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EDITORIAL

At the Annual General Meeting in May, Bill Rounce announced his resignation as Chairman of the Society, a position he has held for the last eight years. No one has worked harder for the Society - and for family historians in general - than Bill. He has given personal help to innumerable people in their researches, and has also found time to compile a vast number of marriage indexes and other aids to research. We owe him a great deal, and it is good to know that he is not lost to the Society but will continue as Vice Chairman. His position as Chairman has been taken by Geoff Nicholson, who has been a leading member of the Society in various capacities since its inception.

As I said in the Summer Journal, I am giving up the job of Editor, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped me during the last five years by submitting articles and other items of interest for publication. I have always been in the fortunate position of having more than enough material to fill the Journal's 28 pages, and I am sorry if some of you have been disappointed not to see your work in print. It is one of the hardest parts of the Editor's job to decide what to leave out. Mr Alan Readdie, who as a founder member and former Secretary of the Society is well known to many of you, has agreed to take over as Editor, and I feel the job could not be in more capable hands. Do remember, however, that he is dependent on you as members for the supply of articles and 'fillers', so keep them coming in - and remember to enclose a stamped addressed envelope when you write.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Subscriptions for 1990/91 are due for payment on or before 1 November 1990. Please note the changes from previous years detailed below.

Because of a large number of problems, we have had to withdraw the facility for paying subscriptions by banker's order. This means that all members must renew their membership by cheque.

Late payment of renewals has contributed largely to the problems we have experienced. Please note, therefore, that renewals will not be accepted after 31 December 1990. Members who have failed to renew by that date, and who wish to continue in membership, will have to rejoin, and will thereby incur the recently introduced joining fee of half their normal subscription.

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3. Send cheque with completed membership renewal card to the address on that card.
4. Do this before 31 December.

ACT NOW TO AVOID UNNECESSARY WORK FOR YOUR SOCIETY'S OFFICERS AND TO AVOID PAYING THE REJOINING FEE. DO NOT ENCLOSE ANY CORRESPONDENCE UNLESS IT RELATES TO REJOINING.

THE SPRING MEETINGS

April

At the April meeting Geoff Nicholson gave a talk on his local mining village - the now non-existent Usworth Colliery, the site of which is now part of Sulgrave village in the north-eastern corner of Washington New Town. It was in many ways typical of its kind and served to illustrate several aspects of the sort of population which was attracted to such a place, both when it was created in the mining boom of the 1840s, and as it expanded later in the century. Usworth Parish had been formed from that of Washington in 1835, twelve years before the colliery was sunk in 1847, and its Registers were used to reconstruct many of the important stages of the village's growth.

The various Census returns of the period were also used, of course, to reveal the origins of many of the families, thereby confirming some of the generalities often made about such places - the number of Irish, for example - and at the same time showing up some unexpected trends - such as the influx from the Forest of Dean in the 1870s. Even the Irish were not without their surprises, as was shown by the revelation, obvious with hindsight, that few had actually come directly from Ireland, most having spent some time in the west Cumberland coalfield on the way.

The story of the Pit itself was woven into that of the community, and the many small and occasional large disasters were described.

One of the unusual points about Usworth Colliery was that it was one of the few if not the only one in the area to have been financed by Jewish money. David Jonahsson, its founder and a prominent member of the Sunderland Jewish community, not only built the colliery village but even went so far as to equip it with a Christian church - though not a Church of England one, much to the chagrin of the local Rector. Mr Jonahsson apparently decided to ask his miners which denomination they wanted and their verdict was clear - the church had to be Methodist. That decision caused problems of its own when the Wesleyans and the Primitives, or Ranters, each staked their claims, but an amicable sharing agreement was reached and seems to have lasted a long time.

For several years the colliery was owned by the Bowes-Lyon family and at the time of the major disaster in 1885 it was managed by a brother of Sir Charles Mark Palmer, Bowes' partner more usually associated with Jarrow.

Although Usworth Colliery has not existed for some twenty years the ex-mining families are still prominent in the immediate area. Many of them are quite oblivious of their origins and history as revealed by this study.

May

At our May meeting we were pleased to welcome back Mrs Brusey to speak about one of the North-East's leading families - the Londonderrys. There are actually three families chiefly associated with the Londonderry name - the Tempests, the Vanes and the Stewarts. Charles Stewart, the third Marquess of Londonderry, married Frances Ann Vane-Tempest when she was only 19 and he was 41. Between them they owned vast wealth, with several large estates in England and Ireland, and in the north-east they spent vast sums on their estates at Wynyards Park and Milbank at Seaham.

For generations up to the second world war the Londonderrys were politically and socially in the limelight. After the war life was never the same again: Wynyard was taken over by Durham County Council and Londonderry House in London was requisitioned by the army and later demolished. The flamboyant lifestyle is gone forever due to taxes and death duties, and the Londonderrys have severed all ties with the north-east, and now live in Sherburn, Dorset. Conflicting opinions abound about the Londonderrys, both good and bad.

Two books about the family that are worth reading are: *A Book on the Londonderrys* by H. Montgomery-Hyde and *The Town that was Murdered* by Ellen Wilkinson.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

After the conclusion of Mrs Brusey's talk the Annual General Meeting of the Society was held. After many years service Bill Rounce felt that he could no longer continue as Chairman, and the meeting proceeded with Geoff Nicholson in the Chair. He explained the lack of Balance Sheets for the last three years, stressing that there was no question of misuse of funds, which were in a healthy state, but that there had been problems largely arising from the amount of work devolving on the Treasurer. He then called upon the Treasurer, Miss Cyndy Winter, to give her report.

The Treasurer had been assured by her predecessor that audited accounts for the years 1986-1989 would be completed within two months, and that they would be published in the Journal. The present paid-up membership of the Society was in excess of 1800, and the funds currently stood at approximately £9,900. She went on to describe some of the administrative problems that had arisen, and in particular the troubles arising from the payment of subscriptions by Standing Order. She also suggested that in future anyone joining the Society should be required to pay an additional joining fee equivalent to half their normal annual subscription, and that the membership of anyone whose annual subscription had not been paid by 31 December should be deemed to have lapsed and a new joining fee would be payable.

After some discussion it was agreed that the facility for paying subscriptions by Standing Order should be withdrawn from the end of October 1990, and that a joining fee should be paid by new members. It was also agreed that institutional members, other than those in the counties of Northumberland, Durham, Tyne and Wear, and Cleveland, should be charged an Institutional Membership fee of double that for personal members, and that a joining fee of half the Institutional Membership fee should be applied.

The election of officers then took place, with results as follows:-

Chairman	Mr G. Nicholson
Vice Chairman & Minutes Secretary	Mr W.E. Rounce
Secretary	Mr J.A. Ashburner
Treasurer	Miss L.C. Winter
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The meeting closed with a vote of thanks, proposed by Mrs J. Robson, to Bill Rounce for his outstanding work as Chairman of the Society during the last eight years.

DURHAM GROUP

The April meeting took the form of a members' problems night, everyone joining in a brainstorming type session suggesting avenues of research to solve the various problems.

John and Eileen Perkins updated us with the information they are gathering for our branch use on local sources of research, and members were advised of an excellent book on the history of Brandon Colliery 1856-1960 by Laurie Moran - the result of ten years of research during which 6000 copies of local newspapers were gleaned for information and family details.

For our May meeting we welcomed Mr Peter Bowes from Stanhope - a Weardale enthusiast who spoke on "Aspects of Weardale". Mr Bowes' interesting and enjoyable talk was illustrated with slides; unfortunately the subject could not be fully covered in the time available, so we have invited Peter to continue his talk at our January 1991 meeting.

Members were given details of recent committee meetings attended by the group representatives, and were advised of the decisions taken at the Annual General Meeting.

Our hard-working librarians and publications custodian attended our June meeting and displayed their wares for the benefit of members.

~~Please note that due to circumstances beyond our control the venue for our meetings has had to be~~ changed. We shall now meet in the Senior Common Room of New College, Framwellgate Moor, ~~only~~ ~~&w~~ ~~about~~ ~~yards~~ ~~away~~ ~~from~~ ~~our~~ ~~previous~~ ~~meeting~~ ~~place~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~Salutation~~ ~~Inn~~. Members attending should follow the college signs for the Garland Theatre; the Senior Common Room is adjacent.

SOUTH TYNESIDE GROUP

The year up to now has been one of progress: attendance at the meetings has increased by 20%, and new and old members as well as visitors have enjoyed the informality of the proceedings. We have welcomed visitors from Canada, Surrey and South Yorkshire, and also representatives from other Northern branches.

At our January meeting the Society Chairman Bill Rounce introduced the subject of the wider range of records that can be utilized in our research; this led to an animated and useful discussion in which the majority of those present took part. Our Christmas Dinner, held at the Grosvenor Club, was a highly successful affair with a good meal and good conversation - in spite of the fact that our Christmas was celebrated in January!

The February meeting took the form of a Pie and Peas Supper. This was very tasty, but also gave new members an opportunity to seek guidance from those with more experience; and they, in explaining how it is done, looked for mutual help in doing it. Sharing what we know, and stating what we don't is what it is all about.

Geoff Nicholson, our new Chairman, spoke at the March meeting on what genealogy means to him and what he has got from it. This led to many questions, and the audience assuredly benefited from his experience. We had Mr Potts of the Tyne and Wear Archives at our April meeting; he spoke about the abundance of records available in the archives apart from those most generally used. Much of this was news to our meeting, and should lead to a wider approach by all who enjoyed the scope of his talk.

The May meeting took the form of a Quiz, arranged by Mrs Christine Davison, which was a great success, even if the participants derived less enjoyment from getting the answers right than from seeing the "experts" get them wrong. Nevertheless, a good time was had by all.

The Monumental Inscriptions of Heworth Cemetery have been recorded - a really big job - and have now been typed up and deposited in the Society's Library. Work is proceeding on the index to the 1851 Census for the Wooler area of Northumberland and is well on the way to completion. We do not hold formal meetings in July and August, but on the fourth Wednesday of those months you can expect to find quite a few of us at "The Black Prince", talking, imbibing, asking and answering questions, and preparing for the Autumn session. This begins with a talk in September by Mr John Landells, late reporter of shipping news in the South Shields Gazette, who will talk on "Old Tyneside". This should get us off to a good start - when he has spoken previously a good night has been had by all.

LONDON GROUP

The next meeting of the London branch will take place on Saturday 14 July at 2 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.

"Trade Unions and their Records" will be the subject of a talk to be given by Miss Sally Fincher on 17 November at 10.30 a.m.

1881 CENSUS PROJECT

Susan Mackay

Regular readers of the Journal will be aware of the aims of the 1881 Census Project - the Spring edition featured an article by Mrs K. Craggs of our London Group in which she referred to her work as co-ordinator for the transcription of the Durham returns. I have agreed to act as co-ordinator for Northumberland, and am hoping to encourage as many members of our Society as possible to undertake transcription of the Northumberland returns. The returns have been photocopied by the Genealogical Society of Utah and transcribers will be provided with a batch of approximately twenty sheets at a time. Transcription can be carried out at home and at the transcriber's own pace. A comprehensive instruction booklet is provided, and as co-ordinator I am available to advise on any problems that may arise. As soon as transcription is complete the returns will be indexed, and eventually a county by county index for England and Wales will be available in microfiche form.

The more volunteers we have, the sooner the transcription will be complete and the index made available for our use. Will anybody, interested in helping with this work please write to me, Susan Mackay, 4 Netherton Park Cottages, Stannington, MORPETH, Northumberland NE61 6EF.

1851 CENSUS INDEXES

Work on the compilation of indexes to the 1851 Census of Northumberland is continuing, and several sections have been completed which we have not yet been able to publish. In particular, Mr Lawrence Baker, after two years work, has indexed the four old Newcastle parishes of St Nicholas, St Andrew, St John and All Saints; Mr Philip Thirkell has indexed the Ponteland and Stamfordham Sub-Districts of Castle Ward (HO 107/2413, Folios 1-505); the Bywell and Hexham Sub-Districts of Hexham (HO 107/2414, Folios 1-610); the Superintendent Registrar's District of Haltwhistle (HO 107/2417); and the Superintendent Registrar's District of Bellingham (HO 107/2417); and Mr Alan Angus has indexed half of the North Shields Sub-District of Tynemouth (HO 107/2410, Folios 1-233).

Until these indexes can be published Mr W.E. Rounce is prepared to carry out searches in the Newcastle indexes, and Mr A.S. Angus will undertake searches in the remaining indexes listed above. This service will be free to members of the Society, provided a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed with enquiries. A charge of £1.00 per individual will be made to non-members (cheques should be made payable to 'NDFHS').

Enquiries should be addressed to Mr W.E. Rounce, 40 Salcombe Avenue, JARROW, Tyne and Wear NE32 3SY (Newcastle indexes) or to Mr A.S. Angus, River View, Mitford, MORPETH, Northumberland NE61 3PR (remaining indexes listed above).

In addition to the above, Volume 6 of the *Index to the 1851 Census of Northumberland* will be published in the near future. This volume covers that part of Bedlington Sub-District not included in Volume 5, and includes Woodhorn Parish, Widdrington Parochial Chapelry, part of Warkworth Parish, Ulgham Parochial Chapelry, Bothal Parish, part of the Hebron Parochial Chapelry, and part of Felton Parish (HO 107/2418, Folios 461-641). This volume, together with Volume 5, was compiled by Miss Elizabeth Ward and her father, Mr Joseph Ward. Sadly Mr Ward died before the second part of their work could be published, and we take this opportunity of extending our sympathy to Elizabeth.

We are grateful to all those who have assisted or are assisting in any way with the compilation of these indexes. There is still much to be done, and Mrs Mary Graham of 156 Plessey Road, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 3JA, who is co-ordinating the Northumberland project, would be pleased to hear from anyone who can help.

DURHAM COOK BOOK

David and Stephen Cook

It certainly is a small world when it comes to genealogy. In January 1989 I received a letter from Stephen Cook of Chester-le-Street, Durham. I had, like other members, added my name to the *Directory of Members' Interests*, and Stephen had written to me on our common name - Cook. Little did he realize when he wrote to me what was in store for both of us.

I wrote back and informed him that I was originally from Wheatley Hill and had at one time been an electrician at Thornley Colliery before coming to America in 1974. Stephen wrote back to me immediately, and lo and behold! he is also an electrician working at Wearmouth Colliery! Here we are, 3000 miles apart, searching for Cooks and having similar backgrounds. Fate plays many tricks!

Since our first contacts more than a year ago, we have been pooling our resources with the intention of producing *The Durham Cook Book*. Our aim is to collect all the Durham Cook information from every available source document at our disposal into one complete document. Stephen is at present extracting information from the 1851 Census after indexing the Cook wills at Durham University from 1660 to 1927. I am working on the 1881 Census and should be finished soon. Stephen is using the sources available at Durham County Record Office as well as other local sources, while I am using sources available at the local Mormon Family History Library. Between the two of us we have started a mammoth task.

We hope to include information from Census Returns, Parish Registers, Bishops' Transcripts, Marriage Bonds, Directories and any other records including the name Cook. Hopefully we shall be able to add stories about people named Cook in County Durham.

If anyone would like information from the sources we have to date, please feel free to ask: we will be only too happy to accommodate you. On the other hand, if you can help in any way your services will be most appreciated.

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WERE YOUR ANCESTORS GERMAN?

Lilliane Tunstill

The recent collapse of the western part of the Russian Empire and the willingness to integrate with the European Community has given new hope to thousands of British citizens whose ancestors were born in Eastern Europe, and who are desperate to find their roots.

Emperor George of Hanover was already King of England at the time of Napoleon's rise to power; Prussia fought as a separate state against Napoleon, and many of the other German states also fought on the side of the Allies, but the Hanoverians were part of the British Army and were known as the King's German Legion. As the sovereign was the head of two nations, Great Britain and Hanover, his subjects, although living in different countries separated by the high seas, were regarded as being subjects of the King irrespective of their place of abode. They therefore did not require passports or visas or any other form of documentation to travel or reside in either state.

The German Kingdoms and Principalities were often at war with one another, and in the late 1700s and early 1800s wars and famine caused vast numbers of German-speaking peoples to leave their homelands and head west towards America. Their route led via London, because there were no direct shipping links to the United States, and once in England many emigrants found work and stayed to become part of the English community. Then, as now, early settlers wrote home and encouraged their workmates and relations to follow. When they did, they would often live in the same areas as their friends and thereby form the basis of a local, often foreign-speaking community. In many cases local German churches were founded, with the pastors often acting as letter writers for their less educated parishioners.

With the unification of the German States under Bismarck and the outbreak of **the first World War**, many thousands of people of German origin, although by this time born and bred in England - often for two or three generations - suffered persecution at the hands of other English people who had British-sounding names. The newspapers of the time list endless acts of violence carried out against property and persons whose only fault lay in the fact that they had German or East-European sounding surnames. Almost anyone with an accent or surname from an East European country suffered: Jews, Latvians, Russians and even Greeks were branded as Huns or Boche.

German bands left the streets, German printers, publishers, bakers and shopkeepers changed their names after their premises were raided, looted and destroyed. Outbreaks of terrorism and personal attacks were prevalent in workshops and factories of many of the larger manufacturing cities, and school children were bullied. People moved and changed their jobs, and as they did so, often adopted anglicized versions of their original names or changed them completely. Sometimes they took the names of their trade, local town or district, or even the name of the distaff side of the family into which they had married.

So great was the shame of many English born people with foreign-sounding names that often children grew up in ignorance of their great grandparents', grandparents' and even their parents' backgrounds; and only when making enquiries regarding matters of probate or family history were the original names discovered and the stories revealed. Many people of German origin were interned in both world wars, while others had restrictions placed on their movements and places of abode. One man, never having examined his birth certificate, was almost thrown in the glasshouse as a spy upon joining up to serve King and Country in World War II. His name was not that with which he had been born and registered: the family had changed their original German surname for a new English-sounding one, but had not bothered to change the childrens' names on their birth certificates. The second world war was cause enough for many families to hide their origins deeper still, and in many cases only recently have the early names been discovered as more people begin to examine their roots. The events which led up to this war caused millions of people to leave their homelands, and Jewish, Polish, Czechoslovak, Latvian and other nationals as well as Germans may be able to find a starting point regarding family research with the Anglo German Family History Society.

This society has for several years been encouraging and helping those interested in their German backgrounds by organizing meetings for would-be investigators, and through the publication of their magazine, printed in English. The AGFHS has also published a variety of booklets on German life in England, including studies on the German hospitals and the trades of baking and sugar-refining which employed a high proportion of immigrants. Another publication deals with internment in the first World War. They are also producing booklets and leaflets explaining the processes of obtaining information in Germany, and provide basic letters, written in German, which can be used when asking for information from the local burgomasters, librarians, churches and record offices.

But of course records held in the eastern part of Germany were impossible to review or research. Now with unification taking place, the way should be opened for the Anglo German Family History Society to provide more background information on the Germans in England.

Editor's Note: Further information may be had from Lilliane Tunstill, Cedar House, 110/112 Bath Road, CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire or from The Secretary, AGFHS, Mrs Jenny Rushden, 162 Marlow Bottom Road, MARLOW, Buckinghamshire SL7 3PC.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

<i>Thursday, 6 September 1990</i> Northumberland and Durham Family History Society meeting.	<i>Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday, 13 September 1990</i> Sunderland and District Group meeting.	<i>Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday, 17 September 1990</i> Durham Group meeting.	<i>Durham, 7.30 p.m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, 18 September 1990</i> South-East Northumberland Group meeting.	<i>Blyth, 7.30 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday, 26 September 1990</i> South Tyneside Group meeting.	<i>South Shields, 8.00 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday, 4 October 1990</i> Northumberland and Durham Family History Society meeting.	<i>Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday, 11 October 1990</i> Sunderland and District Group meeting.	<i>Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday, 15 October 1990</i> Durham Group meeting.	<i>Durham, 7.30 p.m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, 16 October 1990</i> South-East Northumberland Group meeting.	<i>Blyth, 7.30 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday, 24 October 1990</i> South Tyneside Group meeting.	<i>South Shields, 8.00 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday, 1 November 1990</i> Northumberland and Durham Family History Society meeting.	<i>Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday, 8 November 1990</i> Sunderland and District Group meeting.	<i>Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.</i>
<i>Saturday, 17 November 1990</i> London Group meeting. Miss Sally Fincher will give a talk on "Trade Unions and their Records."	<i>London, 10.30 a.m.</i>
<i>Monday, 19 November 1990</i> Durham Group meeting.	<i>Durham, 7.30 p.m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, 20 November 1990</i> South-East Northumberland Group meeting.	<i>Blyth, 7.30 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday, 28 November 1990</i> South Tyneside Group meeting.	<i>South Shields, 8.00 p.m.</i>

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:	Senior Common Room, New College, Framwellgate Moor.
South Shields:	Black Prince Hotel, The Nook, Prince Edward Road.
Blyth:	Blyth Cricket Club, Plessey Road, Blyth.
Sunderland:	RAFA Headquarters, Murton Street.
London:	Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Hoppers of Black Hedley

Mrs Jean Mallett, of 'Woodlands', 29 Abbey Road, West Moor, WIMBORNE, Dorset BH22 OAX, writes:

"My One Name Study is that of the Hopper family, and I have a problem which might be solved from some of your records.

Isobel Hopper, the rich widow of John Murray of Edinburgh, married in 1516 Archibald Douglas (Greysteel), the youngest son of Archibald Bell-the-Cat, the fifth Earl of Angus, confirming my suspicions that some at least of the Hoppers came from Scotland. These Anguses were found at an estate called Unthank which is alongside Black Hedley, the estate of the Hoppers in Shotley in Northumberland, on the border with Durham.

It is said that the Hoppers were a burgh family of good standing in Edinburgh (coat of arms, argent, three roses gules, as on the Shotley mausoleum) and had probably owned both estates as they had been the principal landowners in the district from 1317.

My question is this: does anyone know anything about the Hoppers who had been in the Unthank/Black Hedley estates from 1317, and do they still exist as separate estates? I have a number of Hoppers in the 16th Century, but none before and they must have had parents!"

Apprenticeship Indentures

Mrs P. Grosset, of Copper Lodge, Gelston, GRANTHAM, Lincolnshire NG32 2AE, writes:

"I have in my possession two Apprentice Indentures which may be of interest to someone in the Society.

The names are (1) William Urwin Tweedy, son of Elizabeth Tweedy, and
(2) John Nixon, son of John Nixon Galloway.

They were both apprenticed as Slaters to Thomas Barkas Sanderson (my great grandfather) on 23 May and 25 April respectively, both in the year 1863, and they were both of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

If any relative of the above apprentices is interested, I would be willing to hand over the Indentures."

South Shields Library

Miss S. Hamilton, of 15 Limefields Way, East Hunsbury, NORTHAMPTON NN4 0SA, writes:

"I should like to say a public thank you to Mr T. Graham and his staff at South Shields Central Library for their kind assistance in the search for my ancestors.

As a relative newcomer to the realms of Family History I seem to be encountering no end of stumbling blocks and, as I reside some 210 miles away from my ancestral roots, am finding it difficult to research some of the simpler avenues into the past. However, through the *Members' Interests* and *Second Time Around* columns, Mr Graham has come to my aid and supplied me with numerous names and addresses and information to help me on my way.

Once again a big thank you to Mr Graham and his staff."

An Alternative Reference Book

Mr A.S. Cromarty, of 40 Portland Road, EAST GRINSTEAD, West Sussex RH19 4EA, writes:

"Numerous guides to genealogy have been published which effectively cover the central theme; however, expanding a search to cover important fringe subjects can be tedious and frustrating.

Fortunately there are close similarities between the requirements of those researching family history and professional writers. Consequently reference books written for the latter can have direct application to those studying genealogy. One particularly helpful book is *Research for Writers* by Ann Hoffman (A & C Black, London £6.95). This publication contains a wealth of practical advice on relevant subjects ranging from local and family history to preparing typescript for printers, thus saving a great deal of time and effort for those enjoying genealogy as a part-time hobby."

KNOW YOUR PARISH: XXVII

SHILBOTTLE

J.K. Brown

The parish of Shilbottle, separated from Alnwick in the north by the Cawledge Burn, has Lesbury parish on the north-east, Warkworth to the east, and Felton and Guyzance to the south. The parish stands generally on high and exposed ground sloping from west to east towards the sea beyond Warkworth.

The name Shilbottle is derived from the Saxon Scyld who was settled here in the 4th Century. Scyld had his "bottle" meaning abode or dwelling place - "Scyld's bottle". In other parts of the county Saxon owners have impressed the memory of their occupation at Harbottle, Lorbottle and Bothal. There are variations to the name: a Thomas Schippelingbottle was awarded lands in 1235; the Subsidy Roll of 1296 names it as Schiplingbotil and that of 1336 at Shilbotill. The parish comprises the townships of Shilbottle, Hartlaw, Whittle and Newton-on-the-Moor.

Gilbert Tison, a standard bearer to the Conqueror, was awarded lands wrested from Saxon owners, and he gave to his son Richard the lordship of Shilbottell. In about 1215 the manor, part of the barony of Alnwick, came through marriage into the possession of William, Baron Hilton of the Bishopric of Durham (Hylton near Sunderland). The Subsidy Roll of 1296 names Robert Hilton as the principal holder; in 1336 it is Alex, and then his son Robert in 1372. Robert exchanged it for lands in Yorkshire held by Percy, 1st Earl of Northumberland.

In 1405, as a result of Henry Percy being in revolt against Henry IV, the king for whom he had been mainly responsible in gaining the crown, Henry Percy forfeited his castle, the barony of Alnwick and Shilbottle. Shilbottle remained with the crown until granted to Northumbrian Robert, Lord Ogle, who by some agreement returned the lands to the Percys - then Henry, the 4th Earl. The turbulent Percys were to lose and regain their northern estates more than once, and today the principal landowner of the parish is Henry, the 11th Duke.

The village of Shilbottle consists almost entirely of two long straggling rows of nondescript cottages, sloping towards the east and to the tower and church, the only imposing building of the village. There was probably a pre-Conquest church, but no remains of it have been found. The Norman church was demolished in 1884 when it was declared unfit for the requirements of the parishioners, and a new and larger building was erected on the same site. The memorial tablets which were in the old church were removed and replaced in the new building, and many of the headstones in the churchyard are older than the church.

From entries in the parish registers, which dates from 1684, and from monumental inscriptions and lists of Freeholders, the most prominent families of the parish were the Cooks of Newton Hall. Samuel Cook died commanding the 8th Hussars at the Cape of Good Hope in 1816; his nephew, by Royal licence, assumed the name Widdrington. Then there were the Hoggs and Laings of Hazon and the Actons. Eleanor, an Acton heiress, married Sir Ralph Percy, son of Henry, the 2nd Earl. Actons were also related to Sir William Hilton, descendant of the Hiltons who had held Shilbottle in the 14th Century. There were Lisles, Strother of Newton, Widdrington, Dand, Johnson, Buston, Selby, Stamp and Bacon Forster of Hartlaw, descendant of Bacon of Staward Pele and Forster of Adderstone.

In 1790, in order to raise funds for the maintenance of the church, a levy was imposed on all of the 58 farms. Freeholders were the Duke with 26 farms, William Bacon Forster with 12, Sam. Cook with 6 and Clutterbuck with 5; these, together with Strother, were the main subscribers.

In August 1665, in three collections, the parishioners raised 4/9d for the relief of sufferers from the great plague of London, and on 10 October 1665 9/51/2 was collected at Shilbottle for sufferers in the great fire of London.

Richard, chaplain of Siplibottle, is named as the first vicar circa 1228. John Falder, the vicar in 1636, seems to have been quite a character, as in 1648 "he has turned out and very ill-used after his sequestration being robbed abroad and plundered at home. He was forbid to keep school or use the common Prayer in a private congregation in his own house." After the Commonwealth John was reinstated, and in 1669 Archdeacon Basire wrote "he has no gown but a cloke; he reads whining (wining); chancel and church, full of heaps of rubbish, and keeps his library under the communion table."

Whittle, south-west of Shilbottle village, contained valuable seams of high quality coal, and it is only within the last few years that the colliery has closed down. Whittle was part of the lordship of

Shilbottle, and in the 13th and 14th Centuries was held by a family deriving its name from the place. Walter de Wytehull is mentioned in a court action in 1256, and later, in 1280, Gilbert de Whithill is mentioned. In 1296 Walter de Whithille was the only person assessed, but this was the last mention of the Whittles. In 1488 William Swynhowe (Swinhoe) paid rent for his lands at Whyhyll, and Swinhoes were there until 1693 when Whittle was leased to the Lawsons and then to the Clutterbucks of Warkworth.

Hazon was one of the manors held with the lordship of Shilbottle, and from the name of the place the family living there took their name. In 1202 Hugh of Heisende and German Tison reached an agreement concerning the woodlands in Heinsende. The 1296 Subsidy Roll lists Hogains de Haysan. The last male of the family was at the end of the 14th Century when a Richard Hayzaund became a hermit at Warenford. In 1380 Hazon was purchased by Lawrence Acton of Newcastle, but by the mid 16th Century it was owned by the Lisles, who held it until 1760. It was then split up and sold to J.W. Bacon and others.

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THE DINNINGS OF LANGLEY SMELT MILL

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I first came across the name Dinning some years ago when I started to fill out the family tree of my grandmother's family, the Reeds. I decided to try and trace all the descendants of my ancestors Robert and Eleanor Reed, to obtain as much information about them as possible, and in particular to locate and identify any old photographs.

Isabella Reed, the second child of Robert and Eleanor, was born at Acomb Mill in 1820 and in 1844 was married to William Dinning. She was married from Plankey Mill, where Robert was the corn miller, and he from Langley Smelt Mill, where he was a smelter. I did not realise the importance of the lead mill until I started to do some background research on another branch of the family who were lead miners in the Allendale area. Numerous references to the lead mill can be found in any publication on the subject of lead mining in the Tyne Valley area. The lead mills had been owned for many years by the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital before being sold to the Dinning family some time in the last century. The family also owned much of the surrounding farm land, together with local shops at which the workers were no doubt expected to buy their supplies. It was not until I contacted one of William and Isabella's descendants that I realised that Isabella had married into such a wealthy and powerful local family.

Beamish Museum were able to let me have a copy of a photograph, taken probably in the early 1880s, that shows the vast size of the lead mills at that time. Looking at the site today it is hard to imagine that it was once the site of so much industrial activity. Lead was brought to the mill from the lead mines in the surrounding countryside apparently by ponies or pack horses. Coal was mined in the nearby Stublic Colliery (coincidentally worked by another of my ancestors on the other side of the family) and used to smelt the lead. The lead was transported to Newcastle and thence exported. The Dinnings put up much of the money needed to extend the railway to Allendale to facilitate this.

Some time in the 1850s the family business was split into two parts, the farming and associated business being run by William and the lead processing and distribution by his brothers. William obviously believed in keeping the business within the family; the various farms were managed by his sons and nephews, his eldest daughter married the manager of the shops, and her younger sister married the manager of their farm at Nenthead.

The Dinning "empire" collapsed towards the end of the 1880s. The plummeting price of lead which caused the closure of many of the lead mines also caused the closure of the mill and cost the family a substantial part of its assets. Some of the farms were kept and are still farmed by William and Isabella's descendants today, but with the selling off of much of the land and other businesses the family became scattered.

I have succeeded in tracing the descendants of only two of William and Isabella's children, and they have no documents or photographs of the era. Similarly I have had no success at the Record Office, and although the mills are frequently mentioned, documents and photographs are thin on the ground. I am sure that somewhere there is a mine of information - it is just a matter of tracking it down! If anybody can add anything to what I know or can point me in the right direction I should be most grateful.

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CLENNELL - HAMLET AND SURNAME

John Clennell and Mary Tonks

A couple of miles from Alwinton in the border area of Northumberland, close by the River Alwin, lie the remains of the hamlet of Clennell - until very recently only a handsome hall with a pele tower and an Elizabethan wing, a farm and a handful of cottages. The original hamlet and its companion Biddlestone were destroyed long ago, as so often happened, to make way for big estates. From about 1181 onwards the place was spelt CLENIL - derived from the old English 'Claene' Hill - one free from growth. On the Ordnance Survey map are still marked the nearby Clennell Hill and Clennell Street, the ancient drove road between England and Scotland.

In the 1070s, after the Normans had re-taken York and beyond from the Northumbrians, Scots and Danes, the forest of Riddesdale, which included Clennell, was granted by King William to Robert Umfraville who had a castle built at Harbottle whose history is closely linked with that of Clennell nearby. During the reign of King John the manor of Clennell was granted to a member of the Umfraville family who adopted it as his surname. However, the first recorded owner of Clennell is found in the Newminster Cartulary, showing that an agreement was made in 1228 between Thomas de Clennill and the monks of Newminster Abbey whereby he would be "lovingly remembered in all their prayers" and after his death would be buried in the Abbey with the full service as for a monk. Thomas in return granted to the monks wayleave for their men and carts and flocks in going and coming through the village of Clennell, going up the valley by the Alwin to Kidland, and also going to the east through the village of Clennell as far as Allerhope Burn. It was further agreed that if the monks' flocks and herds should feed in the Clennell pastures, payment should be made at the rate of 1d for 20 cattle, 1d for 40 sheep, 4d for 10 mares with a stallion, and 1d for 10 mares without a stallion. Thomas was to pay the same rate if his animals strayed into the monks' pasture.

Thomas's grandson, also Thomas, did homage to Edward I at Berwick in 1296, and in 1301 was ordered to lead Northumberland infantry to Linlithgow. From 1305 to 1308, however, he was kept a prisoner in the castle of St Breval by the River Wye, probably for having taken the side of the Scots for, like many of the border chieftains, the Clennells were sometimes in the service of the Scottish kings and at others on the side of the English. A descendant, William Clennell, became constable of Harbottle Castle in 1434, and Thomas (1482) and Percival (1533) were both mentioned in deeds at the castle. It seems likely, therefore, that the castle had a Clennell link when Margaret Tudor, Countess of Angus (sister of Henry VIII and widow of James IV of Scotland) gave birth there on 8 October 1515 to a daughter, Margaret, who was to become mother-in-law of Mary Queen of Scots and grandmother of James VI of Scotland, whose accession to the English throne as James I ended the long feuds between the two peoples.

Later Clennells perhaps worth mentioning for various reasons were:-

A later Percival, who first united the family with that of the Selbys of nearby Biddlestone Hall by marrying Isabel, and who was present when Lord Francis Russell was murdered at Windy Gyle on the border in 1585.

Andrew, who is reported to have laid violent hands on a minister at Woodhorn in 1634 (with what consequences we know not).

Thomas, fined as a recusant (for either refusing to attend C of E services or resisting authority) in 1677.

John, who restored the family's good name by becoming High Sheriff of Northumberland in 1704.

Luke, High Sheriff of Northumberland in 1727 and purchaser of the second Harbottle Castle in 1731.

Percival, admitted to Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1753 and to the Middle Temple in 1734/35. Heir of both his uncle Percival and of his father, who left Harbottle Castle to him. (The records of Harbottle Presbyterian Church contain the following entry: "1745 July. Ale to Mr. Cleanels mowers, the first day 8 pints of ale, 2 loves, ye second day 9 pints of ale, too loves, ye third day five pints and 3 penny loves". They seem to have been awfully thirsty and affectionate mowers!)

Luke, born in Ulgham, son of a farmer, in 1781, but who went to work in his uncle's grocery shop in Morpeth. There his talent for drawing brought him to the notice of an influential peer who in April 1797 had him apprenticed to the great engraver, Thomas Bewick, in Newcastle-on-Tyne. He became one of Bewick's best pupils, moved to London in 1804, and went on to win awards from the Society of Arts for his wood-engraving. Three of his pictures are in the Victoria and Albert Museum, but unfortunately success affected his reason and he died insane in 1840.

Now the story becomes a little complicated. The last Percival Clennell listed had no heir. All his considerable possessions, including Harbottle Castle, were left to his great-nephew, Thomas Fenwick, by will dated 14 December 1795. By a grant of 6 August 1796, in compliance with royal licence, Thomas Fenwick took the name and arms of Clennell under Percival's will. Also in compliance with a royal licence Thomas Fenwick, eldest son of Christopher Fenwick of Earsdon, took the name of Clennell in addition to his own and on 21 October 1882 was granted the arms of Clennell quartered with those of Fenwick. He also adopted the spelling 'Fenwicke'. From then on various members of the original Fenwick family became known as Clennell, Fenwicke Clennell and even Clennell Fenwicke Clennell. Thomas Clennell Fenwicke Clennell of Harbottle Castle, born in 1857, became High Sheriff of Northumberland in 1902 and a Deputy Lieutenant. So far as the writer knows, the castle still remains in the family's possession.

During the Middle Ages Alwinton, about two miles north-west of Harbottle, was one of the most important junctions on Clennell Street, from which radiated tracks across the hills towards the Tweed. All around are the traces of ancient settlements. Just north of Alwinton is a hill fort, and another lies under Clennell Hill. Alwinton church dates back to the 12th century, but was completely restored in 1851. In the north aisle are 18th century tombs of the Clennell family, whilst the south transept was devoted to their one-time neighbours, the Selbys of Biddlestone. Under the south aisle is the family vault of the Fenwicke-Clennells. The church registers begin in 1719: the older registers have unfortunately been lost.

Clennell Hall is a mixture of old and new. Most of it was built in 1895 in the Tudor style, but it contains a tower-house reported to date from 1365 and a wing built in 1568 which projects in front of the tower. Luke Clennell, Sheriff of the county in 1727 and at the time owner of Harbottle Castle too, left the Hall to his eldest son Thomas, who, having no male heir, left it to his daughter Philadelphia who married William Wilkinson of Gateshead in 1749. It remains the property of the Wilkinson family.

In the centre of Harbottle village is an elegant fountain, erected by public subscription in 11880 to the memory of Mrs P.F. Clennell (wife of Percival Fenwick Clennell, J.P. of Harbottle Castle). It bears the following inscription:-

"Mrs. Clennell of Harbottle died Nov. 17th, 1879. She devoted the powers of an active mind, the impulses of a generous heart, and the industry of a busy life, to the welfare and happiness of the inhabitants of Harbottle and the neighbourhood. To perpetuate her name and virtues, they erected this fountain".

What kinder memorial could one wish than that?

We cannot trace our own branch of the Clennell family any further back than 1763, when great-great-grandfather Thomas Clennell was born at Stanhope, County Durham. Thomas and his sons, and at least some of his grandsons, all appear to have worked in lead-mining, a thriving industry in that area in those days, but a dirty, hard, miserable way of earning a living. It seems not only to have been until the latter part of the 19th century that these Clennells spread to other parts of the county and beyond. That they continue to spread is evidenced by the fact that when one of the compilers of this account arrived in Hereford in 1960, his family became the only one of that name in the area's telephone directory. In recent years the same source reveals the Telford area to have been invaded by no less than five other Clennells (or could they possibly be Fenwick(e)s in disguise?

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Vignette by Luke Clennell

WHO WAS MY MARY MARTIN?

Eleanor B. Conary

The ancestry of both my great great grandmother Anne Crompton, in my paternal grandmother's line, and that of my great grandmother Mary Martin, in my paternal grandfather's line, remains hidden. Definitely they were born, they did have parents and they were my ancestresses: but who were their families? Somewhere there is an answer; with luck I will find it. Anne's story has been written (in *The Manchester Genealogist*, Volume 24, No. 4); this one is for Mary.

Mary Martin was born in either 1833 or 1834 in Earl (also known as Yeard Hill), parish of Doddington, Northumberland, not far from the Scottish border. She married Matthew Brown on 28 February 1852 in Southwick, Bishopwearmouth, County Durham. Mary was living in Southwick at the time; Matthew, a husbandman, lived in Hylton Ferry, County Durham. They became the parents of twelve children and most of the family emigrated to the United States in 1877 and 1878. Matthew died 6 March 1902 and Mary 2 March 1905 in Anderson, Indiana.

Finding my great grandmother's ancestors will be difficult. She was either adopted or merely raised by the James Martin family, with no knowledge of her real parents. The following facts about Mary are known to me: no certificate of birth has been found, and the dates for her birth differ slightly; the marriage licence in 1852 gave her age as 20 years, indicating a possible 1832 birth; the 1900 U.S. Census gives December 1834; information contained with the certificate of death of Matthew gives 1 January 1834; and Mary's own certificate of death gives 1833 (as related by her son Robert).

Mary's story, as told to her children, was that she had been adopted as a baby by James Martin, at which time James' financial status improved considerably. She felt that either her paternal or maternal grandparents were fairly wealthy and had paid James Martin to raise her (told to her by James?). If the story is true, it would suggest the fact that Mary was born illegitimately and probably to a young Scottish girl. Two facts seem important: first, Mary could read and write; she signed her name on her marriage licence - Matthew signed with an "x". It seems logical to suppose that her real parents wanted her educated at least to the point of literacy. Second, the proximity of Earl in Northumberland to Scotland suggests at least one Scottish parent, borne out by the fact that on Mary's death certificate her father's name was given as James Martin, born England, and her mother's as unknown, born Scotland.

Another part of Mary's story is that after she was taken in by the Martins, two sons were born to them. This statement would seem to be proved by the fact that in the 1861 Census for Matthew and Mary Brown in Low Fell, Gateshead, two boys with the surname Martin were listed with the family: James, a boarder, born Earl, aged 17 (born circa 1844) and Robert, a boarder, born Walker, aged 12 (born circa 1849). Walker is in the parish of Longbenton, on the outskirts of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and not too far from Southwick, the residence of Mary when she married. I assume that James moved his family from Earl to Walker after the birth of his first son.

Information relating to James Martin follows. The few facts which have been found I believe refer to Mary's adoptive family. Martin is not an uncommon name in that part of England, but the family was difficult to locate. James was not found in either the 1841 or 1851 census in the Earl or Walker areas. A marriage was found for a James Martin, the son of Robert Martin, to Ann Brown, daughter of James Brown, on 2 August 1841 in the parish church of All Saints, Newcastle. Three different researchers seem to think that this was the second marriage for James Martin, his first being to an Eleanor Hutchinson on 5 February 1832 at St Andrews, Newcastle. If so, after this first marriage, James and Eleanor settled in Earl, near Wooler, and Eleanor was the adoptive mother of Mary after the latter's birth in 1833 or 1834. No record has been found for Eleanor's death, which complicates matters.

Assuming that Eleanor did die before 1841 and James was remarried to the above Ann Brown in 1841, Ann then became Mary's second adoptive mother and the mother of the two Martin boys, James and Robert, born as Mary said after she went to live with the Martins. Mary would have been about eight years old when James married for the second time. Briefly, James Martin was christened 19 January 1793 in Ford (about five miles northwest of Earl), the son of Robert Martin and Isabel Bell who married 24 November 1766 in Ford. Ann (Ann Maria) Brown was christened 8 December 1811 in Longbenton, the daughter of James Brown and Mary Atkinson who married 25 November 1805 in Longbenton. No birth certificate has been found for a son of James Martin born in Earl circa 1844. However a birth Certificate was found for a Robert Martin, born 19 November 1849 in Walker, to James Martin and "Ann Maria Martin, formerly Brown".

It is possible that the ancestry of my Mary Martin will never be found, but I keep hoping and trying. The above facts are sketchy but may help someone to identify her. Incidentally, James was called both a glassmaker and a labourer. Whatever, he signed with his mark.

Matthew. Both of them, however, are interesting people. Matthew signed his name with an "x" in 1852 and tried his hand at both coalmining and farming (including a few unproductive and frustrating years in Dakota Territory, USA) and with little money raised a large family. His sons, including my grandfather, became engineers. Mary, I found out from newly-found relatives, not only braved the uncertainties of life in the Dakotas, delivering a daughter's babies and enduring the bitter cold of winter in the area, but surviving it all to settle down and spend her later life comfortably in Indiana, sitting on her porch and smoking her pipe, a source of great amusement to some of her grandchildren! Nor did Matthew and Mary disown one of their daughters when she had a baby out of wedlock. They raised her son as their own, naming him Matthew after their baby son Matthew who had died soon after birth.

Although I may never find Mary's parents, I am very fortunate to have a copy of a photograph of Matthew and Mary together and one of Mary sitting alone in her rocking chair - a wonderful possession. But how lucky I would consider myself to find more information about this ancestress of mine!

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THE SHIELDS OF ALLENDALE

The surname Shield is supposed to mean the person who lived in a cottage out on the hills in ancient times. Speed in his *Theatre of Great Britain* says "There is also a martiall kinde of men which lie out up and down in little cottages (called by them Sheals and Shealings) from April to August in a scattering fashion, Summering (as they term it) their cattle" In Allendale the word occurs in place names such as Carr Shields, Whiteley Shield, Knock Shield and Shield Ridge.

In 1531 King Henry VIII asked Cardinal Wolsey to select out of the regality of Hexham a hundred men with a captain to go to Berwick in time of necessity. Rynzen Shele and Cuthbert Shele were two of those chosen in East Allendale. In 1538 East Allendale alone sent to the muster 64 men, of whom 18 were named Shield (Schell), and all were "able with horse and harness." The district was constantly raided by the Scots, and in February 1596/7 it was reported that the people under Buccleugh's charge, "Ellots, Armstrongs, Nicksons, &c. have of late years murdered above fifty of the Queen's good subjects, many in their houses or on their lawful business in daytime as six honest Allendale men going to Hexham market cut in pieces."

The King, as lord of the manor, provided a corn mill for his tenants, and in 1547 Hugh Shield, who was griever of Allendale, held this mill. A Hugh Shield also held the mill in 1608 and died about 1636. Nicholas Shield in 1614 purchased the mill from the Crown grantees; he was 84 years of age in 1666 and was described as of Wooley, gentleman. His son Thomas in this year brought an action against a man who started an opposition mill - it seems that the mills were monopolies, and the lord of the manor, after providing the mill, compelled those under him to use it. When the old system was breaking down, disputes arose.

One branch of the Shield family lived at Wooley Burnfoot, which is also known as Walk Mill. Walk Mill is or was a fulling mill where cloth is dressed (at one time trampled - French *fouler*, to trample). Tradition says that some Scottish thieves came there once, and one was shot by a man named Shield whilst stealing cloth.

In the early records of the Society of Friends the name Shield is frequently mentioned. George Fox, founder of the Society, visited Northumberland in 1653 and says he had "glorious meetings in the Lord's power." Another visit was paid in 1657, and his last in 1663. In 1660 Thomas Shield of Wooley, Francis Shield Senior, Hugh Shield, Francis Shield Junior, Richard Sheele, John Sheele Junior and John Shield Senior, fuller, and others in all numbering 23, were taken by William Errington a magistrate and others who are all styled Papists "and by them Carried to Hexham and put into a stinking Dungeon and by the gaoler there kept several days who would scarce suffer anything to come to them but walled up the window where several of them were kept several weeks and then carried to Morpeth Gaol and there continued prisoners till the King's proclamation." A note evidently written afterwards states that they were taken at a meeting at New Sheele "being there met together to worship God. And committed to Gaol for no other cause. All cleared at Quarter Sessions." When Charles II commenced his reign there were about 700 friends in prison who were then set at liberty, and this is probably when the Allendale Friends were released.

In 1664 "Francis Shield of Burnfoot for not going to the Bell-house had taken from him two bibles one practice of piety of stockings and two axes one adds and four pieces of pewter by John Richardson called Churchwarden who said he was ordered to do so by one Ridley of Willimontswick called Justice who soon after committed him to Morpeth Gaol where he was a prisoner nine weeks. The goods worth £ 1-12-0d." The writer does not appear to have been willing to acknowledge the claim of the parish place of worship to the title of church, nor that the magistrate in enforcing an unjust law was a Justice in

anything more than name. In the following year Francis had a house worth £2 taken from him for a fine of 15 shillings inflicted on account of a meeting at Woodheads. Thomas Rowell, the Friend at whose house the meeting was held, had 3 kine worth £6 taken from him. Francis Shield also had corn worth £9 taken from him by John Richardson and Henry Dakers the priest.

Francis Shield the Elder of Burnfoot was buried there on 22 October 1667. His son Francis, who also lived at Burnfoot, married Elizabeth Broadwood of Hindley Hill and they had 14 children. In a later day John Wesley used to visit Hindley Hill, then occupied, I believe, by James Broadwood. The year 1682 seems to have been a time of persecution, and several Allendale Quakers were fined for attending meetings, some of which were held at Francis Shield's house. An old warrant dated 28 November 1682 begins as follows:-

"Forasmuch as Rich: Walton, Constable & John Bell Church warden, hath taken their coporall Oath before me that the several persons here under named were ye 12th day of November last past Assembled at a Conventicle or meeting under the Couler or pretence of Exercises of Religion in other manner than According to ye dwelling Lyturgie & Practice of ye Church of England at ye dwelling house of Francis Shield at Burnfoot at which conventicle meeting or Assembly there were five persons or more Assembled together all ym. of age of Sixteen years & upward over & besides of ye same household contrary to ye statute made in ye 22nd year of his Majesties Raigne ... for preventing and suppressing seditious conventicles for which offense ye several persons stands convicted before me forfeits ye sum of ten shillings as will more fully appear at their several names hereunder written ..." It goes on to describe how the fines are to be levied, and lists the following names: Rob. Watson de Studdon and his wife Mary, Antho. Watson de Huntwell, Rich. Buxton de Ridein, Rob. Bouston de Studdon, Jo. Shield de Peckrideing, Tho. Shield de Farstileburn, Tho. Whitfield de Midlup, Tho. Jackson de Hunter gapp, Mary Shield de Holmes, Jane Stephenson de Hagg, Jane Williamson de Hayrake, Tho. Howell de Woodheads, Mrag. Baxter de Steale, Fra. Shield de Burnfoot, Eli. Shield de Jd, Bell wife of Ed. Bell de Buttery Sheild.

Francis Shield died in 1708 and was interred in a private burial ground. His widow died at Burnlaw, the house of her daughter Deborah Spark, "the 20th day of the 5th Month, and was interred in Burnfoot Burying place or Garden 22nd of ye same 1725. She was the last of the Family laid in this Burying ground or garden." Of their 14 children two married children of Thomas and Mary Sparke of Burnlaw. Doborah married Matthew Sparke and Hugh, who was born in 1662, married Mary Sparke: they lived at the Peckriding in Allendale, where he was a fuller by trade, and they had three children, Francis, Mary and Joshua. Francis, his elder son, married Jane Byres, a Cumberland woman.

Francis and Jane had eight children. Of these Francis, born 1727, married "Lydia, daughter of Abraham and Rachel Watson and Grand Daughter of Charles Alsop senior of Broadwood Hall 1st of 3rd Mo. 1751." He was a dyer and had a corn mill, but fell into intemperate habits and was disowned by the Society of Friends in 1767 or 1768. He was obliged to sell Peckriding, and though he may have done pretty well in his business as a dyer, he was much reduced in his circumstances. He was for a time schoolmaster and probably had what was then reckoned a good education. At the time of his death his home was at Humshaugh in North Tyne valley.

The Sparke family appear in a survey of the manor of Hexham made in 1547, when William Spark held Netherburnelaw and paid 13/4 to the lord of the manor for it. In 1580 he surrendered land at Burnlaw to his son Thomas, and in 1629 Thomas Sparke transfered the property to his son William. William Sparke was buried at "Allendale Town Church the 15th March 1675." His son Thomas married Mary Richardson, and in 1675 John and Sarah Richardson of Marlborough, Wiltshire (possibly Mary's parents), surrendered West Side to the use of Thomas Sparke. A John Richardson had held West Side in 1608. Thomas Sparke was among those arrested at the meeting at New Sheele in 1660, and in 1665 several Friends were arrested at a meeting and committed to Morpeth Gaol. The others were prisoners for 16 weeks, but Thomas Sparke was kept prisoner for 3 years on account of his refusal to pay tithes. In 1675 he was taken (for not paying tithes probably) on a writ "de Excommunicates Capiendo" and taken to Morpeth Gaol where he remained a prisoner for 13 years. In 1682, though still a prisoner, one of his cows worth £2 was taken for a fine of 15 shillings for his wife and a daughter and another friend being at a meeting. James II issued a proclamation for a general pardon to all those in prison on account of their consciences, and Thomas Sparke would be one of the 1200 Quakers set free. He died in 1697.

The foregoing is from various sources but chiefly from the records of the Society of Friends, some of which are in my charge at present.

(Signed) John Hall Shield
9/8/1901

NEWSPAPER TYCOON

Jean Bradshaw

Family researches have recently been enlivened by details of the life of Thomas Purvis Ritzema, who at the turn of the century became a prominent newspaper proprietor in Blackburn, Lancashire.

Thomas was born in 1852 in South Shields, one of the children of William Ritzema, cordwainer, and Elizabeth Purvis (who embroidered a sampler in 1830 at the age of 11). Thomas's eldest sister was my great-grandmother Annie Urron (nee Ritzema), born in South Shields in 1845. In 1875 Thomas married Ellen Smith, the daughter of David Smith; they had two sons, Thomas Purvis Ritzema Jnr. and William David Ritzema, and a daughter referred to as Miss Ritzema who as far as I can tell never married. Both brothers did: Thomas Jnr., a Captain in the 3rd Lancashire Royal Garrison Artillery, married Miss Patience Sybil Grey, described as the younger daughter of the late Mr and Mrs L. Laidler, at Gosforth in August 1906; according to newspaper reports it was quite an event in the town. William David married Eleanor Hindle in August 1901 at St James Church, Blackburn. A puzzle - how come Patience was a 'Grey' and her late parents 'Laidler'?

I think the Smiths could well be related via another branch: the maiden name of the mother of Elizabeth Purvis (William Ritzema's wife) was Smith, and the family originated in the Bellingham and Hexham area in Northumberland. Elizabeth was born in Hexham and baptised in 1819, but was living in South Shields unmarried and independent at the time of the 1841 Census. She married William Ritzema in the 1840s, but I have been unable to trace their marriage in the St Catherine's House Index.

Thomas Purvis Ritzema Snr. started his working life on the *Shields Gazette*, where he was employed for 23 years, the first 7 of which were at the compositor's frame. Two years after he married Ellen Smith they moved from South Shields to Middlesbrough, where he became manager of the *North Eastern Daily Gazette* owned by Sir Hugh Gilzean Reid, and made a success of this venture. He also assisted in the foundation of the *Birmingham Daily Argus* and held an important role in the London *Daily News* for which George Cadbury of Bournville fame negotiated the proprietorship in 1901. Cadbury also asked Thomas to superintend this business for him.

Thomas was the proprietor of the *Northern Daily Telegraph* which he founded in Blackburn at a cost of £22,000, and 13 years after he founded the *Blackburn Weekly Telegraph*. It all came about on a train journey to London when he unsuccessfully tried to purchase an evening paper and discovered there was a lack of newspapers in the Northern area. As a result he set up his own in Blackburn.

On one occasion the power failed at his printing works, and such was his tenacity that within a few hours of publishing time he secured the services of a Corporation steam roller which was brought alongside the works. A hole was made in the side of the building, allowing the driving belt to pass through, and at the usual hour the machines were in motion and the paper published on time!

In 1902 he recommended Mr A.G. Gardiner, his reporter for 15 years and later editor of his weekly edition, to be appointed editor of Cadbury's *Daily News*. When he retired in 1907 Thomas was succeeded as Managing Director by Cadbury's third son. Thomas's two sons were also Directors on the Board, as was a grandson, Eric Ritzema, in later years.

This tycoon was influential in local politics, and as a member of the Liberal Association was one of their chief speakers. During the greater part of his career he was an ardent Free Trader, but later he showed a preference for the policy of 'safeguarding' and became a supporter of the National Government. As a Town Planning pioneer it was his drive and power which influenced the local Corporation to embark on its Small Holdings Scheme at Knuzden, Lancashire. He had great vision, ahead of his time perhaps, for the redevelopment of Blackburn, proposing the building of a Garden City near the River Ribble at Balderstone as well as schemes for the town's market centre. The then City Fathers felt his ideas were too extravagant and the development too advanced for Blackburn at that time.

Thomas was for many years a local and county magistrate, Hon. Manager of Blackburn Savings Bank, and one of the first members of Blackburn Education Committee. He was considered one of the benefactors of the town, and gave £1000 towards a War Memorial fund in 1922, one of many benefactions. Whilst successful at times in local politics he was not so in the Parliamentary elections. He stood as a candidate in 1895 but only polled 6,840 votes against more than 9,000 for each of his two opponents. In 1904 he was defeated in the Municipal elections, and was again defeated in three further attempts. He stood as an advanced Liberal and was a keen temperance advocate; he believed in religious equality and in improving the conditions of the people in every possible way. He did not forget his own humble beginnings. He was a pillar of non-conformity - 33 years Superintendent of the Sunday School of Paradise United Methodist Church, Blackburn, a position from which he retired in 1920. He had many interests, not least a lifelong support for Blackburn Rovers. He was a shareholder and for many years rarely missed a League match. In fact he was in his usual place at the beginning of the year in which he died - 1938, so was a keen supporter to the end!

Thomas lived at Quarry Glen, Blackburn, a mansion he had built in an old quarry which he had blasted out to create formal gardens around his home. On his 80th birthday he was presented with a portrait in oils by his staff. It was painted by Frank T. Copnall of Liverpool, and was hung in the Northern Daily Telegraph boardroom. Later it was presented by his son William D. Ritzema to Blackburn Art Gallery. In 1935 Thomas and Ellen celebrated their Diamond Wedding and received a telegram of congratulations from King George and Queen Mary. In 1938 Thomas entered a Manchester nursing home, where after two operations he died. His wife died not long afterwards at the age of 89.

The name of Ritzema originated in Holland, but as was stated forcibly in his own newspaper in 1914 "In reply to several correspondents Mr T.P. Ritzema requests us to state that his ancestors settled in England from Holland in the 17th century. He was born in South Shields, Co. Durham and so was his father. After this announcement Mr Ritzema will take proceedings against any person or persons circulating false statements as to his nationality."

Family historians are always instructed to first approach the senior member of a family. The seed for the above article was sown by Thomas's great-niece, my Aunt Grace Waister. Help was also given by Pat Storey of Edinburgh who spotted my interest at the NDFHS Conference in 1988. The 21 foolscap copies of newspaper cuttings supplied by the Blackburn Library filled in much of my Great Great Uncle's career and family background.

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JUST PASSING THROUGH

The following references to soldiers in the Hexham Parish Registers (1693-1735) have been abstracted by Doug Smith:-

BAPTISMS

10 August 1693	William son of Charles Lucas, dragoon
30 June 1694	Sarah dau. of Thos Afford, soldier
8 September 1705	William son of John Roper, a drummer in Capt Lieut Sands Troop of Dragoons
22 January 1709/10	William son William Caward, soldier
14 January 1710	George son Hugh Adams, soldier
	Jane illeg dau Abram Smith, soldier and ... Johnson, spinster
8 July 1711	Jane dau James Thomas, soldier
2 September 1711	Sam son Sam Reeves, soldier
.. April 1715 Morray, soldier, witnessed J. Snowball, Ralph Charlton and Isabell Kell

BURIALS

29 November 1700	a poor travelling soldier
22 January 1695/6	Sarah infant of T. Afford, Dragoon serjt.
23 October 1702	Thomas Leanwood, glover, a Drummer under Cornett Fenwick at Long Marston Moor fight AD 1642 (sic)
11 July 1704	Corporall Thos Naylor in Capt Stannforths Troop of Dragoons
7 October 1704	Thos Gibbons a Dragoon (lieut) in Cpt Lieutent Sands Troop
5 April 1707	Cpt Farmer Edwards of Livetint General Earles Regt of Foot born at in Bedfordshire
15 March 1709	Jane dau Cpt John Cape of Carlisle widoe relict of Mr George Ritschel late minister of Hexham, in quire
19 July 1710	Dorothy infant of Thos Stephenson a soldier
25 September 1710	Patrick son of James Richardson a soldier
1 January 1710/11	Bartholemew infant son of Corporall Howard
7 February 1711	Lyonell Robson a soldier shot himself
2 November 1720/1	Ann Fairlamb de Shire shot by Capt Burley
12 July 1720	Dorothea Christiana Wilthagen dau Anthony J. Wildhagen a Hansverian
26 December 1711	George infant son Hugh Adams, a soldier, poor
28 March 1712	a poor soldier, a traveller
12 September 1712	Infant son of Willm Caward, a soldier, poor
20 October 1714	Anne infant of Abraham Smith, a soldier
3 January 1715/6	a Dutch soldier, left sick
6 March 1715	William Wandee a Negro brought over by Capt Roger Carnaby and baptised
8 October 1716	Thomas infant of Thos Kell soldier
17 October 1730 Wife of Wm Stokoe soldier
7 April 1717	James Scott a dragoon in Col Peppers Regt
20 May 1717	Thos Mulligran a dragoon in Col Peppers Regt
20 September 1717	a foot soldier in Collenell Kirks Company
29 October 1717	Jonathan infant son of Thos Skurrah soldier

1816 CENSUS OF ROTHBURY

Henry Clark	is a married man, has 2 daughters & 1 son - the eldest 21. There is also an infant grandson. The house shows industry & cleanliness, They have one bible & five prayer books. One daughter lives with Mr Weallean.
John Wilson	is married & has 2 dau's the eldest 6 yrs old. His house is not remarkably clean. They have 4 Bibles & 2 prayer books.
William Davison	is a joiner. His Mother lives with him ... a brother & a sister. He has 2 apprentices - of these one is a churchman & has a prayer book. The other & all the family are presbyterian. There are 4 Bibles in the house - which is dirty & the inhabitants ill favored & ill mannered, except the joiner.
Joseph Hindmarsh	is married & has 3 sons the eldest 19. They have 2 Bibles & 2 prayer books. The house is not very clean but it seems to be the fault of the hovel in which they live rather than of the inhabitants.
Thomas Pringle	& his wife have 2 sons, a dau., a great nephew & 5 Bibles. They are a good sort of people but Presbyterians.
Edward Pringle	is a joiner, 75 years of age - very infirm but still makes tables & chairs in a small dirty hut. He has a little dog, remarkable for its long fine hair which he cuts & makes stockings of it. He is a papist & has I Bible. A niece lives with him.
Isabella Urpeth	is a strange half witted vagabond. She lives in a wretched filthy hovel with 2 grown up daughters whom she will not suffer to work or to learn anything. She gives all imaginable licence to her tongue & her hands & her character is like her dress all in tatters. She has a prayer book & a Bible which she never uses though she asked for others.
Cartington Castle:	This old ruin is inhabited by two masons: John & George Robson. The latter is married with 4 Dau's & a son the eldest 16. They are both Roman Catholic & have I Bible & 2 testaments.
Later addition:	Since the period alluded to above, John Robson is dead & the other brother not liking his old ruinous mansion has built himself a house at the foot of the bank to which he means to remove his family.

Editor's Note: The above extract from a Personal Census taken in Rothbury, Northumberland in 1816, was sent in by Ms P. Redmile of 4710 Decarie Boulevard, Apartment 35, MONTREAL, QUEBEC WD2 INL, CANADA. As she says, it seems to reflect the times - and also the prejudices of the enumerator!

DURHAM PITMEN IN IRELAND

L.B. Lander

I recently read a book on land use in County Kilkenny, Ireland, which would not appear on first sight to be of interest to our members. However, the author deals with the Wandesforde estate at Castlecomer, County Kilkenny, which had Durham connections and where coal was being worked as early as 1689.

Durham miners were brought in early in the 19th century, and one of the seams was named the Jarrow seam by them. In 1826 colliery supervisors, one of whom was Thomas Bermingham, were brought from the Durham coalfield to effect changes in the mining methods at Castlecomer. In 1849 Thomas Johnson was a colliery manager, and two other names mentioned in passing were William Hall and John Lowry. There may be some references to these events in local newspapers of the period.

The book, which is well written, is "FASSADININ - Land Settlement and Society in Southeast Ireland 1600-1850" by William Nolan (Geography Publications, Dublin, 1979).

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Welcome to all our new members.

- 2045 Mr J. LUMSDEN, 19 Meadow Road, PICKERING, North Yorkshire YO18 8NW
Would be interested to hear from anyone connected to Edward B. Smith, a book-keeper for 50 years at the Paper Mill, Felling Shore, and a founder member of the Felling Shore Co-op. He was born at Hull on 4 July 1817, a schoolmaster at Lumley for five years before moving to the "Shore." He married Martha Gillis of Gateshead on 23 December 1838 at Bishopwearmouth. Their children were - William born 1840 at Bishopwearmouth, John Edward born 1843 and married to Grace, and in the paper making trade, Dixon born 1844 at Lumley and a tailor by profession, George born 1846 and employed in a solicitors office, Davis born 1849 and married to someone called Susannah, Martha born 1853, Tom born 1856 married a Miss Coltman and emigrated to South Africa, and Alfred born 1860. Edward and Martha had had a grandson named Edwin who married someone named Buchanan. In 1896 Edward moved to Park Avenue, Whitley Bay to live with his daughter Martha.
- 3029 Mrs N.G.S. WANLESS, 1 Blind Lane, CHESTER LE STREET, County Durham DH3 4AF
Can any member in the United States please help with information on the career of Colonel Henry H. Leavenworth, 1783 to 1834, who built Fort Leavenworth in Kansas State, also of his son Captain Jesse Leavenworth. A photograph of the memorial unveiled on 30 May 1902 of the former would be appreciated.
- 3134 Mr K. ROBERTSON, Flat 3, 32 Chandos Road, Redland, BRISTOL BS6 6PF
(Tel: 0272 733460) Seeking the marriage of Edward Coulthard and Jane Hilton about 1834. Their first child, Ann, was baptised on 19 October 1836 at Holy Trinity, South Shields. Edward was the illegitimate son of Bridget Coulthard of Cumwhinton, Cumberland, who later married Samuel Hood. Edward Coulthard was a witness at the marriage of William Hood and Catherine Patterson at South Shields on 16 August 1835. Jane Hilton was probably the daughter of William Hilton and Ann Buddle. Also seeking the marriage of Robert Blair and Sarah (?) about 1812. Robert was baptised in January 1787, the son of James Blair and Margaret Nicholson.
- 3145 Mr D.R. HILL, Flower Pot, Newport Road, Northwood, COWES, Isle of Wight PO31 8PG
(Tel: 0983 290414) Seeking any information on David Hill, born about 1888 at Wooler, Northumberland, and died in 1952 at Sunderland. He was the son of Alan or Allan Hill, date of birth unknown, who died 1922-24 in Newcastle on Tyne. David Hill was an electrical engineer at a colliery in Newcastle or Sunderland. He married Josephine Forster about 1910 or 1911 at Carlisle. Her father was Thomas Forster who was born about 1858, and died about 1930 at Carlisle. Her mother's christian name was Isabel or Isabella, born about 1865 and died 1953/4 at Carlisle.
- 3348 Mrs P. REE, 45 Field View, Burton Stone Lane, YORK YO3 6ES
Researching the surname Snowball in Ovingham during the 18th and 19th century. Great great grandfather William Snowball founded the drapers shop, Snowballs, in Gateshead in 1858. It survived until the 1940's. Does anyone have memories of shopping, or better still, of working there? Would also like any information on Joseph James, a miller, born about 1824 in Newcastle, but by family lore, son of William James of Otterburn. Also researching Laverick of Bedlington in the 19th century.
- 3384 Mr S. WRIGHT, 277 Mauldeth Road, Burnage, MANCHESTER M19 1FF
Seeking birth and baptism of grandfather Thomas Wright of 24 Dockwray Square, North Shields, who was killed at sea in 1917. **His marriage certificate lists his father** as Thomas Wright a travelling showman. This is creating difficulties in tracking down the place of birth. Does anyone have any information on **circuses etc., in the late 19th** and early 20th century? Also searching for the name of an orphanage in Billy Mill, possibly in Park Crescent, where father John Wright and his brother George were sent in the early twenties when their mother Ellen Alan (nee Watson) died. Any help would be greatly appreciated.
- 3516 Mrs E. READER, 95 Gipsy Lane, WOKINGHAM, Berkshire RG11 2BW
(Tel: 0735 782935) Seeking the birthplace of Benjamin or Bernard Olsen who married Catherine (Kate) McKeon on **the 8 September 1878 at St Bedes R.C. Chapel in South Shields**. Their only known child, August Olsen, was born in 1879. Also searching for the birth of Robert Stokoe who married Jane Martin. Their son, Fred, was born in 1882. Robert worked on the Croxdale Estate. Also seeking any information about the parents of William Williamson, born in Hexham in 1852. He was the illegitimate son of Ann.

- 3598 Mr W.C. DAWSON, The Anchorage, 4 Cauldwell Close, Monkseaton, WHITLEY BAY, Northumberland NE25 8LP
(Tel: 091 2525439) Searching for the baptism and parents of Thomas Yeats Knott of Alston, Cumbria, who married Ann Armstrong about 1840 at Alston. Their eldest son, Joseph Armstrong Knott, was born on 5 October 1863 at Alston, and married Maud Mary Hancock Partridge of Huddersfield on 2 July 1885 at Scarborough. He later became a leather merchant in Gateshead. Two other sons were Dalton Knott and Tom Yeats Knott. Also seeking any information on Charles Pearson Daglish, born 8 July 1856 at Newcastle on Tyne, a groom, who married Margaret Yellowley of Backworth about 1877. Margaret was born on the 31 August 1856. They are known to have had nine children.
- 3768 Mr N.J. ARMSTRONG, 23 Highdown Road, LEWES, East Sussex BN7 1QA
Researching Armstrong in the Willington, Brandon, Brancepeth and Oakenshaw districts of Durham. Seeking descendants of Thomas and Ann Armstrong, particularly grandchildren with the surnames of Armstrong, Renwick and Naisbitt, all mentioned in the 1881 census as living at 35 School Street, Brandon. Interested in any Armstrongs resident in Oakenshaw in the 1890s and the whereabouts of Drum Cottages where they lived. Also seeking descendants of Joseph Marley and Anna Maria Armstrong who had ten children born between 1870 and 1899.
- 3780 Mrs E. STYAN, 18 Albert Street, CAMBRIDGE CB4 3BE
(Tel: 353777) Researching the following. Any Leathards, Leathatt, Leathart etc., anywhere, any century. In particular Robert Leathard born 1823-1824. He was a farm worker in early life but probably had a milk delivery round in Newcastle in the late 19th century. Baptisms of George Hutchinson and Mary Cundale of Shaws Mills, North Riding of Yorkshire. George was born between 1777 and 1784, and Mary about 1797, both in Yorkshire. Thomas Elliott, a lead miner, whose daughter Mary was born about 1836 at Langley Mills and married Robert Leathard in 1860 at Newcastle upon Tyne. Ralph Briggs, a waterman, living in Bell's Close, Scotswood in the late 19th century, and his father William Briggs, also a waterman on the Tyne. Mark Robson, a labourer, whose daughter Elizabeth married Ralph Briggs in 1868 in Newcastle. Elizabeth was probably not born within the City boundary. James Heslop, a miner of Haltwhistle, who married an Elizabeth in the early 1840s. Matthew Pattison, a farmer of Haltwhistle, and his wife Margaret Lee of Kirkhaugh. It was probably their daughter Elizabeth who married Thomas Thompson in 1827.
- 3783 Mr A. MAUGHAN, 6 Grove Close, HARTLEPOOL, Cleveland TS26 9NA
Researching the surname Maughan/Maugham. Can the name be traced back to the Covenanters in Scotland and to Ireland as a variant of Mahon or Mohan? It is sometimes pronounced Maffan. Great great grandfather Edward was living in Teasdale Terrace, Durham with his wife and nine children in 1851. Great grandfather Thomas later moved to West Auckland, County Durham.
- 3788 Mrs K. VICKERSTAFF, 143 Chaldon Road, CATERHAM, Surrey CR3 5PL
Seeking any information of the Molloy family who probably came from Ireland. Luke Hall Bilcliffe, born 1867, and Ann Molloy, also possibly born in 1867, were married in 1888. Ann's parents were Pat Molloy and Ann Monaghan who was born in 1836, possibly in Ireland, and died in 1918 at Newcastle on Tyne. Ann Monaghan was the daughter of Patrick Monaghan and Catherine Feeney. Pat and Ann Molloy are believed to have left Ireland for America or Canada and then to have returned and settled in Middlesbrough before moving to the Newcastle area. The children of the marriage are believed to have been Ann, Catherine, Michael, Jack/John/James and Margaret who married a Mr Walters. Any help to trace this family or their origins in Ireland would be greatly appreciated.
- 3792 Mrs L. HARRISON, 68 Bennett Street, DUBBO, NEW SOUTH WALES 2830, AUSTRALIA
Seeking any information on Joseph Turnbull, baptised on 11 September 1796 at Jarrow and died 10 February 1866 at Stockton. He married Sarah Scott at Jarrow, St Pauls on 5 May 1823. Sarah was baptised on 4 November 1804 at Longbenton, and died 7 December 1874 at St Ives, Cornwall. Their children John born 1823, Elizabeth born 1825, James born 1828, Joseph born 1830, Martha born 1832, Ann born 1835, Sarah born 1837, Thomas born 1839, and Mary born 1842, who married George Ternent Wilkinson. Some of the sons were seafaring, and one sister married a John Clark. Also researching James Scott baptised 10 November 1782 at Heddon on the Wall, who was married on 26 December 1801 at Longbenton to Elizabeth Morris, baptised 24 March 1782 at Wallsend. Their children were James born 1802, Sarah born 1804, John born 1806, Thomas born 1808 and Matthew born 1811, all baptised at Longbenton. Any information on William Wilkinson, born about 1818 at Lamesley, innkeeper, who was married on 25 December 1838 to Ann Ternent. Ann was born about 1816 at Lorbottle, Northumberland. Their children were - George Ternent born 1839 at Lamesley and married to Mary Turnbull, Ann born 1843; Margaret born 1845, Elizabeth born 1846, William born 1850, Hannah born 1852 and Isabella born 1857. Mrs Harrison is the Librarian and Journal Editor for the Dubbo Macquarie Family History Society Inc.
- 3811 Mr C. BUTTERFIELD, 2689 MacDonald Drive East, VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA V8N 1Y1, CANADA.
Researching the following. Ruth Dunn who was born in 1841, the daughter of William Dunn of "Marlish", Northumberland. Ralph Reed and Sarah Iveson who were married at Tanfield on 29 May 1808. Isabella Curry and William Reed who were married at Tanfield on 28 October 1853. John Mossom, born on 22 April 1832 at Houghton le Spring, the son of John and Mary Mossom. Thomas Bell and Margaret Thompson who were married about 1880. They had a daughter Lily born on 26 May 1890 at Murton, County Durham.
- 3814 Mr J.M. GREENWELL, 1 Plum Tree Lane, LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Bedfordshire LU7 8HY
Researching the Greenwell family who lived in Satley, County Durham from 1183, and at Broomshiels, Satley from 1454 until 1923. The pedigree is well documented in Burkes Landed Gentry, but seeking any other information, records etc. Also researching the Maddisons who lived at nearby Hole House and Hall Hill from 1595 and married into the Greenwell family.

- 3848 Mrs M.E. NICHOLSON, Pele Tower, CORBRIDGE, Northumberland NE45 5LA
Seeking the baptism of Matthew Hardy born in 1807 in the Newcastle area. His father was a pitman. Researching the Lawson family of Ryton pre 1774 who moved to the Newcastle area in 1806 and then to the Bishop Auckland area in 1837. Also researching the Smith family of Corbridge from 1737 to the early 1800s. Seeking any information on the Rev. Robert Edward Taylor, vicar of Bedlington and Cresswell, Northumberland, who was drowned at Cresswell in 1894. His father married Mary Bowes Moises at St Andrews Church, Newcastle in 1821. They moved to Monk Hesledon, County Durham, when Robert Edward Taylor was born in 1823.
- 3867 Mrs D. ROBERTS, 4 Longfellow Road, Balby, DONCASTER, South Yorkshire DN4 8LP
Seeking the marriage of John Hills, baptised in 1779 at Chester le Street, and Dorothy Musgrave of North Bedburn, Durham. Also the marriage of their son William Hills (born 8 October 1812 at Penshaw and died 15 October 1879 at Hetton le Hole) to Jane (?) of Murton, Northumberland. William and Jane had two sons, John Thomas born 1 February 1835, and Matthew born 13 November 1836. Also seeking the marriage of Thomas Walker and Dorothy Stark about 1798 in the Lyons area near Hetton le Hole.
Can anyone help with information on a colliery accident at Row Pit, Harraton, on 30th June 1817, when nine of the victims were from three generations of the Hills family? They were all buried at Penshaw on 2nd July 1817.
- 3870 Mr J.P. AGNEW, 14 Gosforth Street, Monkwearmouth, SUNDERLAND SR6 OER.
Looking for the marriage of Thomas Mullen and Jane Scott in South Shields or Jarrow about 1870. Also the marriage of Margaret Mullen who lived at 32 Shakespear Street, South Shields in 1894 to a man named Chariton, probably about the same year. Seeking any information about the Charlton family who lived behind the Hilda Pit in South Shields between 1930 and 1940.
- 3879 Mrs E. RICHARDSON, 9 Glynwood Gardens, GATESHEAD, Tyne and Wear NE9 5RR
Researching Thomas Hoddinott who was born in London in 1829 and married Jane Swetman Henzel in 1851. Thomas was drowned in the Wash, Lincolnshire, in 1874. Also seeking any information on Gabriel Henzel, a cabinet maker, of the Groat Market, Newcastle, about 1850, and any Cotteralls, Coterils or Cotterells of Sunderland, Gateshead and Scotland.
- 3897 Mrs E. FARQUHAR, 83 York Street, Dunnington, YORK YO1 5QW
Researching the Davison family, glassmakers, of Ayres Quay, Bishopwearmouth. Seeking the birth or baptism of Hall Davison, born 1854 (not registered) husband of Agnes Graham, born 1858 at Airdrie, Lanarkshire. Also seeking the marriage of George Davison, potmaker, born 1801 at Seaton Sluice, and Elizabeth Laing, born about 1812.
Also researching Graham, Hallard, Galbraith and Cochrane of Ayres Quay, Airdrie and Ireland, and Shepherd, Wild, Oliver and Tindle of South Hylton, Ayres Quay, Stanhope, South Shields and Sunderland. Seeking any information on Matthew Maddison, born 1845, a miner, husband of Margaret Cutter, born 1847 at Gosforth, Forest Hall. Also Robert Paton, a soldier who served with General Gordon, possibly born at Galashiels and was a miner in the Newsham area, and Thomas Potts, a miner, born 1853 and husband of Barbara Paton, born 1862, of New Delaval, Horton and Forest Hall.
- 3898 Mr J.G. FARQUHAR, 83 York Street, Dunnington, YORK YO1 5QW
Researching George Spence of Glasgow, George Gordon of Whitburn, West Lothian, Farquhar, Loudon, Cunningham, Wilson and Lindsay of Riccarton and Craigie in Ayrshire; Pringle of Dalry, Flemming of Dunlop, Stewarton and Darvel in Ayrshire; Eadie, Waugh and Russell of Bathgate in West Lothian; Gibson of Muirkirk in Ayrshire; Doak and Young of Galston in Ayrshire; Whitehill and Anderson of Barrhead in Renfrewshire and Storrie and Baillie of New Monkland in Lanarkshire.
- 3918 Mrs A. READ, Lilac Tree Cottage, Sandhill Lane, CRAWLEY DOWN, Sussex RH10 4LB
Seeking any information on great great grandfather Blenkin and his wife. Only his surname is known. He is said to have been an under-manager at Binchester Colliery, County Durham, about 1890. Any information welcome.
- 3920 Mrs S.R. THOMPSON, 6 Broughton Avenue, CROYDON, VICTORIA 3136, AUSTRALIA
Seeking births/baptisms and marriage of Thomas Henry Thompson and Ann Colquhoun. Ann was born in Scotland and died in 1944 at Gateshead, possibly in Old Durham Road. Their son Joseph was born in Gateshead in June 1888, and married Ethel Beaumont Scorer on 31 May 1919 at Haughton le Skerne. They had children born in Darlington. Ethel was born in 1895 at West Hartlepool, the daughter of Christopher George Scorer and Lottie Louisa Barnes who were married in 1895 at West Hartlepool. Christopher's father was Henry Thompson Scorer, and Lottie's parents were George Barnes, a sea captain (born 29 April 1826 and died 23 October 1884) and Sarah Ellen (maiden name unknown) who was born 23 January 1831 and died 5 November 1918.
- 3934 Mr M.J.D. STOKER, 39 Woodbourne, Weybourne, FARNHAM, Surrey GU9 9EE
(Tel: 0252 28252) Seeking baptism and parents of William Stoker who married Hannah Wilson at St. Andrews Church, Newcastle upon Tyne on 3 December 1850. At the time of the wedding William was living in Prudhoe Street and was a draper, though he later became a grocer. His father was Matthew Stoker, a hoistman. Hannah's father was Alsop Wilson, a clogger of Chester le Street. In 1853 William and Hannah were living in Shotley Bridge, Benfieldside. Also seeking information about John Alsop Stoker, son of William and Hannah, who was born in 1853 and married in 1876 at Gateshead Registry Office. He was a grocer and living in Gateshead at the time of his marriage. He worked for the London and Newcastle Tea Company and moved to South London in the early 1880's to work for the Mazzawattee Tea Company. Any information would be much appreciated.
- 3939 Mrs L. GREGG, 169 Newsham Road, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 5RR

- 3940 Mr D.G. ASHBRIDGE, 8 North Royd, Northedge Lane, Hipperholme, HALIFAX, West Yorkshire HX3 8LA
(Tel: Halifax 206862)
- 3941 Miss M. RUTHERFORD, 7 Front Street, Lanchester, DURHAM DH7 0LA
(Tel: Lanchester 520576)
- 3942 Mr R.W. RUTHERFORD, 7 Front Street, Lanchester, DURHAM DH7 0LA
(Tel: Lanchester 520576)
- 3943 Mrs F. McKINLEY, 11 James Lane, SAINT JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND A1E 3H3, CANADA
Researching the Furness family of Ponteland, Belford, Dinnington and Whitley Bay all in Northumberland, especially any descendants of the Rev. John Furness born in 1759. Also seeking any information on John Furness Tone, born 1825, and Sarah Tone, born 1822, of Newcastle on Tyne, and the Pattison family of Lamesley in County Durham. The Furness family also lived at Lamesley and Ravensworth in County Durham.
- 3944 Ms A. CRICHTON-HARRIS, P.O. Box 218, COLUMBIA FALLS, MAINE 04623, UNITED STATES
Researching the family of Caroline Denton born 1836 at Bishopwearmouth, and married to the Rev. Brian Christopherson at Hartlepool on 14 June 1866. Caroline was the daughter of Caroline Ord and John Punshon Denton of Bishopwearmouth. Seeking the parents of Caroline Ord, and were the parents of John Punshon Denton, Richard Denton and Barbara Punshon who were married on 29 April 1799 at Bishopwearmouth?
- 3945 Prof. I. LAUDER, Paddock House, Illston-on-the-Hill, LEICESTER LE7 9EG
(Tel: Billesdon 511) Researching the Lauder family who have been living at or near Crook in County Durham since 1861. Seeking the baptisms of William Lauder who was born at Cowpen, Blyth, in 1833, and Jasper Lauder, born at Hetton, County Durham, in 1835. The marriage certificates of both William and Jasper give the fathers name as George Lauder who was possibly born between 1800 and 1815. Also interested in Septimus Luck, William Askew and Thomas Smalley, all living in or around Crook in the 19th Century.
- 3946 Mrs S.L.C. DUFF, 723 South Gaylord Street, DENVER, COLORADO 80209, UNITED STATES
- 3947 Mrs E. FARROW, 9 Lambert Gardens, Shurdington, CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire GL51 5SW
- 3948 Mrs P. REYNOLDS, 20 Lilac Place, Yiewsley, WEST DRAYTON, Middlesex UB7 8LR
(Tel: West Drayton 444442) Seeking information on the Parlour family who farmed at Red Rose Farm, Chester-le-Street, from 1906 to 1939. Would like to know where they went to when the farm was pulled down, and also who Lord Durham was that they worked for before 1906. Also researching Aldwin, Beckett, Faulkner and Roffey of Buckinghamshire; Anderson of Paisley and London; Balmforth and Munns of London and Surrey; Beasley of Oxford, Surrey and Buckinghamshire; Brotherton and Hullaw of Yorkshire; Butler and Deamer of Middlesex; Draper and Taylor of Surrey; Husband, Knaggs, Lamb and Wilkinson of Cleveland; Jenkins of Merthyr Tydfil; Lynas of Durham and Cleveland; Macey of Oxford and Surrey; Parlour of Yorkshire and Durham, and Reynolds of South Wales.
- 3949 Mrs M. DUNN, 37 Amanda Crescent, SANDY BAY, TASMANIA 7005, AUSTRALIA
- 3950 Mrs P. ROBISON, 44 Chicken Road, WALLSEND, Tyne and Wear NE28 8NN
(Tel: Tyneside 234 2829) Researching the surname Cain.
- 3951 Mr ROBISON, 44 Chicken Road, WALLSEND, Tyne and Wear NE28 8NN
(Tel: Tyneside 234 2829)
- 3952 Mr G.W. SANDERS, 11 Boland Road, Lynemouth, MORPETH, Northumberland NE61 5UB
(Tel: Morpeth 860837)
- 3953 Mrs J. SANDERS, 11 Boland Road, Lynemouth, MORPETH, Northumberland NE61 5UB
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- 3954 Mrs V. DOVE, 25 Minster Avenue, Huntingdon, YORK Y03 9DJ
- 3955 Ms J. CHAMBERS, 18 The Cloisters, Wybers Wood, GRIMSBY, South Humberside DN37 9QX
(Tel: Grimsby 883407)
- 3956 Mr A.S. CROMARTY, 40 Portland Road, EAST GRINSTEAD, West Sussex RH19 4EA
- 3957 Mrs S.P. RYAN, 35 Old Kempshott Lane, BASINGSTOKE, Hampshire RG22 5ET
(Tel: Basingstoke 23036)
- 3958 Mr E. SMART, 44 Kennersdene, Tynemouth, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE30 2LX
- 3959 Mrs S.P. CALLAGHAN, 279 Ringinglow Road, SHEFFIELD, South Yorkshire S11 7PZ
- 3960 Mr R.C. HORN, 3/40 Victor Street, Holland Park, BRISBANE 4121, AUSTRALIA
- 3961 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF GENEALOGICAL STUDIES, P.O. Box 68, OAKLEIGH, VICTORIA 3166, AUSTRALIA
- 3962 Mrs P. FOWLER, 3 Mill Lane, Langford, BIGGLESWADE, Bedfordshire SG18 9QB
- 3963 Mr D.H. POOLE, 6 Windsor Street, TRIMDON STATION, County Durham TS29 6DT
- 3964 Mrs K. STEVENS, 27 Walford Avenue, Worle, WESTON SUPER MARE, Avon BS22 0YZ
(Tel: 0934 518691)
- 3965 Mrs G. ROSS, 35 Chiltern Avenue, REDCAR, Cleveland TS10 4AL
(Tel: Redcar 482436)

- 3966 Mrs L. BERRIDGE, 6 Placehouse Lane, COULSDON, Surrey CR5 1LA
Any help welcomed in tracing the McArdle family who came from Northern Ireland in 1858 or 1859, bringing Peter aged 2 or 3 years of age, and settling in the Consett or Stanley area. Peter married Mary Ellen Donnelly in 1881 and they had eight children. Peter's father was Patrick McArdle, a wood merchant. Would like to trace any descendants of Peter's children, namely, Peter who went to America and believed to be buried in Danville; Margaret who lived in Scotland and had thirteen children, and Michael who died at South Moor in 1935, and whose family then moved to Lancashire. It is believed there were also cousins still living in the Stanley area in the 1930s, one being an Ann McArdle.
- 3967 Ms P.J. MUTER, 2 The Grove, HARROGATE, North Yorkshire HG 1 5NN
- 3968 Mrs J. BULLER, 136 Elstree Gardens, BELVEDERE, Kent DA17 5DW
Researching the Pallas or Pallece family who seem to have come only from the Sunderland area. Especially interested in finding the name of the father of Mary Jane Pallas who was born on the 26 September 1853, at Warren Street, Sunderland, to Mary Ann Pallas. (No fathers name given). Also researching the name Renney/Rennie from Durham, and Carter originally from Whitby and later from Bishopwearmouth and Middlesbrough. Other interests are McCormick and Benstead.
- 3969 Mr M.E. HICKES, Glen Court, Main Street, Hemingbrough, SELBY, Yorkshire
Researching the Brewis family of Swarland, Felton and Alnwick areas. Great grandfather William Brewis, a blacksmith born about 1845, is said to have had a relative who was Mayor of Portsmouth. But who, and when? Were there any connections with the Robson family who were butchers in Felton? William Brewis married Margaret Baty who was 25 years of age and born at Stamfordham in the 1881 Census. Also researching the Harcourt family, especially Grant McKenzie Harcourt whose wife (Sarah Ann Hickes) died in Newcastle in March 1894. Did he emigrate? Any information welcome.
- 3970 Mrs E.W. MONKHOUSE, 142 Mowbray Road, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE33 3AZ
- 3971 Mrs G. GARNER, 32 Causie Drive, ST. CLEMENT, JERSEY, Channel Islands JE2 6SR
- 3972 Mr J.R. PEFFERS, 14 Newbury Avenue, ENFIELD, Middlesex EN3 6ED
- 3973 Ms C. PEFFERS, 14 Newbury Avenue, ENFIELD, Middlesex EN3 6ED
- 3974 Mrs A. BURNS, Hirds House, 8 North Street, West Rainton, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, Tyne and Wear DH4 6NU
- 3975 Mr C. BURNS, Hirds House, 8 North Street, West Rainton, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, Tyne and Wear DH4 6NU
- 3976 Ms J. MOMENT, 8 Beverley Road, Cayton, SCARBOROUGH, North Yorkshire YO I 13SL
(Tel: 0723 584333)
- 3977 Mrs B.M. ROCHESTER, 8 Shorey Bank, BURNLEY, Lancashire BB II 2RY
(Tel: 0282 29319)
- 3978 Mrs Y.D. WYPER, 651 Commercial Road, Stepney, LONDON E14 7LW
(Tel: 071 7901601)
- 3979 Mr R.A. LOWES, 52 Birchwood Avenue, Woodlands Park, North Gosforth, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE13 6QA
- 3980 Mrs N. LOWES, 52 Birchwood Avenue, Woodlands Park, North Gosforth, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE13 6QA
- 3981 Mr A. OUSLEY, 27 Central Avenue Fitzwilliam, PONTEFRACT, West Yorkshire WF9 5AT
- 3982 Mrs J. ALLAN, 10-12 Front Street, Seaton Burn, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE13 6ES
- 3983 Mrs D.A. SMART, 5 Park View, Wideopen, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE13 6LH
- 3984 Mr E. LAWS, "Southlands", Whitegate, East Keswick, LEEDS LS17 9HB
(Tel: 0937 73955) Seeking any information on Matthew Laws who was born about 1820 in Haswell, County Durham. There may be some connection with the "SS Great Eastern."
- 3985 Mr W.M. NOBLE, 117 Cheswick Drive, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE3 5DW
(Tel: 091 2857728)
- 3986 Mrs S. MATTHEWS, 11 Westgate Avenue, WINSFORD, Cheshire CW7 2ND
(Tel: 0606 593818)
- 3987 Mrs P. JONES, 69 The Generals Woods, Harraton District 13, WASHINGTON, Tyne and Wear NE38 9BW
- 3988 Mr H. PARKER, 71 Pinfold Avenue, Sherburn-in-Elmet, LEEDS LS25 6LA
(Tel: 0977 684910)
- 3989 Mrs G. DOHERTY, 5 Bower Close, ST LEONARDS ON SEA, East Sussex TN37 7JX
(Tel: 0424 753066) Researching William Corner who married Ann Scully, formerly Swinney or Sweeney, in Hartlepool in 1873. William was a bottle maker. What firm did he work for? By 1885 he was a bottle maker in St Helens, Lancashire. Did any firm have a glassworks in both locations? Also researching Heaton of Lancashire, Saxby of Sussex and Nash of Surrey.
- 3990 Mrs D. CLARK, 33 Walesby Lane, New Ollerton, NEWARK, Nottinghamshire NG22 9RB
(Tel: 0623 861233) Researching Margaret Ann Hunter (daughter of Matthew Hunter) who married Thomas Burrell Walker (son of Mary Ann Walker) at South Shields in 1891. They were both of Boldon Colliery. They

had a son named George Robson Walker. Seeking the marriage of William McIntyre and Isobella McTimney, possibly in Cork, Ireland. Their son Henry was born in 1863 at Bill Quay, Heworth, and married Eunice Phillips at South Shields in 1895. Eunice was born in 1875 at Burslem, Staffordshire. Looking for the marriage of James Girdlestone (possibly born in Norfolk) who married Elizabeth Smith at Newcastle about 1890. Their daughter Jane Grace Girdlestone was born in 1896 at Jarrow, and married Henry McIntyre in 1923 at East Jarrow. Also seeking the marriage of Thomas William Dove born at Chester le Street in 1884 and married to Elizabeth Cowan. Their daughter Doris was born in 1908 at Ushaw Moor, Broom, Durham.

- 3991 Mrs M.W. BLEIDNER, Apt. 706, 2000 Coco Plum Drive, MARATHON, FLORIDA 33050, United States
- 3992 Mr W. GIBSON, 5 Southway, Daisy Hill Lane, Edgerton, HUDDERSFIELD, HD3 3LN
- 3993 Mr H.C.A. ARMSTRONG, Clay Hill Cottage, Bisterne Close, Burley, RINGWOOD, Hampshire BH244AZ
- 3994 Mrs P.M. ARMSTRONG, Clay Hill Cottage, Bisterne Close, Burley, RINGWOOD, Hampshire BH244AZ (Tel: 04253 3397) Searching for the ancestors of Hugh Clayton Armstrong who was baptised on 20th December 1814 at St Nicholas, Newcastle. His parents were possibly William and Dorothy. He married Elizabeth Ellen Mather, the daughter of John Marshall Mather, and they had the following children - Sarah Ellen, Hugh Clayton, Edward Bryan, Elizabeth Edith, Lewis Edwin and possibly Mary Beckwith. ~~Hugh Clayton Armstrong who was a timber merchant, died when he was 56 of age. What happened then to his family?~~ The son, Hugh Clayton Armstrong, married Lydia Hutchinson in 1873. She was the daughter of George Hutchinson of Gosforth Grove, deceased, and listed as a Surgeon. The name of Hugh Clayton is believed to be connected to the Hugh Clayton who was prominent in the redevelopment of Newcastle last century - Clayton Street. The family business was listed as Clayton and Armstrong of 117 Northumberland Street in Wards Directory of 1857-58, and in 1861-62 as at Eldon Row, and also as timber merchants and coke manufacturers at Skinners Burn. What is the connection that brought the family name of Hugh Clayton Armstrong which is still used today?
- 3995 Miss C.P.M. ARMSTRONG, Clay Hill Cottage, Bisterne Close, Burley, RINGWOOD, Hampshire BH244AZ
- 3996 Mr M. WATTS, The Maltings, Wellow, BATH BA2 8QJ (Tel: Combedown 833086) Researching MacDonald. Angus and Daniel sons of Donald MacDonald fled from Glencoe to Morayshire, then on their way south to Liverpool to emigrate to Canada, they arrived in Newcastle and stayed late 18th to early 19th century. Any information welcome.
- 3997 Dr R.W. GOULD, 4 Linskill Street, Harbour View, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE30 1DR
- 3998 Mrs M. GOULD, 4 Linskill Street, Harbour View, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE30 1DR (Tel: Tyneside 2570632)
- 3999 Mr A.L. CRAM, 117 Crabtree Lane, HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire AL5 5RQ (Tel: Harpenden 768330)
- 4000 Miss S. YOUNGER, 58 Wheatridge, Seaton Delaval, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear NE25 OAW
- 4001 Mr R. SAMPSON, 42 Acacia Gardens, CROOK, County Durham DL15 9NA (Tel: Bishop Auckland 762019)
- 4002 Mr T. CARTLEDGE, 33 Wardman Crescent, REDCAR, Cleveland TS10 2DQ
- 4003 Mr F. STOBART, 32 All Saints Drive, Hetton-le-Hole, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, Tyne and Wear DH5 9BL
- 4004 Mrs E.L. RIDLEY, 44 Valley Drive, Low Fell, GATESHEAD, Tyne and Wear NE9 5DH
Seeking the following marriages - Charles Clark and Hannah Norman about 1884 at Crook; Christopher Ross and Edith Eveline Clarke about 1908 at Crook, and Elijah Norman and Harriet Ann Winter about 1906 at Crook. Also the following births - Charles Clarke about 1860 at Ubberton, Suffolk; Hannah Norman about 1864 at Ubberton, Suffolk; George Norman about 1861 at Ubberton, Suffolk; Hugh Clennell about 1839 and Elizabeth Clennell about 1864, both at Bitchburn or Beechburn; Christopher Ross about 1886 at Witton Park, and Edith Eveline Clarke about 1886, Elijah Norman about 1883, Harriet Ann Winter about 1881, and Anne Hall about 1860, all at Crook. Does anyone know the reason for families moving from the Ubberton area to Suffolk to Durham about 1871? Would also welcome any information about the name Lyall at Witton Park or anywhere in County Durham.
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- 4008 Mr G.F. BROWN, 10 Chestnut Crescent, Southwick, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR5 5BT (Tel: Wearside 5497245)
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- 4014 Mrs M.J.B. HARLAND, 87 Marmion Street, FREEMANTLE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA 6160
Researching Fair of North Shields, 1770 to 1860; Davey/Davy of North Shields, **1810 to 1860**; Bell of Bedlington and Jarrow, 1820 to 1860; and Potts of **Newbiggin, 1760 to 1800**.
- 4015 Miss J. THORNTON, 9 Fir Avenue, Sherburn Road Estate, DURHAM DH1 2EU
(Tel: Durham 3867653)
- 4016 Mr E.R. FORSTER, 8 Medina Way, KINGS WINFORD, West Midlands DY6 9DJ
(Tel: 0384 273160) Researching Forster of Lowstead about 1800, Beadnell about 1850, Annstead about 1840 and Seaton Delaval about 1900. Also Jobson of Northumberland 19th to 20th centuries, Chisholm of Challarn about 1800 and Maver of Edinburgh about 1880 and Aberdeen about 1850.
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- 4018 Mrs A. SEWELL, 40 Beechwood Avenue, COULSDON, Surrey CR3 2PB
- 4019 Mr J.W. DIXON, "Tamar" Braintree Road, DUNMOW, Essex CM6 1HT
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(Tel: 0371 873871)
- 4021 Mr P. MANNING, 18 Stratford Avenue, Rainham, GILLINGHAM, Kent ME8 OEP
Seeking baptism and parents of John Sharp born about 1790 in Northumberland, a mariner, and his wife Mary, born 1794 at North Shields. Their children were Ann, Elizabeth, George and Caroline born at Ratcliff, Stepney. They also had a son John born about 1822 who married Martha Huntrods on the 6 April 1844 at **Dalton-le-Dale**. Martha was born also about 1822.
- 4022 Mrs M.G. MANN, 15 South Crescent, North End, DURHAM DH1 4NF
- 4023 Mr E. MANN, 15 South Crescent, North End, DURHAM DH1 4NF
- 4024 Mrs S.J. BEAN, 223 College Street, Long Eaton, NOTTINGHAM NG 10 4GF
- 4025 Mrs J. LLOYD, 68 St Marys Walk, Acklam, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland TS5 7SD
- 4026 Mr T.H. GLADDERS, 11012-160A Street, EDMONTON, ALBERTA T5P 3G7, CANADA
Researching Gladders in the 1800s at Middleton St. George, Middlesbrough, Stockton, Thornaby area, North Shields and Tynemouth, and in the 1700s at Lanchester, Tanfield, Lamesley, Kyo, Shield Row and Hedley. Hunter and Greer in the 1800s in County Down, Northern Ireland. Walker and Mullen in the 1800s in Middlesbrough and earlier in Northern Ireland. Johnson in the 1700s in Bellingham and Hexham. Irwin in the 1800s in Blanchland, and Ridley in the 1700s in Hexham, Northumberland.
- 4027 Mr J. SAMBROOKS, 20 Newlyn Drive, JARROW, Tyne and Wear NE32 3TV
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- 4028 Mrs M. WARD, 4 Linton Road, Nether Poppleton, YORK Y02 6LT
(Tel: York 794409)
- 4029 Mrs P. PEACOCK, 31 Roman Avenue South, Stamford Bridge, YORK Y04 IEZ
(Tel: 0759 71665)
- 4030 Mr T.J. PEACOCK, 31 Roman Avenue South, Stamford Bridge, YORK Y04 IEZ
(Tel: 0759 71665)
- 4031 Mr G. BANNISTER, 25 Northfield Drive, Woodsetts, WORKSOP, Nottinghamshire S81 8QF
- 4032 Mrs C.A. BANNISTER, 25 Northfield Drive, Woodsetts, WORKSOP, Nottinghamshire S81 8QF
- 4033 Mr.J. PAWSEY, 24 Front Street, Glanton, ALNWICK, Northumberland NE66 4AJ
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- 4034 Mrs R. PAWSEY, 24 Front Street, Glanton, ALNWICK, Northumberland NE66 4AJ
(Tel: Powburn 578531)
- 4035 Mrs G. LOWTON-WILSON, 5650 Solingen 1, Henckelsstr. 32, GERMANY.
(Tel: 0212 814466) Researching the Hartcop/Hartcup or Hartkopf family Swordsmiths, who immigrated from Solingen to England from 1690 onwards. Some of them settled at Shotley Bridge. Particularly interested in John or Johannis Hartcop. A letter from him to Cotesworth around 1712-1713 was mentioned in "The Swordmakers of Shotley Bridge" a booklet by David Richardson in 1973. After the call for swords diminished they left Shotley Bridge and settled elsewhere, some in Durham. Would like any information on any Hartcops, and would be willing to undertake research in Solingen on behalf of any descendants of other families from there in exchange.
- 4036 Mr J.R. McINTYRE, 41 Nursery Walk, Tettenhall, WOLVERHAMPTON, West Midlands WV6 8QY
Researching Thomson, Bernisconi and Coates of Berwick on Tweed. John Thomson, a bank clerk and corn merchant, married Jane Coates of Bridge Street, Palace Avenue, Berwick. They had three children (1) Margaret (Maggie) who married Antonio Bernisconi an import/export merchant of 49 Osborne Road, Newcastle on Tyne. They had a child, Antonio Rupert born 10 February 1883. (2) Thomas William, born 29

- January 1845, and (3) **James Hood, a chemist**, born 13 May 1847, at Ravensdown, Berwick, and married to Maria McGown on 23 January 1878. Also seeking information on James McIntyre born 26 October 1834 at Bialachandrain, Argyllshire, and John McIntyre, born 28 June 1832 at Duileter, Argyllshire.
- 4037 Mrs J.M. BUTCHER, 25 Silverdale Road, NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, Merseyside WA12 0JT
- 4038 Mr S. FRENCH, 30 Sharpies Green, LUTON, Bedfordshire LU3 4BB
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- 4040 Mrs S.M. DENNISON, 4 Helena Street, LUMSDEN, SOUTHLAND, NEW ZEALAND
- 4041 Mrs D.P. EVANS, 46 Beeches Avenue, CARSHALTON, Surrey SM5 3LW
- 4042 Miss E. PEARCE, 59 Lansdowne Road, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland, TS4 2LS
Interested in Elizabeth Pearce born at Kyo in 1875, the daughter of William Pearce and his wife Elizabeth Large. The family originated in the St Austell area of Cornwall and moved to this area via Skelmersdale. Elizabeth Large was born at St Helens, Lancashire. The family settled in the Ferryhill area sometime between 1881 and 1891.
- 4043 Mr F. PHILLIPSON, 55 Whitecroft Road, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE12 OEY
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- 4044 Mrs J.M. PEARSON, 8 Rushey Gill, Brandon, DURHAM DH7 8BL
- 4045 Mrs D.M. WILSON, The Paddock, 36 Main Street, Scholes, LEEDS LS15 4DH
(Tel: Leeds 645383)
- 4046 Mrs L.M. TAYLOR, 11 Madginford Road, Bearsted, MAIDSTONE, Kent ME15 8LQ
(Tel: Maidstone 30501)
- 4047 Mr M.E. MATTHEWS, 3 Bourke Street, MENTONE, VICTORIA 3194, AUSTRALIA
- 4048 Mrs A. TODD, 54 Summit Crescent, RINGWOOD, VICTORIA 3134, AUSTRALIA
Researching Richard Bowes, a solicitor, who married Isabella Maria Green at Malton in 1847. They had three children - William Harker Bowes born 1848, Richard Taylor Bowes born 1849 and Annie Maria (Mary) Webster Bowes born 1851, all born in Monkwearmouth. Richard Taylor Bowes was partly educated in Germany (family story) then spent time in London before moving to West Bromwich Staffordshire, where he married Lillian Harriot Sophia Pearce (born at Shoreditch in 1858) in May 1878. Has anyone any information on this family prior to 1850? William Harker Bowes is not known as family by present elderly cousins in West Bromwich. Harker appears to be an earlier family name. Also interested in the name Strathmore as a second christian name in two generations, with a family story that there are connections with the Bowes Lyon family.
- 4049 Mrs J. FLETCHER, 34 Mullum Road, RINGWOOD, VICTORIA 3134, AUSTRALIA
Seeking any information on Thomas Marshall, a spirit merchant agent, who married Susannah Ellidge in 1858 at Newcastle upon Tyne. They had three children, Thomas born 1860, a railway clerk, Joseph born 1862, a watchmaker and Susannah, born 1863, a spinster. Joseph emigrated to Australia probably about 1881. Thomas and Susannah Marshall resided at 9 Woodbine Terrace, Gateshead in later life.
- 4050 Miss C.J. MOTT, 28 Hauxley Drive, Gosforth, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE3 2SR
- 4051 Mrs C.M. LOCKHART, Oak Lodge, Recreation Road, Durrington, SALISBURY, Wiltshire SP4 8HH
- 4052 Mr B.M. YOUNG, 6 Wavill Court, 9 Elgin Court, CROYDON, Surrey CRO 6XB
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- 4054 Mrs J. McMEEL, 7c Irvine Place, STIRLING FK8 1BZ
- 4055 Mrs M. ETHERINGTON, 16 Ridley Street, STANLEY, County Durham DH9 7HF
- 4056 Ms L. EVEREST, Box 316, ARMSTRONG, BRITISH COLUMBIA VOE 1BO, CANADA
- 4057 Ms J. COOK, Flat 3, 1 Bravington Road, LONDON W9 3AB
- 4058 Mr W.A. MERCEL, Meadowsweet, 26 Mustards Road, Leysdown, SHEERNESS, Kent ME12 4AN

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- 1511 Mr J.R.S. WATSON, 4 Welton Close, STOCKSFIELD, Northumberland NE43 7EP
(Tel: Stocksfield 842828) Researching Captain Charles Stewart who served with the East India Company from 1763 to 1793 trading in the Far East. He gave a porcelain punch bowl to the City of Dundee to 1785 to commemorate his appointment to the rank of captain of the "Bellmont", Canton. This bowl is on display in Dundee Museum. He resigned from the Honourable Company on 13 November 1793 after serving on the "Airly Castle" sailing to Madras, Calcutta and China. He was given permission to resume service but apparently he never returned to sea. Has any member any information regarding the above sea captain concerning his family history?
- 2228 Miss L. LOWREY, 222 Concession Street 406, HAMILTON, ONTARIO L9A 1B1, CANADA.
Could a local member please check City Directories for North Shields for the time period around 1890, to see if there is a listing for Duncan Morton? On the 1871 Census Duncan Morton, his wife Jessie and children Jessie M, John George and Duncan, were living at 38 Little Bedford Street.
Miss Lowrey would be happy to research the Ontario Census from 1842 to 1891 for anyone helping her out.

- 3094 Mr R. BRUCE, 26 Canterbury Road, REDCAR, Cleveland TS10 3QE
Seeking the baptism and parentage of Ann Gray born about 1834. On the 1871 Census her place of birth was given as Gerson (?) Northumberland. Could this be Guyzance? Also seeking her marriage to William Willis, their first child John William Willis being born at Cassop Colliery in 1861. Also seeking the baptism and marriage of Robert Oliver. In the 1851 Census he was living at Billy Row, County Durham, giving his age as 68 years, and born in Northumberland. His wife Ann was 58 years of age and born in Teesdale. A child of the marriage, Jane Oliver, was baptised on 25th May 1820 at Romaldkirk. Also searching for the baptism and parents of Joseph William Calvert about 1873. He cannot be found in the St Catherine's index. At the time of his marriage to Mary Wilson in 1896 he was residing in Etherley Moor, his father being Robert Calvert, a coalminer.
- 3250 Miss S.D. HAMILTON, 15 Limefields Way, East Hunsbury, NORTHAMPTON NN4 0SA
Seeking any information on Elizabeth Shechley or Skechley who formerly married a Harvey and later married John Hamilton of Gateshead about 1860.
- 3413 Mr I.S. KERRY, 13 Wentworth Way, Linksview, NORTHAMPTON NN2 7LW
Could anyone with a knowledge of the parishes, villages and hamlets in County Durham please help with the following locations taken from various 1851 census returns? Wapen, Lamton (is this Lambton), Southchurch, Heaghdale and Middleton. There is a Middleton in Northumberland, but is there one in Durham? Any help would be much appreciated.
- 3683 Ms V. GLASS, 7 Hollin Gardens, Far Headingley, LEEDS LS 16 5NL
Seeking baptism and parentage of Robert Glass born about 1830 at Tweedmouth, Northumberland, and died on 25 December 1877 at Lilburn Hill, Eglington. He married Isabella Hogg of Kirknewton on the 26 December 1856 at Coldstream. They had five children, Thomas, Eleanor, Mary Ann, John and George. Eleanor was born 27 January 1861 at Norham, and married Andrew Murray on 27 February 1886 at Berwick Catholic Chapel. Information sought on the descendants of Andrew and Eleanor Murray,
- 3813 Mrs T.E. SMITH, Rose Cottage, Church Walk, Bruntingthorpe, LUTTERWORTH, Leicestershire LE17 5QH
(Tel: 0533 478230) Seeking any information on William Bellas, a journeyman blacksmith, born about 1819 and died at High Street, Sunderland in 1856 aged 37 years. He married Ann Defty (born about 1829) in Sunderland in 1847. Their daughter, Hannah Tamar Bellas, was born at High Street, Sunderland in 1856, and married George Arnold, a mariner from the Isle of Wight, in 1875 at Sunderland. The groom's name was given as Arnutt on the marriage certificate. The widow Ann Bellas remarried in 1864 in Sunderland to Woodman Colenutt, a mariner from the Isle of Wight. Woodman Colenutt was the brother of George Arnold's mother.

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We regret to report the death of Dr C.W. Gibby, Ph.D., FSA. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.