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EDITORIAL

Once again I must apologise for the late delivery of the Journal. In the hope of speeding things up a commercial firm was employed to distribute the Spring issue, but as you know it was later than ever. I hasten to add that this was not the fault of the mailing firm, or of the printers, but was entirely due to the Society's failure to provide an up-to-date list of paid-up members. Part of the difficulty is caused by the considerable number of members who fail to renew their subscriptions at the proper time. Please pay them promptly when they become due - do not wait for a reminder, as these will not normally be sent in the future - and this will help to keep the mailing list up to date. While on the subject of members' shortcomings, please remember to enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope when writing to officers of the Society; otherwise you are unlikely to receive a reply.

I am writing this before the Society's Annual General Meeting in May, but by the time you read it I will have announced my intention of giving up my job as Editor of the Journal, and would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in taking over. I propose completing the Autumn 1990 issue, and assisting my successor with the Winter issue. By that time I shall have completed a five year stint, and feel that some fresh ideas would be welcome. It would also allow me some time to work on my own family history!

NEWS IN BRIEF

Computer Users' Group

Many members have expressed an interest in the use of computers in family history, and it has been decided to form a Computer Users' Group. Mr George Bell, of 113 East View, Wideopen, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE13 6ES, has agreed to act as Co-ordinator, and would be pleased to hear from all members of the Society who rely on computers to organize and store their family history notes, or are contemplating doing so. If you already have a computer please include details of the equipment and software you use.

War Memorial Survey

Following the note in the Summer 1989 issue of the Journal about the project being carried out by the Association of Northumberland Local History Societies, many members have sent in information about War Memorials in their areas.

Mrs J. Brown, Secretary of ANLHS, has written to thank members for their contributions. The project is much larger than first envisaged, and the area covered is also growing. Information has been received from Yorkshire and County Durham. All this information is welcomed, as the Imperial War Museum, in conjunction with the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments, have since launched their National Survey of War Memorials. A copy of the results of the ANLHS survey will be lodged with the R.C.H.M., although the original will finally be handed to the Northumberland Record Office as an archive resource.

Any further contributions should be sent to Mrs J. Brown, Hon. General Secretary, ANLHS, c/o Literary and Philosophical Society, Westgate Road, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE1 1SE.

Lincolnshire Family History Society

A new family history society has been set up in Lincolnshire to cater for the needs of family historians with ancestors in that county. Hitherto Lincolnshire family historians have been represented by a family history section within the Society for Lincolnshire History and Archaeology, but now for various reasons it is felt the time is right to set up an independent society within Lincolnshire.

Members will receive a quarterly publication containing topics of interest to Lincolnshire family historians and outlining research facilities available to members, plus full details of locally held monthly meetings. A number of new publications, indexes and source guides are being planned. The annual individual subscription, from 1 January 1990, is £7.00 (£8.00 family membership at the same address, and £10.00 in sterling for overseas members). Further details may be obtained from Mrs E.B. Robson, 135 Baldertongate, NEWARK, Notts NG24 1RY.

Family Bibles

Mrs V. Portass, of 2 Hogarth Court, DARLINGTON, County Durham DU 7RR, has a large Bible inscribed "John Headlam, Wycliffe Rectory" which she would be pleased to pass on to anyone interested in the Headlam family; and Mr J.L. Murray, of 17 Crowlands, Cottenham, CAMBRIDGE CB4 4TE has a two volume Family Bible which includes details of the family of Thomas and Sarah Emley, born in the Tyneside area between 1854 and 1869.

Balchin One Name Study

Mrs P.A. Green, of 2 Falconers Cottage, Milton Ash, MARTOCK, Somerset TA12 6AL, who has Balchin Births, Deaths and Marriages Indexes on computer, also Wills 1858-1988 and many other details connected with the name Balchin, is willing to supply details provided a stamped addressed envelope is sent, together with your connection with the name Balchin.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

Thursday, 3 May 1990 *Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.*
Northumberland and Durham Family History Society Annual General Meeting, followed by a talk by Mrs J. Brusey on "The Londonderry Family."

Thursday, 10 May 1990 *Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.*
Sunderland and District Group meeting.

Tuesday, 15 May 1990 *Blyth, 7.30 p.m.*
South-East Northumberland Group meeting. Mr M.A. Lincoln will give a talk entitled "In Search of Lincoln."

Monday, 21 May 1990 *Durham, 7.30 p.m.*
Durham Group meeting.

Wednesday, 23 May 1990 *South Shields, 8.00 p.m.*
South Tyneside Group meeting.

Thursday, 7 June 1990 *Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.*
Northumberland and Durham Family History Society meeting.

Thursday, 14 June 1990 *Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.*
Sunderland and District Group meeting.

Monday, 18 June 1990 *Durham, 7.30 p.m.*
Durham Group meeting.

Tuesday, 19 June 1990 *Blyth, 7.30 p.m.*
South-East Northumberland Group Annual General Meeting, followed by a Social Evening.

Wednesday, 27 June 1990 *South Shields, 8.00 p.m.*
South Tyneside Group meeting.

Saturday, 14 July 1990 *London, 2.00 p.m.*
London Group meeting. Me Leo Gooch MA will give a talk on "The Northumbrian Jacobite 1715 Rebellion."

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

Newcastle:	British Legion Club, Lonsdale Terrace, West Jesmond.
Durham:	Salutation Inn, Framwellgate Moor.
South Shields:	Black Prince Hotel, The Nook, Prince Edward Road.
Blyth:	Blyth Cricket Club, Plessey Road, Blyth.
Sunderland:	RAFA Headquarters, Murton Street.
London:	Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1.

THE WINTER MEETINGS

January

At our January meeting Mr Porrett presented a most interesting slide show entitled "Curios of Northumbria". The excellent slides were mainly of well-known local buildings and places of interest, but Mr Porrett in his amusing commentary drew our attention to curious features not generally noticed.

February

For our February meeting Mrs Muriel Gardener gave us a talk entitled "A Light-hearted Look at Heraldry", and explained some of the history and ritual involved with family arms.

The first recorded coat of arms dates from 1127 when Henry I was marrying Matilda to Geoffrey, Count of Anjou. At the wedding feast Henry hung on Geoffrey a shield charged with golden lions. Within 10 or 15 years every land-owning knight in western Christendom was hurrying to get arms. In the crusades a man was virtually unidentifiable, and so wearing a white coat of cloth over the armour imprinted with an obvious design was a definite improvement. The simpler the design, the earlier the coat of arms - for example a cross, a star or a bar. In order to avoid duplication knights chose the arms of their feudal lords and altered them slightly. A trained herald can easily identify which families owe allegiance to which Lord.

Mrs Gardener also explained how arms were combined by marriages, about the helmet, mantle, wreath and crest, and about the mythical and real beasts. An enthralling talk given by someone with a deep knowledge of her subject.

March

The March meeting took the form of an informal "Question and Answer" session in which members' problems were discussed.

DURHAM GROUP

At our January meeting Mr Phil Hall of Sunderland Museum and Library Local Studies Department gave us a very informative talk on the many sources of information available at the Library for family historians.

The February meeting took the form of a branch A.G.M. when members heard a report from the Chairman on the items discussed at the committee of the Society held in January. A very full discussion then took place on ideas about how to organise our branch meetings; suggestions were forthcoming for future activities and for ways of helping beginners. It was decided to keep a register of members interests which could be reviewed from time to time; as other members might share the same interests it was felt that this would be particularly useful for new members. If other branches have a similar register we could exchange them from time to time. Two of our members volunteered to collect information about local sources for family historians and to have this available at each meeting.

Mr Peter Clark has been invited to give a talk at our March meeting on "Chester-le-Street 1600-1640: the People and their Property."

SOUTH-EAST NORTHUMBERLAND GROUP

We had a successful Christmas social when over 50 members, after a delicious dinner, were entertained by the Ashington Gleemen in a selection of popular songs and Christmas carols were sung by Mrs Susan Laws. We are grateful to Mrs Mavis Walton for making the arrangements.

In January we had an interesting talk by Miss Tunney entitled "Blyth at the Turn of the Century", depicting the lives of the townspeople.

In February Dr Manners and Mr Ken Wanless brought their computers to the meeting and proceeded to demonstrate how they can be used in Family History research. Mr George Bell also attended with his more advanced computer and demonstrated its greater capacity. Members had many questions to ask about the scope and use of the computers, and these were ably answered by the three speakers.

SUNDERLAND AND DISTRICT GROUP

The December meeting followed the traditional pattern of a social get-together to which members brought along seasonal refreshments to fuel discussions on their particular lines of research. Two members took the stage - one to show heirlooms which sowed the seeds of interest in family history, and another who displayed charts, cards and attractively bound albums for storage of ancestral records.

A Quiz provided ideal entertainment for our January meeting, and caught out quite a few members on their knowledge of the locality.

In February Mr P.C. Sneddon gave a talk illustrated with slides on Sunderland, with members trying to identify some unusual views of buildings in the town and surrounding area.

LONDON GROUP

On Saturday 3 March 1990 at the Society of Genealogists the London Group held its first one day conference on Migration. Our Chairman, Mr Craggs, welcomed 88 members to the meeting and introduced our first speaker, Mr W.E. Rounce, Chairman of NDFHS.

Mr Rounce spoke on "Migration to Tyneside" during the change from a mainly agricultural area in the 18th century to the highly industrial area which developed after the Napoleonic wars. The influx of Irish immigrants looking for work, especially after the potato famines in Ireland, and the drift of people from Scotland, were the main sources of migrant manpower. Mr Rounce told us of the industries which developed and gave an interesting and often amusing insight into life on Tyneside, in spite of the hard and poor conditions in which people lived and worked.

Our next speaker, Mrs Marnie Mason, was introduced by Dr C.J. Watts. Mrs Mason's subject was "Anglo-Scottish Migration", and her talk included an insight into the historical differences between the Lowlands Norman culture and the Highlands Celtic origins, which were of great interest to members.

After lunch our third speaker, Mr A.J. Camp FSG, Director of the Society of Genealogists, gave a lecture on "Migration within England and Wales." The various methods of transport used, the effect on the influx of people to the large towns, and their probable reasons for moving were mentioned, also the caring for the parish poor and their ability to move in search of work. Reference was given to the many sources of information available to members.

The "Question and Answer Forum", chaired by Dr Watts, gave members an opportunity to ask each of the guest speakers their questions, after which votes of thanks were given, and members left after a very enjoyable day.

Our next meeting is on Saturday 14 July 1990 at 2.00 p.m., when Mr Leo Gooch MA will give a talk on "The Northumbrian Jacobite 1715 Rebellion." This will be a joint meeting with the Catholic Record Society.

Miss Sally Fincher will give a talk on "Trade Unions and their Records" at our meeting on 17 November 1990 at 10.30 a.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Future of the Society

Several letters have been received as a result of remarks made in the Editorial in the Winter 1989 Journal. They are too long to print in full, but the following selection includes the main points made.

Mr N. Bowmaker, of 523 Nottingham Road, Baltimore, MARYLAND 21229, United States, writes:

"... I have often wished I could have been of more help, and I am sure other members "over the water" would join me in offering help if we knew what we could do. I did offer to transcribe tombstone information in Maryland - District of Columbia cemeteries, but no one ever requested the service. The offer stands.

Both the possible solutions are flawed in the ways you suggest. We know a Northumberland/Durham society has prospered, but would separate societies prosper? - or might one of them not survive? Have you thought of a cross-borders society? I am also a member of the Borders Family History Society, generally centred around Peebles, but it sticks pretty close to Scotland as ours sticks to England.

An organisation which focused some of its attention on the criss-crossing of boundaries and the difficulties of following these cold trails would be a God-send. Might not the northern part of our society (say from north and west of Alnwick) be advantageously allied with the Peebles group? Consultations with the Scottish society would need to be held over a considerable time for such an idea to be taken seriously (I can almost hear my Scottish kindred grumbling that "Whitehall is taking over again"). Perhaps any new kind of structuring will come out second to getting professional help; but then someone has to supervise and direct the "help", so personnel management comes into the picture! But looking at why solutions won't work doesn't bring us closer to relieving a bad situation.

Thanks for letting the membership share in your (our) dilemma. I hope some good comes of it."

Mrs D. Gibson, of Hunter Hill Farm, Little Crokehall, BEDALE, North Yorkshire DL8 1LA, writes:

"I hope you will forgive me when I say I, like so many others, am a non-active member and therefore perhaps should not be airing my views. But you did ask for members' opinions!

Firstly, I definitely feel the Society should not be split into two separate county societies. With such a concentration of the population living on the banks of the Tyne a high proportion of members must have roots in both counties. A split would mean many of us having to join both societies, which would mean two subscriptions and no doubt twice the number of "administrators". Personally, I would prefer, if necessary, the subscription to be doubled. I value the aims of the Society and feel it must not be allowed to disintegrate, particularly for Mr Rounce's sake. There must be hundreds of past and present members who have reason to be grateful to him for all his work, and to allow the Society to "fall apart" for lack of active support would surely be doing him a great dis-service.

Having issued an "S.O.S", why not follow it up with the suggestion of an "Emergency Supporters' Fund" - asking for voluntary donations towards the cost of help with the administration? It would give some indication as to how willing members would be to "put their hands in their pockets" for the sake of the society."

Mrs S.D. Hancock, of 25 Wesley Road, Kingsworthy, WINCHESTER, Hampshire SO23 7QE, writes:

"I am a member who does nothing for the Society because of (a) distance and (b) lack of time. However I do appreciate what is done by the active members. I think it would be a shame if the Society had to be wound up, and I think that splitting it into two would cause twice as much work for the same number of people. I would be quite happy to pay a larger subscription to enable paid help to be employed, and perhaps OAPs and the unemployed could be given a reduced fee in exchange for so much help in a year."

Lost Marriage Lines

Mr J. Tait, of 7 Bamburgh Close, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 5EA, writes:

~~"Your note on "Lost Marriage Lines" in the Spring 1989 Journal rang an immediate bell with me. I had been aware of the RtczrvhehindlhrAwal_Enr the marriage lines of Henry Curly and Ann Lisle for some years, but did not know it went back 300 years.~~

Yes, this is the tale of a poor young man winning the hand of a young lady, an only child of much higher social standing, of their runaway marriage resulting in her being cut off from the family fortune, and of the couple's descendants being done out of valuable papers (the proof of marriage?) by treachery. And of how the male members of the Curley family to this day all bear the middle name of "Lisle" in romantic assertion of their claim to the fortune!

The Armitage Family

Mr D. Armitage, of 24 Lynwood Avenue, FELIXSTOWE, Suffolk IP11 9HS, writes:

"I have some documents from a Canadian correspondent which may be of interest to a member of your Society. These concern a George Armitage (1867-1940) who emigrated from Newcastle-upon-Tyne. ~~He went initially to Detroit where he married Adrienne Jacoby, and they later moved to the North West Territory of Canada.~~

This information consists of seven pages approximately A4 size from a Canadian Family History publication, and gives particulars of all their children. If any of your members have an interest in this family I shall be glad to pass on the documents on receipt of a stamped and addressed A4 or A5 envelope."

CONFERENCE NEWS

Elizabeth Lyall and Moira Furness

The Society Groups are to be congratulated as they have come up trumps with interesting speakers for the September 1990 Conference. One group even thought of 1991 and supplied details of a speaker for that as well. Please keep sending suggestions for speakers, as the more we get the better future Conferences will be.

The Conference this year will have a very North-Eastern flavour with talks by Mr Leslie Ellison on *Voices of the 15 Streets*; Dr A. Barrow on *Greenlanders in South Shields and Sunderland*; and Mr E. Shaw on *William Shaw and the Dickens Connection*. Other talks include Dr Christopher Watts on *The High Courts of Justice* and Mr George Bell on *Using a Computer in Family History*. On the Saturday morning a visit to the Department of Palaeography and Diplomatic has been arranged: this will be limited to two groups of twelve, and because of the restricted numbers it is felt that out-of-county members should have priority. You can reserve your place on the booking form, and it will be on a first come first served basis. If any places have not been booked by the time the Conference starts they will be made available to other members. The Chairman will announce this on the Friday evening. A bus is being booked for those members who would like to visit the National Garden Festival at Gateshead on the Saturday - spouses who are not Family History addicts might enjoy this outing. A packed lunch will be provided, and places can be reserved on the booking form. Washington Wildfowl Park, the Metro Centre, Beamish Open Air Museum, and Newcastle Quayside Sunday Market are all worth a visit, and are within a short car ride from the college.

The Saturday evening entertainment will be provided by Johnny Handle who is guaranteed to get toes tapping to local music and voices raised in local songs. If you are not going on any of the outings, speakers and workshops have been arranged. The newly formed Computer Users Group will be giving a talk and demonstration of hardware and software; please contact Mr George Bell, 113 East View, Wideopen, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE13 6ES if you have any queries about this subject. We are also arranging a meeting to those interested in teaching Family History: we felt this would be a good opportunity to exchange ideas and to discuss material available. Samples can be displayed and demonstrated. Please bring along worksheets or handouts you use and have found successful. The Library run by Doreen and Ralph Tait will again be there, and if past years are anything to go by there will be standing room only at this facility. The well stocked Book Stall run by Christine and Richard Davison will have a good selection of Society and Federation publications on sale. The Society's IGI microfiches will be available for use during the whole of the Conference, as well as an extensive collection of indexes.

The best resource at the Conference will be the members themselves: they will provide a vast pool of knowledge and experience. We are looking forward to seeing old and new friends at Durham during the weekend 21 to 23 September 1990. Send your booking forms off as soon as you can!

THE IRISH CONNECTION

Godfrey Duffy

Family historians with Irish ancestry appear to face greater research problems than their British counterparts - the usual argument being that British parish records (excluding Catholic) are generally extant and extend back to the late 16th Century; so with good research technique an 'ordinary' man or woman in the street could hope to discover many generations of their family - unless your name is Smith, when you could have problems.

I remember in the early 1980s when I first began my research my mention of Irish ancestry would lead to a shaking of heads followed by "Well of course you know the Irish records were destroyed in the Four Courts fire of 1922." They then turned and got back to their supposed Norman ancestors. I persisted, and through time found that not all Irish records were destroyed by the 'anti-treaty' combatants of 1922. Certainly valuable genealogical sources were lost, including detailed census returns for the 19th Century and parish registers. However these parish registers were Protestant, as the Catholic clergy had refused to hand in their registers; and since the majority of the population was Catholic an important genealogical source for most people of Irish descent had been saved. Irish parish registers extend back furthest for the major cities such as Dublin, Cork and Limerick (mid 18th Century), but only to the mid 19th Century for rural parishes and especially for the one I was investigating in County Donegal.

For the most part Irish emigration to the British mainland occurred after the famine years of 1845-1849, and within a few generations a lot of these new immigrants had lost touch with the relations they had left behind. Initially then, unless oral tradition or some memento has survived, the modern day researcher will only know that "my ancestors came from Ireland" and nothing else. I was surprised and delighted how I overcame these problems.

One source to consult at once is elderly relations. One such relation supplied me with my great great grandmother's maiden name, and that is something nobody had done before. Another good source is the British census returns from 1851, as not only do they indicate if an ancestor was born in Ireland, but they often mention the county and sometimes the town. This greatly narrows down the search. I knew from my great grandfather's marriage certificate (English) that his father was called Patrick Duffy, and as my great grandfather was born in 1855 in Carlisle it seemed likely that Patrick was married there. This proved to be the case - also in 1855. Patrick arrived in England after the 1851 census but died before the 1861 census, but all was not lost! Fortunately he had been married at the Catholic Chapel in Carlisle (registers deposited last year with Cumbria Archive Office, Carlisle). The marriage registers for the 1840s and 1850s were particularly informative, for as well as supplying the names and addresses of bride and groom they also provided the names and both sets of parents and their parish and county of residence. In many cases these were in Ireland, and it was from this source that I discovered Patrick's parish was Clonmany in County Donegal and his parents' names were John and Mary Duffy. Some Catholic churches in our region also include similar details, for example St Wilfred's, Bishop Auckland.

For me, the next stage was to estimate the approximate date of Patrick's birth in Ireland and to see if Clonmany parish registers covered this period. Based on the age given on the civil marriage certificate Patrick would have been born about 1828, and the registers for Clonmany began in 1852. It was an Irish tradition for the eldest son to inherit the 'land', although this might not amount to much. In the countryside the land was divided into 'townlands', each name usually topographic in origin, and in Clonmany they are known as 'quarterlands'. By 1857 Patrick had two children and seemed set for a settled life in England. I must presume he was not the eldest son; for ease I placed him as a middle child.

A great deal can be gained through correspondence, and from numerous sources I was obtaining facts and producing theories which I would take with me on my visit to Ireland. I found that the average family in Clonmany parish had children over a twenty year period and that the average age that men married was 24 years. Patrick's father, John Duffy, would have been married c1820 and his year of birth c1796. This was a rough guide for me. There are many sources that can be consulted - too many to describe in this article - but I include the following two: Griffith's Valuation - a nationwide valuation of land productivity and 'economic' rent determined by the type of dwelling and paid by the tenant. So when we talk of 'inheriting the land' this is in fact inheriting the tenancy. The interesting point to note about this valuation which took place in the 1850s (1857 in County Donegal) was that it was national and very thorough. In the absence of the 1851 Census it provides lists of tenants in their townlands, giving names, surnames, annual net value of land or dwelling, type of dwelling and its map reference on Griffith's own maps. Occasionally the tenant's trade is given in brackets, and frequently the christian name of the tenant's father appears in brackets.

I had already tried to isolate the relevant townland and had narrowed it down to four possibles. From Griffith's Valuation I found five John Duffys in five separate townlands; to get some conception of the area I wrote to the Valuation Office in Dublin asking them to send copies of the Griffith's maps which included the John Duffy townlands and mark in the exact location of the John Duffys within those townlands. The maps were splendid in detail, and from them I was able to relate the proximity of both the townlands and the John Duffys located.

The second source I consulted was the Tithe Applotment Books - lists of tenants liable to pay tithes to the established church. It was compiled during 1823-1837 and did not include all households. Once again it was a valuable source of tenants' names in the absence of the 1821 Census, and did include the townlands in which I was interested. As previously mentioned, I had consulted more sources, and any reader researching in the same area can drop me a line.

I felt I now needed to broaden my research by visiting Clonmany parish in person, and last August I made such a visit. I booked in to a modest B & B within the parish and used this as a base from which to explore during my one week there. I hoped to learn something of the character of the people and to enjoy a holiday as well. With my store of knowledge I was not a total stranger, and while asking questions I was able to add facts of my own; this encouraged conversation and soon many doors were opened; the problem was not lack of information but finding time to sort through it. Nothing compares with a personal visit, and after a few days I began to see the parish as an entity. To walk the byways and magnificent bays that John and Patrick Duffy must have walked will leave a lasting memory. I was in for surprises as well: there were stories of Duffys, and there was someone who sang a sad song about a boat sinking with loss of lives including a Duffy in 1862. I was taken around to houses and introduced to present day Duffy families. On my last night, trying to switch off from family history and resolved to sorting out my notes when I returned to England, I was sitting in the 'Keg O' Poteen' in Clonmany village when I was approached by Michael Duffy, someone I had met a few days before. He told me that he had been 'phoning his daughter in England and had told her of me and some of the facts I had told him. When he mentioned about John and Mary Duffy being ancestors she felt sure they were also their ancestors generations back.

"You'll have a pint of Guinness, Michael," I said. "I will" was his reply.

IN SEARCH OF MATTHEW TODD

Joan Crooks

I first 'met' my great grandfather Matthew Todd when I was twenty-one years old. I was visiting my very ill grand-aunt Sarah, his daughter, at her house. Aunt Sarah died soon after, and her funeral service was at her home. I was looking at two photographs on the wall of her kitchen, and asked my mother who they were. She told me they were Aunty's parents, her grandparents. What a lovely looking couple they were! I did not know then (March 1963) what a major part these two people would play in my life. As luck or providence would have it, some days later my mother came home with most of the large photographs, one in particular of Aunt Sarah, a beautiful oil painting, done when she was a young woman, and yes, the photos of her parents, Matthew Todd and Mary Cochrane.

In the meantime I had married and a daughter came our way. May of 1968 saw Cheryl, aged four, and myself on a visit to Palmerston, Otago, to stay with my mother's brother and his wife. Aunt and Uncle took us on a tour of the area. Enter into my life Carrick Farm. I stood on the farm in May 1968 and soaked in the scenery. What a wonderful place! So green and lush! On the way back we visited the cemetery and all the family graves were pointed out, including the Todd grave, and this was a huge concrete area with a small marble plaque, only the name TODD written on it. I had no idea who was in there. I just had to lift back the dusty curtain of time and find my family.

The next day I went to the small Post Office where the local birth, marriage and death records were kept. Being new at family history recording, I much later realised what an opportunity I had missed. There were giant books everywhere in front of me. As the man in charge was showing me the family of Matthew and Mary, I was trying to write down all the 'relevant' things. I did at least confirm the ten children for whom I had names, and got birth dates and middle names etc. I came away from there exhausted and confused. Too much, too soon. I returned home to Christchurch with a complete family, and photos of the family properties, gravestones and so on.

In December 1969 my Uncle Jim died suddenly in Palmerston. Our son Royden was four months old, and I was thankful for Uncle's guidance on the earlier visit, for now I was able to take the next generation to all the family haunts.

On 18 January 1972 I received from our Records Office Matthew and Mary's marriage certificate, and Mary's death certificate. The date on the marriage certificate made quite an impression on my mind; it had been one hundred years and one month after their marriage in April 1868 that I stood on Carrick Farm! Mary's death certificate gave the information about the hospital where she died, and I was able to track down the medical records. The description of Mary, given to the hospital by her daughter Janet, was fabulous: "Very active, studious, loving, fond of company" etc., and that Mary's parents were "mild tempered and quiet people." This, with the doctor's description, "Scotch grey eyes, freckled complexion, degree of hearing, her handwriting" and so on, gave me a wonderful picture of great-grandmother Mary Todd.

May 1973 saw me with my two children aged eight and three on another trip to Aunt's at Palmerston. The church was my target this time, and the minister took me to a room at the back of the church. In a large tin trunk were volumes of baptism, marriage and other records. He went on his merry way and left me to mine. My excitement was intense, but it did not take me long to find the right books which contained the Todd family records.

Matthew Todd came to New Zealand about the end of 1861 or early 1862, followed by his nephew William, son of William Todd and Mary McWhinnie, who was born in Wigtownshire, Scotland. As I went through the pages of baptisms, imagine my surprise at finding William's children as well, most of them born at Carrick Farm. It is a complicated story, as Matthew and his nephew William each married sisters. They were Mary and Janet Cochrane, and the children of each had similar names. Many hours later, my notebook full, and suffering from mental indigestion, I made my way back to my aunt's. She was about to get a search party organised, as she thought I might be lost - I was, in the corridors of time.

One day when I was standing in the street at Palmerston an elderly citizen came up to me and asked if I was one of the "Guthrie Kiddies". I told him I was. My mother was Margaret Guthrie, daughter of Grace Todd, and she and her brothers and sisters were known as the Guthrie Kiddies.

On 11 February 1973 I received Matthew Todd's death certificate which stated that he was the son of John Todd and Agnes Gibson. (His father was in fact William Todd). 1975 was the year my youngest son was born, and named Matthew after the man himself. In 1976 I started a family magazine which I sent out under the heading of "As it Happened". I had found a duplicator at the local dump (that's

another story!) and on bringing it home found it complete except for a handle. In 1978 Todd *Research* arrived from Tod Ancestry. Matthew Todd's parents were William Todd and Agnes Gibson; this was found through Matthew's brother's death in Wigtownshire. The family were from Dundonald in Ayrshire - but no Matthew. In April 1986 I discovered a fourth cousin here in Christchurch who was researching the McQueens of Ayrshire. Mary Todd's mother was Marion McQueen, and it turned out that fourth cousin Mary was descended from Marion's sister Sarah McQueen. We live near a genealogical library, so Ayrshire was assaulted with pens blazing. For years I had not been able to locate the birthplace of Matthew, or of his mother Agnes, or her mother who was Grizzel McCandlish. In July that year, working on the 19th Ayrshire parish, I found Grizzel. What a joy! Her mother's line went back to the 1600s in the parish of Irvine in Ayrshire; back to a Blair line, no doubt relatives of my Blair line at Dundonald (Matthew's grandmother).

Then the Tod Ancestry's Newsletter arrived, and mentioned some notes received - five pages on the family of John Todd and Margaret Blair, and William Todd and Agnes Gibson. When I had stopped screaming, I scrawled a lightning fast letter claiming these. The notes had gone from America to a cousin in Canada who had sent them to her sister in England who in turn had sent them to Tod Ancestry. Tod Ancestry advertised them. My letter of request was promptly attended to, and on 21 September 1987 I received the notes. My excitement was 'way out' as I read them: they showed the place and birthdate, though not the year, of Matthew, and the birthdate of his mother Agnes Gibson; it was 21 September 1782! I had received the notes on the 205th anniversary of her birth!

The information was written into various branches of the family, each branch being one of Matthew's brothers, and gave the marriage date of each. I purchased a microfiche printout of the Wigtownshire Todds, and found many more dates, most of them after civil registration in Scotland. I have searched Census records for the area, and I know that I will, at least, find some among the dusty records of time, and am hopeful that among the tattered canvases of our history, a Todd tree will blossom and bear fruit. Thank you, Tod Ancestry, without whom I might never have known.

P.S.	27 October 1987 ...	Matthew, aged 18, found in the 1841 Census for Maybole, Ayrshire.
	30 October 1987 ...	Letter from Canada, including tree and addresses.
	November 1987 ..	1851 Maybole Census, Matthew Todd, aged 30.
	November 1987 ..	Fenwick Parish re-ordered; thirteen possible ancestors found back to 1640s.

It is summer in New Zealand, and the Todd tree is blooming. It is nearly one hundred years since Matthew's death on 5 June 1888. It has taken me twenty-six years to find him with writing to Scotland. Hopefully by the centenary of his death I will have the story written up about "The Tod/Todd Family of Ayrshire, Scotland". The Tod family bible revealed the birth of Matthew Todd on 22 November 1820 at Dunmure Mains, Maybole, Ayrshire, and an oil painting of Matthew's father William has been located. Still the information comes!

Editor's Note: It is now more than a year later, and in the meantime the New Zealand Family Society has held its first family tree competition. This was won by Mrs Crooks, whose tree was "chock full of Todd descendants, all carefully placed on a well set-out illustrated tree. With the tree was a three inch history of the Todds, photos, documents and all - hours of fascinating reading!"

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CHOOSING A COMPUTER

Malcolm Bell

Micro-computers have only been brought to our attention in the last decade so it is hardly surprising that there is confusion over their relevance to the individual. Love them or hate them, they are the way the world sees its future and for this reason should not be ignored. Not many people can say, hand on heart, that they need a computer, at least in the sense that they don't need their car, their telephone, their television, their washing machine, or refrigerator. None of these commodities has been with us particularly long, so we can obviously live without them. We are, however, accustomed to them and have changed our lifestyles accordingly. Computers will play an ever increasing role in our lives, but it is up to us, as individuals, to make use of what is available now.

Home computing has moved a long way since the early eighties when buying a computer seemed straight forward until you actually tried to do something other than play games or learn to program. In those days most of the manufacturers, and there were a lot of them, introduced their own standards for adding things to computers, forcing their customers to either pay for their expensive branded peripherals or buy expensive interface to access their standard equipment. The result of this was that a computer priced at three hundred pounds would have cost eight hundred pounds to use properly!

Unfortunately, some of these 'old' computers are still on sale on the high street; hopefully this article will help to guide you on what to look for when you are ready to buy your first computer.

A serious computer (one you can use to run a word processor, database etc. satisfactorily on) would need to have a disk drive, reasonable memory (not less than 128K), and be able to display 80 characters of text on one line (80 column text). A printer is needed, so a standard printer connection (parallel port) would be required if the printer is not supplied with the computer. Using this as a 'minimum' requirement immediately eliminates most of the older computers, and settling for less than this would very likely prove a false economy. The older computers that do meet these requirements are few, but still available. Before you think of saving money buying an old model, consider what you are paying for. Very little software is available even for well-known makes, and you may experience difficulty if you decide you need more memory or another disk drive. Always seek advice before parting with your money - mistakes are expensive!

Software is an essential consideration: a computer without software is like a car without an engine - you can try out the pedals but you can't make it go. Look in a computer magazine for a particular computer and you will get a 'feel' of what software is available for it; if you can't find a magazine to match the computer you are thinking about, you have picked an old machine with little available for it. Unless you are a heavy data user then speed (computer power) will not be much of an issue, but do not dismiss it as irrelevant. The slower computers are not necessarily cheaper, and the difference in speed between an eight bit and a sixteen bit computer is significant.

Price is the most complicated problem to unravel. The old saying "you get what you pay for" does not apply as there is no logical price structure to adhere to and competition is strong. To add to the complexities you have to look at all the components of the computer before you can assess what value you are getting. The size of the disks used and their capacity is a good example: 3" disks cost three pounds each and can store 170K or 800K, 3.5" disks cost one to two pounds each and can store 720K or more, and 5.25" disks cost about 50p to 80p each and store 360K. If a computer with 3" disk drives is fifty pounds cheaper than one with 3.5" drives the extra cost of buying disks would make it more expensive in the long term. The difference in the price of software also varies from machine to machine; the same program can cost ten pounds on one computer and thirty pounds on another. It would be impossible for anyone new to computing to be able to tell if they are getting a good deal or not, so please seek advice.

Before giving some sample prices for various machines it is worth pointing out that most modern computers come equipped with standard interfaces, ample memory and 80 column text. All of the sixteen bit computers are suitable for serious use, so life is getting easier for prospective buyers.

EIGHT BIT COMPUTERS:

AMSTRAD CPC6128 - £299.00: 128K memory, one 3" 170K disk drive, mono monitor.
AMSTRAD PCW8256 - £349.00: 256K memory, one 3" 170K disk drive, mono monitor, dot matrix printer.

SIXTEEN BIT COMPUTERS:

ZENITH EAZY PC (IBM compatible)	-	£280.00: 512K memory, one 3.5" 720K disk drive, mono matrix monitor.
SINCLAIR PC200 (IBM compatible)	-	£349.00: 512K memory, one 3.5" 720K disk drive, uses standard T.V. for display.
ATARI STE	-	£299.00: 512K memory, one 3.5" 720K disk drive, uses standard T.V. for display.
AMSTRAD PC1640 (IBM compatible)	-	£540.00: 640K memory, one 5.25" 360K disk drive, mono monitor.

Dot matrix printers are available from about £120.

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EPITAPH IN EASINGTON CHURCHYARD

Such is our lot, we linger out the day,
Who stays the longest, has the most to pay.

THE PERSONAL ANCESTRAL FILE

Richard L. Halliday

The article "Agemics Family Tree" by George Bell in the Winter 1989 Journal caught my eye, and in response I offer the following.

It is very improbable that any private individual will ever have direct access to data bases of the Mormon Church, containing as they do large amounts of personal information about many living people whose privacy will be respected. Also, sadly, as long as there are people with so little social conscience that they will steal parish registers or deliberately try to break into computer data bases and alter information the church will not allow public access to those data bases. That is the sad news. But here is some good news. The Mormon Church has begun a long-term programme of transcription of documents of genealogical value, starting with the most used sources - the 1881 Census of England and Scotland and the 1880 Census of the United States. The data will read into a computer data base and be sorted by geographical area and then by name. The information will be distributed on microfiche in a format similar to the IGI, and should be available in about three years.

The IGI, the catalogue of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, and the Ancestral File have been copied to CD-ROM (Compact Disc Read Only Memory). The Ancestral File consists of three or more generation family histories voluntarily submitted by members of the Mormon Church and others. Using the same format as the music discs, it holds an incredible amount of information (a single disc can hold the entire Encyclopedia Britannica), and is relatively cheap. Each one costs about \$2.00 to produce. A set of 56 holds the millions of names from the IGI (and every one is duplicated to allow sorting for both husband and wife) together with the entire Ancestral File and the catalogue of the Family History Library. They are beginning to distribute sets of these CD-ROMS, together with the computers to read them, to Branch Family History Libraries. Eventually distribution will be world-wide. I am sure that they will be distributed to England soon after the initial release to the U.S. because so many people from Great Britain joined the Mormon Church in the middle and late nineteenth century.

Last summer I was in Utah on family business, and I spent several mornings in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. There I used this new CD-ROM system. After a little tutoring I found it quite easy to use. For example it allowed me to search the IGI entries for the counties of Nottingham and Derby for all the Oldfields born after 1842 and copy them to a file which I was then able to print. It also has the capability to copy these data to a floppy disc for use on a home computer.

The Mormon Church has sponsored the development of a genealogical data base computer program for use on home computers. The Personal Ancestral File (PAF) is a relatively mature program. About 100,000 copies of the first three versions were estimated to be in use before the current version was released. Since December 40,000 copies have been sold, and they have run out twice; their supplier cannot keep up with the demand.

PAF allows the user to enter genealogical information for individuals and families, search for a specific person, link individuals into a family unit, edit information on diskette or hard disc drive, enter and modify notes for individuals, print documents and transfer information by disc, wire or telephone. It has relatively few bugs and has been designed with particular attention to keeping the information safe. For example, if there is a main problem or the computer fails the only information lost is that which is currently being edited; the original copy of that record is undamaged. Ease of use by people not familiar with computers has been a primary concern in its development. Most of the program is operated by selecting an activity from a list. It has a number of displays for entering, examining and editing information of individuals or marriages. My favourite is a pedigree chart of two or six generations: the two generation version shows the children of the couple in the first position. Both versions give a summary of information for the couple in the first position, and contain a prompt line at the bottom of the screen with most of the commands. These are single letter commands which allow one to travel up and down the family tree, view other spouses, examine the individual's notes, edit any filed or the notes, change the order of the children or spouses, and add new individuals (parents, spouses or children). It also allows searching of the entire data base to select individuals based on genealogical criteria. For example, I have sorted from my data base the Vests born in Castle Eden before 1850. A report can be designed which contains just the data you wish to print. To my knowledge this is the only genealogical data base with this feature. A "Match/Merge" feature allows one to combine records from two matching individuals into a single record. The matching individual can be from your own data base or a diskette. The diskette can be from another user of PAF or data from the CD-ROM system described above. This gives almost direct access to the immense data base compiled by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and maintains its integrity.

PAF consists of three types of records. The Individual Record contains information about an individual: there are fields for the usual information such as name, sex, names, title, birth, baptism, death and burial. A Record Identification Number is assigned by the computer as each record is created, and in addition the user can enter an ID Number of his own. A Notes Record is associated with each

Individual Record: it can consist of up to 32 pages of information. There is no fixed format to the Notes - you can record the sources of your data or write biographical sketches or anything else you wish. Notes can be either "Public" or "Private" and they can be tagged (i.e. identified such as "BAPTISM" or "DEATH") to facilitate documentation and sorting. The third type is Marriage: it contains the marriage place and data and pointers to the individual records of the parents, children and other spouses. No notes are provided for the marriage records.

Many types of documents can be printed. There are the family group record and pedigree charts (4, 5 or 6 generations). The individual report can be with or without notes, or the notes can be printed separately. There is a descendancy chart, an Ahnentafel chart and a wall (pedigree) chart. Utilities are built in to check the condition of the data base and to make back-up copies of the data base. A "Facts and Fun" menu allows you to find the relationship between two individuals, do a SOUNDEX (phonetic) search, count descendants, display name frequency, graph birth dates, calculate dates (quite useful; you can check age at death or verify if a christening took place on a Sunday), and play a few genealogy songs.

This program costs \$35. It is available for IBM and IBM compatible, Apple II and Macintosh computers. It requires 512 k-bytes of memory, although I personally recommend 620 k-bytes. It will work with a hard disc or a floppy diskette system. It can be ordered from Salt Lake Distribution Centre, 1999 West 1700 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84104-4233, U.S.A. The telephone number (this is the entire number from England) is 0101 801 240 5274. The rate is about one pound a minute. The time difference is seven hours, Utah being earlier.

PAF is the de facto standard of the U.S. It is a good program and cheap. Share ware programs are available for about the same price, but they do not offer nearly the same features. Professionally written programs such as ROOTS cost about \$350.

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THE WONDERFUL WOMEN OF ALLENDALE

Mrs E. Taylor

My attention was drawn to Dorothy Marshall's article "A Much-Married Ancestress" in the Autumn 1989 Journal by the names "Robson" and "Allendale".

My own much-married ancestress spent most of her life in the Ninebanks area, close to Allendale, which makes me speculate about the reasons for early widowhood in that area at that time. Was it due to the effects of leadmining, or were the women particularly hardy?

I have been unable to find the baptism of my great-great-grandmother Jane Milburn who died in 1844 aged 83 at her son-in-law's house in Newcastle, but at her first marriage to Nicholas Robson in Allendale in 1787 she was "the daughter of Robert Milburn of Croglin". They had four children: Mary 1789, Janey 1792, Jane 1795, and William 1797, all born in Ninebanks. After that there is no trace of Nicholas, his death or burial, but in 1798 Jane, "a widow of Keenleyside Hill", married the widower Joseph Chester and had five more children: Peggy 1799, Mary and Ann (twins) 1802, and Joseph and John (twins) 1804. There are, I hope, no sinister implications in the fact that Joseph's children by his previous marriage died during this period; Joseph himself died in 1806.

In 1808 Jane Chester of Dryburn is recorded as having a "B.S." (son) George. In 1809 she married William Foster, and in 1810, when she was nearly 50, she gave birth to Rebecca, my great-great-grandmother.

The rest is vague - Jane and Rebecca going at some point to Newcastle and settling there with Rebecca's husband Matthew Wilson, a cordwainer. The changes that occurred during Jane's lifetime, and indeed her endurance, are remarkable. Croglin in Cumbria still has beautiful flowery meadows, perhaps unchanged since 1761 when Jane was reputedly born. Locals told us, perhaps mischievously, of the story of one of the Lords of the Manor having been a vampire. From here to the harsh leadmining and farming plateau at Ninebanks, and subsequently to the industrial city of Newcastle must have required great adaptability. Luckily she died before the cholera epidemic in Newcastle in 1853 which killed her son-in-law and perhaps other members of her family.

As a post-script, I have noticed how many twins were born in Newcastle in Ninebanks at this time (1780-1810) and wonder whether a twin count might be useful statistically, to see whether there were unusually high numbers of twin births in specific places and times.

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KATE LOUISA CHURCHER

1867-1942

Ruth Samuel

"A life of unselfish endeavours for the benefit of others" - thus ended the newspaper obituary of my great aunt Kate who so often terrified me when I was a child.

Kate Louisa Churcher was born the eldest of the seven daughters of James and Louisa Churcher at Landport, Hampshire, in July 1867. James was a native of Hampshire and a seaman in the Royal Navy; Louisa came from Sussex. A few years later, after having completed 20 years service in the Navy, James moved with his family to the North-East where his job as storekeeper at the Tyne Iron Shipyards and his Naval pension kept them comfortably until he retired at 78 in 1916. James was a highly intelligent, self-educated man who read widely. He worked hard throughout his life in the North-East for the St John Ambulance Brigade and the Conservative Party.

Kate did very well as a pupil at the Bewicke School, Rosehill, Wallsend, and she is said to have cried for a week at the thought of having to leave school when she was 12. As a result, her desperate mother asked if she could go back, and she did, becoming a Pupil Teacher, instead of staying at home to help look after her younger sisters. In 1888 she won a Queen's Scholarship and enrolled at Darlington Training College. She was often lonely at college, missing her family, and later recounted how she used to wander round Darlington on Sunday afternoons looking longingly at the families sitting together in their front rooms. I still have her Autograph Album from those days: it is full of sentimental Victorian verses and drawings and the names and addresses of students long gone. But there never seemed much sentimentality in her temperament.

In 1890 Kate was appointed Headmistress of Victoria Girl's School in Workington, Cumberland. Her association with this school and the town was to last for the rest of her life. She became the typical headmistress of the time: capable, domineering, and with a strong sense of duty. It must have been hard for her at first, a lone 23 year old woman in a strange town facing up to heavy responsibilities. She had a career to develop amongst strange children who had few advantages and lived in a town that was accustomed to poverty. For example, on 16 December 1921 she wrote in a school's Log Book: "The long continued absence of the girls' parents from work is telling its tale. Many of the children are looking sad and it is certain to affect their work."

Every holiday, however, she returned to Tyneside and reorganised the family. It appears that her mother found these visits a great strain as Kate was so domineering. But she did have the proverbial heart of gold, and all the family at one time or another were recipients of her generosity.

The Victoria Girls' School gradually improved academically and "Miss Churcher" became an influential figure in Workington. Eventually she bought a small house near the school, which was usually overflowing with friends and visiting relatives. All were always treated to excursions into the Lake District - and woe betide anyone who did not want to go. Aunt Kate knew what was good for you. I can see her now marching ahead - a leader in every sense of the word.

During the 1914-1918 war she was at her best, assured in her work, well known in the town, an established personality, respected, and never to be trifled with. At this time she worked ceaselessly on behalf of the Belgian refugees and to provide "Tommies' Smokes". Week after week she had letters in the Workington Star commenting on the donations received - or the lack of them. "We shall be out tomorrow and with fine weather we shall do well" and similar remarks constantly appeared. A long article on a day of collecting in torrential rain ended: "How my little girls cheered on Saturday evening when after changing their clothes they came to my house and counted their hard earned money! How they cheered for the lads!" One of her ex-pupils has told me how, having been made to learn the Beatitudes, Miss Churcher told the school that if ever they were tempted to do wrong they should think of her and all would be well.

At this time my mother (her niece), who had been brought up by Kate's parents because she was the illegitimate daughter of Kate's sister Louisa Jane, was herself "in trouble", and it was to her Aunt Kate that she turned for help. My mother was 19 at the time, and Kate found her lodgings in Workington with the sister of one of her teachers and undoubtedly bore the whole expense. Soon after birth the baby (my sister) was privately fostered, and it was only in 1988 that I learned about this and traced and met her. There are still parts of this story remaining to be discovered. It was Kate Churcher who provided most of the moral and financial support, and in later years her generosity towards my mother continued unceasingly. She bought my clothes, put down the deposit to buy my parent's home, paid the rates, and so on. She lent money to many Workington girls so that they could pay their College fees, maintained her widowed sister for several years, and paid for another niece's teacher training. She always enjoyed giving us all expensive gifts and was always the first to give donations.

Education Reports in the Workington press told of a long battle between Miss Churcher and officials of the Education Committee as to why she, as a headmistress, should receive a smaller salary than teachers in other authorities. Cumberland paid teachers at the lowest rate on a scale of 1 to 4 in those days. However, she made no comment on equal pay, something that occupied my mind considerably in later years.

When women got the vote, Kate wrote at length in the paper urging women to use it. Many of her views would not be out of place today: "Yes we have got the vote and I hope to use mine; I want women to become actively interested and go to meetings eager to take part in the discussions, not merely to sit at a table presided over by a man (surrounded by men) who unfolds some elaborate plan and then says 'Now Ladies we want you to work - that is all - thank you, goodnight.' "

During the 1920s my great aunt had two serious illnesses and had to curtail some activities; she retired in November 1930, her working life carefully rounded off to ensure a complete 40 years and a full pension. She was headmistress of Victoria Girl's School all that time. She spent her retirement at her sister Ruth's home in Heaton, Newcastle, but she went frequently to Cumberland, often lodging all summer with old friends at Lorton or Cockermouth. I knew her well at this time for she undertook to coach my friend and me in our "Scholarship" work. Night after night we slogged away, and I well remember my struggles to differentiate between 'practice' and 'practise' and to use the southern pronunciation that she favoured. In 1939 my school evacuated to Keswick and Aunt Kate elected to go to Workington into 'rooms' to keep an eye on me. She arrived in Keswick one October afternoon bringing a new travelling rug in case I was cold in bed and other goodies. By special arrangement I frequently spent a weekend in Workington; I remember lots of good times there, but under her watchful eye I had to behave myself. My teens were never turbulent.

Around the end of 1941 she went back to Newcastle. I realise now that she must have been ill. I was in the V I form by then, and during March 1942 was accepted for Training College; how pleased she was. I still have her letter telling me "Your Auntie Katy is not very well and the doctor thinks she should go into a Nursing Home for tests." She died unpleasantly in June of cancer.

She had always spent every spare penny of her pension on others, and left no money at all. I received some of her good silver and jewellery which I treasure. Now with hindsight I realise that I had nothing to fear from her and everything to love and admire. But it was not easy to love this fine woman who in another more recent time might have become a really well known public figure.

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THE WHITFIELDS OF WEST ALLENDALE

Carol (Dexter) Minson

My husband Roland and I visited Northumberland in October 1987. It was a visit I'll never forget! We were only in West Allendale for a day, but fortunately we were able to record our visit on four rolls of film. Each time I see those pictures, there's a tug at my heart and memories come flooding back of rolling green hills protecting small intimate valleys, with snowy white sheep dotting the pastures and warm hearted people going out of their way to help us.

My maiden name is Dexter. In 1835 my Asahel Dexter married Jane Whitfield'. Jane was born in the township of West Allendale, where we were visiting, and I wanted to find out more about her. Upon enquiring about the old records, we were told to "talk to Marina at Farney Shields. She will know."

Following some rather vague directions and stopping on the way for further help, we drove up, up and up to the top of the hills until we found a small, neat farmhouse tucked at the end of a long tree lined lane. In the front yard, which also bordered the barn, we found Marina's husband, Mr Wallace, with his two grown sons clipping ten of their Swale Dale sheep getting them ready for market. They paused long enough to give us a friendly smile and to say, "Yes, this is where Marina lives. She's in the house." And then as Marina answered our knock on the door, one of those things happened that makes you know that "someone up there is watching over family historians." I asked, "Do you know anything about the Whitfields?" "Oh yes, I know all about the Whitfields," she replied, "and would you also like to know about the Dexters?" "Would I!" I exclaimed.

Graciously and warmly, Marina interrupted her busy day to take us on a tour of the whole area of West Allendale, pointing out many places where Whitfields had lived in the last 200 years. Each hill and valley had a different name, as did each farmhouse, most of which were not identified on any of my maps. She knew them all. Her enthusiastic love for the land and its people was not only evident, it was catching. It was a delight to be around her and to see the country through her eyes.

One of the small hamlets that Marina pointed out was "Wolf Cleugh". It was one of the places for which I had been searching a long time. It wasn't on my map. Wolf Cleugh was the birthplace of my Teasdale Whitfield', born 1792, whose parents were Thomas and Elizabeth (Walton) Whitfield.

Thomas Whitfield : Elizabeth Walton

Teasdale Whitfield = Sarah Bell

Jane Whitfield = Asahel Dexter

They were lead miners, as most all of the people in the Ninebanks area were in the mid 1700s and 1800s'. The lead mines gave out about 1880 and there were several years of hard times both before and after. As each individual mine gave out, the miners moved. Hence Teasdale and Sarah (Bell) Whitfield's children were born at High Greenley Cleugh, Wolf Cleugh and Broad Lee °. All are within two miles of each other on either side of the West Allen River. Their chapel was at Ninebanks in the parish of Allendale⁵; **it sits high on a hill overlooking a peaceful valley. It is nestled in long green grass surrounded** by gravestones and the ever present stone walls. It was built in 1764 and its lovingly crafted interior stirred reverence within us.

Jane Whitfield was christened at this chapel in 1817. Most of her brothers and sisters also were christened there, as was her father Teasdale and his seven brothers and sisters'. It seems likely that Whitfields helped build the Ninebanks Chapel.

Everywhere you look in Northumberland you see lines of stone walls about four feet high. They still border many parcels of land throughout the countryside. At one time the walls divided the land for the people. "Hundreds of people lived here in the 1700' and 1800'," said Marina. "Most of them worked the lead mines, the women and children along with their husbands. Oh, yes, women and children too!" Marina showed us the remains of some of the lead mines. Her tone implied her disgust at the rape of the land which still shows the teeth marks of the miners, even after 100 years. But the land is so green and beautiful that the remaining black holes only heightened the greenery in this tourist's eyes.

Somehow, though, I didn't feel like a tourist when I left. Somehow in those brief hours, Marina and the land communicated to my soul the fact that I had deep roots in West Allendale. As I drove away I left a bit of myself behind.

I want to go back. But meanwhile, I need to identify the parents of Thomas Whitfield who was born about 1760 "of Small Burns, West Allendale."⁴ He was also "of Harbeslow in Alston Moor and then of Wolf Cleugh in West Allendale." Was this Thomas a descendant of the Whitfields who built Whitfield Hall' in neighbouring Whitfield parish? If so, and it does seem likely, why were my Whitfield miners and not Lords of the Manor? What quirk of fate made them workers of the land and someone else the recipients of their labour? Did the hard work of the lead mines lend strength and determination to their character or were they beaten down?' ° I like to think some of my strengths came to me because of the traits developed by them as they laboured in the lead mines.

These and other questions continue to intrigue me. But that is what makes family history research so exciting, so poignant and so fulfilling. I still want to know more about my Whitfield family. Now that I have studied the maps, the IGI, films of parish registers and the census, I have my family names and places organized in my head better. I feel ready to go back to England, to Northumberland, to West Allendale and Ninebanks. And if Marina is free to go around with me again, I will be so pleased. No doubt we will take another four rolls of film.

Notes:

1. Source: Dexter Family Bible. Dexters were from Ontario, Canada, where Jane Whitfield migrated in 1831. Jane was my father's maternal grandmother.
2. Father of Jane
3. 1841 and 1851 Census returns give occupations of individuals.
4. Family records substantiated by the Parish Register of Allendale and Chapelry of Ninebanks.
5. *Topographical Dictionary of England*, Samuel Lewis (London 1831).
6. IGI substantiated by the Parish Register of Allendale and Chapelry of Ninebanks.
7. Can anyone suggest a book I might read describing the West Allen lead mines and miners?
8. In order to identify his parents, my next task is to locate an Allendale baptismal register for the 1760 period. Also the Borough Books for Allendale 1731-1800, S.L. Film 0484966.
9. Can anyone suggest materials I might read about Whitfield Hall? Suggestions would be appreciated.
10. I am awaiting an answer from Northumberland Record Office as to what colliery records are available.

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GEORGE REED OF HEATHPOOL

George Bell

Throughout the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, convicts, paupers, political detainees, illegitimate children, and the family's black sheep, were all shovelled out to the colonies. After the American War of Independence this meant Australia, where convicts and political prisoners were exposed to the excesses of a military dictatorship, and where bush life exacted its toll among *free* settlers. It was a hard country in which the stigma of dubious ancestry has only recently worn off.

But not all settlers came against their will. Gold brought them to New South Wales and Victoria by the tens of thousands during the 1850s. Western Australia was colonised by free settlers in 1829, and in 1836 South Australia was proclaimed a paradise of political and religious dissent. At least in theory, this new province was to be populated by hard-working, free-thinking idealists, moneyed or not, and drawn from all classes of society. It was to South Australia that George Reed of Hethpool in Northumberland chose to emigrate in 1838 when, as the son of a tenant farmer occupying land owned by remote cousins, he decided to seek pastures new elsewhere. His story is perhaps rather more typical of the true Australian pioneer.

Born at Hethpool on 7 May 1806, the eldest son of William Reed (c 1770-1858) and his wife Isabella Embleton (c 1780-1853), George made the decision to emigrate to South Australia not long after the first settlers had arrived in December 1836. The family would appear to have discussed the prospects of the new province when favourable reports began to appear in the English press from the middle of 1837, for George's elder sister Elizabeth made the first move. She was born on 14 June 1804 and was married at Kirknewton on 14 April 1838 to John Hunt (1800-1860) of Thornington. Within two months bride and groom were en route to South Australia on board the barque *Winchester*, which sailed from London on 9 June. Two days after the *Winchester* reached South Australia on 23 September, George, his wife Ann, and their three children William, Jane and Lancelot, followed from London in the *Platina*, arriving on 9 February 1839.

The initial survey of Adelaide and vicinity complete, George leased the southern half of section 290 east of the capital. It is said that when he first saw his selection he very nearly gave up the project and caught the same ship home again, so densely was it covered with wattle and heavy timber. But he could not have had too much to complain about, and with 67 acres to clear and fence he lost no time in setting to work. Within 18 months Heathpool was enclosed with a post and three rail fence. In addition, George erected "A good house, stockyard &c. upon the section", and sank a 30 feet deep well which contained six feet of "good water". Importantly in this dry country, a creek ran through the property. Three acres of wheat sown at the beginning of June 1840 produced a tolerable though "partially smutted" crop; three acres of oats sown at the beginning of August produced "a very light crop"; and an acre of potatoes put in during September yielded "a tolerable crop - of good size, but not numerous."

After farming in the parklands of Adelaide John and Elizabeth Hunt leased the southern half of section 299 immediately east of the Heathpool section. This was also 67 acres of virgin bush requiring considerable labour to clear before farming could begin, and John Hunt was equal to the challenge. By the end of 1840, Thornington, as he named his selection, was also enclosed with a post and three rail fence, and a "Dwelling-house, barn, stockyard, &c." erected. Water from a 24 feet deep well with 2 feet of water, and surface water in a creek for nine months of the year answered all needs, but only two acres of wheat had been sown as John intended pasturing cattle. For this purpose, and at considerable expense, he brought with him a Durham Shorthorn cow and calf. Unfortunately the cow's rump was so badly bruised by a skiff which doubled as a roof to her living accommodation during the voyage that she died shortly after arrival, and Hunt sued the captain for £85 damages. This represented £35 purchase price, £30 freight, and £20 for fodder.

Despite this early setback John Hunt established a herd of 35 cattle, probably a milking herd, by 1844. He also kept a pig, and only a small acreage was under crop - presumably for domestic reasons. Financially stable it seems, the following year a daughter, Isabella, was born to John and Elizabeth; though it was not until 1853 that John purchased his land for £268. Directly or indirectly (it is not known which) Hunt secured his independence early in Gold Rush period. This, however, was relatively brief: he died in 1860 at the age of 60, and a few years later Elizabeth leased out Thornington Farm. Leaving her affairs in the hands of her brother George, she returned with Isabella to live with the family at Hethpool Farm in Northumberland. Isabella eventually sold Thornington to developers in 1877 for the bargain price of £5,111. Today the same land is worth about £7,000,000.

George, meanwhile, was doing well from market gardening and growing oranges. He purchased his land in 1859 for £402, a price which reflected not just the date, but also its proximity and ease of access to the growing suburb of Kensington. It was a sign of things to come. Following George's death

in 1879, his wife divided the eastern part of Heathpool into 20 lots, selling some and giving others to her children. She bounded this subdivision with Northumberland, Heathpool and Wooler Streets, with Newcastle Street dissecting it, in memory of her origins. When Ann died in 1889 management of Heathpool fell upon her children.

Of George and Ann's children, Isabella, the only daughter born in South Australia, married Llewellyn Giles, the rest, including another son, Joseph, died unmarried at Heathpool. Having pursued careers elsewhere, the garden was leased to Chinese gardeners for a time before the First World War; but following Lancelot's death in 1917 it fell into the hands of developers. Sensitive to the long association with the land of an old Northumberland family, they continued that association with the addition of Rothbury and Stannington Avenues, the latter having been the pine avenue leading to the Reed's homestead. A later subdivision added Alnwick Terrace, and, curiously, Dudley Road was chosen for one road in the subdivision of the northern half of section 290.

Today Heathpool House is number 16 Hanson Avenue, named after Colonel Hanson, who owned what remained of the land before final subdivision in 1951. Behind it lies that part of Tusmore Park given to Burnside Council by Hanson in the 1930s. A valuable oasis amid the urban sprawl of Adelaide, it offers only a hint of the Herculean effort facing George Reed when he first saw his new home. He would be proud of those trees today.

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 Keep it in mind that I lies here,
 And when you scoured and cleaned and pined,
 Think on why I left it all behind.

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Welcome to all our new members.

- 3297 Mrs J.E. WALKER, 1 Garden Place, Church Hill, CROOK, County Durham DL15 9DR
(Tel: 0388 766518) Seeking the marriage in 1818 of Robert Thompson, a shipbuilder of Sunderland, and Sarah Lowes. Robert was born in 1797 the son of Robert Thompson. His mother was possibly Elizabeth Beaney or Beeney. The parents of Sarah Lowes are also sought. In 1862 their daughter, Martha Ann Lowes Thompson, married Matthew Dodds, whose family had the iron foundry at Bedburn Mill, Hampsterley and another at Spennymoor. Matthews grandfather, William Dodds, was born in 1772 at Minsteracres in Northumberland. The children of a Matthew and Mary Dodds were baptised there from 1779 onwards, but no William. Is this the same family? Also intersted in the Lawson family of Whickham and the Atkinson family of Lanchester.
- 3428 Mr J.L. MURRAY, 17 Crowlands, COTTENHAM, Cambridge CB4 4TE
(Tel: 0954 50188) Seeking place and date of birth or baptism of Elizabeth Hardy reputedly born on 17 October 1870 in the Middlesbrough area. Also place and date of birth or baptism of William Ross born in 1848 in Northumberland, probably in the Berwick area.
- 3435 Mrs V. YOUNG, 20 Kalmia Street, FRANKSTON, VICTORIA 3199, AUSTRALIA
Seeking the baptisms of Susannah Harle and John Carr who were married in Gateshead on 16th February 1790. Susannah gave her fathers name as Isaac Harle and John was listed at the baptisms of all their children as a native of St. Johns Parish, Newcastle.
Also researching Allan of Stockton, French of Kirk Merrington, particularly John French who married Elizabeth Hepple on 11th September 1768 at Winston.
- 3451 Mrs J.R. LATHAM, 16 Palgrave Road, LONDON W12 9NB
Researching William Heslop, a mason, and his wife Rachael formerly Milner. Their daughter Elizabeth was born on 26 February at Framwellgate, sub-district of St. Oswald, Durham. Elizabeth married James Weatherburn on 19 November 1862 at St. Giles, Durham, and was then living at Magdalen Street.
- 3471 Mr F.G. BALDWIN, 72 Feetham Avenue, Forest Hall, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE12 9QN
Seeking any information on the Baldwin family in the early 1800's. George Baldwin married Philly Hollamby in 1845 in the district of Withyham, Sussex. Their children were George, Harriet, William, James, Jessie, Thomas, Sarah, Harry, Edward and Elizabeth. Also seeking any information on the Hollamby family living in the same area.
- 3553 Mrs B.J. ATKIN, 22 Woodside, BARNARD CASTLE, County Durham DL12 8DX
(Tel: Teasdale 3165) Researching the Shell family of Holy Island, Berwick, Spittal, Lowick, Eglingham, Bamburgh, Beadnell, North Sunderland, Chatton, Doddington, Woodhorn, Alnwick and Wooler, or any other village on the north east coast of Northumberland. Any information will be greatly appreciated on John Cosser of Holy Island, a fireman on a collier ship who was drowned at sea in 1880 to 1881. He was possibly baptised on 26th December 1826 at Wooler, the son of John Cosser.
- 3571 Miss J.R. ARMSTRONG, 1 Springfield Road, Shann Park, KEIGHLEY, West Yorkshire BD20 6JR
Researching the Armstrong family of Hareshaw Head and Bellingham, especially the children of Henry and Jemima Armstrong. Their sons were Thomas, born 1852 and William Henry born in 1856. Their daughters, Jane born 1849, and Jemima, born in 1858, had a shop in the Market Place, Hexham, according to 1881 Census. Also can anyone offer any information on Roberto Simpson, born 1779 in Newcastle. He joined the Navy and went to Chile where he was commemorated in a postage stamp.
- 3579 Mr J. WARDHAUGH, 16 Hilary Crescent, Woodsetton, DUDLEY, West Midlands DY1 4JR
(Tel: 09073 74802) Searching for the baptisms of John Craven, a Chelsea pensioner of Clayport, Alnwick, (died 24 December 1847) and Elizabeth Lindores (died 15 February 1850) who were married at Alnwick on the 16th September 1804. Their son, John Hugh Craven was born in 1809 and died in 1891. Seeking the date of his marriage to his first wife Hannah McKenzie, also her baptism about 1809. His third marriage to Sarah Bell - daughter of Adam Bell - took place on 8 June 1886. She was 39 years of age and he was 77 years old. Seeking baptism and date of death of Sarah.
- 3630 Mr P. MAGUIRE, 32 East Street, BLAKEHURST, NEW SOUTH WALES 2221, AUSTRALIA
Seeking any information on John Boag who was born in 1797, the son of Hugh Boag a farmer. His death **certificate (Australian) states that he was born at Hopham, Northumberland. Could this be Hoppen? He was**

married twice, and from the first marriage there were two children - John born in 1825, who became a ships master, and Mary, born about 1827. The second marriage took place in London in 1841 when he married Grace Gray of Ditchburn, Northumberland. Soon after they embarked to New South Wales. The parents of Grace were William Gray and Fanny Orange, some of whose other children migrated to Albany, New York, United States. It is suspected that the Boags were Presbyterians early in life.

3632 Mrs M. FAULKNER, 38 Ervin Road, KILSYTH, VICTORIA 3137, AUSTRALIA

Researching the family of Ralph Sproat father of Robert, born 1764, Mary born 1766 and Edward born 1768. Descendants appear to be from the Netherwitton and Longhorsley areas of Northumberland.

3645 Mrs M. REARDON, 12 Wentworth Court, Downview Road, WEST WORTHING, Sussex BN11 4RJ

Seeking any information about the Parker and Dixon families of Knaresdale, Northumberland, about 1700. John Parker married Martha Dixon in November, 1717, and their daughter Tabitha married Joshua Dixon in Cumberland in 1755. There were seven other children all born at Knaresdale.

3646 Mr N. MORTON, 26 Gardner Road, FORMBY, Merseyside L37 8DD

Seeking the baptism of Adam Atkinson, a keelman and later a coal trimmer on the Tyne. He married Frances Hymers at Wallsend on 5 May 1807 and lived at Willington Quay until his death in 1844. According to the parish registers entries at the baptisms of his children James and Mary, he was a native of Chester le Street, but no trace of him can be found there.

Also researching James Atkinson born 8 July 1809. He had one son, Edward, born at Black Fell near Birtley, County Durham, before his first wife died. On 25 December he re-married to Ann, daughter of Francis Emmitt. The marriage took place at All Saints, Newcastle. They had three sons, Joseph, William and James, all of whom worked as watermen at one time. In 1864 Joseph married Sarah Tresadern, living at that time at Ballast Hills, Newcastle.

Also seeking any information on Henry Morton, a journeyman mason, who married Sarah Cowan. They had a son James born at Willington Quay on 6 March 1864. Can anyone help with information on the area known as Dents Hole in Newcastle, and also of the work of the waterman on the Tyne?

3674 Mr A.S. HALL, 2 Wheathampstead Road, HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire AL5 1LZ

(Tel: 0582 763332) Seeking the marriage of Thomas Hall and Margaret Wight. They had two children, Catherine and Andrew baptised in 1786 and 1791 at Smailholm, Roxburghshire. Thomas Hall is believed to have been a shepherd who originated from Northumberland. Also seeking any information on Thomas Armourer of Dunns, near Elsdon, born 1642 and died 1721, and his father, John Armourer of Cornhill born about 1607.

3748 Mr C.V. MACKENZIE, 4 Stephenson Court, WYLAM, Northumberland NE41 8LA

(Tel: Wylam 853579) Researching the Flynn family of Morpeth, the Ward family of Morpeth and Amble, the Kean family of Acklington Park and Amble, and the Mitchisons of Ashington, Bedlington, Choppington, and earlier last century of Woodhorn and Newbiggin. Grandmother Mary Flynn was born at Morpeth in 1864 and lived with her grandparents Kean at Acklington Park, and later with William and Isabella Ward (Drapers) of Amble. She married Thomas Mitchison in 1887 at St. Cuthberts R.C. Chapel, Amble. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

3758 Mrs H.R. MILLINGTON, Fourtops, Withens Lane, Weaverham, NORTHWICH, Cheshire CW8 3HX

Researching Burden, Scott, Simpson and Lee in the Durham (Gilesgate) and Ferryhill area in the late 18th to early 19th century. Also Ross, Patten and Leitch of Fifeshire in the 19th century.

3787 Mrs N. BOWLES, 35 Braysdown Lane, Peasedown St. John, BATH, Avon BA2 8HR

(Tel: 0761 32869) Researching the Robinson family of Barnard Castle. William Robinson, a farmer at Barnard Castle, was born about 1760 and married Dorothy Heslop in 1785. Also seeking any information on Thomas Husband who married Mary Smith in 1807 at Harewood, Yorkshire, giving his place of birth as Leeds. He was licensee of the Talbot Inn, Malton, from 1811. His son Thomas, a cordwainer, moved from Patrick Brompton, Yorkshire, to Durham City and then to Hunwick and brought up twelve children.

3801 Mrs E. WILLIAMS, 19 Rosemount Park, Oxtou, BIRKENHEAD, Merseyside L43 5SG

Seeking baptisms and marriage of Peter Dennet and Barbara Pearson. Their son, Joseph Pearson Dennet, was born at South Shields about 1826 to 1828, and was married at Middlesbrough in 1851. His wives surname was Laws.

3802 Mrs V. SPARROW, 31 Wooley Street, BRADFORD ON AVON, Wiltshire BA15 1AE

3803 Mr K. HYLTON, 23 Plowarth Road, Brunton Park, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE3 5ND

3804 Mrs S. BARWICK, Garden Flat, 28 St Ann's Villas, LONDON W11 4RS

Researching Dodd of Simonburn and Wark in Northumberland and Barwick in County Durham.

3805 Mr D. HOWARD, 12 Blenheim Road, Leegomery, TELFORD, Shropshire TF1 4YE

3806 Mr M. BELL, 12 Reed Avenue, Camperdown, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE12 0XH

3807 Miss A.C. HEPPLER, 104 Ladysmith Road, Heavitree, EXETER, Devon EX1 2PP

3808 Mrs E. PORTER, 1684 Tourangeram Road, WINDSOR, ONTARIO, N8Y 4J6, CANADA

3809 Mr D. DISBURY, 44 Hythe Park Road, EGHAM, Surrey TW20 8DA

(Tel: Staines 0784 459279) Interested in the Robinson family who held Bolton Mill, Eglington, Northumberland, in the 1800's and then owned shops in Alnwick. William Robinson born about 1777 was the miller at Bolton Mill. He had two children, Mary born 1818 and Peter born about 1822 who married Sarah Moffett. Mary married Francis Carr, also a miller, and they had a number of children. Francis Carr

appears to have taken over Peter Robinsons grocery shop in Narrowgate, Alnwick after 1851. William Robinsons widow lived with the Carrs until her death in the early 1860's. Francis Carr had a brother John who was a farm labourer employed on the Robinson farm.

- 3810 Miss C.D. CLARKE, 19 Orwell Court, Brocklesbury Close, WATFORD, Hertfordshire WD2 4GR
- 3811 Mrs E. BUTTERFIELD, 6322 Marie Meadows Road, VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA V8Z 5Z8, CANADA
- 3812 Mrs M. HAWKES, 17 Brackendale Drive, Barby, RUGBY, Warwickshire CV23 8TJ
- 3813 Mrs T.E. SMITH, Rose Cottage, Church Walk, Bruntingthorpe, LUTTERWORTH, Leicestershire LE17 5QH
(Tel: 0533 478230) Seeking the marriage of George Arnold, a merchant seaman born at West Cowes in 1854, and Hanah Tamar Bellas born 15 December 1856 at 98 High Street, Sunderland. Their first child, George William, was born 18th January 1878 at 28 Warren Street, Sunderland. Other five children were born variously at West Cowes and the south-east London area. Hannah Tamar's father was William Bellas, a journeyman blacksmith who died at Sunderland in 1856. His wife, formerly Ann Defty, remarried a seaman by the name of Colenutt. Also seeking descendants of William Edward Robson and his wife Mabel Eleanor Arnold. They were living at Barnes, Surrey, in 1915.
- 3814 Mr J.M. GREENWELL, 1 Plum Tree Lane, LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Bedfordshire LU7 8HY
- 3815 Mr L.S. STAGG, 97 Bixley Road, IPSWICH, Suffolk IP3 8NP
(Tel: 0473 271480) Researching the name Stagg from any place, year or century. Mr Stagg is doing a one-name study of this surname and would welcome any information from other members.
- 3816 Mrs M. HAYMAN, 1317 Druid Isle Road, MAITLAND, FLORIDA 32751, UNITED STATES
- 3817 Mr S.W. TURNBULL, 12 Farndale Way, Winterton, SCUNTHORPE, South Humberside DN15 9UZ
Interested in the Turnbull family of Fatfield, Birtley in County Durham. Seeking the baptisms of Thomas Turnbull, born 1770-1780, and Hannah Richardson a native of Allendale, who were married in 1800. Their children were Thomas, George, Hannah, Sarah, Thomas, William and John, born between 1802 and 1814. Any information most welcome.
- 3818 Miss D. WAILES, 108 Millhaven Close, Chadwell Heath, ROMFORD, Essex RM6 4PN
- 3819 Mrs E.I. SHANNON, 11 Angrove Gardens, St Gabriels, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR4 7TB
- 3820 Mr J.H. VALKS WALKER, Thornley Moor Farm, Cassop, DURHAM DH6 4RQ
- 3821 Mr H.L. CONWAY, 20 Beauchamp Road, SOLIHULL, West Midlands B91 2BX
(Tel: 021-705 7976)
- 3822 Mrs M.A. CONWAY, 20 Beauchamp Road, SOLIHULL, West Midlands B91 2BX
(Tel: 021-705 7976)
- 3823 Ms L.M. KAER, 10 Ridgeway, Fenham, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE4 7UL
- 3824 Mrs C. SWEETLAND, 36 Diamedes Avenue, Stanwell, STAINES, Middlesex TW 19 7JB
- 3825 Miss P. REDMILE, 4710 Decarie Boulevard, Apartment 35, MONTREAL, QUEBEC WD2 1NL, CANADA
- 3826 Mr R.G. LIDDELL, 4 Pickets Close, Bushey Heath, WATFORD, Hertfordshire WD2 1NL
- 3827 Mrs S.L. FUNK, 7411 113th Street, DELTA, BRITISH COLUMBIA V4C 5B2, CANADA
- 3828 Mrs M. DAVIES, RR 1, Box 278, Fortyfourth Avenue, MONTAGUE, MICHIGAN 49437, UNITED STATES
- 3829 Mr W. SPENDLEY, 15 Dunedin Avenue, Hartburn, STOCKTON ON TEES, Cleveland TS18 5JF
(Tel: Stockton on Tees 580182)
- 3830 Mr G. BAKE, 42 Locomotive Street, DARLINGTON, County Durham DL1 2QF
(Tel: Darlington 486035) Researching the surname Bake in the Hunwick area between 1873 and 1950. Also Snowball of Consett; Kell of Bishop Auckland and Newcastle, and Moreland of any area, all in the 19th century.
- 3831 Mrs S.A. THOMPSON, 9 The Crest, HARTLEPOOL, Cleveland TS26 OER
(Tel: Hartlepool 261667)
- 3832 Mr J.P. THOMPSON, 9 The Crest, HARTLEPOOL, Cleveland TS26 OER
(Tel: Hartlepool 261667)
- 3833 Mrs W.M. IRVING, 89 Pingle Road, SHEFFIELD, South Yorkshire S7 2LL
(Tel: Sheffield 365698)
- 3834 Mr C. BEDIGAN, 109 Harton Lane, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE34 OPP
(Tel: Tyneside 455 4042)
- 3835 Mrs D.M. FAWCETT, 46 Owthorpe Road, Cotgrave, NOTTINGHAM NG12 3PA
(Tel: Nottingham 892149)
- 3836 Mr J. SWAINSTON, 18 Winchester Way, DARLINGTON, County Durham DL1 2UT
(Tel: Darlington 480850)

- 3837 Mr T.J. MERRIDAN, 22 Dennis Way, Clippenham, SLOUGH, Berkshire SL 1 5JP
(Tel: Farnham 3561) Researching the Brown and Fulton families of Norham, Duddo and Twizel areas between 1780 and 1990. Also the Shiel and Melville families of Alnwick, Felton, Acklington and Longframlington 1850 onwards.
- 3838 Mrs C.J. GREGG, Moss Bay Hotel, Moss Bay Road, WORKINGTON, Cumbria CA 14 5AB
- 3839 Mr G.L. McELVOY, 15a Wensley Close, Urpeth, CHESTER LE STREET, County Durham DH2 1SD
(Tel: Tyneside 410 6542) Interested in McElvoy/McEvoy of Ireland and later of Gateshead in 1864, and Drummond of Orkney in 1829 and later of Newcastle in 1851. Other interests are Charters of South Shields and Gibson and Liddell of the Borders area.
- 3840 Mrs B.M. McELVOY, 15a Wensley Close, Urpeth, CHESTER LE STREET, County Durham DH2 1SD
(Tel: Tyneside 4106542) Researching the Wallis family who were farmers at Roxby, North Yorkshire, and Kirkleatham. They moved to Sadberge, County Durham in 1867.
- 3841 Mr C.G. BROWN, 4 Kingsley Street, MARCH, Cambridgeshire PE15 8LX
(Tel: March 55735) Seeking any information on the following families: Frank Gibson, born about 1841 and died at Blyth in 1891. He was buried at Earsdon and was late of the Black Bull Inn, Blyth. He was married twice, firstly to Mary Ann (surname unknown) who died in 1872, and secondly to Ann (surname unknown) who died in 1877. Known sons were Robert, Frank and George. James and Ann Harkus of Cambois, whose daughter Sarah Ann was born about 1873 and died in 1940. Edward Jacques, the proprietor of the New Victoria Inn, Seaton Delaval about 1902, who married Mary Ritchie on 28 June 1888. Andrew Ritchie, born 15 May 1850 at the Holystone public house, son of Ann (nee ?) who was born 23 February 18 10 at Balkwell, North Shields and died on the 18 October 1891 at Seaton Delaval. George Pattison, a gardener at Raby Castle, who was born about 1838, and died on the 25 March 1910. He married Mary Ann (surname unknown) who was born in 1844 and died 25 May 1935. She may have belonged Darlington. They had a son John who was a miner at Blyth. Margaret Ann Clarke, who was born on 27 June 1879 and died in 1968, daughter of Charles Christopher (?) Clarke and Ann Dryden. Also researching William Crowther Dryden, possibly from Barton on Humber, a master mariner, who owned ships named 'Dryden', 'Luxall' and 'Emma Williams'.
- 3842 Mr J. FRANCIS, 2 Weatland Drive, Arle Farm, CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire GL51 OAG
(Tel: Cheltenham 582980)
- 3843 Mrs B. TAYLOR, 72 Archery Rise, DURHAM DH 1 4LA
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- 3844 Mr G.H. WRIGHT, 32 North End, DURHAM DH 1 4NJ
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- 3845 Mrs N. WRIGHT, 32 North End, DURHAM DH 1 4NJ
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- 3846 Mr D. SHARMAN, 3 College Place, College Lane, Hurstpierpoint, HASSOCKS, West Sussex BN6 9AF
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- 3847 Mr T.L. GREEN, 116 Darlington Road, STOCKTON ON TEES TS18 5EZ
- 3848 Mrs M.E. NICHOLSON, Pele Tower, CORBRIDGE, Northumberland NE45 5LA
(Tel: Hexham 632853)
- 3849 Mr G. HORTON, 19 Runham Close, LUTON, Bedfordshire LU4 OHA
- 3850 Mr B. BUTLER, The David Lewis Centre, Mill Lane, Warford, ALDERLEY EDGE, Cheshire SK9 7UD
- 3851 Mrs C. DAVIS, Lea Hall, Dunmow Road, Hatfield Heath, BISHOP'S STORTFORD, Hertfordshire CM22 7BL
- 3852 Mrs TATE, 3 Newlyn Drive, JARROW, Tyne and Wear NE32 3TW
- 3853 Mrs J. QUEEN, 5 Pinegarth, Ponteland, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE20 9LF
- 3854 Mr B.B. QUEEN, 5 Pinegarth, Ponteland, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE20 9LF
- 3855 Mrs M. MOODY, 13 Priory Place, Brunswick Green, Wideopen, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE 13 7HP
- 3856 Mr R. SNOWDON, 5 Berkeley Grove, BISHOP AUCKLAND, County Durham DL14 6LY
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- 3858 Mrs E. ANDERSON, 18 Whyndyke, Learn Lane, FELLING, Tyne and Wear NEW SNP
- 3859 Mr C. ANDERSON, 18 Whyndyke, Learn Lane, FELLING, Tyne and Wear NE10 8NP
- 3860 Mrs K.M. JONES, 19 The Close, Cleadon, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR6 7RG
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- 3862 Mrs D.W. JONES, 27 Middleton Crescent, Bridge of Don, ABERDEEN AB2 8HY, Scotland.
- 3863 Mrs S. ROWBOTHAM, 'Boscombe', 222 Gloucester Road, CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire GL51 8NR
- 3864 Mr W. STEPHENSON, 3 Alexandra House, 25 Meadow Lane, Beadnell, CHATHILL, Northumberland NE67 5AQ
- 3865 Mrs D.A. WILLIAMS, 49 Lower Lodge Lane, Hazlemere, HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire HP15 7AT
- 3866 Mrs J. MOURITZ, 12 Drayton Street, DALBY, QUEENSLAND 4405, AUSTRALIA.
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 3869 Mrs D. HUGHES, P.O. Box 104, GEELONG, VICTORIA 3220, AUSTRALIA
 3870 Mr J. AGNEW, 14 Gosforth Street, Monkwearmouth, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR6 OER
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 3873 Mr E. BULMER, 8 Byron Street, Southwick, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR5 1HJ
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 3875 Mrs D. JONES, 7 Barnesdale Crescent, ORPINGTON, Kent BR5 2AU
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 3878 Mrs A. BELLERBY, 28 Kingsbury Street, MARLBOROUGH, Wiltshire SN8 1JA
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 3889 Mr K. THOMPSON, 8 Byron Close, Bletchley, MILTON KEYNES, Buckinghamshire MK3 5BD
 3890 Mr D.F. CHARLTON, 8 Weigela Court, FRANKSTONE, VICTORIA 3199, AUSTRALIA
 3891 Miss J.G. STEPHENSON, 90 Ross Lea, Shiney Row, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, Tyne and Wear DH4 4HP
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 3895 Mrs M. MILNE, 3 Edwin House, Manor Road, Tynemouth, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE30 4RH
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 3897 Mrs E. FARQUAR, 83 York Street, Dunnington, YORK YO 1 5QW
 3898 Mr G. FARQUAR, 83 York Street, Dunnington, YORK YO1 5QW
 3899 Mrs D. GALLOWAY, 54 Mitford Road, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE34 OEQ
 3900 Mr A. GALLOWAY, 54 Mitford Road, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE34 OEQ
 3901 Mr J.W. CURRY, Massey Green Park, BRUNSWICK HEADS, NEW SOUTH WALES 2483, AUSTRALIA
 3902 Mrs C. BURNETT, 4 Watling Way, Lanchester, DURHAM DH7 OHN
 3903 Mr M.J. COATS, 13 Tankerfield Place, Romeland Hill, ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire AL3 4HH
 3904 Mr J. MILBANKE, 38 Summervale Road, Hagley near STOURBRIDGE, Worcestershire DY9 OLX
 3905 Mr B. BROWELL, 'Snape Lodge' 261A Park Road, HARTLEPOOL, Cleveland TS26 9NL
 3906 Mr W. RUXTON, 12 Hann Terrace, Sulgrave, WASHINGTON, Tyne and Wear NE37 3AT
 3907 Mrs V. RUXTON, 12 Hann Terrace, Sulgrave, WASHINGTON, Tyne and Wear NE37 3AT
 3908 Mr R.O. BROWN, 4 Eastcombe Close, The Cotswolds, BOLDON, Tyne and Wear NE35 9HB
 3909 Mrs J. LOUGHNAN, 67a Scalby Road, SCARBOROUGH, North Yorkshire YO12 5QL
 (Tel: Scarborough 351545)
 3910 Mrs B. WALKER, 12 Palm Grove, Whitby, SOUTH WIRRAL, Merseyside L66 2PU
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 3911 Mr N.M. CALVERT, 3 Cottingvale, MORPETH, Northumberland NE61 1DW
 (Tel: Morpeth 512457)
 3912 Mrs M.M. CALVERT, 3 Cottingvale, MORPETH, Northumberland NE61 1DW
 (Tel: Morpeth 512457)
 3913 Mrs M. MEYER, 1 Gordon Crescent, ROMSEY, VICTORIA 3434, AUSTRALIA.
 Seeking parents, baptism and any siblings of Peter Hunter who was born in Durham 1806 to 1815. His

father was possibly named Oliver Hunter, although no children or grandchildren so named. Peter married Rosanna Fitzpatrick in Melbourne, Victoria in 1849. Also seeking any information on James Donnelly who was born in Ireland about 1830, and his wife Bridget Hutton. Their children were Sarah, Mary, Margaret, Bridget, John, James and possibly more. Sarah left for Australia in 1875 with her husband Thomas Dillon. Would like to contact any descendants.

- 3914 Mr R. FAWCETT, 44 Chantry Lane, GRIMSBY, South Humberside DN31 2LJ
(Tel: Grimsby 360278)
- 3915 Mr A.M. OLIVER, 40 Hilltop Grove, Whitefield, MANCHESTER M25 6FQ
- 3916 Mrs B.D. JOHNSON, Brow End House, Great Urswick, near ULVERSTON, Cumbria LA12 OSX
- 3917 Mrs J. FISHER, 114 Clopton Gardens, Hadleigh, IPSWICH, Suffolk IP7 5JQ
Researching Fisher of Longbenton and Killingworth, and Rudy anywhere.
- 3918 Mrs A. READ, Lilac Tree Cottage, Sandhill Lane, Crawley Down, CRAWLEY, West Sussex RH104LR
Researching the name Blenkin.
- 3919 Mr G.P. PHILLIPSON, 43 Ballards Close, Mickleton, CHIPPING CAMPDEN, Gloucestershire GL55 6TN
(Tel: Evesham 438573)
- 3920 Mrs S.R. THOMPSON, 6 Broughton Avenue, CROYDON, VICTORIA 3136 AUSTRALIA
- 3921 Miss L. THOMPSON, 6 Broughton Avenue, CROYDON, VICTORIA 3136 AUSTRALIA
- 3922 Mrs M.H. DORNAN, 3 Elmvale Crescent, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA R3R 283, CANADA
Seeking any information on John and Mary Forrest of Chirton, farmers; William Heslop a shoemaker of Ancroft Parish, and Elizabeth Scurfield of Tynemouth; Thomas Angus a shoemaker who is buried at North Shields; and Ralph Martin Richardson a quarryman of Chester le Street, all in the 1780's. Also John Jackson (1826-1901) of West Dene Farm, Preston. He was married twice, firstly to Margaret Frame and secondly to Mary Milburn of Lowgate Farm, Hexham. Also researching Thomas Chrisp a fruiterer of Jarrow, and father of Elizabeth Ann Chrisp, in the 1820's.
- 3923 Ms L. THOMPSON, 4 Tintern Avenue, DARLINGTON, County Durham DL3 9UT
(Tel: Darlington 281785)
- 3924 Mr A.E. THORNTON, 1 Church View, Heighington, DARLINGTON, County Durham DL5 6PN
(Tel: Aycliffe 313205) Researching Thornton of Consett about 1860, Jackson of Coundon about 1840, and Tatten of Gateshead about 1900.
- 3925 Mrs S.M. SPENCER, 92 Durrington Road, Clapton, LONDON E5 OHS
(Tel: 01 986 2031)
- 3926 Mrs A.M. GRAY, 43 Bodmin Close, WALLSEND, Tyne and Wear NE28 9SQ
- 3927 Mrs S.M. HENLEY, 8 Pear Tree Lane, WHITCHURCH, Shropshire SY13 1NG
- 3928 Mrs M. FRASER, 93 Fulwell Avenue, Marsden, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE34 7DF
(Tel: Tyneside 4559101)
- 3929 Miss D. JOHNSON, 73 Norburn Park, Witton Gilbert, DURHAM DH7 6SG
- 3930 Mr D.C. BOWRON, 157 Byerley Road, SHILDON, County Durham DL4 1HT
(Tel: Bishop Auckland 773253)
- 3931 Ms H. STONE, 9/292 Nepean Highway, EDITHVALE, VICTORIA 3196, AUSTRALIA
- 3932 Ms J. GUARASCIA, 43 Fassett Avenue, HAMILTON, ONTARIO L9C 4E6, CANADA
- 3933 Ms R.A. WINES, 3 Southbrooke Close, Trumpington, CAMBRIDGE CB2 2HX
- 3934 Mr M.D.J. STOKER, 39 Woodbourne, Weybourne, FARNHAM, Surrey GU9 9EE
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- 3935 Mr I.C. MITCHELL, 18 Langdale Avenue, Formby, LIVERPOOL L37 2LB
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- 3936 Mrs A. RUTHERFORD, 49 Farn Court, Kingston Park, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE3 2TH
- 3937 Mr B.J. COCKERELL, 5 Crozier Drive, Sanderstead, SOUTH CROYDON, Surrey CR2 8DX
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UNWANTED BIRTH CERTIFICATE

3680 Mrs D.M. BLENKINSOPP, 46 Pauntley Road, Mudeford, CHRISTCHURCH, Dorset BH23 3JN is in possession of the following unwanted certificate.

Robert Elliott Blenkinsopp born on 8th May 1860 at 41, Frederick Street, Bishopwearmouth. Mother-Jane Blenkinsopp nee Elliott. Father - George Blenkinsopp (deceased) a farmer.

SECOND TIME AROUND

- 180 Mrs J. LAING, 99 St Thomas's Street, PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire PO1 2HE
Researching the family of William Laing, a gardener, and his wife, Mary Inglis. Their children were John born 1828 at Shotley Grove, a gardener; Janet born 1829 at Shotley Grove; Elizabeth born 1831 at Newcastle; Margaret born 1835 at Newcastle; William born 1837, who founded the firm of Laings, Wine and Spirit Merchants of Sunderland; Alexander born 1839 at Lemington House, Newburn, and Christopher born 1843 at Morton House. The family were living at Morton House, Houghton le Spring in the 1851 Census, but were not there in 1861. Did they return to Scotland where both parents were born? In 1834 there was a William Inglis, a gardener, his wife Mary and a daughter Margaret Thompson Inglis living in Newcastle. Is there any connection? Either Elizabeth or Margaret (or both) may have been teachers in Newcastle.
- 636 Miss M.M. PORTER, Unit 59, St Stephens Village, 31 Coreen Street, PENRITH, NEW SOUTH WALES 2750, AUSTRALIA.
Researching the Maule family in Northumberland. Great grandmother, Grace Isabella Maule - daughter of Joseph Maule and his second wife Isabella Hudson - married Joseph Milburn English at the Zion Meeting House, Alnwick, on 1 June 1847. Both were resident in Alnwick. Joseph Maule and his first wife, Catherine Davison, had four children. Margaret born May 1802; William born 1804 at Wooler; Catherine born 1804 and James born - 1A06- WbaL denminatinn. gwhcmr& at the, Zion. Matting Heuw- at. A:nwick' - Any information greatly appreciated.
- 1090 Mr S.M. CRAGGS, Appt. 903, 160 George Street, Larnia, ONTARIO N7T 7V4, CANADA
Seeking any information on the following: 1. George Craggs of Allendale who married Ann Smithson at Witton le Wear on the 1 May 1739. 2. George Griffin who married Hannah Warner at Aston Juxta, Birmingham, on 6 May 1833. 3. James Clayton who married Jane Lumley at Durham St. Nicholas on 7 October 1799. 4. Robert Cowley who married Mary Ann Sanderson at Sunderland on 23 March 1857. They were both born about 1835. Also searching for the marriage of Elizabeth Wheatley to Stephen Clayton. Stephen was baptised at Durham St Nicholas on 28 April 1811. Researching the name Craggs, especially in Northumberland, Durham and North Yorkshire, together with any strays and migrations.
- 1331 Rev. B. HODGSON, 41a Red Barns, Crawhall Road, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE1 2TP
Seeking the baptisms of Arthur Wilkinson, a weaver, and Ann Clement(s) who were married at Darlington in 1817. Their children were all born at Darlington, and by 1847 the family were living at Sheriff Hill, Gateshead, where Arthur Wilkinson was appointed a Police Constable. Their children were Margaret born 1818; William born 1820 who married Elizabeth Snaith in 1844; Ann born 1826 who married Robert Howe in 1847; Elizabeth born 1831 who married George Hodgson in 1858; Jane born 1832; Mary born 1835; Esther born 1840 and Arthur born 1842. The known marriages took place in Gateshead. Would like to contact any descendants.
- 1467 Mr J.R. WILLANS, 9 The Ridgeway, Kenton, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE3 4LP
Researching the name Campion of Mickleby, North Yorkshire, in the 17th Century. The following names in the 18th Century - Bain of Cannongate, Edinburgh; Booth of Roxby, North Yorkshire; Coulson, Davison, Dixon, Hood, Robson and Watt, all of Hartlepool, Craig of Seaton Sluice, Foster of Hinderwell, North Yorkshire, and Parker of Ryton. In the 19th Century - Johnson of Hexham, Kidd of Stannington, Whittingham of Newcastle on Tyne and Routledge of Trimdon, County Durham.
- 1593 Mrs K. WILLANS, 9 The Ridgeway, Kenton NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE3 4LP
Researching the following surnames. In the North Riding of Yorkshire in the 18th century - Atkinson of Bilsdale; Cook of Osmotherley; Dunning of Borrowby and Helmsley; Fothergill of Rickhill; Gatenby of Sandhutton; Hawkins of Kirby Sigston and Riveaux; Lawn of Helmsley; Loan of Riveaux;; Lee of Hornby; Manfield of Leake, Morton of Northallerton, Mothersill and Over Siltan; Prest of Kirby Wiske; Sadler and Sayer(s) of Osmotherley. Cowliage of Sandhutton, North Yorkshire in the 16th century. Bell of Rippon -16th to 17th centuries. Awmack of Sandhutton and Borrowby - 16th to 19th centuries. Moor and Gatenby of Hustwaite, North Riding - 17th century. Gains of Sandhutton - 17th to 18th centuries. Lee of Borrowby, Prust of Hawnby and Atkinson of Thirsk, all North Yorkshire in the 19th century. Jackson, Smith and Storey of Haltwhistle in 18th century. Angus of Sebergham, Cumberland - 18th to 19th centuries. Angus, Bell and Jackson of Consett -19th century. Carruthers of Conniscliffe, County Durham in the 18th century. Harris of Swansea and Lewis of Swansea and Abergavenny in the 19th century.
- 1685 Mr R.P. HEDLEY, 1 Dark Lane North, Steeple Ashton, TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire BA14 6EY
Seeking any information on Reginald Hedley who was a shepherd at Dukesfield Hall, Whitley by Hexham. He had two children, William and Hannah, who were Baptised at Whitley in 1782. He died on 8 September 1802 and was buried at Slaley where his wife Mary was buried in 1792. His son William married Jane Milburn at Slaley in 1805, and the 1841 census showed them to be living at West Gate, High Fotherley, Bywell St. Peter. The christian name Reginald seems to have been used predominantly in the Elsdon parish during this period.
- 1720 Mr E. BELL, 3051 Country Club Drive, NANAIMO, BRITISH COLUMBIA V9T 3G6, CANADA
Seeking baptisms and parentage of Thomas Gowland and Emote Bowne who were married at Whitburn on 23 November 1617. Also interested in any information about their descendants.
- 2095 Mrs H.J. GERRARD, 27 Strathaird Street, STRATHMORE, VICTORIA 3041, AUSTRALIA
Seeking baptism, parents and place of birth of Jeremiah Dodds, a road surveyor, born between 1793 and 1794, who died at Well House, Lowtus, Newburn, in June 1863 aged 69 years. He married (1) Hannah Scotts

on **8 February 1818** at Newburn, and (2) Jane Evans on 10 October 1820 at Newburn. Children were John born 1823, Jeremiah born 1827 and Thomas born 1832. In 1851 the family were living at Panniards House, West Denton, Newburn. The youngest son Thomas gave his religion as Church of England on all records.

- 2631 Mr J.B. WEATHERIML, ti Wetherby Rtrad-, Grdirgetu-wir, **SR2 9SW**
Grandfather George Henry Weatherill, aged 22, bachelor, farrier, of Tullylaggen Desertcreal, County Tyrone, Ireland, married Letitia Davidson, aged 21, spinster, of St Andrews Square, Belfast, at Belfast Registry Office on 24 January 1882. Letitia's father was Edward John Davidson, nurseryman. Seeking the marriage of Letitia's parents: two possibles are (1) Edward Davidson, of full age, bachelor, Private in 16th Regiment, Armagh Camp (son of David Davidson, gardener) married Bridget Eagan, of full age, spinster, of Armagh Camp (daughter of Edward Eagan, labourer) at Ballysax, County Kildare on 2 August 1858. (2) Edward Davidson, of full age, bachelor, gardener, of Castlemartyr, County Cork, (son of Hugh Davidson, gardener) married Letitia Wright, of full age, spinster, servant (daughter of James Wright, servant) at Castlemartyr on 23 September 1852. Any suggestions or help welcomed.
- 2992 Mrs F.O. RUNDLE, 9 The Birches, Farnborough, ORPINGTON, Kent BR6 8NH
Seeking baptisms and marriage of George Bolam and Mary Bell, whose children George born 1809 and Mary born 1811, were baptised at Thropton Presbyterian Church, Rothbury. Daughter Mary Bolam married Joseph Chatt of Shotley Bridge at Alwinton in 1835.
- 3028 Lt. Col. E.F. BURDON-DAVIES, Pinehurst, Goudhurst, CRANBROOK, Kent TN 17 1 AA
(Tel: 0580 211511) Seeking baptism of Alice Campbell born between 1780 and 1805. In 1821 she was living in London, and in 1822 she had an illegitimate daughter, Eleanor, who was baptised Eleanor Campbell at Christ Church, North Shields, on 9 January 1822. Research so far indicates that "Alice" is a very unusual name for daughters within Campbell families. Any information would be most welcome.
- 3467 Mrs P.D. HUGHES, 46 Seven Oaks Crescent, Bramcote Hills, NOTTINGHAM NG9 3FP
(Tel: Nottingham 250501) Researching the Turner family of Hexham, Northumberland. Interested in any information concerning the brickmaking firm of William Turner, senior (married to Ann Johnson) of Hexham, and William Turner, junior, also of Hexham, between 1760 and 1840. Any information on the brickmaking industry in Hexham would be welcome. Also searching for descendants of David Turner, deceased, a solicitor of the Shrewsbury area in the 1950's to 1960's, son of Olivier Pohill Turner, physician, and Amy Charlotte Sandford. It is believed that David Turners wife was called Pamela, and that he left two children, possibly still in the Shrewsbury area.
- 3536 Mrs C. ELLIS, 1091 East Ash Street, CANTON, ILLINOIS 61520, UNITED STATES
Searching for any living relatives of the following families in England. (1) John Herron, his wife Margaret, and their children, Margaret, John, Thomas (great grandfather born 12 January 1869) Sarah, Phillis, William and Robert. (2) William Dixon and his wife Margaret Barns who died in 1906 at Cowpen Colliery. Their children were, John, Sarah, Mary Ann (great grandmother born 29 October 1869 at Cowpen Colliery) William, Edward, Frances, Thomas and Margaret Jane who married Mark A. Fairhurst on 3 September 1876. Another sister, Hannah, married a William Fairhurst. John Dixon married Ellen Cooper on 13 June 1890. Her father was Adam Cooper a shipwright. Any information on the above would be greatly appreciated.
- 3554 Mr D.C. NATTRASS, C23-80 Galbraith Drive South West, CALGARY, ALBERTA T3E 4Z6, CANADA
Would like to contact any descendants of Matthew Natrass (son of Matthew Natrass and Ann Blades) who married (1) Elizabeth Hedley on 1 December 1798, and (2) Ann Elliott on 28 July 1804. Children of the second marriage were Ann, born 26 May 1805, John born 15 June 1806, Ann born 16 July 1809, Mary born 12 January 1812, Jane born 7 August 1814 and Ralph born 26 January 1817. Also any descendants of John Natrass, son of Matthew Natrass and Ann Blades, who was born in 1773 and married Ann Featherstone on 4 March 1793. They resided at Black Cleugh, West Gate, Wolsingham and possibly at Stanhope.
- 3665 Mrs. P. PHILPOT, 31 Chichester Drive West, Saltdean, BRIGHTON, East Sussex BN2 8SH
Seeking the churchyard in the Sunderland area where the following are buried. James Reay who died at 16 Delhi Crescent, Ryton, on 23 March 1925. Joseph Reay who died at 6 Cicero Terrace, Southwick, on 8 May 1904, and Archibald Harper who died 5 January 1871 at Collin Place, Southwick. Any information welcome.

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- 0712 Mrs B.H.D. ASHBY, 39 The Avenue, POTTERS BAR, Hertfordshire EN6 IED.
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- 1279 Mrs C.C.S.F. RIDDELL, 48 Common Lane, Tickhill, DONCASTER, South Yorkshire DN 11 9UN.
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- 3837 Mr T.J. MERRIDAN, 26 Dennis Way, CIPPENHAM, SLOUGH, Berkshire SL1 5JP.
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