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## EDITORIAL

During the long winter evenings many of you will no doubt be delving further into your family histories and experiencing the satisfaction of adding another twig or two to the family tree. Our Society exists to help and encourage you in your research, and it is clear that many of you derive great benefit from membership. Unfortunately its very success is causing serious problems: the work involved in running the Society, which continues to grow, falls upon the shoulders of a comparatively small number of hard-pressed volunteers working in their spare time, and in some cases the load is more than they should reasonably be expected to bear.

Two possible ways of improving the situation have been put forward. One is to raise the subscription to allow professional help to be employed. This would require fine judgement, as too big an increase would no doubt lead to a fall in membership. The second is to wind up the Northumberland and Durham Family History Society, and to form two separate societies, a Northumberland Society and a Durham Society.

There is of course a third possibility, and that is to carry on more or less as we are; but if we are to do so we need more members playing an active part in the affairs of the Society so that the workload can be distributed more evenly. For a start, we are looking for someone to keep control of our publications stock, including keeping records of expenditure and income from sales. Any volunteers should contact the Secretary, John Ashburner. In the meantime we would be interested to hear the views of members on the future of the Society.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### *Family History Conference*

Cornwall Family History Society, as hosts, have arranged for the Fifth British Family History Conference and the 1990 AGM of the Federation of Family History Societies to be held at Hendra Tourist Park, Newquay, from 30 March to 3 April 1990.

Purpose-built to provide reasonably priced family holidays, the Hendra Club has not only all the catering and public rooms needed for a conference, but also additional facilities on site for the family to enjoy a holiday while one or both parents attend conference sessions. So for those who would like to make it a holiday, or who need extra time for research in Cornwall, special arrangements have been made so that Conference bookings can be extended for three extra nights at no extra accommodation charge. You will pay only for the food you eat in those extra days.

For full details of the programme, costs and booking forms write to Mrs M.R. Ferrett, Cambrai, Paradise Road, BOSCASTLE, Cornwall PL35 0BL, enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope (9" x 4") or 3IRC's.

### *Transcription and Index to 1851 Census of County Durham*

#### *North-West Durham - Volume I*

This 250 page transcription and index covers Medomsley, Ebchester, Benfieldside, Shotley Bridge, Shotley Grove, Bridgehill, Blackhill, Castleside, Healeyfield, Berry Edge (Consett), Conside and Knitsley in Registrar's District 545/2 - Lanchester.

A group of pupils from Consett Blackfyne Comprehensive School, working with the Headmaster, Dennis Harding (a member of our Society), has transcribed and entered over 7,000 records on to computer discs. The principal object of this school project was to provide computer data bases for educational use, but the information presented in this form should prove of value not only to local historians but also to family historians and genealogists generally.

Copies may be obtained from the Divisional Librarian, Branch Library, Crook, County Durham DL15 8QH, price £7.75 including postage and packing (U.K.), £8.45 overseas (surface mail).

Enquiries regarding Volume 2 (3,000 records) which will include Muggleswick, Leadgate, Crookhall and Iveston should be addressed to Mr D. Harding, Headmaster, Blackfyne Comprehensive School, Durham Road, Consett, County Durham DH8 5TW. Tel: (0207) 503515.

The Census data on micro computer disc files and a local history pack will be available later in 1989. Enquiries should be addressed to Mrs Tina Carr, Northern Micromedia, Resources Centre, Coach Lane Campus, Newcastle upon Tyne NE7 7XA. Tel: (091) 2700424.

# FUTURE PROGRAMME

<i>Thursday, 2 November 1989</i>	<i>Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.</i>
Northumberland and Durham Family History Society meeting. Members' Night.	
<i>Thursday, 9 November 1989</i>	<i>Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.</i>
Sunderland and District Group meeting.	
<i>Saturday, 11 November 1989</i>	<i>London, 10.30 a.m.</i>
London Group meeting. Mr John Williams will speak on "Coal Mining and Records to Trace Coalminers".	
<i>Monday, 20 November 1989</i>	<i>Durham, 7.30 p.m.</i>
Durham Group meeting. Mr Ken Richardson will give a talk on "Social Life in Durham Pit Villages".	
<i>Tuesday, 21 November 1989</i>	<i>Blyth, 7.30 p.m.</i>
South-East Northumberland Group meeting. Talk by Mr Robin Gard (former Northumberland County Archivist) on "Hints on Tracing your Ancestors".	
<i>Wednesday, 22 November 1989</i>	<i>South Shields, 8.00 p.m.</i>
South Tyneside Group meeting. Mr Rod Hill, South Tyneside Librarian, will give a talk on "Using the Public Library".	
<i>Thursday, 7 December 1989</i>	<i>Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.</i>
Northumberland and Durham Family History Society meeting. Mr Robert Steward, Deputy County Archivist, will speak on "Some Less Well-Known Sources for Family History in Northumberland Record Office."	
<i>Monday, 11 December 1989</i>	<i>Durham, 7.30 p.m.</i>
Durham Group Christmas Buffet.	
<i>Tuesday, 12 December 1989</i>	<i>Blyth, 7.30 p.m.</i>
South-East Northumberland Group Christmas Social.	
<i>Wednesday, 13 December 1989</i>	<i>South Shields, 8.00 p.m.</i>
South Tyneside Group Christmas Social.	
<i>Thursday, 14 December 1989</i>	<i>Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.</i>
Sunderland and District Group Christmas Social and Members' Night.	
<i>Thursday, 4 January 1990</i>	<i>Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.</i>
Northumberland and Durham Family History Society meeting.	
<i>Thursday, 11 January 1990</i>	<i>Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.</i>
Sunderland and District Group meeting.	
<i>Monday, 15 January 1990</i>	<i>Durham, 7.30 p.m.</i>
Durham Group meeting.	
<i>Tuesday, 16 January</i>	<i>Blyth, 7.30 p.m.</i>
South-East Northumberland Group Meeting.	
<i>Wednesday, 24 January 1990</i>	<i>South Shields, 8.00 p.m.</i>
South Tyneside Group meeting.	
<i>Thursday, 1 February 1990</i>	<i>Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.</i>
Northumberland and Durham Family History Society meeting.	
<i>Thursday, 8 February 1990</i>	<i>Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.</i>
Sunderland and District Group meeting.	
<i>Monday, 19 February 1990</i>	<i>Durham, 7.30 p.m.</i>
Durham Group meeting.	
<i>Tuesday, 20 February 1990</i>	<i>Blyth, 7.30 p.m.</i>
South-East Northumberland Group meeting.	
<i>Wednesday, 28 February 1990</i>	<i>South Shields, 8.00 p.m.</i>
South Tyneside Group meeting.	
<i>Saturday, 3 March 1990</i>	<i>London, 10.00 a.m.</i>
London Group One Day Conference on "Migration".	

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 EC 1.

## DURHAM GROUP

At our June meeting we were pleased to welcome Mrs Vera Stevens, Secretary of Sunderland Antiquarian Society, who gave a very informative talk illustrated with slides on Silksworth - a colliery village c.1870. Mrs Stevens advised us that there is now a very keen local history group meeting in Silksworth.

There were no meetings in July or August.

## SUNDERLAND AND DISTRICT GROUP

The April meeting began with the AGM and concluded with a general discussion of members' problems and advice on how to solve them.

In May Mr Peter Gibson gave a talk on Southwick-on-Wear, illustrated by his collection of slides. Industries such as potteries, shipyards and glassworks have long disappeared, but traces of quays, stone abutments, wagonways and cobbled streets gave a "then and now" theme to a very interesting and well researched talk.

There was no guest speaker for our June meeting, but our chairman brought along a selection of books from his private library for members to peruse, and in several cases this threw fresh light on their individual researches.

No meetings were held on July or August.

## SOUTH TYNESIDE GROUP

The group continued to hold meetings throughout the summer months without any falling of attendance. During this period we concentrated on helping new members with their problems.

As the Marriage Indexes for South Tyneside are now complete we have started on the area around Gateshead. Anyone interested in assisting with this project should contact Mrs D. Tait (the Society's Librarian - address on Contents page).

## SOUTH-EAST NORTHUMBERLAND GROUP

The Annual General Meeting of the Group was held in June, when the Secretary reported another successful year. As well as being informed and entertained at our regular meetings by a variety of interesting speakers, the Group had almost completed the recording of MIs at Horton and a start had been made at Blyth Links Cemetery. Three volumes of the index to the 1851 Census of Northumberland had now been published, and a fourth was due to appear in the near future. A small library is being formed for the use of members.

The Chairman and Treasurer were re-elected, but Mrs Walton has resigned as Secretary, and Mrs Strother was elected to take her place. We are grateful to Mrs Walton for all her work on behalf of the Group.

## LONDON GROUP

The summer meeting was held on Saturday 15 July. Professor Gordon Batho was unfortunately not able to travel down from Durham, but we were pleased to welcome, at short notice, Mr Richard Moore, former Chairman of the Federation of Family History Societies. His talk, entitled "Mistakes I have made - problems in family history research", gave helpful and practical advice to members, including the use of newspapers to trace events and ancestors, and the problems caused by false names on documents.

The talk was followed by the Annual General Meeting when the retiring committee were re-elected by a unanimous show of hands.

The date of the next meeting is Saturday 11 November 1989 at 10.30 a.m., when Mr John Williams will speak on "Coal Mining and Records to Trace Coalminers".

On Saturday 3 March 1990 at the Society of Genealogists the London Group will hold its first One Day Conference on "Migration". Mr Anthony Camp will speak on "Migration in England and Wales", Mr William Rounce on "Migration to Tyneside", and Mrs Marnie Mason on "Anglo Scottish Migration". 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 please book your place as early as possible.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## *Southampton Settlement Examinations*

Mrs J. Berry, of 35 Kings Avenue, Gedling, NOTTINGHAM NG4 4ED, writes:

"Whilst researching the Rutter side of my family tree in Hampshire I found the following "Examinations as to Settlement" in the Southampton Record Office:-

*John Rutter served his Appr(enticeship) to Robert Young, Taylor of the parish of Fremwell (Framwell) Gate in the Bishopricke of Durham and his wife to be removed forthwith which is the last place of his Legal Settlement*

*April the 21st 1714*

*Jurat (sworn) 24th die Feb. 1718*

*Cora (before) Jno. Thornbrough, Esq. May(o)r*

*Fr. Gardiner*

*Charles Smith*

*P(er)mited to Stay until Midsum(m)er*

*Town and County of South(amp)ton*

*The Examination of Anne Rutter, Singlewoman, now residing in the Parish of St Michael in the said Towne and County touching her settlem(en)t taken on Oath the tenth day of July 1754.*

I have summarised this examination:-

1. Born in the Parish of St Michael.
2. Father was a mariner soldier, place of settlement unknown, and has been dead for several years.
3. About 11 years ago Anne was hired by Mrs Remacle, wife of Leonard Remacle, then residing in St Lawrence, to be a servant at 50 shillings a year.  
Stayed with them for 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> years. ,
4. Then hired by Roger Beare of the same parish at same wages. Stayed with him for 8 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> years.
5. Now seeks settlement order (which was given) - no indication of where she intends to go.

Believing the Rutters of Southampton to be direct ancestors of mine I have researched all parish indexes for Southampton under the surname Rutter, and believe I have all births, deaths and marriages from 1646 to 1837. Many I can link to the John Rutter mentioned in the Settlement Agreement.

If any member of the Society would like details I would be pleased to forward them."

## *Copying Parish Registers*

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

"One of our members recently asked at one of our local libraries for a Northumberland parish register, to be told that it had been stolen about a year ago. Fortunately a copy, or partial copy of this register is in existence, although the contents of the parish magazine, gossip, and comments that the original contained are not.

Now while I know that many folk would endorse my wish that calamity might strike the mindless vandal who put his selfish needs before the general good, the necessity arises to take a more positive approach. Now that the dark nights are upon us, have you thought about copying a register and indexing the marriages and baptisms to make certain that more than one copy is available? About 30 parishes in Northumberland cry out for attention, so why not have a go? If you are doubtful about your ability, help can always be given."

## EYE COLOUR AND GENEALOGY

Ms Julia G. Coxon has written to point out that in her article on "Eye Colour and Genealogy" published in our Autumn 1989 issue, her great-great grandfather's name was incorrectly given as Davis instead of Davie, and that his eye colour (hazel) was omitted.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this has caused.

# AGEMICS FAMILY TREE

George Bell

In their book *Computer Genealogy*\* the authors, Paul Andereck and Richard Pence, devote a chapter to 'Looking at the Future'; and although published four years ago, a generation in computing terms, what they have to say is of relevance today, if only because the mountain of data involved will require a generation, in human terms, to computerise. Andereck and Pence dream that the million plus reels of microfilm held by the Mormons at Salt Lake City will be available to all one day, via a telephone connected to a home computer which will be your link to the vast mainframe in Utah. You simply switch on the computer at home, run your communications program to access the data on the mainframe, enter your enquiry when prompted, then sit back for a few minutes while you wait for the data transfer to your own computer. Quite apart from source notes, the system will be set up to log names and addresses of others who have accessed the same data; the lucky ones would have a string of new contacts to chase up for the price of an interstate phone call plus a small fee for extracting the data.

If that scenario appears too futuristic perhaps I should point out that the ink on the pages of Andereck and Pence's book had hardly dried by the time Amstrad launched the PCW8256late in 1985. This may not have been state of the art technology, but at least it brought the power of serious computing into the home for a price comparable with that of a VCR. In addition to Locoscript, the word processing element of the package, it came bundled with its own operating system and a variety of utility programs, including one for communications. To make use of the program, however, a serial interface and a modem (two extras which allow computers to communicate with each other) were required.

Amstrad followed this with the release of the PC 1512 range; again, old technology, but the package and the price was right for most frustrated domestic computer users. The effect on the market was quite sensational: IBM began to lose its Blue Chip image as the market for personal computers grew apace in the space of only three years. Today you can buy an IBM compatible PC from any number of sources for between £300 to £1,000; some with a printer and software thrown into the bargain. There's no shortage of communications software for these computers. Many are available from public domain/shareware outlets at minimal cost. All PC's come with serial interface as standard; modems are extra, but cheap enough, and some models, usually portables, house an integral modem.

Which brings me, rather indirectly, to Agemics Family Tree (AFT), a computerised data management system for family historians. But before proceeding to review the program, a few words about its evolution.

AGEMICS is an acronym for Australian Genealogical Electronic Mail International Computer Search, which is a bit misleading to say the least, as it is not possible to log-on to the computer of the British-Australian Heritage Society at Ryde on the Isle of Wight, for whom it was written. However, it does indicate the shape of things to come, and the system is up and running in parts of Australia following trials in New South Wales.

The BAHS sees its role as hunter gatherers of references in primary sources to immigrants from the old country. The idea is that a family historian up-over, having exhausted all possible avenues of investigation in the search for an elusive ancestor in this country, should begin searching in the colonies. Subscribe to the BAHS and they will search their database and pass on whatever information they hold on the named individual, including names and addresses of family historians elsewhere who have made a similar request. Don't worry if you're the first to make such a request because your annual subscription entitles you to regular feedback. However, the fact that all this feedback is handled by the Post Office does rather make a mockery of the whole concept. What is the BAHS waiting for?

## The System and the Package

I ran AFT on an IBM compatible PC with a hard disk, using a 24 pin dot matrix printer. The program is small, about 190 kilobytes. With a number of support files it takes up most of a 360k/5.25 inch floppy disk. Depending on your setup a number of these files will be redundant as they are simple batch files to automate the process of installation and backup of data. The program has a theoretical maximum capacity of 9,999 records, though of course much depends on the capacity of your disk drives.

## Installation

Installation is simple: after copying the master disk and storing it safely, prepare two or three blank formatted disks and have ready the MSDOS system disk with [COMMAND.COM](http://COMMAND.COM) on; then insert the copy of the AFT program disk in drive A: -\*,' type INSTALL, press return and follow the on screen



instructions. Single drive users will have the main program copied onto one disk, and data and index files to a second; for twin drive users the data and index files will be separated onto two disks, making three disks in all; and hard disk users will find the installation procedure copies all necessary files into a directory called AFT. In all cases it places a batch file called GOAFT.BAT in the root directory. Finally, it is necessary to ensure the CONFIG.SYS file allows sufficient file and buffer space to be opened by setting each to 20.

### The Program

To run AFT simply type GOAFT and press return. This brings up the main screen presenting four menus; Input/Edit, Display, Print, and Utilities. The Input/Edit menu bar is highlighted, and is the obvious selection to make; however, should you do so, you'll find that you cannot enter more than ten records. This is because the program relies heavily on indexes, allowing the user to set the maximum number of records which can be entered. The higher the number, the slower the indexing routines. It is therefore advisable to select the File Extend option from the Utilities menu, setting the number of person, marriage and note records which can be entered. These figures can always be increased when necessary, though nothing short of reinstalling the program can reduce the settings if they are set too high initially.

### Entering and Editing Records

Selecting the Person Record option from the Input/Edit menu results in the prompt line at the bottom of the screen asking for a record number. Pressing return presents you with the next available record (ie 1 if no data has been entered). The screen changes to resemble a preprinted index card with 21 data fields for surname, given names, sex, father, mother, and birth, naming, death, and burial, the last four having four elements recording date, town/city, state/county, and country. It is then a simple matter of entering the information, which appears on the screen immediately in upper case. When it comes to the father and mother fields you are prompted to enter the number corresponding to the records holding details of the parents of the individual whose details are being entered. If the parent's details have already been entered, no problem; if not, press on, they can always be entered later. Dates are entered in the year month day format for sorting purposes.

As you can probably see by now, the entire database is strung together by the index which records parent-child relationships. For this reason, after exploring the program for a short while, I reinstalled it and started afresh, entering details sequentially from a birth brief before adding further records. The advantages of doing this are quite simple: since the program cannot anticipate data entry, records are entered (more or less) randomly and stored in the order they were entered. The problem, therefore, is keeping track of the record numbers yourself: you either enter a whole list of names and related data, logging your progress with a pencil and paper, or print a sorted list of all entries at the end of the session (a waste of paper and ribbons); or you adapt the only genealogical numbering convention to suit the program. Thus I am the subject of record number 1, my father number 2, my mother number 3, and so on. You can do this through as many generations as you like without worrying over trivial (from the program's point of view) details like unknown surnames or first names. Pressing return at the first cursor position in the surname field in the edit screen simply inserts UNKNOWN. Thus you are able to reserve a record because its number holds significance.

Marriage Records, the second option of the Input/Edit menu, are related to the Person Records in that they rely on the record numbers of the individuals for cross referencing purposes. Like the father and mother fields in the latter, you are prompted to enter the record numbers of the bride and groom. As you do so their names appear on the screen and the cursor moves to the section for recording the details of the marriage - four fields for date and place. Once again, the value of the birth brief approach to entering data comes in useful here. My parents details are entered in marriage record number 1, my paternal grandparents in number 2, and my maternal grandparents in number 3, and so on.

It will get to the stage, however, when you will not be able to recall the record numbers of all the individuals in the Persons Records. Here AFT allows you to search and select from the Persons Records whilst editing the Marriage Records. This option is accessed by pressing the function key F5 which opens up the Data Search screen, where you are prompted to enter the surname of the bride or groom. The search results in the sorted names being displayed, the first instance of the name entered occupying the active field where the data was entered. You can then scroll up or down this roll of names to position and select the desired record, whereupon you are returned to the Marriage Record editing screen. Multiple marriages are easily handled by the program.

In both editing screens you have the option of adding notes by pressing the function key F9, which opens up the appropriate editing screen. It is possible to have up to 255 pages of notes tagged onto a record; a large number you might think, but each page is a relatively small 50 column by 5 row format - space for only 250 characters. This is sufficient for noting census details and such, and with a bit of planning here it should be possible to adopt a regular paging sequence based on date of birth. Alternatively, it could list references to fuller notes held in a word processed file, or point to pages in family albums containing photographs of the person and/or event. Second and subsequent pages are opened by pressing the function key F8.

Backing out of the editing screens is a straight forward procedure involving the escape and return keys to confirm data entry. Pressing escape a second time takes you back to the main screen.

### Displaying Data on Screen

The Display Menu has three options, Tree Display, Data Display, and Data Search. Tree Display is quite unique in genealogy programs: when selected the user is prompted to enter a record number and the screen changes almost immediately to present a section of the family tree, with boxes noting name, year of birth and death, and record number. The record selected occupies the centre box, highlighted by a double lined border, whilst details from the record are displayed in a section of the screen below. Three generations with a maximum of eight boxes can be displayed this way, and by selecting one of up to nine options listed on the status line at the bottom of the screen it is possible to wander about the entire structure of the family tree, amending records as you go by pressing the function key F2 to bring up the editing screen, and escape to return to the display.

When the Select Spouse option is chosen from the status line the husband/wife of the current persons record is displayed in its place. By simply toggling between the two it is possible to leap from branch to branch, as it were. Likewise with a person who has been married more than once; only then the status line clears to display the options, one of which can be selected by moving the cursor over it and pressing return.

Data Display and Data Search are for specific enquiries, and offer alternative routes into large family trees. Both ask if the search is to be performed on Person or Marriage records then prompt you to enter the name or marriage record number. When done select the Record option on the status bar to bring up the record for editing, or the Tree option to enter the tree, where you can then use the F2 key to edit the record. The Data Search option is the most useful feature, allowing searches on one of 26 fields. This includes notes pages, so if you wished to search for a common address in census returns, say, it is possible to obtain a list of people whose records meet the search criteria. A drawback is that numbers cannot be entered into the condition to be matched when searching notes pages, yet numbers can be entered in the pages of notes. Also, searching for ancestors sharing a given name will fail if that person has more than one given name. Thus a search for all Isabella's will not succeed if the full name is Mary Isabella, yet will succeed in listing all whose first name is Isabella regardless of whether or not they have a second name. Results of searches can be viewed on the screen or printed.

### Printing the Results

Data and time stamping and automatic page numbering of most printed output are pleasing touches to the six options available. These cover individual and marriage records, sorted and listed or printed in full, including notes pages; family group forms (printed sideways); birth briefs; tree structures, and drop line charts. The last two seem to be unique to AFT. When you select tree structure you are prompted to enter a record number and the system responds by printing a family tree of record numbers below the one entered. It then asks if you would like to print a list of all the records indicated sorted alphabetically or by record number.

Drop Line Charts perform a similar task but print (sideways) the entire tree with a digest of the individual's details, all boxed and linked. Boxes around these details can be suppressed, and printing compressed to accommodate more generations per page. AFT claims twenty-four generations can be handled by Drop Line Charts: I experimented with six generations covering 62 records. This took about 45 minutes to print on continuous stationary, which is wide enough for six generations without compressing the print. Be warned then, it's a slow process!

An important point concerning printers is that they are set up for standard Epson (or compatible) 9 pin dot matrix printers. If you have a 24 pin printer you'll find that the paper handling leaves a bit to be desired when using A4 paper. You can overcome this problem by switching to foolscap or continuous stationary.

### Utilities

I've already mentioned the File Extend option of this menu. The only other option that needs to be mentioned here is Update Indexes, which the program constantly reminds you to do. When prompted you can always respond by typing N(o) before proceeding further, leaving the indexing till later. In any event, when exiting the program the indexes are automatically updated.

### Conclusions

AFT is by no means perfect (what program is?). As a data base it is fairly crude, offering no inline editing features, only a delete/back-space key. Deleted records cannot be removed; its indexing procedures are labouriously slow, and it is prone to crash during this operation. (If so simply reset the computer and start again and the program will rebuild the indexes before proceeding.) For £36 you might be well advised to consider another database or genealogy program. Having said that I must point to its user friendliness in screen handling especially, but also for its context sensitive help screens and printing routines. These are its obvious strengths, and I recommend it for these features alone.



It may not be practical, but an additional field to accommodate the indexing system favoured by the user would be a further refinement of the program. Mouse handling and a utility to display the relationship between two individuals might be useful refinements too. We shall see! Like all programs, AFT is under constant revision and the programmers are open to suggestions from users. What's more, program updates can be obtained by simply returning the master disk, enclosing the cost of return postage. This, and the fact that it is available for IBM PC's and compatibles, as well as the Amstrad PCW, Atari ST, Commodore Amiga and Acorn Archimedes, are additional points in its favour.

AFT version 1.64 is available from the British-Australian Heritage Society, P.O. Box 5, Ryde, Isle of Wight. Price £36.

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## DON'T DELAY!

*Mrs J. Wears*

At New Year 1987 I had thoughts about family Bibles and other family mementoes, and how they often passed to the eldest daughter. I decided to try another avenue of research into my husband's family history.

In the spring of 1987 I had a letter published in a local Durham newspaper. I said that I was searching for descendants or grandchildren of Mary (nee Wears) and James Noddings of the Trimdon area. I received various replies; one came from Hampshire, but although very welcome it gave me no new information. The second letter was what I had hoped for: it came from a granddaughter of Mary and James, their eldest child's second daughter, a Mrs Mary Laverick (nee Hackworth).

Mrs Laverick had been shown my letter by a district nurse who was caring for her following an emergency operation. Had she been well, Mrs Laverick would have been on a visit to Australia when my letter was published, and would in all probability have missed my enquiry. In due course she sent me a 'family list' written by her grandmother, Mary Noddings. This list gave the names, dates of birth and a few death dates of her own children as well as those of her nieces and nephews. Mary had two brothers and a sister who survived to adulthood; they all married and produced numerous children, many of whom were unknown to me.

Over the months several letters and phone calls were exchanged. Mrs Laverick lived in Trimdon, and my husband and I, together with our two sons, hoped to see her during the February half-term in 1988. In 1941 my husband had been evacuated to Trimdon to stay with a cousin of his father. The cousin was Mrs Laverick's mother, Mary Hackworth (nee Noddings). Her sister Annie Mitchell (Noddings) lived next door at the time. We had visited Annie in 1972, but that was seven years before I discovered the fascination of family history. We would be travelling to County Durham from Devon, and because of the possibility of bad weather in February, we decided - on Mrs Laverick's advice - to delay our visit until the Easter holidays.

On 26 February I received a letter from a Mrs Bell telling me that her sister Mrs Laverick had died on 19 February, following a heart attack. Mrs Bell did however say that we were welcome to call on her if we visited Durham at a later date. In the meantime we had moved to Essex, and we planned to visit Trimdon and Mrs Bell in Wingate during the summer.

Fate struck again. Mrs Bell's daughter telephoned to say her mother had died suddenly some weeks previously; whilst dealing with her effects she had come across the letters and family tree I had sent to her aunt, along with my letter to her mother. Very thoughtfully she decided to inform me of Mrs Bell's death.

When researching family history the motto would seem to be - make contact and act without delay!

Editor's Note: Mrs Wears also submitted a copy of the Noddings/Wears family tree, and a transcript of a 'Family List' written by Mary (Wears) Noddings. The list gives details of Mary's own children, as well as those of her brothers William and James Wears, and of her sister Sarah who married Thomas Bateman. These will be deposited in the Society's library. Mrs Wears address is 2 Highfield Villas, East Mill, HALSTEAD, Essex C09 2EH.

# THE BIRTH AND DEATH OF A STEEL TOWN

*Dennis Harding*

Consett was the product of the Industrial Revolution. Before 1840, where Consett now stands, there was only a bleak desolate hillside, almost devoid of people and settlement. When the *Boldon Buke* - the North's equivalent of the Domesday Book - was compiled in 1183, it was called Conkesheved. Another name sometimes given to it was Berry Edge - a large expanse of common land and part of Lanchester Common. Some of the surrounding settlements though are of much older origin. For instance, Ebchester was the site of a Roman camp and Watling Street, between Ebchester and Leadgate, was part of the Roman road from Corbridge-on-Tyne to York.

1576 - On Christopher Saxton's map of County Durham the only place named where Consett now stands is Conside Hall, although the villages of Medomsley, Shotley Bridge, Iveston, Knitsley, Benfieldside, Rowley and Ebchester were marked.

1690 - About this time several German families fled from their homeland because of religious persecution and settled in Shotley Bridge. There they commenced business as steel sword makers and cutlers, eventually building Cutlers' Hall, which still exists today as private dwelling houses. Part of the old ruined sword mill used by the Germans is still standing on the right bank of the River Derwent near the bridge at Shotley Bridge, but their old streets, Wood Street and Green Street, which appear in the 1851 Census, decayed and were demolished. Over the doorway of his house in Wood Street William Oley, one of the original Germans, had carved in stone an inscription which in translation read: "The blessing of the Lord makes rich without care, so long as you are industrious in your vocation, and do what is ordered of you. 1691." By 1851 the sword making industry which had flourished during the Napoleonic Wars had ceased to exist, and only two retired sword makers are recorded - William and Nicholas Oley.

1833 - The coming of the railways and the construction of the turnpikes ended the isolation of this remote part of north-west Durham, previously crossed by a few wide but ill-made roads used by drovers and their herds of cattle and by strings of pack horses laden with lead. In 1833 construction was started on the Stanhope and Tyne Railway from South Shields on the River Tyne to Carr House, Conside, and in 1840 a superb new turnpike, surveyed by Thomas Sopwith, opened up the Derwent Valley with a link to Scotswood Bridge and so on to Newcastle.

1839 - John Nicholson of Shotley Bridge, joiner and cartwright, discovered ironstone on the refuse heaps from pits at Berry Edge and submitted samples to Jonathan Richardson, the Quaker manager of Northumberland and Durham District Bank, who lived at Snobs Green, Shotley Bridge. He in turn submitted samples to the Quakers who owned the Wearmouth Ironworks near Sunderland. Industrial North-East England generally owed much of its origin to the energy and enterprise of the Quakers. Shotley Bridge was one of the earliest centres of Quaker activity, and one of their first Meeting Houses was built there.

1841 - Jonathan Richardson and other partners, including William Cargill from the declining Ridsdale Ironworks in Northumberland, set up the Derwent Iron Works based on the discovery of ironstone bands among the coal measures. The company built blast furnaces and rolling mills but soon discovered the poor quality and quantity of local Consett ironstone, making it necessary to transport suitable ore by rail from Cleveland and Cumberland. 18 blast furnaces were built in the Consett area (7 at Consett, 7 at Crookhall, 4 at Bradley), together with rolling mills and coke ovens. Company coal mines were sunk to provide for the coke works.

By 1846, relying on bank finance, the company had grown rapidly and was the largest in the North. These developments attracted a huge increase in the local population. Thus the development of Consett during the mid and late 19th century was the result of the Industrial Revolution, the determination and enterprise of Quaker and other industrialists, the migration of people from the countryside to urban areas, and the rapidly increasing market for iron and steel products.

Larger coal pits were sunk in the area at such places as Leadgate, Medomsley and Blackhill to supply the furnaces, and mining villages grew around these pits. Coal, iron and steel were the lifeblood of the area. Consett grew from 195 inhabitants in 1841 to 6000 in 1870. Today it has a population of 40,000. At first the town was made up mainly of lines of terraced houses for the steel and mine workers. The town spread outwards and linked up with many of the outlying villages such as Shotley Bridge, Leadgate and Delves Lane.

National recognition of the quality of the Company's iron came at the Great Exhibition of 1851, when exhibits from Consett included a railway line, a ship's plate and a marine beam engine. In the same year, by Sunday night, 30 March 1851, all householders in England and Wales had received a form to fill

in from the specially appointed Census Enumerators. On each form had to be recorded details of each person residing or lodging in the house, or even just visiting overnight. There had been censuses before; in fact every ten years since 1801, but the first four were simply head counts, and it was not until 1841 that names and addresses and approximate ages were listed. The 1851 Census is important because it was the first in which the relationship of everyone in the household to the head, the actual ages, county and place of birth were given.

In the extreme north-west corner of County Durham, in the beautiful valley of the Derwent, Thomas Brown, innkeeper of the Wheatsheaf, collected in the Census forms filled in by those householders who could write, checked them and completed the forms of those who could not write. He then wrote up by hand all the entries in the Census Book, totalled each page and completed a summary for his district. This shows that there were 271 separate households, occupied by 1422 inhabitants - 696 male and 726 female. Like many other parts of the country, the population in the first half of the 19th century had increased enormously: Shotley Bridge, counted in with neighbouring Benfieldside, had a population of 1074 in 1841; this had more than doubled to 2475 in 1851, and was ten times more than it had been in 1801 (257).

Over two miles away the change was even more dramatic. Up at Berry Edge, on a rather bleak hillside over 300 metres above sea level where there had been two small settlements, Conside and Knitsley, with a population of only 195 in 1841, John Z. Connell, a police sergeant of Durham Rural Constabulary, registered 2777 people in his Census Book. He collected his forms from row upon row of recently erected iron workers' cottages at Berry Edge (now the site of Consett Market and Bus Station). Many were occupied by Irish immigrants or iron workers from Staffordshire, or by locals in search of employment.

1857 - Jonathan Richardson's Northumberland and Durham Bank, which had been largely financing the development of the Iron Company, failed, and a new company, the Derwent and Consett Iron Company, was formed to save the industry. In the same year the Howens Gill viaduct, 700 feet long and 175 feet high, was built on the outskirts of Consett to improve the rail link southwards to Stanhope. The viaduct is a massive brick structure which still stands (though one of the designer Thomas Bouch's other famous structures, the Tay Bridge, collapsed in a gale in 1879).

Thereafter the steelworks dominated the skyline. Coal was brought by rail and wagonway from local pits and limestone from Pennine valleys such as Stanhope in Weardale. Iron ore eventually had to be imported and brought by rail from the Tyne. This moorland location became the strangest site for a steelworks in the country, and it was this isolated position which eventually led to its closure. Of the four great industries in the Consett area - coal, steel, paper and lead - the latter two barely survived the nineteenth century. The paper making industry was established at Shotley Bridge in 1812 in mills previously used for sword making and barley milling. The Annandale family had had previous experience at the Houghton Mill on the North Tyne. 27 adults and 15 children were employed in 1840, growing to 85 employees at the time of the 1851 Census. By 1881 over 300 adults were employed, day and night, producing 50 tons of paper per week, but gradually the competition with cheap imported wood-based paper from the U.S.A. and Canada began to affect the Shotley Grove Mill until closure inevitably took place in 1908.

It is thought that the Healeyfield lead mine, near Castleside, which was owned by the Dean and Chapter of Durham, once supplied silver for the Durham Mint; each ton of lead mined there contained 15 ounces of silver. In the 1851 Census 16 lead miners were recorded at Healeyfield, as well as surface workers such as "mangle washers of lead" employed to separate the "dross" from the ore. The ore was smelted at the Healeyfield Mill, built in 1805 near Castleside, just west of Consett. Production continued in the face of foreign competition in the final quarter of the nineteenth century, but ceased in 1913. Only the twin flues which were used to carry away the noxious fumes from the smelt mill remain.

During the last thirty years much more vital changes to the area's economy have taken place. The coal industry survived until the spate of closures in the 1950s and 1960s, when the less economically worked coal seams of north-west Durham grew too expensive to mine when faced with (then) much cheaper oil imports. No coal mines now exist in this part of Durham. The steel industry too, its products having been in great demand during the nineteenth century for ships' plates and railway lines, and during the two World Wars of the twentieth century, suffered a gradual decline.

In the face of grave competition from cheaper imported steel, investment on steel production was concentrated on only a few favoured sites in Britain. Reliance on ore brought from Cleveland in the nineteenth century, or brought into the Tyne and transported by rail, imposed great overheads on the Consett Steel Works. Despite large investments, the steelworks closed in 1980, mainly because of the need nationally to cut back steel production. 4000 people were made redundant by the closure, and this was a tremendous blow to the town. The writing on the wall at the time carried the poignant message: "Will the last one to leave the Consett works switch off the lights?" One hundred and years of steel-making were over.

The Berry Edge steel works site has now been cleared and the accumulated slag heaps have been levelled and grassed over in order to create a new leisure park. Echoes of the past still exist in the district: Shotley Park, home of Jonathan Richardson, founder of the iron industry, is now a residential home. Shotley Grove, Peter Annandale the paper manufacturer's family home, still stands, as does Mrs Annandale's school built in 1841 for the workers' children beside Cutlers Hall. More incredibly, Isabella Wilkinson, who had been a domestic servant to the Richardson family, paid out of her savings to have a school erected in Blackhill in 1844 to help educate the large number of migrant children. Both schools are now private houses. Derwent Hill, once the home of Edmund Octavius Tregelles, tin plate manufacturer of the Blackhill Tin Mill, Quaker and native of Cornwall, stands on the delightfully secluded Springhouse Lane, which prior to 1840 used to be the main road from Ebchester to Shotley Bridge. Hamsterley Hall, still occupied, was the home of the local squire and writer Robert Smith Surtees, creator of the character Jorrocks and ancestor of Lord Gort of 1940 British Expeditionary Force fame. Ebchester Hill, the home of coalowner William Coupland, who enumerated Ebchester in the 1851 Census, is now St Mary's Convent, a home for retired ladies.

The only blast furnace to be seen in Consett these days is that depicted on Blackfyne School crest.

Editor's Note: Mr Harding is the Headmaster of Consett Blackfyne Comprehensive School, and has been responsible for the production of the North West Durham (Volume 1) 1851 Census Transcription covering Consett and surrounding villages which is now available (see *News in Brief* for details). He would like to hear from anyone with ancestral connections in the Consett area. He has already been in contact with a descendant of Jonathan Richardson (Mr Christopher Thompson, 6 Briar Lane, Carshalton, Surrey), and with a descendant of the Jewitts, who were dyers, fullers and flour millers: the mills were operated by the Derwent mill race at Ebchester (Mr C. Jewitt, 9 Hylton Road, Durham City). Both have supplied useful genealogical information.

## EDWARD CHARTERS

Dorothy K. Marshall

Would it not be ironical if I, a Northumbrian by birth but having lived the last twenty years in Canada, could trace through the Northumberland and Durham Family History Society's Journal the descendants of my half-cousin, also a Northumbrian, who emigrated to Canada sixty years before I did?

My great-aunt Hannah was born 7 April 1860 at Moss Cottage, Coanwood, the seventh child of Edward Edgar and Sarah Oliver. On 11 November 1882 she married Hugh Spark, and shortly afterwards her only child Edward was born. Hannah was named after Sarah's older sister, Hannah Clemison, a tough old bird who at age 86 was farming Wolf Hills, Coanwood. Apparently Hannah Spark did not inherit her aunt's strong constitution, because family legend has it that she stayed out late one night, caught a chill and died. She was buried in Hayton Cemetery on 21 January 1893.

Ward's Directory of 1893/4 gives: Hugh Spark, Dairyman, 23 Frederick Street and 3 Laygate Terrace, South Shields. This building was in the High Shields area, on the corner of Frederick Street and Laygate Terrace. Hugh remarried, had another son and died. Edward's stepmother remarried and lived in the Blyth or Ashington area. By this time Edward must have been about 14 years old, an age at which he would have been entering the work force, so it seems strange to me that he took his stepfather's name, Charters. My guess is that he was apprenticed to Mr Charters.

In 1907 Edward emigrated to Canada where he worked on the railway before returning to England to fight in World War I. Eventually he settled in Sidney, Vancouver Island, where he died in March 1945 aged 63, leaving two sons, John and Edward, and two grandsons. I have tried and failed to trace these relatives.

One of Edward's first cousins is Ronald Edgar of Ovingham, whose next-door neighbour at one time took paying guests. One morning Ronald was chatting over the garden fence to one of the guests and told her of his interest in tracing the descendants of Edward and Sarah Edgar's twelve children. As a result, this lady gave Ronald a Christmas post card, including a photo of Edward Charters, mailed from Toronto at Christmas 1907 to Miss E.J. Allan, Craig View, West Woodburn, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Maybe someone reading this has information about Edward Charters' stepmother or stepfather. I am sure they were kind, generous people.

Incidentally, my grandfather was born in 1872, the youngest of 12 children, when his father Edward Edgar was 50 years old and his mother Sarah Oliver (fifth of 12 children) was 46. Sarah's father, William Oliver, was third of a family of 12, but his father, Cuthbert Oliver was second in a family of only 11. Edward Edgar, my great grandfather, was born in 1822, the youngest of 12 children, when his father John Edgar was 57 years old and his mother, Mary Hudspith was between 51 and 53. So in a mere two generations I skip back 107 years in my family tree.

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# IN SEARCH OF THE BLACK BOY

*Tom Manners*

Ever since my grandfather, George T. Manners, stayed with us at Bishop Auckland in 1938 and told me what he knew of our family's origins and some anecdotes about his own grandfather I have had the urge to find proof of the family origin and to verify the family legends.

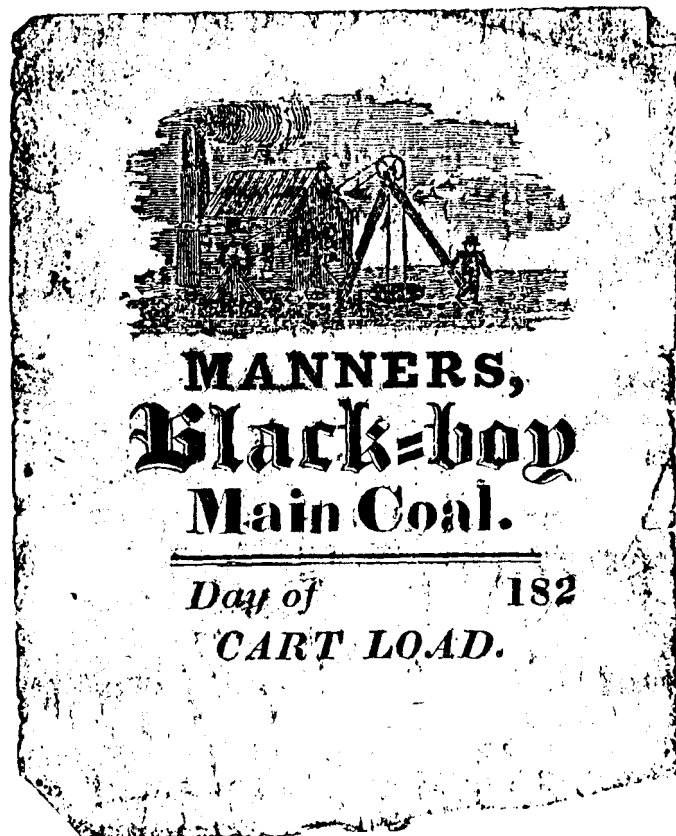
When my grandfather was born in Bishop Auckland in 1862 there were at least 14 families by the name of Manners in Coundon, and all were said to be related. My grandfather believed that all were descended from two brothers who came to Coundon to open the Black Boy Pit, one of the first collieries in the area. Nobody at that time seemed to know where these two brothers had come from, although my grandfather was certain that one of the brothers was his great grandfather John Manners who was buried in St Andrew's churchyard at South Church, Bishop Auckland, in 1859.

Grandfather knew a lot about this John Manners. **The stone erected** in John's memory had been paid for by his youngest son Robert, who emigrated to America in the 1850s and made good in Hastings, Minnesota. In 1888 my grandfather decided to follow in his great uncle Robert's footsteps and try his fortune in America, and his first move was to contact his cousins, the descendants of Robert, and to visit them on his way to a new life in California, which was a popular Eldorado at the time. He maintained contact with the American family until his death in 1943. Grandfather set up a general store on Hollywood Ranch near Los Angeles, but the place was desert and infested with rattlesnakes and business was poor. Grandmother caught malaria. She bore one American son, Thomas, but 1891 saw the family back in Durham, where grandpa rejoined his father in the building business. Little did he know that Hollywood Ranch was about to become the centre of the new motion picture industry.

In the 1930s and 1940s it was no easy thing to discover where ones ancestors came from. There were no Records Offices; all the Parish records were in the hands of the incumbents, and to see them one relied on the goodwill of these gentlemen. Viewing arrangements were much below present day standards. There were no IGI lists, and under the hundred year rule the Census returns were not available for inspection. One person who did tackle the problem of the origin of the family was my 4th cousin John Weir Manners of Willington. He discovered from Auckland St Andrew's Registers that John Manners of Black Boy came from New Lambton near Chester-le Street. Turning to the Chester Parish Records he found three earlier generations of Manners going back to the marriage of Jonathan Manners to Elianor Taylor at Chester-le Street on 26 December 1722. This Jonathan and his son Thomas were overmen at the colliery at New Lambton, so clearly the family was engaged in coal mining for most of the 18th Century. Further analysis of the parish records of Chester-le-Street and St Andrew's Auckland revealed that John did not appear in Coundon with just one brother to open the Black Boy Colliery, because records exist at Auckland of his three brothers and four sisters and his father and mother also died in Auckland. One is forced to the conclusion that it was John's father George and his mother Elizabeth who brought their whole family to Auckland where presumably more work was available. This move took place between 1790 and 1800.

Having discovered the origin of the family, I had now to prove the family connection with the Black Boy Colliery. The location of collieries in North-East England becomes more difficult every day as 99% of those that ever were have closed down, and ever since the 1930s every effort has been made to rid the landscape of the eyesore of pit heaps and pit-head gear. Not surprisingly, therefore, you could pass the site of the Black Boy pit, 1 1/2 miles east of Bishop Auckland, and never know it had existed. Modern large scale maps are no help either, but when one resorts to the Ordinance Survey of 1860 it is a different story. These maps reveal the industrial heritage of the North East in all its glory, with collieries dotted about, nearly one to every square mile over the whole of east Northumberland and Durham. They are a happy hunting ground for anyone searching their coalmining ancestry, and they revealed not only the main Black Boy Colliery but also the earlier original Black Boy pit about a mile to the west of it. The National Coal Board's archive documents now deposited at Durham County Record Office are the next source of information for anyone with coalmining ancestry, and there I was able to find an agreement drawn up between my ancestor John Manners, Coal Owner, and the land owners James and Sarah Manisty of Northumberland and Elizabeth Johnson of Durham City, on the occasion when **he sold his tenancy of the colliery** to Jonathan Backhouse of Earlington in 1832. The original tenancy agreement has not yet come to light, but the sale of the tenancy provided evidence to substantiate the family legend. It does nothing however to involve any other brother with the Black Boy enterprise. In fact it seems to exclude any other brother, in spite of the fact that John had three brothers, two of whom are stated in parish records to be pitmen and to live in Coundon. John is the only one however to be recorded as living at Black Boy. The role of John's father George in his son's career is not clear. George was a man of some standing: he was described as a Yeoman on his marriage licence in 1775, and he was an Assessor for Land Tax at St Helen's Auckland in 1802 and 1803. At his death at the age of 70 in 1822 he is described as "Coal owner" just like his son John. It seems unlikely that he played no part in setting up his son a tenant of the Black Boy Pit.

During the time of my ancestor's tenancy of the pit, the Black Boy sometimes became newsworthy. According to MacKenzie and Ross "in the sinking of the pit at this place a quantity of petrified grasses and ferns were found" - perhaps a source of those early days of geological knowledge; and at the opening of the Darlington and Stockton Railway suspension bridge in December 1830 "an entire coal weighing upwards of two tons was sent down from the Black Boy to Middlesbrough to be shipped to the London market and which when broken up was calculated to make up two London chaldrons." Was this a publicity stunt?



Having exhausted the archives and the history books, I thought that no further evidence of the family's involvement with the Black Boy could come to light, but I had counted without the tenacity of some of my distant relatives. In 1981 Lucy Manners, a great great granddaughter of John Manners, died and amongst her memorabilia was found a coal ticket from the Black Boy Pit which the family had obviously treasured for 160 years, and which provided some really tangible evidence for our family's connection with the colliery. More than that, however, the ticket shows a delightful little woodcut of a typical pit-head of the time, and it seems highly probable that it is the only surviving picture of the Black Boy Pit as it was in the time of my ancestor's tenancy. It is tempting but to suggest that the man in the picture represents the only surviving picture of my ancestor John Manners!

Coal tickets are obviously an important way of documenting the coal production of a colliery, but until I saw this one I had not realised their historical and genealogical importance. The value of this one is enhanced by the charming little woodcut, typical of the period. I wonder if any other readers have come across similar documents.

#### Acknowledgement

I am grateful to Mrs Nancy Oates for bringing the coal ticket to my notice and for her permission to include it in this article.

# TRACING MY NORWEGIAN ANCESTORS

*W.P. Ridley*

As a boy, I was aware that my maternal grandfather, Charles Pearson, was born in Norway and that he came to live in Monkwearmouth, Sunderland. Here he met my grandmother, and they were married in 1879. Both of my grandparents died before I was born, and my mother knew very little about her father's background. She did tell me that he had been a seaman and that he had become a naturalised British subject, changing his name from Jacobsen to Pearson. Other members of his family had left Norway to live in the U.S.A.

In 1963, before I had been bitten by the "Family History Bug", I heard from a second cousin in the U.S.A. who had started to delve into our common Norwegian ancestry. She sent me the names of our great-grandparents, Jacob Pedersen and Oliane Mathisdatter, their dates of birth and death, and some details about their eight children. These included the date of birth of my grandfather, but not the place where he was born. Most of this information had been recorded in a family bible. The Pedersens had lived in the area of Idd and then Son, small towns in the south-east corner of Norway. One branch of Oliane's ancestors may have been called "Kjitterud".

That was all I knew about my Norwegian forebears when, over 20 years later, I decided to see what else I could find out about them. I started by asking the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Oslo for a copy of their pamphlet "How to trace your ancestors in Norway". Although primarily written with the large number of U.S. citizens with Norwegian ancestry in mind, this publication has been very useful. One of the things it explained was the patronymic system of names which was generally used in Norway, particularly in rural areas, until modern times. Thus my great-grandfather was "Jacob, the son of Peder", and his wife was "Oliane, the daughter of Mathis". Sometimes a third name was added, such as the name of the farm where the family was living.

My next step was to write to Riksarkivet, the National Archives of Norway, on Oslo. From there I obtained detail of the Pedersen family as recorded in the census returns for 1865 and 1875. The 1865 census gives the age of each member of the household and the place of birth. My great-grandparents were shown as having been born at Idd, but to my surprise, seven of their children, including my grandfather, were said to have been born in Sweden. The 1875 return gives the year but not the place of birth of each person. My grandfather was shown as "Seaman, staying in England".

Next I visited a Genealogical Branch Library of the Church of Latter-Day Saints to look at their IGI for Norway. I found entries for the marriage of my great-grandparents in 1845 and for Oliane's baptism in 1820. From the latter I was able to work back and construct what seemed to be a logical family tree over a number of generations. The earliest event was a marriage of two five times great-grandparents in 1727. Subsequently the library obtained for me microfilm copies of the relevant parish registers. These were of course written in Norwegian, but I was able to work out most of the extra details, such as addresses and occupations. When Oliane was baptised and when she was married, the address was recorded as "Kitterud", which corroborated the "Kjitterud" mentioned back in 1963. Concurrently with this research, I wrote to the University of Bergen. The "Historisk Institutt" there have computerised the 1801 Norwegian census, and for about £2.00 they sent me a microfiche of the returns for the Idd area. This gave me quite a lot of information, such as age and occupation, about Oliane's grandparents and their families.

From the Norwegian equivalent of the Ordnance Survey I got a well-produced map catalogue. This enabled me to obtain a 1:50,000 map of the area where my ancestors lived. On this I was able to locate the farms where many of them spent their lives in the late 17 and early 18 hundreds. Kitterud is shown as being about 200 yards from the border with Sweden.

My success in tracing Oliane's ancestry was not repeated with Jacob - indeed it was the complete opposite. The 1845 marriage entry showed that his father was called Peder Olsen. It also indicated that Jacob came from Holm in Sweden and that he had lived in Norway for five years. This second reference to Sweden was another surprise. I am sure that my mother had no idea that her grandfather was Swedish and not Norwegian, and neither had my American cousin. I looked for Jacob's baptism in the IGI for both Norway and Sweden, but to no avail. In a gazetteer of Sweden I found two places called Holm in Sweden, but neither is near the south-east of Norway.

Jacob's mother is the only one of my 16 great-great grandparents about whom I know nothing. I would be delighted to hear from anyone with Norwegian or Swedish connections who has any ideas on how I might be able to track her down.



# DESCENDANTS OF ROB ROY

John Ward

I was interested in the article by J.W. and N. Ewart in the Spring 1989 Journal about the Landless/McGregor connection. My particular interest is McGregor history and genealogy, and I have specialised in collecting correspondents who think they are related to Rob Roy, as I do myself. This story is widespread among people of McGregor descent, but finding evidence to support it is usually very difficult.

I have come across two people of the Northumberland Landless line: Mrs Carrol, of 14 Barnett Close, Kingswinford, West Midlands, and Gladys Landless, the Mrs Whittaker mentioned in the article. Both appear to descend from William Landless born 1782 at Ford Colliery. I think Mr Ewart is one generation out in his chronology: Rob Roy's son James Mor was born in 1695. He was married to Annabella McNicol, and this couple had a number of children baptised at Killin parish. So the separation of James from John Landless born 1806 must be at least three generations unless they are very abnormal ones. I am certain of this marriage because James refers to his wife by name in one of his published letters. It is quoted in *The Braes of Balquidder* by Elizabeth Beauchamp, the Balquidder schoolmistress. He calls her his wife Annabella McNicol of Glenorchy and says "I left her nothing but at the mercy of her friends, and at the same time I left her beg with child, which no doubt was a shocking affair to me or any Christian." The letter was dated 12 June 1750, possibly written to Campbell of Breadalbane.

According to Mrs Carrol, James had a son William, but William is not among the Killin baptisms. I have found a William son of James Drummond (James used this name rather than McGregor) baptised 29 April 1750 in Dunblane, Perthshire. We know James had 14 children living in 1754, and there is this group of baptisms in Dunblane parish which might be the missing ones. The full list I have made up as follows - it is only one of a number of possible lists, all purely hypothetical:-

Ann	Oct 11 1717	Dunblane
John	Jan 6 1719	Dunblane
Margaret	1726	Dunblane
James	Jan 1 1727	Dunblane
Mary	Mar 8 1732	Killin
Robert	Sep 14 1737	Killin
Daniel	Dec 3 1738	Dunblane
Donald	Nov 23 1739	Killin (Daniel again?)
Isbel	Aug 14 1741	Dunblane
Wilielma Clifton	Dec 1 1744	Killin
Gregor	Jan 24 1744	Killin
William	Apr 29 1750	Dunblane
Janet	Aug 25 1750	Killin

I must emphasise that although the Killin baptisms are firmly based, the Dunblane ones are pure speculation. Mothers do not rate a mention in the Dunblane register, so the mother may have been the same or different. James was a proper villain, and bigamy would be the least of his crimes. He was also a tough egg and not many ministers would argue with him about the finer points of baptism. (Actually the McGregors had slain a minister of Balquidder over an argument as to who should go into church first - but this was some time before). Dunblane was the parish where Balhadies lived, and both James and Balhadies were noted Jacobites. My thinking is that James had a love nest there to go with his Jacobite plotting. Against this theory is the sad fact that the register for Killin has a gap between November 1717 and October 1727 when James was 22-32, and many of his Killin baptisms may be missing for this reason. The main attraction of the Dunblane theory is that it does provide a William for the Landless clan to hang on to.

I am curious about Jedburgh in the Border area because of the following haunting statement (*History of Clan Gregor, Vol. II, pp 374,492, Appendix Q*): " `This Donald had a younger brother that listed in the Gray Horse. They called him John Murray, he lived some time ago upon his pension in the south country in a village called Yedbrouch. If he or his be in life they are head of Clan Dougal Kear, I shall defy any man living to dispute this for its truth.' This Donald was born in about 1680: Donald McGregor or Murray of Craiguie and Inverlochlaribeg was acknowledged by the whole clan Macculkier as head." I always wonder if there are any descendants of John Murray in Jedburgh; if so they may yet be elevated to the chieftainship of an ancient highland sept. Perhaps some member of the Society might care to research into this. *The History of Clan Gregor* by Amelia Murray McGregor is now in print again, and may be obtained from the Clan Gregor Society.

A number of McGregors hid, and some settled, in the far north of England after the '45, including Drummond, Earl of Perth, their leader. I heard a tale about one in Askrigg or Aysgarth or somewhere that way who was a school-master, and became a famous mathematician. It would be interesting to hear of any local research on them. Perhaps this article may stir up some action.

Editor's Note: Mr Ward's address is 2 Russell Street, Eastwood, New South Wales 2122, Australia.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE ORPHANAGE

The following list of children from whom inmates of the Port of Hull Society's Sailors' Orphans' Home were to be selected in June 1873 was abstracted by Christine Blenkarn, of 15 Claude Avenue, Linthorpe, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland TS5 5PR, from a printed notice found by a friend amongst papers in an attic in Wolviston:-

Jane Alice Ferguson of Hartlepool, born 1 June 1862. Father was a sailor drowned at Dordt, Holland, leaving four children under ten years of age dependent on the widow who has no means of support at present. Twin sister in the Home.

Jemima Bewer of West Hartlepool, born 8 February 1864. Father was a seaman drowned at sea 17 November 1864. There are five children under 13 years of age dependent on the mother, who is now a widow again, and supports herself by washing.

Florence Ann Eliza Tuthill of West Hartlepool, born 7 October 1862. Father was a sailor and died of fever in December 1872 leaving 7 children under 13 years of age dependent on the widow, who supports herself by needlework.

Jane Isabel Bowman of West Hartlepool, born 7 July 1861. Father was an engineer and died of enlargement of the heart 27 February 1872 leaving 4 children under 12 years of age dependent on the widow, who is supported by taking lodgers and parish relief.

Elsbeth Metcalf of Hartlepool, born 6 August 1864. Father was a sailor and died of dropsy 21 July 1872 leaving 5 children. The applicant is dependent on a paternal aunt. Mother dead also.

Margaret Ann Baker of Middlesbrough, born 13 January 1866. Father was a fireman and fell overboard 26 September 1872, 4 young children dependent on the widow, who supports herself by needlework.

Mary Webster of West Hartlepool, born 12 January 1865. Father was a sailor drowned near Gibraltar 25 January 1871 leaving 4 young children dependent on the widow, who is supported by selling smallwares and taking lodgers.

Margaret Tate of Middlesbrough, born 1 June 1866. Father was a master mariner lost at sea in 1866, leaving 3 children dependent on the grandfather, who has an afflicted daughter and is out of employment. Mother also dead.

Louisa Broom of West Hartlepool, born 22 March 1862. Father was a sailor lost with all hands from the smack "Gamester" 17 March 1870, leaving 5 children dependent on the widow who supports herself by keeping a mangle. One girl is in the home.

Thomas Hornby of Middlesbrough, born 7 December 1865. Father was a fireman lost at sea 6 January 1873 leaving 9 children under 16 years of age dependent on the widow, who supports herself by needlework.

Benjamin Tindale of West Hartlepool, born 31 January 1861. Father was a seaman and died of inflammation of the bowels August 19 1872, leaving 6 children dependent on the widow, who has no present means of support.

Edward Henry Pitt of Hartlepool, born 2 October 1864. Father was a sailor and died of consumption 12 January 1873, leaving 4 children, 3 of whom are dependent on the widow, who supports herself by needlework.

George Llewellyn Lines of West Hartlepool, born 6 February 1862. Father was a sailor drowned 8 December 1872, leaving 5 children dependent on the widow, who supports herself by letting lodgings.

Alfred Shaul of West Hartlepool, born 10 October 1863. Father was a sailor died of disease of the heart 8 September 1867, leaving 7 children dependent on their mother who supports herself by washing.

Thomas Tindale of West Hartlepool, born 9 May 1863. As Benjamin Tindale above.

Edward James Payne of West Hartlepool, born 29 May 1863. Father was a master mariner and died of consumption, 2 February 1867 leaving 3 children dependent on the widow, who supports herself by cleaning offices.

George Thomas Swailes of West Hartlepool, born 11 December 1861. Father was a master mariner drowned near Heligoland 26 October 1868, leaving 5 children, 3 of whom are dependent on the widow, who supports herself by needlework and letting lodgings.

Richard Benven of Hartlepool, born 2 September 1864. Father was a sailor drowned in March 1871 leaving 4 children dependent on the widow, who supports herself by day's work and letting lodgings. One girl is in the home.

Robert William Stewart of Hartlepool, born 10 July 1864. Father was a sailor drowned at sea 16 June 1869, leaving 3 children dependent on the widow, who supports herself by day's work. One child is in the home.

## SUNDERLAND CLASS REGISTERS

The following class registers from St Patrick's R.C. School, Sunderland, are dated 1883. They were sent in by Mrs Eileen Hopper of 7 Mill Terrace, Easington, Peterlee, County Durham SR8 3BX, who writes: "After hearing of my interest in family history and knowing that my father's Roman Catholic family had attended St Patrick's Church, our Y.T.S. girl at work turned up with these class registers. Unluckily she only had Infants and Senior Boys, which her grandmother had."

### INFANTS - BOYS AND GIRLS

Teddy McCarten	Joseph Martin
John James McCarten	Alexander McDermitt
Willie Hodgson	Charlie Raikes
Barty Dyer	Martin Carrabine
Joseph Craggy	John Thos. Clement
James McCormick	John Cairns
Joseph Cambell	George Lorraine
Willie Rooney	Thos. Moore
John Murphy	James Rooney
Charlie McCardle	Lizzie Jones
John Kelly	Jane Stone
Thos. Devitt	Honora McManus
Willie Bainbridge	Bridget Leery
James Nesbitt	Rachael Jones
David Hardy	Mary Craig
Edward Doud	Alice Craig
Henry Spanner	Meggie McCaber
Thos. Dixon	Susan Rogan
Benjamin Armstrong	Mary Jane Murray
Anthony Harvin	Sarah J. Hutchinson
Michael Conlon	Jane Benson
Robert Preston	

Examined by:-  
Jeremiah Foran  
M.A. Hand

### 4th CLASS - BOYS SENIOR

Benjamin Walker	Thos. Simpson
James Higgins	Thos. Nash
Herbert Crollly	Andrew Hodgson
Thomas Doud	Thos. Campbell
Michael Garvey	Patrick McCormick
Edward Boe	Michael Murphy
Peter Conlin	Anthony Marr
David Wales	Patrick Cox
James Mattimore	Thos. McDermot
Barty Mattimore	Bernard Flood
John McLoughlin	William Green
Joseph Carr	John McGurrell
John Cunningham	Peter Finigan
Patrick Rogers	John Harman
Thomas H. Smith	Thos. Cooney
John Kelly	John Flynn
Robert Robson	Patrick McEvoy
Frank Lann	Patrick Grey
John P. Spellman	Michael Downey
Richard Stephani	Henry Carey
Angelo Stephani	Charles Morley

Signed:- A.B. Fisher 20.2.1883

# NORTHUMBERLAND HEARTH TAX: PART XI

The townships in the following extract from Doug Smith's transcript of the 1664 Hearth Tax Returns lie mainly in the area traversed by the A696 Newcastle to Jedburgh road between Belsay and Kirkwhelpington, and in the area to the southwest. As before, the first column shows the persons chargeable to tax in each township, followed by the number of hearths in respect of which each was assessed. The second column shows the person who were not liable to pay the tax; it should however be remembered that wholly exempt persons such as occupiers of property with an annual value of less than £ 1 were not named in the Hearth Tax records.

## LITTLE HARLE

### LIBERTIE

..... (missing)

.....

Mr Christo. Soulsby

John Nicholson

Robert Dixon

## KIRKE

### WHELPINGTON

James Spoore

Ralph Hymers

John Ridley

Robt. Craggs

Richard Spence

William Wilson

George Spoore

Christo. Lavericke

George Jameson

Ralph Fenwicke

## WEST HARLE

Mr Widdrington

John Fenwicke

## WALRIGG

John Nicholson

## HAUGH AND

### STAMFORD AND

### CHAPPLE

John Cooke

Mr Ralph Fenwicke

Wm. Charleton

Tho. Stoper

Widdow Thompson

Widd. Swinburne

Symond Simpson

James Swann

John Teasedall

John Charleton

Mr Ralph Fenwick

Wm. Read

Wm. Thompson

Richard F

George Wallis

Thomas Whetson

Francis Hutson

Randall Robson

## KIRKE HEATON

Roger Todd

John Scott

Math. Dixon

John Atkinson

Robert Thompson

Robert Shoore

Wm. Arthur

Tho. Ingoe

John Codlin

Tho. Fenwicke

Cuth. Todd

Rich. Milburne

## NEASBETT

### AND OUSTON

John Harle

George Todd

## CHESEBURN

### GRANGE

Wm. Widdrington Esq.

## ROYALL

William Dodd

Thomas Pots

Geo. Sopitt

John Younger

Mathew Donne

Robert Hunter

William Bell

## HAWKLEY

John Rutter

William Newton

John Reed

John Stoker

John Robson

## FENWICK

Mr Nicho Loraine

Antho Dunn

William Dixon

Edward Jackson

Thomas Henderson

Henry Donne

Robert Robson

## EAST MATFEN

John Arthur

Thomas Arther

Robert Fenwick

Wm. Nixon

Thomas Rowell

Peter Arther

Cuth. Fenwicke

Jarrard Fenwick

## HARTINGTON

Luke Rea

Ralph Wood

James Wood

William Nicholson

Percivall Sparke

John Butler

Christo. Butler

## WALLINGTON

Sir Wm. Fenwick

**Wm. Bankes**

2 Regind. Todd

2 Math. Barron

George Lee

Gilb. Robson

20 None

2 John Wilkinson

1 John Bell

1

1

1

1

1

1

1 William Waugh

2 George Chicken

1 John Cutter

1 Tho. Wilson

1 Widdow Pickering

5 Wm. Hall

1 Nicho. Dixon

1 James Dixon

1 Widdow Donn

1 Robt. Spence

1 Ralph Lowre

1 Wm. Jackson

1 John Wilson

1 Mich. Jamison

1 Robt. Rutter

1 Ja. Weigham

1 Wm. Bowle

1 Wm. Joy

1 John Browne

1 Tho. Stokoe

Wm. Rutter

Mungo Yarrow

Widdow Dunn

Antho. Dunn

Wm. Jackson

Jo. Robson

John Drisedell

Robt. Milburne

Geo. Harle

Henry Donne

1 John Rea

1 Antho. Peireson

1 Ann Dixon

1 Jerrard Hedley

1 Andrew Younge

1

1

24 Tho. Lumsden

1 Jo. Fenwick

Rich. Robson

CAMMA			BITCHFIELD		
Wm. Rea	2	Geo. Smith	Mr Edward Gray	3	John Hymers
John Ord	2	Tho. Browne	William Mastelgin	2	Widdow Bell
		Rbt. Robson			Ja. Hearon
FARNELAWS			BELSAY		
William Nicholson	1	Tho. Jameson	William Middleton Esq.	15	John Tindell
Parc. Rea	2	Geo. Yallow	Edward Milburne	1	John Dobson
HARTINGTON			Roger Watson	1	Tho. Spoor
HALL			Peter Watson	1	Edw. Stanley
Thomas Bilton	2	<b>Wm Heighley</b>	Mr Barth Rowland	2	Gab. Watson
Robt. Harrigate	1	Wm. Hall	Tho. Hall	1	Widdow Cutter
Roger Bowman	1	Widdo. Lumsden	Charles Lowerson	1	G(us?) Henderson
Tho. Fawcas	1	Clem. Bolum	Wid. White	1	Thomas Robinson
Wm. Williamson	1	John Glendenning	Wm. Robinson	1	Edmund Davison
		Jo. Carrye	Charles Anderson	1	Robert Jackson
		Wm. Bilton	Widdow White	1	George Taylor
		John Gibson	William Robinson	1	Alice Stone
			John Dodd	1	Grace Charleton
			Richard Wilson	1	Hugh Davison
THE LIBERTIE					Widd. Appleton
OF DEANHAM					Widd. Johnson
Widdow Harle	1	John Hedley			An. Alinn
		John Darcke			Doro. Fenwicke
		John Jefferson			Andrew Kirsopp
					An. Browne
					Hen. Nicholson
					Robt. Anderson
GREEN LIGHTON			HARNHAM &		
William Magee	1	None	SHORTFLATT		
James Magee	1		Mrs Elinor Wainckles	4	None
Andrew Forster	1		Mr Gawin Aynesley	3	
Bartho. Lumsden	1		Mr Ralph Mitcalfe	3	
Martin Jackson	1		Mr Cuth. Ogle	3	
Antho. Forster	1				
CAPP HEATON			INGOE &		
James Bewley	1	John Gilpatrick	CARSTLEY		
Matthew Bee	1	Wm. Ladley	Mr George Shaftoe	1	Robert Ogle
Henry Browne	2	Patricke Elwood	John Done	1	Randell Bulman
Tho. Nicholson	1	Edw. Browne	Wm. Charleton	1	
Percivell Browne	1	John Owens	Henry Done	1	
Thomas Harle	1	Wm. Atkinson	Widdoe Tweddall	1	
Thomas Nicholson	1	Jarrard Cooper	Humph. Robinson	1	
George Gray	1		Isaac Atkinson	1	
KIRKHARLE			Thomas Brown	1	
Sir Tho. Loraine	6	Wm. Borne	Robert Newlands	1	
John Weare	1	<b>Tho. Ouston</b>	Xpofer	1	
Mr John Allen	3	Geo. Robson			
Bartho. Donn	1	Joshua Snell			
		Robt. Forster	WEST MATFEN		
		Jo. Carotthouse	Mr Rbt. Fenwick	2	None
		Jo. Clarke	John Hedley	1	
		Hen. Robson	Edw. Dobson	1	
		Mich. Hedley	Rbt. Rutter	1	
		Cuth. Shanks	Edw. Rutter	1	
			Christo. Soulsby	1	
BRADFORTH			CHIPCHASE		
John Ogle	2	George Moore	Sir Cuth. Hearon	22	None
William Davison	1	John Atkinson	Edw. Elwood	1	
Bartho. Robson	1	Widdow Clint	The Mill	1	
Charles Forrester	1	Roger Moore	William Shipley	1	
John Smith	1	Bartho. Smith			

## AN EPITAPH

Take heed all ye who pass me by  
As you are now, so once was I  
As I am now so will you be  
So be prepared to follow me.

To which some passer-by has added:-

To follow you I'm not contenty  
How do I know which way you went?

*Painswick Church, Gloucestershire*

# MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERESTS

Items for this and the "Second Time Around" column should be sent to Mrs F.M. Carr, 9 Springhill Walk, MORPETH, Northumberland NE61 2JT.

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

Any inaccuracies in the addresses shown in these columns should be notified at once to Mr J.G. Scott at the address shown on the Contents page.

Welcome to all our new members.

- 1064 Mrs B.D. DUNN, 41 St John's Estate, South Broomhill, MORPETH, Northumberland NE65 9RY  
(Tel: Morpeth 760729) Seeking the birth of Thomas Dunn, 1862-64 who married Margaret Ann Chisholm, nee Ternent, on 23 March 1907 at Morpeth Register Office. Her father, George Ternent, took his family to the United States where Margaret was born on 10 January 1878. They returned about 1883 when George died at sea. He was possibly buried on land; it is not known where. Also seeking marriage of Luke Ramshaw (son of Luke Ramshaw and Jane Southern) to Isabella Davison, pre 1834. Baptisms of their children have been found in Earsdon parish when the family were living in Seghill. Other interests, Amour and Davison of Earsdon; Dunn and Ternent of Chevington; Ramshaw of Seghill, Fawdon, All Saints, Haton, Cumbria; Grey/Gray and Davy of Longbenton; Southeron/Southern of Byker; Spooner of Chester-le-Street and Earsdon; Scott of Earsdon and Chevington; Simpson of Hamsterley, Ebchester, Gateshead and Chevington; Brown, Scott, Heslop and Harding of Brampton.
- 1185 Miss C. KNAPP, 3114 North Peoria Avenue, PEORIA, ILLINOIS 61603 UNITED STATES  
Seeking marriage of John Thomas Baliol, surgeon of Newcastle, and Mary Ann Cook, born circa 1826 at Houghton le Spring. The surgeon was born at Knottingley, Yorkshire, about 1818, and died in 1881 at Marlborough Crescent, Newcastle. Their children were Florinda, John Thomas, Ann C., and Albert. In 1871 the family was living at 243 Hinde Street, Newcastle. Also searching for Edward Grieves and children, John, Elizabeth, Edward, Catherine, Anthony, George, Mary, Dorothy and Jane who married Philip Hope. In 1861 they were living at Thornley, County Durham. Also any information on Thomas and William Grieves, born 1864 and 1866 at South Hetton; Anthony and George Grieves born 1867 and 1870 at Cold Hesledon; twins Robert and John Grieves born 1873 at Murton Colliery, Elizabeth M. Grieves born 1848 at Dawdon; Joseph Grieves baptised 1862 at Dalton le Dale; Anthony Grieves born 1879 at Murton Colliery; Ann Grieves born about 1841 South Hetton and Barbara and Elizabeth born 1846 and 1849 Seaham Harbour.
- 1695 Mrs R. McWIGGAN, 12 Austral Place, Wideopen, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE13 7HH  
(Tel: 091 2364900) Seeking any information on Richard and Rhoda Dellow who came to Sheriff Hill in 1854 and had a family of seven sons and two daughters with them. Joseph Turnbull, born 1856, and Annie Elizabeth O'Bryan, born 1855, who were married on 12 December 1874 at St Marys, South Shields. Their addresses on the marriage certificate only says Tyne Docks, but what street or streets did they live in? Also researching Joseph Henry Dowson, born 14 December 1883, son of Dowson's Mineral Water Co. family.
- 2396 Mrs E.A. CAMOZZI, 15 Braintree Gardens, Kenton, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE3 3DL  
(Tel: 091 2854571) Researching the Donald family of South Shields in the late 1800s. In particular John Donald who was twice Mayor of South Shields. The family lived in Alnwick in the early 1800s and Ford Westfield in the 1700s. Also the Ward family, Clothiers and Outfitters, Clayton Street, Newcastle on Tyne, and the Rowell family of Gosforth and Canada.  
Mrs Camozzi is also trying to trace two family bibles which were sold at auction in Eastbome between approximately October 1973 and March 1974. Both, or maybe only one, will be for the Donald family of South Shields, Alnwick and Ford. The other may be for the Buckley family of Hexham(?) or for either the Ward or Wardle family of South Shields.
- 2399 Mrs S.A. GARDNER, Balder View, Cotherstone, BARNARD CASTLE, COUNTY DURHAM DL129NR  
Researching Annett of Widdrington. Rolphe Annett or Annoot landed at Druridge Bay in 1555. Does anyone know where a records of such a landing could be found? The family were 16th Century Flemings from Belle (now in France - Bailleul)
- 3044 Mr G.M. LANG, 63 Grosvenor Drive, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear NE26 2JR  
(Tel: 091 2528572) Seeking baptism and birthplace of John Buddle, schoolmaster of Kyo near Tanfield, County Durham, whose interest turned to mining and influenced his son, John, who became the famous mining engineer. Interested in any link that may exist between Thomas Buddle who married Ann English on 19 July 1806 at Chester-le-Street. They had a daughter Ann born on 5 April 1807 at Kibblesworth and baptised 26 July 1807. Also interested in any connection with the Buddies of Earsdon near Whitley Bay. Grandfather John George Buddle was born at Holywell in 1876 and died at Whitley Bay in 1951. His father was Peter Clarke Buddle, a miner, born at Earsdon Square in 1853.

- 3261 Mr C. WANLESS, 15 Hillcrest, North Seaton, ASHINGTON, Northumberland NE63 9SH  
(Tel: 0670 813556) Seeking birth or baptism of Bateman Wanless, born about 1780. The 1851 census for East Rainton, County Durham, records place of birth as Witton in the county of Durham. In which parish is Witton?
- 3301 Mr R. B. CLAYBURN, 4 Winnham Drive, FAREHAM, Hampshire P016 8QE  
Seeking any reference to the name Clasper. Mr Clayburn is at present compiling a one-name study index for the name. Present day Claspers are, as far as known, all derived from the Tyneside area. The IGI gives Whickham and Ponteland as the first recorded parishes with this name, apart from a small group in Lincolnshire. Also compiling a one-name study on the Clayburn family, and any details on the Sunderland branch from their arrival in 1864 would be most welcome.
- 3374 Mr L. WATSON, 19 King George Court, The Ridge, Derwen Fawr, SWANSEA, West Glamorgan SA2 8AR.  
Seeking any information on Joseph Kipling Watson, born in Newcastle on 21 February 1888, the son of Joseph Watson. Both were master mariners. Would also like to hear from anyone researching the surname Kipling.
- 3402 Mr T.T. BONES, 10 Hallingbury Road, BISHOPS STORTFORD, Hertfordshire CM23 5LA  
(Tel: 0279 657327) Researching the Bones family. Robert Bones was baptised 3 June 1798 at Newburn, and married Ann (?) about 1818 to 1820. Their children were Francis, Rachael, Francis, Robert, Hanner, John and Ann, all born between 1820 and 1834 at Callerton, West Denton and Throckley. There is no trace of the family in the Newburn area on the 1841 census. Robert Bones, born 1821 to 1827 at West Denton, married Ann Shearer on 29 May 1853 at All Saints, Newcastle. Any information most welcome.
- 3432 Miss B. HALL, 76 Clough Road, Hoyland, BARNSELEY, South Yorkshire S74 9DZ  
Researching the Hall family from County Durham and earlier in Northumberland. Seeking the baptism of James Hall about 1810, who married Sarah Baldwin in May 1833 at Hetton le Hole. Their children were James, born 1835 at Hetton le Hole; John, who married Isabella Robson from Newcastle upon Tyne; Matthew a colliery overviewer, of Willington, Crook in 1871, also of Easington Lane, Lyons and Fence Houses, 1873. They also had a daughter whose husband's surname was Ox(t)enhead/ham/hurst/herd.
- 3476 Mr K.M. GARRETT, 13 Cliffe House, Marske by the Sea, REDCAR, Cleveland TS II 7LY  
(Tel: 0642 489360) Interested in Garrett of Ulverston (Lancashire), West Hartlepool, Hinderwell (Yorkshire) and Whitby. Hardwick of West Hartlepool, Leeds and Crossgates (Yorkshire) 19th Century. Masterman of Leeds 19th Century.
- 3477 Mrs R. GARRETT, 13 Cliffe House, Marske by the Sea, REDCAR, Cleveland TS II 7LY  
(Tel: 0642 489360) Interested in Rain(e), Gowland, Dixon and Coulson in Weardale, 18th and 19th centuries. Kirtley of Tow Law and Kirk Merrington. Moses of Weardale, Tow Law and Bitchburn. Coulson, Kirkwhelpington, Kirkharle, Chollerton, Newcastle and Stanhope, 18th and 19th centuries. Thompon of Chollerton, 18th and 19th centuries.
- 3481 Mrs M.C. BOTT, Windrush, Fishtoft Road, Fishtoft, BOSTON, Lincolnshire PE21 0QR  
Seeking any information on Mary Johnson, born 1863, the daughter of William Johnson and his wife Mary or Margaret. She lived in Pont Street, Ashington, and had a shop possibly in Ashington or Seaham. She previously used to sell vegetables from a horse and cart. She married John Norton, an Irishman from County Cork and had the following children; John, Robert, William, Margaret, Molly, Winifred and grandmother Catherine. Any information most welcome.
- 3486 Mrs M. RUDDICK, 14 Moor Place, Gosforth, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE3 4AL  
(Tel: 091 2857279) Researching Whyrill/Wyrell or Wirill Park. Whyrill Park was born in Scarborough in 1768, the son of Richard Park and Ann Johnson who were married in Leeds in 1743. He was a harpooner on a whaling vessel and Mrs Ruddick has the original exemption certificate protecting him from the press gang. Trying to find the link with three other Whyrill Parks. One married Winifred Sherlock in London in 1825 and had three daughters. One married Sarah Speed and had a son Henry in London in 1845. Another was born in County Durham in 1849, the son of George and Elizabeth, George being born in Scotland. The North Shields branch of the family continues to this day. Is this Park family related to the Park family of Rothbury? The name Gilbert is in every generation of both families.
- 3495 Miss H. GREEN, 12 Thornton Drive, Newton, CHESTER CH2 2HZ  
(Tel: 0244 382700) Seeking the baptism of Sarah Croudes/Cruddas, born about 1847 in Durham, the daughter of Matthew Croudes. Also the baptism of Joseph Tate, circa 1815, son of Edward Tate, at Ponteland; the baptism and marriage of Joseph Dickinson, born circa 1801 at Bukheads. He was married to Elizabeth (?) about 1828. Sarah Croudes/Cruddas married John Wilkinson at Sunderland in 1866.
- 3499 Mrs G.M. DE JONG, Grameystraat 17, MIJMEGAN 6525 D.M. NETHERLANDS.  
Researching Pattison and Gair of the Newburn and Ryton areas. Edward Gair Pattison, coalminer, born 1830+ married an Elizabeth. Their son Thomas (grandfather) was born in 1863, a tailor to trade, who came to London and died there in 1933. Trying to trace his marriage to Sophia Pighen 1890+. It could have taken place in British Columbia between 1890 and 1897. Would welcome any information and contact with descendants.
- 3543 Ms D.C. DULLEA, 528 Barker Pass Road, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA 93108 UNITED STATES.  
Information wanted on the ancestors and siblings of John Hall, born 1792 in Esh, sentenced to death at Durham Assizes for horse stealing on 6 August 1814. He was transported to Australia on **Baring**. Would also



welcome any information on the history of Esh and surrounding areas. Information gladly exchanged or willing to trade research in USA for Durham research.

Also researching the following - Hall of Esh, County Durham - all dates; Mylton and Pickering of Esh, County Durham, pre 1825; Marchant and Wrentmore, Somerset, all dates; Morris of Cambridge, pre 1825; Swainland and Cambridge, pre 1850; Lilly of London, pre 1825; Andrews of London, pre 1830; Baker of Wedmore, Somerset, all dates; Bell of Gosport, Hampshire and Middlesex 1750-1850; Cook of Wrington, Somerset and Bristol; Dudden of Chelwood, Somerset, all dates; Falconer of Glasgow pre 1830; Groves of Dorset and Trinity, Newfoundland, 1775-1850; Helsby of Ashington under Lyne, all dates; Hutton of Barnwell, Cambridge, pre 1875; Newton of Ashton under Lyne, pre 1860, and Pardy of Trinity, Newfoundland, all dates. Also the following names in Australia, Alexander from 1838, Andrews from 1816, Bell from 1813, Cook from 1835, Helsby from 1853 and Hutton from 1853.

- 3558 Mrs S. BOWLES, 50 First Avenue, CANVEY ISLAND, Essex SS8 9LP.

**Researching the following families in the 1800s:** Pendleton from the Stanley and Annfield Plain areas, Conway from the Consett area, Christer of Oxhill, Foggon of Dudley, Northumberland, Elliott of Craghead, and Clennell of the Greencroft area. Also researching Bridget Nimney who married John Conway. Any information from relatives of the Nimney family gratefully received.

- 3560 Mrs M. TAPP, 11 Wood Close, Rogerstone, NEWPORT, Gwent NP 1 OAF

Seeking the marriage of William Cunningham to Isabella (?). Their children were William born 1778, Barbara born 1782, Elizabeth born 1784, and Dixon born 1791. All were baptised at St. Hilda's, South Shields. Also seeking the baptism of William Miller, mariner (possibly baptised outside C. of E.), who married Anne Hedley at St. Pauls, Jarrow in 1822. Their children were Jane, born 1824, William born 1825, James Hedley born 1827, George born 1829, Margaret born 1831, John Robert born 1833, Margaret Anne born 1834, Mary born 1836, Charles born 1838, and Elizabeth born 1842. All baptised at St. Hilda's, South Shields. In addition any children of Young Hedley and Margaret Mitchinson who were married in May 1875 at Gateshead. The only one known for certain is Mary Elizabeth born in 1882.

- 3575 Mrs K. URMSON, 4 Briscoe Street, OLDHAM, Lancashire OL1 3RW

- 3576 Miss M. WILSON, 69 Savory Road, Rosehill, WALLSEND, Tyne and Wear NE28 7ED

- 3577 Mrs B.M. MACDONALD, 44A Moohan Street, Wainuiomata, WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

Trying to trace the birth/baptism of great grandfather Robert Stark. He and his family were living at Belford on the 1881 census and eventually moved to Lowick. His place of birth was given as Scotland, and Mrs MacDonald would be most grateful to any members researching Scottish records to keep a look out for him.

- 3578 Mrs S. STEAD, 95 Darras Road, Ponteland, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE20 9PQ  
(Tel: Ponteland 23728)

- 3579 Mr J. WARDHAUGH, 16 Hilary Crescent, Woodsetton, DUDLEY, West Midlands DY1 4JR  
(Tel: Sedgley 74802)

- 3580 Mrs A.M. BRYDEN, 27 St Armes Road, EASTBOURNE, East Sussex BN21 2DJ  
(Tel: Eastbourne 33156) Seeking baptism, parents and place of birth of John Bryden, born 1744 to 1746 and died at Milburn, Cumbria on 23 September 1829. He was a gardener and married Ann Steeple (born at Langwathby and baptised on 5 August 1731) at Culgarth, Cumberland, on 12 November 1772, giving his age as 26. They had two children, John born 10 March 1773 at Culgarth, and Jane born 4 July 1776 at Temple Sowerby, Westmorland. Mrs Bryden has searched extensively in Cumbria for his baptism without success and wonders if he was born in an adjacent county.

- 3581 Mr W.F. DEANS, 115 Dunelm Drive, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, Tyne and Wear DH4 5QH  
(Tel: Wearside 584 2654)

- 3582 Mrs D.E. DEANS, 115 Dunelm Drive, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING Tyne and Wear DH4 5QH  
(Tel: Wearside 584 2654)

- 3583 Mr G.F. CUSWORTH, 53 Trevelyan Road, Tooting, LONDON SW17 9LR  
(Tel: 01-682 0425)

- 3584 Mr D. USHER, 10 Nevis Close, Rise Park, ROMFORD, Essex RM1 4LS  
(Tel: Romford 763813) Researching Corrock of the City of London, Durham and Northumberland. Also Sellars, Humphreys and Philpott of London; Usher, Drain/Drane, Double, Hyam, Hoye and Tunstill of Essex and East London. Particularly interested in any Corrock anywhere, and especially Antipas or Antibus Corrock in the 18th century. Last known abode was High Cross, Tottenham.

- 3585 Mr D.H. STOBBS, Box 61206, 3630 Morley Trail, CALGARY, ALBERTA T2L 1K8 CANADA.

- 3586 Mrs M. DONOHUE, 54 Nangor Street, Waramanga, CANBERRA, A C T 2611, AUSTRALIA.  
Seeking ancestors, descendants or relatives of Mary Youle and Richard Greenwell who married on 5 June 1815 at Wallsend, Northumberland. Their children were Thomas born 1816, Dorothy born 1819, Ann born 1823, Richard born 1826 and Mary born 1831.  
Mrs Donohue has a death certificate for anyone who is researching an Ellen Bainbridge who died 25 November, 1865 at Cleadon, wife of George Bainbridge, a farmer.

- 3587 Mrs S. SUGGETT, 2 Broadfields, Calverton, NOTTINGHAM NG14 6JP.  
(Tel: Nottingham 654148)

- 3588 Mrs S.L. ROBERTSON, 33 Gorse Avenue, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE34 7PP

- 3589 Mr K. WILSON, Van Vlooswijkstraat 13A, 3039 TN ROTTERDAM, HOLLAND  
Seeking baptism of Thomas Wilson born about 1764 in Manfield, North Yorkshire. He was a shipmaster and owner from South Blyth and married Ann Humble, native of Ulgham, on 6 May 1799 at Earsdon. He was buried at Blyth on 15 November 1828. Does anyone know where his grave is? Would like to know more about his ship(s). Also seeking the marriage of his son Thomas, born 12 February 1803, and Mary Clark(?). The marriage possibly took place in the latter half of the 1820s. Mary was born circa 1791 in Cullercoats. Also searching for the ancestors or any descendants of John Lisle the Cullercoats choirmaster who died in August 1912, aged 65 years.
- 3590 Mrs O. DAVISON, 16 Sutton Street, Walkergate, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE4 8DX  
(Tel: Tyneside 265 7105)
- 3591 Mr K. FAILL, 18 Grovewood Avenue, LEIGH-ON-SEA, Essex SS9 5EG  
(Tel: Southend-on-Sea 527380)
- 3592 Mrs A.V. COSTELLO, 18 Coventry Gardens, Elswick, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE4 8DX  
(Tel: Tyneside 2736512)
- 3593 Mr B.P. COSTELLO, 18 Coventry Gardens, Elswick, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE4 8DX  
(Tel: Tyneside 2736572) Researching the Harriott family, carvers and gilders, of Tynemouth, who came to live in Newcastle between 1841 and 1861. Does anyone know exactly when? The last known address in Tynemouth being with Archibold and family, Stephenson Street, in 1841. In 1861 a son, William, was married at the Catholic Chapel, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle. Any information welcome.
- 3594 Mr L.K. ARNOLD, 13 Clipper Street, Titahi Bay, WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND.  
Seeking any information on Roger and Mary Robson (nee Chariton) of West Greenridge. Two of their sons, James and Thomas, emigrated to New Zealand in 1863 on the ship *Prince of Wales*. James married the daughter of a high ranking Maori woman and a whaler. He returned to Northumberland at least twice before he died in 1932 to visit his older brother "Bart." Would like to hear from anyone else researching this family.
- 3595 Mr L.S. COCKBURN, 12 Lysander Place, SALISBURY EAST, SOUTH AUSTRALIA 5019, AUSTRALIA.  
Seeking marriage and baptisms of Jasper Cockburn who was killed by a truck at the Birtley Ironworks on 24 June 1863, and his wife Isabella Taylore. They had eight children - Joseph born 1833 at Embleton, William born 1834/5, Jasper born 1836/7 at Burton, George born 1837/8, Mary born 1838/9 at Heworth, Alexander born 1840 at Byker Hill, Ann and Lily. On the 1861 census for Birtley Jasper was 55, born at Chillingham, and Isabella 54(?), born at Eglington. Also any information on a Squire Atkinson of Cleadon Hall, and ancestors of great grandfather Andrew Booth, born 1820 at Monkwearmouth, and died 1865 on *Phalia* at Alexandria, Egypt. Any information appreciated.
- 3596 Mr A.Y. PEPPER, 65 Brighton Road, SCARBOROUGH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA 6109, AUSTRALIA.  
Researching the family of Robert Dixon. His son George was born on 8 August or 1824 at Gateshead. Another son was named Thomas. George married Amalia Thimme in Dublin, Ireland, on 8 April 1849, and they sailed the same year to West Australia as free settlers on the *Mary*. Other interests are Pepper, Pateman, Pattman, Tayton and Melligan in Lincolnshire, York in Northamptonshire, Malcolm in Scotland and Thimme and Opferman in Germany.
- 3597 Mrs C.M. FARMER, 1 Conder Brow, CARNFORTH, Lancashire LA5 9XQ  
(Tel: Lancaster 735366)
- 3598 Mr W.C. DAWSON, 4 Cauldwell Close, Monkseaton, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear NE25 8LP  
(Tel: Tyneside 252 5439)
- 3599 Mrs M.E. DAWSON, 4 Cauldwell Close, Monkseaton, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear NE25 8LP  
(Tel: Tyneside 252 5439)
- 3600 Mr M. IRVING, 29 Salisbury Road, DURHAM DH 1 5QT  
(Tel: Durham 386 6461) Interested in the Irvings of Carlisle, 19 century; Ritsons of Hexham, 19th century, particularly any descendants of John William Ritson and Christina Tailford. Also the Johnstons of Haltwhistle, 19th century, and the Hetheringtons of West Allendale (Ninebanks).
- 3601 Ms A.J. LEWIS, 2118 Elderwood, ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76006, UNITED STATES.
- 3602 Mr A. YEATS, 278 Melton Road, LEICESTER LE4 7PB  
(Tel: Leicester 661891)
- 3603 Mrs G.G. RUTLEDGE, 22356 Rutledge Drive, CALDWELL, IDAHO 83605, UNITED STATES
- 3604 Mr G. DAGLISH, 95 Hilda Park, CHESTER-LE-STREET, County Durham DH2 2JS  
(Tel: Durham 388 6300)
- 3605 Mrs R.A. RAINBIRD, 2 Beach Road, West Mersea, COLCHESTER, Essex C05 8AA  
(Tel: West Mersea 383757)
- 3606 Mrs A.M.L. BEDARD, 8 Cumberland Road, EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02915, UNITED STATES.
- 3607 Mr W.E. COLLINS, 20 Penman Close, Chiswell Green, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL2 3DJ
- 3608 Mrs M. COLLINS, 20 Penman Close, Chiswell Green, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL2 3DJ
- 3609 Mrs M. WEST, 5 Barlborough Avenue, STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Cleveland TS19 0QL

- 3610 Mrs C.J. WILDE, Cricket Ground Cottage, Clumber Park, WORKSOP, Nottinghamshire S80 3BD  
(Tel: Worksop 474719)
- 3611 Mrs E. WARREN, P O Box 98177, TACOMA, WASHINGTON 98498, UNITED STATES.
- 3612 Mr J.W. KELL, 3833 South East Fortyseventh Street, OCALA, FLORIDA 32671, UNITED STATES.  
Researching Kell of Chester-le-Street and Whickham, County Durham. Research partially complete through Anthony Kell born 1779. Also interested in Charlton, Thornton, Watchman and Elliott of County Durham. Would be especially interested in corresponding with anyone researching Kell, Charlton and Watchman.
- 3613 Mrs J. ARNISON, Town End, Laithes, PENRITH, Cumbria, CAI I OAW  
(Tel: Skelton 545) Researching the Arnison family who lived in Alston and Kirkoswald in Cumbria from the early 1600s. Would like to find out about branches of the family who moved to Newcastle, Sunderland, Gateshead and Allendale. Also interested in the Raw family of Barnard Castle, particularly John Raw who was baptised there in 1725, the son of Anthony Raw.
- 3614 Mr D.W. ROBERTS, 64 Willow Road, DARLINGTON, County Durham DL3 6QB  
Researching the Roberts family of the Seaham area. Seeking births of Thomas Roberts and Ann Elliott who were married on 19 November 1854. Also the births of their son John and Margaret Emma Nicholson who were married 9 November 1879. Thomas Roberts, son of John and Margaret, born 1883, married Margaret Brown in 1908. Where? Ann Elliott was the daughter John and Dorothy Elliott of Dalton le Dale. Margaret Emma Nicholson was possibly the daughter of Thomas Nicholson, an undertaker and joiner of Seaham Harbour. The above information has been found in a family bible, the earliest entry being the marriage of Thomas Roberts (born 1833, son of John) to Elliott. Also interested in the Elsworths of Staindrop, Trimdon and North Yorkshire.
- 3615 Mrs J.BARSTOW, 9 Cambridge Road, Deepcar, SHEFFIELD, South Yorkshire S30 5TJ  
(Tel: Sheffield 886153)  
Seeking any information on the Van Ham family of Sunderland. Also researching William Selby Pierce, born 1881 at Northallerton (?) and Mary Elenor Thompson, born 1877, who were married at Bishop Auckland on 3 March 1907, later moving to Sunderland.  
Can anyone shed any light on the 80th Territorial Reserve Battalion, (possibly the Durham Light Infantry) in which William Selby Pierce served during the first World War?
- 3616 Mrs E.H. LOCKWOOD, 31 Abbot Close, Oakwood, DERBY DE2 2BQ  
Researching the family of John Christer (or Chester as recorded at his daughters baptism) of Newcastle and Hetton Downs. He is believed to have married Elizabeth Smith in Hetton Downs circa 1876. Elizabeth lived in William Street, Hetton Downs, before the marriage. Have been unable to trace the marriage certificate. Also any information on William Daykin who worked as a gardener/labourer on the estate of Sir Anthony Eden, and was born at Rushyford. His son, John William Daykin, was born 1860 to 1865 and married Elizabeth Oliver of Easington Lane about 1890 to 1895.
- 3617 Mr J. ALLISON, 23 Two Ball Lonnen, Fenham, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE4 9RN  
(Tel: Tyneside 274 5711) Seeking descendants of Robert Bowman Richardson a Master Iron Founder, born at Lamesley, County Durham in 1825. He was married at the Wesleyan Chapel, High Street, Gateshead, to Sarah Jackson, born at Chester-le-Street in 1826. Their children were Sarah born 1849, William Jackson born 1856 and Isobel born 30 December 1845. Also researching the family of James Dick, born South Shields on 29 February 1808, who married Ann Addison. Their children were, James born 1836, Ann born 1838, Thomas born 1843, Elizabeth born 1845, Mary Jane born 1846, and John born 1849. The family moved to Newcastle from South Shields about 1840.
- 3618 Mr P.G. KIPLING, 42 Abbotsham Road, BIDEFORD, Devon EX39 3AP  
(Tel: Bideford 75438) Seeking place of birth and baptism of George Kipling who was possibly married to Ann Sigsworth at Kirkby Ravensworth on the 14 January 1715. Barnard Castle, Bowes, Romaldkirk, Coniscliffe and Gainford boast of many Kiplings but George is not among them. His son, Francis Kipling, was baptised at Bowes on the 10 April 1719.
- 3619 Mr K. JACKSON, 71 Biddlestone Road, Heaton, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE6 5SL
- 3620 Mrs F.A. SYMONDS, 78 The Greenway, Collindale, LONDON NW9 5AP  
(Tel: 01-205 3865) Researching Ambler, Lister, Markham and Embleton.
- 3621 Mrs C.M. ODELL, 65 Field Lane, YORK YO1 5JL  
(Tel: York 411018)
- 3622 Mrs J.P. SMALLWOOD, 6 Elgarth Drive, WOKINGHAM, Berkshire RG11 4HH  
(Tel: Wokingham 733632) Seeking the marriage of Robert Young to Jane Young in the Berwick-on-Tweed area 1828 to 1830. Robert was a bottle maker and moved to Bishopmeermouth then Ballast Hills, Newcastle. Their children were Agnes (Medes), George, John, Susan, Elizabeth and Robert.
- 3623 Miss C.M. FENN, 12 Finch Close, Headington, OXFORD OX3 7NX.
- 3624 Mrs V.M. PARKER, 8 Swainston Road, Saint Johns, AUCKLAND 6, NEW ZEALAND.
- 3625 Miss L. RAISTRICK, 303 Broad Lane, LEEDS, West Yorkshire LS13 3BU  
(Tel: Leeds 565402)
- 3626 Mrs J.M. DAVIDSON, 27 Belgrave Road, EDINBURGH EH12 6NG  
(Tel: 031- 334 5231)

- 3627 Mrs M.D. STEVENSON, 25 Priory Gardens, BURNHAM-ON-SEA, Somerset TA8 1QW  
Researching the Burn family who moved from Northumberland to the "new town" of Middlesbrough in the middle of the 19th century. Seeking baptisms and marriage of George Burn and Agnes Telford. Their eldest son, Adam Thompson Telford, was baptised at Wooler in 1831 when father George was described as "driver of ye mail-cart". At later baptisms he was described as a coach driver. The family had left Wooler by the time of the 1841 census.
- 3628 Mr A.W. GRAHAM, R D 3 WHAKATANE, NEW ZEALAND.  
Researching Richard Graham of Felton who was born about 1776. He married Mary (?) and they had nine children, Mary, Dorothy, Joseph, Richard, William, Martha, Christopher, John and James Tate. Mary married John Embleton about 1824 and lived and raised a family of six at Lesbury. Dorothy married Thomas Coxon on 27 April 1826 at Longhorsley, had a family of eight and lived at Longframlington. Joseph was a farmer at Rothbury who married in the 1840s. Richard married Isabella Greshon about 1840-42 and lived at Amble. They had three children, Mary, Dorothy and Richard. Mary married John Orr, a miller of Rothbury, and had four children. Richard married Margaret Jane Douglas and had five children. William married Mary (?) and lived in Alnwick with their twelve children. John lived in and around Rothbury with his wife and three children. James Tate married Elizabeth (?) and had a family of four girls. He died 15 October 1907 at Whitton, Rothbury.
- 3629 Mr G.N. ROBINSON, Candidaschouw 30,2726 KB ZOETERMEER, HOLLAND.
- 3630 Mr P. MAGUIRE, 32 East Street, BLAKEHURST, NEW SOUTH WALES 2221, AUSTRALIA
- 3631 Mrs N.D. PRESTON, 1 Westdowns Cottages, Pruetts Lane, PETERSFIELD, Hampshire. GU31 5AH.  
(Tel: Liss 892504)
- ~~3632~~ **3632 Mrs M. FAULKNER, 38 Ervin Road, KILSYTH, VICTORIA 3137, AUSTRALIA.**
- 3633 Mrs M. COATES. 100 Debdon Gardens. Hea" \_NEWfA.STd F iT\_P(IN TYNF,NR6 STc  
(Tel: Tyneside 265 0635)
- 3634 Dr B.R.W. LODGE, Carlton Hayes Hospital, Narborough, LEICESTER LE9 5ES  
(Tel: Leicester 863481)
- 3635 Mrs M. LYNNG, 5 Boston Avenue, READING, Berkshire RG1 6JU
- 3636 Mrs J. TAYLOR, 7 Brosa Avenue East, BENTLEIGH, VICTORIA 3165, AUSTRALIA.
- 3637 Mrs S.J. RIPLEY, 35 Orchard Road, STREET, Somerset BA16 OBT  
(Tel: Street 46435)
- 3638 Mr G.A. RIPLEY, 35 Orchard Road, STREET, Somerset BA16 OBT  
(Tel: Street 46435)
- 3639 Mrs D. ALDERMAN, 3 Oakley Walk, Cat and Fiddle Park, Clyst St Mary, EXETER, Devon EX5 1
- 3640 Mrs S. WANLESS, 4 Whinney Hill, DURHAM DH1 3BG  
(Tel: Durham 384 3046)
- 3641 Miss J.M. ISLES, 10 Bright Street, CAMPBELLFIELD, VICTORIA 3061, AUSTRALIA.
- 3642 Mr G.E. COX, 146 Harton Lane, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE34 OPW
- 3643 Mrs I. WILDE, 27 Rokeby Terrace, Heaton, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE6 5ST  
(Tel: Tyneside 276 1838)
- 3644 Ms J. MACKAY, 1 Kalgan Close, Heathridge, PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA 6027, AUSTRALIA
- 3645 Mrs M. REARDON, 12 Wentworth Court, Downview Road, WORTHING, West Sussex BN11 4RJ  
(Tel: Worthing 502887)
- 3646 Mr N. MORTON, 26 Gardner Road, Formby, LIVERPOOL, Merseyside L37 8DD
- 3647 Mrs J.M. DELL, 2 Springfield Park, Barripper, CAMBORNE, Cornwall TR14 OQZ  
(Tel: Camborne 713138)
- 3648 Mr W. A. BENNEWORTH, 17 Milvain Avenue, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE4 9HT  
(Tel: Tyneside 273 7723)
- 3649 Mr J.B. SECHIARI, Manor Side East, Mill Lane, Byfleet, WEYBRIDGE, Surrey KT14 7RS  
(Tel: Byfleet 41084)
- 3650 Dr. P. HULL, 49 North Grange Road, Bearsden, GLASGOW G61 3AG  
(Tel: 041-942 1103) Seeking any information concerning Robert Hull (I) who married Jane Hudson at Holy Trinity, Sunderland, on 27 August 1828. Robert Hull (II) born about 1834-5 at Sunderland, and died 1899, who married Elizabeth Shortc6ff about 1860. Also William Tennant who married Margaret Turnbull about 1837 at Sunderland.
- 3651 Mrs A. KING, Great Saucelands, Ardingly, HAYWARDS HEATH, West Sussex RH17 6SQ  
(Tel: Ardingly 892240)
- 3652 Mrs N.M. HELLMAN WANES, 15, The Beeches, Eastfield Road, Benton, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE12 8BG  
(Tel: Tyneside 270 0438)

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- 1468 Miss S.F. REED, 3 Orchard Way, SELBY, North Yorkshire YO8 OJE  
Seeking marriage and baptisms of John Wilson and Janet Tait. They had a daughter, Sarah, born circa 1847, who married Joseph Reed at Wolsingham on the 11th June 1865. According to the 1871 Census Sarah was born at Washington, but so far no trace of her baptism has been found. Also researching Robert MacPherson born in Glasgow 1st December 1818, the son of James MacPherson and Mary Ligon. Does the name Ligon exist? Extensive research, even in telephone directories, has failed to find any trace.
- 1493 Mrs A. BROOKER, Firlle Cottage, Blakewell Mead, Painswick, STROUD, Gloucestershire GL6 6UR  
Researching the Turner family who originated in Felton and nearby villages, but dispersed northwards after 1800. Seeking the baptism of James Turner born 1802-1806, who married Elizabeth Smailes at Embleton in 1828. He was buried at Howick in 1876. Any Turner information before or after 1800 welcome, plus any Turners in or near Chester-le-Street, County Durham.
- 1676 Miss J. JOBST, R.R. 2, OTTAWA, ILLINOIS 61350, UNITED STATES  
Seeking descendants of siblings of great grandfather William Redpath Guthrie, born 14 July 1842 at Newcastle upon Tyne, the son of Andrew Guthrie and Mary Ann Redpath. His siblings were George A. born 1847; James born 1850 at Sunderland; John Weldon born 20 March 1853, living in Wallsend in 1917; David Sinclair born 2 December 1855, who married a Margaret; Louis Charles born 1858, and died before 1914 at Newcastle; Margaret Eleanor born 1862 and married a Latharn(?) and living in Gateshead in 1914. William Guthrie was a sailor and his ship went down in 1876. His wife and three older children went to America in 1879. His youngest son Andrew stayed in England with one of the Guthries until 1888 when he went to America.
- 1754 Mr K. COOK, 12 Weingarth Street, Holder 2611 CANBERRA, A.C.T. AUSTRALIA.  
Researching the Richardson family prior to 16 January 1892 when Alexander Richardson, 22 years (son of George Richardson and Eleanor Emery) married Deborah Elizabeth Beaney, 19 years (daughter of Wilson Beaney and Jane Simpson) at Waterloo Presbyterian Church, Blyth, Northumberland. They are believed to be connected to George Emery, born circa 1837 (parents deceased by 1879) and wife Jane born circa 1839 (father deceased - mother Deborah Richardson) who married about 1860, and came to Australia on 16 September 1879 on *La Hogue* with nine children. Alexander came first about 1912 followed by his family who arrived on the *Persic* on 10 January 1914 to a job in the coal mine in Wollongong obtained for him by one of the Emery family.
- 1805 Miss E. PURVIS, 95, Grosvenor Way, Chapel Park, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE5 1RU  
Seeking baptisms of Henry Purvis and Mary Ridley who were married on 24 May 1740 at Longbenton; baptism of William Days, son of John Days, circa 1800 probably at Gateshead; baptism of Ann Bewick circa 1769 at Ryton (?); baptism of Thomas Marshall who died at Chollerton 1802 aged 88 years. Also looking for two marriages, (1) Alexander Anderson who married Isabel (?) about 1750 at Rothbury, and (2) Thomas McNay/McNee who married Alice (?) and had the following children baptised at Spittle: Mary 1782, Edward 1785, Thomas 1786, Alice 1789 and Esther 1790. Would be interested to hear from any descendants of Henry Purvis and Ann Bewick who married at Ryton on 4 June 1791.
- 2179 Ms C. USHER, 42 Devonshire Road, Linthorpe, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland TS5 6DP  
(Tel: 0642 812382) Researching Davison of Embleton, Northumberland; Nesbitt of Newcastle upon Tyne; Porter of Cley, Norfolk; Cullum of Norwich and Brooke, and Gilhom(1)m(e) anywhere.
- 2349 Mrs J.M. DEANE, 3 Lighton Avenue, Frampton, BOSTON, Lincolnshire PE20 1BY  
Seeking marriage of William Peel and Margaret Robertson. Their son (great grandfather) was born 21 June 1850 at 6 St Johns Lane, St Johns, Newcastle, but they were not at this address for the 1851 Census. By 1871 great grandfather was a lodger in Southwick, Sunderland. Has anyone come across this family in their researches? Grandfather, also named William Peel, played football for the Percy Park Club and also gained his county cap. Contact has been made with the Durham Football Association but they have no records. Does anyone know where the Percy Park Club was or is, or where more information might be found for the time around 1900?
- 2715 Mr C.R. MASON, 4, Paterson Court, Kenilworth Road, Knowle, SOLIHULL, West Midlands B93 OJB  
(Tel: 0564 777947) Researching Robert Edward Suddick, a surface miner, who was living at 12 Wilfred Street, **Chester-le-Street in 1922. He married Clara Elizabeth Emma Goodwin at the Baptist Chapel, Westgate, and** they are believed to have had two daughters. Robert died as a result of a pit accident. Any information would be very welcome.
- 2718 Mrs A.M. MOULES, 14 Fenwicks Lane, Fulford, YORK YO1 4PL.  
Researching Hannah Willis born 1803 at Stanhope. Also seeking proof of registration of births of Charles W. Rippon born 1836 at Stanhope; Hannah W. Rippon, Henry W. Rippon and Elizabeth W. Rippon. They could have been registered in the name of Willis. Also researching the Moules family. Any information welcome.
- 2744 Mrs J. HYSLOP, 96 Kensington Avenue South, HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA L8M 3H2  
Researching the Bothroyd/Boothroyd family of Darlington and Ferryhill; the Best family of Heighington, Aycliffe and West Auckland, and the Chariton family of Teesdale, County Durham. All letters answered.

- 2804** Mr T.R. HARRINGTON, 75 Willowbrook, Kells, BALLYMENA, County Antrim, NORTHERN IRELAND BT41 4PF  
Researching James Harrington, born 5 June 1846, a shoemaker, of Bailiffgate, Newcastle, who was married on 5 February 1866 at St. Marys, Clayton Street West, Newcastle, to Mary Ann McCall, born in Glasgow and the daughter of William McCall a tailor. Any information welcome.
- 2843** Mr A. LOWES, P O Box 305, HEIDELBERG 3084, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.  
Researching grandfather Anthony Lowes, born 12 May 1866 at Earsdon, who married Mabel Alberta Taylor of Sunderland on the 10 March 1897. He was a master draper of "Gillespie and Lowes" 11 Saville Street West, North Shields. He was the son of John Lowes, a master blacksmith and farrier of Earsdon and Old Hartley, who was born 27 October 1818 at Preston Park and married Elizabeth Graham about 1839 to 1840. He died on the 20 February 1890. They were Primitive Methodists.  
Also seeking any information on father Hugh Gilmore Lowes, born 8 August 1899 at Sunderland, and died 10 May 1984 at Darlington. He married Evelyn Rose Addison on 16 June 1924 at South Shields. He was a Sergeant in the army with a Field Artillery Unit in France and Ireland during World War One and afterwards. Trying to trace Scottish ancestry as Gilmore is a name in the family. Stepmother, Doris Lowes is still alive and living at Blackhill, Darlington.
- 3021** Miss E. GODFREE, 34 Martin Street, ROTORUA, NEW ZEALAND  
Seeking descendants of siblings of great grandfather James Masters and his wife Mary Swift. They lived at 16 Dean Street, Sunnyside, Wellington, for some years prior to 1910. Their sons were Samuel Alfred, Thomas, Frederick, Sydney James, and John. All baptised at either Bishop Auckland or Crook between 1871 and 1893.
- 3108** Mr W. REED, 23 Godfrey Road, Artarmon 2064, SYDNEY, N.S.W. AUSTRALIA.  
Would be interested to hear from anyone researching the following names that married into the Reed family. William Reed and Eliza Walker, widow, formerly Ayre, were married at West Rainton, County Durham, in August 1852 and had the following children. George, born 1852 at East Rainton, who married Jane Ann Douglas of Netherton, at Morpeth in 1873; Joseph, born 1855 at East Rainton who married Elizabeth Little of West Sleekburn, at Cambois in 1878; Ann Coulson Reed, born 1858 at North Pit, East Rainton, who married Luke Reed from Whittingham Vale at Morpeth in 1879; and Barbara, born 1863 at North Seaton, who married George Jefferson of Cambois in 1883. William Reed also had two step-children, Robert Walker, born 1846 at Sunderland, and Jane Walker, born 1850 at Quarrington Hill, and married to James Hetherington at the parish church, Cambois in 1871. The 1881 Census shows three children - James William, Eliza and Willis, all born Bedlington.  
Also interested in William Blanch, coalminer of North Seaton, 1870 to 1880, who married Elizabeth Douglas a widow of Netherton, circa 1870.
- 3134** Ms L. FROST, 8 Cliff Street, ESSENDON, VICTORIA 3040 AUSTRALIA  
Researching Margaret and James Watson, a miner, living at Murton Colliery in 1850 when their daughter Ann, born 1830 at Sunderland, married Richard Fittes in the Dalton-le-Dale parish church, County Durham. Also James Grecian, a shepherd at Alnham, Northumberland, who married Elenor Steel (born 1742) in 1765. Their children were Francis, born 1866 at Alnham, who married George Fettes; Ann, born 1768 at Revely; Sarah, born 1770 at Revely; George, born 1772; Eleanor, born 1774 at Greenside Hill and married to James Turnbull; Margaret who died in 1778, and Mary. Also seeking Dorothy Turnbull who married Gabriel Fiddes/Fittes about 1830. Known children, all born at Alnham, were Richard born 1831; Frances born 1834 and George born 1836. Interested in any Fiddes/Fittes/Fettes families in Hawick, Roxburghshire. Also seeking any information on John Frost, born 1823 at Barnsley, Yorkshire.
- 3190** Mr W.M. HOPE, 8 Shand Crescent, TURRAMURRA, N.S.W. 2074, AUSTRALIA  
Would like to contact any descendants of Christopher Hope, born 27 May 1840, of Hamsterley, who married Elizabeth Chapman on 25 May 1765. They had four children - Nicholas, born 26 January 1766; Ralph, born 28 March 1768, and died 19 April 1839; Margaret, born 22 April 1770; Christopher, born 27 December 1772, and William, born 11 May 1777. Son Ralph married Jane Brownbridge (born 3 June 1764) on the 30 March 1788, and they had the following four children - Joseph, born 26 October 1788 at Hamsterley, Christopher, born 1792 at Evenwood, Elizabeth, born 9 September at St. Helens Auckland, and Ralph, born 9 January 1806 at Witton-le-Wear. Joseph married Hannah Moses (baptised 20 April 1793) on 23 March 1811. Their son Joseph married Hannah Coates (born 4 July 1822) whose son, also named Joseph, migrated to Australia from Gateshead in 1884. He was a graduate in civil engineering from Newcastle University.
- 3399** Mrs M.G. RISTAU, 1316 Coffelt Avenue, BETTENDORF, IOWA 52722, UNITED STATES.  
Researching William Rostron born 16 May 1873 at Lancaster. Was he the son of William Rostron and Paula Robinson Rostron? Seeking his marriage to Harriet Morgan (born circa 1873 in Gloucestershire) about 1893. They had one daughter, Frances Alice born 3 April 1894 in Clough Dean, Tanfield. Harriet died 18 August 1896 at 10 Greenland, Stanley, and William married for a second time Edith Morgan, at Lamesley on 1 April 1897. Edith was born on 2 September 1871 in Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire. Were her parents William and Fannie Evans Morgan? William and Edith had a daughter, Harriet Tryvena Rostron born 22 June 1899 at Clowdean Cottages, Lamesley. The family moved to the United States about 1903. Also interested in George Greenwell born 1844 or 1846 at Caselna, County Durham. Did he have brothers Robert and John? Was he the son of John Greenwell? He went to the United States prior to 1865 at which time he enlisted in the Civil War in Peoria, Illinois. Would welcome any information on Greenwell family prior to 1865.

## HELP OFFERED

- 3261 Mr C. WANLESS, 15 Hillcrest, North Seaton, ASHINGTON, Northumberland NE63 9SH  
Mr Wanless is at present indexing the 1851 Census - HO 107/2419, District 559 Alnwick, Northumberland - which includes part of Alnwick, Warkworth and Embleton etc. He would be willing to check details for any members in return for a S.A.E. But please, specific enquiries only.

## CORRECTION

- 1085 Mrs D. MORRIS, 32 Stockport Road, Gee Cross, HYDE, Cheshire SK14 5QG  
Entry in Summer Journal, page 55, should read 'He was a keelman and died in 1812' not 1809. Our apologies to Mrs Morris.
- 3487 Mrs M.D. OLDERSHAW, Box 49, SEABRIGHT, NOVA SCOTIA BOJ 3JO, CANADA  
Autumn Journal, page 78 - Mrs Oldershaws Membership Number should read 3487 and not 3387. Our apologies to Mrs Oldershaw.

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We regret to report the deaths of members 0624 Mr H. Rischmiller of Bedford, 0966 Mr J.H. Walton of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1182 Mr R.H.S. Lawrence of Emsworth, Hampshire, 1758 Miss E.J. Bradbury of Sunderland, 1784 Mr J. Chapman of Amble, Northumberland, 2327 Mr T. Cutler of Umina, New South Wales, 2712 Mrs D. Gibson of Blyth and 2836 Mr A. Bell of Sunderland. We extend our deepest sympathy to their respective families.