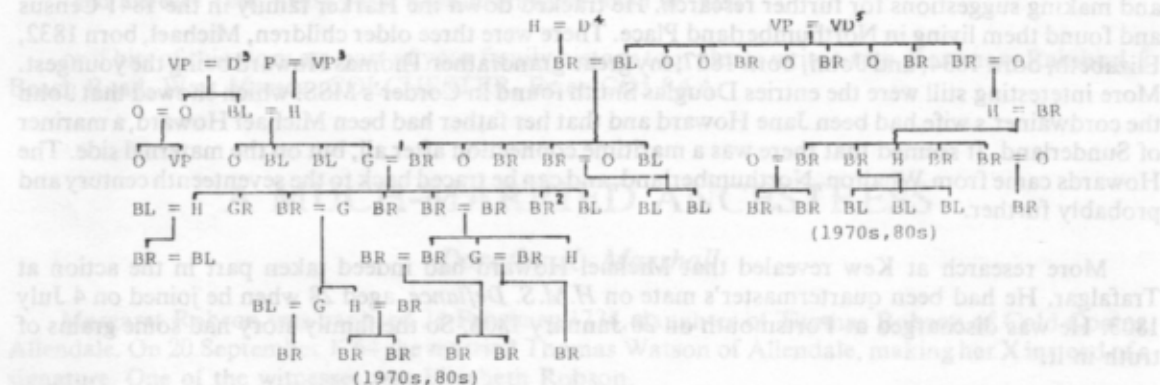
VP = very pale, probably blue  
VD = very dark, probably brown  
P = probably blue, grey or green  
D = probably brown or hazel  
BR = brown

BL = blue  
GR = green  
G = grey  
H = hazel  
O = not known

The usual symbol for marriage (=) is used.

Scottish side of family

English side of family



Notes:

1. English and Scottish pedigrees merge here.
2. This is the author, Julia Coxon.
3. Circa 1820.
4. Circa 1812.
5. Circa 1850.

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## DESERTION AND SUPPOSED MURDER

Whereas on Sunday evening last, Robert Hall, Thomas Hall, William Bingham, William Pilmour, Joseph Brown, Peter Hedderwich and Edmund Gardner, Seamen, found Means to desert from his Majesty's hired Tender, the *Eleanor*, commanded by Lieutenant King, at North Shields: And whereas there is great Reason to believe that the Centinel, John Lambert, who lost his Life in the Affair, was drowned in Consequence of being thrown Overboard by the said Seamen. - Whoever will apprehend them, so that they may be delivered on Board the said Tender, or to either of the Rendezvouses at North Shields or Newcastle upon Tyne, will be entitled to a Reward of FORTY SHILLINGS for each Man so apprehended.

William Bingham is 23 Years of Age, about five Feet seven inches high, of a fresh Complexion, and marked with the Small pox; has a scar on one of his Thumbs, and was born at Sunderland or Monkwearmouth. - Had on, when he escaped, a blue Jacket, with bright Buttons, and black Sattinet Breeches. Edmund Gardner is 24 Years of Age, about five Feet eight inches high, of a dark Complexion, wears his own dark brown Hair tied; lives near Lynn.

Newcastle Chronicle, 30 April 1796



# AN ANCESTOR AT TRAFALGAR

*Rosemary Rainbird*

Before he died my father, John Harker, wrote an account of what he knew about the history of his family. After the early death of his own father, he had been brought up in Bristol by his grandfather Thomas Howard Harker, who originated from Sunderland. He mentioned that his grandfather's grandfather had been at Trafalgar, quartermaster on [\*H.M.S. Victory\*](#). This seemed an interesting story worth following up, as did the Sunderland connection.

As I was working full time it meant a long wait for holidays until I could go either to the Public Record Office at Kew or the General Register Office in London, so, impatient for results, I engaged a researcher through the PRO to look into the Trafalgar story. Sadly no Harker was found on the *Victory*, and it would have taken a considerable time to go through the muster lists of the other ships present off Trafalgar on 21 October 1805.

I checked the indexes in St Catherine's House as my father had said that Thomas had been born in 1842, and I found his birth entry in the June quarter of that year. His birth certificate gave his father's name, John, living in Brougham Street, Sunderland (now the site of the Central Bus Station), and working as a cordwainer. Intending to work back from there, which it is always better to do, I contacted Douglas Smith, a Record Agent in Sunderland, who has been most helpful in searching out connections and making suggestions for further research. He tracked down the Harker family in the 1841 Census and found them living in Northumberland Place. There were three older children, Michael, born 1832, Elizabeth, born 1834, and John, born 1837, my great-grandfather Thomas Howard being the youngest. More interesting still were the entries Douglas Smith found in Corder's MSS. which showed that John the cordwainer's wife had been Jane Howard and that her father had been Michael Howard, a mariner of Sunderland. It seemed that there was a maritime connection after all, but on the maternal side. The Howards came from Whalton, Northumberland, and can be traced back to the seventeenth century and probably further.

More research at Kew revealed that Michael Howard had indeed taken part in the action at Trafalgar. He had been quartermaster's mate on *H.M.S. Defiance*, aged 28 when he joined on 4 July 1803. He was discharged at Portsmouth on 20 January 1806. So the family story had some grains of truth in it.

Michael Howard returned to Sunderland and continued as a mariner for many years, commanding his own ship, until increasing age forced him to retire from the sea. He was 85 years old when he died in 1854 in his home in Union Lane, and is buried near his cottage in Old Sunderland Churchyard, close to the hero of Camperdown. It would be interesting to know whether his grave is marked. His obituary was in the *Sunderland Times* of 20 January 1854.

Although this concluded that particular area of research, it had produced several more loose ends to be tied up. A visit to Somerset House turned up great-grandfather Thomas Howard Harker's Will, made in 1910. This detailed bequests to his surviving children, and amongst other items mentioned was a portrait of Michael Howard. This could well have been painted in Sunderland, and must have been a treasured possession to be mentioned in the Will. Unfortunately we have had no contact with the branch of the family to whom the portrait was left since 1947, when they were living in the south of England, but I am still hopeful of finding them, particularly in the light of what has happened over the last eighteen months.

Amongst my father's papers I found the letters he had written home during the first World War. They were sent mostly to his grandfather, the Thomas Howard Harker mentioned above, who had kept them safely until his death in 1926, when they were returned to my father. Several times he wrote of an Uncle Tom and Aunt Mabel living in Henley who sent newspapers to him while he was on active service, and who gave him tea when he travelled from Bristol to London to rejoin his unit after leave. Another visit to Somerset House produced a Thomas Henry Harker's Will in 1947, and the fact that he had been a Great Western Railway guard fitted with the family's railway connection in Bristol. He was my father's uncle and second son of the above mentioned Thomas Howard Harker. His Will revealed little about the family as he left everything to his wife. A much longer search was needed to find her Will, as she did not die until 1964, but it proved to be a goldmine of names of children and grandchildren in the Henley area. A look in the current telephone directory showed that someone with the same initials as one of the grandchildren was living in the area, and so I wrote a letter enquiring whether there might be a family connection, and included some information that only a member of the family could know. Two days later I had a telephone call from John Harker, who turned out to be my third cousin, and I learned of his brothers and sisters and that his father, "Uncle Tom's" son was still alive. They had tried unsuccessfully to find other branches of the family and thought they were the only ones left.

Subsequently my brother, sister and I met him and his father for an afternoon in Bristol, and instead of meeting as strangers it was like picking up a conversation with friends whom we had not seen for a long time. Family photographs were produced and likenesses commented upon, and a similar sense of humour was discovered. We had the same heritage of family stories and a common ancestor in Thomas Howard Harker, and so it was that in April last 31 of his descendants ranging in age from 68 years to 4 months came together to celebrate what would have been his 146th birthday.

I am sure there are more descendants of the Harker family still in the Sunderland area, and so if you are descended from;

John Harker from Pateley Bridge who married Elizabeth Denham in 1806.

Hannah Harker, born 1811, who married Henry Mount in 1831

Michael Howard Harker, born 1832, who married Elizabeth Jowsey in 1857

Elizabeth Harker, born 1834, who married Robert Wayman in 1858

John Henry Harker, born 1837, who married Mary Ann Mugford in 1859

William Denham Harker, born 1842

**Elizabeth Ann Harker**, born 1845

Mary Jane Harker, born 1850

Harry Hedley Harker, born 1860

Sarah Jane Harker, born 1864 all in Sunderland,

or Alice Pike, living Heaton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

and Florence York, living Yarm Road, Darlington, both in 1939,

or if bits of this story are part of your family history too, please write to me, Rosemary Rainbird, 2 Beach Road, West Mersea, COLCHESTER, Essex C05 8AA.

## A MUCH-MARRIED ANCESTRESS

*Dorothy K. Marshall*

Margaret Robson was baptised 24 February 1734, daughter of Thomas Robson of Cold Coates, Allendale. On 20 September 1764 she married Thomas Watson of Allendale, making her X instead of a signature. One of the witnesses was Elizabeth Robson.

The union was blessed with a son, Thomas, baptised 8 April 1765, "son of Thomas and Margaret Watson of Sanklee, Allendale." Margaret's first husband was buried 22 July 1767: "Thomas Watson of Fosterwood, Allendale." Within months, on 9 March 1768, she remarried at Allendale, her second husband being James Furnace, a widower of Kirkhaugh. Two daughters quickly followed, Hannah first and then Mally or Mary who was baptised 17 April 1772, the same day that their father James Furnace of the Riding, Allendale, was buried.

Again Margaret did not long remain a widow: on 4 July 1773 she once more put her X on the marriage register when she married George Maugham in Allendale. Again the union was blessed, this time with another daughter, Margaret, who was baptised at Allendale on 26 June 1774. George survived nine years of marriage to Margaret, but he finally succumbed and was buried 26 August 1782: "George Maugham of Conwood in the Parish of Haltwhistle."

Five years later Margaret was still a widow, because when her daughter Hannah, now 18 years old, married on 19 July 1787, the register states "Margaret Maugham is her mother and consents." Thomas Watson of Lamley, yeoman, was bondsman. He was Hannah's half-brother and Margaret's first-born. Margaret's marital career now becomes more difficult to track. On 14 August 1788 Joseph Baxter, miner of Lambley, married Margaret Maugham of Haltwhistle, widow, but on this occasion Margaret signed her name, and so perhaps was not my Margaret. If it was, however, she again lost her husband, because Margaret Baxter, widow, was buried at Knarsdale 1 December 1796. On the other hand a Margaret Maugham made her X in the Haltwhistle register when she was married on 27 August 1796 to William Wilkinson. The witness was Thomas Maugham. Was this Margaret's fourth marriage, or was this her daughter, baptised in 1774?

Whether Margaret lived out her life as Mrs Baxter or as Mrs Wilkinson it seems likely that she was married four times. My daughter maintains she is the ancestor I most resemble because she either talked four husbands to death or was such a rotten cook that she accidentally poisoned them.

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# THE DURHAM ANCESTRY OF OSCAR WILDE

*Doug Smith*

Nathaniel Hawthorne in his autobiographical Preface to "Scarlet Letter" describes the oysterlike tenacity with which an old inhabitant clings to his natal spot, assuming as it were a sentry march along the main street so that the features and mould of face might be seen every generation. Nevertheless, he points out, there is a danger in this affection: human fortunes and human nature will not flourish any more than a potato if sown continually in the same worn-out soil.

One of the joys of genealogy is the unexpected finding of those folk from the north who have been transplanted and have flourished and become notable figures. Such was the family of Oscar Wilde, the playwright, or rather his mother, a notable figure in her own right. From the 1690s the Elgeys or Elgees appear in the registers of Staindrop and Gainford: John Elgie was a butcher in Staindrop in 1760; Edward, described as a cabinet-maker, had a large family there in the 1790s; Mary Elgey of Staindrop married John Carter, the local stonemason in 1770; and it was two brothers Elgey, stonemasons of Staindrop who emigrated to Ireland in the 1730s. They settled in Dundalk and found employment in the building boom at the time. Like many Anglo-Irish they found the Established Church of Ireland a stepping-stone to social acceptability. In Ireland the lines of demarcation between classes were less distinct. Small farmers holding a few acres might be regarded as on the fringe of gentility by their neighbours. Movement on the social ladder is illustrated by the Rev. Patrick Bronte, who from a one-room cabin in County Down was able to matriculate eventually from Cambridge. Probably the Anglo-Irish appeared completely English to the Irish, and idiosyncratically Irish to the English of the mainland.

Eventually one of the Elgees was able to send his son John to Trinity College, Dublin, from where he emerged to become Rector of Wexford and Archdeacon of Leighlin. He married into a well-established Wexford family, and his grandchildren included three major generals in the British army, Sir John le Messurier McClure, explorer of the North-West Passage, and "Speranza". This was the name adopted by Jane Francisca Elgee, born in 1826, who contributed verse and writings on "Ancient Cures, Charms and Usages of Ireland" to a periodical *The Nation* in the 1840s. She was a considerable authority on the antiquities and folk lore of Ireland, and married a man with similar interests in 1851. Sir Robert Willis Wilde was also a writer on aural and opthalmic surgery who practised in Dublin. Their son Oscar O'Flahertie Wilde was born in 1856. Apart from his plays he inherited the dry wit of the Irish. It is reported that upon his death bed at a small boarding house in exile in France he turned to the horrendous wall-paper of huge cabbage roses upon a beige ground and murmured "One of us has got to go!" All a far cry from those quiet settlers of Staindrop who probably carved some of the stones still standing in the churchyard there, and perhaps some of the work on the walls of Raby Castle itself.

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Welcome to all our new members.

3076 Mr W.F. PEARSON, 5 Beverley Road, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear ME25 8JH.

Seeking the birthplace and ancestors of Anthony Pearson. He is described as a farmer of Quarry House, Parish of St. Oswald, Esh, Durham. He married Margaret Young on 8 August 1785 at Esh. Known children are Elizabeth born 1786, Catherine born 1789 who married Thomas Oyston in 1812, and Anthony born 1794. There may have been other children born at Witton Gilbert, but this is not certain. Any information would be most helpful.

- 3169 Mr S.W. HARVEY, 56 Cornmoor Road, Whickham, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE16 4PY.  
(Tel: 091 488 7293) Researching Harry Harvey, a Tyneside music hall comedian born c.1876 (perhaps illegitimately under a different name), who married Ann Jane Collier at Byker (St. Michael's) on 24 October 1898. He had a (half?) brother Arthur Harvey, a barber in Gosforth in the early 1900's. Also looking for William Addison, a widower, who married Dorothy Hedley of Alnwick on 1 September 1839 at Newcastle on Tyne. A William Addison, aged 5 years, was named at their address on the 1841 Census, and may have been a son by a previous marriage. Other interests, Blackburn of Bamburgh, Bide of Jarrow, Dinning and Liddle of Simonburn, Yeoman of Eglington, Edward Taylor of Ponteland area who married Thomasina Craigy at Mitford in 1705, and Joseph Stokoe of the Ovingham area who married Mary Whitfield in 1732.
- 3238 Mrs G. CHERNS, 219 Stoke Lane, Westbury on Trym, BRISTOL BS9 3RX.  
(Tel: 683585) Researching Ogle family of Cheswick Knob near Ancroft. Seeking marriage of Thomas Ogle and Mary Money of Downpatrick, Ireland. A son, Thomas, was baptised at Ancroft on 28 August 1797. Would also like to trace John Ogle, father of above Thomas, born c.1721, died 1807 and buried at Ancroft. He was married twice, and looking for first marriage to Jane who died September 1774.  
Also researching the Wilson family of 19, Byron Street, Newcastle on Tyne. Sarah Isabella Wilson (daughter of Arabella (?) and Thomas Wilson) was the mother of an illegitimate daughter, Mary Arabella Wilson, born February 1889. The Wilson family believed to be landlords/owners of pubs in the Newcastle and Morpeth areas - the Sun Inn and the old Newcastle House. Mary Arabella moved to live with her great grandmother Howey near Rothbury, but no trace can be found in the Tosson/Woltershiel area.
- 3243 Mrs B. PURVIS, 91 Gainsborough Road, Kew, RICHMOND, Surrey TW9 2ET.  
Seeking ancestors of Ann Hardcastle of Newcastle and George Purvis, butcher, of North Shields, who were married in Newcastle on 29 April 1847. Also Barbara Barnes and Thomas Melville, both probably of Tynemouth, who married in the 1850's.
- 3288 Mrs A.J. WATTS, 315-7055 Wilma Street, BURNABY, BRITISH COLUMBIA V5E 4B1, CANADA.  
Seeking marriage of Robert Litster and Alison.... A daughter Jane was baptised at Cornhill 3 April 1817, married John Ferrier Neilans on 20 May 1838 at Coldstream. She died at Coldstream on 9 January 1887. Alison's maiden name may have been Milne as two other children, both named Alison Milne Neilans, died in infancy at Coldstream in 1846 and 1850. Also seeking baptism and parentage of Ann Thompson, born 1804-6 at Norham. She married Archibald Noble at Edinburgh on 30 April 1839. Their children were Robert Thompson, born 2 May 1840 at Dalkeith, Alison Ferguson born January 1842 at Dalkeith, Rachael born 5 May 1844 at Loanend, and Andrew born 10 December 1845 at Loanend, Northumberland.
- 3330 Mr F.J. WILLIAMS, 14 Eastwick Row, Adeyfield, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire HP2 4JF  
Would like any information on William Dent and his wife Annie Richardson, believed to have married at Ushaw Moor in the early 1880's. and known to be farming at Greenhead in 1900's. Also John Hart, born Ireland in 1856 and his wife Mary McGonigel, born Scotland in 1859. Believed to have married at Tow Law in 1874 and residing there in 1881 Census. Both were Roman Catholics.
- 3347 Mr J.T. SEMPLE, 5 Sycamore Grove, SWINDON, Wiltshire SN2 1SE  
(Tel: 0793 486814) Researching Linskey and McNally in the Jarrow area 1850-1890. Grandmother, Mary McNally had three brothers, James, John and Owey, none of whom married. She also had five sisters, Margaret, Ester, Rose, Anne and Ellen. All married Irishmen named Duffy, Barrett, Joyce, McGovern and Quinn. Mr. Semple has searched at St. Catherine's for McNally births without success. Grandmother Mary McNally was married to Thomas Linskey.
- ~~3353 Mr J.R. TURNBULL, m ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Tel: 0670 855989, CHOPPINGTON, Northumberland NE62 5LA~~  
(Tel: 0670 855989) Seeking baptism of Hall Turnbull about 1813 in the Hounam area of Roxburghshire, also his marriage to Isabella Cowans. Both are buried at Ilderton, Northumberland. Their first child, James, was born 24 April 1845 at Sheilgreen, Morebattle, Roxburghshire.
- 3354 MRS H. TURNBULL, 18 Crossfell Gardens, Stakeford, CHOPPINGTON, Northumberland, NE62 5LA  
(Tel: 0670 855989) Seeking baptism of Joseph Johnson who married Elizabeth Heslewood at Holtby, Yorkshire North Riding, on 20 April 1761. Also marriage of William Johnson, born 3 May 1787 at Kirby Underdale, and Margaret Botterill. They were landlords of The Cross Keys and later the Black Bull at Pocklington, Yorkshire East Riding, from 1820 onwards.
- 3364 Mrs S.M. MACASKILL, 3 Dalrymple Road, Crofton Park, LONDON SE4 2BQ  
Interested in the Bradley family of Sunderland and South Shields, and the Guthrie family of Tynemouth and South Shields, all in the 19th century. Also seeking any information about the family of Susannah Guthrie, born about 1820 at Tynemouth, daughter of William Guthrie, who married William Orton Bradley (1822-1860) in 1843 at Jarrow, County Durham. She died in 1856 at Bishopwearmouth leaving three sons and three daughters.
- 3389 Mrs D. LEAR, 212 Queen Street, WITHERNSEA, North Humberside HU19 2NX  
Seeking information on John Dall Henderson, formerly called Rassmussen. He married a Miss Nevins, and their son, Robert Nevins Henderson was born c.1867 in the Berwick on Tweed area. Robert married Martha Elizabeth Manning in 1889 in Hull.
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- 3452 Dr. R. LATHAM, 16 Palgrave Road, LONDON W12 9NB  
(Tel. 01-743 3364)
- 3453 Mr. W.D. WARDLE, 19 Yewtree Gardnes, Walkerville, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE6 4TR.  
(Tel: Tyneside 262 1479) Researching the Gowan family of Byker, Newcastle, 17th to 19th century, and the Readhead family of Rothbury, Northumberland, pre 17th century.
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(Tel: Milton Keynes 542141)
- 3455 Mr A.J.J. FORSTER, 2 Seaview Terrace, Whitcross Hill, Cam Brea, REDRUTH, Cornwall TR15 3YD  
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- 3456 Mrs A. EVANS, 7 Knapplands, Newbridge on Wye, LLANDRINDOD WELLS, LDI 6LF.  
(Tel: Newbridge on Wye 431)
- 3457 Mrs J.E. MILLER, Willow Cottage, Clatterway, Bonsall, MATLOCK, Derbyshire DE4 2AH  
(Tel: Wirksworth 3769) Seeking any information on Charles Edward Thornton and his wife Elizabeth Ann Emerson. He died in Mansfield about 1910 and could have originated on Tyneside. His wife Elizabeth grew up in either North or South Shields around 1880-1895.
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- 3460 Mr G. HARPER, 7 Holly Avenue, RYTON, Tyne and Wear NE40 3PP  
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- ~~Mr K. WARDLE, 18 Woodbury Court, Cranford Avenue, EXMOUTH, Devon.~~  
(Tel: Exmouth 277234)
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- 3464 Mr M.F. HALL, 34 Lackford Avenue, Totton, SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire S04 4BQ  
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- 3465 Mrs B.J. BARNSELEY, Edelweiss, St John's Road, Belton, GREAT YARMOUTH, Norfolk NR31 9JT.  
(Tel: Great Yarmouth 780365)
- 3466 Mrs S.G. KETTERINGHAM, 6 The Kylins, MORPETH, Northumberland NE61 2DJ.  
(Tel: Morpeth 517728)
- 3467 Mrs P.D. HUGHES, 46 Seven Oaks Crescent, Bramcote Hills, NOTTINGHAM NG9 3FP  
(Tel: Nottingham 25050 1) Researching Turner family of Northumberland. William Turner married Anne Dixon at Newcastle All Saints on 7 April 1795. They had two sons, William and Henry. Henry was a Methodist Minister and married Mary Sach Ferguson and had a son called Robert Drysdale Turner.

William Turner (an accountant) was the father of Thomas Johnson Turner, a bank clerk, who married Jane Grey in Hexham in 1848 where they raised a large family. One son, James Grey Turner, also a bank clerk, married Evelyn Grey in 1874 and lived at North Shields. They had three sons, Johnson Turner, Harry Turner and George Grey Turner, an eminent surgeon at the Newcastle Victoria Hospital and the University of London Postgraduate School. Would like to hear from any Turner descendants.

- 3468 Mr A. HUMPHREYS, 2 Keswick Grove, Acklam, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland TS5 8PN
- 3469 Mr I.R. COOKE, 14 Rosebery Crescent, Kingfield, WOKING, Surrey GU22 9BL  
(Tel: Woking 24448)
- 3470 Mrs J.H. BALDWIN, 72 Feetham Avenue, Forest Hall, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE12 9QN
- 3471 Mr F.G. BALDWIN, 72, Feetham Avenue, Forest Hall, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE12 9QN
- 3472 Mrs S.A. REEVE, 12 Kenton Avenue, Kenton Park, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE3 4SE  
(Tel: Tyneside 285 5918)
- 3473 Mrs E. ROBLIN, Beacon House, Beck Bottom, Lowick, ULVERSTON, Cumbria LA12 8EA
- 3474 Miss C.E. ROBLIN, Beacon House, Beck Bottom, Lowick, ULVERSTON, Cumbria LA12 8EA
- 3475 Mr P.D. JAMESON, 47 Church Lane, Murton, SEAHAM, County Durham SR7 9RL  
(Tel: Wearside 526 1922)
- 3476 Mr K.M. GARRETT, 13 Cliff House, Marske by the Sea, REDCAR, Cleveland TS11 17LY
- 3477 Mrs R. GARRETT, 13 Cliff House, Marske by the Sea, REDCAR, Cleveland TS11 7LY
- 3478 Mr J. LEE, 29 Dale End Road, Hilton, DERBY, DE6 5FW  
(Tel: Etwall 2548)
- 3479 Mrs E.M. RATTIGAN, Pill View Cottage, Velator, BRAUNTON, Devon EX33 3DN
- 3480 Mr G.D.P. HORNBY, 139 Bettescombe Road, Rainham, GILLINGHAM, Kent ME8 9HS  
(Tel: Medway 387348) Would be grateful for any information on ancestors, descendants or relatives of the following. William Hornby, born c. 1808 at Jarrow, whose descendants have persisted in Jarrow and South Shields to date. Mary Moffit, born c. 1809 at South Shields. Elizabeth Chambers, daughter of James, aged 20 years when she married George Hornby at Tynemouth in 1866. Mary Harriet Hay, born c. 1868, daughter of James - married (1) Raine and (2) George Hornby at South Shields in 1900. Mary Ann Ball, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth, who married Bernard Duffy at South Shields in 1892. Bernard Duffy and his wife Catherine O'Hare who moved from Donaghmoyn, Monaghan, between 1864 and 1866 to South Shields.
- 3481 Mrs M.C. BOTT, 'Windrush', Fishtoft Road, Fishtoft, BOSTON, Lincolnshire PE21 0QR
- 3482 Mrs P. VARLEY, 19 Castle Drive, South Cave, BROUGH, North Humberside HU15 2ES
- 3483 Mrs M. FOLEY, 71 Hillsborough Park, CAMBERLEY, Surrey GU15 1HG  
(Tel: Camberley 2976 1) Researching the name Shield, especially William Shield who married Mary Jane Ord at St. Mary's, Gateshead, in July, 1862. Wylam Street was given as address on marriage certificate but he cannot be found there. William's father was Edward Shield, born at Swalwell in 1803, and the family were living at Cramlington Colliery on the 1841 and 1851 Census returns. Mrs. Foley has information of a William Shield who was born at Swalwell and became Musician to King George III/IV, and wonders if there is any connection. Any information greatly appreciated.
- 3484 Mr J.J. FOLEY, 71 Hillsborough Park, CAMBERLEY, Surrey GU15 1HG  
(Tel: Camberley 29761)
- 3485 Mr T. WILLIAMS, The Old Orchard, Hook Norton, BANBURY, Oxfordshire OX15 5LB
- 3486 Mrs M. RUDDICK, 14 Moor Place, Gosforth, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE3 4AL  
(Tel: Tyneside 285 7279)
- 3387 Mrs M.D. OLDERSHAW, Box 49, SEABRIGHT, NOVA SCOTIA BOJ 3JO, CANADA  
Researching the Donkin family of Ovingham. In particular, Robert (1759-1832) eldest son of William Donkin and Ann Scott. Would like to communicate with any descendants of this family that did not emigrate. Would also like to learn of the community and conditions in which they lived.
- 3488 Mr B. PEART, 18 Derwent Close, Claygate, ESHER, Surrey, KT10 ORF  
(Tel: Esher 67796)
- 3489 Mr H. BOGGON, 4 Rosebery Street, DARLINGTON, County Durham DL3 6EU  
(Tel: Darlington 484953)
- 3490 Ms L. JORDAN, 74 Falconer Street, NORTH FITZROY, VICTORIA 3068, AUSTRALIA
- 3491 Mr C.B. CROFTON, 8 Wynbury Drive, Totteridge, HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire HP13 7QB  
(Tel: High Wycombe 33775)
- 3492 Miss D. BROWN, 46 Gregory Street, Acacia Ridge, BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND 4110, AUSTRALIA
- 3493 MR P. ANNABLE, 34 Brixham Avenue, Low Fell, GATESHEAD, Tyne and Wear NE9 6XH  
(Tel: Tyneside 487 6883) Researching John and Mary Gray whose son William was baptised at St. Andrew's, Lamesley, on 22 August 1819. At this time John Gray was working as a groom in the locality of Kibblesworth, County Durham. Would also like any information on Alexander Robson, a foreman blacksmith, residing at Wallsend when his daughter Ellen was born there on 3 March 1885.

- 3494 MR M.J. NORRIS, 5 Bexley Place, Whickham, NEWCASTLE ON TYNE NE16 5SA  
Seeking baptisms and parents of the following. Isabella Armstrong, born 1810-1816 at Ingram or Reavley, and John Rough, born 1811 at Kelso, who were married about 1832 and lived at Brandon. Also John Robison of Ilderton, born 1815/16 at Framlington, son of William Robison and Mary Bell (born 1782/3 at Alnham) who were married in 1811. Also Andrew Rutherford, born 1875 at Tranent.
- 3495 MISS H. GREEN, 12 Thornton Drive, Upton Park, CHESTER CH2 2HZ
- ~~3496 MR B.H. DO~~ 47 Rothbury Avenue, Gosforth, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE3 3HL  
(Tel: Tyneside 284 1870)
- 3497 MRS P.M. SHARP, 137 Park Road, CAMBERLEY, Surrey GU15 2LL  
(Tel. Camberley 21837)
- 3498 MS J.L. MERRY, 22 Withnell Fold, CHORLEY, Lancashire PR6 8BA  
Researching the Todds, Carrs and Readheads of Heworth. Would like any information on Roger Todd, quarryman, and his wife Mary, both born in the 1790's. Also Elizabeth Armstrong, born 1827 at North Shields, who married Robert Readhead at South Shields at South Shields in 1849. Would like to share information about the Brammer family, possibly of Wallsend, who originated from the Potteries, and the Burgons of Eyemouth. Burgon is a common name in Eyemouth, and special interest is the family of Peter Burgon, known as "Peter".
- 3499 Mrs G.M. DE JONG, Grameystraat 17, 6525 DM NIJMEGEN, HOLLAND
- 3500 Mr R.C. SURTEES, RR 1, Box 94 NORTH LANCASTER, ONTARIO K0C 1Z0, CANADA  
Interested in corresponding with anyone with information on Cuthbert Surtees, a sailor, resident in Sunderland between 1780 to 1800+. Also his father, Robert Surtees, who lived at Bryan's Leap, Burnopfield in the 1750's and had his children baptised at Tanfield.
- 3501 Mrs J.I. RASMUSSEN, 18 Beechcroft, Kenton Road, Gosforth, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE3 4NB  
(Tel: Tyneside 285 5153)
- 3502 Mr S. DEES, 5 Trowbridge Way, North Kenton, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE3 3TE
- 3503 Mr H.J. HOWARD, 96 Perth Avenue, JARROW, Tyne and Wear NE32 4HT  
(Tel: Tyneside 489 9184)
- 3504 Ms E. JOHNSON, 12 Rosewood Gardens, Sheriff Hill, GATESHEAD, Tyne and Wear NE9 5RX
- 3505 Mrs D.K. MARSHALL, 653 Patricia Avenue, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA R3T 3A8, CANADA  
Researching the following, Edgar of Whitfield 1700's, Oliver of Whitfield and Coanwood in 1700, Kindred of Coanwood and Lanercost in 1750. Edward Hudspeth who married Frances Short at Whitfield on 13th May, 1770. Lancelot Todd, "of Parsons Shield, Quaker" according to Knaresdale Parish records in 1744. Seeking parents of Joseph Birkett of Kirkhaugh, born 1753, who married Elizabeth Todd in Alston. Richard Furnace/ Fournace who married Margaret Corry at Haltwhistle on 28 July 1714. George Soulsby married to Elizabeth ?. Their first child William was baptised at Haltwhistle on 15 March 1730. Also parents of Esther Ann Ferguson, born 1831 at Gilcrux, Cumberland, and married to Andrew Fulton about 1854 in Cumberland.  
Would also like to hear from anyone interested in the name Mor(r)ell, possibly Mayor of Darlington.
- 3506 Ms M.C. SIMMONS, 239 Rosemount Place, ABERDEEN, AB2 4XX
- 3507 Mrs K.E. RADFORD, Lot 35, Torkington Road, LONDONDERRY, NEW SOUTH WALES 2753, AUSTRALIA  
Seeking baptism of William Myers born c.1816, son of James Myers and Susannah Mannus native of St. Anthony's, Newcastle on Tyne. William married Mary Ann Cowans/Cowens (baptised 1 August 1814 at St James Independent Church, Newcastle on Tyne, daughter of Matthew Cowans and Eleanor Rutherford) on 8 December 1834, at St Pauls, Jarrow.  
William and Mary Ann Myers arrived in Australia as Bounty Immigrants on 18 January 1842, on the "Agnes Ewing." The shipping list shows them as having one child - Charlotte, aged 3 years. Seeking her baptism c.1839.
- 3508 Mrs J.K. PIPER, 254 Ontario Street, TORONTO, ONTARIO M5A 2V5, CANADA
- 3509 Mrs J.A. STREETS, 7 Hillview Road, Hythe, SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire S04 5GJ  
(Tel: Southampton 842781)  
Researching Thwaites, Etherington and Usher of Crossgate, St. Oswald, Durham. Also the Streets of Monkwearmouth, Sunderland.
- 3510 Mr A. STREETS, 7 Hillview Road, Hythe, SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire S04 5GJ.  
(Tel: Southampton 842781)
- 3511 Mrs B. JONES, 61 Mimosa Road, 06-63E, SINGAPORE 2880  
Researching family of great great grandmother Louisa Matilda Percy, believed to have been born in Wellington, Somerset, in 1818. Her father was Richard Percy the third son of Hugh Percy, 2nd Duke of Northumberland (1786-1817). Her mother was Harriet Frances Griffiths, whose mother was a Gwyn of Forde Abbey, and whose uncle was the last Squire Gwyn of Forde Abbey. Louise Matilda Percy married Thomas Webber Moore in 1848, and about 1852 they left for Long Island, U.S.A. along with Richard Percy who is believed to have died there. Sometime after 1854 the Moores sailed to Australia.



- 3512 Mrs M. FANNEN, 198 Sandpit Road, Cockle Bay, Howick, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND  
Researching the following names. Fannen of North and South Shields and Sunderland, Steel of North Shields and Kirkcaldy, Rogerson of North Shields, Johnson of North Shields, Mulley, Logan and Clement of South Shields and Sunderland, Marshall of Hebburn, North Shields and Berwick, Turner of Berwick, Messenger of North and South Shields and Ormesby, Dain of North and South Shields and Sunderland, Lawson of North and South Shields, Arkley of North Shields, Heppell of All Saints, Newcastle and North Shields, Anderson of Berwick and Tweedmouth, Clement of South Shields and Sunderland, Gott of North Shields.
- 3513 Mr J.R. GRIEVSON, 82 Holmesdale Road, TEDDINGTON, Middlesex TW 11 9LG  
(Tel: 091-977 6798)
- 3514 Miss P. BATEY, 22 Lowther Village, PENRITH, Cumbria CA 10 2HP  
(Tel: Hackthorpe 476)
- 3515 Mrs M.E. HUTCHINGS, Corner Cottage, Hunnyhill, Brighstone, NEWPORT, Isle of Wight PO30 4DU  
(Tel: Isle of Wight 740363)
- 3516 Mrs E.M. READER, 95 Gipsy Lane, WOKINGHAM, Berkshire RG11 2BW  
(Tel: **Wokingham 782935**)
- 3517 Mr M. ATKINSON, 32 Queens Road, LLANDUDNO, Gwynedd LL30 1TY  
(Tel: Colwyn Bay 860688) Researching the Potts family of Alnwick. John Potts, born 1755, son of George, worked for a Mr. Watson in Easintown nigh to Belford. His wife's name was Christon and one of their children, Edward of Hull, married Anne Smawfield. Also seeking Joanna Barbor believed to have married a Potts early 18th century. Descendants possibly lived in the South Shields area, one of whom was named Polly. Also researching Nelson Eldon Atkinson and his wife Rosanna Godwin in the Harolds Cross district of Dublin.
- 3518 Ms D. OLAND, 15 Cyprus Gardens, GATESHEAD, Tyne and Wear NE9 5UL  
(Tel: Tyneside 491 0611)
- 3519 Mrs S. EVANS, 16 Hillie Bunnies, Earls Colne, COLCHESTER, Essex CO6 2RY  
(Tel: Earls Colne 2912) Seeking information on Ann Smith who died in December 1923 at 17 Cornforth Lane, Coxhoe, County Durham, aged 80 years. Her husband believed to have been Benjamin Smith who died in 1900. One of their daughters, Ellen, married Ernest Mann at Coggeshall, Essex, in 1898. Two other known children were Esther and George. Any information greatly appreciated.
- 3520 Mrs B. BANKS, 124 Greenacres, Wetheral, CARLISLE, Cumbria CA4 8LD  
(Tel: Carlisle 61189)
- 3521 Mr B.D. REWCASTLE, Deneview, Horton Road, Bebside, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 4HJ  
(Tel: Morpeth 823011)
- 3522 Mrs M.S. REWCASTLE, Deneview, Horton Road, Bebside, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 4HJ  
(Tel: Morpeth 823011)
- 3523 Mrs V.J. Warburton, 26 Elmhurst Road, Langley, SLOUGH, Berkshire SL3 8LT  
(Tel: Slough 581213) Researching the Killian family. Thomas, John, Mick and Paddy Killian came over from Ireland during the famine and settled in Durham around 1846 or after. Seeking marriage of Thomas who had a son, also named Thomas, who married Catherine Reardon in 1894. Their children were Thomas, born 1900 who married Julia Harkin, Annie, who married Tom Albrighton, Catherine who married Len Thomas, Norah who married Archie Armstrong, and John, who married Kathleen. The parents of Julia Harkin were James Harkin and Julia Brady who were married in 1899. The parents of James Harkin were James Harkin and Catherine Callaghan. Julia Brady's parents were John Brady and Mary Lynch. Areas where they lived were Elvet, Framwellgate, Langley Moor and Brandon.
- 3524 Mrs S.M. SWANBOROUGH, 18 Wentworth, Yate, BRISTOL BS17 4DJ
- 3525 Mrs A. STRONG, 7 Beech Avenue, MORPETH, Northumberland NE61 2HE  
(Tel: Morpeth 514985)
- 3526 Mrs W. CLEVERLEY, 27 Polmear Road, PAR, Cornwall PL24 2AN  
(Tel: Par 2416) Seeking baptisms of David Wight and Ann Graham who were married at Doddington in 1793. Also baptism and marriage of James Ford and Mary Ann Douglas. Mary Ann Douglas was born at Ancroft in 1807. Would also be grateful for any information on William and Ann Tarbet whose first child was born at Wooler in 1817.
- 3527 Miss S.A. GLENWRIGHT, 38 Clarence Road, Fleet, ALDERSHOT, Hampshire GU13 9RY
- 3528 Mr W. HARRIS, 8 Crawlaw Bungalows, Easington Colliery, PETERLEE, County Durham SR8 3LP  
(Tel: Wearside 527 1702)
- 3529 Mrs G.E. HOWELL, 7 Moorside Close, Crosby, LIVERPOOL, Merseyside L23 2RL  
Researching family of Hunter Cambridge, a boat builder, who lived in Greens Place, Westoe, South Shields, about 1850. A son, also called Hunter Cambridge, married Elizabeth Gray, and he worked for the Northern Goldsmiths in Newcastle upon Tyne in the early 1900's. It is known there were other sons and Mrs Howell would like to contact any descendants of these. Any help would be appreciated.
- 3530 Mrs V.R.I. MOUSLEY, 8 Stone Park Avenue, BECKENHAM, Kent BR3 3LS  
(Tel: 01-650 5954)

- 3531 Mr H. MOUSLEY, 8 Stone Park Avenue, BECKENHAM, Kent BR3 3LS  
(Tel: 01-650 5954)
- 3532 Mr G.R. ROBSON, 76 Sweets Way, Whetstone, LONDON N20 ONT
- 3533 Mrs S. LUMAS, 7 Mount Pleasant Road, NEW MALDEN, Surrey KT3 3JZ  
(Tel: 01-9496765)
- 3534 Mr J.P. DINGWALL, 8 Fawley Road, READING, Berkshire RG3 3EN
- 3535 Mr K.B. DOLAN, 256 North Road, DARLINGTON, County Durham DL1 2EN  
(Tel: Darlington 465087)
- 3536 Mrs C. ELLIS, 1091 East Ash Street, CANTON, ILLINOIS 61520, UNITED STATES  
Researching Thomas Herron, a miner at Cowpen Colliery, born 9 November 1890, son of John Herron, and his wife Mary Ann Dixon, daughter of William Dixon. Other children of John Herron were Margaret, born 16 August 1891, Lillian, born 9 November 1893, Mary Ann, born 4 July 1895, and William, born 19 August 1905. Mary Ann (Dixon) Herron had a sister, Margaret J. Fairhurst, whose husband Mark died in a boating accident in the North Sea on 16 October 1898, whilst on a rescue mission for the Norwegian sloop "Fremad." He was a member of the Blyth Lifeboats. Margaret Fairhurst died whilst on a visit to America. Seeking descendants of any of the above.
- 3537 Mr J.A. CRESSWELL, 23 Glebe Crescent, WASHINGTON, Tyne and Wear NE38 7AW  
(Tel: Washington 416 6496)
- 3538 Mrs M. DANIEL, 37 Britannia Street, SCARBOROUGH, North Yorkshire YO12 7DN
- 3539 Mr J. DANIEL, 37 Britannia Street, SCARBOROUGH, North Yorkshire YO12 7DN
- 3540 Mr R. SUMMERS, 12 Green Lane, Addingham, ILKLEY, West Yorkshire LS29 OJH  
(Tel: Ilkley 831091)
- 3541 Miss J.E. SUMMERS, 12 Green Lane, Addingham, ILKLEY, West Yorkshire LS29 OJH  
(Tel: Ilkley 831091)
- 3542 Mrs G. GRIMMOND, 7/19 Cross Street, PORT MACQUARIE, NEW SOUTH WALES 2444, AUSTRALIA
- 3543 Ms D.C. DULLEA, 528, Barker Pass Road, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA 93108, UNITED STATES
- 3544 Mrs M. DARLISON, 21 Homersham Road, Norbiton, KINGSTON UPON THAMES, Surrey KT1 3PL  
(Tel: 01-546 5081)
- 3545 Mr W. PICKERING, 28 Hedley Terrace, South Hetton, DURHAM DH6 2UE
- 3546 Mr A. MORGAN, 22 Jesmond Park West, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE7 7BY  
(Tel: Tyneside 281 1957) Seeking descendants of James Morgan (glasscutter, born Newcastle c.1811) and Ann Hinchcliff (born Newcastle c.1811) who were married at Newcastle in 1830. Seeking marriage of one of their seven children, John Morgan, shipwright, to Susannah Scott, Ann, daughter of John and Susannah, born 1878, married James Randall Mitchell in 1907 at Newcastle -any issue? Also seeking information about the family of Michael and Barbara Scott (nee Watson), who were married in 1865. Michael was accidentally drowned in 1876 off Whitley Bay, leaving five daughters - Mary Watson, Jane, Ann, Emmeline and Michaelous. Also looking for ancestors of brothers Thomas and John Lightfoot, born Hanley, Staffordshire, in 1838 and 1840 respectively and moved to Tyneside early in their lives.
- 3547 Mrs I.M. HILL, 5 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath, STOKE ON TRENT, Staffordshire ST3 7LN.  
(Tel: Blythe Bridge 397183)
- 3548 Mr J.R. WHARRIER, 17 Henry Street, Barbourne, WORCESTER WR1 1RB  
(Tel: Worcester 22039)
- 3549 Mr D. SWINBURN, 10 Southgate Road, Sunnybank, BURY, Lancashire BL9 8DZ  
(Tel: 061-766 2674) Seeking information on the Swinburn family in Northumberland prior to 1750. Research to date traces back through Lancashire to Cumberland and then a dead end. Information to hand suggests the family may have originated in Northumberland, and certainly the Swinburnes of Capheaton Hall would seem to strengthen the argument. Also interested to hear from anybody who uses the Micro-Aid 'Family History System' computer programme on a BBC Master 128.
- 3550 Mrs E. HARBOTTLE, Whiteshell P O, WEST HAWK LAKE, MANITOBA ROE 2HO, CANADA
- 3551 Mr M. HARBOTTLE, Whiteshell P O, WEST HAWK LAKE, MANITOBA ROE 2HO, CANADA
- 3552 Mrs M.E. ASTLEY, 1 Kington Cottages, Kington Lane, Claverdon, WARWICK CV35 8PW.  
(Tel: Claverdon 2061)
- 3553 Mrs B.J. ATKIN, 22 Woodside, BARNARD CASTLE, County Durham DL12 8DX
- 3554 Mr D.C. NATTRASS, C23-80 Galbraith Drive South West, CALGARY, ALBERTA T3E 4Z6, CANADA  
Researching the following families: Natrass of Weardale, Stanhope and Wolsingham, 18th and 19th centuries; Hedley of Frosterley, 18th century; Elliott of Sidehead and Stanhope, 19th century; and Blades of Appleton on Wiske, North Riding of Yorkshire, Wolsingham in County Durham in the 18th and 19th centuries. Matthew Natrass, born 1746, married (1) Ann Blades on 12 December 1771 at Wolsingham and had issue - Matthew, John, Mary and Ann. Married (2) Jane Whitfield and had issue-Ralph, Ann, Thomas,

- Margaret, Mark, Timothy, Joseph and Caleb. Would like to hear from any descendants.  
 Matthew Nattrass (son of above Matthew/Ann) married (1) Elizabeth Hedley of Frosterley. She died in June 1803. They had issue - Thomas and Matthew. Second marriage to Ann Elliott of Stanhope produced issue - Ann, John, Mary, Jane and Ralph.  
 Particularly interested in the family of Thomas Nattrass, born 1798/9 (son of above Matthew/Eliz.) who emigrated to Canada in 1817/18 with his uncle Francis Gardiner and Mary (Blades). Information in a letter gives his mother's name as Mamie Blades whose father had a stockrearing farm, but it is believed that she was his grandmother, not his mother. His father kept a store in Weardale. Thomas is buried in Millbrook, and the date of birth on the headstone is 15 February 1798. Can this be right as his parents were married on 1 December 1798, and they had a son Thomas born or baptised on 15 April 1799? Can anyone help?
- 3555 Mr C. BROWN, 6 Harlow Manor Park, HARROGATE, North Yorkshire HG2 0HH  
 (Tel: Harrogate 507545)
- 3556 Mrs J.P. GARLAND, 102 Ton-yr-ywen Avenue, Birchgrove, CARDIFF, South Glamorgan CF4 4PD  
 (Tel: Cardiff 618614)
- 3557 Mrs E. PRESTON, 20 Percy Road, HAMPTON, Middlesex TW12 2HW  
 (Tel: 01-979 5827)
- 3558 Mrs S. BOWES, 50 First Avenue, CANVEY ISLAND, Essex SS8 9LP  
 (Tel: Canvey Island 698590)
- 3559 Miss M.J. COULSON, 35 Threlfall Street, EASTWOOD, NEW SOUTH WALES 2122, AUSTRALIA
- 3560 Mrs M. TAPP, 11 Wood Close, Rogerstone, NEWPORT, Gwent NP 1 OAF
- 3561 Mrs D.L. SELL, 79 Fyne Drive, Linslade, LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Bedfordshire LU7 7YG  
 (Tel: Leighton Buzzard 378955)
- 3562 Mr R.J. WATSON, 31, Lexington Grove, READING, Berkshire RG2 8UG  
 Researching Shield family of Middleton and Watson of Teesdale. Ancestry to the Bard of Teesdale (great grandfather). Seeking ancestors of William Watson (great great grandfather), born 1801 at Middleton and married to Rebecca Walton from Weardale. Also interested in the Stephenson, Parker and Copeland families of Sunderland. Additional military interest in life of John (Jack) Parker of Sunderland who joined 108 Bn. D.L.I. in 1876 served at Aldershot and Weeden then to India (2nd Bn.?) for 18 years. Also his association with the Order of Good Templers (Rechabites?). Also Walter Scott of Benwell, and his service in South Africa 1900-02 with Imperial Yeomanry. Any information or advice welcome. All letters answered.
- 3563 Mr M.R. ETHERIDGE, 5 Sherborne Avenue, Cyncoed, CARDIFF, South Glamorgan CF2 6SJ
- 3564 Mr H.M.J. RAMSHAW, 24 Falconers Field, HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire AL5 3ES.
- 3565 Mrs J. HARBERTSON, 182 Powder Mill Lane, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, Kent TN4 9DT  
 Interests: James Black, a mason, born c. 1861/2 in Northumberland. Joseph Henry Bray born c.1877 in Northumberland or Cornwall. Any Cessfords including Margaret Jane Cessford born 1865 in the Morpeth area, possibly Widdrington. William Coulson born c.1837 at North Shields. Thomas Davidson, coalminer, having children born in the 1880's in Newbiggin/Woodhorn area. Any Harbertson, or variants, in Northumberland. Joseph Gibson, a stone mason and builder who eloped from Ireland and married Annie Gallighan in 1883 in the Morpeth area. Many houses in Gateshead area reputedly had fireplaces/ranges made by 'J.Gibson' - can anyone verify this? Adam Robson born c.1799 in Northumberland. Samuel Stephens born c.1850 at Callington, Cornwall. Other interests: Dalby, Ambler, Simpson, and McCracken in Yorkshire; Baggaley, Stapleton, Hicking, Jew and Bramley in Notts.; Speakman and McCracken in Scotland.
- 3566 Mrs A. KEALEY, 46 Towers Lane, COCKERMOUTH, Cumbria CA 13 9EE  
 (Tel: Cockermouth 823560) Seeking baptism of William Surtees who was born at Corbridge on Tyne about 1790. His parents may have been a John Surtees and Mary Brown who had a son William baptised at Corbridge on 18 December 1791. The family moved to Egremont, Cumberland, sometime in the early 1800's. Any information on this family, or of any Surtees in the Corbridge area would be extremely welcome. William was a stonemason to trade.
- 3567 Mr J.B. MORALEE, Dunelmia, High Hesledon, HARTLEPOOL, Cleveland TS27 4PZ  
 (Tel: Wellfield 837340)
- 3568 Mr V.D. GORMAN, 68 Stanley Street, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 3BX  
 (Tel: Blyth 351512)
- 3569 Mrs J.I.E. MAUGHAN, 10 Edington Place, Grove, WANTAGE, Oxfordshire OX12 0BX  
 (Tel: Wantage 65162)
- 3570 Mrs J.P. TILLEY, 45 Shepherds Way, Ringmer, LEWES, East Sussex BN8 5QJ  
 (Tel: Ringmer 813943) Seeking information on the family of Mary Ann Wren, born c.1806 at Stockton, County Durham. She married Henry Smallwood on the 8 December 1827 at Hinderwell, North Yorkshire. Would also like to trace any descendants of William Henry Hollis, son of Henry Dennis and Harriet Hollis, born 22 May 1893 at Middleton in Teesdale-, he was married to Frances and had two daughters. He died in Newcastle on Tyne in May 1945. Does anyone know the family?
- 3571 Miss J.R. ARMSTRONG, 1 Springfield Road, Shann Park, KEIGHLEY, West Yorkshire BD20 6JR  
 (Tel: Keighley 603235)

3572 Ms D.R. CUTHBERTSON, Albion House, Ashfield Road, Greetland, HALIFAX, West Yorkshire HX4 8HY

(Tel: Elland 78644) Researching Ralph Cuthbertson born c.1771. He married Ann Crewse at Dartmouth on 15 November 1798. and they had three sons - Ralph Douglas Hope born 1799, John Armstrong born 1800, and George James born 1802. The Marriage register states that Ralph was "of Berwick on Tweed." He was a surgeon in the Royal Navy and died on 24 September 1805 in Antigua in the West Indies, having sailed from Plymouth on "L'Epevier" in 1804. Was he born in Berwick? Can anyone help? Ms. Cuthbertson has lots of information about his descendants which she will happily share?

3573 Mrs M. HILL, 6 Glamis Court, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE34 8AN

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## SECOND TIME AROUND

0016 Mr F.J. VAUGHAN, 11 Hillside Gardens, Kenton, HARROW, Middlesex HA3 9UW

Seeking descendants of siblings of Ralph Hall, great grandfather, who died at 201 Stephenson Street, Tynemouth, in 1926. His death was registered by M. White. The White family lived at 181 Linskill Street, North Shields for some years prior to 1940. Does anyone remember the household in Linskill Street? The ratepayer, Eliza White, might have been Ralph's sister born in 1853.

0726 Mrs E. BOYLE, 19 St Leonards Avenue, WINDSOR, Berkshire SL4 1HX

Researching the name Emmerson pre-1800. Also Treadgold or Tredgold anytime.

0994 Mrs M.J. RENWICK, 31 Dalton Avenue, Lynemouth, MORPETH, Northumberland NE61 5TE

(Tel: 0670 860218) Researching great great grandparents William Gray and his wife Sarah Knox, who were ~~unknown to the Pack Horse Inn, Church St., Berwick on Tweed, about 1850.~~ Does anyone know the number or exact location of The Pack Horse Inn in Church Street? Also seeking information about Newcastle pipemaker Robert Beard, born 1755, and married to Mary McEwan from Dublin, Ireland. Also seeking marriage of Alexander Cairns/Carens and Elizabeth Scaraway c.1780 in Berwickshire.

1277 Mr R.E. SALKELD, 124 Coombe Road, SALISBURY, Wiltshire SP2 8BL

Still interested in all Salkelds anywhere in Northumberland and Durham 15th to 20th centuries. Mr Salkeld has recently found a marriage between John Salkeld and ... Harbottel, c.1510, and is trying to identify the Harbottel. Can anyone help with information on the Harbottel family between 1450 and 1550?

1768 Mr R.S. PRUDDAH, Hazel Cottage, Burley Lane, Overton, BASINGSTOKE, Hampshire RG25 3AG

Mr Pruddah is in possession of a family bible which lists the AYDON family, beginning with the baptism of Philip Aydon, son of Philip, on the 30 March 1677. Also mentioned is the marriage of Mary AYDON to William Pruddah, who was born in 1767 and baptised at Hexham Chapel. Can anyone help with the exact date of his baptisms?

1795 Mrs A.M. HIGGINS, 21 Leighton Terrace, Birtley, CHESTER LE STREET, County Durham DH3 1JN.

Researching the Appleby and Coulson families. John Appleby married Sarah Coulson in New Malton, in August 1824. On the 1841 Census his place of birth was given as Yorkshire, 40 year; of age, and a painter to trade. By 1851 he was deceased and his widow, Sarah, was a cafe owner at 35, Wheelgate. Her place of birth was given as Wallington, near South Cave, Yorkshire, now part of Humberside. She was born in 1801. John and Sarah had nine children - Mary (ancestor of Mrs Higgins) who married Thomas Dixon and eventually settled in Bishop Auckland, Thomas, Ann, Zillah, Elizabeth, Sarah, Jane, George Carr, and Anthony. Any information would be very much appreciated.

2326 Mrs E. MARSHALL, 21 Cooksey Avenue, HARBORD, NEW SOUTH WALES 2096, AUSTRALIA.

Researching family of maternal grandfather Matthew Elliott who was born 10 June 1864 at Annfield Plain, Kyo. His birth certificate states his mother was Jane Elliott formerly Arkless. Documents in Australia give two names for his mother - (1) Elizabeth Jane Arkless, and (2) Jane Turnbull. It is known that Matthew had two brothers, Matthew and George, who went to Australia in the 1880's. The following two entries have been found in Collierly Parish Registers: (1) The baptism of Matthew, son of George and Jane Elliott of Annfield Plain on 15 August 1864, and (2) the marriage, on 28 February 1857 of George Elliott, miner of Annfield Plain, son of John Elliott, postman, and Jane Turnbull of Annfield Plain, daughter of Norman Turnbull. No marriage can be found between a George Elliott and Jane or Elizabeth Jane Arkless. Can anyone help?

2999 Mrs C.D. MAXWELL, 102 Bay Road, BOLTON POINT, NEW SOUTH WALES 2283, AUSTRALIA

Seeking the date and place of marriage, probably before 1830, of Joseph Barry and Margaret Bowron. She was born in 1799 at Streatlam, daughter of William Bowron and Elizabeth Grey. In the 1841 and 1851 Census they were living at Wingate and Coxhoe, County Durham. Known children are Joseph, born 1830 at Kingston upon Hull, Yorkshire; William, born 1833; Margaret born 1835; James Thomas born 1838 at Tudhoe, Durham; and John Frost, born 1841 at Coxhoe.

Also interested in Thomas Nelson Richardson, father of Henry Nelson Richardson, born 1833 in Northumberland, who was married in 1854 at Woodhorn to Mary Margaret Nesbit. Her parents were Joseph Nesbit and Elizabeth Scott, both born in Cramlington. Joseph's father was Rodger Nesbit, mother unknown. Elizabeth's parents were Michael Scott and Mary .... Grateful for any information.

3327 Mrs V. HESTER, Cranfield Cottage, 85 Badshot Park, Badshot Lea, FARNHAM, Surrey GU9 9NE

(Tel: Aldershot 310135) Seeking any information and descendants of the Wheatley family who lived at 6 Charlotte Terrace, Westoe, South Shields, around 1888. The father, William Wheatley, was a vet. and his wife's maiden name was Mary Ann Barlow. A daughter, Eleanor Clazy was born in 1889 and died in 1904. Another daughter married a butcher named Brown and lived in Leeds.

- 3250 Miss S.D. HAMILTON, 15 Limefields Way, East Hunsbury, NORTHAMPTON, Northamptonshire NN4 OSA  
Seeking information of John Thomas Hamilton, born 1869, who married Hannah Sharlet Morton Sawkill in 1890 at St. Hildas, South Shields. Two children of the marriage have been found so far, John Robert Morton and Florence. Also, can anyone shed any light on the umbrella-making industry in South Shields or Gateshead between 1880-1890?
- 3392 Mr P. WRIGHTSON, 57 Bristol Road, LONDON E7 8HG  
Researching Wrightson in the Sunderland area early/mid 1800's. Looking for non-conformist baptism of Matthew Hudson Wrightson in the 1830's, and any details of James Wrightson from the records of the Sunderland Union workhouse where he died in 1842.  
Also interested in Fawcett of Witton Gilbert, mid 1800's Hudson and Liddle of Sunderland, early 1800's. Trying to trace the birth in County Durham of Isabel Mabel Lauder, c.1871, and the marriage of Thomas Lathan, c.1860.
- 3397 Mrs M. SKELLY, 25 Leazes Park, HEXHAM, Northumberland NE46 3AX  
Seeking any information on great grandparents Robert Aitkin and Jane Geddes between 1850 and 1880. They ran a small shop at 3 Cross Street, Gateshead. So far Mrs. Skelly has been unable to find their marriage. Would also welcome any information on the estate of Lord Londonderry at Seaham where many of her ancestors worked 1800+.
- 3447 Mr J. BURROWS, 25D Mirral Road, LILLI PILLI, NEW SOUTH WALES 2229, AUSTRALIA  
Researching Thomas Briggs and wife Margaret (nee Potts, who arrived in Brisbane early 1877 on the "W oodlark", in a family group of 32 people headed by Margaret's father, John Potts.) Thomas, a waterman, married Margaret in 1866 at St John's, Newcastle on Tyne. In 1871 they were living at Dene Terrace, Benwell, Newcastle. Thomas was 26 years old and from Scotswood. They had three children, Lydia, Matthew Robinson and Mary, all born Scotswood. Seeking the baptism of Thomas Briggs. His father was possibly the Thomas Briggs living in Scotswood Village in 1851. He was also a waterman, 44 years, from North Shields. Wife - Mary, 37 years, from Stanton, and 4 children, Mary 16 years, Isabella 11 years, Thomas 6 years, and Margaret 3 years, all from Newburn. Seeking marriage of Thomas Briggs and Mary. Also researching Isabella Brown or Hope born c.1790 in Newcastle, who arrived in Sydney in 1807 as a free person. Supposedly of high breeding and related to the Hope family who purchased the famous Hope diamond. There is a suggestion that she was a Hope but used the name Brown. In 1808 She married John Jones, a convict, who died three years later. She then married a William Smith and had ten children. They lived in the Parramatta area.

#### CORRECTION

- 3027 Mrs S.F. PASSANT, 18 Ninesprings Way, HITCHIN, Hert SG4 9NN  
Entry in the Spring Journal, 1989, page 23, should read - 'Robert Kipping (son of John born 1783), and not 'Robert Kipping (grandson of John born 1783)'. Our apologies to Mrs Passant.

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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We regret to report the deaths of members 0677 Mr G.T. Ross of Rowlands Gill, 0768 Mr E.A.R. Tankerville of Gateshead and 2535 Mr W.R. Keenlyside of Blyth. We extend our deepest sympathy to their respective families.